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TEAM SPIRIT

Imagine spending the last winter away from the crippling cold Delhi mornings and missing the solace of college's sunbathing ground, but finding a glimpse of that warmth and comfort for a few hours, that's how it was writing for Blend. It was nostalgic and necessary. As we re-visit and revise our determinations for 2021, this issue of BLEND

aims to focus on new beginnings as an opportunity of hope while re-evaluating, altering and modifying all that we have learnt in 2020. This issue we take another look at our responsibility as part of larger community. Blend aims to act as a canvas for students to project their thoughts, artistic impressions, learnings and experiences. Creating blend was an experience was full of epiphanies, joy and emotions for the team as they felt nostalgic remembering the past and hopeful while fondly anticipating the future. We are delighted to bring to you the latest issue of Blend, wrapped in warmth and hope. In this edition, we

explore new beginnings while reminiscing the

bygone days It was a pleasure and privilege to

work on such a beautiful and inclusive issue.

BA.PROGRAMME: WHERE THE TRUE ESSENCE OF 'BLEND' EXIST

~Mallika Barsaley, BA. Programme editorial head

If you were to choose one colour that would represent BA.programme, what would it be?

You can't choose one right?

BA. Programme is a community that cannot be classified into one category, one subject, one thought, one group, one emotion or one colour. It is a Blend of numerous subjects with numerous thoughts, opinions, and personalities and of course uncountable groups (of course those WhatsApp groups tend to get on our nerves sometimes). In my 3 years of experience, I have accepted and celebrated the fact that being part of BA.programme is not about having that same cluster of friends to enjoy your college life in three years, it is rather having a great

many friends cherishing a special connection with each. A lot of this is because of the fact that we add one new subject every year to our time tables, thus now and then you have to work with a new set of people, learn, interact and in no time you will end up having Nescafe ki coffee together discussing your project in chaupal. Furthermore this plethora of subjects to choose also act as a catalyst to

a lot of social and political discussion which leaves everyone with food for thought. Although my main disciplines are Human resource management and English literature, the fact that I had many friends from political science and history background that widened my outlook on various political topics. Not limited to just political debates and analysis, one acquires skills like marketing, computer application, office management and much more rather than just reading traditional arts stream texts. This phenomenon is also reflected in the different curricular activities and societies BA. Programme students not only engage but lead-in. From consumer club to fine arts society, film society to placement cell the department leaves its mark.

This extensive involvement in various activities, societies, disciplines must not be assumed as differentiation and isolation of each idea. It must rather be considered as individual opinions, thoughts, point of views blending to reach a holistic conclusion. Just as a person reads feminism not only as a political theory but sociological and historical perspective as well while relating the same to the 21st century. A student studying Eng. discipline also gets to explore Hindi and Sanskrit as language and visa-versa. BA. Programme is hence, a melange that celebrates diversity at every step blending into not just one, two or three but a VIBGYOR of colours!

this on that KNC Edition



Car Keys



Chaupal me shade



Diggin ke bahar ke chhole kulche



Dress up



Class attendance



College fest

Diwali mela

KNC chhole bhature freaks







Dress down

Metro Card

Ground me

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photoshoot &

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Society practice









KNC gym freaks

2020 - A Roller Coaster Ride !

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As soon as the clock struck twelve on the 1st of January 2021, all of us swore not to speak of the dreadful year 2020, and let bygones be bygones. But here I am, writing about the most notorious year of them all.

The year 2020 began as any other normal year would have and nobody had anticipated the twists and turns it would take as it progressed. The realization of what was in store came in around the month of March where the world was struck with a pandemic and everything came to a standstill. The lockdown acted as a sudden break in our fast-paced lives. With so much ambiguity. nobody knew when would the world reopen and we would be able to go back to the "apparent"

normal.

People suffered from mental health issues, financial issues, and also emotional problems. The year was marked by loss, death, grief, and conflict. All of these checked for what we saw as inherently wrong with the year but as they say, there are always two sides to a coin; the same was the case with the previous year, where there was so much bad but there was a good side as well. The lockdown months witnessed changes, there was newness and a few changes were positive. People discovered their talents during this time, someone like me who had not cooked anything in the past started to look up recipes on YouTube, cooked and baked for the first time. Along with that, with everything happening online, a lot of new opportunities emerged to loost one's skills and knowledge. All this time we were confined to our homes, nature seemed to enjoy itself to the fullest, it looked picturesque and made everyone feel better in the gloomy times.

