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## ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19

~ *Bugi Sangma*

unemployed, and a week later, another 6.6 million people started searching for jobs. Most of the nations are facing a recession and a collapse of their economic structure, which points out the staggering conditions for them. In this regard, 102 countries have requested the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for financial help. The nations in the most unfavourable positions are the emerging economies who are dependent on exports, tourism and those who previously had a debt burden. The IMF's estimate of the global economy growing at 3 per cent in 2020 is an outcome "far worse" than The Financial Crisis of 2007–08. Economies such as the US, Japan, the UK, Germany, Italy, and Spain, are expected to contract this year by 5.9, 5.2, 6.5, 7, 9.1, and 8, respectively. The worst-case scenario, released by the UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, is if the world grew at only 0.5 per cent which would involve a "\$2 trillion hit" to GDP. Even as economic activity resumes gradually, the situation will take time to normalise as consumer behaviours change due to social distancing and uncertainty about how the pandemic will evolve. The economy will change in ways wherein the outputs of many commercial areas will be undetermined. The present scenario is not the time of political point-scoring with each other; instead, it is high time for states to cooperate, coordinate, and help each other to defeat this fatal pandemic to save the global economy and financial structure.

The Covid-19 pandemic has pushed economies into a great lockdown. It is contributing to contain the virus and save lives but has also triggered the worst recession since the Financial crisis of 2007. Billions of workers have been laid off or furloughed. The unemployment rate has surged, and finding a job has become challenging. In just a week, 3.3 million Americans were

## WE ARE HELPING THEM!

~ *Ruplekha Sinha Roy*

Lotus Rescue, a NGO, is working towards supporting people with basic needs such as food and essentials during Cyclone Amphan devastation and COVID 19 pandemic. The lockdown, due to the epidemic, has created an almost unliveable situation for many villagers, senior citizens, migrants, and children. Many of them have barely one meal a day; sometimes none. The source of work and earning has been cut off for many, and they cannot afford to take care of their families. The situation is pitiful in many places. From early April 2020, Lotus Rescue has been cooking for, serving, and supplying essentials for the people of West Bengal. We initially supported 100 people, then 500 and once Cyclone Amphan hit, we continued to help those who cannot help themselves. Donating to the causes you care about not only benefits the charities themselves, but it can be deeply rewarding for you. Millions of people give to charity on a regular basis to support causes they believe in, as well as for the positive effect it has on their own lives.

## WE HAVE TO BELIEVE

~ *Mannat Kaur*

*"To witness the rainbow, you've got to get through the storm."*

In an episode of her podcast, former First Lady Michelle Obama, after staying out of politics during Donald Trump's presidency, made a bold statement on his ability to lead. *"Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country. He has had more than enough time to prove that he can do the job, but he is clearly in over his head. He simply cannot be who we need him to be. It is what it is."*, said Michelle in her Monday podcast. She further says she has been suffering through low-grade depression during the pandemic. She mentioned to cope with the same; she spends time with her family, reaches out to friends and exercises to release stress. Waking up to another crime or bad news every day, be it another black person being attacked or another natural calamity is not a feeling we are used to witnessing. Piece of advice from the personality herself: don't push or be too hard on yourself, these are times of distress, but this too, shall pass. BELIEVE.

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## NEW ZEALAND BACK ON THE COVID LIST

~ Vanshika Choudhary

New Zealand declared zero remaining COVID-19 cases on 8th June 2020, after enacting one of the strictest lockdowns in the world. Restrictions were eased, but it has since sought to keep the virus out with tight border controls that include a ban on international visitors; quarantining its citizens who return from abroad and requiring protective equipment for all airport and seaport workers. These measures allowed New Zealand to go 102 days without recording any new, locally acquired COVID-19 cases. However, on 11th August 2020, the country was rocked by the news that four members of a family in Auckland have tested positive for the virus, without any identifiable source of infection. The new cases are a setback to New Zealand, which enforced the government to nullify its orders to lift all

social and economic restrictions except for border controls last week. Declaring it had no new or active cases of the coronavirus, New Zealand was one of the first countries in the world to return to pre-pandemic normality. Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, had warned that new cases might come up in the future as New Zealanders return home, and some others were allowed under particular conditions. The government has been helping to implement a three-day lockdown in Auckland as teams of health workers raced to find the cluster's origin and ramped up testing in the city. Furthermore, all citizens that have just arrived are required to undergo isolation. The ministry also believes that Auckland should remain in lockdown until the number of new daily cases returns to zero, which could be a week or two away.

## POST LOCKDOWN WORLD OF WUHAN

~ Sweety Mohanta

2020 has been the year of face masks. We cannot think or explain 2020 in any other way. But the videos and photos of the music festival at Wuhan Maya Beach Water Park, where thousands of partygoers with no face masks, bunched together shoulder-to-shoulder, caused shockwaves throughout social media. That is right. Wuhan is the city where Covid-19 cases and deaths were first reported, and the city went through the first Covid-19 lockdown back on 23rd January, 2020. Seeing pictures of empty streets and closed shops back then shocked everyone. Now, seeing pictures of people enjoying a music festival breaks our hearts. Lockdown was eased by March, and after 76 days, it was officially lifted in April. According to the Chinese government, the last Covid-19 patient at Wuhan recovered on 26th April 2020. Schools, parks, cinemas reopened and public transportation resumed. By July, large gatherings were allowed to take place. Now, it seems that everything has returned to normalcy; the viral pictures and videos of people partying prove that. With no recent locally transmitted cases, it appears that the Chinese government's strict actions worked efficiently.

