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FRIDAY THE 13TH: MASS DESTRUCTION

~ Oprah Maibam

India and Pakistan witnessed one of the most intense cross border shelling, as observed in several videos shared by the Indian Army. This recent surveillance identified 6 civilians, 4 army soldiers, 1 BSF jawan as dead and estimated 20 injured along the Line of Control (LoC). Pakistan received a tough strike back from their opponent causing major damage to their army infrastructure after resolutely targeting civilian areas. These horrific acts took place on November 13th itself, being the second infiltration attempt of the week, first one taking place on November 7-8th. Sectors including Dawar, Keran, Uri, and Naugam were the areas preyed on. Each area witnessed mass shelling and firing, resulting in a few dead and others presumably traumatised by these actions for their lives. We all must appreciate our luck, and good fortune, that we get to read this as bystanders and are safe in this time of turmoil. Those fighting for our borders must be thanked and prayed for regularly.

TRUE POLITICIAN OR A LOVED LEADER?

~ Sakshi Dharnidharka

The Mayor of Amacuzac, Alfonso Miranda Gallegos, was arrested under the charges of secretly working for one of Mexico's largest drug cartels. Although he pleads innocent of all charges, we do not know the truth. Being behind bars did not prevent Miranda from connecting with his people. He managed to smuggle a cell phone inside his cell through which he addressed his people. He got arrested in May 2018, despite which he won elections for a second term by rallying through the smuggles phone. He has successfully managed to run the town form behind the bars using his cellphone. Calls were made to fulfil primary orders and display messages at public occasions. His presence in town is felt, despite his physical absence. Alfonso Miranda may not be a true politician but he is a loved leader.

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

~ Kamakshi Agarwal



Brothers and sisters share a special bond between them. No matter how much they fight, they always stand by each other's side and protect each other. Growing up together, they play a special role in each other's life. They are each other's constant support. A sibling is who you can always go to and share things that you can not possibly tell your parents.

I can say the same for me and my brother. Even though we fight almost all the time, it goes back to normal within a blink of an eye. Not only does he comfort me when I am sad, but he buys me gifts and food as well. On this festival, with a thali decorated with sweets and 'roli chawal', I put a 'tilak' on my brother's forehead, praying for a long, beautiful and successful life for him.

COVID-19 BATTERS DISNEY'S PROFITS

~ Sweety Mohanta

Disney is facing troubling times as it lost 1.1 billion dollars at Disneyland theme parks due to strict movement restrictions and lockdowns in the fourth quarter. It reported a 52 percent drop in the revenue with its notable releases "*The New Mutants*" and "*Mulan*" barely grossing 100 million dollars worldwide. In response to this, Disney has laid off 300 employees from ESPN, pared down workers at theme parks, and moved most of the content to digital release, particularly on Disney Plus. The streaming service has now become a juggernaut in the streaming media industry with 73 million new global subscribers. Despite the plunge, Disney saw revenue growth as some of its highly rated shows like the "*The Good Doctor*" and "*Dancing with the Stars*" returned on air and many movies and series like "*The Mandalorian*" were released on Disney Plus.

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BUSINESS CONCLAVE 2020

MIS will be hosting its first ever Business Conclave virtually from Grade 8-11, led by the students of Grade 11. This event intends to showcase a model business world to the students, wherein they will fill in the boots of CEOs and Investors. This will help in enhancing negotiating, leadership and countless other skills.

The event is mandatory for all and will be held on the 24th and 25th of November 2020. Registration forms will be sent soon and certificates will be awarded to all the participants.

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SCIENTISTS FIND A NEW FROG SPECIES

~ Divyanshi Singh

A group of Indian, Chinese, Indonesian, and Thai scientists have discovered another family of frogs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and India's upper east, as per the current issue of Zootaxa (a worldwide creature scientific categorisation diary). Named after Sri Lankan taxonomer Rohan Pethiyagoda, Rohanixalus is the 20th recognised class of Rhacophoridae which constitutes 8 out of 422 known trees from genus in Africa and Asia. Frogs from the species are described by a thin body with a couple of contrastingly shaded horizontal lines on either side of the body, and other particular social characteristics.

OODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

RANA KAPOOR'S DAUGHTER GRANTED BAIL

~ Aishwika Magotra

According to the most recent development in the Yes Bank catastrophe its founder, Rana Kapoor's daughter, Roshini Kapoor has been granted bail by the Magistrate court. She is one of the eight accused in the infamous Dewan Housing finance case that is in the middle of a lot of conjecture and still awaits a decision by the honourable courts. To go by what CBI speculates, a whopping 3700 crore has been invested by Yes Bank in

DHFL short term debentures. Roshini was brought in by the court regarding the same matter.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Grenades were showered in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama, injuring about 12 people.
- Pfizer, an American biopharmaceutical company declares that their Covid-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, is 95% effective and has no major side-effects. Its efficacy proved to be successful across all ages and ethnicities.
- The Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, after being grounded for 20 months due to 2 crashes, gets approval from the States.
- Madhya Pradesh, following BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Haryana governments, is planning a law that will have provisions for five-year imprisonment for 'love jihad'.
- Due to a conflict arising over dirty tissues at a dhaba in Thane, the complainant was killed; 3 of the accused were arrested.
- A study shows that 3 Australian kids whose parents had been tested positive, developed antibodies to fight against it despite never being afflicted with Covid-19 themselves.

