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ISOLATION

BY SAI POTHURI, DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The word often makes people feel uncomfortable and distressed. It gives them a sense of loneliness. But we often forget the difference between loneliness and being alone. When was the last time you thought you needed a break from your mundane life? When was the last time you wanted to introspect and figure yourself out? Well, it seems

like even if we're allowed to do so, we still complain. Though the circumstances leading to this lockdown are horrific and abominable, there couldn't be a better time to focus on the silver linings. Humans have always found a way to persevere through tough times by forming a sense of community. Everything from online music concerts to multiplayer games makes us feel con-



nected like never before. The internet is bursting with wholesome instances of people helping each other through the pandemic. Even though we're far away from each other, we couldn't be closer together. But more than all of this, Quarantine allows working on ourselves. It's better if we think about it as a chance to be reborn. So pick up that dusty book, text that old friend

you miss or finish that online course you've been contemplating, just as long as you treat yourself and stay optimistic. As a wise man once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Will the proverbial 'Golden Bird' flap it's wings again?

BY SIMRITHA RAO, DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Any recital of the illustrious past of our country, once home to one of the oldest and most advanced civilizations in the world might seem outlandish and only invoke a lukewarm response from generations today, that have only seen the transition of the country from the clutches of colonialism to those of harrowing poverty and malfeasance but when Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 5th address to the nation during the ongoing pandemic pushed for the economic revival of the country by alluding to it's rich heritage, for once it did not sound like mere rhetoric, for the rogue virus that has wreaked havoc on

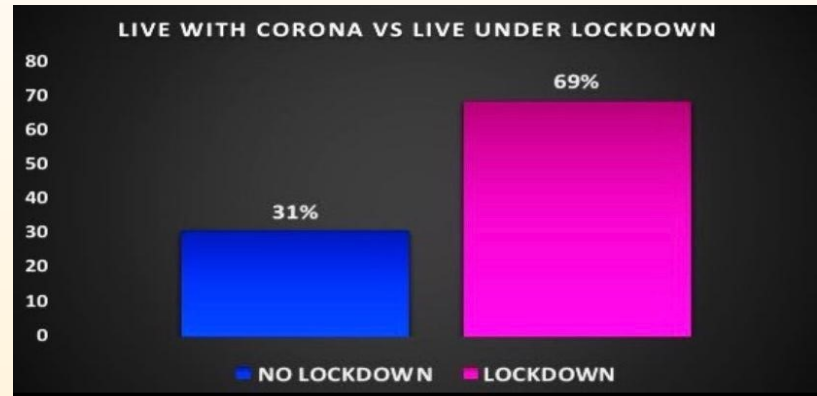
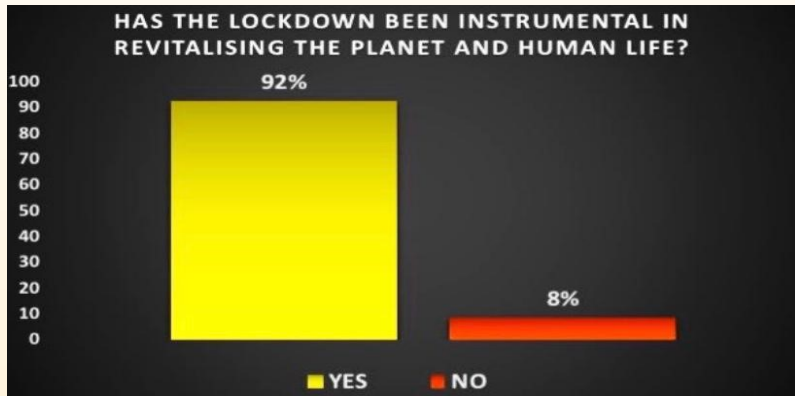
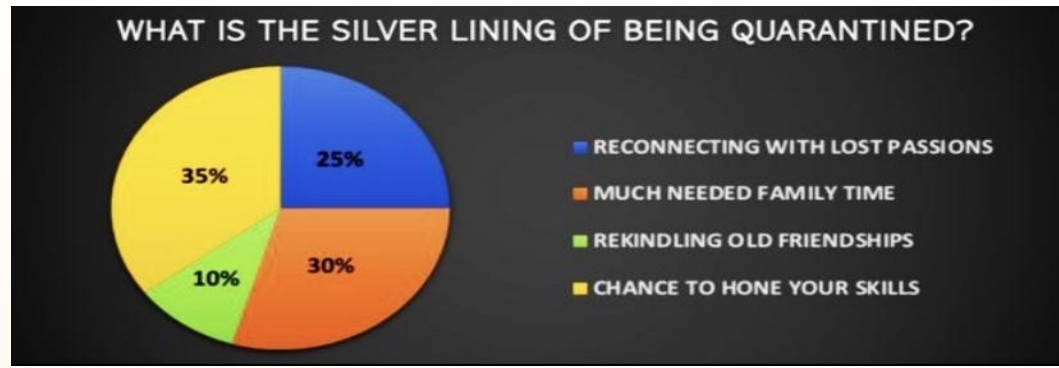


human life and economy alike presents an unprecedented opportunity to India. Today the country strangely finds itself at the threshold of a gazillion

opportunities to reinstate it's lost glory. The rationale being that the virus is known to largely affect the elderly and India with more than 65% of it's

population below the age of 35 might be inadvertently immune to it and the other reason being it's ability to cash in on the negative sentiment for

China in the international community by providing the same manufacturing atmosphere to companies planning to shift out of the Dragon nation. This could put a virtual end to the hegemony enjoyed by China in Asia. It is thus time to go 'Vocal for Local' and to espouse 'Made in India' products. The idea to become self-reliant has to seep into our collective consciousness and ultimately become a way of life. Whether the end of the epidemic marks the return of the golden age in the country or not, only time will tell.



