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प्राचार्य संदेश

जीवन में रचनात्मक बने रहना जीवन की सफलता का मूल आधार माना जा सकता है। हमारे विद्यार्थी अनेक प्रकार से अपनी रचनात्मक ऊर्जा का सदुपयोग करते हुए नए-नए कार्यक्रमों की रचना कर उसके सफल कार्यान्वयन के माध्यम से कॉलेज को समय-समय पर गौरवान्वित करने का कार्य करते हैं। हंसराज कॉलेज की विजन सोसाइटी से जुड़े विद्यार्थियों ने इसी क्रम में कॉलेज का अपना समाचार-पत्र 'हंस विजन' निकालने का एक रचनात्मक कदम बढ़ाया और उसे निरंतर बखूबी अंजाम दे रहे हैं। 'हंस विजन' कॉलेज की गतिविधियों के साथ ही विद्यार्थियों के सर्जनात्मक लेखन को दिशा देने की दृष्टि से भी बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण है। इस नए अंक में भी कॉलेज की विविध गतिविधियों, विद्यार्थियों की उपलब्धियों और उनकी सर्जनात्मकता को बड़ी ही खूबसूरती के साथ शामिल और संयोजित किया गया है। कोरोना काल की अपनी सीमाओं और चुनौतियों के बीच इस अंक को तैयार करना और प्रकाशित करना वास्तव में बेहद प्रशंसनीय है। इस नए अंक के लिए विजन टीम के सदस्यों और हंस विजन के संपादक मंडल से जुड़े विद्यार्थियों को बहुत बहुत बधाई और उनके उज्ज्वल भविष्य के लिए मेरी हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ।



NIRF Ranking 2020

Hansraj College retains the 9th position in the College category.

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), approved by the MHRD, released the college-wise ranking for the year 2020 online on 11th June this year. Hansraj College successfully retained its 9th position in the College category. The parameters for the ranking broadly cover teaching, learning and resources, research and professional practices, graduation outcomes, outreach and inclusivity, and perception. Delhi University stood 18th in the Overall category and 11th in the Universities category.

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF VISION

FOUNDING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“ During my last year of college, I had an intense desire to build a platform in the college that demonstrates that Hansraj is more vibrant, creative, talented, and diverse than people know. My friend Mohit Khurana (B.Sc. Physics, 2016 Batch) and I devised the idea of forming a society to bring out the talent of Hansarians and cover every minute detail of the college-life. Vision officially started in October 2015 and the first issue was released in November 2015. The response we received was overwhelming. I still vividly remember the day when the four of us (Mohit Khurana, Goutam Sharma, Aditya Gupta, and I) went to the Principal Prof Rama to put forth this idea. Before approving our idea, she asked us to show her our first newsletter. We did feel that a lot was at stake at that time and put in all the efforts that we could. The team did not have enough members, and hence completing the first issue was a struggle but within 10 days, the seven of us successfully published the first newsletter. It took a while to get volunteers on-board but after the launch of the first issue, our team drastically increased to one with 60 members. I am thankful

to Principal Prof Rama and our then convenor Mr Brij Mohan, for their support and guidance, and to the students who joined us and played a crucial role in turning this idea into reality. I wish I would have started it earlier and experienced it a little longer. But, as the saying goes that things happen when they are destined to happen. I founded Vision but in this process, I found a little more of myself. My favourite memory of Vision is when Mr Shahrukh Khan visited HRC and held HansVision in his hands. It was a moment of joy and honour for everyone associated with Vision. Five years later, I still wait for every new edition of HansVision. I have been closely watching the growth of Vision and feel glad that my juniors are making the society stronger and bigger. My message to my juniors is to keep continuing the good work with honesty and integrity and remember that we collectively define Hansraj and Hansraj defines us. It is this emotion that you must try to capture and convey beautifully. ”

-Vishnu Modi

Founder and Ex-President of Vision

Vision was founded in 2015 and officially completes 5 years in November. During the course, Vision has grown along with Hansraj College and has become an integral part of the hustle-bustle of college. Through the course of these 5 years, Vision has successfully published 12 bi-annual newsletters and strives to grow even bigger. We dedicate this issue to the beautiful 5 years that Vision has successfully completed this year, to everyone who was associated with us in the past and to those who continue to do, to the seniors, juniors, teachers, admin and the well-wishers.



73rd Foundation Day: A Virtual Gala

On the 26th of July 2020, Hansraj College celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day; a moment of pride and nostalgia for every Hansarian. The grand virtual event compensated for our incapability to meet in person for the milestone celebration. With more than 500 attendees, the virtual event turned out to be a huge success. Mr ICP Keshari, an alumnus of Hansraj College, was the chief guest for the event and the guest of honour was Mr Mahendra Goel, president of Hansraj College Alumni Association. The principal of the college, Prof Rama, also blessed the event with her presence. Dr Shailu Singh and Ms Alka Kakkar along with Dr Vijay Mishra coordinated the event. The event began with a welcome note by the coordinators and was followed by the traditional DAV gaan, and other equally heart-rendering musical performances. Further, Rama ma'am addressed the gathering and subsequently invited Mr Keshari to address the students. Mr Keshari narrated his account of how the college had enabled a simple boy from Bihar to bloom into what he is today. The nostalgic anecdotes of his 5 years at Hansraj College left everyone emotional and made us miss college a little more. This was followed by Mr Goel's motivating words about the role of college life in building one's personality and how we should respect our teachers and make the most of the opportunities that come by. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks from the coordinators.

