

Close your eyes. You can almost see the state the world was in a few months ago. A time when the world was more concerned on politics than health. A time without the sighs heard from the desks of students attending online classes. A time when not only the borders of countries were open but also the borders of our social barriers which now stand restricted. Though this time of social distancing does not mean we distance ourselves from those we socialise with, while yes we must do so in the physical sense, we should however not drift off emotionally. We must be connected despite the distance, connected despite the sickness, connected not through the holding of hands but connected through the words we share.

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LIFE NOW

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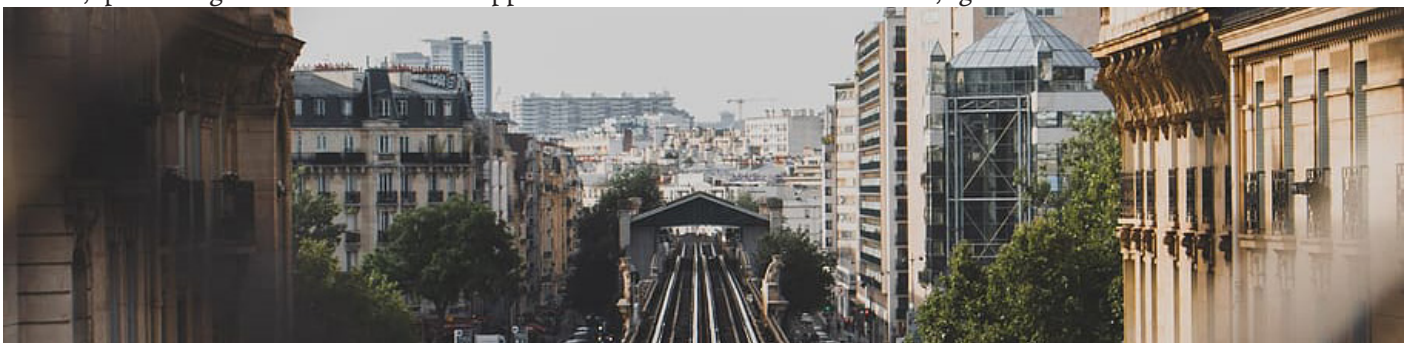
"It can't get any worse, right?" Well, it can and 2020 has been a perfect example. As time progresses, it seems as though the universe has adopted a policy based off of Murphy's law, wherein "whatever can go wrong, will go wrong". Some argue that this is the worst year mankind has ever seen. Well, I refer those people to exhibit A: The Black Death, also known as the Plague or the Pestilence, the most fatal pandemic ever recorded in human history. If a plague that wiped out millions does not impress you, well then there's always World War 1 or 2; take your pick.

However, COVID 19 is no joking matter. It is indeed one of the greatest threats to humankind in recent history. So much so that it has overshadowed the confirmation of the existence of UFOs by the Pentagon. "ALIENS ARE REAL!". "Yes, but let's talk Corona instead."

The common people have been hit the hardest by this pandemic. As thousands continue to lose their jobs and livelihood, the celebrities of the world have joined forces to save humankind by singing John Lennon's 'Imagine' even if off-key, telling people to stay inside, from the comforts of their modest mansions. What a thoughtful act. Un-ironically, it has been the ordinary people that have taken up the duty of helping the unfortunate and needy. Several brave souls can be seen commuting the streets, providing rations and food supplies. Doctors

and medical personnel have also been hard at work, risking their own health, to help and treat those infected. Some locals have decided to show their appreciation and affection by pelting them with stones and shouting profanities. It is truly a wonderful sight to see people rallying behind a common cause. In other news, political parties and politicians have decided to flood our lives with propaganda, in hopes of getting a leg up in future elections. It is truly an act of genius maneuvering on the part of the politicians to take advantage of the current situation, and make lemonade out of the Covid 19. Afterall, when life gives you a pandemic responsible for the death of countless, you make propaganda.

In other parts of the world, particularly USA, the locals have taken to acts of patriotism, and have come up with a genius way to beat the virus, by committing hate crimes and racist attacks against the local Asians. People can be heard shouting "You people brought the virus, go back to China!" reports a victim of Asian ethnicity. On being asked about the threats, he responded by saying "That's fine and all, but I'm from Indonesia". America thus continues to be the land of the free, and home of the brave. As the virus continues to rampage through the streets of the world, we truly hope that we find a sense of true unity, empathy and love to overcome the biggest threat to mankind, ignorance.



For The Memories

-Nehal Ahmed, ISC Batch of 2017

Sahabzade Irfan Ali Khan, better known as Irrfan Khan, recently passed away in Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital on the 28th April 2020, after having battled colon infection for over a year. He was diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumour in March 2018

and had sought treatment in the UK for almost a year. Unfortunately, he succumbed to his illness, leaving a huge void in Indian cinema and the hearts of his fans and family.

