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THE KRYPTOS

~ Kamakshi Agarwal

Kryptos is a sculpture located in Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Langley, Virginia that bears four encrypted messages on it. Out of the four, three have been decrypted but the fourth one remains unsolved even after three decades and has now become one of the most famous unsolved codes in the world. It is said that the first two parts can be solved by simple education in cryptography but the third part is more advanced and the fourth part is almost impossible to solve. There are many people attempting to break the fourth message out of curiosity and intimidation. The creator of this mysterious sculpture, Jim Sanborn, has given a new clue for the 97 word phrase so that it can be solved, which has clearly offered some delight too many people around the world. The clue is one word - "Northeast". Two prior clues given by him include "Berlin" and "Clock"; regardless, no one has been able to crack this phrase. The first part of the puzzle is a poetic phrase written by Sanborn and the next part says the exact latitude and longitude of CIA headquarters. It also hints at something buried. Finally, the third part includes some lines from an archaeologist Howard Carter's diary, talking about a door opening into a tomb. Numerous misspellings make these sections harder to decipher. All the four sections after being deciphered, will add to a greater meaning, giving more information, and hence this sculpture is described as the sculpture that keeps on giving. It seems like this sculpture is going to keep people drowned in mystery for a longer time. However Mr. Sanborn has decided that if the code still remains unsolved when he dies, the answer will be put up for auction and the money raised through it will be used as funding for climate science.

EXAMS: OFFLINE OR ONLINE

~ Mohini Chandra

I think everyone will agree with me when I say 2020 has been quite the tumultuous year. It took away many of our plans, but one thing that did not halt was school. I truly loved the time before and after examinations, but not the time in between. All of this changed when lockdown started. Now, I love the examination week. I feel relaxed sitting in my warm room. The only problem is that one day, I might fall asleep while giving my examinations due to the comfort of my room. On the other hand, the hostile environment of the examination hall intimidates the intelligence out of me and by the end, I write things that make no sense, not only to the teachers but to me as well.

RELATIONSHIPS NEVER END

~ Simran Verma

A farewell never marks the end of relationships, instead strengthens the relation with the one you leave. Saying goodbye to such a great batch of our seniors was very difficult, but as we all know everything must come to an end; so with that thought, we, as your juniors made every single effort to make this farewell special and a memorable one for you. 'Le Grande Au Revoir' was an emotional roller coaster ride for all grades, which included cherished, sweet, and happy memories along with the sad ones. Although this was not supposed to be done so far apart, this year has made saying goodbye very different than the previous ones. The grade 11s prepared for this with their heart and souls, we must appreciate our organising team and all the other students who participated in the making. Students from different sections came with all their creativity in all the fields, whether it was dance, singing or comedy.

GROWTH DURING LOCKDOWN

~ Ankita Narayan

The year 2020 started with a pandemic, which was then followed by quarantine all over the world. People have gotten more time to spend with their families, dedicate this time to better themselves by taking care of their health, and giving more time to their mental peace.

Schools and colleges shifted to a digital interface and people continued their work from home through online platforms. Some even took a stand and engaged in the social issues which were surfacing everywhere, which was then followed by organising mass protests through social media. Many online activists took a stand against social issues and educated people about the same through social media platforms and webinars as well. This time of learning and forgiving has given us plentiful and while all of this shows our adaptability, there must come a time where everything must resume. Cities and towns will start opening up, with education also returning to its previous methods, with extra precautions of course. She-panthers, let us remain excited, and safe, with whatever that our future holds for us.

