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## FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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~ Sana Singh

The Covid-19 Pandemic has led to an overwhelming loss of human life worldwide and displayed an unprecedented challenge to the world of healthcare, economy, and employment. During these uncertain times, the fear of losing our relatives and friends to this deadly disease becomes an everyday reality. Frontline workers who are particularly the ones who are exposed to the effects of the virus are currently living a life filled with constant uncertainty and so working in such an atypical situation, usually beyond their capacities, poses them at an increased risk of mental health issues. Millions of workers have experienced job or income loss while the youth have experienced several pandemic-related consequences, such as closures of schools and universities, all the while being isolated. All these factors have been

putting a toll on everyday lives and have negatively affected the public's mental health and created new barriers for people already suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. Surveys show a major increase in the number of adults who report symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression during the pandemic, compared with surveys before the pandemic. Some people have increased their use of alcohol or drugs, under the assumption that it can help them cope with their fears about the pandemic. In reality, using these substances can worsen anxiety and depression. It is very important to check up on yourself as well as others around you as something as simple as a phone call during the pandemic outbreak can help remind people that they are not alone.

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## EXAMINATION DURING ONLINE EDUCATION

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~ Mr. Mayank Chaturvedi (HOD Humanities)

During the 'New Normal', that is, the pandemic, where in-person contact comes with risk and educational bodies being shut down, online classes became the new game-changer but evaluation emerged as the new challenge. This process ensures that the learning process does not halt. But it is not easy either way; one of the most severe problems in conducting online exams is the connectivity, it is hard to find proper connectivity to conduct exams.

- According to an article from The Hindu, "nearly 72% of the surveyed DU students are facing connectivity issues".
- Students come from different strata of society and online examination needs standard software and hardware, which is not necessarily available to everyone.
- Another major issue is maintaining the standard quality of question banks and papers by teachers.
- Preparing a question paper for subjects like physics, mathematics, economics, etcetera, is not easy. Communicating and clarifying any doubt or queries regarding subject matter through the screens to the candidate is another challenge in itself.
- Even if you overcome these problems, there are many chances for students to use the internet or other resources to assist them. Students not abiding by the rule is a major concern. At last evaluation and marking the answer script is not handy when done online.
- Despite these challenges, it ensures the smooth going of the education process, and therefore, there are several arguments that online exams will remain a key feature of higher education even after the Covid-19 crisis subsided.

To meet all these challenges, the education world stakeholders have to join hands together and I believe that we all will come out as victors.

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## SAY YES TO THE DRESS

~ Rashi Parihar

“Equal rights for others does not mean fewer rights for you. It is not a pie.” Being a boy in India, pressure from society emerges towards you, commanding you on what to do, and how to do it. “Do not wear a dress”, “Do not pierce your ears”, “You are a male, be masculine.”, “Do not cry, be strong”, “Do not be afraid”. This is what the life of a boy looks like. Wretched, projected, compressed, forced, but most importantly, criticised and judged. It is almost similar to trapping a tiger in a cage and commanding the acts to put on for the audience. This very trap limits a man from exploring their interests and happiness, to showcase a person they were compelled to. “Oh! You are wearing a dress? You must be gay”. Men have the right to wear a dress; it does not make them homosexual. “Are you crying? Stop acting like a little girl!”. Men can cry, they are expressing their emotions. Being at a girls’ school, we are big at women empowerment, which is great. But everybody needs to realise how toxic masculinity affects a man and serves the patriarchy in general. Emotions have no gender, behaviour has no gender. A man is a man, a woman is a woman, regardless of their expression of self. Conforming one's relationship to gender by the way they cry or express and dress will harm the future and development of all upcoming generations, in the same manner, that it has harmed ours.

### A CLASH OF NATURE

~ Aisha Irshad

The dazzling sun,  
The mesmeric mountains,  
The angelic clouds,  
Nature is all delightful and divine.

I was on the unbeaten path,  
All around me were joyous flowers.  
In the wild, were growing treasures of nature.  
There were vibrant colours, dancing in  
abandon.