HRC Professor Develops a potent 'Anti-Covid' Molecule

Vision- The Media and Publication Society of Hansraj College organised an interactive interview session with Dr Brijesh Rathi (Assistant professor, Dept. of Chemistry), the master-brain behind the potent anti-SARS-CoV-2 molecule. The session was held on the 8th of June 2020, with over 70 participants via Google Meet. Questions regarding the chemical composition, toxicity, and approach towards the research came up from both students and faculty members and were addressed by Dr Rathi, marking overwhelming interactive participation from the audience. He was all praises for the Hansraj family, for their exceptional support and motivation. He especially thanked the principal, Prof. Rama for having faith in him. Few important tips and advice were also shared with the audience on safeguarding themselves against the COVID-19 virus. Finally, both Dr Brijesh Rathi and Prof. Rama, encouraged young minds to come up with more ideas, imbibing a research-oriented approach. Vision is highly grateful for the guidance of our esteemed principal, Prof. Rama and the constant support of Dr Vijay Mishra, without whom the event wouldn't have been possible.

2-Day Long Film Festival Organised for Hansarians

Hopping Sparrows, a student-led DIY travelling film festival, organised an online film festival in Hansraj college in collaboration with Haritima, Green Warriors Club and Vision societies. The film festival spanned over 2 days- 12th and 13th September and explored the themes of ecological balance and sustainable lifestyles. Ms Elizabeth Ike (from hopping sparrows) was the presenter for the event. A lively discussion followed the screening on both the days, with the presenter, Ms Elizabeth Ike patiently answering the questions of the audience and provided the students with a chance to clarify their doubts not only about the filming process and locations but also about environmental issues. The students enjoyed the event thoroughly and even expressed their delight. The event marked its end with a note of thanks by Team Vision to the organisers as well as all the cinephiles who graced the event. The much-awaited film festival proved to be a great success, as well as a learning experience for the students. It was filled with good movies, brilliant cinematography, knowledge and creativity.

Enactus Hansraj: Breaking international grounds

Enactus World Cup 2020 was held in September. With over 35 countries in the running, Enactus India was amongst the final four contenders. What made this event even more special was the fact that Enactus Hansraj was representing India in this international league. After being declared as the winner at the 'India online Convention and Competition', it successfully qualified for the final World Cup to represent India. The winner was selected on basis of the video demonstration on social issues about their respective countries along with a brief on the projects they've been working upon over the year. All the other Enactus branches enthusiastically supported and motivated the Indian leaders for the finals. Unfortunately, they didn't emerge as the winners, however, the biggest reward they could receive was indeed the experience of participation in the process. We highly recommend students to visit the Enactus website and watch the amazing video that these students came up with.

HRC Celebrated India's 74th I' Day Virtually

Hansraj College celebrated the 74th Independence Day, virtually through the platform of Google Meet on the 15th of August. The celebrations were graced by the auspicious presence of Chief Guest - Prof. P.C. Joshi, Guest of Honour, Dr Nitin Malik, and Principal ma'am, Professor Rama. The event began with a call for prayer, followed by Salami Shashtra, Flag Hoisting and singing of the National Anthem- setting the mood to a patriotic one. Among the many performers, members of Kavyaakriti, Swaranjali, NSS and NCC societies graced the event with melodious renditions of patriotic songs. Principal Ma'am congratulated Prof. Joshi for becoming the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and emphasised the importance of determination that we must have in order to strive ahead through the pandemic. It was followed by Prof. P.C. Joshi's inspiring words as he reminisced about his days as a student of Hansraj College. The Guest of Honour, Dr Nitin Malik, the Registrar of B.R. Ambedkar University in Delhi, also an alumnus of Hansraj College, elaborated how Prof. P.C Joshi had been his mentor during his college days and thanked all the Corona warriors, who risked their lives daily to save others. Dr Monica Kaul concluded the event with a vote of thanks extended towards the guests, participants, members of the organising committee and the audience.

MARGDARSHAN, Face every challenge with courage

Vision hosted a lecture cum interactive session with Principal Prof. Rama, via zoom on 1ST of July 2020. Professor Rama, Principal of Hansraj College; Dr Vijay Kumar Mishra, Convenor of team Vision; Ms Alka Kacker and Mr Animesh Naskar from Economics Department, Hansraj college, were the panellists for the event. Dr Vijay initiated the discussion by talking about the importance of 'Margadarshan' (Guidance) in the current situation. This was followed by Rama ma'am's motivational speech on how to stay academically active in these unfortunate conditions, maintain a positive outlook and deal with 'exam fear'. Panellists, Ms Alka and Mr Animesh proceeded with a question and answer session where they effectively cleared all the queries of the meeting attendees, and also answered the frequently asked questions regarding the open-book online exams. The meeting concluded with a note of thanks by team Vision. It was indeed an enlightening and interactive session.



EUTHANASIA : AN ACT OF MERCY OR MURDER ?

Definition : *Euthanasia is the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma.*

A heavily debated concept, Euthanasia is an act of painlessly putting to death people who are suffering from incurable and painful diseases and/or are on artificial life support. Such people are considered beyond the scope of medical science and there is almost zero hope of them surviving. It is broadly of two types- Voluntary Euthanasia, non-voluntary, and involuntary euthanasia. It aims at putting a person to peace, to end his sufferings.

However, there are a variety of opinions about this practice. Some consider Euthanasia as suicide (voluntary euthanasia) or murder (non-voluntary euthanasia), whereas some think of it as mercy killing and approve of it. Right to Death is a concept which comes up again and again during the course of the debate regarding Euthanasia.

Below are arguments against and in favour of "Legalising Euthanasia".

For

Euthanasia is based on the fundamental principle that a dignified life must be saved at all costs. It is only practised when the person reaches a vegetative or non-functional state and is beyond help. It allows terminally-ill patients with unbearable symptoms to end their sufferings.

