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# Brainware University through freshers' eyes



Brainware University

### Days well spent

It has been two-and-a-half months since I joined Brainware University. All these days have been exciting and full of splendid experiences. The things that I like the most is the way of teaching of our professors. All of them are giving 200 per cent to provide us the best information in the most interesting manner. They do not get irritated by our questions and explain in the best possible ways. Also, the conducting of webinars are helpful to us as we get practical knowledge about the professional fields. The assignments given to us are helping us to enhance our skills. The professors also allow us to communicate freely and let us state our points without hesitation. I'm really thankful to all the professors. But at the same time I'd like to highlight the fact that due to online classes, many students are not at all interacting in class. This is a serious barrier in the process of group development. I think if there are some mandatory assignments where it would be necessary for everyone to speak and discuss cer-

tain topics, then it would be easier for all the students to bond well and it would also form a way of group development. I think our University is great and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Sheuli Mondal

### The land of opportunities

It has been only one-and-a-half

months that I am in the Media Science and Journalism department of Brainware University. To be very honest, my experience is beyond and above to be described in few words. The hi-tech infrastructural set-up, the quality of online classes being delivered to the students, the one-to-one personal care taken by

the faculty members for the holistic growth of the students ensuring that no one is left behind is unmatched with any other institution.

The way seminars are conducted regularly with industry experts help the students to brainstorm on innovative ideas, the imparting of job-oriented skills from

day zero, the exhaustive focus given on communication skills, the adoption of industry-oriented curriculum speak volumes about the university and needs no separate recognition.

All these culminate to help the students think out of box and implement them in their domain area. The best thing that I liked

about the university is the dedicated Placement Cell. The imparting of soft skills classes to the 1st semester students is res ipsa loquitur a veracity about the vision of the university – to make everyone ready for the job with the larger aim of ensuring 100% placement at the end of the academic session.

The only thing which I feel that the University can amend is that while selecting the students for admission, I feel that the University must hold a rigorous admission test so that the bunch of the best students is selected from the pool and the name and fame of the university grows by leaps and bounds.

Subham Chatterjee

### Organised and disciplined

My college life started at Brainware University. Before selecting the college, I was a bit nervous about how it would work for me but I took admission following contact with an admission staff where I got my subject, which is Media Science and Journalism. I was fortunate to find the course in a nearby location

as this course was not available elsewhere. When I took admission, from the very first day of induction programme to departmental SIP, I was very happy to see the organised and disciplined way of the college authorities organised the programme.

It was so amazing to see so many students showing their talents and most importantly, it was such a nice way to introduce the college to us where we got to know a lot about the university on a digital platform.

And from the next day onwards when the classes started we got to meet our teachers: Shatabdi mam, Arnab sir, Sudipta mam and Indranil sir. It was so amazing to meet each and every teacher. Everyone was very polite, helpful and gentle. As new students, we met them in this online world. From these past 2 months of college, I can happily say that I am most satisfied with the behaviour and kindness of all the respected teachers.

Asmita Ghosh

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**IN BRIEF**

**COVID UPDATE**

**IN INDIA**

CONFIRMED : 10,549

DEATH : 488

VACCINATED : 9,421,168

**WEST BENGAL**

CONFIRMED : 758

DEATH : 11

VACCINATED : 666,345

**REGULATION OF SPORTS BETTING IN INDIA**

Wagering and match-fixing are two terms that we go over regularly. However, we frequently use them interchangeably. Wagering is basically a type of betting and sports wagering is done on the result of games. Such wagers have just two potential results: it is possible that you win the bet or you lose it. Match-fixing implies pre-deciding the after-effect of a game through degenerate method by disregarding the principles of the game and frequently the rule that everyone must follow. P4

**Amid mesmerizing Meghalaya**

Last year, during the autumn break, we thought of visiting a hilly region. We decided everything and planned the trip to Shillong but due to some reasons we had to cancel our holiday at that particular time. But this April, we finally executed our plan and went to Shillong. We started our journey from Durgapur junction to Guwahati on the Chennai-Dibrugarh express. From there we booked a car for Shillong. The distance between Guwahati and Shillong is almost 125 km. We drove through green mountains, thick mountain foliage and enjoyed the pollution-free air. We drove past hamlets, small eateries, potato fields, schools and a beautiful water body. P3

**Weather Forecast**

**SUNNY**

**Kolkata, West Bengal**

**SUNDAY**

Mostly Sunny

Temperature - 28°C

Precipitation - 0%

Humidity - 57%

Wind - 13km/h

# Feminism or Fame-inism?

Aiyushe Maity

A tour into the world of pseudo-feminism. As citizens of the 21st century and netizens of a huge online world, we are no stranger to the term "feminism". From the women's march in Versailles in 1789 to the recent #metoo movement, both the online and the offline world has seen the huge influence and wave of changes caused by these revolutionary movements. But there is always a much darker side to a bright prospect, just like many people started using their so called "idea" of feminism to either sabotage or ruin the rightful purpose of the whole gesture.

