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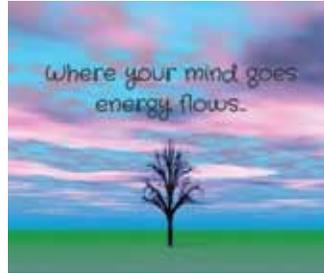
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HACC DURING THE LOCKDOWN

DARK TIMES, BRIGHT LIGHTS

These unprecedented times call for unprecedented mental strength. And there is one main source of strength in the human being: the Mind. Almost all scriptures, ancient texts, and philosophies write about the importance of mind power in one or the other way. The Buddha has famously said:

"The mind is everything. What you think you become."

Therefore, we bring to our readers of GLS Voice different ways of raising our vibration, thinking positively, and increasing mental strength. Let us think positively and with



hope, so that we may find ways to raise ourselves out of these dark times.

Change the tone of your thoughts:

Negative thinking can be hard to stop. It's easy to allow yourself to slip into pessimism or take on an air of indifference,

especially during these times. But if you want to attract good things, you must let the positive guide you, not the negative. Actively work to change the tone of your thoughts from negative to positive.

For instance, you can reframe the thought "I am having a hard time adjusting to this new situation" to "I know I will face challenges with this new situation, but I am capable of coming up with solutions to problems and I know I will adjust to these changes."

Have a Spiritual Practice:

It is important to have some sort of spiritual practice in your

life so that you're fully connected and aligned with good energy.

Spend at least a few minutes every morning in either meditation, silence, visualization, yoga or journaling.

You could also read something uplifting or spiritual - it doesn't take much to connect, but it's important to find a way that works for you.

Connect to your Body:

You need to pay attention to your body as well as your Spirit. Mind, Body, and Spirit are intertwined and they all affect your vibrational energy.

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CELEBRATING WOMEN AT FOC SMPIC

The Collegiate Women's Development Cell of the Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) celebrated International Women's Day on 6th March, 2020, Friday at the H. H. Auditorium:

1. "Phenomenal women - A tribute to womanhood" - An Award Function

The CWDC decided to laud and acknowledge the achievements of some prominent women in the city by giving them awards in recognition of their work. These stalwarts, who have



made their mark in their respective fields, were:

1. Dr. Darshini Vikram

Shah - Director- Shalby Hospitals, Dental Cosmetologist and Surgeon,

Shalby Dental Cosmetics & Implantology Centre.

2. Ms. Neepa Chatterjee, Founder, Maaya - A dynamic professional with experience across Retail, Sourcing and Hospitality.

3. Ms. Aishwarya Majmudar - Acclaimed Indian Singer, Hellaro Fame.

Ms. Vaibhavi Nanavati, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat, and Member of the Governing Body, GLS University, chaired this event. The function was also graced by Dr. B. H. Joshi, Provost,

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Kudos, GLS!

In these unprecedented and difficult times when we hear so much about educational institutions shut down and the future of students at stake, about rising unemployment and salary cuts, about how work from home and lockdowns are not affordable to sustain organisations, we, at GLS Voice, wish to laud Gujarat Law Society for its efforts that went above and beyond the ordinary. Here are some of the few:

- Online classes for all departments from March through May
- Plethora of online engagement activities for students to continue our focus on holistic education
- Complete sanitization of entire campus
- Specialized sanitization tunnel on campus
- Donation of Rs. 51 lakhs to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund
- Distribution of over four crore food packets and 10,000 quarantine bed facilities through the efforts of GLSU Vice President Mr. Devang Nanavati
- Non-conditional financial assistance to all GLS University staff
- Comprehensive assistance to out-of-state students in returning home

This is what makes GLS one of the best managements ever! GLS, zindabad!

SEMINAR ON 'GENDER EQUALITY' ORGANIZED BY FOM



The Women's Development Cell, Faculty of Management, organized a seminar on 'Gender Equality' to mark International Women's day. The seminar was graced by Dr. Darshana Thakker, MD, Sarjan Healthcare, Ms. Anar Mehta, Founder of Shrishti Bharat, and Mr. Karn Khanna, Chief Officer, Karma Foundation. The issue on Gender Equality was addressed by Dr. Darshana Thakker, MD. (Gynecology) She has been practicing in the field of Women's Healthcare since

1998. A believer and counselor of the Louis Hay philosophy that the mind can heal the body, she has used it to treat many patients too. Dr. Darshana is a motivational speaker who travels across the country. Her unique concept "Health Cafe - A center for emotional well-being services" offers workshops on many subjects including Heal Your Life. The seminar at GLSU FOM was an eye opener for the audience and discussed 'Gender equality' in a very subtle but strong way.

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One of the goals of exercise, besides getting you in shape and having a happy mind, is to release any stress or negative and stuck energies that you're holding on to. The more of a sweat you work up, the more you can

release those negative energies, and the better off you will be energetically. Embrace compassion and kindness: Small acts of kindness can have a profound impact on both the giver and the receiver. Research shows that people who are kind and compassionate to others are more satisfied with their lives, enjoy better physical and mental health, and have stronger relationships.

There are many easy ways of showing kindness, such as writing a positive message on a sticky note and leaving it for someone to find, buying a cup of coffee for the person behind you in line or simply taking a moment to smile as you pass strangers. All of this fuels happiness and sends heaps of positive energy your way. **Cultivate gratitude:**

Find time each day to think about the things you're grateful for. By finding small ways to practice gratitude, you'll allow yourself to let go of toxic emotions and replace those with positive thoughts. You can practice gratitude each morning by thinking of 5 things you're grateful for. Then think of at least one person you're grateful to have in your life.

You can also try keeping a gratitude journal, where you can quickly jot down a list of little joys and things that give you a sense of happiness and contentment.

CORPORATE INTERACTIONS AT FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT



To ensure the culmination of classroom learning with corporate exposure, Faculty of Management organizes corporate interactions regularly in the form of Guest lectures.

Mr. Samarth Vyas -Deputy Manager, HR -Gionee (Delta Mobility Pvt. Ltd), HCG

A versatile speaker and a phenomenal Corporate HR manager, Mr. Smarth Vyas gave our students deep insight on practical aspects of HR in the corporate world with his in-depth knowledge and 16+ years of experience.

Mr. Maharshi Shukla-Business Development Executive, L'Oreal Paris

Mr. Maharshi Shukla from L'Oreal Paris was invited to deliver a session on 'The Role of Sales in Marketing'. Mr. Shukla gave insights on the

concepts of channel sales, distribution management and sales-force management for assigned territory.

Ms. Shilpa Patel, Founder & Director of PodGuru Training & Consultancy Services

She was invited to address PGDM students on Interview Skills. During this one-hour session, Ms. Shilpa briefed students on the dos & don'ts while appearing for an interview and also conducted mock interviews of students. It was a power packed session which prepared the students for their upcoming summer placement interviews.

CA Mr. Nesar Shah, Partner, NHS Finad LLP

Mr. Nesar Shah with over 33 years of experience in the areas of Corporate Debt Restructuring, Due Diligence, Valuation of Business, Business Review and

Feasibility Study, talked about 'Corporate Restructuring'. He gave insights on the IBC Code and its implications on restructuring of companies. Students gained valuable knowledge regarding the new Bankruptcy Code.

Mr. Krunal Shah, Sales Manager, Axis Bank

An expert session on "NPA Management in Banks" was organized for III year students of IMBA for the subject of 'Banking and Insurance Management'. Mr. Krunal Shah currently heads as a Sales Manager in Axis Bank. Mr. Shah delivered a session on "NPA Management in Banks". The session was filled with examples and unique concepts. Mr. Shah, depicted some important terms and real life cases and data. Students enjoyed the learning of marketing practice through interactive session.

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GLS University, Ms. Chandni Kapadia, COO, GLS University, Dr. Dharmesh Shah, Registrar, GLS University, and Shri Vadibhai Patel, Dean, Student Youth and Welfare, GLS University.

Dean Dr. Ashwin Purohit set the tone of the function by talking about the role of women at GLS, where around 50% of students, 65% of faculties and our COO are women. This program, he said, was organized not only to felicitate phenomenal women but also to inspire students through them.

