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INDIA- CHINA FACEOFF

As calls to ban Chinese products gain momentum, Times NIE does a reality check...

Can INDIA BOYCOTT Chinese products?

China is India's 2nd-largest trade partner

Two years ago, the United States edged past China to become India's biggest trading partner at 11.3%. However, China still accounts for 10.6% of our trade. Together with Hong Kong, it is actually our largest trading partner by a wide margin.

Investments to suffer

Chinese investment in India has been increasing steadily over the past two decades. The

number of Chinese companies investing in India increased from 21 in 2010 to 48 in 2019, according to a report by Diimarkets.com, which tracks cross-border FDI investments. Some 225 Chinese companies have invested in India between 2003 and 2020.

Boycott could hit India's trade

India is hugely dependent on China for various items. It imports items, like transmission apparatus for radars, TV, cameras

and car components. It is dependent on Beijing for diammonium phosphate, a crucial element in fertilisers to boost crop yield. Besides, India imports personal protective equipment, ventilators, N95 masks and other medical kits. With the current pandemic, these items have become even more crucial.

India, one of China's smaller partners

India accounts for only 2.1% of Chinese trade, and is in the 12th place, based on figures in 2018.

A trade war will, therefore, hurt India much more than China.

8 lakh Indians visit China every year

The skewed trade balance is also reflected in Indians' visit to China. In 1999, about 80,000 Indians had visited China. This increased ten-fold to reach 8 lakh in 2016 — the year for which latest data is available. In 2017, 2.5 lakh Chinese visited India. Although there is a steady increase in their visits, the gap is still vast.



HOW TO PUT CHINA UNDER PRESSURE

1 CENTRE PLANNING TRADE BARRIERS ON CHINESE PRODUCTS: India plans to impose higher trade barriers and raise import duties on around 300 products from China, govt officials said. The govt is considering raising import duties on 160-200 products, and imposing non-tariff barriers, such as licensing requirements or stricter quality checks, on another 100 products

2 BAN 4G EQUIPMENT FROM CHINA: According to reports, the dept of telecom is likely to ask state-run telecom companies, BSNL and MTNL, to cancel a tender floated on 4G equipment, and to rework it to keep Chinese companies out. It may ask them to not use gears made by Huawei and ZTE

3 INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION (IOA) OPEN TO CUTTING TIES WITH CHINESE SPONSORS: The IOA had signed a deal with Li-Ning in May 2018 and as per the agreement, the Chinese company would be supplying Indian athletes' kits worth an estimated ₹ 5 to 6 crore.

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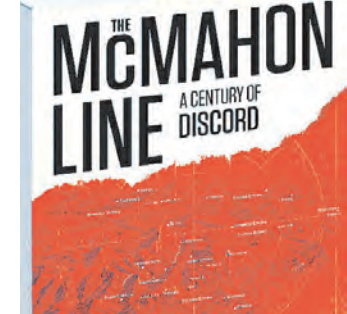
BOOKS ON INDO-CHINA CONFLICT

THE CHINA SYNDROME: GRAPPLING WITH AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP by Harsh V Pant



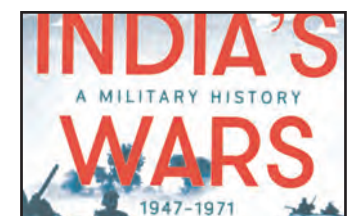
The book will help you understand the complex, multi-layered relationship between India and China.

THE MCMAHON LINE: A Century of Discord by General (Retd.) J.J. Singh



Did you know the India-China border was drawn by a British officer? It was Henry McMahon, a British colonial administrator, who drew a line along the Himalayas at the Simla Convention of 1913-14, which would become the boundary line separating the two countries. However, this boundary has led to disputes, skirmishes, before the war of 1962, and after. In this book, the author examines the nuances of this boundary line to help us understand why the McMahon line is a bone of contention for both the sides.

INDIA'S WARS: A Military History, 1947-1971 by Arjun Subramaniam



A comprehensive history of the Indian Armed Forces that have played a key role (and continues to play) in safeguarding the country's frontiers, and occupy a special place in people's hearts. The author is a serving Air Vice Marshal in the Indian Air Force.

(Compiled by NITYA SHUKLA)

PLANTS CAN CAMOUFLAGE ODOURS TO AVOID BEING EATEN: STUDY

Plants in dense tropical forests are able to mask their chemical scents in order to avoid being detected and eaten by insects — a key advantage in the 'information arms race' between themselves and plant-eating herbivores.

