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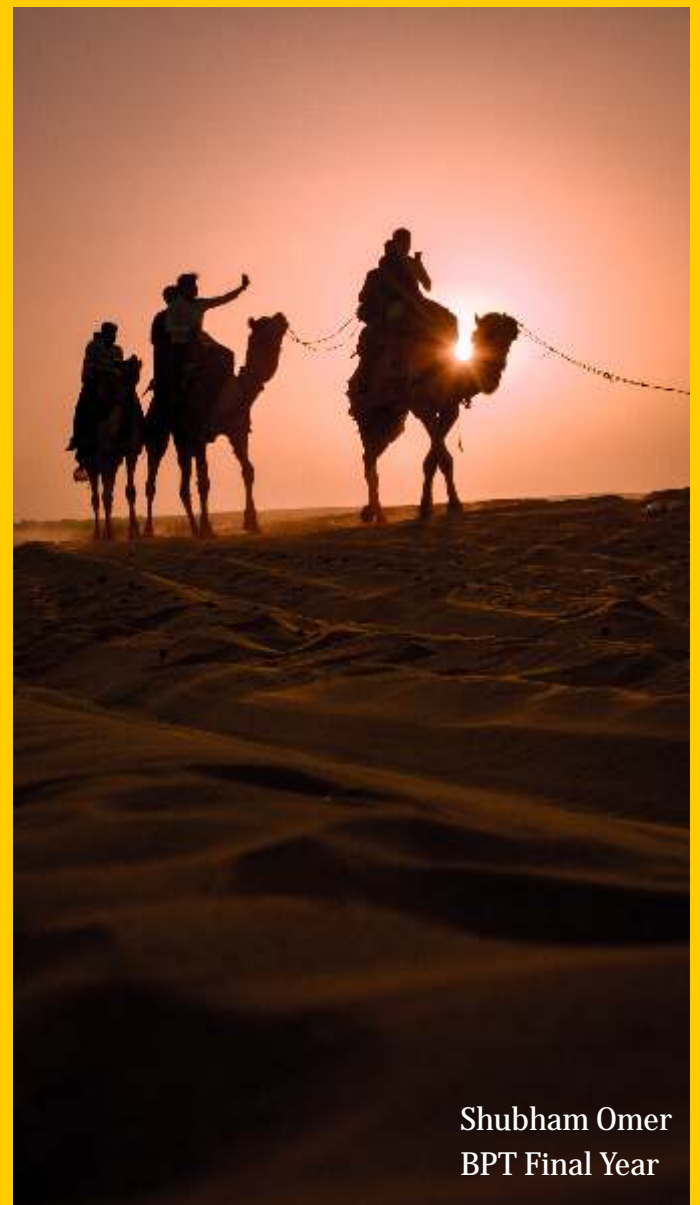
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Editorial

April arrives with the festivities of Indian New Year, celebrated throughout India in different forms: Gudi Padwa, Ugadi, Vishu, Baishaki, Bihu and many more. The month of April also signifies the outset of harvest festival "Baisakhi", signifying prosperity, health and happiness. Baisakhi, a spring harvest festival is usually celebrated on April 13 or 14 with lots of joy and enthusiasm in the northern state of Punjab and Haryana. With the mark of the Sikh New Year; it commemorates the formation of Khalsa panth of warrior. At SBS University, the festivities of Baisakhi are celebrated every year in the form of various cultural and academic competitions. However, this year due to COVID-19 pandemic, nationwide lockdown has been imposed which has effected regular curriculum of almost all the organization. But, keeping the light of hope enlightened within, everyone is trying at their best to cope up with this adverse situation. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought the world down to its knees. Not only developing countries like India, even the developed nations like the US are struggling to keep up with the speed at which the deadly disease is spreading. Moreover, there was clear shortage of basic need of the time like masks, sanitisers and groceries which were out of reach of poor people. Given the trying times we are in, several renowned personalities from the Indian film industry, NGO and several others have come forward to help those in need. The donations, both monetary and otherwise, seek to bring the much-needed relief to those struggling to cope up with the crisis. In this respect, Managing Secretary of SBS University played as Good Samaritan and helped his countrymen fight the pandemic. The University has continued with the e-learning and weekly assignment to tide over students' concerns and keep pace the learning in these challenging times. This month's issue of SBS Times includes articles and poems from students.