As soon as a few clout-chasing parasites saw the prospect of earning a name or gaining a little public attention, they immediately attached themselves to the cause and caused nothing but toxicity.

People have an idea that since "feminism" starts with "fem" and mainly revolves around the idea of empowering women, it's solely related to the cause of women. Which in fact is quite wrong, feminism doesn't always mean "women first". The idea and the phrase is more like "the person who needs help should go first", which means it could be anyone a single mother, a Dalit farmer or even a rape victim irrespective of their gender. Now if we are being entirely honest and candid, women specifically have survived a lot more prejudice than men, which is why a certain sphere of feminism has to specifically highlight the needs of "women" a little more. But the true spirit of feminism is not degrading men and usurping control of society. The enemy of feminism is not men but toxic masculinity and



patriarchy.

With the correct explanation of what feminism is, let us move on to our long-awaited tour through the spirally world of "pseudo-feminism". Unfortunately, with the raging Internet speed and the vast online arena, we mostly come across the wrong idea of feminism. Without using a bookish definition of "pseudo-feminism", let me cite some examples which would help to get a clearer picture of the difference between a real feminist and a "feminazi". A true feminist believes in equality, whereas a pseudo-feminist wants to enjoy the perks of being on the top of society. A feminist at heart wants to crush the wheels of patriarchy and believes in equality, whereas the person with the toxic mindset of feminism dreams of creating a world with the feminine version of patriarchy, maybe even name it "matriarchy". To sum up, a true feminist wouldn't mind letting a 70-year-old man sit on their

seat in a crowded bus. On the other hand, a pseudo-feminist would never even think of the former because according to her, she deserves to sit comfortably just because she is a woman.

The number of cases influenced by "feminazis" are increasing day by day. A most recent case is that of a girl slapping a driver in Lucknow in the middle of a crowded street. What's more shocking is that the people present there were just mere spectators who immediately assumed the worst about the innocent man.

The wrong idea of feminism is what forces male victims of domestic abuse, rape and other sorts of horrendous crimes to stay numb because nobody would ever believe them. Another reason for the alarming rise in feminazis is the clout that comes when you associate yourself with a strong movement.

Being a feminist in this generation is considered to be "oh

so cool" and interesting but guess what? It means a lot more than just writing #feminist in your bio and calling all men dogs in your recent tweet because with the term "feminist" comes a lot of responsibilities which women and men like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Charles Fourier, Lucretia Mott etc have passed onto our shoulders and it almost a torture to see you throw it all away in an ill-constructed tweet which would probably get 3 likes. If you are thinking this is the end of our tour into the dark alleys of pseudo-feminism, you are quite wrong because in the very next turn you will meet with the "anti-feminists". Now to classify them I need to speak of three different age groups, the 50 to 60-year-olds, the 20 to 40 group (middle aged or new adults) and the emerging teens (under 19).

The 50-60 year old men are basically the kind of people who comment "then why didn't you speak up earlier?" under the post of a girl who could finally gather the courage to talk about a physical assault that happened to her in the past. They basically don't want to give up their right to navigate the lives of their daughters and wives and include the phrase "The girls of today's generation are ruining everything" whenever they see a girl wearing a short dress. In this group there is also a huge contribution of women who we generally call "nosy aunts".

Next comes the group of adults. They usually call you coquette and courtesan (in simpler language) whenever you deny their inappropriate advances. They wouldn't hesitate to comment "Zada feminist mat ban", under a post where a woman stands up for herself. But don't get me wrong,

they are the same people who would claim to be "feminists" on their first date or on their recent facebook caption to impress. Fortunately enough, the number of woman participants are significantly less here due to the huge number of Gen Zs and millennials.

Now coming to the emerging teens, who come across such misogynistic and anti-feminist comments and tweets and somehow perceive it to be cool. This is where the whole problem starts. Teens and children are easily influenced by what they see on the Internet and tend to follow the adults. Imagine centuries of struggle and hardships wasted just because a few adults couldn't set a good example for the younger generation. Not everything is about a few likes and a few shares; there is a real world outside the small screen which gets a little too real when the phone's charge runs out, when you pick up the newspaper and the front-page headline tells you about a farmer and his family who hanged themselves because they were unable to pay the high taxes, or when you find out that almost 81 per cent of women experience sexual harassment before they reach the age of 18. It is high time we stand up together, and not against each other, for equality and to build a world where a man can freely express his inner emotions without the fear of judgement and a woman doesn't need to watch her back while walking through a dark street.

