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KARMA PAID A VISIT

~ Samiksha Singh

US President, Donald Trump, and First Lady, Melania Trump, who for months now, underestimated the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, have tested corona positive. The president made the announcement via twitter at 12:54 AM, on Friday morning, stating in his tweet that the first lady and he have started their quarantine and recovery process, and will, like the rest of the citizens, work from home. This tweet was made approximately three hours after Trump tweeted about Hope Hicks, a White House aide, testing COVID positive. Discussions on how this matter will impact the upcoming elections are now being held. Will this incident help Trump gather public sympathy or act as a slap from Karma itself?

IS RAPE A MINOR ISSUE?

~ Mohini Chandra

A week ago a 19 year old, Dalit girl was gang raped by 4 upper caste men belonging to her village, Hathras. The body of the victim was cremated by the police department without the consent of the family. Moreover, the family was locked in, while the final ceremonies were being performed. It is a pity that the media houses have barely discussed the matter and are still focused on drug use in Bollywood. The government had sealed the village to prevent caste riots and unnecessary flare up in matter. Such rape cases can be said to be a rape with the motive of social domination which is a matter that the community has longed to be addressed. Female citizens are now tired of this continuous oppression and aren't holding back while they question the authorities.

EIFFEL TOWER EVACUATED

~ Muskan Agarwal

On Wednesday, 23rd September, the iconic Eiffel Tower was evacuated for 2 hours, instantly after an anonymous caller threatened to blow up the Eiffel Tower. The monument, situated in the heart of the French capital, was isolated, with the security diverting the traffic. The incident happened around 12:15 pm CET (3:45 pm IST).

The man that had called the authorities shouted "Allah hu Akbar" and said he was going to "blow up everything" at the Eiffel Tower. After a strict inspection, nothing was found, and the monument was reopened for visitors at 2:15 pm CET (5:45 pm IST).



INTERNATIONAL TEACHER'S DAY

~ Sweety Mohanta

The youth of today who are the leaders of tomorrow are meant to bring about a bright and idealistic future. Teacher's Day, therefore, is celebrated, on 5th October, to acknowledge, appreciate, commemorate, and raise more awareness about the teachers' significant role in shaping, nurturing, and preparing these future leaders for the ever-changing world and difficult times that lie ahead. This Day celebrates the anniversary of the UNESCO and ILO recommendation of certain practices regarding the status of teachers, adopted on the same date, 1966 in Paris, France. It signifies the contributions made by the educators and helps improve issues in spheres of teaching and learning.

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EDITORIAL

STARTED FROM THE BOTTOM...

~ Unnati Pattnaik

Last year on September 14th, my grade-mates roamed around the campus handing out black and white papers to every soul that would walk past them. That marked as what we now jokingly say 'The OG Birthday'. I will not lie when we initially started this project we were not the best. To our amusement, though, the response to the first issue was overwhelming. We were lucky to have an honest and humble audience who appreciated our efforts and gave us honest and fair, constructive criticism from day one itself. Everyone from students to teachers to house mothers seemed genuinely interested in this 'thing' that we started. That's when we knew this could not merely be another 'thing' meant for only documenting events happening on campus. We knew we had to bring in a true purpose for working tirelessly on these four to six page long weekly. We wanted this to be a platform where your voices can be heard, the reason why we do not work like most newsletter teams in the

game. We were able to talk about mental health, discrimination of any form, the BLM movement, and so much more because of the understanding that both you readers and we the team have developed. It was because you trusted us that we were able to share your personal stories with our audience.

Everyone in the team has come across one such article which they can never forget come what may. For me, it was an article by a Mistar from Tibet who trusted us enough to openly talk about the injustices faced by her and her people. The emotions with which the article was written sent shivers down my spine. Now over a year has passed since The Originals was established. In this short period, we The Originals Team have made so many memories all thanks to your support and constant co-operation. From running to the computer lab to get illustrations scanned to requesting teachers to write for special editions. From banging

our heads over the plagiarised articles to banging our heads over the website not being regularly updated. From praying to God for the issue to get approved by Ma'am on time to praying to the same almighty for it not to rain that weak so that we receive the physical copies on time. However, we will forever cherish all the love and the hardships we went through.