Dr. Chandni Kapadia, the CEO of GLS University, introduced the recipients of the awards. She further said that in the so-called Man's world, women will have to stop being complacent and claim their equality. The

inventors of the game of Chess in the 6th century A.D., she said, made the queen as powerful as the king.

Ms. Vaibhavi Nanavati, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat and Member of Governing Body, GLS University, talked about putting aside stereotypes and emphasized the significance of education to enhance a woman's economic security. She also discussed the Supreme Court's initiative to include more women in the army while giving a reality check about the current statistics.

Interesting quotes from our awardees:

"Pain of discipline is far less than the pain of regret."
"Matching hard work with sincerity gives a higher rate of success."

"Learn to find humility in success and courage in failure."

Dr. Darshini Shah, Director of Shalby Hospital

"For example, if anyone wants a cup of coffee in a room of 5 men and 2 women, they'll expect the woman to get the coffee. That is the lens through which we see our women."

Ms Neepa Chatterjee, Founder, Maaya

"My introduction to Womanhood - started with her mother's support and her father's constant guidance."

"You have to be best at what you do but you don't have to be better than anyone, just be better than yourself."

Ms. Aishwarya Majmudar - Acclaimed Indian Singer



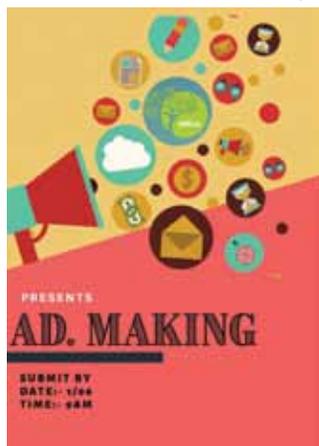
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FBA-NRBBA CLUBS BUSTLING WITH POSITIVE ENERGY EVEN IN THE LOCKDOWN!

2 month lockdown was not easy for most of us. We were filled with fear and anxiety and quite negative about the word 'positive'! But different club members of FBA-NRBBA were a rare exception to this negativity. They were not bored, they were not anxious, because they were using their time quite constructively and fruitfully. Have a glance at all the activities that they administered!

Enrich Club (Academics and Para academics)

(Presidents: Midhun Mathew, Varun Nanavati, Parakh Dua; from Sem V)



Enrich is a club that administers activities related to academics, where the participants need to shake their brains and think! During the lock down, Enrich Club conducted "The 9:00 pm Quiz" on a weekly basis, on their Instagram handle. These ranged from Food Quiz to Games Quiz, IT Quiz to Literature Quiz, Travel Quiz to Business Quiz. Each quiz had minimum 50 to 60 participants who enjoyed different questions from the fields of their own interests. Apart from the quizzes the Enrich club also organized Creative Writing Competition where 8 best pieces were chosen out of 17 entries. One of the most interesting competitions was Advertising contest where students were given three products – a broom, a belan (Rolling pin)

and a pair of jeans! Another very interesting event was Virtual Group Discussion where around 25 participants discussed abstract topics like "Pink"! Apart from GLS University, students from renowned institutes like IIM Amritsar, FLAME Pune, Ahmedabad University, Nirma University also took part in this VGD.

Drishti (Photography Club)

(President: Vatsal Thakkar from Sem V)

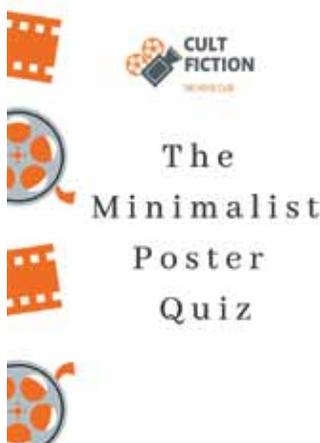


If Enrich club made the participants enrich their knowledge through different activities, Drishti made the participants change their 'Drishtikon' through different photography competitions like "The Quarantine Series", "Dur Drishti", and "Best of Luck" short film for the students who were appearing for exams. The themes ranged from food to Primary Colours, Nature to Micro portraits. Each competition had more than 70 entries that was judged by young and famous photographer Ms. Nikita Vankhede.

Cultfiction (The Movie Club)

(President: Khelan Shah from Sem VI)

Cultfiction, the movie club of FBA-NRBBA also conducted movie quizzes, and TV Series quizzes; but one of the best contests was the



Tribute Quizzes. These were the tributes to the great actors Irrfan Khan and Rishi Kapoor. Apart from the quizzes, the club also ran recommendation posts where they recommended films and TV series that the audience can watch during the lockdown period.

Avid Arts (Art Club)

(President: Angel Parekh from Sem V)

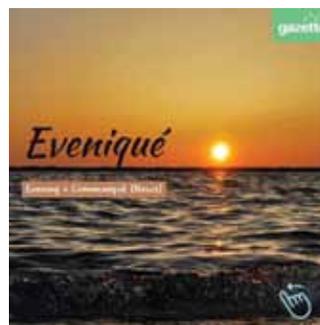


Avid Arts has started two most interesting events – DIY series and Know Your Indian Art Series. In the DIY series, the art club shows demo of things that you can make on

your own. Coffee painting was one very interesting DIY art that the audience learnt, among many others. Know Your Indian Art is a video series where students give information about art forms from different regions of India.

Gazette Club (News Club)

(President: Dilpreet Kaur from Sem V)



Do you find it boring to read the news papers? Forget them. Just read the news that the Gazette presents to you. It's not only pure news, it's also presented in an exceptionally interesting manner. And because it is interesting, it also generates a lot of discussion on the page, which is the main purpose of the Gazette Club.

Shequality (The Gender Forum)

(Presidents: Khelan Shah – Sem VI; Suraj Mishra – Sem III)

A bunch of students of FBA-NRBBA felt the need to create a space where people of all genders can peacefully and respectfully coexist, and they created the space Shequality. The club organizes events to spread awareness on Body image, or quizzes on "Know Your Basics". Gender Stereotypes projected in media were also challenged and the Pride month was also celebrated by gaining knowledge and spreading it. Students made remarkable videos to talk about different gender issues during the lockdown.

Acoustic Club

(President: Girirajsinh Zala from Sem V)



These music lovers took the audience to the days when they could hear them live in concert! The walk down the musical memory lane was something that the audience cherished the most! The parodies of both Hindi filmy music and Western pop and rock made the audience forget the Covid scare!

Humor Hub

Humor hub also ran a video series focusing on the pandemic and the lockdown, and this humorous angle to the Covid made the audience forget the agony! After all, laughter is the best medicine!

