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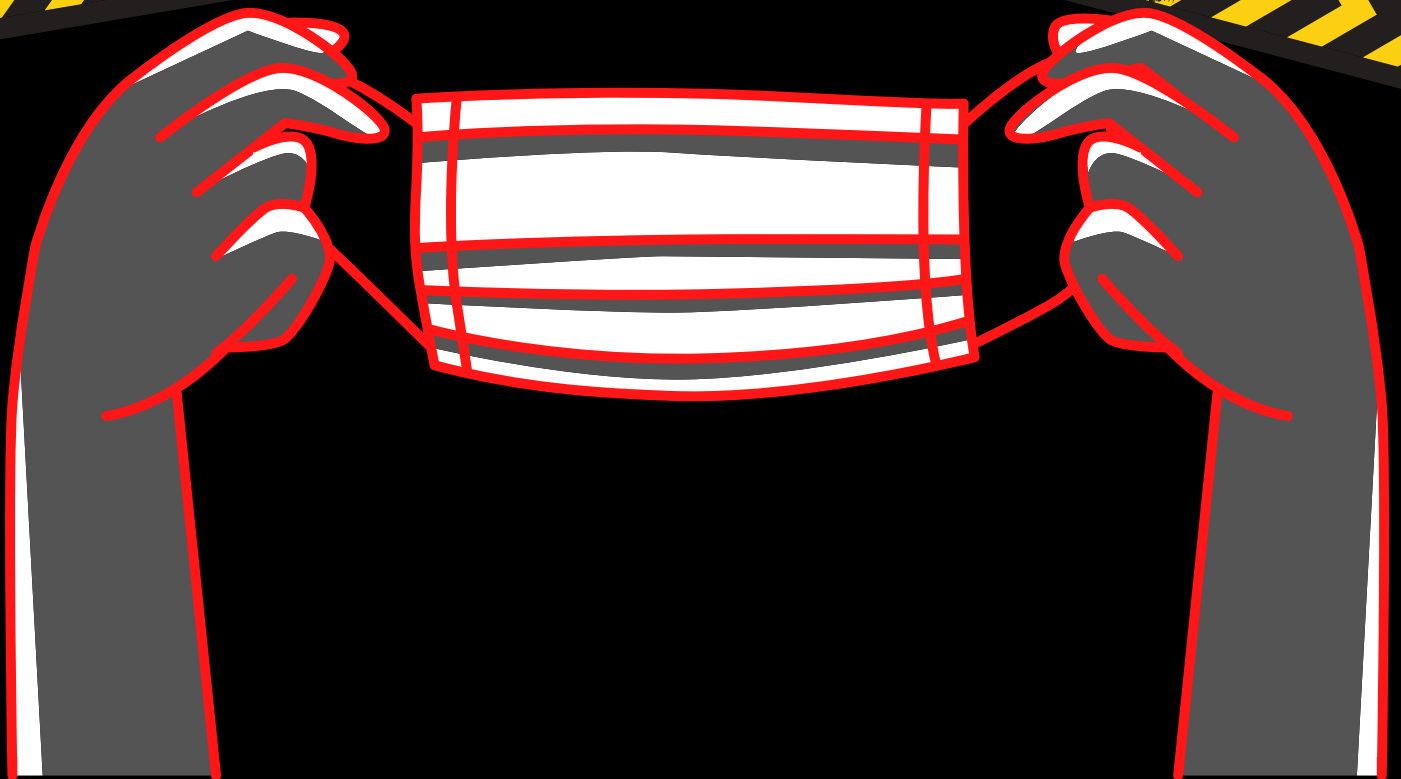


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A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

In this issue, we have put a special focus on with the Coronavirus outbreak. Currently, all of humanity is battling this new virus and so Pathwaysians have added their two cents to the topic in this issue. So far, we've been under lockdown for 15 days and the future looks grim. We don't know how the situation is going to progress in Delhi.

The rising number of Covid patients in our country is extremely worrisome and is being reported by every other publication we can think of. Therefore, we have decided to take an alternative route with this month's issue. We have focused on what we can do to make the best out of the situation. Through the publications team's Instagram page, we have collected Pathwaysians' recommendations of their favorite movies, television series and music. We were glad to see the overwhelming response and have thus reviewed the recommendations twice and compiled a list. Nishtha Nalwa too, was kind enough to make a special list just for you.

