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Our Flag does not fly because the wind blows it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.

War... it has demolished and recreated the destinies of nations. Though peace is the ambition of mankind, sometimes war is inevitable to save peace. The Kargil War will go down in India's history as one of the most ferocious and hard-fought conflicts with the enemy in recent years. The conflict was code-named 'OPERATION VIJAY'. It was launched in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir in May 1999 to throw out the Pakistani soldiers who had secretly intruded the LoC [Line of Control] into Indian territory in great numbers. But they made a terrible mistake as they had miscalculated the steely resolve of the brave hearts of the armed forces and the Pakistanis had to ultimately beat a quick retreat after losing a number of their soldiers. Young officers led fearless soldiers up rock faces and forced out the enemy within weeks.

July 26, 1999, the day India gained victory in the Kargil war - after their relentless fight for more than 60 days, is etched in each Indian's heart as a sign of victory and success. To commemorate the courageous victory that the armed forces secured in the hilly terrain of Kargil- this year, Lt Gen Y K Joshi lead 25 bikers from Udhampur under "Dhruva Kargil Ride" which ended at Kargil War Memorial in Drass. By the time they reached, 75 bikers had joined. It was held from 22-23 July 2021.

The bike rallies were held as a tribute to the brave hearts of the Kargil War who gave their today for our tomorrow.

NATIONAL KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS Headlines

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India loses a creative emblem – Danish Siddiqui

By: Akanksha Majumdar, XII G

Danish Siddiqui, an Indian photojournalist was killed in Spin Boldak, Afghanistan on 16th July 2021. At only 38, Siddiqui died of multiple gunshot wounds while documenting a clash between Afghan security forces and the Taliban. A Pulitzer prize-winning gifted journalist, Siddiqui worked as the multimedia head for Reuters, based in Mumbai. Along with being a photojournalist, Danish Siddiqui was also an impeccable storyteller. His images always managed to capture the raw emotion and depth of the common man. He successfully shed light upon numerous widely prevalent issues and did so with grace and integrity. His precise imagery of funeral pyres of COVID-19 patients not only highlighted the situation upon us but also gave the layman a chance to speak out their grievances to the world.

Danish's truthful delve into the low economy society stands as a public reminder that their lives didn't go in vain, and hence, neither did Siddiqui's.

Danish Siddiqui was a modern gem in India's metaphorical crown, and the world will grieve his loss for many years to come.

NATIONAL

A farmer's daughters crack the RAS Exam

By: – Saanvi Shiv
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It was a proud moment for a father from the Hanumargh district, Rajasthan—when his three daughters cracked the State Level Rajasthan Public Services Commission (RPSC) exams in a row, joining their two older sisters who are already serving in the Administration. Rajasthan Administration Services (RAS) is a State Level civil services examination. The main objective of RAS is to recruit candidates for the state and subordinate services of Rajasthan.

The five daughters Anshu, Reetu, Suman, Roma, and Manju were not privileged to attend high school due to their low economic status. As for their father's source of low income who is a farmer, they had no alternative plan but to discontinue their education after their fifth grade. Their abrupt discontinuation from education had them homeschooled for the rest of the coming years. After engaging in a long period of continuous combined studies, frequent visits to the government libraries, and with no accessibility to additional coaching, the three younger sisters appeared for their Central Board exams in an Open school and studied privately for graduation to Ph.D. before trying for the state civil service.

After a successful attempt, the three of them secured 31st, 96th, and 98th positions respectively among the 2000 selected candidates in the highly competitive exam. Their 2 older sisters Roma and Manju had cracked the RAS exam in 2010 and 2012 respectively. Roma has been posted at the Block development office while Manju works in the cooperative department of the RAS services.

As quoted by Michael Phelps, "There will be obstacles, there will be doubters, there will be mistakes, but with hard work there are no limits." The five daughters of the farmer proved that nothing could stop them from achieving their goals despite the obstacles they faced.



Myanmar's Spring Revolution - Youth Rebel For Democracy

By: Ayesha Hasnain,
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On the first of February, a country known for embodying a democratic ethos stood still as a decade of parliamentary elections, democratic reforms, and a representative government came to an end with the military staging a coup d'état. Myanmar's military head Senior General. Min Aung Hlaing claimed that the extreme steps were necessary due to alleged voter fraud in November elections where the National League for Democracy (NLD) prevailed over the military's proxy party. Subsequently, military forces had occupied Yangon - suspending telephone networks and internet access, cancelling planned parliamentary sessions, and arresting Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the civilian government.