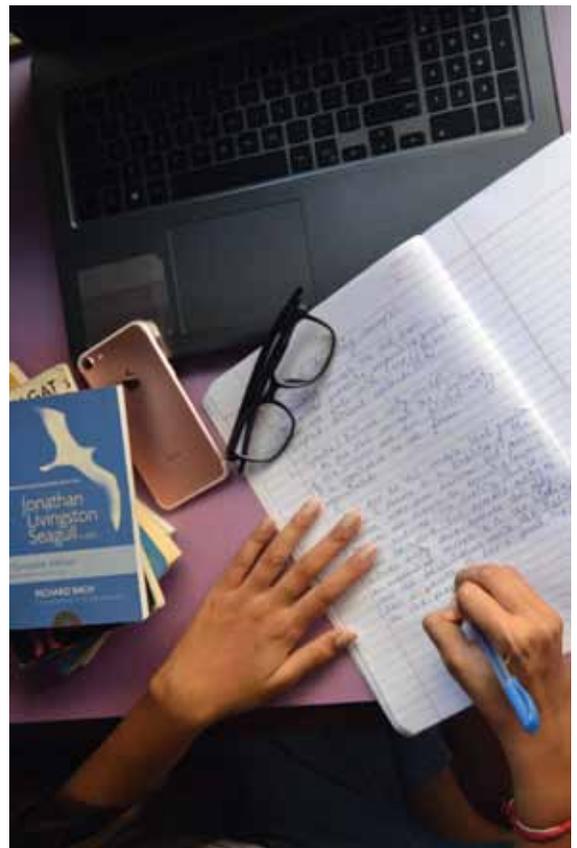
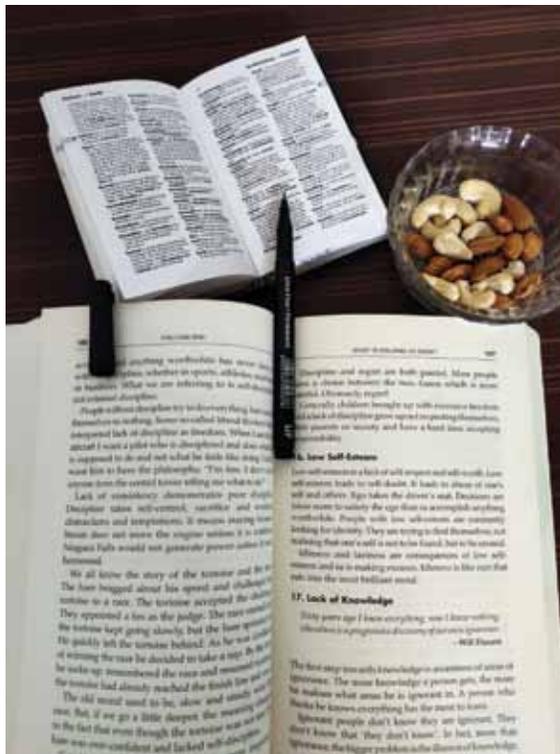
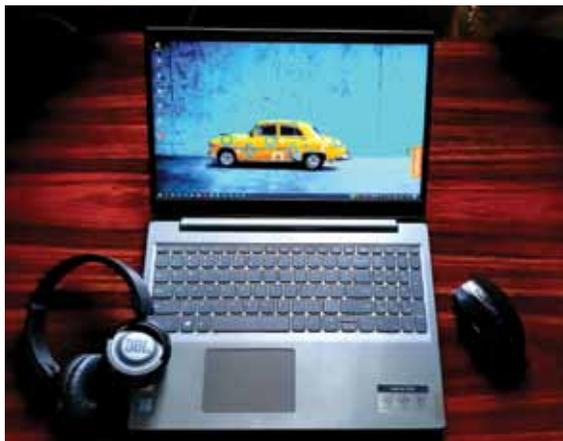
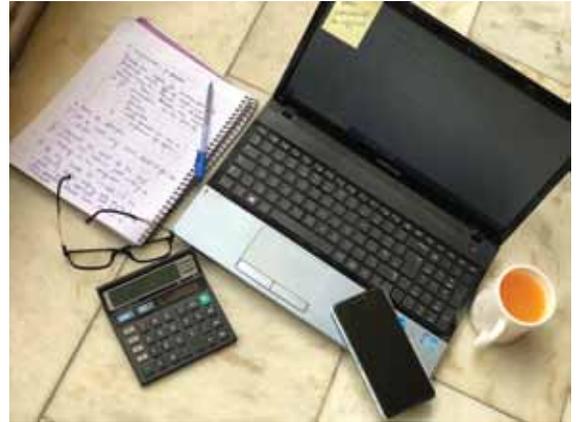
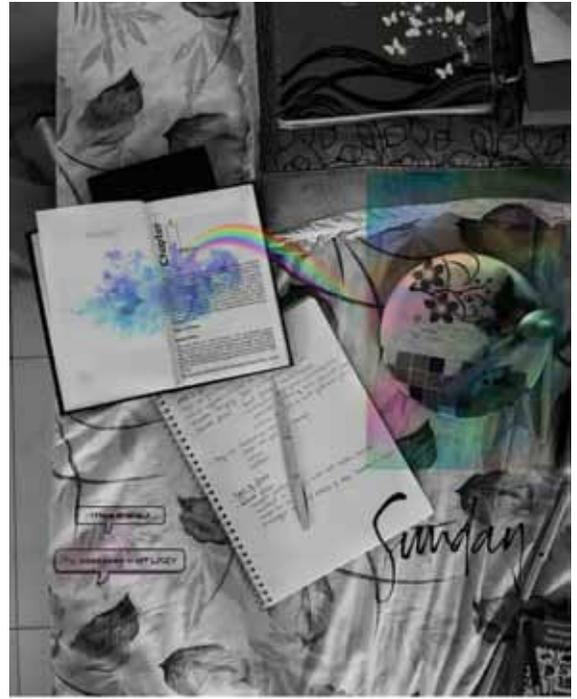
Dance Club

They started the lockdown by giving dance challenges and shot a series of video of their dance moves!

FBA_NRBBA_Official (Media and Communication)

(President: Vishvam Patel)
Students also learnt the lessons in media, communication and marketing while running different events on the FBA-NRBBA handle. They covered all the events done by all the clubs during the lockdown and became the central point of information about all the clubs!

Members of GLS family made an optimum use of the lockdown working and studying from home. This photo story shows the life of Work From Home/Study from Home. What are the common elements do you see except laptop? We notice food and specs! Turns out there were perks of working from home, as well!! These photos were the entries to FBA-NRBB's photography contest "Dur Drishti" organized by Drishti - the Photography club.



Shot on OnePlus
By Himanshu Agrawal

LIFE AFTER COVID 19 THINGS THAT HURT HUMANITY



Too much of death and disease, pain and suffering on all our minds

Education system in shambles and questions



Doctors and nurses in Covid wards have been estranged and isolated from family

Masks caused reactions and skin problems



Social distance caused less emotional expression

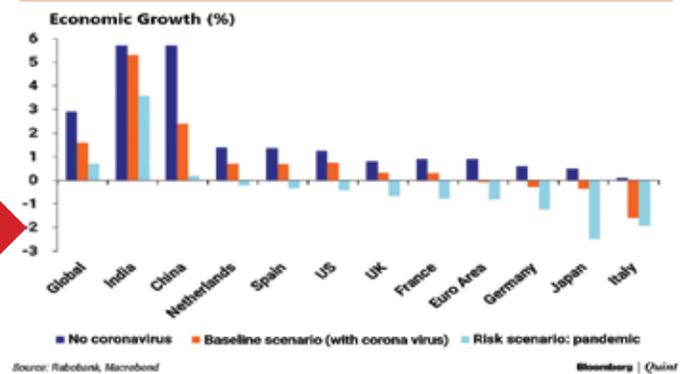
Travel stopped



Lack of strong healthcare systems

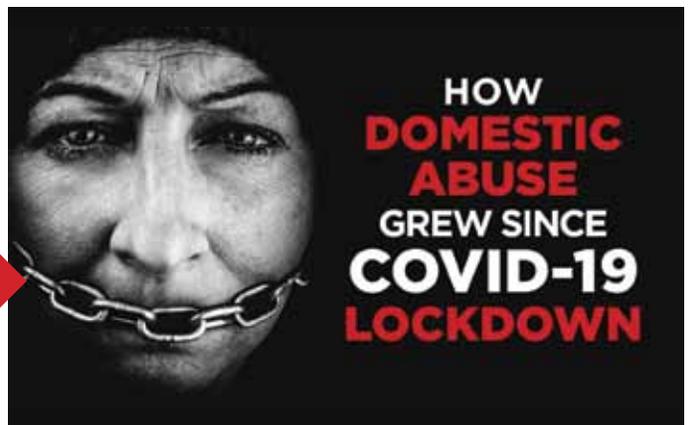
Global unemployment and depression, lack of salaries and wages

Global Economic Impact Of COVID-19



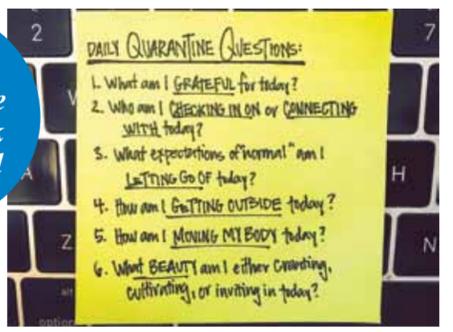
Depression due to isolation and staying at home

Domestic violence



LIFE AFTER COVID 19 THINGS THAT HEALED HUMANITY

We learnt the value of the life we took for granted



LET'S LOOK AT THE BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE THAT HAPPENED IN THE POST-CORONA WORLD



The Indian Namaste became a global greeting



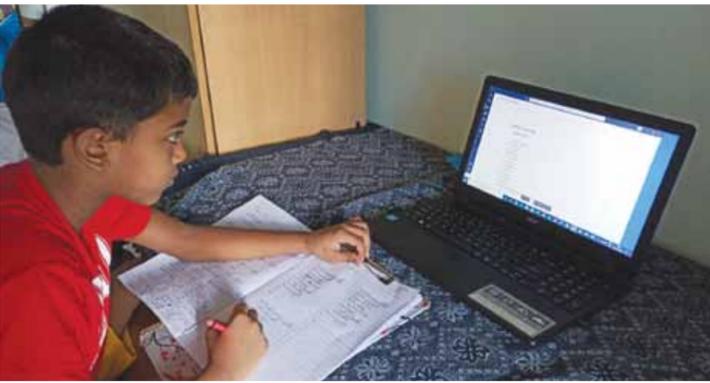
Gender roles became diffused, erased and overlooked



We learnt to stand in queues and keep social distance!