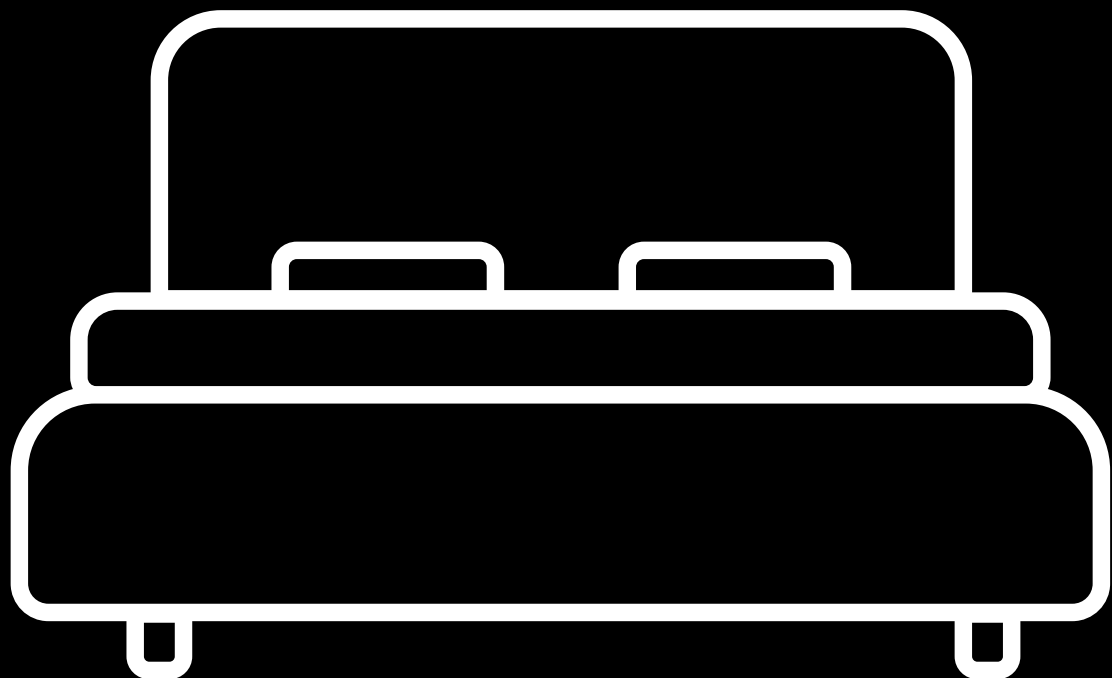
The virus has forced us to curtail our school activities, and so this will be a joint issue for the month of March and April. This month's magazine also features articles by Vishwam Khandelwal, Prakriti Garg and Aryaman Srivastava on various issues. We would like to apologize to the other writers whose articles we were unable to feature this month. Do send us your works for next month's issue.

We also wanted to focus on some healthy habits to adopt during the outbreak to stay safe. We hope everyone is preparing for the July exams. Keep your spirits up and don't let the uncertainty get to you. Take care!



*Avika Sukhija
&
Varun Pillai*

While you miss your
friends, Enjoy the
following movies, shows
and songs recommended by
Pathwaysians and
selected by the Editors





With all this free time on our hands, we have seen a lot of movies this month. Pathwaysians shared their favourite films with us, and we saw all those films to pick our top 7!