The Burmese army was labelled to have 'genocidal intentions' by a UN report filed in 2017 when a brutal campaign was launched against the Rohingyas, displacing 750,000 of the ethnic minority who proceeded to seek refuge in Bangladesh and India.

A slew of peaceful protests followed which included labour strikes and a pot-banging movement alongside a red-ribbon campaign where the colour donned by protestors was widely associated with the NLD. The Milk Tea Alliance found a large following as an online democracy solidarity movement that had evolved from an internet meme to a multinational movement against authoritarianism.

Amongst the various methods adopted by civilians to exhibit their discontent at the sudden and unwelcome shift in governance was the three-finger salute. The gesture originated in The Hunger Games as a symbol of resistance and has since been adopted by pro-democracy movements in Hong Kong, Thailand, and Myanmar.

The military has also faced slingshots, fireworks, bicycle wheels, and water cannons as the youth take on the regime in a creatively fresh wave of protests. Despite the immediate hardships, a sense of unity has been instilled within the population as neighbours distribute food and protective gear for free. And simple songs or the distribution of sarongs is enough to rake a shiver down the regime's metal-clad spine.

As a new era dawns with the awakening of the youth, oblivion is bid farewell with a salute that promises redemption, and young hearts that refuse to bow to oppression.

Biden approves \$100m emergency funds to resettle Afghan refugees.

By: Aylin, IX - N

US President Joe Biden has sanctioned up to \$100m emergency funds to adhere to refugee requirements arising from the situation in Afghanistan including for special immigration visa applicants (SIVs), the White House said. Biden has also authorized a sum of \$200m with a focus on improving refugee settlements and other amenities. The United States is preparing the evacuation of many Afghan applicants for SIVs who are at risk from the Taliban, a religious and political faction founded in the mid-1990s.

These applicants have serviced for the US government, performing as translators and other jobs. The first batch of expatriates is expected to move to Fort Lee, a US military camp in Virginia by the end of July, waiting for the processing of their visa applications, a vicinity suggested by the officials of the Pentagon. Other facilities in the US and abroad are being reviewed by the government where SIV applicants and their families could be accommodated.

"Everything is too uncertain here and we have to get our families out before things get too bad," said Ahmad Bilal, 26. He said the preponderance of SIV applicants have little lucidity in the process and consultancies like this one are overworked and overcrowded. "Right now, we have no way to get in direct contact with the embassies and these offices are overstretched."

The uncertainty of things in the region has every stakeholder nervous; one can only hope the landmark American move to withdraw troops doesn't leave the country and its neighbours in shackles of socio-political instability- instead, pave the way for peace that's been long overdue to Afghanistan.

THE CATASTROPHE OF WEST EUROPE

By: Harshitha Chandra
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Just as Europe prepared to heave a sigh of relief after COVID-19 cases reflected a negative trajectory and vaccination drives were largely successful- it was hit by one of the worst floods in its history on 13th July 2021. Steadily, the magnitude of destruction leaves climate scientists stupefied at the thought of the sheer amount of havoc this could wreak on the world's wealthiest and most technologically advanced countries. This is the deadliest flood since 1985 and the 10th deadliest flood in Europe coming back after 19 years.

The Copernicus Sentinel-1 mission that is used to chart flooded areas, to help relief efforts has been active. This mission has been endowing imagery through the Copernicus Emergency Central Mapping Service.

The impact of this flood caused by unprecedented rainfall has hit hard in Western Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and the West German states of North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, and Saarland. Almost more than 200 people were dead, hundreds of people missing or injured & thousands had to leave their homes.

In Altenahr, they say, even the dead were not spared by the flood. The village cemetery was swept away- at least 160 people dead. In Belgium, the whole country is now left in ruins- at least 50 people dead. In Germany, the conditions are worsening with each passing day and have submerged many towns. The death toll started with 133 people and now, at least 180 people are dead.

The authorities have warned that the death toll may grow higher. Instead of looking at this as a misfortune suffered by our fellow humans across the world, it's important to reflect on what these floods have to teach. Climate change is real, the world is at the cusp of a major environmental paradigm shift- its imperative that India, along with the rest of the world prepares accordingly before its too late.



The making of a doctor

By: Milee
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Remember your first visit to the doctor's? Of course not, you were tiny. The first visit you can recall then? The colourful soft toys in the waiting room. The gentle hands checking you up, the kind smile, the quiet calmness they radiated. The candies in a big bowl by the counter after you're done with the check-up.