To begin with, voluntary euthanasia provides such people with a chance to sign pre-dictated contracts with the doctor so that they can go away peacefully, even if their near and dear ones keep on clinging to them to satisfy their own emotional needs. Humans are emotional beings which makes them selfish at times. A son would never want his mother to die, even if she is brain-dead or absolutely beyond help and would put her on a life-support system, without considering the immense trauma and suffering she may be going through.

Secondly, the health resources available in a nation are often low in comparison to its population. Using these scarce resources on those who have reached a level beyond help, snatches the chances of living of the individuals who can be cured. Eventually, people keep on dying due to the lack of medical supplies. Freeing up these medical facilities and treating those who have a higher chance of surviving, is a primary factor that supports the argument in favour of Euthanasia. Along with this, Euthanasia also increases the incidence of organ donations, often serving as a beam of light in the lives of others.

Another point to consider is that when people spend their assets indiscreetly on those who are either on the life support system or have become almost non-functional, they are depriving the future generations of their fair share of opportunities. Euthanasia acts as a method of ensuring proper utilization of available resources in ways that are beneficial for the development of society as a whole.

However, a few things must be kept in mind if Euthanasia is adopted in the legal and medical framework of a country. Euthanasia can be a deadly weapon if put to misuse. As a result, its implementation must be done in a planned and careful manner.

Against

To begin with, the main aim of doctors and medical science should be to save lives and should not enter the realm of death. Asking doctors to abandon their obligation to preserve human lives would damage the doctor-patient relationship. It may lead to a lack of compassion in doctors when dealing with certain patients.

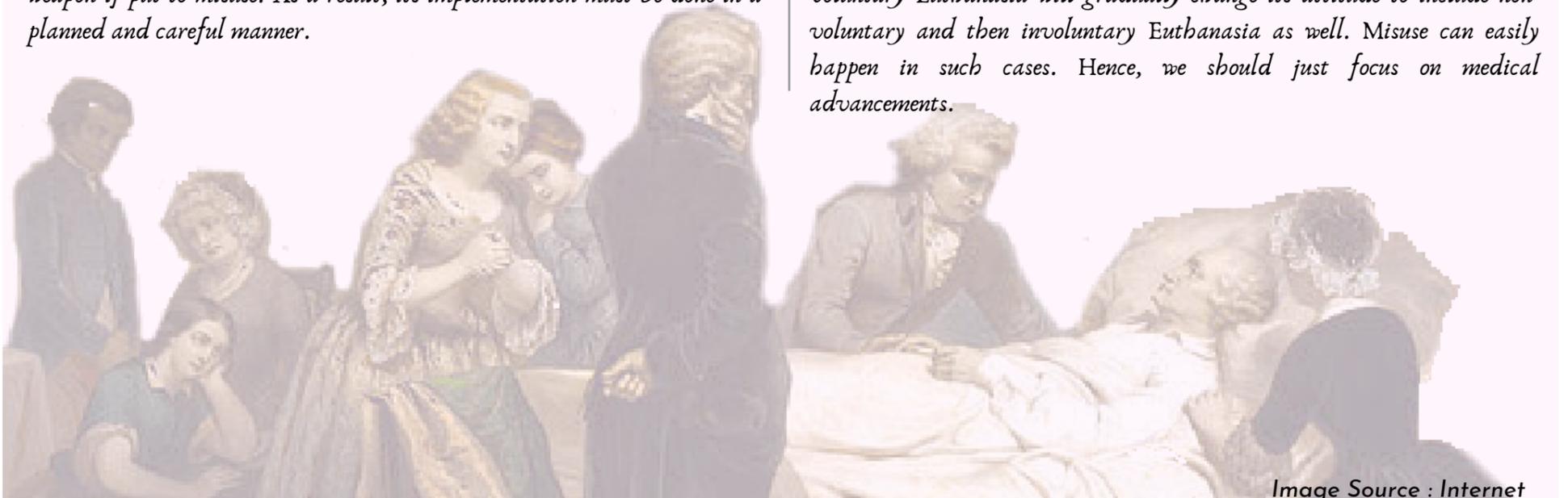
Moreover, several societies view people with disabilities as a burden. The able-bodied people view things from their perspective, and life with a disability is filled with suffering and frustration according to them. Allowing Euthanasia sends the message that some lives are not worth living. Not only does this put the sick or disabled at risk but also downgrades their status as a human being while they are still alive.

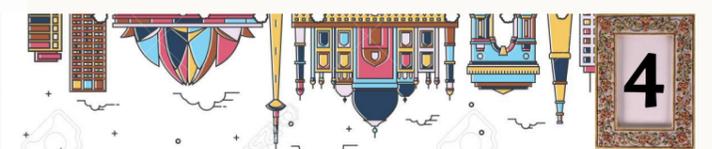
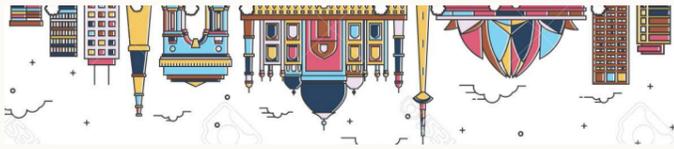
There shouldn't be any reason for a person to feel that their suffering is intolerable. According to this argument, if a person is given the palliative care effectively at the right time, there should be no reason why they are unable to have a dignified and painless natural death.

These practices can neither be justified for religious reasons as many people believe that only God has the right to end a human life. Some non-religious people may also have similar beliefs based on the view that performing Euthanasia is assisted suicide and devalues life.

In addition to this, the medical ethics arguments state that legalizing Euthanasia would violate the International Code of Medical Ethics, according to which a physician shall always wear in mind the obligation to respect human life. The people with complex health needs or severe disabilities would become fearful of the doctor's efforts and intentions if Euthanasia is legalised. They may think that the doctor would rather kill them off.