Now that we have reached the end of the pandemic and its a new year, everyone is filled with hope about 2021. We are pinning our hopes on this year and would like it to be nothing like the previous one but at the same time, the key takeaways from 2020 will stay with us forever. We will never take anything for granted and the fact nothing lasts forever 'has also been established All in all, 2020 was a roller-coaster ride, with its own share of ups and downs, and now that we have gotten down from the roller-coaster ride, even though we still feel a bit dizzy, let's hope this year lives up to our expectations and is filled with happiness.

Ambika Seth BA Programme (3rd year).

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From 2020: A Year of Changes to 2021: A Year Full of Hope -Kriti Sinha

2020 was an extreme year marked with big changes in

almost everyone's life. Whether it was coping with the virus or other changes

in the way we function, everything had its share of ups and down and required a certain level of adjustment. Some of these changes were hard to adapt to while some of them became trends which are somehow going to stay with us forever.

Starting an era of minimalism-

Minimalism isn't something new, it has been here since the 1950s. But it is quite surprising to see that it took a whole pandemic for people to realise that they can make do with the only things that support their existence. We don't need a lot of stuff and extra possessions to survive. It was just that before we were blinded by this mania of owning everything. 2020 has been fruitful in that sense.

Remote working and online education is the future-

If ten years ago someone had predicted that 2020 would start the trend of work from home and online education, we probably would have laughed at them. But now when we look at it, it seems to be the safest and most comfortable option for working. Though there is no greater regret than the one of missing out on half of your college life, tough times call for tougher actions.

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The much-needed focus on mental health-

While everyone was reeling with the effects of lockdown, the suicide of Sushant Singh Rajput brought the conversation around mental health on the forefront. This somehow helped in breaking the taboo and stigma around mental illness and seeking treatment for them. Other than that also, the awareness about mental health issues is gaining a lot of prominence.

The Importance of family time-

In the race of moving forward in life, the essence of family time was somehow lost. Another good thing that ensued in 2020 was the strengthening of the family bond and the essence of these relationships. These hard times helped us in understanding how family always comes first.



Big wins and rise of activism-

Kamala Harris's win as the first woman as well as first African-American and South Asian Vice Presidentelect of The United States of America is a testament to the fact that women can and will achieve everything.

In other news, whether it was George Floyd's death which led to the Black Lives Matter movement in the US or the Farmer's Protest in India, both these things amplified the importance of speaking up against what is wrong and completely unfair and standing by them no matter what. On the other hand, as much as the Hathras gang rape incident instigated anger and rage among us it also raised a greater need for all of us to stand against caste-based violence and violence against women. While 2020 ended with these big changes, we have entered 2021 with a hope of making it big and living to the fullest. Learning from the mistakes of the last year, and looking forward to the new year with a little bit of positivity is all that 2021 is about.

The Vaccine rollout-

The n number of rumours and controversies surrounding the vaccine in the year 2020 created a lot of confusion and chaos. With the government's approval and a nod to the vaccine and its soon rollout, 2021 looks a little better. While there might be a lot of doubts and concerns about its efficiency, 2021 is all about how to combat coronavirus.

A good old college farewell-

If you are a final year student, then you can probably relate to the fact that covid fucked up the last two years of our college life. No matter how comfortable online classes are, it can never give us that college wali feel. And as we have entered into our last semester, the countdown has begun and since the probability of reopening of colleges seems less than 10% all we wish for

is a good old college farewell.

Continuing the trends of 2020 with a little bit of normality

Whether it is work from home or being content with minimal things or becoming more self-reflective, 2021 seems like a year for the continuation of these things with a little bit of normality and learning from past experiences.

Going from a year of changes to a year of hope might have been a little bit heavy and difficult for all of us but if there is anything that the last year has taught us then it is to live freely and in the moment.