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NO FARMERS NO FOOD

~ Gurleen Kaur Dhillon

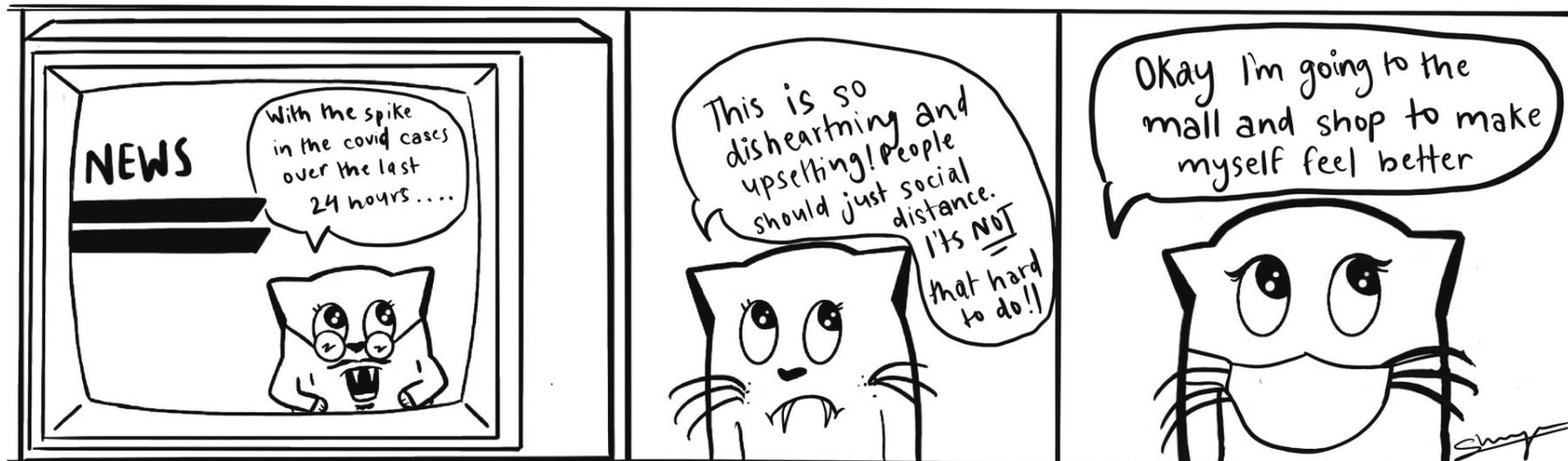
If you have been staying updated with the news, you must be knowing about the farmers' protests ongoing in Delhi since September. Three bills are being protested against, 'The farmers produce trade and commerce (promotion and facilitation) bill', 'The farmers (empowerment and protection) agreement on price assurance and farm services bill' and 'The essential commodities (amendment) bill'. Instead of tightening the rules around the sale, price, and storage, the opposite has occurred and farmers are to face only loss. The helm has been handed over to large corporations which will likely result in the neglect of the farmers' opinion. Even after the government has provided the farmers the liberty of choosing their primary consumers, however, due to the lack of storage facilities, the farmers are unsure about the time period for which their produce can be stored, compelling them to sell their produce at unsustainable prices. For years on end, India has heard of farmers committing suicides when they go into debt due to crop failures, these bills would worsen the situation. India has always proudly chanted the slogan 'Jai Jawaan, Jai Kisaan' and now when our farmers need our help, we are turning our backs on them. The protest was meant to be peaceful but instead, they were hit by tear gas, powerful water jets and stones. The army was deployed to strengthen security as well, due to the enormous amount of people that joined the protest. The farmers, however, did not relent and marched forward to get the rights they deserve. Many Punjabi celebrities too joined the protest to show their support. Some farmers were jailed for protesting and some got hit by the water jets during the cold winters of Delhi, the same water that could have helped these farmers who suffer the most, every year, by India's nation wide water crisis. The farmers brought 'ration' worth six months, their spirit surely lets people know how serious this is for them and they are not doing this without reason. The elderly farmers slept on the cold floors as well, as they waited for the government to pay heed to them. Major crops such as rice, wheat, tea, coffee, and sugarcane are grown in India and if farmers stop growing crops, it will affect the world economically. Let us not forget that the reason we are alive today is because of the farmers that work so hard day and night to feed us and make the little amount of money that helps them survive. Such an irony isn't it? People who allow us to have lavish feasts have to struggle to meet basic needs.