Slippery slope argument is based on the idea that once our health care service starts killing its citizens, the line will be crossed and the dangerous precedent will be set. The concern is that the society which allows voluntary Euthanasia will gradually change its attitude to include non-voluntary and then involuntary Euthanasia as well. Misuse can easily happen in such cases. Hence, we should just focus on medical advancements.





“WE TRAVEL NOT TO ESCAPE LIFE BUT FOR LIFE NOT TO ESCAPE US”

At one point in time during this lockdown it felt like life has escaped us as we sat confined in our homes, the craving to go out in the world now is more than ever, these days conversation starters are what we are going to do once all this is over and for me and my friends, it has been visiting all the places we missed out on. Once college reopens and everything starts falling into place, where again all the work feels like a burden and all the nearby hotspots crowded (Oh corona!), call your friends and have a spontaneous trip to the quaint beautiful places Delhi is surrounded by. Here's a list you can refer to meanwhile deciding what to pack for your weekend getaway.

Shopaholic's Paradise

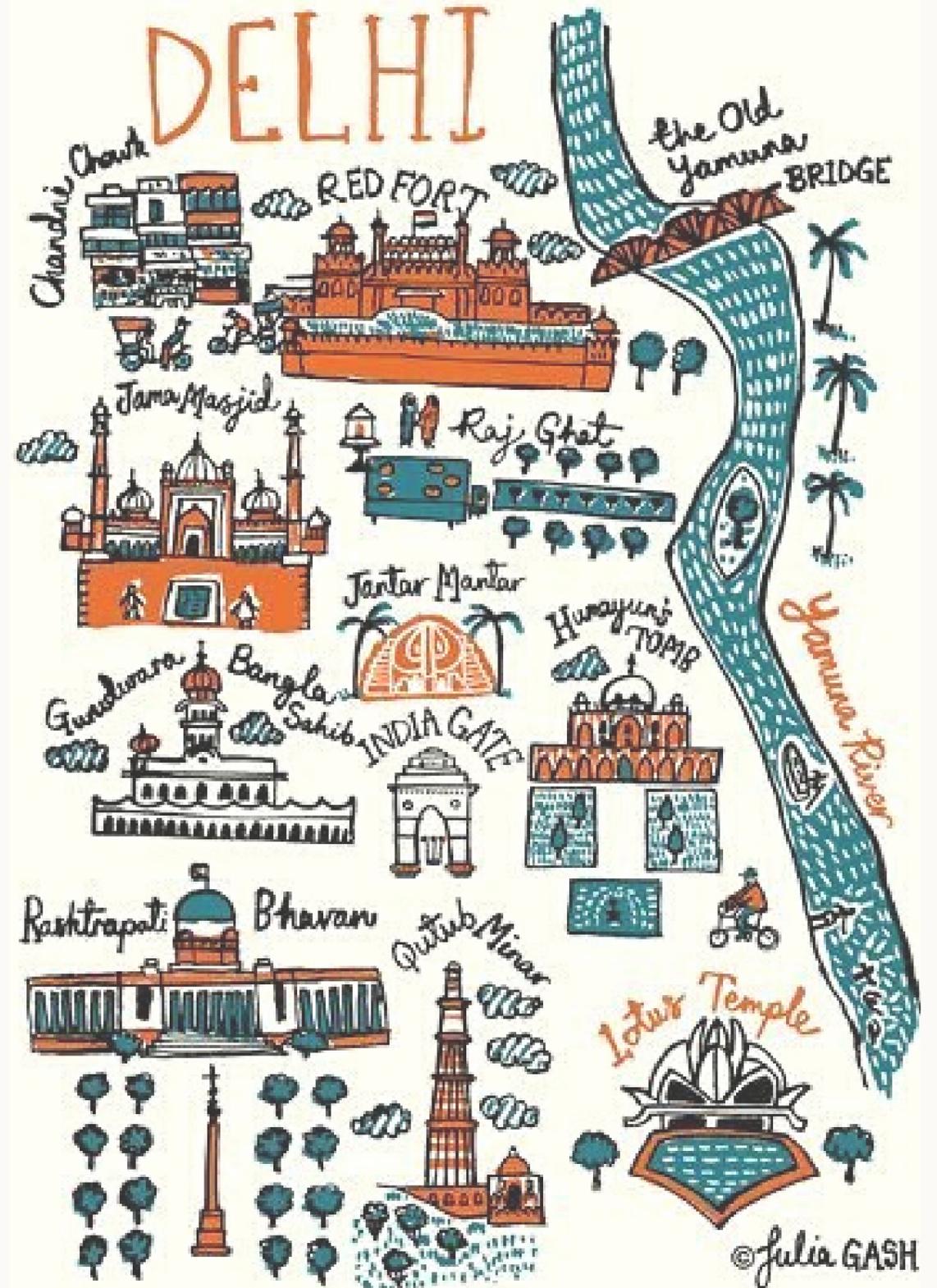


The capital city is a shopaholic's paradise, here it doesn't matter what type of a shopaholic you are, the city has something to offer to each of its kind, after all its "Dilwalo ki Dilli". There are so many market places in Delhi that you're bound to get confused about what to get from where and when? Yes, the when is also important because you'd find here 'One-day markets' of specialized goods as well, it is impossible to cover all that the city has to offer but here are few places you can visit to find that perfect dress or a shirt or a book or artefacts or a table, the list can go on and on but we have got your back. Hope you find what you're looking for in these places.