TRUE BELIEVER

Title : True Believer Author : Nicholas Sparks Genre : Fiction, Romance Set Of : Duology Protagonists : Jeremy Marsh and Lexi Darnell

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"She was mysterious, and he liked mysteries. Mysteries always lead to surprises..." ~Nicholas Sparks, True Believer

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Set in a small town of Boone Creek, the story revolves around Marsh's attempt to debunk the supernatural , ghostly specter in the town's cemetery.

Jeremy Marsh, a skeptical and determined science journalist who never believed in miracles, happened to turn out to be a TRUE BELIEVER in the end. His journey in Boone Creek begins with a camera, in the cemetery on a foggy night.

> Visiting the town with the motive of confuting the idea of miracle, he collides with Lexie Darnell who proved to be a total mystery for him. But, mystery being his topic of interest the story now sweeps around, brimminging its readers with contrasting feelings of love and hatred, excitement and desolation and most importantly with shock and satisfaction. There is a budding romance between lead characters that deepens when 'the LIGHTHOUSE' comes into play.

The characters in the story hold very strong personalities and goals for life. But, love definitely flips its cards to turn the two different paths in a direction that would link them on the same road. The revelation of one mystery solves many mysteries within the reader that it wished weren't ever solved. The novel fulfils the demands of the title by compelling us to believe that 'people enter our lives for a reason', like Lexie moved into Jeremy's.

> This work of Sparks also ventures the warmth of love from family, friends and well-wishers diving in which we get drenched with the belief that after all, family is family. One of the best romance novels, is an amalgamation of different emotions and the mystery that ultimately weaves the characters and the story together with its readers.

All in all the story encapsulates us, forcing us, like Jeremy Marsh, to become a 'true believer'

Homophopia: Is it really a phopia?

-Upasana Punjabi

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The word "homophobia," when broken down, roughly means being scared of homosexuals. Its loaded suffix suggests that it's a clinical term, just as arachnophobia refers to people with a fear of spiders or mysophobia which is the fear of germs. We're using the term homophobia completely wrong. The term "homophobia" was first seen in the late 1960s and was coined by psychologist George Weinberg. At this time, it was only used to describe the fear of heterosexual men that others might believe that they are gay. Over time, the word has evolved (as all words tend to do) as something different. Nowadays, we use "homophobic" to refer to people that act hateful or discriminatory towards members of the LGBTQA+ community.

The suffix "-phobia" indicates a legitimate fear that a person might have. This fear is oftentimes irrational, however, it is deeply ingrained in the person's psyche, and it is therefore valid. "Homophobia", on the other hand, is not. There is nothing valid about hating an entire group of people for the way that they were born, the way that they feel, the way that they love. In the case of this word, the suffix "phobia" seeks to justify unacceptance by labelling it as if it is something innate or scientific. It is simply not. The reasons for which a person might be "scared" of homosexuals are formed entirely by the society in which we live.

Gregory M. Herek, a psychology professor at the University of California, who has studied LGBT prejudice for decades, argues that the words "homophobia" and "homophobic" are limited in their ability to describe what's really going on because it's not just fear that drives these attitudes. Herek says "it is no longer an accurate way of describing how both society and individuals are prejudiced against LGBT people". He proposes using the phrase "sexual stigma" to refer to society's negative regard for non-heterosexual things, and "sexual prejudice" to describe an individual's negative attitudes that are based on sexual orientation. Society perceives anyone and anything that is different from them and their ideologies as abnormal, later labelling them as dangerous. Since childhood, we are conditioned in such a manner that we perceive any change as a threat and naturally, the society considered homosexual people as a threat. Over years we have seen how gay, transgender people are treated and made fun of in reel as well as in real lives. Parents ask their children to avoid enauchs at red lights saying they are dangerous, this kind of conditioning leads to 'sexual prejudice' and 'sexual stigma'.

The Queer community is in a constant fight, a fight to figure out who they actually are, a fight against the society to accept them the way they are. They experience so much hate, judgements, brutality every day. It is so difficult for the ones belonging to this community to live a peaceful and happy life. 6th September 2020 marks the two year anniversary of the annulment of Article 377 of the Indian Constitution, legalising consensual homosexual activities between adults. Yet there are so many prejudices and hate that still function in our society.I really admire the courage they show every day in dealing with the hardships they face, the strength and pride they show in embracing their identity in a society where most people treat them as abnormal. All they ask is a little love and to be treated like any other human. Is it too hard to give even this much? Let's replace this hate with love and empathy.



