#JOKEOFTHEELECTION

~ Shefali Bhatia

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"We must now realise the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. I am running for president of the United States! #2020VISION" Tweeted by the person renowned across the globe, Kanye West took a step forward and said that rather than running in 2024, he wants the big seat this year itself with Kim Kardashian by his side as the First Lady. My question is: "Wasn't he content with his career or is it the patriotism he holds in his blood that skyrocketed encouraging him to lead the nation? "It is a mystery unsolved but there is no doubt that Kanye as President will be one of a kind, provided he wins the election and the trust of the nation. With only four months to the election, Kanye is receiving widespread support from his family and friends. However the numerous "Taylor Swift should run as well" comments circulated by the netizens do not improve his stand. Though six months were enough for us to realise that this year is crazy on a whole new level, with us stuck in our homes, trying to stay alive for as long as possible, people around the world are surprised and, may I say, curious to watch him become the President. All we know is that Kanye is a rapper and a designer, it is what is visible to us, who knows what he is actually from the inside. All I would like to say is that the best is yet to come lads and "This Is America(woo)!"

CHINA IN 2020: TOO PROBLEMATIC?

RIGINALS

~ Oprah Maibam From the ongoing Hong Kong protests to the global pandemic originating from China, it looks like China has caused enough disputes for the year 2020. However, an important topic, the majority of the population is missing out, is the forced labour used from the minority ethnic groups in major brands. In March 2020, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) published a report which revealed 83 Chinese and foreign companies as allegedly benefiting – either directly or indirectly, from forced labour by the minority ethnic Muslim group called "Uyghur". So, what is exactly happening? Members of this minority group are being shifted from their homes to factories for suppliers of multinationals under strict forced labour. Living in guarded dormitories with very little freedom, these workers are assigned tasks which they cannot refuse. Not only are they restricted from practising their religions but also communication with their families is limited and monitored. Research manifested that around 80,000 Uyghurs have been forced into this. The 83 so far identified brands benefiting from this include: Apple, Adidas/Fila, Amazon, BMW, Google, H&M, HP, Microsoft, Nike, Puma, Samsung, Skechers, Sony, Vivo, Oppo, Gap, Huawei, Nintendo, Panasonic, Tommy Hilfiger, Victoria's Secret, Volkswagen, Zara, and many more. These companies, however, now plan on taking action owing to the ASPI report.

EVEN THE CHURCH IS NOT SAFE?

~ Megha Jain

While the world tries to recover from the 'pandemic situation', South Africa is dealing with the 'hostage situation'. The International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Johannesburg, South Africa suffered an attack by a group of aggressors belonging to a splinter group, on the 11th of July 2020. A total of five people were shot and burned alive by these assailants. The combined forces of Military and Police reacted immediately to the firing and discovered four people 'shot and burned to death' in a car. Along with them, a security guard in another car and six people who were brutally injured were found. The Militia stated that around 200 men, women and children were rescued after being held hostage by the aggressors, in the church's main building. The police

were successful in arresting about 40 attackers and also confiscated firearms including, five rifles, sixteen shotguns, thirteen pistols, baseball bats, and more ammunition. Besides that, research conducted by the Militia proved that members of the 'South

Africa Police Services', defence forces and correctional services, were also a part of the arrested. This was not the first time that a church has faced an assault. It is claimed that bullets have been shot, rocks thrown and cars smashed every year since their former leader 'Glayton Modise' died in February 2016.

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SUDAN DE-INFIBULISED!

~ Samaira Dua

"Faith...must be enforced by reason ... when faith becomes blind it dies." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

FGM, Female Genital Mutilation, is a monumentally discriminatory practice that results in the partial or total elimination of external female genitalia without any medical reasons. It violates many aspects of international human rights law relating to women and children. Nearly nine out of ten women in Sudan aged 15-49 have undergone mutilation. This practice is firmly imbued with the cultural beliefs of the country, making it difficult to eradicate. Yet, in the past few years, a change in the people's mindset has gained momentum. Sudan's new government -CAIRO- has banned the practice of female genital mutilation. This movement was hailed as a major achievement by women's rights activists, for they live in a world where the sometimes fatal practice is endemic. Now, the crime of female genital mutilation is punishable by a possible three-year prison term and fine under an amendment of the country's criminal code, approved by its transitional government. Although this is a crucial step made by the Sudanese government to conserve women's rights, it cannot completely eradicate the practice. The very idea of FGM is imprinted onto the Sudanese's beliefs. Sudan's lawmakers are no doubt, headed in the right direction but the obstacle they must face now is blind faith.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Cold-shouldering India, Iran starts work on Chabahar-Zahedan railway project.
- Arunachal Pradesh's Chief Minister has taken up the matter to build the India-Bhutan road with the Centre.

NO FUNDING BY THE USA FOR "biased" WHO?