SCIENCE

vores, according to a new study. The research sheds light on how individual members of 'complex plant communities' evolve to emit similar odours — a pack mentality that keeps them alive and confuses hungry herbivores.



➤ "Easily distinguished odours are to the herbivores' advantage and plants' disadvantage," said researchers. So, we have an information arms race. Plants want to avoid being located and eaten, so they do their best to smell like other plants, they added.

➤ It was the first time that scientists were able to analyse the interactions between a wide variety of plants and insects. This is a far cry from the ensemble of plant and insect species that coexist in real-life forests

'ROUGH AND ROWDY WAYS': BOB DYLAN RELEASES FIRST ORIGINAL ALBUM IN 8 YEARS



US folk singer Bob Dylan released his first album of original songs in eight years with the 10-track, 'Rough and Rowdy Ways.' It features a 17-minute ballad about the assassination of former US president John F Kennedy, and is a tribute to American electric bluesman, Jimmy Reed.

ENTERTAINMENT

➤ 'Rough and Rowdy Ways' is the Nobel winner's first collection of new material, since 'Tempest' in 2012, although he has released a number of cover albums in the interim period

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NOW, SPEAK AS YOU TWEET!

Micro-blogging site Twitter has introduced a feature that will allow Twitterati to add a human and a personal touch to their tweets. According to Twitter, users can now add voice notes to their tweets. Given that Twitter allows only 280 characters in a single tweet, the ability to add voice notes will enable Tweepie to add more to the conversation.

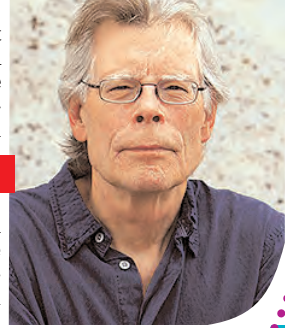


TECH BUZZ

➤ To add voice notes to your tweets, go to the Tweet composer and tap the wavelength icon, next to the camera icon. After clicking, you will be able to see your profile photo with the record button at the bottom. Tap the record button to get started and share the voice tweet with your followers. ➤ The voice notes with the tweets can be used to add more context to posts. Your followers can download the voice note, and the number of listens for a voice note show up right below the tweet. The maximum length of a voice note that can be recorded is 140 seconds

STEPHEN KING REVEALS 'BEST IDEA HE NEVER WROTE'

Stephen King has shared the "best idea" he has ever had for a novel — and it is set in the world of one of the horror's most famous movie franchises. The author behind classics, such as 'The Shining and Misery' revealed the news on Twitter. He said that he had once planned to write a story told through the eyes of Jason Voorhees, the masked killer at the centre of the 'Friday the 13th' series. "The best novel idea I never wrote (and probably never will) is I JASON, the first-person narrative of Jason Voorhees," King wrote. He said the book would have been about the character's "hellish fate", which would have seen him "killed over and over again at Camp Crystal Lake", King wrote.



BOOK

ASTRONOMERS DETECT FIRST REGULAR FRBS WITH ORIGINS UNKNOWN

Researchers have detected a strange repeating rhythm of Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs) emanating from an unknown source outside our galaxy, 500 million light years away. Researchers watched the bursts for more than 500 days, noting that the 16-day pattern occurred consistently over that time, making it the most definitive pattern yet seen.



SPACE

➤ FRBs are short, intense flashes of radio waves that are thought to be the product of small, distant, extremely dense objects, though exactly what those objects might be is a longstanding mystery ➤ FRBs typically last a few milliseconds, during which time they can outshine entire galaxies. Since the first FRB was observed in 2007, astronomers have catalogued over 100 FRBs

The latest FRBs were picked up by CHIME that was the first to pick up signals of the new periodic FRB source. In 2017, CHIME was erected at the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory in British Columbia

LOOK WHO'S BACK: THE SPINY SEAHORSE

An endangered species of seahorse, native to the UK, has been spotted in British waters for the first time in more than two years. Marine conservationists spotted 16 spiny seahorses near Studland Bay in Dorset. This is the highest number the scientists have seen in a single dive, since they began studying the area in 2008. Seahorses have been able to return to their habitat, thanks to the lockdown that saw fewer people and boats in the area.