Widely regarded as one of India's finest actors in contemporary cinema, Irrfan Khan has featured in around a hundred films across all major film industries in the country, besides appearing in several Hollywood and other international productions. Born to a Muslim family on the 7th of January 1967, Khan spent his childhood in Rajasthan, where his father used to run a tire business. Hailing from a humble background, Irrfan never lost his humility and gratitude even after becoming one of the most well-known faces of Indian cinema in the global arena. After having failed as an aspiring cricketer, Irrfan pursued an MA degree in 1984, whilst earning a scholarship to study at the National School of Drama. After having graduated, he moved to Mumbai where he started his acting career with TV serials. Later, he did a few feature films that gained him confidence and experience. Irrfan Khan was not a clichéd Hindi film actor, barging into cheap, slapstick comedy or "Bollywood masala" that people seem to be entertained by these days.

He was a critically acclaimed actor, whose view of the lens and perception of cinema stood out in its brilliance. Irrfan Khan had created his legacy, through his sheer dedication and perseverance. The Warrior (2001), a

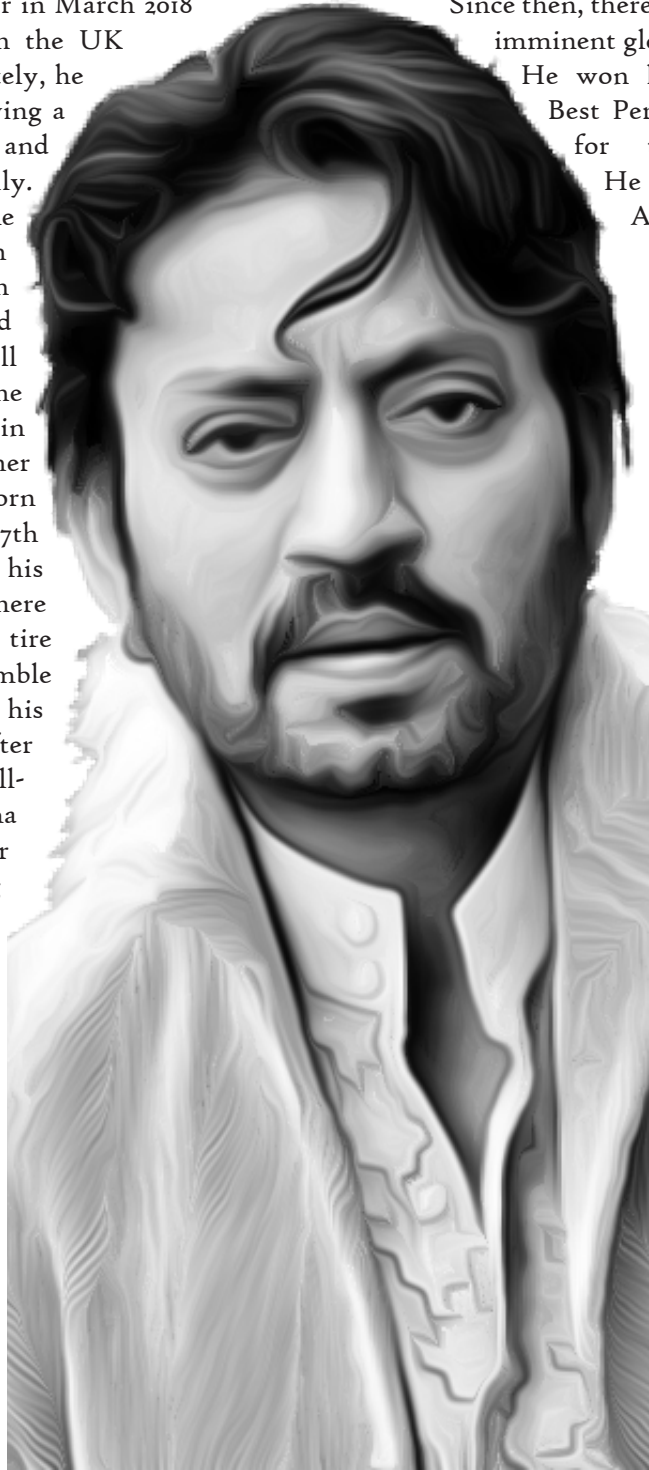
movie by London-based director, Asif Kapadia, gained Irrfan worldwide recognition whereas movies such as "Road to Ladakh" and "Maqbool" earned him immense critical acclamations and praises from his audience.

Since then, there was no stopping the man from imminent glory.

He won his first Filmfare Award for Best Performance in a Negative Role, for the movie "Haasil"(2004).