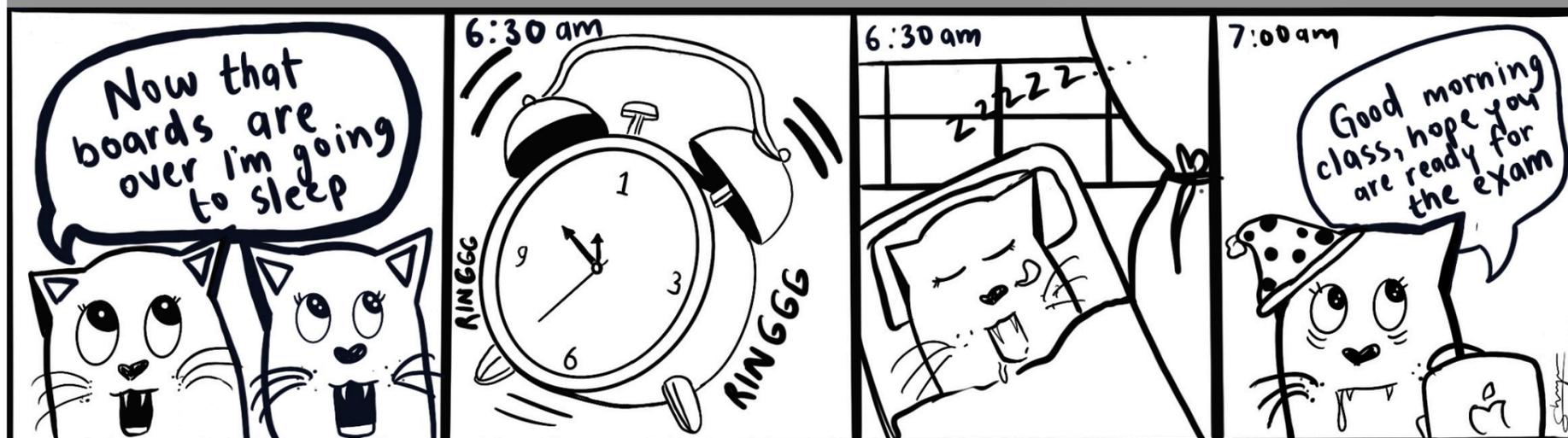
Humming bees setting the tune,  
Like unseen hands on Veena strings.  
Perennial rivers and gentle sea waves,  
Silently lighting our tears into gems.

I found few squirrels valiantly gazing,  
As though to talk of the secrets of that hour. I  
paused to ponder the blossoms of god, Found  
them hinting at new meanings.  
In a while, a robin enquired my search.  
Enthused, I said: INDEED MY GOD!

### JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- On 10th May, Israeli police stormed the Al-Aqsa compound, where thousands of palestinian worshippers had gathered to defend themselves from encroachment by settlers. Hamas, a Palestinian militant group, responded by firing hundreds of rockets from Gaza into Israel. Israel retaliated with a hundred and thirty airstrikes in Gaza, following which Hamas fired more than 200 rockets into Israel, on 12th May. Over the last two days of back-and-forth conflict, at least thirty-five Palestinians, including nine children, and two Israelis have been killed.
- The Ministry of External Affairs announced on 11th May that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not be attending the G7 summit to be held in the UK next month.
- On May 12th, India saw a record 4,205 Covid-19 fatalities in a day taking the death toll to 2,54,197. 3,48,421 new coronavirus infections were reported, according to the Union Health Ministry.

### OOODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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## LET THAT SINK IN

~ Vanshika Choudhary

Gaza is under attack currently. 109 murders involving the death of 28 children. The world is witnessing genocide. It is clearly our time to act upon. Eid Mubarak from the streets, Palestinians are now on streets, kicked out of their homes. Many innocent citizens of Palestine are being killed majorly for being Jew. This week, the world saw commotion in the Middle East, which originated from conflicts at the most touchy spot in Jerusalem, the respected level site of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the notorious brilliant Dome of the Rock. The conflicts were a token of the bleeding seven-week war, which executed more than 2,000 Palestinians, including many regular folks, and enormously annihilated Gaza's foundation. Israeli airstrikes brought down the greater part of an enormous tall structure in focal Gaza City and murdered a line of senior Hamas military figures. Mobs, beatings, and endeavoured home intrusions by Israeli patriots, alongside those in uniform, have been caught via online media. In light of the arrangement of assaults, Israeli Public Security Minister Amir Ohana safeguarded patriot gatherings, saying that they are "honest residents" who are helping police in battle. Palestinian residents say the Israeli police are yielding their towns to conservative Israeli mobs. Despite worldwide alert and political endeavours to end the spiralling brutality, many rockets again tore through the skies over the Gaza Strip for the time being. Israel's Air Force dispatched numerous hits with warrior jets, focusing on what it depicted as areas connected to Hamas, the Islamist bunch that controls Gaza. The current viciousness, as in past occurred because of clashing cases over Jerusalem home to significant heavenly locales of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Threats among Israel and the Palestinians are not new and have continued for quite a long time. Be that as it may, the most recent savagery follows a month of rising