People spent more time with family during the lockdown



Children learnt to study online.



Teachers learnt to innovate and teach online



People started keeping in touch connecting with each other more than before



People developed and rekindled hobbies



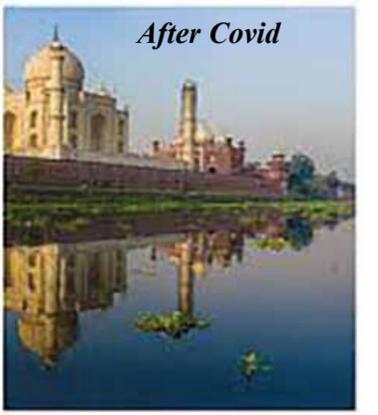
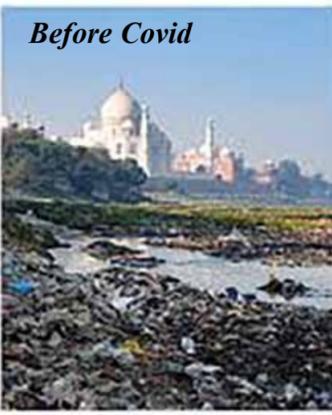
or 1-Click Checkout



Online businesses increased



Sanitation and handwashes became more important



Cleaner air, cleaner water

કોરોનાના ઉચાટમાંથી ઉલ્લાસ તરફ ગતિ કરવાનો ઉપાય

પુષ્પોની સાથે કંટક પણ ધારદાર હોય છે. કષ્ટો એ રીતે જીવનના શણગાર હોય છે.

કષ્ટો થકી જ જીવનના માધુર્યનો અહેસાસ થતો હોય છે. અનેક નિષ્ફળતાઓની કડવાશ ચાખ્યા પછી પામેલ સફળતાનો સ્વાદ અમૂત સમો લાગતો હોય છે. જીવનનું ખરું શિક્ષણ અભાવોની વચ્ચે જ પમાતું હોય છે એવું ભગવાન શ્રી રામ અને પાંડવોના વનવાસ પરથી સમજાય છે. તક, તન અને ત્રિલોક્ય તિનું ખરું મૂલ્ય આપણને કષ્ટો અને આપણને તો આપણે જીવનમાં ક્યારેય મુઝવણનો સામનો કરવો પડતો નથી.

હાલના દિવસોમાં કોરોના વાયરસના ફેલાવાથી વિશ્વભરમાં વ્યાપ્ત રોગચાળાએ માનવીને તેના જીવનની વાસ્તવિકતાનું દર્શન કરાવ્યું છે. માનવીને ખાતરી થઈ ગઈ છે કે તેનું જીવન કેટલું અલ્પ, અનિશ્ચિત અને ઈશ્વરાધીન છે. દારૂ પીને મસ્તાનો થઈ ગુમાનમાં ફરતા ઉદરડાને બિલાડી એક ઝાપટ મારી ધૂળ યાતોતો કરી મૂકે છે તેનું સુંદર વર્ણન કરી નિષ્કુળાનંદસ્વામી આવા પામર મનુષ્યનું યથાર્થ ચિત્ર નિરૂપે છે. તે વળી વિશ્વની મહાસત્તા સમા રાષ્ટ્રો આ સૂક્ષ્મ વાયરસની સામે સાવ અસહાય અને લાચાર થઈ બેઠા છે ત્યારે અસુરો પર વિજયનો ગર્વ કરતાં દેવતાઓ એક સામાન્ય તણખલાને ખસેડી પણ ન શક્યા તે ઉપનિષદ કથાની સ્મૃતિ પણ થઈ આવે છે!

માનવી ગમે તેટલા હુંકાર કરે પરંતુ પોતાની અસમર્થતા અને પ્રભુના સામર્થ્યનો સ્વીકાર કરે તો જ તેનામાં કોરોનાના અસાધારણ શત્રુ સામે ઝઝૂમવાનું આત્મબળ પ્રગટી શકે. કોરોનાએ આપણને શીખવ્યું છે કે કેવળ શરીરની સ્વસ્થતા જ અગત્યની નથી, મનની સ્વસ્થતા પણ ખૂબ જરૂરી છે. શરીરને તો જાતજાતની ઔષધીઓ, યોગ, આસન, કસરત અને પ્રાણાયામથી સક્ષમ બનાવી શકાય પરંતુ મન અને આત્માને સ્વસ્થ કેમ રાખવા? તે માટે બળવાન અને હકારાત્મક અભિગમ આવશ્યક છે. શરીરને નાશવંત અને આત્માને અવિનાશી જાણનારાથી તો મૃત્યુ પણ થરથર કાંપે!

આમ જુઓ તો હજારો વર્ષોમાં ન જોઈ હોય તેવી મહાભયાનક વ્યાધિએ આ વિશ્વને ભરડો લીધો છે. આજે ૨ જુલાઈ સુધીમાં તો આખા વિશ્વમાં કોરોનાના કુલ ૧ કરોડ ૮ લાખ ૩૮ હજાર ૮૪૯ કેસો નોંધાયા છે. એકલા ભારતમાં જ કુલ ૬ લાખ ૬ હજાર ૮૦૭ કેસ નોંધાયા છે. રોગનો વ્યાપ એટલો ઝડપી છે કે છેલ્લાં ૫ િંચ જ દિવસમાં ભારતમાં એક લાખ જેટલાં કેસો વધી ગયા છે. એવું લાગે છે કે જાણે આ રોગ કોઈને છોડશે નહીં. કોરોનાને ફેલાતો અટકાવવા માટે સ્વચ્છતા અને સલામત અંતર રાખવાનો જોરશોરથી પ્રચાર થઈ રહ્યો છે. સાવ નાના નાના ભૂલકાઓ પણ માસ્ક પહેરવાનું ભૂલતા નથી. અરે સાવચેતી રાખવામા તો બાળકો વડીલોથીય વધુ સજાગ થઈ ગયા છે. લાગે છે કે તેઓ પોતાનું બાળસહજ બેફિકર જીવન સાવ જ ખોઈ બેઠા છે!

પણ સતત હાથ ધોતો રહેતો માણસ મનનાં મેલ ધોવાનું તો સાવ ચૂકી જ ગયો છે. કોરોનાનો ચેપ ન લાગે તે માટે બહાર જવાનું ટાળતો માણસ પોતાની



ભીતર હદયની ઝાંખી કરવાનું ભૂલી જ ગયો. રાતદિવસ વાયરસથી બચવાના ઉપાયો વિચારતો માણસ ભૂલી ગયો કે આ વાયરસ કરતાય નબળા વિચારો વધુ ઘાતક હોય છે. માણસ આમેય એકલપતે તો હતો જ. વળી કોરોનાને બહાને તે એકલવાયો થઈ ગયો. કોરોનાની બીક, બેરોજગારી અને એકલતાએ તેને એવો તો ખોખલો કરી નાખ્યો કે તે ઊંધઈથી ખવાયેલાં વૃક્ષની જેમ આફતના હળવા હડસેલાય ખમી ન શક્યો.