He received his next Filmfare Awards for Best Actor for his role in "Paan Singh Tomar" (2013), closely followed by "Lunchbox"(2014) and "Hindi Medium"(2018). These are, however, just a minor glimpse of all the awards that he had been commemorated with during his career. His long list of awards also includes the prestigious 'Padma Shri' which he received in 2011, for his immense contribution to the field of Arts. Movies such as "Slumdog Millionaire", "Life of Pi", "Haider", "Talwar", "Madaari" and "Inferno" are a few examples of how Irfaan worked the magic of his art through a single glance of his eyes. Irfaan's legacy as an actor is heightened by the warmth of the human being that he was. In a difficult time such as this, his death brought the country together as much in mourning as in respect. He said, "I suppose in the end, the whole of life becomes an act of letting go, but what always hurts the most is not taking a moment to say goodbye. God, thank you for my life. I am ready now". As I ponder upon these words, and the impact that Irrfan

Khan made in my life, his memories bring forth a smile. sA compassionate act to make a difference and to be remembered for good. May his soul find everlasting peace. We miss you.



The Sickly Present

-Priyanka Das, ISC Batch of 2018

As a student of economics, it is essential to learn, understand and analyze the state of economy. However, that does not mean it is only restricted to the students and other professionals belonging to this field. All of us play a role (and might I add, a crucial one) in the economy; especially as a consumer which makes it highly important to understand the consequences our actions and behavior can have.

Many of us might already be aware of the deteriorating phase that the Indian Economy is going through. The outbreak of the pandemic is only making it worse. The spread of COVID-19 has shaken the pillars of 'Globalization' which has especially turned problematic for countries that highly rely on other countries for imports of goods and services. For India, it wasn't anything but the worst time for the pandemic to arrive. With lockdown being imposed to curb the spread, businesses and factories shut, it is expected that there will be further growth deceleration in the upcoming fiscal year.

With everything shutting down in majority of the states, it is implied that there will also be a decline in the income of the citizens. This will further affect the demand and consumption patterns of the people post the outbreak. In order to curb losses and prevent excess supply of any good, the producers would choose to layoff bunch of their workers which will not only decrease their income level further but also increase the level of unemployment in the country (that is already high).

The tourism sector that accounts for approximately 9% of the country's GDP, will also be affected in a negative way post the outbreak.

On the other hand, if the online businesses are able to overcome their delivery and supply chain constraints, this time could prove to be beneficial for them. All the measures suggested by the Economic Survey and provisions made by the Budget 2020 to better the condition of the economy, has currently been put on hold because of the same reason. Amidst these urban issues, one must not neglect the problems that the small farmers and daily wagers are facing during this lockdown.

The big picture definitely does not look pretty which is why it is important for the advisors to come up with measures not only to better the overall condition of the nation's economy but also to work on the relief and welfare measures of the poor and needy.

In my view, if India wants to come out of this dreadful phase, it is of utter importance that the issues faced by the daily wagers and farmers are prioritized and solved in the same manner as done with any other issue. This situation has made me believe that although Globalization has proven to be beneficial in many ways, at the end of the day, the negative aspects of it can only be prevented if a country is self-sufficient. For India, this journey has now been delayed but under the appropriate guidance of an honest leadership & the support of the citizens, it can be achieved shortly.

THE OUTPOST

Mamata Banerjee flags off trains for migrant workers after the Home Minister had claimed 'injustice'. Hundreds of agitated workers seen clashing with the local administration as they remain miles away from their homes. The Yogi government embarks to suspend key labour laws in the state to boost of investment and in doing so, has sparked up debate between the left and the right. Vande Bharat Mission, world's largest evacuation project in peacetimes, brings back 1057 stranded Indians home. Kim Jong Un praises China on outbreak gains even as the world wonders if it is the notorious 'body double' at play.



Ripple #126

-Nizovino Meyase, XII

White cotton sheets
The beeping of the
ventilator
He knows his
nemesis died last
night and the sun
sets
taking with itself
his last breath

Aviator's Guide To The Quarantine

What does an Aviator do when they are quarantined from the outside world? How do they quench the boredom of solitude? Here are some things you can do:

JOURNALS: Maintain a new diary, your very own survivors journal speaking of your struggles (or leises) of your time in this apocalypse.

배우다(LEARN): Locked up knowing three languages and emerge knowing all of them! Maybe not that far (unless you are a robot) but maybe expand your culture by learning a new language that either not many people know or you are just interested in.

THROWBACKS: Dig through that gallery on your camera or phone and post some of those amazing (or embarrassing) pictures of a far away time whilst you could still taste the freedom of the outside world..

COMPOSE: Stuck inside? let your creativity loose! Poetry, music or art, you have time on your hands so you should try

Keep It Reel!

Voids

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