~ Ananya Agrawal The power vacuum was gratified by the USA after the cold war appeared vacant again. The decision made by the President of the USA on 29th May 2020, directly affects the entire globe despicably. With the pronouncement to withdraw from the World Health Organisation (WHO), the USA has directly pulled out annual funding of 450 million dollars which was previously being used to develop a vaccine to the noxious coronavirus. This according to Larry Gostin, an American law professor who specialises in public health law, will help China politically, since they would be more than pleased to fill the USA's position in the organisation. The USA has officially notified the United Nations about its extraction from the World Health Organisation. On 29th May 2020, Donald Trump took upon himself to express how WHO has been slow to respond to the pandemic and continues to be "China-centric". The official withdrawal took place on July 10, 2020. He also claimed that WHO plays a major role in the widespread of the deadly virus which has killed over half a million people, 130,000 alone in the US. The country has been majorly hit by the virus and this decision only intensifies the complications for the country. The scientists and several ambassadors are enlightening the internet about the grave mistake made by the President. Due to the nation's restricted influence and resources, it will be harder than ever for scientists to come up with a vaccine and save the lives of people. This withdrawal has not only left Americans sick but also America alone. The influential awakening of the President is highly needed or the United States will suffer unparalleled mortality far above any faced by high-income countries.

OFF WITH THE CROWN

I sit amidst the darkness, Awaiting for brightness, Oh, how foolish have I been,



- Sachin Pilot broke the silence of Rajasthan's political crisis. The camp is prepping for a long battle coming ahead.
- Apple reportedly paid almost \$1 billion to -Samsung for faltering an order for screens.
- India will soon witness a rare comet called -NEOWISE comet for the next 20 days.
- Russian spies try to steal COVID-19 vaccine research, claim USA, Britain and Canada.

To pause for the unseen,

I own the blackness.

I'm leaving my crown, To be the ordinary.

~ Scarlet

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AND THEN SHE SAID.....I TOOK THE CHANCE

As soon as I saw you, I knew you were my next adventure, My next mistake, my next heartbreak, my next mis-venture, My head wanted to stay alone,

my heart wanted a friend, So be it, I jumped the fence thinking you were God sent. There was a blank spot in my

heart and I wrote your name.

I kept hearing what you never said, I kept connecting and following,

I felt you said it best when nothing was said, but I wanted to hear it all,

The magic in my heart had begun, this new attachment was never to end. But for you it was not the same, it blossomed to dwindle, bloomed to fade,

No strings attached, yet the desired expression never was made,

I waited, it did not come through, and slowly I started to wither and dither.

The absence of words was an answer in itself, why could I not figure,

Caring for him was not the mistake but thinking he did too was the blunder.

Never get attached to a one who feels not the same for you, For one-sided expectations surely will mentally drain you, Why cross oceans when he can't jump puddles for you,

Why be available when he does not even ask how you do.

Why keep bending backwards, until he no longer needs you.

I now will stop letting him control my emotion when he does so little

He cannot receive all the time and not give even a minimal,

He will never understand how it feels, till it happens to his heart, Until he experiences the same pain that shatters his soul,

I remember not words he said, but his icy ignorance and cruel silence.

~ Anonymous

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

~ George Bernard Shaw

On the celebration of the 36th Founders' Day 2020, we shall unite together to showcase our camouflaged talents. Here, we have a profusion of numerous events: A symphony to put together in these un-melodic days. You may also dance to the beats of Indian and western music to glorify this event. Likewise, this is the opportunity to showcase your stupendous oratory skills. The skit is another platform for all the actors to exhibit your talent and outshine as theatricals. For all those technical couch potatoes, this is your moment to excel and assist us incorporating this show alongside. Altogether, we aspire to reach heights, and to prove that this virus cannot curtail our limits



A plethora of events for the super talented Mistars as FOUNDERS IS HERE. Let us all unite to celebrate this day. Feel free to approach us for any queries and join us to make this event a memorable success. Contact Cultural captain- jainsnigdha13@gmail.com Overall coordinators- sawarthianirali2201@gmail.com

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The Diary of a Mistar
Dear Diary,
The past few days have been quite eventful, well, at least compared to other days, with the Recap Exams
results which were sent, The Originals recruiting and the Founder's coming up. The results resulted in some
people finally sleeping a good night's sleep, while causing some to lose all their sleep altogether, but it is what
it is. The Originals recruiting correspondents, editors, illustrators and IT members created opportunities for
the students to make a better Curriculum Vitae, and will also allow the team to reduce some of their
workloads. The Cultural Captain and her coordinators are in a frenzy trying to create a good show,
everything is the same as it used to be. The preparations of Founder's is no different from other years, also
this a great chance for the freshers to steal the limelight and prove themselves in front of the whole school.
Plus, can't wait for the scholarships!
~ Samiksha Singh

BOREDOM BUSTER

Guess the song challenge.

- 1. Cheese Toast on Saturdays are
- 2. The one formal handshake of the batch with their Head Girl is during ____.
- **3.** The time you hear morning PE starts the next day.
- 4. The one phrase after getting a house negative.
- 5. During Exams: Please _____ in 10 mins.
- 6. HOUSE! Its's 10, I want all the _____ now.
- 7. The only threat to girls in the campus.
- 8. The time you realise all smilles are over you get a mini _____.

- 9. The one thing we are expected to maintain in the dining hall.
- 10. When your English exam is the next day and
 - Vishala is your teacher you suffer from _

Answers

I.Yummy (Justin Bieber) 2.Graduation
Benny Blanco, Juice WRLD) 3.Don't
Start Now (Dua Lipa) 4.Sorry Not Sorry
(Demi Lovato) 5.Wake Me Up (Avicii)
6.Lights Off (Medellon) 7.Dance Monkey
(Tones And I) 8.Heart Attack (Demi
Lovato) 9.Silence (Marshmello)
10.Insomnia (Zayn Malik)



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