These are

MOVIES THAT WON'T KILL YOUR TIME



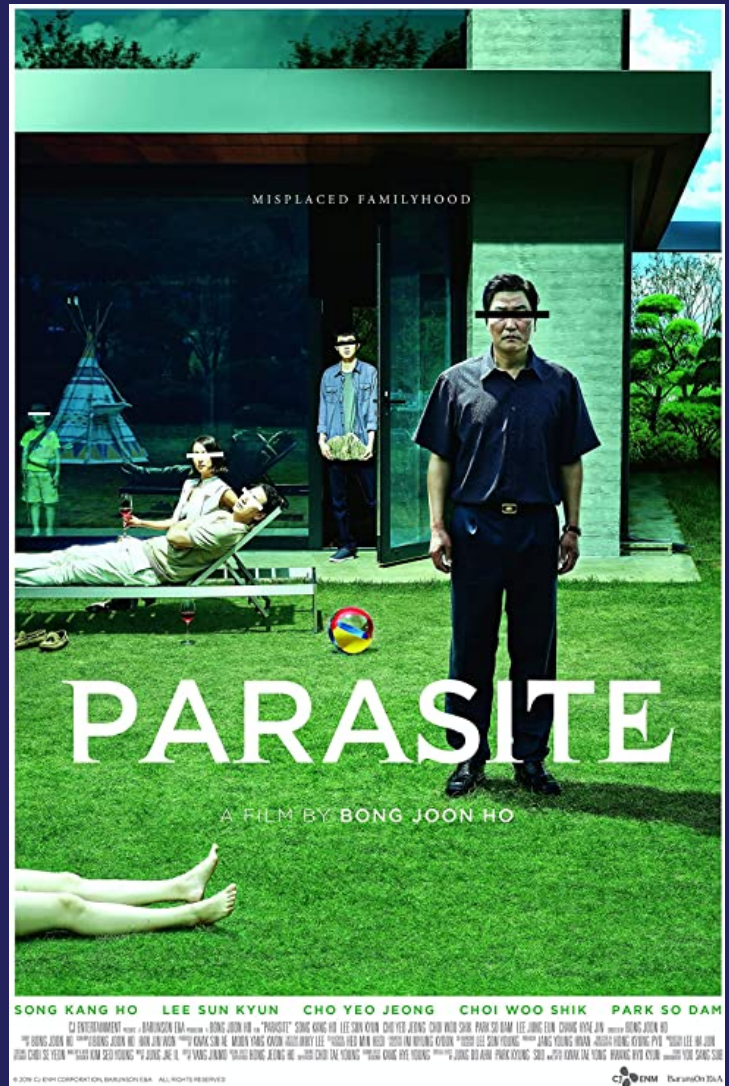
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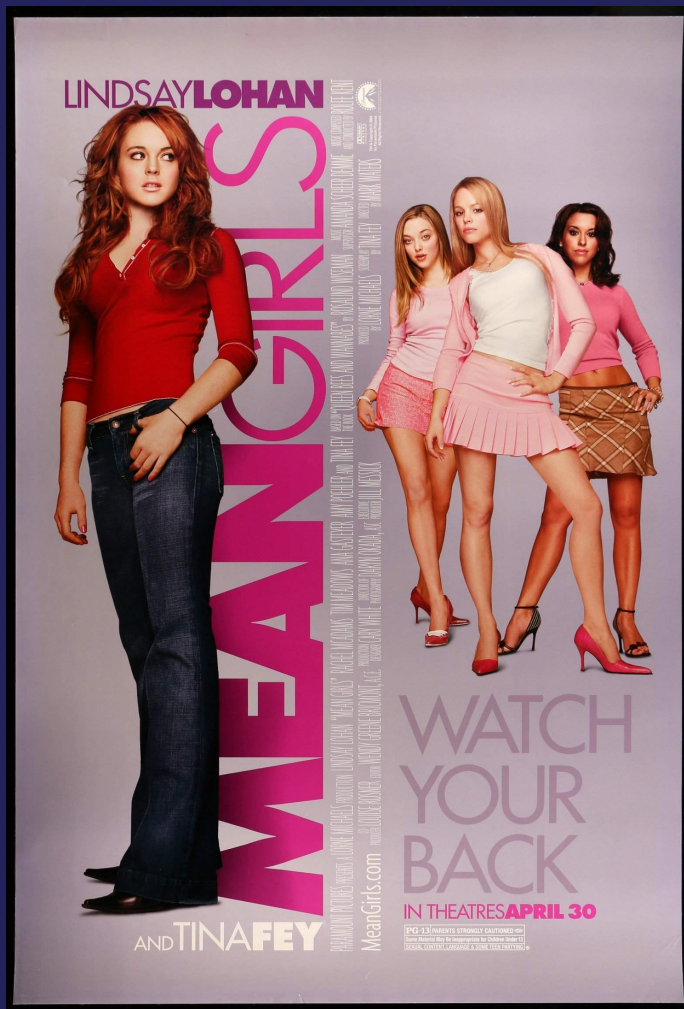
Our readers recommended at least a dozen different Disney movies to us. Since we don't have any personal biases, likes or dislikes, we validate every single one. If nostalgia is your best friend this season, go watch one! We promise you won't regret it.

2 BONG JOON HO'S PARASITE

The front runner of our poll, Bong Joon Ho's masterpiece explores themes of class discrimination and social inequality in Modern Korean Society. This film truly deserves all the accolades it received, including Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay & Best International Feature Film. We also recommend Joon Ho's other works - Snowpiercer, Okja and The Host.

Note: Look out for the secret symbolism. It'll really get to you.





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TINA FEY'S MEAN GIRLS

This film is an exception in our list, as we give credit to the screenplay writer instead of the director. Often wrongfully branded as just a "chick flick", this movie appeals to a much larger audience. Fey's brainchild has empowered young people everywhere in this world to be fearless and confident. This movie is definitely on our list as it transports us to a time before the lockdown, where high school drama was still a thing.

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JOHN KRASINKI'S A QUIET PLACE

Remember Jim from the office? Get ready to fall in love with him all over again in this film which he directed and stars in with his wife IRL, Emily Blunt. This film, along with its main competitor Bird Box, redefines the horror genre.

Would you be able to survive if you lost one of your senses?

We ask ourselves the same question.