So the next time you come across a tweet, comment, post etc concerning this movement that could give our society a complete advanced makeover, take a second and question yourself: "Is this feminism? Or is this fame-

# শক্তিরূপেণ

শিউলি মন্ডল

ছোট থেকেই মেয়েটা বড় লক্ষ্মীমন্ত। যদিও বিস্তার চঞ্চলা তবু বড় পয়মন্তী। তারপর যখন পড়াশোনার জগতে পা, তখন সবাই বলল, 'মেয়ের বুদ্ধিতে সাক্ষাত সরস্বতীর বাস।'

বছর কাটল অনেকগুলো। রূপে লক্ষ্মী, গুণে সরস্বতী মেয়েটির একদিন নিজের সংসার হলো। অতি চঞ্চলা মেয়েটিও দশভুজা হয়ে সামলাতে লাগল সংসার। কখনো স্নেহময়ী মা, কখনো সেরিকার বৌমা, কখনো দিদি-বৌদি, জাননাদ। আবার হাজার ছলা-কলায় স্বামীর মন রাখতেও শিখে গেল মেয়েটি।

ওই যে কবে কোন বিখ্যাত লেখিকা বলেছিলেন, "নারী ছলনাময়ী, নারী জন্ম অভিনেত্রী কিন্তু সে কি শুধু পুরুষজাতি-কে মুগ্ধ করার জন্য? বিভ্রান্ত করার জন্য? বাঁচবার জন্য নয়?"

সত্যিই তাই, বেঁচে থাকার জন্যই নারী-কে অভিনয় করতে হয়, করে যেতেই হয়। মেয়েটাও অসংখ্য চরিত্রে অভিনয় করেছে। কখনো লক্ষ্মী, কখনো সরস্বতী, কখনো দুর্গা, কখনো অন্য কিছু, শুধু মেয়েটার কখনও 'কালী' হওয়া হয়নি। শুধু ওই মেয়েটার না, কোনও মেয়ের-ই কখনো 'কালী' হওয়া হয়নি। কালী-র মতো ধ্বংসলীলায় মেতে ওঠা হয় না। প্রতিদিনই হয়ে ওঠা হয় না। ভাবছেন কথার কথা? মোটেই না।

খোঁজ নিয়ে দেখছেন তো, যে মেয়ে ঘরে দামাল তাকেও বাইরে দমে যেতে হয়। যে মেয়ে বাইরে দাপিয়ে বেড়ায়, ঘরে-তে সেও কোপঠাসা। মেয়েদের কালী হওয়া হয়না কারণ এই সমাজ তা হতে দেয়না। সমাজ মেয়েদের

শিক্ষিতা চায়, মেয়েদের উদারতা চায়। প্রতিবাদ চায় না, জেদ চায় না, নাছোড়বান্দা মনোভাব চায় না। এই পুরুষতান্ত্রিক সমাজ মেয়েদের লক্ষ্মী-সরস্বতী বলে প্রশংসা করে, আবার অলক্ষ্মী বলে নিন্দা করতেও ছাড়ে না। দুর্গা বলে পূজা করে, আবার ভাইনি বলেও দাপিয়ে দেয়। শুধু কালী বলে ডাকে না। কারণ এই পুরুষতান্ত্রিক সমাজের পুরুষ-রা জানে যে নারী যখন 'নারী' থেকে 'শক্তি' হয়ে ওঠে, তখন পুরুষের মিথো পুরুষত্ব তার পায়ের নীচে পদপিষ্ট হয়ে যায়।

সমাজ মেয়েদের-কে নিজেদের গভি-তে বেঁধে রাখতে চায়। ওই যে একটা প্রবাদ বাক্য আছে না, 'যে রাঁধে, সে চুল ও বাঁধে' এও সেই সমাজের তৈরী। মেয়েদের রূপ-গুণ-কে নিজেদের চার দেওয়ালে বেঁধে দেওয়ার চেষ্টা। কেন রান্না বা চুল বাঁধার বাইরে মেয়েদের আরও বড় কিছু করার নেই? আমি বলি প্রবাদ বাক্য পাঠে যাক। হোক না কেন, 'যে রাঁধে, সে জরী প্রতি যুদ্ধে' কিংবা 'যে রাঁধে, ধরা পড়বে না সে পুরুষতন্ত্রের ফাঁদে।'