Love doesn't go by a definition, it's something you feel and experience.

All of us are trying to find love in this world; There is an abundance of hate to go around but such little love to treasure, yet we set such strong barriers and restraints on it, on ourselves.

We fear everything uncertain, we fear change, we fear divergence, we fear anew; We fear emotions that are so pure in their entirety. Let's get rid of this fear and cherish all forms of love without any prejudices. After all, how can we proclaim something which doesn't have a proper definition

> as wrong? -Upasana Punjabi



Photos by Upasana Punjabi

Right from the time we enter kindergarten till the time we lie feeble on our beds, acknowledging the few dawns left with us, the most significant things we have around are friends and their memories. Although, our possessions vary, yet, we have them for life, and this is 'the serendipity' !

F.R.I.E.N.D.S is almost 27 years old. As old as most of our GOA plans. But, it remains fresh and young for each one of us, as if the show was made for us. 'The Central Perk' we know of, is the one where our favourite characters - Monica, Ross, Phoebe, Rachel,

Joey and Chandler, met to release their tensions with the intention to liberate ours ! Have you ever played F.R.I.E.N.D.S in real life ?

Unknowingly or knowingly, we all have. All of us have constructed our 'Central Perks' with our favourite real-life characters at some point of time - school playground, college gardens, canteens or even our favourite 'chai-wali dukan'. Relatable ?! Similarly, we all have encountered F.R.I.E.N.D.S characters in our lives !

One maybe MOM / MONICA Type.

A friend who cares for you, looks after you. The person is an amazing cook and very particular about cleanliness or maybe has an OCD. This one really takes time in moving on, but when it finds someone, the person is just as dedicated. Nevertheless, Monica is a beautiful person inside out and everyone needs a MONICA !

The other may be DAD / ROSS Type.

A caring and emotional person. Little slow or maybe a total loser in confessing things. Loves everyone equally. The friend gets sad easily and happy, that too easily. Gift the person cute, little or even weird stuff, it will appreciate it. But mind it, DO NOT TROUBLE ROSS ! Ross will never shout at you, but he gets upset quickly and do you want to upset Ross ? Also, if he starts hating you, it will take a really long time to get back into his good books. Yet, Ross has a very big heart with love for everyone !

Someone will also be INFANT / PHOEBE type.

The cutest friend of yours is Phoebe. The person is very innocent and accepts and forgives everyone easily. Phoebe has a billion dollar heart but got less brains to think about. Your Phoebe friend could

really make you laugh with its pursuits.

Which F.R.I.E.N.D.S Friend Are You ?

The friend will never get sad with your sarcastic jokes, instead will laugh with you or maybe just stay there, puzzled, for it may have never understood your joke. A Phoebe is a comical character with a heart made of pure gold. Please love Phoebe to the fullest!

Among us can be SISTER / RACHEL Type.

The person with a good sense of fashion. Rahcel can be certain with her dresses, but be totally confused in terms of life goals, feelings, relationships and sometimes coffee orders as well. This friend of yours can liberate you from your stress. Rachel is a beautiful friend which anyone would long for. Moreover, if you want to impress your crush with your appearance, look for something in Rachel's cupboard. I am pretty sure you will find something amazing to wear !

Now let's meet YOUNGER BROTHER / JOEY Type

A very caring and self-motivated person. This friend has all the plans and ideas, listening to which you may feel like implementing them but will be left with no beneficial outputs. This person can flirt with every second person it sees. NEVER

LAY HANDS ON JOEY'S FOOD ! I repeat 'NEVER'. This can certainly ruin your friendship with Joey. All in all, your Joey friend is the life of your group. This person entertains everyone and keeps us happy. Take care of Joey and appreciate him for his efforts !

Not to forget, ELDER BROTHER / CHANDLER Type.