એકલા અમેરીકામાં જ કોરોનાને કારણે ૧ લાખ ૩૦ હજારના મૃત્યુ થયાં. વળી બેરોજગારી, એકલતા, ચિંતા, હતાશા અને ભાવિની અનિશ્ચિતતાને કારણે ડ્રગ્સ અને આલ્કોહોલના વ્યસનોમાં ડુબેલા આશરે ૭૫,૦૦૦ જેટલા અમેરિકનો જીવલેણ રોગ તથા આત્મહત્યાને કારણે સ્વાસ્થ્ય અને અંતે જીવન ગુમાવી બેઠા. લોકડાઉન દરમિયાન ઈન્ટરનેટ પર ‘સુસાઈડ’ શબ્દની સર્ચમાં ભારે વધારો જોવા મળ્યો. રશેલ ચિત્રા નામના પત્રકારના અભ્યાસમાં જણાયું છે કે લોકડાઉન દરમિયાન ભારતમાં નોન-કોવિડ મૃત્યુના કારણોમાં બીજું મુખ્ય કારણ આત્મહત્યા છે. લોકડાઉન દરમિયાન ૮ મી મે સુધીમાં સમાચાર માધ્યમોમાં નોંધાયેલા ૩૨૬ મૃત્યુમાથી ૧૬૮ એટલે કે ૫૧% મૃત્યુ આત્મહત્યાને કારણે થયા છે.

આ મહાભયાનક રોગ સામે લાચારી અનુભવતો માણસ પોતાની અસહાય દશાનો સતત વિચાર કરતો રહ્યો તેથી તે આ રોગ સામેની લડત હારી ગયો. ૨૭ એપ્રિલે બેંગલોરનાં ૫૦ વર્ષના દર્દીની કોરોનાના રોગની સારવાર પ્રગટિમાં હતી. પરંતુ એ જ વોર્ડમાં દાખલ મહિલાનું કોરોનાને કારણે મૃત્યુ થવાથી ભયભીત થયેલાં એ દર્દીએ પોતાનાં સ્વાસ્થ્યમાં ઘણો સુધારો થયો હોવાં છતાં વિક્ટોરિયા હોસ્પિટલના છઠ્ઠા માળેથી પડતું મૂકી જીવન ટૂંકાવી નાખ્યું. ૧૫ મે ના રોજ પૂનામાં ૨૪ વર્ષનો યુવક શ્વાસ લેવામાં તકલીફ થવાથી સારવાર હેઠળ હતો. પરંતુ મૃત્યુનાં ભયથી ચિતાગ્રસ્ત થયેલાં તેણે કોરોનાનો રિપોર્ટ આવે તે પહેલાં જ ખાનગી હોસ્પિટલની છત પરથી છલાંગ લગાવી આત્મહત્યા કરી નાખી. ૨૬ મે એ અમદાવાદ સિવિલ હોસ્પિટલમાં કોરોનાના દર્દીઓની સેવામા રત નર્સ મેનગરમાં પિતાના ઘેરથી દસમાં માળેથી પડતું મૂકી આત્મહત્યા કરી. ૨ જૂને અગરતલા, ત્રિપુરામાં જી.બી. પંત હોસ્પિટલમાં દાખલ ૫૦ વર્ષીય સ્ત્રીએ કોરોનાનો રિપોર્ટ આવે તે પહેલાં કોરોનાથી ડરીને આત્મહત્યા કરી લીધી. મુંબઈના ૫૩ વર્ષીય ન્યુમોનિયાના દર્દીએ બે-બે વખત કોરોનાનો રીપોર્ટ નેગેટિવ આવ્યા છતાં મૃત્યુના ભયથી નાયર હોસ્પિટલના બાથરૂમમા લટકી જઈ ૬ જૂને આત્મહત્યા કરી નાખી.

રોચીમાં સ્નાતકોત્તર અભ્યાસ કરતી ૨૬ વર્ષીય યુવતી લોકડાઉનને કારણે પોતાના માતપિતા પાસે જઈ ન શકી તેથી તેણે આત્મહત્યા કરી લીધી. આયર્લેંડમાં સ્નાતકોત્તર અભ્યાસ કરતી એક યુવતી આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય ફ્લાઈટ્સ બંધ થાય તે પૂર્વે મુંબઈમાં પોતાના માતપિતા પાસે પહોંચી ગઈ. તેમ છતાં એકલતા અને હતાશાને કારણે તેણે બે મહિનામાં જ આત્મહત્યા કરી નાખી. આંધ્રપ્રદેશના ચિત્તૂર જિલ્લામાં ૫૬ વર્ષીય આંધેડને એવું લાગ્યું કે તેને કોરોનાનો ચેપ લાગ્યો છે. ‘પોતાના કારણે પોતાના ત્રણ બાળકો અને પત્નીને પણ આ ચેપ લાગશે’ તે ભયે તેણે જીવન ટૂંકાવી

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૧૨ જૂને કેરાલામાં થિરૂવંથપુરમની ગવર્નમેંટ મેડિકલ કોલેજ હોસ્પિટલમાં દાખલ ૩૩ વર્ષનો કોવિડ-૧૯નો દર્દી સારવારને અંતે સાજો થયો પરંતુ તેની ધીરજ ન રહી. હોસ્પિટલમાંથી રજા મળવાની હતી તે જ દિવસે સવારે તે નાસી ગયો. ઘર નજીકથી પકડી લાવી તેને વિધિવત હોસ્પિટલમાંથી ડિસ્ચાર્જ કરવાની પ્રક્રિયા ચાલી રહી હતી ત્યારે રજા બાદ ઘેર જઈ લેવાની દવાઓ આપવા નર્સ આવે ત્યાં સુધીમાં તો તે ગળે ફાંસો ખાઈ લટકી ગયો. એ જ હોસ્પિટલમાં આગલી રાતે દાખલ કોરોનાના લક્ષણો ધરાવતો દર્દી હજુ તો નિરીક્ષણ હેઠળ આઈસોલેશન વોર્ડમાં હતો અને કોરોનાનો રિપોર્ટ આવે તે પૂર્વે જ તેણે પણ લટકી જઈ હોસ્પિટલમાં જ પ્રાણ ત્યજી દીધાં. ‘મારા કારણે મારા પરિવારને કોરોનાનો ચેપ લાગશે’ એવો ભય સ્યૂસાઈડ નોટમાં વ્યક્ત કરી ૫૬ વર્ષીય એક આઈ.આર.એસ. અધિકારીએ એસિડ જેવું જલદ પીણું પીને ૧૫ જૂને દિલ્હીમાં આત્મહત્યા કરી.

રોચીમાં સ્નાતકોત્તર અભ્યાસ કરતી ૨૬ વર્ષીય યુવતી લોકડાઉનને કારણે પોતાના માતપિતા પાસે જઈ ન શકી તેથી તેણે આત્મહત્યા કરી લીધી. આયર્લેંડમાં સ્નાતકોત્તર અભ્યાસ કરતી એક યુવતી આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય ફ્લાઈટ્સ બંધ થાય તે પૂર્વે મુંબઈમાં પોતાના માતપિતા પાસે પહોંચી ગઈ. તેમ છતાં એકલતા અને હતાશાને કારણે તેણે બે મહિનામાં જ આત્મહત્યા કરી નાખી. આંધ્રપ્રદેશના ચિત્તૂર જિલ્લામાં ૫૬ વર્ષીય આંધેડને એવું લાગ્યું કે તેને કોરોનાનો ચેપ લાગ્યો છે. ‘પોતાના કારણે પોતાના ત્રણ બાળકો અને પત્નીને પણ આ ચેપ લાગશે’ તે ભયે તેણે જીવન ટૂંકાવી

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જીવન અને જીવનધોરણ માટે ઘાતક પૂરવાર થયેલ કોવિડ-૧૯ની મહામારીથી લોકોમાં ભય, ચિંતા, હતાશા, તણાવ ફેલાયા છે. સામાજિક અંતર અને ફરજિયાત એકાંતવાસને કારણે તેમજ સતત બદલાતા આ રોગના લક્ષણો અને તેનાથી ઉગરવાની અનિશ્ચિતતાને કારણે માનવી દિગ્મૂઢ થઈ ગયો છે. એકલતાથી ત્રસ્ત અને ‘કોરોના થશે તો મારૂ અને મારા સ્વજનોનું શું થશે’ તેવા ભયથી ત્રસ્ત આશરે ૮૦ જેટલાં ભારતીયોએ આત્મહત્યા કર્યાં અભ્યાસમાં જણાયું છે.

