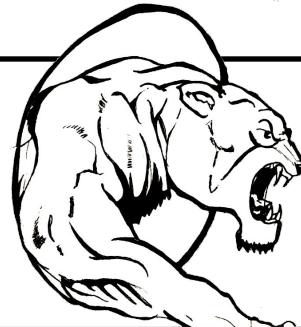


THE ORIGINALS



LINK ROAD THROUGH LIPULEKH

Based on the Sugauli Treaty of 1816 signed by Nepal and The British Raj, the western border of Nepal extended to Kalapani recognising the main Kali river as the western boundary of Nepal with India. The maps produced by British India in the 1820s, after the Sugauli Treaty in 1816 identifies Limpiyadhura as the origin of the Kali River. However, India claims differently. This discrepancy in locating the source of the Kali river has lead to the boundary disputes between Nepal and India.

Indian Military had occupied this region after the 1962 war with China. Though Nepal was silent on this during the rule of the Monarch, after the restoration of democracy in 1990, it raised its voice during the Mahakali treaty of 1995 and also during the high-level visits of the PMs in 1998 and 2000. India agreed to have this resolved through bilateral talks.

In 2015 when India and China agreed to develop LipuLekh in the Kalapani region as a trade and pilgrimage route, Nepal strongly objected and asked both the countries to have it reviewed but was ignored. In November 2019, India instead published her new map that included the Kalapani region within India. Furthermore, on May 8, 2020, Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the road that passes through the disputed territory. The route should not have been constructed as the dispute had not been solved.

Recently, Nepal has requested for discussions to be started and emphasised on the peaceful settlement of this dispute. India has stated that this matter would be taken up once the pandemic situation is under control. As both the countries have excellent bilateral ties based on their history, culture, tradition, and region, it will be in the best interest of both countries to have a dialogue based on pieces of evidence and negotiations and resolve the issue through an agreement for a better future.

~ Ashiyana Prasai

“I CAN’T BREATHE”

A video of George Floyd, a black man that resided in Minneapolis, Minnesota being kneed on his neck by a white Minneapolis police officer went viral, Derek Chauvin the cop held his left knee on Floyd for 8 minutes and 46 seconds and the aftermath of him being unconscious for 2 minutes straight, caused him his life.

In the video you can hear him begging “I can’t breathe”, “please give me some water”, “don’t kill me”, “please”. Anybody watching this video can feel the torture the black man went through. This was an oppressive act towards a black which is completely inequitable.

“No knees to the head on a grounded opponent” is a strict Mixed Martial Arts [MMA] rule. This certainly proves that it is a possible way of killing someone. As for cops, they are the ones who should be protecting us and not triggering us. Cops are specially and skilfully trained. They must have a sense of responsibility towards the citizens be it a different cast, race or colour.

George was a suspect for forgery, he didn’t murder anyone or sell drugs to anyone, was his death the actual outcome for forgery? Well as for those who do not know what forgery is, it is when a person imitates or forges a document, signature, etc. In the United States forgery is considered a felony and is punishable by a range of penalties including jail or prison time, significant fines or probation etc, BUT NOT PROSECUTION.

The cop has been punished, but under ‘THIRD DEGREE’ which only fires him from his job. Is that comparable to a death of a man? A white lady being shot innocently had led to an officer being prosecuted. Does this do justice to a black?

Recent independent autopsy proves that George Floyd did not

die of strangulation or traumatic asphyxia, attributes death to ‘being restrained, his underlying health conditions and any potential intoxicants in his system’.

Many have been protesting with the ‘hashtag - black lives matter’ and it truly does. You may anticipate that George died due to health conditions but he was not the only one that died, many black innocent people have died either with false accusations or innocently and we must speak up. Well for most of the readers, you may conclude it is justified that he died of health conditions but as for me, someone who’s seen the conditions of the city Minneapolis since day one; it is hard to believe if this truly justifies his death. It may be an independent autopsy that took place but what if the doctor said this for a reason, what if he wanted the conditions to get better, the riots, the protests and the robbery to come to an end. Well, it all concludes to a ‘what if’ and I truly feel George’s case will end a mystery.

Note: There are many sites to sign petitions and donate. Search them up online and do help.

Celebrities such as Will Smith, Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber, Hailey Bieber, Billie Eilish and many more have spoken up for #blacklivesmatter. Artists like Mark Tuan, Jeremy Zucker, Lauv have donated for the cause. The names of the celebrities are being mentioned as most readers may have their favourites, so I hope all of you get inspired and contribute to this act.

It is an important headline, this does not mean that other lives don’t matter, each and every single person on this planet matters. So let us help each other to make this a better place to reside.