সাজুক না এবার প্রতিটি মেয়ে প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতার রূপে। হয়ে উঠুক তেজী, বদরগী কালিকা। সৃষ্টির আগেই ধ্বংস হোক অন্যায়ের দেওয়াল। মিথো পৌরুষের অহংবোধ খণ্ডিত হোক খণ্ডের আঘাতে। পুরুষতন্ত্র-কে বাহবা দেওয়া প্রতিটি সমর্থক নিজেদের চিন্তা মাথা চাড়া দেওয়ার আগেই অত্যাচারী জেলে নিক, নারী যখন শক্তি সাজে প্রলয়নাদের শঙ্খ বাজে। পুরুষ বীর ও হয় অসহায় যেমন কালীর পায়ের তলায়।"

# MET GALA 2021: Fashion's biggest night out

Aiyushe Maity

Met Gala 2021, the biggest fashion gala of the year, was organized on September 13. If you are a fashion enthusiast, Met Gala is not a new term for you but just in case you are unaware, it is the biggest fashion event in history. It is a fund-raising ball started in 1948 by fashion publicist and founder of the Design Council, Eleanor Lambert.

Wondering what is so special about a fund-raising ball dinner? Well, start with the fact that it is a luxury that most of us cannot afford. The table price per head is around \$ 300,000. It is the grandest and most exciting fashion affair of the era, where A-list celebrities from all over the world adorn the dresses from top luxury designers and stun the whole world.

Rihanna, Beyonce, Kylie Jenner, Zendaya... you name the celebrities, the gala's invite list has it all. Even though this year the celebrity count was much less due to Covid and other reasons, it defi-

nately didn't lose its charm. Billie Eilish, Timothee Chalamet, poet Amanda Gorman and many teen icons made their debut in the gala. The theme of this year's Met was "In America: A Lexicon of Fashion". The theme was definitely very innovative and celebrities had a lot of scope. Some celebrities didn't disappoint while some of their fashion choices were disastrous. Here is the list of celebrities who slayed and those who missed the mark by a step or so.

Let's start with the queen of fashion herself, who serves us novel looks every time she hits the spotlight – Rihanna. She looked absolutely breathtaking in her black Balenciaga overcoat with a matching bejewelled matching hat. Next in the list is the rising poststar Lil Nas X who gave us a little "2019 Lady Gaga iconic met moment" in his three-piece Versace gold suit which had different layers of surprise. Talking about surprises, the celebrity who pretty much surprised us with her 50s inspired look was Gigi Hadid



LIL NAS X, IMAN, KIM KARDASHIAN AND KIM PATRAS IN MET GALA 2021

in her Prada white slit gown and a red head. Her fellow supermodel friend Kendall Jenner looked like a goddess in her Givenchy gown which was inspired by the gown Audrey Hepburn wore in the film My Fair Lady. Kendall isn't only the one who took inspiration

from a legendary actress. Billie Eilish wore a gown by Oscar De La Renta and she perfectly embodied the evergreen Hollywood siren Marilyn Monroe. Yara Sahidi also paid homage to Josephine Baker and she looked gorgeous in her Dior gown. Kaia Gerber wore a

gown inspired by Bianca Jagger and Kristen Stewart pulled a 1950s rockabilly rock look. We definitely cannot miss Iman's Dolce Gabbana X Harris Reed gown and a royal feathered head piece. Grimes also caught our attention with over the top and creative

props like a silver sword and in her Dune inspired gown she definitely served the purpose of being the most talked about celeb. When we are talking about the best-dressed we definitely cannot miss Jennifer Lopez. JLo sported a Ralph Lauren dress and DSW boots which

was made to emit the radiance of a cowgirl. A few other stars who looked amazing were Barbie Ferreira, Ella Emhoff, Laura Harrier, Iman Hamman, Adut Akech, Timothee Chalamet, Massie Williams and many more.

The list of celebrities who didn't quite steal the show is not that long but it was quite shocking to find out what ASAP Rocky was wearing. When you make an entrance with someone like Rihanna it is quite common for people to increase their expectations and very honestly everyone was quite disappointed to find out that ASAP Rocky turned in looking like a bowl of Captain Crunch. Kim Petras's horse girl outfit also shook everyone.

Even though most celebrities couldn't make it, Met Gala didn't lose its shine, drama and excitement. A lot of incidents and dresses created a lot of buzz amongst the netizens. Not a single Met Gala goes by without some drama, tea, gossip or meme worthy moments. Met 2021 was no exception ei-

ther, from Frank Ocean carrying a Robot Baby as a date to Meghan Fox's red hot debut in the Met, this year was as exciting as any other year. One of the most talked about incident of the Met was Kim Kardashian's bold fashion choice. She decided to wear a head-to-toe black overall outfit by Balenciaga. Madonna's daughter Lourdes Leon proudly flaunted her armpit hair to prove that body hair is quite natural.