- For handicrafts and artefacts lovers – The first place you should head to is Delhi Haat, the place is known for its food but if you're looking for Indian handicrafts and artefacts then the Haat is a must-visit for you. You can also check out Janpath, Sundar Nagar, Matka Bazaar and Chandini Chowk.
 - For brand lovers - Though Delhi has plenty of malls to suffice the brand lovers, the feel of Khan market for our expensive folks can be a bliss. Connaught Place is also a must-visit to spend your greens while sipping some coffee from the good-old Depaul's or world's favourite coffee place- Starbucks.
 - For bargainners- Bringing down the price from 1500 to 200 and feeling like you have just achieved a big feat is something that comes naturally to you? Then, my friend, you need to visit Sarojini Nagar, Janpath and Palika Bazaar.
 - For furniture lovers- If you've got those bouts of ecstasy after imagining yourself sitting or sleeping or getting some work done on a piece of furniture that you just saw, then you should head to Banjara Market and get it. While you are at it also check out Kirti Nagar furniture market and Panchkudian Road, you'll find something worthwhile for sure.
- These are just to name a few places but as you venture on your shopping spree, you'll find hidden gems tucked away in some narrow lane of Delhi. Now all you need is money.

Lazeez Zaika

- 1) Chandni Chowk is famous for its street food, serving some of the best authentic Mughlai cuisine, sweets and chaats making it a must-visit for every street food lover.
- 2) Paranth wali Gali- In existence for over 50 years, Parantha wali Gali has got to have a mention in your food voyages, at least once. Serving hot paranthas in different varieties you just can't miss it.
- 2) Chache Di Hatti - Famous for its chole bhature, Chache di Hatti is sold out by noon every day, so if you're a Chole Bhature lover and happen to live in North Campus (or not), you need to go there.
- 3) Jama Masjid- For every non-vegetarian lover it's a must-visit, Jama Masjid and the lane opposite, Bazaar Matia Mahal, have some of the best non-veg street food in Delhi.
- 4) Dolma Aunty Momos – When I first came to Delhi, I was shocked at people's love for momo's, after every ten steps there is a stall of serving hot momos. The first-ever momo stall to have started in Delhi deserves a mention in this list and also because they are extremely tasty.
- 5) Rajinder Da Dhaba- Started as a small stall, Rajinder Da Dhaba now owns an entire strip mall at Safdarjung enclave, all due to the amazing food it serves.
- 6) Dilli Haat- This place has food stalls from all over India with dedicated stalls for each state, need I say more! for this is an ultimate heaven for any foodie. And let's not forget the amazing cultural diversity that you'll experience These are just a few stops amongst other amazing places you'd come across while you explore the buzzing streets of Delhi, some famous, some not so famous but equally mouthwatering, you'll find a lot of hidden gems.



ACADEMICIAN ASSISTANCE

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FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Millions of students are not able to pursue their life long dreams because of financial crunches and the social stigma surrounding higher education. However, the saying “Where there’s will, there’s way” stands absolutely true in all situations, including this one. There’s no scarcity of scholarship and fellowship opportunities for deserving candidates, they can avail these aids at various levels of their educational course. Education Loans can take a back seat as long as such support back-ups exist in the nation. Many have been benefited by these schemes and the process is on-going. These Scholarship programs are available for people from all walks and status and are majorly of two types Government and private.

PRIVATELY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

- **K.C.MAHINDRA EDUCATION TRUST**

MAHINDRA ALL INDIA TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DIPLOMA COURSES IN POLYTECHNIC.

Preference will be given to girl students, children from lower income group families, disabled children and children of armed forces personnel.

- **Fair & Lovely Foundation - Women Scholarships**

For Women across the country the new academic year brings new opportunities. The Fair & lovely foundation has a vision to give an opportunity to as many as women they can to realize their dreams.

- **INLAKS RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS**

The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation has been supporting innovative work in research and scholarship for more than three decades. “Inlaks Research Travel Grant” offers financial support for a maximum of 3 months at a university/institution/library abroad.

- **NTPC Scholarship Scheme for Engineering Students, India**

NTPC is offering 35 scholarships to students belonging to Schedule Caste / Schedule Tribe / Physically Challenged categories pursuing full time degree courses in Engineering.

- **LIC GOLDEN JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**

Scheme Of ‘Lic Golden Jubilee Scholarship’ For Students Belonging To The Economically Weaker Families For Pursuing Higher Studies.

- **Azim Premji University undergraduate scholarship**

Different types of financial assistance are given, based on various factors like family income, requirement for living assistance and support for dependents in the case of students who leave employment to pursue studies.

Government led Fellowships and Scholarships

- **Emeritus Fellowship**

To provide an opportunity to superannuated teachers of all recognized universities and colleges approved under UGC Act, to pursue active research in their respective field of specialization.

- **POST GRADUATE INDIRA GANDHI SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR SINGLE GIRL CHILD**

To support postgraduate education of single girl child in non- professional courses only, also to recognize the value of observance of small family norms.

- **Research Fellowship in Sciences for Meritorious Students**

The objective of the RFSMS scheme is to provide opportunities to meritorious candidates to undertake advanced studies and research leading to Ph.D. degrees in sciences

- **Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates during the XI plan**

The scheme has been initiated keeping in view the social background of the candidates for the deprived section of the society and to provide them opportunity to undertake advanced studies and research

- **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) 2020**

This scheme is open for students pursuing undergraduate, graduation and postgraduation studies in the science stream. Selected candidates will get a fellowship up to INR 7,000 per month and up to INR 28,000 as annual contingency grant.

- **Sanskriti - Madhobi Chatterji Memorial Fellowship**

The objective of the Fellowship is to encourage promising artists to develop their potential and enhance their skills by providing them the resources and time to dedicate to the art.