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- M.S. Dhoni and Suresh Raina announced their exit from their International Cricket Career once and for all, leaving a lot of fans heartbroken.
- Citizens of North Korea are being forced to give up their pet dogs for meat due to food paucity.
- An approx. of 45% of schools around the globe lack basic facilities of washing hands claims UN.
- Space X on its 6<sup>th</sup> flight launches and lands a record breaking rocket.

“ The front line of this epidemic is you, the people in the community, tasked with the challenge of keeping each other safe. ”

~ Dr. Michelle Au

## OODDLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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It is an undeniable fact that during these trying times our frontline workers have been working tirelessly and selflessly. The Originals Team on behalf of the entire school community wanted to take this moment to thank our alumnae who have been working as frontline workers. We possibly cannot express in words the sense of pride we feel to see this act of selflessness and bravery. You are the true embodiment of the "Fearless Panther" we aspire to become one day. We send nothing but the best wishes to you and your loved ones. Stay safe out there, Hwaiting!

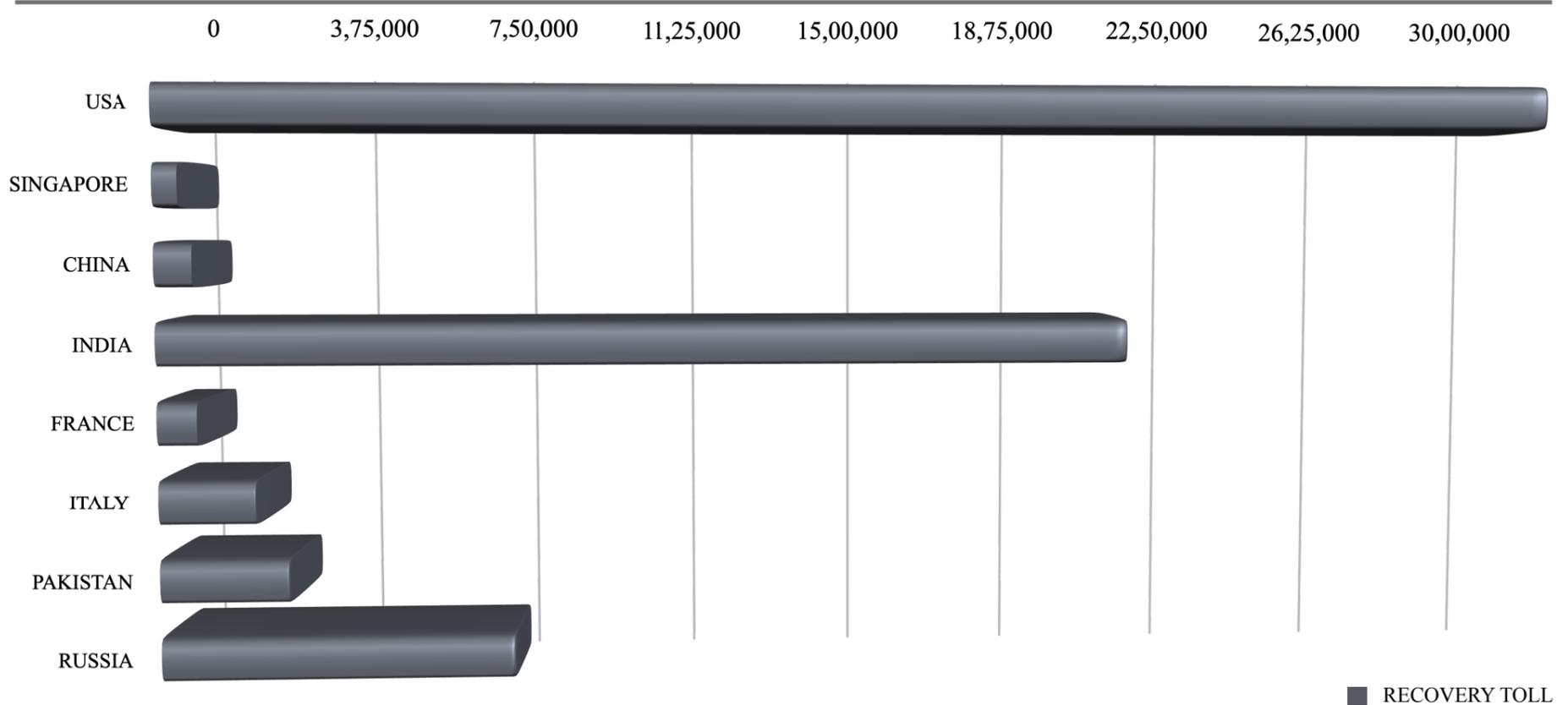
~ The Originals  
Team

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## *Diary of a Mistar*

Dear Diary,
Investiture is over! We have our new post holders and the council ready for the fantastic events to come!
The year has been amazing so far, let us wait and see what new colours will the new council paint the year into.
Independence Day has also passed, the dance competition was another success to be recorded into the book of achievements of this year. The results have not been announced yet (at least not yet, because I wrote this few days back), and the house captains are on their toes waiting for it.
Oh! And exams are approaching folks! Do not forget to study and revise, because it is not just a UT anymore.
This week's issue is dedicated to the pandemic, so I decided to put a bit of here too. The cases are on the rise, and it is not safe yet, everybody, please stay home or if you go out, maintain social distancing. I know it is boring at home but just endure for some more time, and we will be back in school, and it will not be boring anymore. Take care of yourself and your family. The school and your friends cannot wait to meet you. We will make it through this time of difficulty and be back to rejoice. See you in the next issue.
~ Samiksha Singh

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