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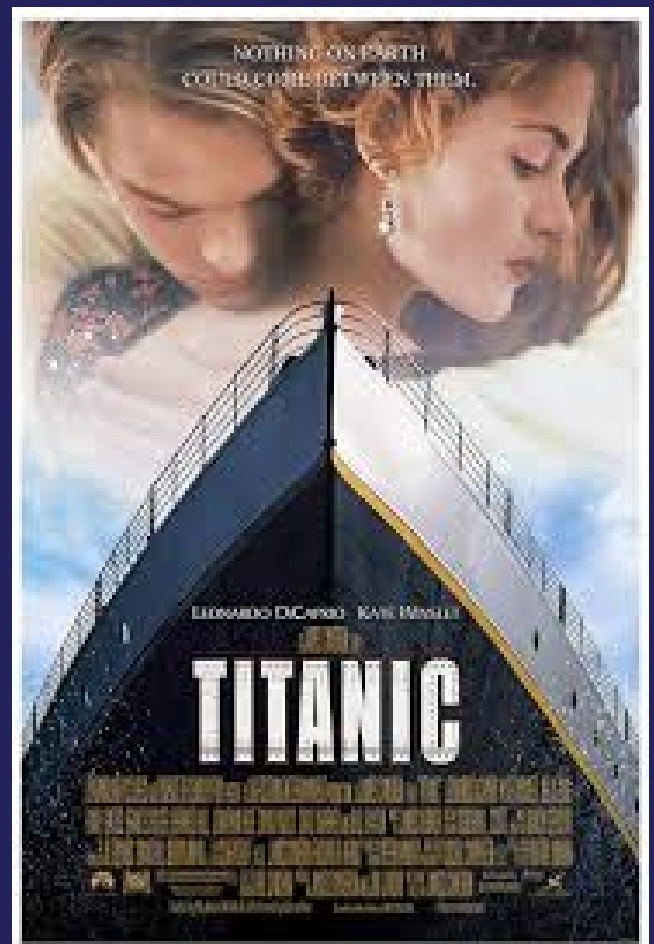
ZOYA AKHTAR'S ZINDAGI NA MILEGI DOBARA

This Modern Bollywood Classic from Akhtar is about a group of friends on a European trip that navigates through their personal lives and fears. The film also highlights a simple yet distinctive score composed by Shankar-Ehsaan - Loy with lyrics by the legendary Javed Akhtar. It really inspires you to "paint the world red".

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JAMES CAMERON'S TITANIC

A film that can be watched multiple times. Who can forget Jack and Rose's tragic love story between the haves and the have nots. Showcasing Leonardo DiCaprio's charm and Kate Winslet's beauty. Watch out for Celine Dion's hauntingly melodious score, 'My heart will go on'.



Special recommendations

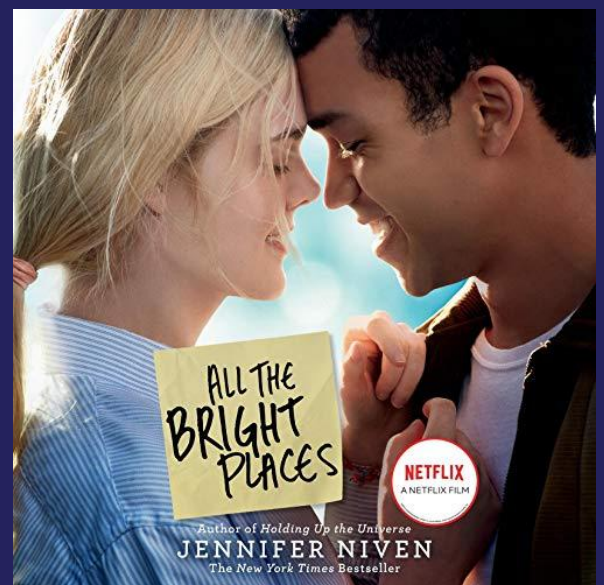
By Nishtha Nalwa

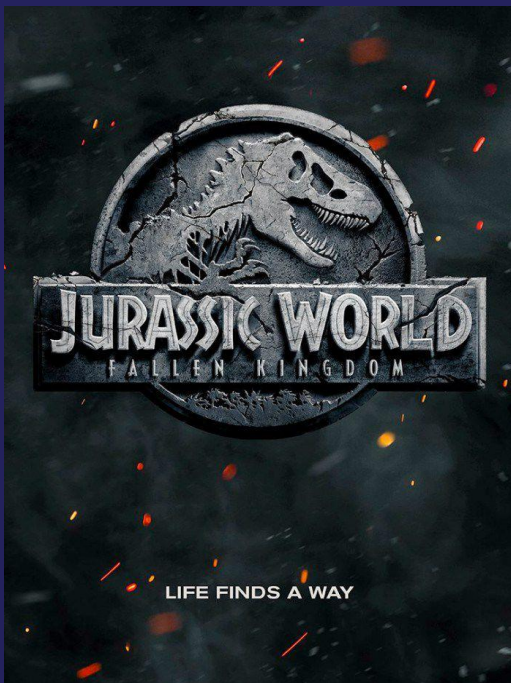
Amongst all the things going on around the world, it's sometimes good to just take a break and enjoy the little things in life. What better than watching a good movie? The problem is, how do you know which movie to watch? Here are the top five movies for all kinds of movie lovers. Just a note, all of these movies won't be the latest ones. Sometimes, classics are the best option.