It takes much more strength to rebuild than it takes to destroy it. After all, it takes years to learn medicine and mere seconds to harm someone.

When Gandhiji was undertaking a fast in Parnakuti, Poona in 1933, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy attended to him. At first, he refused any treatment on the grounds that he shouldn't have free treatment denied to all others. Dr Roy replied, "But I came...to treat 'him' who to me represents the four hundred million people of my country." Dr Roy is the one on who's birthday we celebrate Doctor's Day.

Another essential part of this bond is the absolute trust we place in our doctors, surrendering our body to their ministrations, assured that we will be saved. And without doubt, in the darkest hour of the country, our doctors kept the honour of that trust. They have put in 7-hour shifts, 18 hours a day, 7 days a week during the medical nightmare of the pandemic. Third-year MBBS students have been called in to put in work to make the ends meet. An article in TOI reported 'bruises and cuts from masks' and 'wearing PPE kits for over 7 hours is unbearable'. And yet they bore it. For us.

So, while one day is too less, we celebrate them on 1st July. We celebrate the efforts they put in everyday in the service of their fellow countrymen. The calm, strength, trust and perseverance that makes a doctor.



Doctors are humans too.

They get scared too, every time a patient's hopeful eyes stare back at them, asking if they'll be okay and they have to promise that they will, even if they're not certain themselves.

They have families too, just like the rest of us - parents and spouses and children who depend on them and wait for them to come home every night and expect them to attend their school events.

They feel disappointment too, every time the heartbeat of a patient goes as quiet as a cemetery, and the pain of disappointment and shame almost consume them whole.

They get overjoyed too, when another person thanks them for all that they have done, when another man is cured because of them, when the light in that person's eyes returns.

They get sick too, even if the very thing they do is to prevent sickness. They sniffle their way through colds and wince their way through muscle sprains, just like the rest of us (even if the idea of doctors falling ill is unimaginable for the rest of us).

They have hobbies too, not just the never-ending process of saving lives. They like getting their hands smudged with paint, and staying up late reading a good novel, and mixing up ingredients to make a toothsome cake, or just reclining on the couch, listening to some Kishore Kumar.

They laugh too, booming laughter and little giggles. They shake their heads, chuckling at jokes and tease their friends when they do something embarrassing.

And they have nightmares too, just like the rest of us. Nights filled with faces and pleas of all those they failed (even though they didn't), sobs and screams of loved ones who lost people, blood and tears, blood and tears, bloody tears.

Countless sleepless nights, stacks of fat textbooks, and hours and hours of labour, just so they can pour that compassion in their hearts to serve the world. They hold all those fragile lives in their unwavering fingers with the promise to never let go.

They faced - and continue to face - a virus never seen before in this world, shoving their fear aside, knowing very well that they could be one of the innumerable dead they tried to cure. But that never matters to them, because they give and give and give to the people who trust them with their very lives.

So on this Doctors' Day - a day that means so much more after a year of terror and turmoil - I thank every single doctor in this world, for their dedication and devotion to what they do, for their kindness and ever-assuring presence, and for their undying selflessness.

And we, the common people who they forever serve, should always remember,

Doctors are humans too.

The Sacred Oath

By:
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Dear Doctors, Nurses and Health workers

By: Shreeya
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Words fail when I try to express my gratitude to you for all your noble deeds and dedication during this pandemic.

The current global situation is probably the toughest time of our lives. Doctors, nurses, and health workers would always be hailed as the 'Epitome of Empathy, Compassion, and Inspiration'. You have been on the frontline, battling the deadly virus and saving countless vulnerable lives.

Your selflessness and courage to persist amid all odds have been a true inspiration for each of us. Working day and night without a pause for several days, but still adorning a smile is nothing short of a wonder. I would like to express my appreciation for providing unflinching support to those in need and shielding them even if it meant you would be in danger.

The words, 'I'm doing everything to save you', or 'Relax, you are doing fine, worked like magic even for patients with severe symptoms, and your promise led to their quick recovery. Your reassurance and care made all the difference in these bleak times.

A big thank you - from each one of us - for your sacrifices, courage, and commitment during this pandemic.

To the Saviours in White

By: Aditi Karanam
XI K

To the Saviours in White,

You are the heroes of today and every day, your protective personal equipment is your armour and the spirit of selfless service is your superpower. Your service is the gift of humanity bestowed upon each of us. We gasp at your absence. We turn to you at our most helpless state, you are the need of the hour during the hapless of times.