The only Indian to attend this year's Met Gala was Sudha Reddy, even though her outfit didn't create much buzz. AMet Gala isn't just any other ordinary fundraising event, it is like a dream we all wish to live. High class venue, super delish food, grand designers, pumped up after parties all attended by A-listed celebrities from all fields. Poets, sport stars, artists, musicians and politicians all gather together under a single roof well aware that all the eyes are on them due to which controversies arise, gossip warm up and drama is born.

# Breaking down the social barriers

Shampa Dey

We have heard about special needs. In my opinion, special needs are an euphemism for the differently abled and separate section of society. Differently abled is a very common term. We must have heard the phrase differently abled individual. But separate? Have you ever tried to link the word separate with special needs? Maybe not, but I did it.

Let me explain.... So, we live here, normal people in normal society. We go to a normal school. We go to a normal drawing class, music class, dance, swimming and so on. But here is the barrier of society: There are some people who are just across this barrier, a completely different community in which there are

families with special needs. They are being put in the separate environment, those who have separate schools, separate living, separate services, separate facilities, everything with the word separate in front of it. By this segregation, we harm ourselves too. Take the example of Nick Vujicic, an Australian American Christian evangelist and motivational speaker born with tetra-amelia syndrome. He is a differently abled person, but he is a great speaker, we embraced his talent, we welcome him wholeheartedly despite his disability.

Maybe a visually impaired boy can be successful with his own talent, but we will never know because we push them away from society. We are now living in a digital



NICK VUJICIC

life, where we can solve every problem using our mobile phone, but I think we are still 100 years behind because of certain social barriers compared to the rest of the world. I think there are lot of discrimination done against economically, socially weaker people in current education

system of India. For example, kids from lower economic demographics are forced into child labour and even pushed into social malpractices like

human trafficking and restricted work instead of getting proper educational facilities and opportunities.

India, compared to other countries, is very vulnerable when it comes to debates on social security. In many parts of India the demographic dominance is very visible whether it comes in the name of religion or economic power. For example, in many parts of the country, girls and women are subjugated, victims of rape and those who are abused do not get equal opportunity to live life, people are exploited to take up restricted jobs to support their families due to the lack of proper social security compared to other developing countries in the world.

Education Institutes

should take responsibility of by giving 100% stipend to economically backward students and give them equal opportunity to complete and develop their career. The government should introduce educational schemes to help and uplift these kids and students by giving equal rights to education and set up new government-sponsored colleges.

There should be social security insurance. The government and financial companies should set up an innovative solution to develop a proper social security financing scheme which will allow real economically challenged people to survive during their troubled times and they will not get trapped by social malpractices of human trafficking and socially restricted income

sources which ruin their lives. Public institutions should be set up to build publicly donated funds to help and rescue people who are caught up in these illegal activities unknowingly. We need to break this barrier, we should merge the two communities.

There must be liberal social acceptance. We the people of India have a bigger wallet for gods and goddesses, but Swami Vivekananda said service to people is service to god. So we should have a broader and bigger frame of mind to accept socially challenged people who are exploited and always think for their betterment else we can become digitally smart but will never be able to build a real healthy society.

## অতীতের আর্শি দ্বীপ দত্ত

আমরা যারা জীবনের গণিতে অজারো এমন, ক্যালকুলেশনের উত্তর খুঁজে বেড়াই রোজ। আজও যারা এক-এর মান খুঁজতে ব্যস্ত তাদের নিত্য নতুন জীবনের মাঝে।

সমস্ত অন্ধ কণ্ঠে উত্তরের ঠিক ভুল যাচাই না করেই পাশে ফেলে রাখা: পুরোনো কোনো বইয়ের পৃষ্ঠার পেনের কালিতে মিশে পাকা স্মৃতিরা।

অজারো এমন ব্যকুলতার ভিড়ে: নিজেই জন্মে সন্দের অতাবে মন পারাশের দিকে চেয়ে পাকা! "আর্শি"টারও অতাব প্রশনা।

সমস্ত মন কষাকষি দের ভিড়ে দু'দণ্ড শান্তির শোঁজ করতে চলা সেই আলুটাপে: আজ আর অতীত নিয়ে ভাবনা যাটনা তার পরে পাকা না মেলানো জীবন নিয়ে।

## শৈশব

শুভম চ্যাটার্জী

শৈশব আর উঁকি দিয়ে দেখে না, শৈশবের কৌতুক আর প্রতীক্ষা করে না,

আজ সব কিছু অশিশু - ক্ষমতার উর্ধ্বে সব কিছু হারিয়ে গেছে,

যান্ত্রিক সমাজে সব কিছুই বিবাক্ত। ইচ্ছে করে জাদুর কাঠি ঘুরিয়ে- ফিরে যাই সে দুঃস্বপ্ন শৈশবে।

শৈশবে পাকা যায় সবার মনের মাঝে, শৈশব হলো জ্বলন্ত দ্বীপ সবার মাঝে। এই শৈশব আর ফিরে আসবে না, কেবল স্মৃতির পাতায় লেখা থাকবে স্বপ্নীয় দিনগুলো।

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মনে ভাবি শৈশব পারে কি আর ফিরে?