ENVIRONMENT

➤ Seahorses, which live in long seagrass, are often damaged by boats and other human activity ➤ The UK's two native seahorse species — the spiny and the short-snouted seahorse, were granted protected status in 2008, under the Wildlife & Countryside Act. In 2017, as many as six seahorses were spotted in the River Thames

Restaurants add 'immunity-boosting recipes' to menus

Few days back, a sweet shop in Kolkata became popular across the country for its new treat — the 'immunity sandesh' with 15 herbs and spices, including haldi, tulsi, saffron and cardamom and the Himalayan honey.

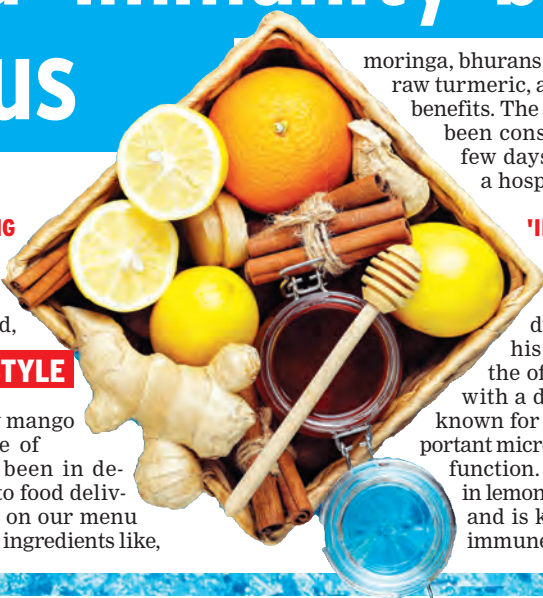
The Kolkata sweet shop is not alone. At a time when the nation is battling the Covid-19 pandemic, many shops and brands are adding 'immunity-boosting' products, like 'haldi doodh' to their list. As more restaurants begin delivery of food and takeaways in the first phase of unlocking, chefs and owners are reworking their menus to include more immunity-

boosting recipes.

CONSUMERS DEMANDING HEALTHY INGREDIENTS? From moringa and zerai dumplings to fresh turmeric salad,

PANDEMIC LIFESTYLE

raw turmeric and raw mango soup, there's a range of delicacies that have been in demand when it comes to food delivery. "We have recipes on our menu that are prepared from ingredients like,

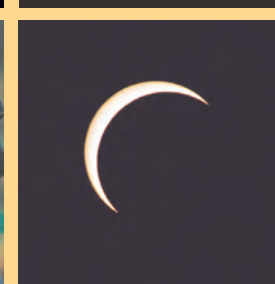
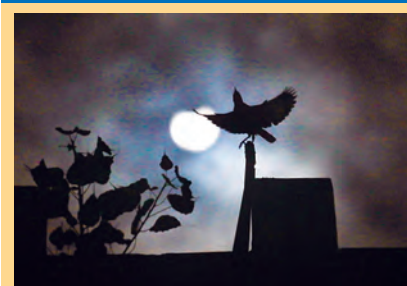


moringa, bhurans (a flower from Uttarakhand), raw turmeric, all known for their ayurvedic benefits. The demand for these recipes has been consistently good since the last few days," says a chef and owner of a hospitality group in Delhi.

'IMMUNITY BEVERAGES' AS A WELCOME DRINK?

Restaurant owner Amit Bagga plans to serve immunity-boosting drink as a welcome drink at his restaurant. Says Bagga, "In the offering is lemon jaggery water with a dash of turmeric. Jaggery is known for its rich iron content, an important micronutrient for healthy immune function. Then the Vitamin C present in lemon aids in the absorption of iron and is known for strengthening the immune system," he adds.

'RING OF FIRE' SOLAR ECLIPSE THRILLS SKYWATCHERS IN AFRICA, ASIA



Skywatchers along a narrow band from west Africa to the Arabian Peninsula, India and the far East witnessed a dramatic "ring of fire" solar eclipse on Sunday. The "ring of fire" was first visible in northeastern Republic of Congo from 5:56 local time (04:56 GMT), just a few minutes after sunrise. This is the point of maximum duration, with the blackout lasting 1 minute and 22 seconds

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ACTIVITY OF THE DAY

History Mystery

Kailash Temple, Ellora



Photo: Himanshu Rewar

1 Kailash Temple, the rock-cave temple of Ellora is the largest monolithic structure (carved from one rock) in the world. It is one of the 34 cave temples and monasteries forming the magnanimous Ellora Caves. It is said to be built by the Rashtrakuta Dynasty as a temple for Lord Shiva and was supposedly designed to mimic Mount Kailash. It was carved vertically into the tough basalt of the Sahyadri hills with little more than hammers and chisels, more than 1200 yrs ago.