Nonetheless, there is no doubt that we still have a long way to go. It is disappointing that we were not present in school to celebrate our first anniversary. It is disheartening that our mid-term evaluation had to start on September 14th. Still, I hope that the legacy started by us through the platform of "The Originals" continues for generations to come. There is so much more to talk about like sleeping beauty, Simon says, Go cool, but I will save that for some other day and like to conclude by quoting a dialogue used by TOT quite often, "Ma'am, please update the website :)".

IS BOLLYWOOD THAT IMPORTANT?

~ Gurleen Kaur Dhillon

You may have heard about the recent cases of many Bollywood actors involved in the consumption of drugs. It is trending everywhere on every news channel. Day and night we hear something new on the drugs case with different actors involved like Deepika Padukone, Shraddha Kapoor and Sara Ali Khan. People are ruthlessly attacking these actors in their social media comment sections.

Though this is a severe issue, I feel that the news channels are diverting viewers and readers from the main situations that India is being affected by. The news channels should also prioritise other problems like the rapes and suicides that are on the rise, how people's mental health is deteriorating and how the virus that is spreading at the speed of lightning. Do you think these actors will go to jail? Give it a few days and watch people hop onto other news.

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WHAT YOU ARE

In these black walls,
I have found rainbows
My questions unanswered,
Led me to conclusions.

My emotions are like mountains,
My words have scattered
But I see my place in eternity.

It lies in the knowledge of love
Found in depths of myself,
Your concern moulded me.
Shall I express my gratitude?
For that stands too little.

But I must leave this place,
To reach immortal infinity.
My heart can beat this pain,
For I know you are my Universe
And I, your rightful galaxy.

The ultimate source of power,
All I know is your gift.
But I stay indebted to you
I know the playful art,
Because you are my painter
And I, your deep eyes.

I need to trespass the colours,
To reach our destination.

~ Scarlet

BRILLIANCE IN EVERY DOMAIN

~ Vishakha Gaikwad

During this unfortunate time of Covid-19, everyone at home is trying their best to avoid the spread of the virus. However, the staff present in the MIS campus every Saturday come together to showcase a musical performance known as MISROCKS live on YouTube for our Mistars and parents. Taking all the precautions, we get to see a different side of our teachers—showing off their hidden talents. May it be singing or playing an instrument...they have it all covered! We are lucky to have such teachers in our lives, who seek to make us more optimistic and cheerful during this time of the pandemic.

GO COOL

Ma'am Meeta: "M-I-S-Stars!"

Sir Saurabh: "Obviously, this is true."

Sir Grover: "Kaddu!"

Ma'am Abhilasha: "Fools of the highest order!"

Ma'am Sutapa: "I will give you one tight slap across your face!"

Sir Dutta: "Etta..."

Sir Jhavar: "Kalakar!"

Sir Dheeraj: "Beta main gussa ho gaya na to baarish ho jayegi!"

Ma'am Richa: "Get back beta, you are not allowed to use this way!"

Ma'am Vatsala: "I want my girls to score the best."

Ma'am Batra: "Betaa, syllabus nahi hoga. You have to speed up."

Sir P. Uniyal: "Kya hogaya, beta bouncer gaya?"



OODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

THE UNEXPECTED 10 YEAR CHALLENGE.

~ Ms. Krishna Lavangwala



2010...The theme of the 26th Founders Day at Mussoorie International School was decided as the life of Ganesha. That is what I can recall. I knew my part. Being in important dances. And following the instructions of the Music and Dance Department. Well, that is what they expected me to do. They knew me for 3 years, and had figured that this girl was important to our department.

2020...When I walked through the lanes of my Alma Mater, the Music and Dance Department recalled me. And they recognised me quickly. Well, that moment literally felt like “my moment.” It is a special feeling when your teachers remember you.

Look where I am now! On the other side of the table. From a student, who was dependent on Ma’am Roy’s instructions to an educator, composing texts for the event.

Life has come a long way. Nobody asked me 10 years back, “Where do you see yourself in 10 years?” Well, the reality says it now...had I been asked this question, I would have definitely denied myself writing this piece as “a teacher.”