We laud and support each one of you, we bestrew roses in your path, clap our hands and resonate your names but I often wonder if anything we ever do is nearly enough to match the gift of health you bestow on us.

At times you are fighting against all odds, against the forces of nature and elements beyond control, for which you may be unfairly blamed. Our guts wrench, we hang our heads in utter shame when we witness the attacks on you. The attack on you is the attack on humanity, for you are the flag bearers of it. We rely on you to be the donors of life. We look out for you to find comfort and respite.

You may find yourselves on the frontline of a losing battle, your efforts going unrequited, invoking a sense of despair in you, it makes one wonder who you turn to for warmth and comfort when the battle becomes cold and bitter. It can make us wonder who treats you with the due diligence you deserve...

It takes incredible understanding, patience and empathy to continue the good work, unrequited. This doctor's day, we take an oath, an oath to offer you more than our mere appreciation, we owe to do our bit, we owe to become empathetic and reasonable. We owe to offer you all the support we could ever muster. We owe respect to the lives you have devoted to us.

You are respite, Your work divine and your spirit selfless. You have the power of resurrection of hope, you are the embodiment of Godliness. You are the epitome of humanity. You're the personification of resilience.

With all the love, adulation and respect I could ever garner,

Aditi Karanam



SPORTS

DJOKOVIC, ITALY AND ARGENTINA ARE TRIUMPHANT!

By: Gautham P, VI L



The Wimbledon 2021 was won by World no. 1 Novak Djokovic after defeating Matteo Berrettini to win his 20th grand slam, equaling Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer's record. Djokovic lost only two sets the entire season, in his first and last match. He has won all three grand slams this year, that is, the Australian open, the French open and the Wimbledon .If Djokovic wins the US open this year, he will be the second man to win all four grand slams in the same year, the first being Rod Laver. He could also be the first man to win all four grand slams and the Olympic gold in the same year. We are all eagerly awaiting the start of the Olympics this year!

Meanwhile, the Euro cup was won by Italy who defeated England in the thrilling highvoltage final. It went up to the penalty shootout where Italy's Gianluigi Donnarumma made brilliant saves. England scored the first goal and English goalkeeper Pickford defended well but succumbed to Italian Leonardo Bonnucci at the 67th minute causing the match to enter the penalty shootout stage of the match. In the penalty shootout Italy won 3-2. The Italians celebrated their second Euro trophy.

The Copa America was won by Argentina, after beating Brazil 1-0 to win their 14th trophy. The Argentinian Messi won his first ever international trophy for his country. Argentina is only one title behind Uruguay, who have 15. The Olympics will be coming up too, and we will witness brilliant matches in various sports. Will Novak Djokovic win the Olympic gold in tennis and make history? Who will win the Olympics in badminton, table tennis and the other sports? It will be a thrilling season, I am sure.

SPORTS

Young India wins ODI- series vs Sri Lanka

By: Om Joshi,
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Sri-Lanka Vs India; 1st ODI-

Sri-Lanka went out to bat. India didn't start off well but were soon back into the game. All Sri-Lankan batsmen got starts but couldn't convert it into big scores. Chamika Karunaratne's blitz gave Sri-Lanka a respectable target of 262. India got off to a flying start with Prithvi Shaw's 43 of 24. Ishan Kishan smacked a 1st ball six on his ODI-debut as well as his birthday to get to his 50 but got out at 59. Shikhar Dhawan, ably supported by Manish Pandey and Suryakumar Yadav (also on his debut), hit the winning runs.

Sri-Lanka Vs India; 2nd ODI-

Sri-Lanka got off to an excellent start but the middle-order yet again failed to make a good score .It was Charith Asalanka and Chamika Karunaratne, who led Sri-Lanka to 275/9. India got off to a worst possible start as they were 65/3 at the end of the 12th-over. Things even got worse for India when all middle-order batsmen got out. It looked like it was all over for India but then came Deepak Chahar's heroics. He and Bhuvneshwar Kumar stitched a partnership of 84(84) to take India over the line.

Man-of-the-match: Deepak Chahar {69*(82)}& 2/53(8)

Sri-Lanka Vs India; 3rd ODI-

With the series already in the pocket, India made 6-changes in their playing-XI, with 5-ODI debutants included. This time the Indian batting collapsed and were bowled-out for 226. Sri-Lanka almost chased it easily but a middle-order collapse added a mini contest. However, Sri-Lanka managed to win.