One of the first movies that come to my mind when thinking of good action, adventure, and comedy is Jumanji: The next level. You know you can't go wrong with Dwayne Johnson. Not only him but there's Kevin Hart and Jack Black. The three together bring a triple threat. In this sequel, they brought Awkwafina, who made history winning the Golden Globe for Best Actress. Before you watch this movie, be sure that you've seen Jumanji, since this is a sequel to it.



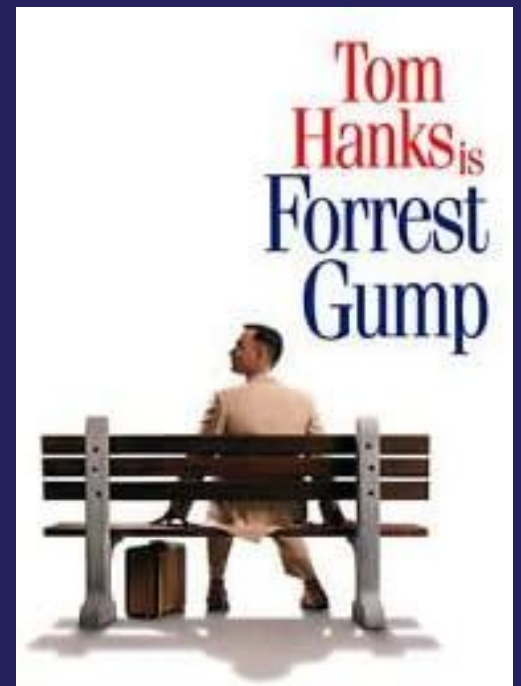
One of the latest Netflix movies is All the bright Places. This movie is for people who love romance. However, do note a trigger warning because this movie explores sensitive issues such as mental illness and suicide. Overall, this movie is just like the book, filled with scenes that will make you laugh, cry, and will melt your heart (in a good way).



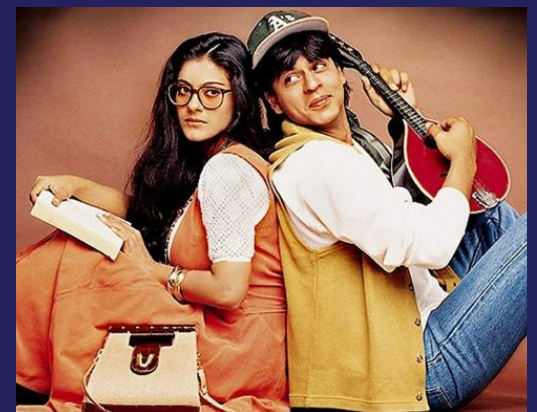


People also like action movies. Marvel movies always have a special place in people's hearts. Other than Marvel movies, there are other movies that really fit in. The whole set of Jurassic Park movies are one that excites people; never knowing what is going to happen next. These movies keep you on the edge of your seat, waiting for what will happen next.

Classics are for everyone, no matter what. Everyone loves classics. For us, we wouldn't want one too old. One of the best classics of all time would be Forrest Gump. Filled with action, drama, and romance. This award-winning movie keeps you thinking, never seeing a surprise; some that will be sweet and others that will be bitter.



Last but certainly not the least, we need a Bollywood movie. Now there are various kinds of Bollywood movies. Some keep the Bollywood Masti, some that are biographical films; keeping the mood light and fun-filled. The title for the best Bollywood movie of all time has always gone to Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (DDLJ). With two of the best actors in Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol, the movie changes the way you think of love.



These are a few movies that will be remembered throughout time. Watch one of these just to loosen up and have fun.

COPYCAT | BILLIE EILISH

LET'S BREAK UP | AMIT TRIVEDI, VISHAL

SUNDAY BEST | SURFACES

RUDE | ETERNAL YOUTH

BEKHAYALI | SACHET TANDON

KHO GAYE HUM | JASLEEN PRATEEK

ZINDA | AMIT TRIVEDI

BORED IN THE HOUS | CURTIS ROACH

RANSOM | LIL TRECCA

MAAHI VE | KAL HO NA HO

THE PATHWAYSIAN'S PLAYLIST



TV Recommended for you on

PATHFLIX



1. Brooklyn Nine-Nine

B99 is a mix of Comedy & Crime which keeps you hooked onto every episode, and the jokes make it extremely fun to watch. It's filled with zingers and amazing punchlines. 100% recommended.