~ Tenzin Nyidon

NOWHERE TO GO

On February 21, the performers and crew of ‘Arka Kinari’ left Mexico aware of the coronavirus. However, the now full pandemic was previously underestimated by the crew due to its small spread at the time. As they got closer to Hawaii six weeks later, they were struck with the news that many Pacific islands were shutting their borders. Their stop at Hawaii had allowed them to restock on fresh food and experience life on land again for some time. Regardless of having gotten the news of Indonesia banning arrivals from sea or air, ‘Arka Kinari’ set off anyway, in hopes that the Indonesian borders might be kept open before June – the typhoon season. Due to piracy in Somalia and the current war in Yemen, the crew’s route had to be doubled to reach

BECAUSE LOCKDOWN WASN’T ENOUGH

With a warm wave hitting the capital, a violent executioner wind, and 100 million individuals out of work, the nation has now got to battle off a new issue: a locust invasion. For the first time since the early 1990s, locusts were seen making their way to Jaipur on Monday. Locusts are a collection of certain species of short-horned grasshoppers within the family ‘Acrididae’. The swarm originated in North-West Pakistan and passed through the districts of Barmer and Jaisalmer and arrived in Jaipur through Nagaur and Sikar. Scientists state that it is the worst attack in 25 years and these locusts are different.

“This time the attack is by very young locusts that fly for longer distances, at a faster speed unlike adults in the past who were sluggish and not so fast,” said K.L. Gurjar, the deputy director of India’s Locust Warning Organisation.

During times like these, where the citizens are already suffering due to the pandemic and induced lockdown, there is not much that can be done to prevent the crop-damaging Locusts however the government has taken action and is currently using pesticide to tackle this problem.

~ Samaira Dua

THE PRIDE WE WITHHOLD

As we enter the blazing and endless season of summer with June, we must all know that it is celebrated as the “Pride Month” which is an annual celebration in recognition of the struggles in the past and present of the LGBTQAI+ rights across the globe. The name says it all, whether a member of the community or not, each individual should be proud of their sexual orientation and proud of the members for accepting and loving themselves. Pride Month has different meanings for everyone, but personally, in my opinion, it’s about joy and unity. It’s about celebrating the Pride in us which we withhold for our sexuality, ranging from parades to dance parties and festivals. Pride can be observed in various ways radiating positive vibes and the Pride withheld by those who had suffered in the past. Social media is one of the biggest platforms for people to express their feelings and awareness. However, having a specific month denoted to them should not limit people to spreading awareness and organising events for the community during this month only.

~ Oprah Maibam

their destination of Indonesia. So Arka Kinari started sailing on May 6, with no clue of where to go if the Indonesian borders were closed.

Fresh food ran low after three weeks, and although there was enough dry food for about a few months, some crew members transitioned from a vegan diet to one involving fish. Yet stumbling upon another problem, the navigation system had broken. An iPhone became their new navigation tool to keep them aware of any approaching circular storms. So, as of now, Arka Kinari sails slowly and steadily as they aim to reach Indonesian waters in early July, hoping to be allowed in.

~ Mahima Juyal

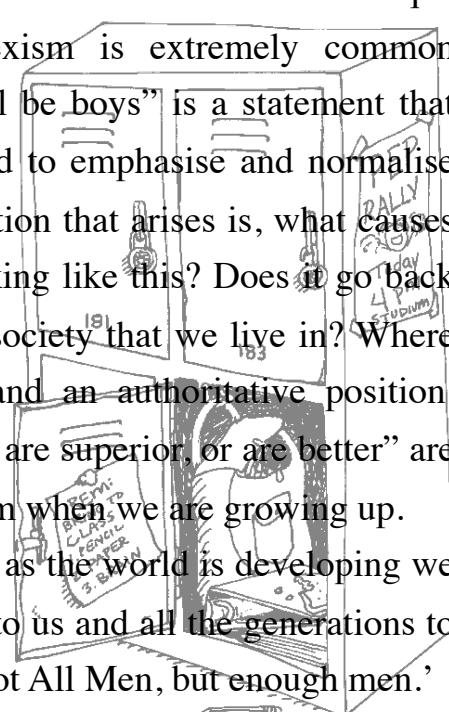
BOIS LOCKER ROOM

~ Shreya Ranjan

Last month the national capital witnessed a shocking event unfold on social media. Screenshots from a group chat called the “bois locker room” were revealed. The group was run by teenage school - going boys, who were caught circulating private pictures of girls, as well as making obscene and inappropriate comments about them and their body.

During this time, something called #notallmen came into the light. The sole purpose of #notallmen is to say, that not all men use their voice to degrade and objectify women. Not all men are aggressive and insensitive to things men are stereotyped to be. But sadly, a lot of men started to feel entitled, just because they aren’t like the others. Have we fallen this deep into the hole of being inhuman that we feel the need to praise those who decide not to respect another human, not to make them feel comfortable around others, to not ask for consent, or to mentally or physically harass someone?

Unfortunately the “bois locker room” is not a unique incident, because casual sexism is extremely common around the world. “Boys will be boys” is a statement that has time and again been used to emphasise and normalise such behaviour. But the question that arises is, what causes boys this young to start thinking like this? Does it go back to the roots of the orthodox society that we live in? Where men have the upper hand and an authoritative position, where thoughts such as “men are superior, or are better” are embedded into our minds from when we are growing up. But what we do know, is that as the world is developing we need to instill these values into us and all the generations to come, because it might be ‘Not All Men, but enough men.’