What all religion's monuments and artworks are there at Ellora?

ANS: Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism.

2 Some 5000 years old, this 10.9 cm long bronze statue was found in 1926 from the ruins of a house on the ninth lane in Mohenjo-daro. Sculpted using Cire Perdu (lost-wax technique), it was found by DR Sahni during the 1926-27 field research. A study paper in the journal 'Itihaas' states that this statue is of the popular goddess - Parvati. The young woman of the sculpture stands upright, with her head tilted back and her knee bent at an angle as if relaxing after performing an activity and so named - the dancing girl.



Dancing Girl

Where is this statue now?
ANS: National Museum, Delhi.

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NOW, LEARN TRADITIONAL
FOLK DANCE ONLINE

Covid-19 has had a lasting impact on the country's entertainment industry. Among the worst affected are the folk artists whose livelihood depends on daily performances and cultural events. In a first, Kalbeliya World, an international solidarity programme, that helps bring together the global community of women who perform Kalbeliya dance, has started online dance classes for all. The programme currently has around 11 folk dancers from the Kalbeliya community in Rajasthan who collaborate with 11 other global Kalbeliya dance practitioners to establish their own online dance classes. With this 'volunteering buddy system', these dancers from Rajasthan get all the technical, administrative and marketing support to establish a place in the international dance market and earn a stable income in pandemic.

What is Kalbeliya dance?
The Kalbeliya are a nomadic community of musicians, mystics and herbalists from

Rajasthan, whose dance form is also popularly known as Gypsy dance or the dance of the snake charmers. The style involves high-impact movements of fast spins, elegant hand gestures, hip moves and synchronised tapping of the feet to the rhythms of

donate money for a Covid-19 food relief fund, which allows each teacher to personally distribute food packets to members of her community and other needy artists. So far, there are over 250 students from 15 different countries across the world, participating and donating money for the relief fund. This initiative has helped around 150 families in Jaipur, Pushkar, Jodhpur. The classes are being conducted through Zoom; details are available on their accounts, their website and on all social media platforms.

Who can participate?

The classes are open to all age groups and genders. One can dance along and adapt to the style and the techniques at their own pace. Ayla Joncheere, one of the three founders of Kalbeliya World, who operates from Berlin, is optimistic about these online classes that is connecting women through dance.

the traditional drums, such as *dholak* and *dafli* to name a few. Most Kalbeliya women also happen to be very talented singers.

About the classes

Participating students have to pay ₹750 per class, which helps the teachers earn a stable income. Students can further

Quiz time
UNIVERSE

Q.1) Which star is at the centre of our Solar System?

- A. Sun B. Moon
C. Milky Way
D. Andromeda

Q.2) What percent of the solar system's mass does the Sun hold?

- A. 69.8 percent.
B. 99.8 percent.
C. 79.8 percent.
D. 59.8 percent.

Q.3) How much time do sun rays take to reach earth?

- A. 2 mins B. 1 min
C. 8 mins D. 30 mins

Q.4) Which planet is nearest to the earth?

- A. Mercury B. Venus
C. Mars D. Jupiter

Q.5) Which planet is known as the Morning Star or the Evening Star?

ANSWERS

1. A) Sun 2. B) 99.8 percent. 3. C) 8 mins 4. A) Mercury 5. B) Venus

Evening Star?
A. Mercury B. Venus
C. Mars D. Jupiter



Venus is normally referred to as the evening star because it can be seen shining in the evening sky - right after the sun sets in the west. This planet is also called the morning star when its orbital position changes, causing it to appear bright in the morning rather than in the evening.



CANINES

Shar-Pei

The Shar-Pei is a breed of dog known for its deeply-wrinkled skin and blue-black tongue. The breed originates from southern China. The English name 'Shar-Pei' derives from the British spelling of the older Cantonese sha pèih, which translates to 'sandy skin' and refers to the texture of the breed's short and rough coat.

CONCEPT OF THE DAY

➤ **'FLEA MARKET'**
Meaning: A swap meet. A place where people gather to buy and sell inexpensive goods.

KNOWLEDGE BANK



WORD WISE

Alacrity: (n) Cheerful readiness, promptness, or willingness. Liveliness; briskness.