অনেক স্মৃতি আছে যে আছে ঘিরে। ইচ্ছে করে জাদুর কাঠি ঘুরিয়ে- ফিরে যাই সে দুঃস্বপ্ন শৈশবে।

## ছন্নছাড়া

সুপ্রভা রায়

ছন্নছাড়া একটি ছেলে- শত কথা তার মনে; সেই ছেলেরাও অক্ষর বহায়, একলা ঘরের কোণে।

ব্যাকুল প্রাণের একটি চাওয়া- মানুষ তাকে বুঝুক; রাত শেষে দিনের বেলা, তাকেও কেউ খুঁজুক।

দুঃখের তার স্বপ্ন হাজার মনের মাঝে দোলে, ছোট ছেলের ইচ্ছা কেবল, ঘুমায় মায়ের কোলে।

## Memories of school days infuse magic



A photo from the school album

Annawasha Naskar

Decades later, when you have finished your work with overtime from your 9 to 5 job, running to catch the metro to return home, stress, over-work, overloading seems to be your fate and you are tired of your life.

At that time, you open your phone, go to the gallery and while scrolling down, you see a folder and a magical smile transforms your face. That smile washes away all your stress, anxiety, depression, and workload. The folder is named "School Memories." We often miss our school life running in quest marks. Yes, marks are important but once you pass out from your school, you will never get back there. School life is very important for everyone, the discipline, due dates, assignments, projects, exhibitions, exams, and so on. Every student has to face it. I don't know how many of you remember the lessons taught at your

school but would you remember the nickname given by you or your friend to your math teacher? Would you remember your chemistry teacher's name or your principal? I don't know who else does this, but we named our principal "Doraemon" and the biology teacher "Bacteria".

How many of you miss your tiffin period and the games period? When you became a senior student the principal cancelled your games period and instead of that you were given the math or physics class. How many of you miss Teacher's Day? In our school the most senior students wore sarees, jeans, suits, blazers or so on, instead of their school uniform, and they had to play the roles of our teachers and teach like them. We used to run across to them for their autographs as a memento. These are the memories that are still in our hearts. Once the memory becomes encapsulated, it endures forever.

After a hard day's work, you travel by bus and open those photo cards of your school memories. Someone behind you comments: "You look very creepy there," and he gives you the same naughty expression as he usually gave those days. And both of you start the conversation like you did in your old days. Some emotions we couldn't express but the person beside us understands that, they are the real friends.

Everyone cannot remember their first day at school but we all remembered the farewell. What colour saree did our crush wear? How did she stare at you? How did she dance or cry? All of us remember that day as that day that couldn't come back to our lives again.

As we are going to be new generation parents with social media accounts, our children are going to have great parents in their lives!

So don't wait for happiness. Have fun, a beautiful life awaits you!

## Granth Sahib

Ansh Deep Kour

Guru Nanak Dev Ji invented the Gurmukhi or Punjabi script.

The Guru Granth Sahib is the holy granth of the Sikhism which is written in Gurmukhi. Gurmukhi alphabet was invented by second guru, Guru Angad Dev ji. It is worshipped by the Sikhs. Every gurdwara has a Granth Sahib. The Adi Granth was the first version and this is composed by fifth Sikh guru, Guru Arjan Dev ji at Amritsar. The Adi Granth contains the hymns of first five gurus — Guru Nanak dev ji, Guru Angad Dev ji, Guru Amardas ji, Guru Ramdas ji and Guru Arjan Dev ji and medieval saints of different religions and caste. Later on, Guru Gobind Singh ji added the hymns of ninth guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur. They all were collected and arranged and then comprised in one volume called the Guru Granth Sahib. The Guru Granth Sahib has 1,430 pages. It is not only the holy scripture of Sikhism but it is also considered as living guru.

Before Guru Gobind Singh ji died, he declared that there would be no more human gurus and also said that the Guru Granth Sahib "is the last guru of Sikhism and all of you should respect it".

Guru Granth Sahib is treated as guru with respect like others Sikh gurus. The first shabd in the Guru Granth Sahib was the mool mantra. Every gurdwara has Guru Granth Sahib which is worshipped by the Sikhs. When we enter the gurdwara, we have to remove our shoes and wash our feet and hands and also cover our heads with handkerchief or chunni.