SOCIAL SERVICE

As citizens of India, it is our responsibility to take good care of our people and society. My twin sister and I, enjoy doing social service and credits for this go to our parents who brought us up that way. Being the founder of an NGO called 'Lotus Rescue', my mother has been encouraging me since Grade I in one's pennyworth, to help her. This contribution has become an integral part of our family. It is like a victory to us when we see the smiling faces. During this lockdown, my sisters and I have started a clothes drive where we managed to distribute old and new clothes to more than 500 children and adults in rural as well as the slum areas. To add to my happiness of the little things I do, along with my colleagues and mother, I go around everyday feeding dogs in our locality. It has become our daily routine now.

All of us are the leaders of tomorrow, the nation is in our hands, and we can together build a better and compassionate society.

~ *Orna Sinha Roy*

“What doesn't kill you makes you stronger”

~ *Supreme Maa-Panther in every assembly*

HINDI DEBATE

The Hindi debate competition was held on 27th and 28th of May 2020, although the competition was held on virtual platform because of the global pandemic COVID-19, the students participated with great enthusiasm.

Students from grade 1 to grade 9 participated in the virtual event. There were 2 rounds, the preliminary round followed by the final round. For the first round the participants were given two topics and they had to speak for or against one of the topics. Each participant had 2 minutes to speak for the following topics “सफलता इंसान को अहंकारी बना देती है” and “दोस्ती जीवन को संकटों से भर देती है” in the second round i.e. Final round the participants were given 4 minutes and they had to speak both for and against the topics they had chosen. The topics for the final round were “ सोशल मीडिया के द्वारा बनाए गए दोस्त स्कूल में बनाए दोस्तों से अधिक सूचना दायक होता है” and “चरित्रवान होना धनवान होने से अधिक जरूरी है”

~ *Diksha Sharma*

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Donald Trump's move to invite India, Russia, Australia, and South Korea to attend G-7 summit riles China.
- Cyclone Nisagra: over 40,000 living near sea coast in Mumbai evacuated.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan is appointed as the WHO Executive Board Chairman, who is an Indian.
- Mukesh Ambani is going on a cash hunt in lockdown to raise funds for its non digital units.
- Cricketer Hardik Pandya, married during the lockdown, expecting a baby soon.
- Pregnant wild elephant dies in Kerala after cracker filled pineapple explodes in her mouth.
- Sony Experia 1 II claims to have the DSLR lens or the mirrorless camera in the phone.

QUARANTINE BUSTERS**MOVIES**

COCO
THE GRUDGE
THE MURDER MYSTERY
BAO
OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN
THE CORE
CONTAGION
PARASITE
BLACK SWAN
WHAT HAPPENED TO MONDAY
OCEANS EIGHT

SERIES

NARCOS
PATRIOT ACT
THE HALF OF IT
THE 100
3%
NEVER HAVE I EVER
GOBLIN
INSATIABLE
ELITE
ITAEWON CLASS
DEATH NOTE

THE ORIGINALS

The Diary of a Mistar

Dear Diary,

It's weird. It's weird waking up in the morning on my own without ma'am storming in at 5 a.m. It's weird waking up in an empty and silent room instead of a room filled with friends and sleepy groans and whines.

It's weird seeing a table filled with so many different kinds of delicacies during breakfast, the dining room silent instead of the usual Cheese Toast with oats and chatter my taste buds and ears are used to. It's weird not to have house-lines and assemblies with the 12s on duty and Ma'am Meeta on the podium.

It's strange to sit in front of a screen for the lessons, instead of sitting on my chair, rocking it back and forth while the teacher ranted about whatever topic we were discussing. It's strange how instead of passing chits and whispering the chatter of the class is now typed. It's strange not to have extra work piled up, no making-of lists, no yearbook editing, no running here and there looking for teachers, no staring out of the window during class, no chatting in washrooms. It's strange.

It's bizarre to be able to have a peaceful bath at any time in the day in place of at a specific time and in a spacious bathroom instead of someone banging on my door every 5 minutes. It's bizarre to not be able to run laps or try to make excuses to avoid doing the same. It's bizarre to not have someone breathing down my neck while I do my homework because there is no prep. It's bizarre not to hide my novel while reading because no one will be confiscating it during prep.

It's odd wearing colourful tank tops and shorts in this heat instead of the usual red or black tee and tracksuit. It's odd not to have a headcount. It's odd not to have after dinner meetings and practices. It's odd to sleep early or sometimes late without gossiping with my friends till 1 or 2 a.m.

It's odd to fall asleep in an empty room, on my own. I find it funny to not like having a screen in front of me the whole day now when I would wish for the same when in school. It's so unusual to chat online instead of sitting and talking face to face.

Dear diary, it's so unusual to stay at home for such a long time. I want to return to the place where it's not just me but my friends and teachers. It's so unusual to long for the same things I said I disliked when in school. Dear diary, it's so unusual that this very unusuality makes me yearn to return. I thirst to return.

~ Samiksha Singh

MESSAGE FROM TOT

As lock down wasn't enough here we are The Originals Team wishing all its fellow She-Panthers a happy and couch friendly summer vacation! Our Email ID is open during the vacation as well so don't stop submitting your articles.

See you in the next issue!



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