Synonymous words: Alertness, cheerfulness, avidity, briskness, eagerness, enthusiasm, fervour, gaiety, hilarity, etc.

Examples: ■ The petty officer accepted the invitation with **alacrity**, even before Fordyce explained what was required of him.

■ His **alacrity** of manner and quick step justified this opinion.

■ You cannot miss the **alacrity** with which he conducts himself, every single day of the week and for weeks on end.

COMMON GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

1. BASE/BASS

THE RULES:

- 'Base' means the bottom support of anything; that on which a thing stands or rests.
- 'Bass' means low in pitch; of the lowest pitch or range.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- The business had a good **bass**.
- Adjust the **base** properly.

HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

- The business had a good **base**.
- Adjust the **bass** properly.
- The cupboard had a strong **bass**.
- The system did not have a good **bass**.

SCHOOL IS COOL

DRESS MATTERS

DAV Public School Sec-14 Fbd organised an online workshop for teachers on "Professional vs Casual attire-when and how to dress" under the guidance of Principal Anita Gautam.

The Guest Speaker for the day was Ankur Gulati, a Fashion Consultant and Stylist. The topics he talked upon were how to elevate oneself with various tips and tricks of fashion styling, dressing as per one's body type, what to wear and what not to wear

as a Professional/Corporate/Teacher/Instructor, creating one's look and implementing it too, creating optical illusion via lines and colours. Besides, he also elaborated on colour co-ordination, different dressing styles, accessories and their impact, type of footwear, clothing etc. to go in for, according to the occasion.

Nearly 110 teachers participated in the workshop. In the end, Principal Anita Gautam applauded the efforts of Ankur Gulati. It was coordinated by the school counsellor, Poonam Gupta.

VIRTUAL DEMOCRATIC MUN 2020

Mount Abu School, Rohini organised the first edition of Mount Abu Virtual Democratic MUN, MUN4HUMANITY wherein about more than 450 delegates from across India and abroad participated to show their oratory skills in debates and deliberations. The conference was inaugurated by Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla who addressed the delegates and educators and highlighted as to how the ideas of the Youth play a significant role in the development of the nation.

The event witnessed a series of debates and exchange of ideas on various global issues in ten different commit-

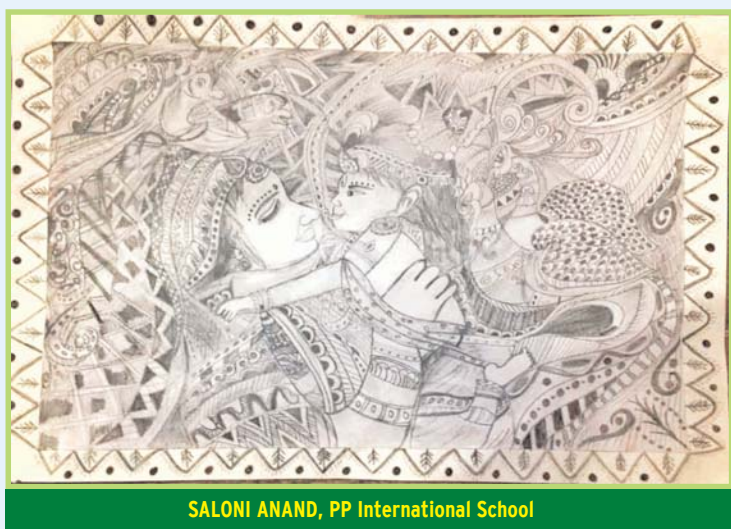
tees namely SDG, AIPPM, UN WOMEN, AIM TO INNOVATE, UNHRC, CCOS, MON- EY HEIST, IP, UNOCD and WHO. All the delegates showed extensive research on their respective portfolios. The event finally concluded with a closing ceremony wherein the Chief Guest, MP Hans Raj Hans appreciated the zeal with which the delegates participated and blessed them for all such endeavours. He also appreciated the school for contributing to Humanity. After two days of continuous debating, the result was finally declared by the organizing committee members. The principal Jyoti Arora congratulated all the winners.