- Prisha Muttreja

2. The Big Bang Theory

The Big Bang Theory features Physics, Comedy, Drama and Sheldon Cooper! The episodes are only 20-22 minutes long, making it easy to watch anytime you want. It's a great way to pass your day.

- Prisha Muttreja

3. Money Heist

This must-watch series is nothing like others. You'll be surprised to see the 1000 pieces of this puzzle fitting together immaculately at the end. This series is a mix of Action, Laughter & Tears. It features an anthemic friendship and most of all, a meticulous plot. Trust me, you'll find yourself in love with these sophisticated robbers and will be searching for the next season's release date on google.

- Prakriti Garg

4. Sherlock

Sherlock is a spectacular, mind blowing and intriguing series showcasing the modern era of the infamous Conan Doyle's legendary character Mr. Holmes. The show takes you on a journey of emotion and wit to outclass opponents, not by brute force like majority of the series but by the power of the mind. Through showcasing spectacular events in a modern, more relatable era, Sherlock not only keeps you on the edge of your seat but also makes you jealous of his abilities. This sensational drama is a must watch.

- Samarth Modi

5. Riverdale

Riverdale is an amazing show. The mysteries along with the romance sprinkled in every now and then, have everyone on the edge of their seats, wondering what's going to happen next. It's addicting to the point that no matter how confusing and stupid it CAN get, you have to keep on watching. If you want to binge watch something, Riverdale is a must go to.

- Hardit Bal

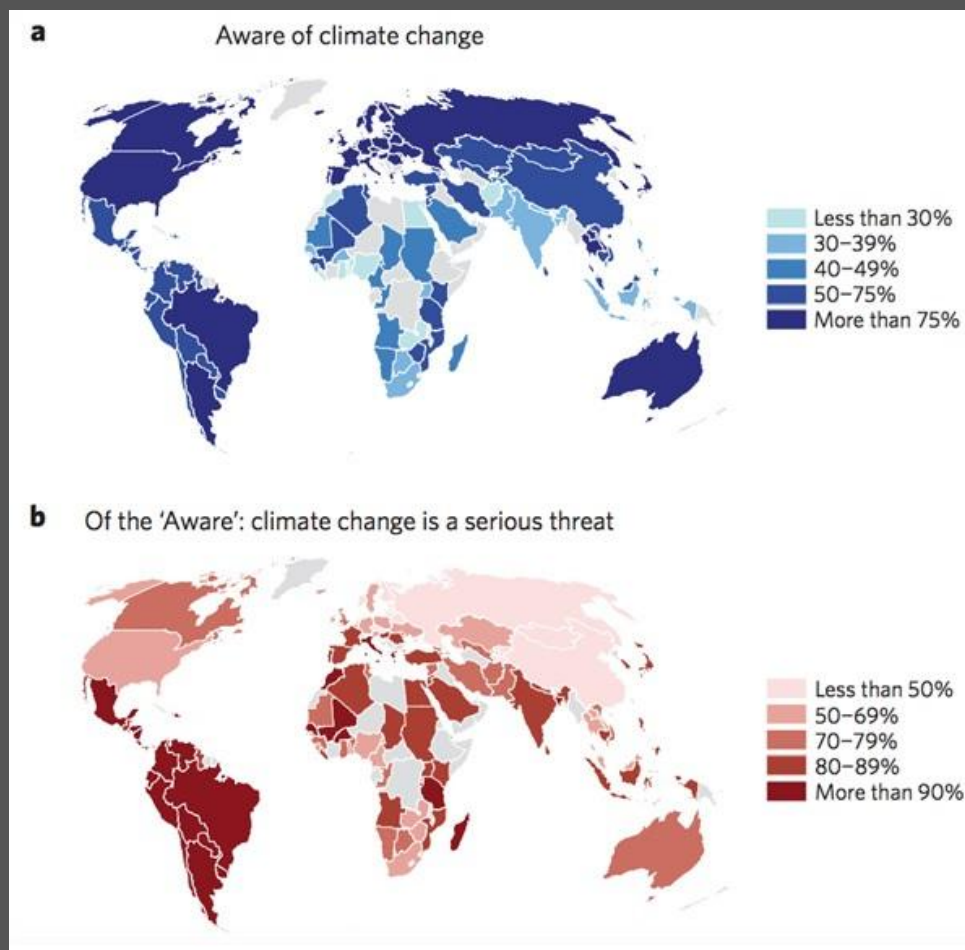
Greta isn't saving the environment! At all!