Chandler has a sorted life. He is always certain with what he is doing. This person is always ready to help you. Do not try messing with Chandler because he knows how to retaliate. Yet. Chandler is a genuine person with amazing sarcasm. If you have Chandler as your friend, you are a fortunate one !

Friends are indeed an escape from tedium. They are our ephemeral ebullience. Most of us pose ourselves as 'F.R.I.E.N.D.S aficionados', but did you really find your Monica, Ross, Phoebe, Rachel, Joey or even Chandler ?

> Anoushka, B.A. Programme (Psychology + Sociology)

An Ode To Resilience

- Anindita Parashar

Last year, like never before, we collectively experienced something for the first time- a warped sense of time. As hours melted into days, then weeks, undefined by our traditional concerns and distractions, it was almost impossible to reconcile the anticipated. Sometimes it feels like we are still in March, yet, January feels like years ago. But, I say this from a place of privilege. Being able to isolate myself safely, and always having had access to whole meals, I was already better off than most. I could even board a flight and spend months in Assam, in the comfort of my own home. The brunt of the past year was faced by those who we as a society have invisibilized and those who continue to keep up the fight for truth and justice. How long must the past year have been for them? For the women who braved the cold at Shaheen Bagh to affirm their identity and citizenship last winter, for the farmers who are fighting the cold at Singhu border to defend their livelihoods this winter; for the millions rendered jobless and homeless overnight, having had to cross unfathomable distances to escape starvation; for the 16 migrant workers who halted for the night on what they

thought was an abandoned railway track, only to never see the light of day again; how long must the past year have been for them? And for Kashmir, has last year been just as long as the past 73, or has it been as long as 73? How long until too long? While Nirbhaya's justice was rejoiced, another was sacrificed. While the masked goons roamed free, Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalita stood behind bars. It has truly been a year like no other, I wish we could forget it, may we never forget it.

2020 will forever remain a fresh wound in human memory. In a nation that reeks of social inequality, only activism is the sole constant. Normalcy is a far cry and equity an epitaph. V-for-Vaccine might topple V-for-Virus eventually. But, for a while now, social activists like Bilkis Bano, Medha Patkar, Akkai Padmashali with many others are the ones keeping up the optimism in activism, the silver lining of this dark cloud. Girls College: Not a cry for male attention

Male Deprivation: Conditioned Narcissism

-AASHNA SIKKA

PSA: I am a liberal feminist and I don't hate men. Let me take you back to the summer of 2019 and the chaos of keeping up with Delhi University's admission process. Being an outstation student, my journey to Delhi involved a lot of crocodile tears and convincing, emotional blackmail and judgments that sounded like "Akeli ladki ko Delhi kaise bhej rahe ho" or "Dilliwaali banke aayegi". Amongst the taunts and tantrums I remember making a pros and cons list for my parents, only because, according to the brown girl's guide to freedom, it adds value! Touchwood, I have very liberal, or as the genZ like to call it "cool" parents (it's a scam). After a month and a half's consistent sweat and blood, my parents and I were finally on the same page.

When I broke it to my friends that I was going to an all girl's college, I did get some expected 'Oo's and sighs' but I never considered it to be a major con. In fact, I thought of it as a healthy change in environment and a challenge to change the stereotypical norms of "girls hate on girls". I had spent primary and middle school with an equal share of boys and girls and the last years of high school with some boyfriends (with and without a hyphen in between). Naturally, as a third person the whole shift to a gender-centric college seems huge and absurd, but believe me, it was not that big a deal. In fact, with the potential and talent around me, college perhaps seems like the only place where I feel the immense power of womanhood and understand the sacredness of unity. Even though as students some of the first questions that we exchanged were about our dating lives, there was so much more to talk about.

There was this sense of freedom whether it be in speech or in fashion. Three months into college, I started questioning the various outlooks I held about why as women we do certain things and why in the world is it related to how men feel or will react to those things; decisions around clothes suddenly became more about comfort and couture rather than carrying a scarf for a just-in-case situation or showing up with your hair blow-dried or in a messy bun, nobody cared. Don't get me wrong, having men around is great fun but the embedded sense of feeling conscious is so deep-rooted that most of the time we fail to see the toxic role it plays.