In this entire decade, my life was definitely a roller-coaster ride. Shifting from one place to another, with all the ups and downs, twists and turns. There was just one constant wish. Coming back to school. And it happened. With life, school changed too. During this pandemic, with the endless efforts put up by the teachers and students, I would not dare to deny that “I am still a Mistar and will always be proud to be one.”

OUR GRATEFULNESS OVERDUE

~ Sakshi Dharnidharka

To all the teachers,
who've loved us unconditionally,
to express our gratitude,
"THANK YOU" is a word, too
ordinary.

THANK YOU! For seeing the pain,
we hid behind our smiles,
for giving us hope,
even in the most challenging times.

THANK YOU! For always being
there,
whenever we looked around,
for giving us courage,
and for always being proud.

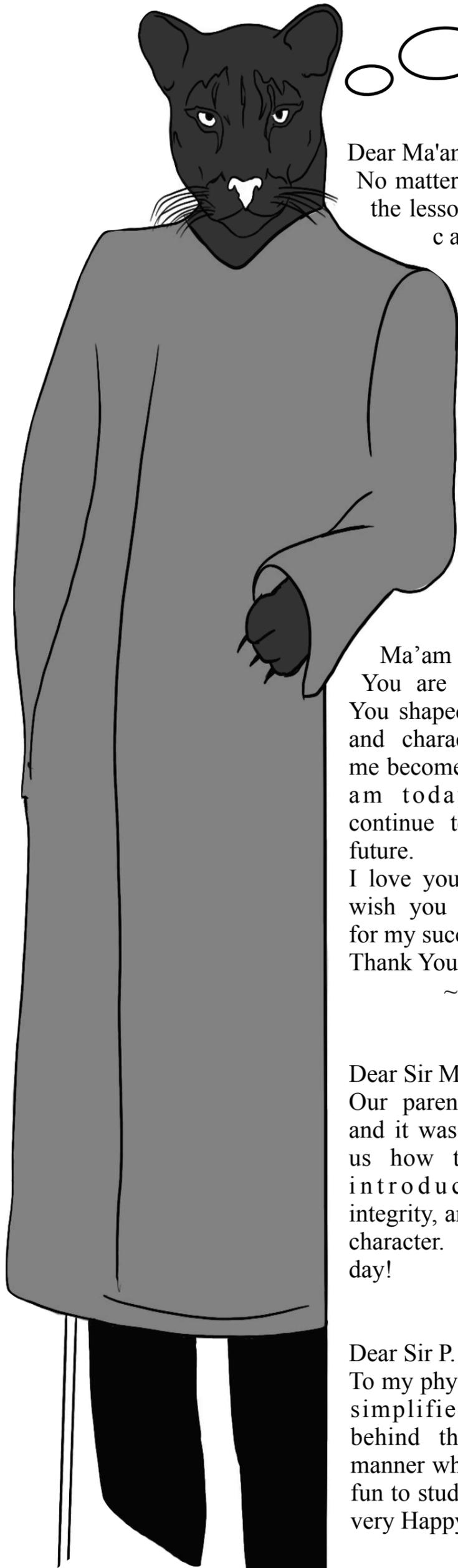
THANK YOU! For relentlessly
working hard,
to ensure our task was easier,
for teaching us how to deal,
with both success and failure.

THANK YOU! For being the person,
we could look up to,
for being our role models,
and to guide us through.

The list could go on and on,
and still not be enough,
to match the dedication you put in,
to make us like diamonds from the
rough.

So we sincerely thank you,
for never leaving us alone,
and for loving us and being,
Our family far from home!

LITTLE MESSAGES OF LOVE



Dear Ma'am Krishna,
No matter how old I grow,
the lessons taught by you
can never be forgotten. They
built the foundation for
my moral values. You are a
fantastic teacher. No one can
ever take your place in my life.
Happy Teachers day!
~ Anjali Prasad

Ma'am Indu,
You are my role model. You
shaped my personality and
character and helped me
become who and what I am
today and please continue to
do so in the future. I love
you very much and wish you
would bless me for my
successful future. Thank You.
~ Vidushi Agrawal

Dear Sir Marks,
Our parents gave us life,
and it was you who taught
us how to live it. You
introduced honesty,
integrity, and passion to
our character. Happy
teacher's day!
~ Arpita