Wish you all a happy reading

Photograph of the Month



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For The Noble Cause



"In fact, it comes to this: nobody is capable of really thinking about anyone, even in the worst calamity. For really to think about someone means thinking about that person every minute of the day, without letting one's thoughts be diverted by anything- by meals, by a fly that settles on one's cheek, by household duties, or by a sudden itch somewhere. But there are always flies and itches. That's why life is difficult to live." - Albert Camus, *The Plague* It's been months, since The world



witnessed covid19 outbreaks in December 2019, for the first time in wuhan, china. And now, the number of confirmed case globally being 13.1M, out of which 7.23M have recovered and 572K died. Many countries implemented strict lockdown for months, nations are trying to recover, mother earth is healing in its own way, humanity is gaining a way back to mankind, which was long forgotten. But, we also cannot forget the practical part to all this, when we talk about our country-India with total number of cases 907K till this date, out of which 571K have recovered and 23,727 died. We had a strict lockdown

initially as the GDP decreased tremendously. It's just the outer figure, when we try to evaluate various section of our society. The major part of problems comes for those who earn on daily basis- labourers, sweepers, maids, servants etc. As all the people are more conscious now than ever, these people have simply lost their jobs as people are preferring to work on their own rather than letting any outsider enter their homes, many industries and factories are not paying or calling the labourers to work either. Over 25lakh people die in India annually, so, what about these people? These people are suffering and enormous death rates not just because of covid19 but because of hunger! That was already a part of problem. And this is where the constant need to being kind and generous emerges, and if we are the people who can in fact help a single person out there, it definitely makes a difference. As done by, the secretary-Gaurav Bharti Shiksha Sansthan- Dr. Gauravdeep Singh. In the middle of this pandemic, he reached out to help the needy people with ration and other necessary stuff that includes 10litres of sanitizers face masks and corona safety literature, which is a necessity in this "new-normal", the people who cannot afford their meals for two times, wouldn't even think of buying such stuff for themselves or their children. He reached out to people of two different areas and distributed stuff at sugar factory, Doiwala and kotwali, Doiwala, with the help of workers of Sardar Bhagwan Singh University. Which is indeed, a commendable step in the time of crises. And as said by Mahatma Gandhi- "In a gentle way, you can shake the world" Thus, the greatest men are those, who leave behind their crises and step forward to help the mankind in the time of crises in a gentle way.

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Student Corner

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"In self Isolation"

I close my eyes in self-isolation from corona-
 And i see
 The HOPE
 For another morning
 Of patience
 Of recovery
 Of peace
 Of courage
 Of strength
 And
 Of betterment.

Year 2020 is here
 To teach us lessons,
 And
 I am surviving,
 to learn.