## Merits and demerits of social networking sites

Chitra Kumbhakar

As we all know every coin has a head and a tail. In the game of tossing a coin, if you choose head and you get it, means you're winning. But the other team is losing the game because of choosing tail.

In the same way, in our life the things we are doing or the things which are happening have both good and bad sides. Anything can happen to us or we can get into anything but when it comes to choose, then we have to choose the good one.

Similarly, now-a-days social networking sites like Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Twitter etc. have both good and bad sides. Few merits of being in social media is that it connects us with family and friends worldwide via email, text etc., makes us share our opinion or photos with them. It allows for creative expression by using tools such as blogging and mes-

saging to post ideas and stories.

Not only is social media used to talk to friends, but it is also used to discuss educational topics. Students use social media to discuss homework topics with peers online, and to get help on assignments. It helps to improve the technological skills of students, and exposes them to many diverse views about things. It also has helped us hone our communication skills, and allows the learning of cultures from users all over the world. Social networking does not just benefit individuals, it also benefits businesses as well. These sites allow businesses to advertise and market services to a large audience, and a profile is free to set up.

Besides all the numerous positive effects of social media, it does have negative effects as well. These sites reduce the amount of face-to-face socializing and replace it with online interaction which is

believed to result in low quality relationships with other people. Cyber bullying also occurs as well, i.e bullying people online in a public way. People who frequently use online social networking are also prone to social isolation which can lead to depression and decreased social skills.

During our parents' time, there were no phones, urgent messages of someone's birth, illness, death or getting a job. Such messages were sent through handwritten letters which were delivered by the postman.

To sum up, social media has both advantages and disadvantages but it depends on the user at the end. The youth must particularly create a balance between their academic performances, physical activities, and social media. Excessive use of anything is harmful and the same thing applies to social media. Therefore, we must strive to live a satisfying life with the right balance.

# Kidnapping on Christmas eve

Sandipta Ghosh

It was Christmas eve and our locality was decorated with lights. A party was organized in our local community hall. I was getting ready to attend the party with my parents.

We arrived at the party venue at 6.30pm. I was with some of my friends we all are having soft drinks. Suddenly, a 12-year-old boy came running towards me and pushed me, almost spilling my drink. One of my friends tried to stop him but in vain. The boy ran out of the community hall.

I thought I should go back home. I informed my parents and left for home. I was back home by 8pm, got myself a cup of coffee and got busy with my work. The very next day, when I was lying in bed I heard my mother and our domestic help murmuring something that sounded like "they could not find the boy." I got up and asked my mother, "Anything serious?"

"Yes, it is a serious matter," she said. "What happened, Mother?" I asked. "A boy has been kidnapped from

our locality after the party the cops came early in the morning."

"Oh god, it is too sad. What was his age?" I exclaimed.

"He is just a 12 years old," my mother said. I was shocked and asked for the description of the boy from our domestic help. The description matched the boy who had pushed past me at the party. I was fully shaken. I took my morning coffee and came back into my bedroom.

I thought I should once visit that boy's house, since I knew where it was. I dressed and headed for the house. It was surrounded by policemen and some of the boy's relatives and some of their neighbours.

I thought I should tell the cops about the incident when I was going towards the policemen, I saw Rinu Aunty, my mother's old friend. I asked her, "Did they find the boy?"

"No, my dear, they are new here. At first they thought their son must be lost while coming back from the party. They searched the par-



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ty venue. They also searched their neighbour's house but in vain. Finally, they called the police who also searched but it seems that the boy, Rohan, has been kidnapped from the party venue. Now the police will interrogate Rohan's friends and the people in the party."

I thought it was not the right place to tell her about yesterday's incident. I left the place but when I was returning, I thought I should once talk to the children Ro-

han played with. That evening, I visited the park and tried to talk with some of Rohan's friends. I asked about Rohan's recent behavior. All the children said it was normal but one of them told Rohan was scared. I asked him why Rohan was scared. "We were playing in the evening when our ball went into that old house. When Rohan came back after retrieving the ball, I saw he was a little bit scared. I asked him what's the matter but he did not answer,"

the boy said.

I thought I should once visit the old house it was just opposite the field. When I was about to enter the house, I heard some unusual noises and I stopped and returned home.

I thought about whole incident the whole day and decided to keep an eye on that old house for one night. I was doing my work in my bedroom that night. It was almost 2 am when I heard the sound of a car. I got up from

my chair and looked out from my balcony. What I saw made me think of a plan.

The very next morning, I went to my father's room and asked about the one of my father's old friends who is a policeman. "Father, can you please give me Rajib uncle's number? I need it urgently," I said.

