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Ignite us to live, not to die



Photographs by Phalguni Mookhopadhyay, Chancellor of Brainware University.

Battling Lockdown

The city of Joy entered its seventh day of lockdown today on 28th March. Imposed by the state first on 22nd, after a day's Janata curfew and extended by the centre on 24th, the lockdown is set to continue till 14th April.

The city is slowly coming to grips with this new experience as novel as the virus itself. 22nd was a bandh like experience with cricket on the street, a leisurely adda at the para more as we have seen it earlier, was the mood. The jolt came in the evening when certain parts of the state were locked down. The first

reaction was panic buying, profiteering, hoarding and black marketeering. Despite repeated assurances by the govt both state and centre, that all essential and emergency services would be exempt, the announcement of the lockdown triggered a mad rush to the markets. It was a situation the govt wanted the citizens to avoid.

Day two saw some heavy handed police action who were learning on the job too. Public disapproval to these actions flooded the social media. Swift corrective and necessary additional action

on lockdown relief improved the situation on day three. The doctors, emergency services staff, Police and the administration combined forces to combat the situation by day 4. The ground reality on day 5 is: medicines are available, so are dry and green groceries, milk, bread, fish and meat. Petrol pumps are open, ATMs functional. Day 6 and day 7 saw further improvement in home deliveries. Citizen are responding well regardless of monetary or social standing. The challenges are daunting but the situation is not hopeless.

India unites on Janata Curfew

The entire world is under severe crisis due to COVID-19. In such critical situation India will observe a 'Janata curfew' from Sunday 22nd March as appealed and announced by PM Modi. People have been advised to willingly stay indoors to check the spread of corona virus while public transport was suspended and reduced and all markets and shops apart from those dealing in essential items was closed on the day.

All states were directed to deliver the execution with proper implementation of the curfew. As it was the need of the hour. Union Home Minister Amit Shah asked everyone in the country to support the step. Everyone experienced

a sense of unity, like the time India won the World Cup. Maintaining restrictions like social distancing and self quarantine became the main motive of all Indians. From the commoners to the celebrity world, everyone took strict measures to abide by the PM's decision on the 'Janata curfew'. Does it not make us feel the essence of India united as one?

India experienced another authentic phase by expressing and clapping at 5 p.m and posting different sounds of the utensils to pay tribute to the doctors and health workers. This too was instructed by the PM. On the other hand, CM Mamata Banerjee chaired all party meetings in

Kolkata over COVID-19, on 23rd March to discuss measures being taken in the wake of the corona virus pandemic. The decision was welcomed by all political parties leading the state. Everyone acted actively to be present in the meeting and support her decision and discussed through interactive session regarding measures to be implemented in the state of West Bengal.

This again is a much waited event that took place within the state. India becomes a proud nation when centre and the state join hands together to fight the COVID-19. Such a situation were the center and state work together has really been seen by the people of west Bengal.

Olympics Postponed



The COVID19 has left the sporting world almost paralysed. Some events are being rescheduled for later date while some are being called off. Finally the IOC, Japanese govt. and members of the Tokyo Olympic Committee have decided to push back the Olympics by a year. Simultaneously the Para Olympics also get delayed.

'The greatest Show on Earth', The Olympics have a history of being disrupted almost every 40 years, for some reason or another. However this is the first time that the Olympics are being rescheduled. The event were to start on the 24th of July this year. On 24th March the IOC president Mr Thomas Bach spoke over teleconference with the Japanese president Mr Shinzo Abe. The 'Japanese-PM' said "I proposed that the Olympics be pushed back by a year, The IOC president was in complete agreement with this proposal". Therefore the Tokyo Olympics will now be held on 2021 along with the Para Olympics.

The World Athletics Organisation has said that doubts remain as to the number of stadiums that would be available for the conduct of Olympics at a later date. Further this decision has not gone down well with many people associated with the Olympics. The IOC and Tokyo Olympics Games committee are now preparing to face these new challenges.

Brainware gears up to fight COVID19 adversity



Staffs of Brainware taking preventive measures.

We have witnessed many disasters earlier. Now we all are undergoing another critical phase. But with a positive hope to experience a new sunshine, we all know that we will overcome this adversity. Now the question arises how? Many of us have no basic idea of the unseen virus surrounded and spreading vigorously like the 'Zombie World', where touching is a lethal weapon. Therefore the answer lies in maintaining 'Safe Distance'. In such a situation Brainware University is very concerned about the members, the students, the campus, that are considered as the pillars of the Brainware

family from the very early phase. The very first measure initiated by the Brainware University was that all the members entering the campus being provided with the hand sanitizer by the security guards at the main university entrance. Likewise while entering the canteen and the food court all were instructed to maintain safe distance alongwith hand sanitization process delivered by the Canteen Supervisor. Not only this but preventive measures for the international students those who were staying at university campus were taken. Preventive measures to enable safety and healthy

work culture is no more limited within the campus only. All were being made aware through delivery of messages through online social portals regularly. These measures were followed since last week, and with the announcement of lockdown, the Brainware University decided to ensure to all its working members to work from home with effect from 23rd March 2020. So we do not stop work with the lockdown. Infact the lockdown has made students and the members of the faculty and administration work with greater energy. No matter what comes our way we are united to fight together.

Brainware switches to Digital classroom

As COVID-19 spreads within the nation and across the globe, Public Health Officials are calling for fewer public gatherings – which is pushing many activities online.

Our faculties are working from home during the time of crisis. They are teaching the students through the medium of social media (WhatsApp, E-mail, and YouTube). They are acting as the bridge to cope up the gap between the students, faculties & the academics. As per the notice circulated by the UGC (University Grants Commission), The State Government and The Central Government.

Let's take a moment to express our gratitude towards our faculties and also study hard so that's how we can repay their hard work.

Emergency numbers for Corona

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2. Corona PG hospital: +913322041101
3. Corona helpline toll free: +91180031344000
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IMF/WB puts on hold debt payment of poor countries

On Wednesday, March 25 IMF (The International Monetary Fund) and World Bank called governments to put a hold on debt payment from the world poorest nation so they can battle the corona virus pandemic.

The World Bank and IMF believe at this moment it is mandatory to provide a global sense of relief for developing countries as well as financial markets. The Washington based development lenders said in a joint statement.

The move from the bank is directed at countries that qualify for the most generous aid from the IDA (The International Development Association) fund aimed at the two-third of the world population living in extreme poverty.



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Brainware University readies to overcome the adversity of COVID-19.

Do You Know?

1. Viruses are not alive: They do not have cells, they cannot turn food into energy, and without a host they are just inert packets of chemicals.
2. There are a million virus particles per millilitre of sea water - for a global total of 1030 virions! Lined up end to end, they would stretch 200 million light years into space.
3. Walter Reed discovered the first human virus, yellow fever virus, in 1901.