E-RESOURCES

Technology is transforming our lives in ways that our past generations could never even imagine. The World Wide Web has created new ways for gaining information and enabling communication. Technological advancements aim for an easy and smooth life; good results with minimal input. With increased convenience and accessibility, e-resources have brought about a vast change in the education industry. Online resources have altered the way in which the academic activities – teaching, learning and research- takes place now. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) have made a tremendous impact on the academic activities of the faculty, researchers and students.

Below mentioned are a few prominent e-resources that might come handy, in your academic life.

For academic essays, journals and articles:

1. Library Genesis
<http://gen.lib.rus.ec/>
2. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
<https://plato.stanford.edu/>
3. JSTOR
<https://www.jstor.org/>
4. Wisdom Library
<https://www.wisdomlib.org/>
5. Google Scholar
<https://scholar.google.com/>
6. ProQuest
<https://search.proquest.com/>
7. Indian Academy of Sciences
<https://www.ias.ac.in/Home/>
8. Scientific Research
<https://www.scirp.org/Index.aspx>
9. OXFORD Academic Journals
<https://academic.oup.com/journals>

For e-books:

1. Project Gutenberg
<https://www.gutenberg.org/>
2. Wisdom Library
<https://www.wisdomlib.org/>
3. Internet Archive
<https://archive.org/>
4. WorldCat
<https://www.worldcat.org/>
5. ProQuest
<https://search.proquest.com/>
6. PDF Drive
<https://www.pdfdrive.com/>
7. Z- library
<https://z-lib.org/>
8. Loyal Books
<http://www.loyalbooks.com/>
9. Folger Shakespeare Library
<https://shakespeare.folger.edu/>
10. National Digital Library of India
<https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>

For e-learning:

1. Coursera
<https://www.coursera.org/>
2. edX
<https://www.edx.org/>
3. Lynda
<https://www.lynda.com/>
4. Udemy
<https://www.udemy.com/>
5. Udacity
<https://www.udacity.com/>
6. MIT OpenCourseware
<https://ocw.mit.edu/>

Sound of her heart

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FROM THE 'FAVORITES'

Dear owner

Today was indeed a great day with you. We finally got to see you well and of course, had fresh air after long suffocating months. Your cupboard is indeed spacious to accommodate us all but you need to take care of our needs a little more (we love to relax properly ironed and folded!).

If you haven't yet recognized us then here is a hint: we belong to that group in your cupboard that you have labelled as 'favourites' but rarely take us out and even if you do; our meeting is similar to that eye contact between two secret lovers: ephemeral yet delighting; our boundaries being the white walls of your room: big yet trapping.

You know we remember the last time you smiled at us and said, 'Hopefully, one day!'. You closed the door so silently that one moment we disguised it as peekaboo. You didn't open it again and we left waiting. Anyway, we apologize for we overheard the conversation with your mother that followed (if walls can have ears then we can too!) but honestly we are not guilty of it anymore; we now think that was important.

With the silence louder than earlier, you asked, "Why maa? Why can't I? I don't agree it's just because, as everyone says, 'it's not our culture' ". "It's right darling. Because our culture is also not what's happening today."

And then your father called up and that conversation was left unended in you and lingering in us (what did you mean by 'culture?'). And the first part of your question was still left unanswered.

You know we all had a long and everlasting conversation after that just to answer your question. Just to tell you a gist: white dress thought it's maybe because that designer hadn't given a good shape to the curve at its back; that pink and black thought it's maybe because of the colour combination, or maybe that design; that peach and white one argued about its simple design; the one in black thought you don't look much good in black, and you see we just can't list everyone's justifications!

But one day when our conversation got overheated, that red and black kurta from the column above (which we consider as lucky ones) interrupted in between, 'Oh! Now stop criticizing yourself and judging each other. You all haven't seen what I have. These humans. Humans other than your owner. In the world outside this cupboard and this room, you all are considered 'vulnerable' by many. Your existence is not accepted by everyone there. Not your fault, you are perfect but 'vulnerable', at least this is what many humans call you. Now just don't go crying to the owner. She herself has no answer. Go and ask every human there, of course only if you are allowed to step out. 'We were stunned! We got a new question now, more frustrating and painful than the earlier one. 'We are perfect but vulnerable. Why? 'We know you don't have any answer and we won't be allowed to go and ask them either. Hence we are writing this letter to every human. As that black kurta explained us: to every girl, to every boy, to every wife, to every husband, to every mother, to every father, to every daughter, to every son, to every future wife, to every future husband, to every future mother, to every future father, to every friend, to every human. Yours 'Favorites'

-Riya Madan

Conflicts: A Gendered View

Wars and conflicts are marked with increasing violence and crimes against women. This deep-rooted phenomenon has its foundation in the very social fabric of the community. Gender inequality and discrimination during peacetimes aggravates and leads to gender-based violence against women during wars. The false ideology that women are just properties or estates belonging to men, guides these perpetrators as they commit abuses like gang rapes and tortures against them. More than 90% of victims of today's conflicts are civilians, majorly consisting of women and children.

Rape has been weaponized for purposes of warfare. Many cultures have the belief system that propagates the idea that women are the honour of the society. As a result, rebels and enemy soldiers find it appealing to rape, forcibly impregnate and dishonour women as a mark to smear the ethnicities with shame. Local health centres in the DRC's South Kivu province estimate that 40 women are raped in the region every day. It is not only a women's rights issue rather a social issue affecting not only the women but the whole family and community at large.

Sexual abuse, rapes, human trafficking are some of the common issues that female refugees have to face at refugee camps. However, the violence does not stop with the end of the war, rather continues to have mass implications and after-effects in the post-conflict period. Increased domestic violence and murders by the soldiers returning from war and the immense psychological issues of the women who suffered abuses during the conflicts are some of the problems that persist even after the cessation of the wars.