Dear Sir P. Uniyal,
To my physics teacher,
who simplified the science
behind the subject in a
manner which was so much
fun to study. Wishing you
a very Happy Teachers Day.
~ Ananya Kesari

Ma'am Santoshi,
Thank you for always showing
us the right path and always
supporting us. You have been
part of our tough times and
our celebrations. The night
talks with you and those
times when you caught us
watching a movie or the
times when you helped us
with our countdowns are
priceless. You will always
hold a very special place in
our hearts. We miss you,
and we love you.
~ Niyati Agarwal and Tahiti Gupta

Dear Ma'am Kamlesh,
You have always been an
excellent educator who knew
exactly how to illuminate a
soul with her own light.
Happy teachers' day.
~ Rashi Agrawal

Dear Ma'am,
Thanks for always working
hard for us. No matter how
tired you were, you never
let it show. Thanks for being
an essential part of our
home away from home.
~ Sanjana Soni

To the woman who I owe
almost everything, Hey
Ma'am Abhilasha! I know
you hate this kind of sappy
stuff, but that is exactly
why I wrote this. Thank
you for screaming at me
the first day you came and
making me stand out of
the class with a Frooti in
hand. I will never forget
whatever you have done for
me and trust me the list is
inexhaustible. Thank you,
Ma'am, thank you so, so
much for existing and being
there for me. And as you
were so embarrassed of us
on your birthday, I'll
embarrass you today as well
insert cheeky smile emoji
Happy Happy Teachers' Day!
To the class aunty from the
class servant
~ Samiksha Singh

Dear Ma'am Sutapa,
To someone who is very
sincere and is a fantastic
educator, all of your hard
work and efforts are
greatly appreciated. Happy
Teacher's Day!
~ Kwang

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Diary of a MISTar

Dear Diary,
Finally, a breath of fresh air, after those horrendous and suffocating exams. I hope you survived; I barely did.
Now, it is time to sit and bite our nails, anticipating those results that determine our fate. Talking about fate,
I have something to say to the ones who made those beautifully brilliant question papers that almost made us cry.
Hey teachers! It is your day! Finally, after another tiring year of dealing with bratty kids, you get a day to relax and be appreciated. Appreciation; that is something that all of you deserve. We can barely imagine your workload while dealing with online teaching and students who refuse to do assignments because practically, you cannot do anything. For teachers teaching from home, you are our saviours. I, being somebody who grabs every opportunity, would like to take this diary entry as a way to thank you. Thank you, teachers, for filling these empty shells of human beings with wisdom and virtue, for being our lighthouse, our North Star, for both struggling and rejoicing with us, for making us who we are today.
Finally, thank you, teachers, for simply existing and being there for us.
We love more than what we can express. We love you, more than both, you and us know.
~ Samiksha Singh

KNOW YOUR GURUS

1. Remembers our parents' names better than our own.
2. The one with a unique kind of umbrella.
3. The Nepali housemother with freckles on her cheeks.
4. The Math teacher who appears to be serious, but can be hilarious when you get to know him.
5. No one even wants to imagine reaching late to her class.
6. The one who will never let you use the reception staircase.
7. The teacher who will never give you marks even if you think it is all correct.
8. With that teacher in the corridor, no one dares to get out of their class.

ANSWERS: 1. Ma'am Anju Puri, 2. Sir Mayank Chaturvedi, 3. Ma'am Santoshi Mathema, 4. Sir Devendra Kharola, 5. Ma'am Abhishha Tiwari, 6. Ma'am Richa Agarwal, 7. Ma'am Sutapa Ghosh, 8. Ma'am Swati Devi.

MESSAGE FROM TOT

We hope you had some time to sit back and relax after the hectic examination week. This message is to let all our readers know that our mail is open to 'Letter to the editors'. If you want to inform us about any correction we may have overlooked upon or have any complaints or feedback with regards to the newsletter feel free to write them down and send it to us on the mail address mentioned at the bottom of this page. We, as a journalism group, will try our very best to convey your opinion to either our audience or the authorities concerned. With that being said, the team once again wishes all the teachers a very joyous International Teachers' Day!



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