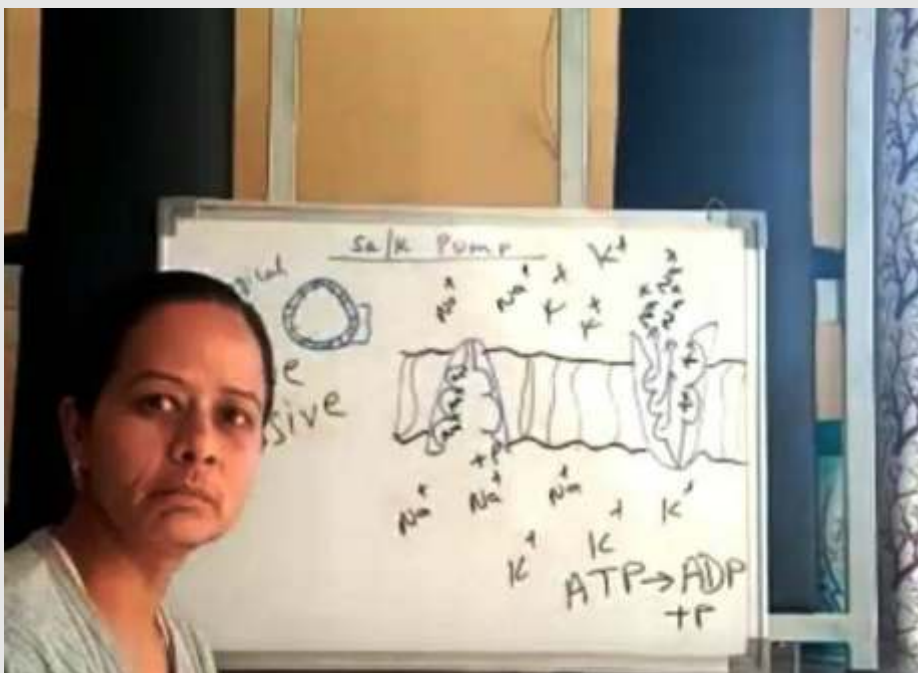
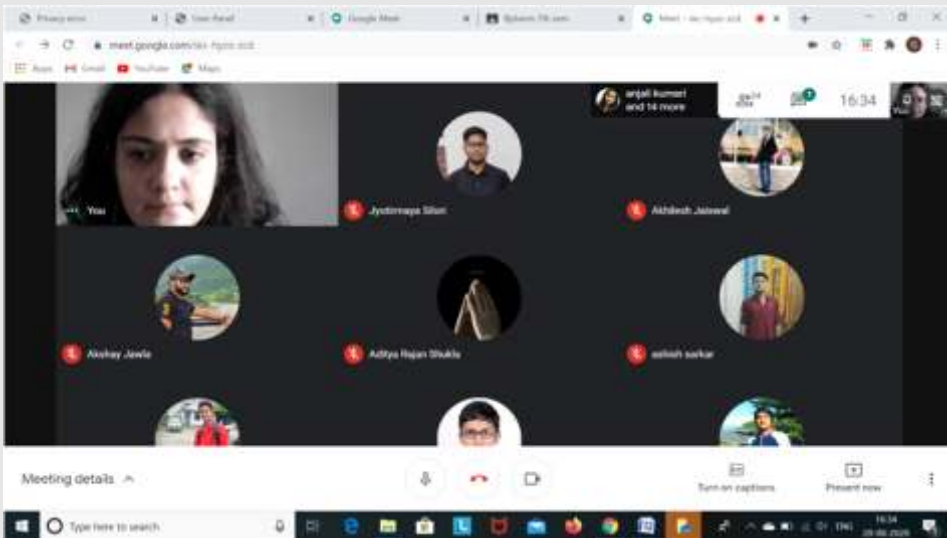
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ONLINE CLASSES



"A child without education, is like bird without wings". Even during these challenging times, the learning wasn't obstructed. At SBS, we continued imparting quality education through online teaching.



THE LOCKDOWN GOVERNANCE

"Liberty is a clearly bought commodity; and prisons are factories where it is manufactured -MK Gandhi"

Are we in a state of liberalism?

The quality and the state of being free; the freedom from physical restraint and from an arbitrary control.

Ah! No. As far as I remember I haven't experienced these privileges since last two months. Instead, if I shuffle my word preference, I would rather mention it as 'opportunity'.

If we ask ourselves, the instincts inside us all are roaring loudly

"Doesn't our government believe their own countrymen to be intellectual enough to act in accordance with the situation and to get concerned about themselves and their loved ones, to follow some regular basic hygiene practices, safety protocols and restricted access.

Who should take the responsibility for not being able to revive the normal lives?

We the people of the country, the medical staff, the careless crowd, the hustling labours, the administration, the migrants walk home on their feet, or the government-centre/state?

Now it's a big question for us as Indians. If this pandemic will bring any better changes in country's several aspects. However, if we look at the condition right now some very devastating things happened, just after the withdrawal in lockdown the raise in the number of cases caught fire and there the estimated hike is of 1lakh, so the number bar increases from 2lakh to 3lakh in just few days in India. The thing more likely estimated to happen in the newer future is the further increment in the number of cases and then if

Lockdown is again implemented, we have to deal with more devastating affect on the economy of the country.

There are a series of events taking place possibly leading the nation towards immunisation still there are few things that are potential paving stones. Having a glimpse at some of decisions the nation took that could have been better -

1) Why does our nation decided to follow the Western model of virus containment instead of taking cues from Asian nations such as Japan and South Korea?

- These nations came up with an unequivocal idea of not imposing lockdowns and kept their economies running.

- Instead they decided to boost in the mask production, distancing norms, hygiene, sanitizing and other such better alternatives.

2) All of us, were well aware to the fact that the virus is always going to be around still the practice of imposing lockdowns proved wrong at the end.

- no doubt the decision was still better but the regulatory system somewhere failed.

-The Regulatory system includes almost every individual stepping out of their houses, following the norms of social distancing.

The mounting steps will have to go more further in order to cope up with the present situation of concern and burden. Thus if we as a nation join hands and be a regulatory body themselves, this can however possibly lead to better social health conditions in the nation.



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