strains between the two sides. The pressures are frequently intense among Israel and Palestinians living in East Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank. This time things heightened since the beginning of the blessed Muslim month of Ramadan in mid-April 2021, with daily conflicts among police and Palestinians. The undermined ousting of some Palestinian families in East Jerusalem has likewise caused rising annoyance.

*"All we want is to live a simple life"*

*"We don't want people's money"*

*"We want to see our children getting married"*

*"Our alarm clock is the sound of bombs"*

*"Please, the situation is getting worse"*

*"Please help me"*

*"There is an explosion as we are talking"*

All phrases said by Gaza people, echoing in our heads from morning to night. Israeli nationalists in Israel have been banding together to hunt down Palestinians on the streets and in their homes. It is Eid, an Islamic holiday for Muslims. They have bombed the unarmed civilians of Gaza illegally. Instead of celebrating the festival, parents are seen burying their children. Today, with the mindfulness and sympathy with #savesheikhjarrah we can see an ever increasing number of individuals perceiving the predicament of Palestinians and different Arabs on account of Israel. That makes me trust that possibly the remainder of the world will quit imagining that it's a reasonable battle, or at all ordinary to live like this for quite a long time. We should not live in a world with such contempt and an absence of sympathy. We just should not. This is unconscionable. There stands no justification. This is about basic humanity. It is indeed our generation's time to act up now. It is now or never.

## DO NOT LET COVID-19 TAKE AWAY TOMORROW

~ Mahima Juyal

A virus, which humanity is incapable of even noticing with bare sight, has turned everything upside down. Of course, there has been pain, and it continues to branch out; however, as with any other problem, there is always light. Sometimes difficult to see, but it is always there. In this situation, the brightest light shining is that there is an easy solution of staying inside that helps the country and its selfless healthcare workers. You may reply by saying, "But basic survival relies on going outside to buy groceries, or the doctor", etcetera, etcetera. Who is telling you to stop all that? Unfortunately, the number of people still visiting friends and family, thinking it will not cause harm is yet increasing. That is the type of irresponsibility that needs to stop. People wearing their masks below their nose and mouth still exist, despite being exposed to the invention of a mask many years ago. Staying inside will help in saving lives or maybe even one life, if not many. It has been one year we have been locked in and to get back to normalcy we need to be empathetic, generous, and responsible beings. The bright light here is educating people. Be an example. It is the simplest form of donation one can do. Instead of waiting for Covid-19 to go away, let us face this new reality.

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## Our Two Cents



### FORGET PERSONAL DURING PROFESSIONAL

*“Don't confuse having a career with having a life.” ~ Hillary Clinton*

This week's Our Two Cents topic is something that needs to be talked about among the MISTars. Remember when someone refused to work with you even when they were assigned to by the teacher and this is just because you did something that offended her back in the dorms. Now, is that called being mature or holding a grudge?

Keeping personal and professional matters separate is one of the biggest lessons that people are taught. If you are in a team that you chose to be in, for whatever reason, you have to do your job then, does not matter whether you like the people around you or not, it's a professional environment and personal feelings should not interfere.

In fact, the failure of keeping these matters different make decision making harder and will reduce your motivation and productiveness, and we doubt you want that. Setting boundaries to separate your work and personal life also increases efficiency. It might even reduce stress in your personal life. Both of these result in more relaxation and less burnout. So don't see that one girl as the girl who is always rude to you but see her as that colleague that you have to work with and she has done the same hard work as you to join that same team, so just focus on your work and forget about the things that happen out of professional hours.

### LETS GO LOGOS

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**ANSWERS:** 1. B.P, 2. Tencent Games, 3. WFF, 4. Shell, 5. McDonalds, 6. United Parcel Service, 7. Pepsi, 8. Chanel, 9. Starbucks, 10. Airtel



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