શું જીવન આટલું સસ્તું છે કે પછી માનવીનું મન અત્યંત તકલાદી છે? માનવીની તીવ્ર જિજ્ઞાસા જ તેના મનને અશાંત અને અસ્વસ્થ બનાવે છે. હકીકતે તો આપણે કેટલું જીવ્યા તે નહીં પરંતુ કેવું જીવ્યા તે મહત્વનું છે. વર્તમાન સંજોગોમાં ઉચાટને બદલે ઉલ્લાસ પમાડે તેવા સવળા વિચારો કરવા જોઈએ. લોકડાઉનના લાભ કાઈ ઓછા નથી. સૌથી પહેલા તો દરેક ઘરમાં સારામાં સારી સફાઈ થઈ ગઈ. દરેક ઓરડાઓમાં બધી ચીજવસ્તુઓની સરસ ગોઠવણ પણ થઈ ગઈ. પુરૂષોને ભાન થયું કે ગૃહિણીઓને ઘરમાં કેટલાં બધાં કામ હોય છે! આખો દિવસ પરિવારજનો સાથે રહેવાનું થયું તેથી આપણે એકબીજાનું મૂલ્ય સમજ્યા અને એકબીજાને અનુકૂળ થવાનું શીખ્યા. આજ સુધી આપણે એવી ફરિયાદો કરતાં રહ્યા હતા કે આપણને આપણાં સ્વજનો માટે પૂરતો સમય જ નથી મળતો. અને હવે વર્તમાન વિશિષ્ટ સંજોગોમાં પરિવારજનોની સાથે રહેવાની સુંદર તક મળી છે ત્યારે આપણે તે તકનો લાભ ઉઠાવી લેવો જોઈએ. લોકડાઉને

આપણને યુક્ત આહાર અને વિહારરૂપી યોગ સિદ્ધ કરાવ્યો અને વળી ભૌતિકતાની પાછળ આંધળી દોટ મુક્તાં આપણને અનાસક્તિયોગ પણ શીખવ્યો કે કેટલી બધી વસ્તુઓ વિના પણ આપણે મજાથી જીવન વિતાવી શકીએ છીએ!

કોરોનાને કારણે આપણાં પર લદાયેલાં એકાંતની અકળામણમાથી બહાર આવી જીવનનો ખરો આનંદ કેવી રીતે માણવો તે આપણે અવકાશયાત્રીઓ પાસેથી શીખવું પડે. સને ૨૦૦૬માં ૩૨૨ દિવસ એટલે કે આશરે એક આખું વરસ અવકાશમાં એકલવાયું જીવન વિતાવનાર સુનિતા વિલિયમ્સે ટાઈમ્સ ઓફ ઈન્ડિયાને ૪ જૂનના રોજ આપેલા ઈન્ટરવ્યૂમાં કહ્યું હતું કે, ‘આવું એકાંતમય જીવન આપણને એ વિચારવાની તક આપે છે કે આપણે વધુ હકારાત્મક અને કાર્યરત બનીને સમાજને વધુ ઉપયોગી કઈ રીતે બની શકીએ?’ તેઓએ કહ્યું હતું કે પોતાની એકલતા દૂર કરવા તેઓ અવકાશમાં પોતાની સાથે ગણેશજીની પ્રતિમા અને શ્રીમદ ભગવદગીતા લઈ ગયા હતા. ભગવાનનું શરણ અને સ્મરણ માણસને હુંફ, હામ અને હૈયાધારણા આપે છે એવો વિશ્વભરના મહાનુભાવોનો મત છે. ગાંધીજીએ પણ ભગવદગીતાને ‘સ્પિરિટ્યુઅલ મધર’, ‘ઈટર્નલ મધર’ અને ‘સ્પિરિટ્યુઅલ ડિક્શનરી’ કહી તેને હતાશા અને મુશ્કેલીના સમયમાં પોતાનો આધાર ગણાવ્યો હતો. વિનોબાજીએ પણ શ્રીમદ ભગવદગીતાને પોતાના માતા અને પ્રાણવાયુની ઉપમા આપી હતી. થોમસ કાર્લાઈલ જ્યારે ઈમર્સનને પહેલીવાર મળ્યા ત્યારે તેમણે ઈમર્સનને શ્રીમદ ભગવદગીતાની ભેટ આપતા કહ્યું હતું કે આ મને ‘રાહત અને સાંત્વના આપનાર સૌથી વધુ પ્રેરણાદાયક પુસ્તક’ છે. ડ્રૌપદીની જેમ જ્યારે આપણું બળ ખૂટી જાય છે ત્યારે ભગવાનનું બળ જ કામ આવે છે. કદાચ તેથી જ ભગવાનની ઉપાસનાને જીવનનો આવશ્યક ભાગ ગણાવીને તારીખ ૨૪ મે ના રોજ અમેરિકા પ્રમુખ ડોનાલ્ડ ટ્રમ્પે ‘ઈન અમેરિકા વી નીડ મોર પ્રેયર, નોટ લેસ’ એમ કહી કોરોનાના કપરાં કાળમાં તમામ ધાર્મિક સ્થળોને કાર્યરત કરવાની અપીલ કરી હતી.

માણસ કોઈને કોઈ ભયથી જરૂર પીડાતો હોય છે. હાલ કોરોનાના ભયથી આબાલવૃદ્ધ તમામ ત્રસ્ત છે. કોઈને એ ભયમાંથી મુક્ત થવાનો ઉપાય મળતો નથી. હકીકતે ભય એ મનોવૈજ્ઞાનિક સમસ્યા છે જેનો સંપૂર્ણ ઉકેલ કોઈ દવા કે સારવારમાં નથી. નવ વર્ષનો નાનકડો નચિકેતા આત્મા અને પરમાત્માનું જ્ઞાન પામીને મૃત્યુથી પર થઈ ગયો હતો. શ્રીમદ ભગવતનું પાન કરવાથી પરિક્ષિતને અકાળે મૃત્યુના ભયથી મુક્તિ મળી હતી. જીવનભર માણેલા અપાર સુખોનો આનંદ મૃત્યુવેળા ક્ષણવારમાં ટળી જાય તો તે સુખ શા કામના! ‘મૃત્યુ જીવનનો અંત નહીં, પરંતુ નવાં જીવનની પ્રાપ્તિનો મંગલ અવસર છે’ એ સત્યની પ્રતીતિમાં જ જીવનની સાર્થકતા છે. જીવન અને મૃત્યુ એમ બંને પ્રસંગે સ્વસ્થ રહેવાનું અદ્ભુત જ્ઞાન ભારતીય અધ્યાત્મમાં રહેલું છે. શ્રીમદ ભગવદગીતામાં નિર્દેશલ સ્થિતપ્રજ્ઞતા પામ્યા પછી ‘સમર્થ અને સર્વકર્તા પરબ્રહ્મ પરમાત્મા સદાય મારી સાથે છે’ એવો અખંડ વિચાર આપણને સર્વ પ્રકારના ભયથી સહજ મુક્તિ અપાવે છે અને તે જ કોરોનાના ઉચાટમાંથી આત્માના ઉલ્લાસ તરફ ગતિ કરવાનો એકમાત્ર ઉપાય છે.

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REINVENTING SPORTS IN TIMES OF COVID - 19

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Sports have always been an integral part of one's life and a major contributor to the economic and social development of a nation. Its role is well recognized.

Today sport emerges as an important component of Socio-economic development of a country. To give an example, BCCI claimed that the Indian Premier League (IPL) had contributed Rs 11.5bn (US\$ 182 million) to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2015. A cancellation of the IPL this year would mean a huge direct loss for Star India, the host broadcaster of Indian cricket who shelled out a whopping Rs 16,347.50 crores (\$2.55 billion) for the worldwide rights of the IPL for a 5-year period from 2018 to 2022.