An absolute state of peace, although beneficial for the society as a whole, is a utopian dream to achieve.

To reduce crimes against women during conflict, a global legal framework must be adopted at the international level. The soldiers, rebels, humanitarian workers, and refugees involved in such heinous acts must be punished and made an example of to instill fear in the minds of others. All the high-ranking military officials should be made accountable for whatever crimes their troops commit, and burdened with the responsibility of bringing the perpetrators to justice.

Awareness camps must be organized for the military officials to make them realize what they should not do, during the war. Refugee camps must be provided with adequate resources to look after the women well. Most importantly, the mentality of the people should change as it is the very root of the problem. If this foundation is uprooted, the entire problem will cease to exist.

-Raktim Das



THE DAY SUN FAILED TO RISE

With aching feet and racing heart,
She kept on walking, slowly falling apart.
The rustling of leaves, and the mild moonlight;
Had somehow begun to give her a fright.
But she kept on walking, on that path untrodden;
And kept on reassuring herself, yet, her mind
won't broaden.
Suddenly, she felt a tight grip on her waist;
Her heart skipped a beat, and she jumped in
haste.
She was always afraid to confront him alone,
Even though he wasn't exactly an unknown.
She somehow struggled herself out of his grip;
But he chased her soon so that she couldn't slip.
Under the covers of the serene moonlight;
He shredded her dignity and brushed off her
fights.
While he left her soul naked, peeling every layer,
The walls couldn't fathom the smears of her
scare.
Days had passed since this dreadfully tragic
episode,
Yet that ghastly memory didn't seem to erode.
And after a few days when she couldn't bear her
life;
She ended herself and people blamed the
innocent knife!

-Shristi Sharavat



MOMENTS

"If you want to be happy, be."

"Who?"

"Tolstoy."

There was a moment of silence between them, an oddly comfortable silence as they both pondered over the words.

"Is it that easy?"

"Seems so according to him."

"What about you?"

"I... don't know, after reading it, it actually seems easy you know."

"Exactly it does but that's the thing, it isn't."

"Why? If you really think about it, what's so hard?"

"It is hard alright!"

"It's all in our head, the problems, the pains, expectations, fear, insecurities and it's hard to get them out of our head. I know that but try and stop for a moment, just for a moment, forget all these people who make you doubt yourself, forget everything, the past, the future, just be, here, in this moment with yourself, just be."

"It's not that easy", he said after a beat of silence.

"It's not that hard either."

She was looking up at the stars while he gazed at her, her words were ricocheting in his brain, how simply she had put it, just be, was it really that simple? he thought.

"It's getting late, I should go." She said reaching for her notebook, he had been flipping its pages after he stopped looking at her.

"The floor seemed wonderfully solid. It was comforting to know I had fallen and could fall no farther", he read out from one of the pages.

"That's Sylvia Plath."

"You know for a person who talks about just being happy this is a rather depressing thought."

"It is not. It's just how you perceive things."

"That is?"

"What would be happiness if all that there was, was happiness, feel it, feel it all, feel it deep and then let it rest. I know it sounds very poetic but try being in this moment for once, you'll feel life." She said plucking out her notebook from his hand and left him there lying on the green grass under the night sky. It looked almost dreamy.

The breeze cajoled his hair while he felt its soothing hand, the chirping crickets in the garden silenced his thoughts after a while and for the first time, he felt he was just there in the moment and it felt serene. "Just be", she said and how right she was.

- Anushka Mina



SOCIAL WORLD TO SOCIAL MEDIA

On a bright sunny day in October last year, my friends and I were back home from our hostels and we made up a quick plan to catch up in a nearby café. The message was passed quickly and we met with not much delay, all thanks to WhatsApp. The ambience of the café was too perfect for an instant status update. Busy with capturing the picturesque, our "hi's" were too brief. We placed our orders and got back to our phones, tagging each other in our stories. The mouth-watering attractiveness of the food called for another story update. Checking out the views and comments, we didn't realize our plates were getting empty. Busy with our own Instagram stories and WhatsApp status updates, we bid adieu to each other.

Social world to social media, our lives shrank. More than talks, status updates and stories began to convey feelings. Now, everything is just an update; An update for more views, an update for more comments, and a post for more likes and shares. With equal boons and banes, social media is becoming an inseparable part of our lives. We hardly realize the surprising amount of time we spend on social media. To mom's call for help from the kitchenette, to our siblings call for play and to dad's request for helping him with the groceries, we shout back our 'lack of time'. But where exactly is our time vanishing off to?

With technological advancements, social media are no more just a mere medium of communication; millennials have started to treat it as a "one-stop-shop" for all their daily needs. Spurred by these changes, social media is evolving into a marketing and sales channel.

With increased connectivity, social media brings about equal dis-connectivity. With ease, complexity follows. While we are busy expanding our research beyond continents, our immediate circles are shrinking low. The daily chit-chats in a village tea stall are heard no more; the weekly visit to the grocery nearby is fading trend; evening games disappeared; visit to the neighbor's is now a disturbance. Where are we all heading to? Our online friends can't wipe our tears, but our immediate circle can. Our transcontinental networks can't turn up for our immediate help, but our neighbors surely can.

Helsper and Evnon wrote in an article in the British Educational Research journal, 'there are several labels to describe the young people currently studying in school, college and university; they include the digital-natives, net generation, Google generation or millennial'. In the present-savvy world, social media and networking are truly inevitable; though social media are indeed a blessing, remember, divine nectar when in excess, becomes poison.