FEMINISM IS EQUALITY

~ Muskan Agrawal

The right to be a feminist does not concern one's gender, as the society stands for gender equality. The idea of feminism is to provide women with equal rights as men in the society. Getting to hear "She should be wearing more" and "She was raped" rather than "He should respect one's personal space" and "He is a rapist" stipulates each one of us to stand up for the women community, knowing that we still have a long way to go. A man or a woman or a person of any other gender needs to be a feminist, and demand for equality.

OODLE DOODLE



JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Unmanned Chinese spacecraft, Chang'e-5 probe, which was launched on Nov 24 with the aim of collecting lunar samples from a previously unvisited area, has touched down safely. According to Chinese media, samples will be used to determine the Moon's origins.
- Cyclone Burevi hits the Kerala and Tamil Nadu coast. India's National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) had deployed 26 teams across the southern states on Tuesday in preparation.
- State executions in Egypt killed almost 57, almost twice the number of all executions carried out in 2019. Amnesty International says this 'horrifying execution spree' is usually followed by unfair mass trials.
- Pharma-biotech company Pfizer's vaccine for Covid-19 has been authorised for immediate distribution starting next week in the United Kingdoms.

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UNIVERSITY VISIT 2020

Even with unfavourable conditions, and the online interface, MIS did not shy away from giving the Shepanthers the exposure they deserve. This year itself, numerous deemed universities held online conferences and webinars to help the students decide their future. We look forward to seeing the batch of 2021 as a part of these deemed universities. (An extended list, with almost 38 more university visits will be added in the next publish)

21st August 2020

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology - USA,
2. Pomona College - USA,
3. Purdue University - USA,
4. McGill University - Canada,
5. The University of Hong Kong - Hong Kong,
6. The University of Melbourne - Australia,
7. Yale - NUS College - Singapore
50. Marymount California University - USA,
51. Miami University (Ohio) - USA,
52. The New School - USA,
53. Niagara University - USA,
54. North Carolina State University - USA,
55. The Ohio State University - USA,
56. Ohio University - USA,

28th August 2020

8. Cornell College - United States,
9. Central Michigan University - USA,
10. University of Rhode Island - USA,
11. University of Southern Mississippi - USA,
12. Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) - USA,
13. University of California Irvine - USA,
57. Quinnipiac University - USA,
58. Roger Williams University - USA,
59. Savannah College of Art & Design - USA,
60. University of Delaware - USA,
61. University of Denver - USA,
62. University of Iowa - USA,
63. University of Missouri - USA,
64. University of Nebraska-Lincoln - USA,

3rd September 2020

14. Columbia University - USA,
15. The University of Melbourne - Australia,
16. The University of Auckland - New Zealand,
17. Utrecht University - the Netherlands,
18. University of York - Canada,
19. Vancouver Island University - Canada,
20. University of Guelph - Canada,
21. University of Alberta - Canada,
22. Ontario Tech University - Canada,
23. University of Lethbridge - Canada,
24. King's Western University - Canada,
25. Royal Roads University - Canada,
26. Eton College - Canada
65. University of Oklahoma - USA,
66. University of Pittsburgh - USA,
67. University of Wisconsin-Madison - USA,
68. Wabash College - USA,
69. Whitworth University - USA,