**The above visual deductions are a result of an Opinion Poll/Survey conducted on the Instagram Handle of TRANSCENDENT where in a large number of students gave in their responses.

Do you think our country has done enough to ramp up the health infrastructure during the lockdown?

BVST VARSHITH, EDITOR: *The government has been taking quite a lot of steps, which are to be seen, if enough or not, in due time.*



Acquiring PPE, ventilators and other necessary equipment has been given utmost priority. These improvements would help handle the situation efficiently, for now.

How do you think the academic schedule should be framed so as to result in maximum benefit for the students?

SRIJA BHASKAR, EDITOR: *The students should be motivated to be self-dependent during these tough times and be able to learn things on their own. Having said that, the educational system should cut the students some slack and allow them to explore their own domains of interest.*

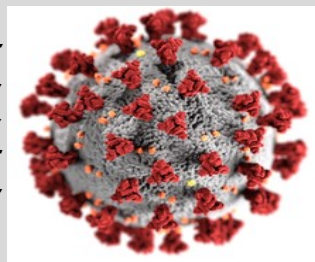


What can we as students contribute to the society at large in these times of distress?

SOWBHAGYA MAGANTY, EDITOR: *There has been a large impact on everyone's mental health due to the pandemic and we can combat it by creating awareness through social media on how to fight and get our lives back to normal and also create awareness amongst the people on how we can individually stop the pace of the virus.*

How successful has the country been in mitigating the threat of the virus?

ESWAR TEJA CHAVA, EDITOR: *Keeping the current statistics in mind and being the second most populous country in the world, I feel that India has been relatively successful in dealing with the pandemic so far. But it is important to note that more investment in the medical sector is needed to successfully flatten the curve.*



Are you satisfied with the present rules of the lockdown or do you suggest any restrictions/relaxations?

KALYAN, EDITOR: *As per MHA's latest guidelines, the present rules of lockdown are apt in the current scenario except the non-allowance of Non-Essential goods supply and not opening salons, spas and barber shops in the Red Zones.*



Can the country rise up from the blow of recession that is about to hit it?

ANIRUDH R, EDITOR: *Yes, our country's economy will rebound but not soon enough to stop it from adversely affecting the middle class and the poor sections of the society.*



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HUMA'S QUARANTINE :

QUARANTRYING

'It's like early summer, minus the fun'



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Day 39273923824782 📅 of quarantine! Seriously, who keeps a track anymore? I wake up with an enthusiasm to do something new. Being quarantined means having the freedom to finally do whatever you wish! A series of ideas flash through my head, well except learning how to drive, hanging out with friends whose faces I'm about to forget or even go for a swim. That one thought was enough to drain out the motivation I had mustered for the day. How do introverts do this?

I put my phone away for the first time today and do the chores my ethnic parents expect from me. I'm so fed-up I don't mind doing them anymore. I even know the exact number of cobwebs we have in our basement. It's like early summer, minus the fun.

While I rotted in boredom, a realization hit me. We've never gotten an opportunity such as this. No homework, no deadlines to worry about. We're living our dreams yet we're too blind to notice. But it's time to kiss laziness goodbye and turn the volume up because you need this 'yearlong' month to yourself. That's why once this Corona tension ends, I'm taking another week off for myself.



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How does a highly extroverted person suffering from extreme ADHD survive through this you ask? In a world with technology at its fingers doing the repeated pilgrimage through the social media applications and **NETFLIX** seemed appropriate, but with constant repetition of this daily mantra, one thing was clear- new hobbies had to be acquired or the doors of **Erragadda** weren't too far. So I started writing a journal, a commitment I made. It was clear that this daily pilgrimage of mine, even with an extreme poetic touch wouldn't make the journal interesting, and I wasn't ready to accept that. Wanting to read this journal somewhere down the future, it clearly wasn't worth anyone's time. So I started trying out new hobbies, be it stargazing or basic painting which before this I loathed, I found myself satisfactorily engaged, bored I was but engaged nonetheless. Honouring my commitment I found a way to entertain myself.



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PRASHEETHA'S QUARANTINE :

PERPETUALLY QUARANFUSED

'Why did I like the idea of staying at home again?'



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I've been looking at a lot of Instagram posts lately that quote, "quarantine and chill". The 'quarantine' part I understand, but the 'chill' part I don't (*dead face*) 😞

So, I wake up and it's AFTERNOON. I try to motivate myself to get off the bed and change out of my **sleep pajamas** to my **daytime pajamas**. It's been DAYS and all that I have done is increased the screen time on my phone to ELEVENTY-SEVEN hours. I have LITERALLY explored every corner of my house, even the places that I didn't know existed (boredom strikes creativity).

Eventually, I got sick of idling around, so I read a book, baked a cake, washed the dishes, washed the car (don't ask), cleaned my room and mowed the lawn (now I've got abs). It's like the day had 100 hours and now I was back to doing nothing. At this point, my boredom seemed like a mental illness, so I just decide to lay in bed, relax and watch movies all day. Why did I like the idea of staying at home again?

pew If you would have asked me in January, what I'd be doing in March, watching 'SPONGEBOB' and learning HOW TO MOONWALK wouldn't be the answer.