Since the onset of COVID-19, the pandemic has spread to most of the countries of the world. Measures like physical and social distancing, lockdowns of schools, business and



overall social life have become common for reducing the spread of COVID-19. As a result most major sporting events at international, regional and national levels have been cancelled or postponed – from marathons to football tournaments, athletics championships to basketball games, handball to ice hockey, rugby, cricket, and more. The Olympics and Paralympics, for the first time in the history of the modern games, have been postponed, and will be held in 2021.

With the coronavirus cases still on the rise and the domestic football postponed, the European Football

Federations came up with some suggestions on how to move ahead with the league in the worst case scenario. The team on the 1st Position to be declared as the winner, Season should be declared as null-void without declaring a winner or The season should resume and the remaining matches to be played behind the closed doors.

The Wimbledon Championships have been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The same decision was made by the International Tennis Federation. Initially, the Formula 1 season was also put on hold indefinitely.

But when the pandemic

showed no signs of abating, an indefinite closure of the sports industry was not desirable. In consultations with various health authorities, plans to restart the sports leagues started being put in place. Under new directives, sports clubs need to follow certain preventive measures and monitor the risks to prevent another outbreak of the virus. If an athlete has any symptoms related to COVID-19, the teammates, trainers and workers that have interacted physically with him, should start a lockdown period until the case is confirmed. If the athlete is positive for COVID-19, the lockdown should be maintained during 14 days. On the contrary, if the result is negative for COVID-19, they could go back to work after following precautionary norms.

German Bundesliga became world's first major sports competition to resume its season post nationwide lockdown imposed to contain coronavirus pandemic. The

Bundesliga games resumed with empty stadiums, behind closed doors with no fans, in order to minimise the risk of coronavirus infection. Social distancing will be followed among players as well, which means no hugging or patting. The players will be celebrating with forearm bumps. Some key steps were taken into consideration to ensure the safety of the players:

All teams members were kept in quarantine before the games

Players were shuttled to the stadium in multiple buses, keeping in mind the social distancing protocol

The warm-up before the match also took place in a staggered way

Teams entered the ground at different times with no mascots

Substitutes sat well apart from each other and had to wear masks

The ball used during the match was also disinfected before the kick-off and the referee entered the field last

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FBA NRBBA FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Nitin Pillai, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business Administration (Formerly NRBBA) was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for his research work "Measuring the Efficacy of Employing Alternative Language Assessment Strategies for Engineering Students" by Gujarat University under the supervision of Dr. Jagdish Joshi, Professor & Director, UGC-HRDC, Gujarat University.

HACC ACHIEVEMENT



A College of Commerce has been ranked 66th among India's commerce colleges by the national magazine "India Today" (June 2020 issue). The magazine conducted a nation-wide survey of different educational institutions and arrived at a grading based on academics, co curricular activities,

faculty, reputation of the college, and many other such criteria. The college has also been ranked 2nd best in the State of Gujarat.. Shri Sudhir Nanavati, Executive Vice-president, GLS, appreciated the efforts of the Principal, Dr. Sanjay Vakil, the staff members and the students in attaining such recognition for the 6th time successively.

IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUALITY IN COVID-19 TIMES

By Divya Adnani

Humanity has faced catastrophes both natural and man made as long as there has been life on the earth. Shedding light towards the current pandemic Covid-19, it has resulted in devastating damage to mankind. But, as we all know the biggest destroyer of nature is human! Be it Covid or any destruction, everything boils down to having a balance in life. Imagine the level of pollution man has created towards nature. In the rat race of life, we have compromised on ourselves and that's the major reason behind the sufferings.

This pandemic blesses us with the opportunity to sit back, relax and focus on the truth, the eternal. The only way to escape from such devastating situations is to indulge in spirituality. Spirituality in simple terms is the place within yourself where the soul can find sense of peace above physical and material world. For some spirituality is related to religion and its aspects and for some it involves



nonreligious activities like yoga, meditation, asanas.

Experts have noted that in times of anxiety and stress yoga serves to be most effective ways to maintain steady state of mind. Further, helps to boost immunity, attain mental peace, positivity much needed to fight the pandemic! Practicing Asana and Pranayama even

stimulates production of happy hormones. Do chant OM at the beginning and end of Yogasana. Serving as a cure to majority diseases, it cleanses your Aura and relates you to third eye chakra.

We are fortunate to have access to literature and writings of various saints and religions providing both worldly and spiritual advice.

Also, their preachings, hymns, bhajans, Satsang, Arti and darshan are available digitally that helps to sustain faith and worship the almighty without going anywhere. They even help to create a spiritual environment, giving more power to meditate and develop internal peace. Meditation in return provides one the strength to face worldly happenings and marks the beginning of inner journey to find the lord within.

The ultimate liberation happens when helping and expecting nothing in return. Volunteering, helping the needy, working with disabled people or children in such times is the best way to serve the almighty.

One should remember that 'The Lord is our only companion now and forever. We have to direct all our efforts towards attaining him within us.' Lastly, I would like to sum up with this quote "He who has connected with the Lord cannot go amiss in catastrophe or peace."

(The writer is a Sem III student of FBA-NRBBA)

MOVIE REVIEW

GULABO SITABO

Director: Shoojit Sircar
Actors: Amitabh Bachhan, Ayushman Khurrana

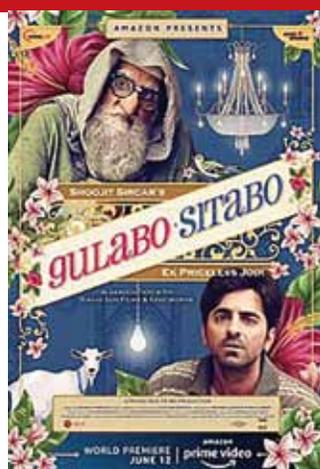
Being a movie addict, I was very happy when I heard during the lockdown that Shoojit Sircar's directorial venture Gulabo Sitabo was to premier on Amazon Prime. Looking at the situation of covid-19, the director premiered the mainstream movie on an OTT (Over The Top) platform. This is the first mainstream movie premiered on OTT platform. To be honest, I just wanted to watch the movie because I was fascinated with the look of Amitabh Bachhan and the amazing Lucknowi accent of Ayushmann Khurana. Both of them are truly gems of Bollywood and they never fail to impress the



audience. The film is set in a dilapidated, old building called "Fatima Mahal", which belongs to an equally old and wrinkled Begum, (Farrukh Jaffar) Amitabh's estranged wife. The cranky, childish character of Amitabh gives the audience a lot to laugh about through the film, while Ayushman's character of a savage tenant, refusing to pay the rent for months, is also gripping. Amitabh tries every

possible way to get the rent out of his tenants, especially Ayushman, but always fails. He also takes the help of lawyer in vain.

Soon, an archeologist comes to survey the heritage site of "Fatima Mahal". The film comes to a point where the viewers are left to consider one of the most important questions in it: what defines the term "Heritage"? Is it the property, the architecture or



the people?

The story revolves around the concept of greed and its consequences. Bankey (Ayushman Khurana) always warns Mirza (Amitabh Bachhan) throughout the film that his greed will bring him down one day. The movie ends with a surprising twist of Begum eloping with a long-lost lover, when everyone,

especially her husband, expects her to die. Adding to the twist, it is revealed that she has sold the Haveli to her lover for one rupee. Begum knew that Mirza was greedy for the Haveli. The movie ends with the Begum returning to the haveli for her birthday party, with Bankey and Mirza watching on with long faces.

One should watch this movie to learn that human greed is never satisfied. All in all, it is a good movie with amazing plot and some light humor.

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THE FIRST MOVIE TO BE RELEASED DURING COVID LOCKDOWN THROUGH OTT PLATFORM

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The medical staff attending to players on the field were also wearing masks

Watching football in the absence of fans, the games often seem soulless and look like a match between reserve teams rather than high stake encounters. Fans and Football clubs are coming up with various innovative ideas which have been already trialled with varying degrees of success:

Drive-thru football: it was first used in a match between Danish sides when FC Midtjylland hosted AC Horsens, where fans were able to get close to the action by parking their vehicles next to the stadium.