When I say 'conditioned narcissism' I mean the conditioned glorification and importance we are taught and are expected to give to men and their opinions about women. Food for thought: a majority of women nurture men and yet most of them grow up to mansplain their way through life. I wonder if that happens because subconsciously we are the children of patriarchal conditioning which in turn conditions men to believe that they are not just the majority but are superior. This adds to the already complex dynamics between power and gender; it makes us turn a blind eye to the individuality related to just being a woman without glorifying the man in it. Perhaps, nature vs/ nurture subtly led to narcissism and neglect.

This is not a hate rant, I promise. It's a simple attempt to nudge you in the direction of how women don't JUST want to woo-men!





WALL OF HOPE



A yellow harbinger

Standing strong amidst wounding spikes & guarding its aspiring buds against the surrounding wilderness: A sunflower is an epitome of adoration, loyalty, warmth and longevity.

In 2021, paving my way through inevitable adversities and much like the alive & kicking flower- Being a pillar of strength for myself and my loved ones is what I seek in this ailing world

Bhavya puri (BA programme) (2nd year;VI sem)

In the middle of this pandemic when days were gloomy, I found an escape leading me back to the woop woop where i spent my precious childhood. The raw living gave me back the comfort I once had in those carefree days of my childhood.

This little village eased the constant gloominess which the world felt within.

Surbhi Mohan (BA programme Third Year)





Mountains speak the language of love!!!

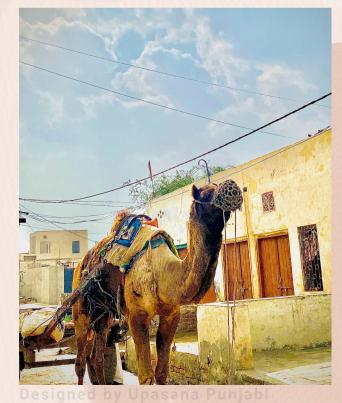
Whenever 1 look at this picture 1 feel like it's talking to me and announcing that one can find beauty in grey moments too 2020 was quiet dull but the mountains made it quiet bright too

> Aayat Syed (BA programme) (Ist year)

My paintings come from my daily life, and are attempts to make sense of the world. They express my wishes and dreams for a better world, they celebrate happy occasions, my sadness and frustration, as I explore life's dualities

Qurrat B.A Programme (3rd Year)





Hoping a bright year as this bright day

> Anshika Moyal (BA programme) (Ist year)

जिंदगी थोडी सरल हो

अनसुलझी रेह गई जो पहेली, उसका भी अब हल हो, नए साल में इस आपदा का भी अंत हो, अब जिंदगी थोड़ी सरल हो ॥

इस नए वर्ष का करते हम स्वागत, एक दूसरे के गले लगके, करते एक नयी पहल की, अब जिंदगी थोड़ी सरल हो ॥

संध्या द्वारा

नए साल में नई पहल हो, कठिन वक़्त अब सरल हो, हम सब ने देखे धरती का रौद्र रूप है, अब जिंदगी थोड़ी सरल हो ॥

नए वर्ष का उगता सूरज, करे इस कोरोना का अंत, लाये खुशाली सबके जीवन मे अब जिंदगी थोड़ी सरल हो ॥