Man-of-the-match: Avishka Fernando {76(98)}

PLAYER-OF-THE-SERIES: SURYAKUMAR YADAV {124-runs(3 innings)}

Doctor Bidhan Chandra Roy was more than your average physician. He was a freedom fighter, an activist, and even served as the chief minister of West Bengal! His birth and death anniversary are widely celebrated as National Doctors' Day, in honour of his long and influential career as a medical practitioner and legislator.

Despite being a descendant of the king of Jessore, Maharaja Pradapaditya, Doctor Roy was raised with moderate wealth. His parents were Brahmo Samajists: members of a Hindu reform movement who believed in the spirit of giving and social service transcending above socio-economic backgrounds. It is perhaps this upbringing that inspired the philanthropy he displayed later in his life. He resisted partaking in the nationalist movement and decided to focus on his academics in order to serve the nation to his utmost capacity.

They say that words can move hearts, and this is certainly true in the case of Doctor Roy. As a medical student, the words "whatever thy hands findeth to do, do it with thy might", created a profound effect on him. This very quote is a perfect reference to his persistence and relentless determination, and followed him all the way to Britain in his search of a better education. There, he applied to St. Bartholomew's hospital thirty times until he was finally accepted, overcoming the prejudice the hospital authorities held against Asians. He completed both his FRCS and MRCS degrees simultaneously, a rare achievement even today! Through his immense dedication and hard work, Doctor Roy was a pathfinder in the Indian healthcare field. He connected healthcare to the concept of swaraj, believing that healthy bodies and minds are necessary prerequisites to true freedom. He is truly a role model for all kinds of healthcare professionals today.

CREATIVE

The Portrait of a Physician

By: Adrija Basani
XII B



A Heartfelt Applause

**A heartfelt applause to the superhero,
With a ray of hope to those dwelled in
sorrow.**

**A heartfelt applause to our saviour,
You jumped in to fight an unknown
warrior.**

**A heartfelt applause to your tireless
resilience,**

**Overwhelmed with emotions, you
forge ahead with persistence.**

**Revered and respected for being the
angel with scrubs,**

**A heartfelt applause to your courage
and supreme sacrifice.**



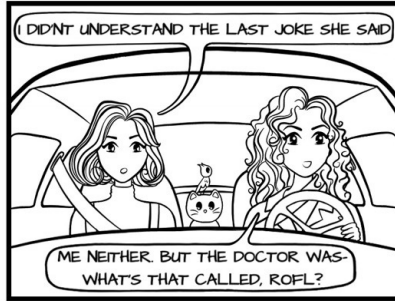
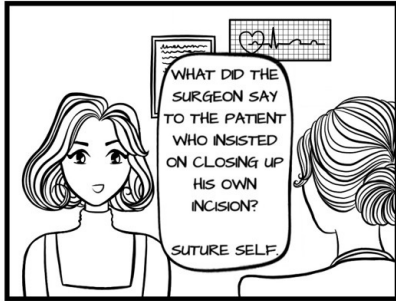
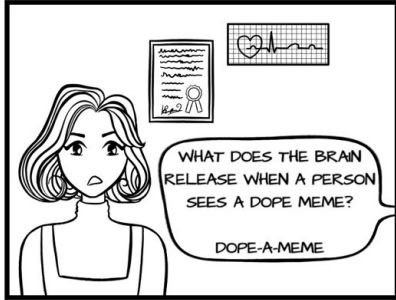
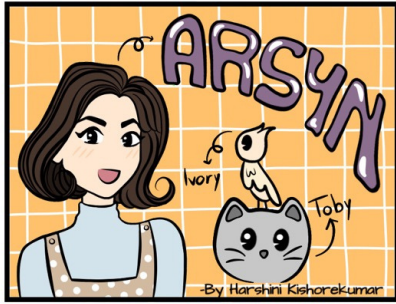
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A heartfelt
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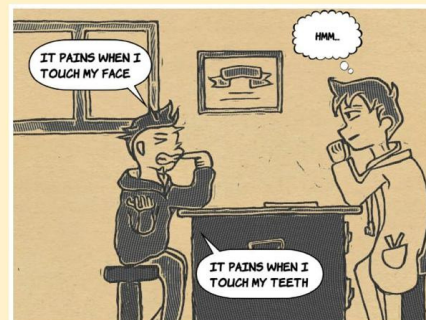




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