7th October 2020

27. University of Calgary - Canada,
28. UNSW Sydney - Australia,
29. University of Kentucky - USA,
30. University of Tennessee, Knoxville - USA,
31. The University of Limerick - Ireland
32. University of Waterloo - Canada,
70. The London School of Economics and Political Science - United Kingdom,
71. The University of Manchester - United Kingdom,
72. Newcastle University - United Kingdom,
73. University of Nottingham - United Kingdom,
74. University of Oxford - United Kingdom,
75. Queen Mary University of London - United Kingdom,
76. Queen's University Belfast - Ireland,
77. The University of Sheffield - United Kingdom,
78. University of Southampton - United Kingdom,
79. University College London- United Kingdom,
80. The University of Warwick - United Kingdom,
81. University of York - United Kingdom,
82. University of Birmingham - United Kingdom,
83. University of Bristol - United Kingdom,
84. University of Cambridge - United Kingdom,
85. Cardiff University - United Kingdom,
86. Durham University - United Kingdom,
87. The University of Edinburgh - Scotland,
88. University of Exeter- United Kingdom,
89. University of Glasgow - Scotland,
90. Imperial College London - United Kingdom,
91. King's College London- United Kingdom,
92. University of Leeds - United Kingdom,
93. University of Liverpool- United Kingdom,

26th September 2020

33. Concordia University - Canada,
34. Huron at Western University - Canada,
35. University of Manitoba - Canada,
36. University of Saskatchewan - Canada,
37. Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong,
38. IE University, Spain,
39. DePaul University - USA,
40. Drake University - USA,
41. Columbia College Chicago - USA,
42. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - USA,
43. Full Sail University - USA,
44. Gonzaga University - USA,
45. Grand Valley State University - USA,
46. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) - USA,
47. Louisiana Tech University - USA,
48. Loyola Marymount University - USA,
49. Marquette University - USA,
94. Ahmedabad University - India,
95. Ashoka University - India,
96. Boston University - USA,
97. Colorado State University - USA,
98. Fairleigh Dickinson University - USA,

14th September 2020

49. Marquette University - USA,
94. Ahmedabad University - India,
95. Ashoka University - India,
96. Boston University - USA,
97. Colorado State University - USA,
98. Fairleigh Dickinson University - USA,

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Diary of a MISTar

Dear Diary,
This was one of the most hectic weeks so far, with the lls juggling between classes and farewell, it has been one rollercoaster ride! We bid adieu to the batch of 2021 this week, and published the very first Farewell special issue.
Exams are here and everyone is busy doing their last minute revisions, it's the same drill all over again, read, understand, memorise, write, forget, revise, forget, revise, and then exams, peace and calm for a moment followed by the scary anticipation of the results. It has always been the same but it is never any less intimidating.
Finally, congratulations juniors, you witnessed your first farewell, a luxury we never experienced. Remember it'll be you in our place one day, so be ready. 'Til next time.
~ Samiksha Singh

COMPLETE THE BEAT

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| 1. Ain't no need for _____,
And for that I'll say _____. | 4. Grew up in a town that is _____
as a place of movie scenes. | 7. We're running out of _____
Chasing our lies. |
| • finding; welcome | • known | • time |
| • probing; thanks | • popular | • hour |
| • searching; thank you, next | • famous | • rhythm |
| 2. It's been a long _____ without
you my friend, and I'll tell you all
about it when I _____ you again. | 5. Moving too fast, _____ is lighting
up her skin, she's falling, doesn't
even know it yet. | 8. So tell me how to be in this
world. Tell me how to breathe
in and feel no _____ |
| • night; meet | • moon | • pain |
| • day; see | • sun | • hurt |
| • day; come across | • earth | • regret |
| 3. Don't stay _____ for too long,
don't go to bed, I'll make a cup
of coffee for you _____. | 6. You call me on the _____, you feel so
far away. You tell me to come over,
there's some _____ you wanna play. | 9. There's always gonna be
another _____, I'm always gonna
wanna make it move. |
| • wake; shed | • phone; games | • hill |
| • stir; bread | • telephone; games | • mountain |
| • awake; head | • videophone; names | • chance |

7. Time, 8. Hurt, 9. Mountain

Answer Key: 1. Searching; thank you, 2. Day; see, 3. Awake; head, 4. Famous, 5. Moon, 6. Telephone; games,



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