By Vishwam Khandelwal

Greta Thunberg is a climate activist from Sweden. The 16-year-old became famous when she started to skip school every Friday to protest outside the Swedish Parliament. Then as the press started to notice her, she became famous and started the "Friday for Future" protests where millions of children skip school every Friday and protest for the climate and their future. Their logic is that if we, the young generation are going to die, there is no need to educate ourselves. Greta Thunberg says that she wants to make the governments and large corporations be responsible and take action on climate change, instead of you, the consumer. I personally agree with this idea but there is a flaw, not only with the actions taken by Greta Thunberg but also with her suggestions on making it work.

Greta Thunberg might come to mind because of her emotional speeches in front of government organisations and because she attended multiple protests across the world. Although that might be useful, many people are still not aware that there is something called climate change.





Through this chart, you can see that people still do not know about climate change and/or the impacts of climate change, which does justify the protests. But because the CEO's of larger corporations are educated enough about climate change and are not taking action, they should be forced to take action, not through the means of protest but by looking at the business itself.

CEO's are responsible for giving their shareholders profits and keeping them happy. If the government starts to put regulations on businesses on plastic pollution, carbon emissions etc. we could stop them from harming the environment and actually secure our future. An example of this is the government of California in the United States has put a carbon tax on companies; which means that the more carbon you produce, the more taxes you pay for them. This actually worked as California was able to reduce its overall carbon emissions. Also because of the taxes collected, it was able to increase its economic growth much above the United States average. Another way we can stop corporations from making profits off our future is to stop using their products and instead, use zero-waste products. As soon as their sales start going down, the companies will start panicking and become eco-friendly. This will surely work because the CEO of Coca-Cola said that the company cannot stop using plastic because the customers want it. So as soon as we stop using plastic, the companies will also stop using them.

I still have one question in mind though. Why is Greta getting so much attention? She has done nothing but protest on this issue. While many people have taken concrete steps to actually save the planet. A man named Marino from Peru has made a biodegradable solution which has proven successful in cleaning lakes. A few scientists from Israel have created biodegradable plastic which could biodegrade into the water. A 98-year-old woman from Kolkata helped to save a forest. These are the people who are actually saving the planet while many people still think that Greta Thunberg is saving the planet. People like me have started to go zero waste and that is needed not only to save the planet but also to put pressure on corporations for them to go zero-waste too.

**So, the choice is
yours. Do or die.**

Corona Matata

By Prakriti Garg

Isn't it astonishing that we are standing at the precipice of World War III? You might think I'm talking about the disputes between the US and Iran; I'm not. I'm talking about the war between humanity and the novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

I study in a school in Noida, the city in which the latest case of Coronavirus in India has been found.

And obviously, I'm scared.

But it isn't the nominal numbers that are proliferating every 5 minutes when I refresh the website on my screen, which scare me. Or that this virus purportedly teleported 3560km, all the way from Wuhan to Noida in the blink of an eye. Or that this virus was predicted by books nearly 40 years ago. Or that our long-awaited annual camp got cancelled because of this new 'global emergency'.

What frightens me really, is what a calamitous threat a virus – the size 1/900th of the width of a hair – can pose to the wisest and most evolved species on this earth – humans.

'Corona', Latin for 'crown', indubitably has the world at unease.

The mantle of presenting threats to humanity has been passed from the late SARS to Coronavirus, like an hourglass that has been rotated 360 degrees to start ticking again. We are all vulnerable. In fact, claims suggest that there are Coronavirus cases even in North Korea, one of the most isolated countries in the world. Initially surprised by this news, I realized that it is not really so preposterous. Given tourism and trade on a daily basis, and considering the contagiousness of this virus even when people are asymptomatic – we are unshielded against coronavirus. And by we, I entail all 7.8 billion people on this planet.

In this hour of need, it is encouraging to see the persistence of those scientists who are putting life and limb towards fighting this epidemic. How hard they are trying to combat this disease is an inspiration for how we should be trying to fight it at an individual level.

Coronavirus is not exactly egalitarian – it spreads through all genders, races, and ages. But it majorly kills the elderly. If I happen to contract Coronavirus and further spread it to my grandparents, I hopefully and probably, won't die; but my grandparents, hopefully not but probably, will. Thus the young generation must take all preventive measures possible to safeguard our old friends and hold their hands (of course not literally) during these tough times.

Likewise, it is unconventional for countries to come together to fight a common enemy, because usually our affrays remain tangled within terrorism, politics, environment or a difference in ideology. However, this threat has compelled us to defer all other matters and come together to find a solution to this problem before it devastates the economy and leads to more losses to humanity.