Fifa video game crowd noise: The broadcasters will use crowd noise from the video game Fifa 20, where stadiums will also adapt the concept of 'virtual stands'.

Zoom Parties: In Denmark, hundreds of fans were shown on a giant screen



along one side of the Ceres Park Stadium for recent Superliga match between AGF Aarhus and Randers.

Just like football, ICC cricket's governing body also came up with its own set of interim changes for the safety of the players and the managing staff of the cricket team in the post COVID-19 era:

Covid Substitutes: After the announcement of West Indies tour of England by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). ICC announced in a statement "Teams will be allowed to replace players

displaying symptoms of COVID-19 during a test match. But this rule will be applicable for only Test matches and not for ODIs and T20Is."

No saliva on the ball: The Kumble led committee came up with a suggestion to not apply saliva or any other artificial substance while shining the ball, which ICC approved and said, "Players will not be permitted to use saliva to shine the ball". However if the rule was not followed by any player up to two warnings will be given to the players and repeated use

of saliva on the ball will result in a 5 run penalty to the concerned side. In case the saliva is applied on the ball the umpires will be instructed to clean the ball before the play recommences.

As per the current decision Formula 1 is set to resume from July, it is also going to have its own set of safety measures for the drivers and the team members:

Regular testing: Using private testing all the personnel involved will be tested for COVID-19 before the departure and will only be allowed if tested negative. There will be regular testing's during the event, along with extra screening upon arrival to the circuit and all locally based workers will also be tested before the event.

Closed Events: The initial 8 Races of the European calendar are currently not expected to be open for spectators, guests or partners. Only essential personnel will be allowed in

the confines of the circuit. Pre and post-race activities like national anthem, parcferme, podiums and cool down rooms will be altered to ensure safe distance can be maintained.

Minimal Personnel: There will be a significant reduction in the team members travelling to the races from all parties, including the teams, the FIA, suppliers and F1 itself. Also, the family members are not going to be allowed during the event and support actions are planned to be outsourced.

Isolated Travel: All the team members with a negative test certificate will travel in an isolated travel with the use of charter flights and use private transfers between venues. Hotels and airports to ensure the safety of the members. Also there will be 2 races at the same venue at certain times in order to avoid frequent mobility.

(The writer is an alumnus of FBA - NRBBB batch 2012-2015)

EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

HACC ACTIVITIES DURING THE LOCKDOWN

With the global pandemic of the Corona Virus, almost all countries were under a Lockdown or a Shut-down. Under such circumstances, the college decided to keep the students mentally and intellectually engaged through webinars and zoom lectures. The following online events were conducted by HA College in March, April and May:

Zoom webinar for students on "Digital Marketing":

During this webinar, students were taught the concept of Digital Marketing. In a world that would permanently be changed by the Corona Virus, Digitalisation becomes imperative, especially in the area of marketing. Under social distancing norms, digital marketing is the new method of Sales.

Zoom Webinar for students on "Cyber Security":

With the immense emphasis on digitalization in present times, all users of cyber space need to be secure and protected. This webinar explained the concept and process of cyber security to the students, giving them tips to keep their data and identity protected from different cyber-crimes.

1 May 2020: Zoom webinars on "Preparation for NAAC"

Two webinars for the faculty members and the principals of different colleges, wherein retired Principal, Dr. Shrigurkar, talked about the different aspects to be kept in mind before creating the Self Study Report (SSR) for the purpose of Accreditation by the UGC body of NAAC. About 55 principals and faculty members of colleges in Gujarat participated in these webinars, both in the morning and in the evening.

Zoom Webinar on "NAAC procedure"

Two webinars for the faculty members and the principals of different colleges, wherein Principal Dr. Chindade talked about the process of Accreditation by the UGC body of NAAC. Since there have been revisions and changes in the



accreditation process, these webinars threw light upon the process of Accreditation and Assessment for colleges. About 50 principals and faculty members of colleges in Gujarat participated in these webinars, both in the morning and in the evening.

Zoom Lecture on Graphic Design

In coordination with Tops Technologies, HACC organized a Zoom lecture on Graphic Design. The expert for this lecture talked about the relevance and significance of graphic design, encouraging students of the Commerce faculty to engage with artistic pursuits.

Wellness Webinar

Yoga instructor, Ms Shanti Adhikari, addressed the students in this webinar about the importance and methods of keeping fit even during a lockdown. The webinar demonstrated different yoga techniques and encouraged students to exercise and remain healthy.

Prin. Dr. Sanjay Vakil delivered a talk on mental wellbeing, titled "How to overcome stress and anxiety for better performance". He talked about developing mental strength so that students could be free from emotional and psychological disorders like stress and anxiety.

Zoom lecture on Interview Techniques

With an expert, Mr. Jayesh Pandey, from well-known institute, Career Launcher, the college organized an interactive zoom lecture on Interview Techniques. The lecture covered the various aspects of being prepared for an interview. Importantly, it also discussed online interviews, body language and diplomacy in answering questions asked during interviews. 60 students participated and could ask questions through the chat option; the expert answered every student's query.

FOC SMPIC ACHIEVEMENTS

CA Shweta Shah of GLS University's SMPIC, has been admitted into Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. It is a matter of pride for us at GLS University to see a student from our campus at IIM-A (Batch of 2020-2022)



Om Aliani, Sem 2 student of Faculty of Commerce – SMPIC, won 1st Position in the 'All dance style battle' that was

held in IIT Gandhinagar. There were 15 colleges in total out of which he stood 1st and was awarded 3000/- cash and memento.



Kushboo Dhankani from Sem-4 secured 3rd position in "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vijaypadma Vakrutva Spardha" organised by Gujarat Prantiya

Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti and M.B. Patel Rashtrabhasha Mahavidyalaya on 19th January, 2020. She won the medal and cash prize.

FOC SMPIC FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



Ms. Rupa Arjankumar Pariyani, Assistant Professor at Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC), has been awarded the degree of Ph.D by Gujarat University under the able guidance of Dr. Darshana Bhatt, Professor and Head Department of English, University School of Languages, Gujarat University. The topic of her Ph.D. research was "Selected Plays of Girish Karnad: A Reading in the Light of Bharata's Natyashashtra".

WEBINAR IN ROBOTICS IN ACCOUNTANCY AT FOC SMPIC

GLS University's Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC B.Com. Hons.), in association with Financial Planning Academy, Mumbai, organized a webinar on 30th May, 2020 on 'Robotics and Process Automation in Accountancy and Finance'. The webinar was conducted by CA Zaher Sayed, Faculty of Financial Planning Academy, Mumbai.

Mr Sayed, in a lucid manner explained how Robotic Process Automation (RPA) is rapidly changing the accounting and finance operations and is arguably faster than any other piece of modern technology.

According to him, RPA is an application of technology, governed by business logic and structured inputs, aimed at automating business processes. Using RPA tools, a company can configure software, or a "robot," to capture and interpret applications for processing a transaction, manipulating



data, triggering responses and communicating with other digital systems. RPA scenarios range from something as simple as generating an automatic response to an email to deploying thousands of bots, each programmed to automate jobs in an ERP system.

RPA in finance and accounting is not confined to one part of a process – it can be applied to multiple processes at one time; accounts payable, accounts

receivable, financial close, controller work, financial planning and analysis, expense management and tax. Companies like Walmart, Deutsche Bank, AT&T, Vanguard, Ernst & Young, Walgreens, Anthem and American Express Global Business Travel are among the many enterprises adopting RPA.

In the business world, most industries have much to gain from automation and robotics, but what this looks



like in practice is a far cry from the wider speculation. Education professionals have already seen some of the benefits of automation first-hand. Technology to automate grading of multiple-choice assignments has saved teachers hours upon hours, liberating them from such slow and repetitive activities to make room for more meaningful, personalized interactions with students.

The time saved by something as simple as

multiple-choice scanners is a key example of how automation and robotics will enable educational organizations to do more with limited resources and budget constraints. Automation stands to give students added freedom and access through 'self-service' environments. As the next generation of learners are more tech savvy, they can access what they are familiar with in the consumer technology they already use.

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