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वो काली रात,बहती हवा, वो टिमटिमाते तारे, सारे साक्षी है उस हादसे के, जिसने झकझोर कर रख दिया था एक स्त्री की गरिमा को, जिसने लहुलान कर दिया था उसके निर्मल मन को, जिसने भरे बाज़ार उठा दिय थे कई सवाल उसके चरित्र पर ॥ हाँ ! यह सारे साक्षी थे उस हादसे के, परन्तु इनमे से कोई कुछ कर नहीं सका, परन्तु जो कुछ कर सकते थे, वह क्यों मौन थे ? ये समाज, जो हर- बार स्त्रियों को उनके दायरे सिखाता है, क्यो उस दिन चुपचाप खड़ा था ? आखिर साक्षी तो वह भी था || हादसा तो वह सिर्फ कहने के लिए था । उस स्त्री की शीतलता तो उसी समय नष्ट हो गयी थीं, जब उसने अपने आप को उस समाज की झुकी नज़रों के साथ-साथ उनके कैमरों मे भी कैद पाया ।। अब तो पूरा देश इस बात का साक्षी था ।। अब आप ही बताइए जब एक ही प्रसंग का पूरा देश साक्षी है तो वह हादसा था या मौत ? फिर भी उस स्त्री की गरिमा कभी लौट नहीं पाती क्योंकि वही समाज जो कभी उस घटना का साक्षी था, उसे जीने नही देता ।। किसी को कोई फरक नहीं पड़ता इस बात से, हर बार की तरह वह इस बार भी अखबार को मोड़ते हुए कहेंगे, "ज़माना बहुत खराब हो गया है" और जब तक लोग यह कहते रहेंगे, तब तक हर बार वह साक्षी बनेंगे ।। वो साक्षी थे जो पहले किसी की बहू बेटी के साथ घटा था, और वह साक्षी बनेंगे जो आने वाले कल में उनकी बहू बेटियों के साथ घटेगा ।। ~ सानिया राजा

OUR EXPERIENCES

I was very excited for my college life to begin with so many expectations but the reality has been very opposite of what I thought. Classes are getting very boring. I am not able to meet my friends which I made online for the first time. The only excitement is that i got into the dance team but i am missing all the fest in which I would have got the chance to perform. Although a little excitement is still left which will return once the college opens virtually.

~ AAYUSHI CHITRANSHI,B.A Programme (Economics + ASPSM)

My college experience so far has been very dry, I hardly attend my online classes properly and sleep through most of them. It's hard to understand sometimes what they are teaching because it's all new for us so it is for the teachers as well, but there's nothing we can do about it. Although I enjoy talking to my college friends and I can't wait to meet them and have that thrilling college experiences.

~ANAM ABBASI, B.A Programme (Geography+ Political Science)

My only dream after 12 th was to get into a decent Delhi University College but in my wildest dreams I never thought I would get into a college that was amongst top 10 list of Delhi University. My online classes started in late November. At first it was lovely to get back to routine with the excellent faculty and their dedication. However with time I started missing physical classes but I understand the necessity of the situation and the problems caused by the pandemic.

~ SEHER KAICKER, B.A PROGRAMME (English + ASPSM)

College is something that I had always looked forward to, but the idea of going to a new setting all together terrified me. The fact that our first semester is being conducted online is both aggravating, and kind of relieving. For me, it has been an ice breaker of sorts. I've made a few friends that I can't wait to meet in real life. But I'm even more relieved that I'm not in school right now, especially in 12th grade. Attending school online is probably something that I wouldn't have been able to do because there was a particular routine that my friends and I had gotten used to. From the bus rides, to attending classes together to sitting in our spots during recess. All these experiences made school worth going to. ~ ANVEE BHATIA, B.A PROGRAMME (Psychology +Sociology)

First of all, I was highly delighted to make it to KNC. The college life didn't kickstart as I expected. But yes, each time I read an update regarding DU or my college to be specific, then it excites me much. The current tumultuous situation has thrown dire challenges among all of us, but in spite of this I genuinely enjoyed everything. Introduction to my college, warm welcome by teachers and seniors, joining various clubs and societies and being a member, meeting friends online and having such a great bond and vibe match within such a short span are some of the incredible things. I am looking forward to meet everyone and have a great learning experience.

~ ADITI KHARE, B.A PROGRAMME (Geography + Political Science)

My name is Reet .I joined Ba prog n psychology plus sociology in the month of November. With a little fear and enlightenment, we all started classes. Confusions for timetables, holidays, exams etc. were all there but then also we fearlessly pursued. After a week everything became sorted starting from seeking for help to helping others all went very well. I loved the teachers. My experience during online classes was a blast. I became CR for 2 groups and took leadership in my hands. Helped all my friends with total honesty and coordination. We enjoyed video calling(unofficially) and talked a lot. I thought making friends in online classes doesn't make sense. But it does. They all are super generous and loving. Now I'm only waiting to visit the colleges and eager to attend offline sessions. Loving the vibes

~ REET KAURSODHI, B.A Programme (Psychology + Sociology)



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