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A SEMICOLON ON LIFE

~ Vanshika Choudhary

A semicolon is used when an author could have chosen to end the sentence but chose not to. Sure, writers dismiss it, but a semicolon represents a feeling of expectancy, that there is more to come, read on, it will get better and clearer. Try to envision yourself as the author and the sentence as your life. It might sound disconcerting as to why do it. For all of us it isn't that hard and complicated to do, but for many in the world, hundreds of miles away from us or even right beside us, to put a full stop in the sentence seems painless and easier.

Yes, SUICIDE that's what it is about. The tragedy of a young person dying because of overwhelming hopelessness, frustration and depression is SUICIDE. Which is devastating to family, friends, and community. Parents, siblings, friends and closed ones are left wondering if they could have prevented it from happening. Suicide has been one of the

leading causes of death in the world. Suicide becomes the cause of death for close to 800,000 people every year, which is one person kills themselves every 40 seconds.

Suicide globally is the second leading cause of death among those between the ages of 15 and 29. And so, it's a big problem, and our hearts go out to people who are in that frame of mind, where it seems to them that the best solution to what they're facing is to take their own life. The reason behind the suicide is complicated. Depression, adolescence, anxiety, personality disorder, insomnia has the power to kill people. This disease has doctors but no proper medicines for it. The best remedy for this disease is by being beside them. Try to be a good listener, encourage them to seek help, never leave them alone, encourage them to put a semicolon to their life instead of a full stop.

SPUTNIK V TRIALS

~ Mahima Nandy

Sputnik V, a Russian vaccine, arrived in Hyderabad, India. A picture of a small truck unloading in front of the major pharma of Dr. Reddy's vaccine Sputnik-V, went viral on social media this Wednesday. This vaccine will be undergoing 2/3 phase trials in India from Dr. Reddy's laboratory, as per the permission of the DCGI. This pharmaceutical was initially declined from testing in India, as this was trialled in Russia within a very short scale area, and thus was not allowed to conduct the tests among a larger population in India. After finishing the first phase successfully in Russia, DCGI changed their decision and permitted Dr Reddy's. The phase-2 trials will begin in December and may conclude when December ends.

ETERNAL LIGHT

In the infinite blackness,
Let my blank eyes rest,
The blindness brings light,
The lamp of hatred fades,
The story of none narrates.
I am the powerless holder,
And so are the worlds.
Let no feedbacks heard,
But just me and myself,
For my world ended,
Because I viewed light.

~ Scarlet

WHY WAS JUSTICE DENIED?

~ Gurleen Kaur Dhillon

Time after time there is news of women being abused and overpowered by men. However, the recent news of Johnny Depp's abuse by his ex-wife, Amber Heard was quite the opposite. Even after fighting hard in court, justice was denied and no legal action was taken against Amber Heard. Johnny Depp however, was asked to resign by Warner Bros. for his new role. Did she get away with it because of her gender or was it something else at play? The discussion and debate of harassment needs to be inclusive of all genders. We, collectively as the upcoming generation, need to make an effort to be rid of any form of gender bias and make true equality a possible future.

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Diary of a MISTar

Dear Diary,
Hey folks! It's been another monotonous week, the only highlight being Bhai dooj. At least there was something for us to celebrate. *sigh* This quarantine has been getting on my nerves lately, it's either that we are bored out of our minds or we don't have time to breathe. There is no in between. Exams are in two weeks and we don't know what to do. It's been a struggle for us as well, people aren't willing to write for us, and I don't understand why, I mean, you will get credits and it will be mentioned in your CV, and we'll get our articles, win-win situation, isn't it? Well, we have noticed that the monotonicity has started seeping onto our pages as well, so keep an eye out for any changes you might see in the coming issues. 'Till next time.
~ Samiksha Singh

RIDDLE ME CONFUSED

- 1) I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?
- 2) You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when i'm thin and slow when im fat. The wind is my enemy.
- 3) I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?
- 4) You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?
- 5) What word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great man, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?
- 6) I have keys but no locks and no rooms. You can enter but you can't go outside. What am I?
- 7) A women shoots her husband, holds him underwater for five minutes, and then hangs him. Right after they enjoy a lovely dinner. Explain.

Answers: 1. Echo, 2. Candles, 3. A Map, 4. All of them were married, 5. Heroine, 6. Keyboard, 7. She took a picture of him and developed it in a dark room.

“People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed. Never throw out anyone.”

~ Audrey Hepburn

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