Abound with positives and negatives, the impact of the shift from the social world to social media are many. With every connection, comes a disconnection; each step to social media is a step back from social world. Just give it a thought, which one would you prefer- a physical visit from your friend when you're felling low, or a few get-well-soon texts on Whatsapp.

Let the dawn not be seen when technology surpasses our human interaction; let the generation of idiots be not born.

-Anna Rose Antony

MY CHOICE ?

Soon after I got admitted into a good college, a neighbour of ours visited us to congratulate me. Aunty had known us since I was a little child and so did I. She discussed my 12th result and why I chose a college so far away. I just kept nodding my head, what else was I supposed to do? She remarked that I was always a dedicated child and I felt flattered, till she said, "girls are anyway good at studies". I sighed; my hard work couldn't make it without getting attached with a stereotype once again. Further, she told how women should work hard and become independent. I should make myself renowned in society; it is not easy to be a woman. I listened to this with utmost sincerity because seated in front of me were two successful and independent women. My dear Auntie told me stories from her days of struggle; it wasn't easy for her either. For her, being independent brought along a sense of liberation, liberation from the idea that women only belonged with kids and kitchen. Mumma further added, "Beta, work hard so that no one can silence your voice". I was motivated to build my dream life all on my own. To my surprise, I was enjoying Auntie's presence! But then she said, "it's easier to find better grooms for educated girls" and asked my Mumma to find me one whose parents would allow me to work after marriage. At that moment I felt a rage inside me, I was confused if all my hard work, independence, career and life, in turn, boiled down to finding a good husband and waiting for his family to allow me to work? Where was my choice in all of this? Non-existent- is what I could comprehend. Mumma could sense my annoyance and tried to break this conversation by offering her snacks. I tried to get up and go back to my room quickly, but she began again, "When you step into the world beyond your school, you'll meet people of all sorts". I agreed with this because I was well aware that not all will have my best interests at heart. She added that I might feel attracted to that special someone at this age and would want to be more than friends, be romantically involved with him. According to her, having male friends was not an issue, she too has a few, but I need to know my limits. Just like almost every other Indian kid, I didn't know how to react to this topic. She said that I should ignore any such feelings which might grow inside me and try not to get involved with any of those "boys". It was difficult for me to comprehend what she meant by getting involved with boys, but when I did, I felt a breach of my personal life. Shouldn't I get to decide whether I am physically or mentally attracted to someone and decide what I wish to do about it? Wasn't it supposed to be my choice? But I couldn't dare to vocalise this thought.

-Naba Ali



●●●● MODA LA CASA ●●●●

The quarantine life made us more expressive and creative. Members of The Fashionista Society also showcased their creativity through their clothes all alone while at home. Vision presents the Quarantine Lookbook of Fashionista!

"Moda la casa, the quarantine lookbook was indeed a new experience for this society, all credit goes to you know who.....corona! Each model had to set up their backdrop, adjust the tripod and do their hair & makeup on their own. Each photograph focuses on a different task i.e. painting, reading, work from home and of course chilling and drinking coffee! our sole vision was to make these day to day task look high fashion. With limited resources and labour, this lookbook turned out to be one of the best we have done so far. Who would have thought an anomaly like corona would make us push our limits and potential!"

- Team Fashionista

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"Beyond perfectionism, filters and you"

The next time you look into the mirror before rushing, Pause. Pause, look again, stand there and talk for a while. Talk to that image, to those eyes, to that smile and that face; Praise those eyes which face the world and knocks at its beauty, which read emotions and gaze, conceal a lot yours and blink. In the mirror, see them gazing; in the mirror, see them blinking, and with the eternal shine, dive to the depths to meet all your dreams. And those ears and that nose in the middle, which you ignore often. Feel, how well they settle and supplement the eyes without appreciations. Now those lips that manage the words in and out from the line that joins; just look closer and you will find them altogether, there on pink tissues: those sleeping confessions, flying thoughts and calmly dancing lyrics. Do not forget to praise the craters on moon - those subtle imperfections; observe, how well they filter the world for you and how much permanent they are, never ever entangling with your often touching finger, to hold your hand back tight like those virtually living perfections do.

In conversation with HRC alumnus: Ravi Pratap Singh

Mr Ravi Pratap Singh graduated from Hansraj College in the year 2014. Mr Singh pursued a BSc honours in Botany and is currently working as a Consultant at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. His passion for the environment took birth during his college days.

Here's an excerpt from a conversation that Team Vision had with him.

Q). Hansarian things that you reminisce about?

Ans. My hostel life is something which I fondly remember. Learning and experience from campus helped me a lot to sustain in the society. Our college provides a helping hand to all its students, which helps them in realising their self worth. Every new initiative or effort which I am taking today for society is directly or indirectly a reflection of the motivation which I gained in college.

Q). What exactly prompted you to take up the role of a conservationist of natural habitats and how did you realize that this job was your calling?

Ans. During my Graduation i did an internship under Prof. C R BABU, CEMDE University of Del

hi lab. This internship inspired me to build my career in the field of environment. After the completion of the internship I realised this job suits me and I started to guide myself in the



Mr. Ravi Pratap Singh

same direction. Taking guidance with field experts on a regular basis helped me a lot.

Q). What are the main challenges that you have to/ had to counter while working on the same?

Ans. Every field has its own limitations and challenges. Working for the environment needs field work which can be a challenge in itself, I have experienced stay in Andaman Islands where there is no network facility and other basic amenities. To work in these remote areas one must be mentally and physically fit to carry out the exercises/surveys. Sometimes the non-availability of funds is also a limiting factor for work.

Q). How do you stay motivated, considering that these issues are seldom taken seriously by the general public?

Ans. My motivation is the need to save the environment, my volunteers, and the public who directly or indirectly support me in my endeavours.



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