There may be a global lockdown soon. Or maybe coronavirus becomes a banal disease. Or maybe till the time this article reaches you, vaccines might have been developed to impede or obliterate coronavirus totally.

But what will not stop are incessant and cumbersome things – small or big – that will forever continue to handicap humanity and test its ability to fight the unknown. Is that scary? Maybe not. With the diligence of our society, nothing is unstoppable. We might be a fragile species, but it's the ability to manage ourselves in time that characterises us as smart.

Today, when I am writing this article, the number of cases in India is 29. I wonder how many more cases there will be.

And I wonder if this all started in a laboratory because if it did, we all have a lot more wondering to do.

And I wonder how this is going to end.

coughs

2 seconds later: opens eyes wide

Well, it's complicated

The Taliban Regime- How has it impacted women?

By Aryaman Srivastava

Have you ever wondered or imagined the plight of women living in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime? Well, there could be several reasons as to why life is so difficult and restricted for women in Afghanistan, under the Taliban regime.

Firstly, under the rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan, women are restricted or rather have been restricted from doing virtually anything. To begin with the rather serious restrictions and laws instilled by the Taliban, women in Afghanistan are not even allowed to leave the house without wearing burqas or without their husbands; both of which can lead to serious consequences or harsh punishments by the Taliban if caught. To shed light on this punishable act, two relatives of an activist, Susan Behboudzada had forgotten to wear their burqas while going out shopping and that consequently led to a devastating consequence as you may have already imagined. Behboudzada quoted that, "The Taliban lashed them so much that one of them died 20 days later and the other one has been living with mental problems for the last 19 years", which goes to show the extent of the punishments faced by women.

However, these are not the only things women have to go through under the rule of the Taliban. Adding to all of the previously mentioned restrictions, due to the rules implemented by the Taliban, women are banned from going to school or work. They are forced to wear a burqa whenever they step out of the house and there are even enforced restrictions on wearing shoes and make-up. Furthermore, restrictions such as that of education for women aged over 8 years have led to even worse consequences over time. This mainly includes the issue of poor medical health care for women as most women are illiterate and have little or no knowledge about aspects such as family planning which has led to Afghanistan having the world's second-worst rate of maternal death during childbirth as approximately 16 out of every 100 women die giving birth. Due to poor medical care facilities for women, the rate of mortality of Afghan children is also very high as reported by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) which states that almost 165 out of 1000 babies die before they even reach their first birthday.



Although according to many women in Afghanistan, the Taliban have evolved and changed over time as compared to what they were 20 years ago. This is evident and can only be considered true to an extent, as the reality is that even though the current situation in Afghanistan looks promising with the Taliban having signed a peace agreement with the United States in Doha, Qatar on the 29th of February, 2020, this is not the final peace deal. The deal is still filled with a ton of ambiguity, and could possibly turn on its head at any point of time. Nonetheless, it clearly seems like a step in the right direction towards reaching an agreement; one which many hope can finally end the prevalence of the Taliban in Afghanistan for once and for all.



On the other hand, these restrictions implemented by the Taliban have brought about more distress amongst women in Afghanistan in different ways. For example, many women cannot even afford to purchase a burqa, which totally rules out their chances of stepping out of the house. They can't wear nail polish or make-up. They can't wear white socks, and apparently they can't even wear shoes which make any type of sound as the Taliban believe that women should walk silently. To make things worse, the windows of their houses are painted black so that no one can see any woman inside and they cannot see outside. It's almost like living in a prison and this has even led to numerous cases of suicide by women who have lost hope of living a life where they aren't even exposed to the outdoors. Violation of these basic rights can lead to serious consequences such as lashing, stoning, or even cutting off of arms and legs in public by Taliban soldiers.

The answer is simple. Women living under the Taliban regime are prohibited from everything that is available to other women and people around the world as a norm. They have no identity, education or any healthcare facilities provided to them and are living a seemingly worthless, artificial life which doesn't seem to be changing anytime soon; until the Taliban and the United States can ultimately get a final peace agreement in place, and the initial signs seem to be looking propitious.

Anonymous Opinions on lockdown

I've been spending too much time on social media in general, honestly. Not that I'm not completing all my work on time but there's not much else to do. Scrolled endlessly through memes on Reddit and learnt some dance moves from Tiktok challenges. Calls with my friends are more frequent but other than that. I wish I could travel and eat out. I really hope this gets over soon.

I prefer studying from home for school. I don't have to spend time getting dressed in uniform and journeying to school in my bus. It's more comfortable and efficient this way.

I've been studying, watching shows, going on call to keep in touch with my friends and playing online games. Initially, lock-down did help eliminate distractions but I find it pretty difficult to concentrate now, whether it be online school or studying. As much of an Introvert I am, it's not easy going so long without seeing my friends or people in general.