REAL WINNER IN VIRTUAL PLATFORM

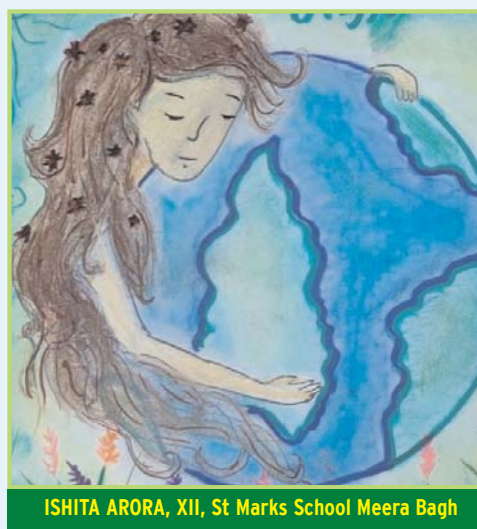
In the time of an ongoing global pandemic, SVIS(Dwarka Sec 18) School decided to conduct an online interschool competition, 'QUARAN-

TECH' for various schools. Kshitij (XII), Ramjas School, RK Puram was one of the winners. He secured the second position.

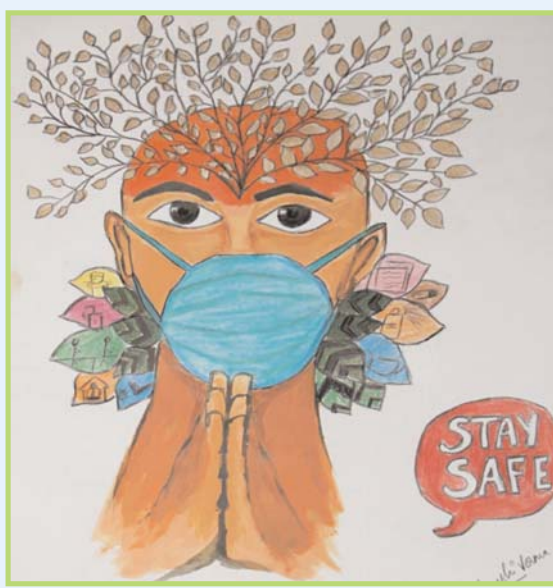
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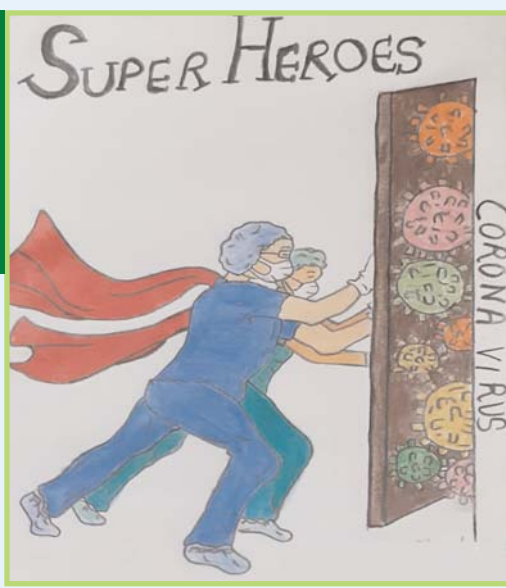


ISHITA ARORA, XII, St Marks School Meera Bagh



PALAK, Balvantray mehta vidya bhawan afternoon branch, Greater Kailash - 2

AYUSHI, Balvantray mehta vidya bhawan afternoon branch, Greater Kailash - 2



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

You may have heard "A healthy body leads to a healthy mind". While it's true that exercising is good for both Physical and Mental Health, it doesn't assure mental well being for all who exercise.

The mental ailment can lead to a variety of mental illnesses and they are not only confined to Split Personality or Schizophrenia. The term depression is associated with a feeling of sadness nowadays but it is more than just being sad, it includes anxiety, the deteriorating image of self and questioning one's decisions and choices amongst other things, and is the leading reason for most suicides that happen all around the world.

Studies have shown that India not only has the highest number of people suffering from depression, but only 10-12% of people seek professional help. Further, a survey conducted in 2018 revealed that a good chunk of the people has misconceptions and hostile tendencies towards mental illnesses.

What causes depression? To be a little precise, bullying, failure, oppression, and similar situations can lead to the development of a negative sense of self and further, to depression.

What is our duty? If you know anyone who may be suffering from some kind of depression (there are various types), the best you can do is be empathetic and encourage them to seek professional help. If you are someone who is suffering from depression, don't hesitate to seek professional help or share your worries with others. The world will change when we do.

I agree that the concepts of Mental Health and Mental Illness are complicated, and many disorders have violent tendencies. But we, as the people, should try our best to be of help to those who need.

Apaar Kumar, XII, Manav Shali School