I got the number and called Rajib uncle. Then I rushed to the police station and narrated the whole story. The police first met Rohan's family and made a plan to enter the old house. But Rajib uncle did not permit me to enter with them. The police team started their operation. After a while we heard the noise of gunfire. It was so scary; all the people in our locality came out on their balconies to see what was happening.

After two encounters, the police came out with Rohan. There were 5 goons, one of them was injured. The police arrested them all.

Rohan was relieved after meeting his family. Rajib uncle appreciated my help and left the place after handing over Rohan to his fami-

ly. Suddenly Rohan's friend came to me and said: "Can I ask you a question? How did you come to know about Rohan being in that house?"

I told him: "When you told me about that house, I went there and I heard some goons talking about illegal weapons. That very night I saw goons coming out of a car with Rohan. One of the goons also pointed a gun towards Rohan. In the morning I took my police uncle's help and he saved your friend."

"Are you a detective?" he asked me. When I said "no," the boy said, "Can I call you detective didi?" I said, "Yes, you can". When I was coming back, my friend Sweetie asked, "How did you come to know about Rohan?" I narrated the story to her. "Why was Rohan running away from the party that day?" she wondered.

I said, "I think when he was coming back after picking up the ball, he saw the goons with weapons and got scared. They saw him too and started chasing him. So he ran away from the party and they kidnapped him."



Setting the sky on fire. Picture by Saheli Ghosh



Promise of a new day. Picture by Shampa Dey



গোধূলি বেলায় অস্তমিত সূর্য। ছবি: রাজলক্ষ্মী সরকার।



অতীতের প্রাসঙ্গে বর্তমানের আলোছায়া হেভামপুর রাজবাড়ী, শান্তিনিকেতন। ছবি: সুপ্রভীক রায়



Old farmer by the lake. Picture by Sukalyan Banerjee



Website with a difference. Picture by Debkanta Banerjee



Sometime it's hard to leave beautiful things, but letting go, like lanterns, feels so free! Picture by Annawasha Naskar



Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. Picture by Sarmistha Hazra

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# Amid mesmerizing Meghalaya



Nohkalikai falls, Cherrapunjee

Chitra Kumbhakar

Last year, during the autumn break, we thought of visiting a hilly region. We decided everything and planned the trip to Shillong but due to some reasons we had to cancel our holiday at that particular time. But this April,

we finally executed our plan and went to Shillong.

We started our journey from Durgapur junction to Guwahati on the Chennai-Dibrugarh express. From there we booked a car for Shillong. The distance between Guwahati and Shillong is almost 125 km. We

drove through green mountains, thick mountain foliage and enjoyed the pollution-free air. We drove past hamlets, small eateries, potato fields, schools and a beautiful water body. I asked the driver, a Bengali resident of Shillong, about the lake and he replied, "It's Barapani. It's not

a natural lake but a dam". Later when I googled, I found that it is indeed a reservoir and an artificial lake. This is first hydropower project in this part of the country. Barapani (Umiam) is a major tourist attraction. Plenty of photos are available on the web.

We reached Shillong late afternoon and decided to stay at Hotel Swastik. The hotel was more like a home to stay, with cottages for guests and a well-maintained garden. Rooms are clean and spacious. The bathroom was cleaned daily and linen changed every other day. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were served.

I liked the hotel very much as they served us with the best. The next day, we drove to Upper Shillong past the clean and green cantonment area and the air force station. The Elephant falls is very picturesque. Youngsters went down a flight of stairs to get close to the falling stream of water making a pool below. Then we decided to go to Shillong peak. It took us half-

an-hour to reach the point. We climbed a flight of stairs to have a view of wooded valley, cloud and mist. It was an incredible experience. I wish I could stand there for ages to witness the colours of nature's wonder. Later we had Meghalaya tea, tasty pineapple and hazelnuts.

Then we decided to go to the place when India's second highest rainfall takes place, Cherrapunji. On the way, we stopped to see a ropeway, the only link across a gorge to go to a settlement. It is a thrilling activity and ideal for adventure-loving people. We visited the Seven Sister falls and Nohkalikai falls.

Towards the end of the holiday week, there was a bad news as landslides had blocked the highway again. The driver asked us to leave early and after Barapani our car was diverted to another route which added extra 90 km to the 125 km travel. Though strenuous, the drive through dense forests and beautiful villages added to our wonderful experience of Meghalaya.

# Mana Gram - Journey to the last village of India

Aryadeb Mukhopadhyay

Located in the district of Chamoli, Mana is the last village of India at an altitude of 3,219 metres. It is borders Tibet and is 3km from Badrinath which is famous for its shrine that draws countless tourists. The village is not only located along the Saraswati but also encompassed by the Himalayas. It has been chosen by the Uttarakhand government as a "Tourism Village". People residing in

Mana are basically a tribe from Mongolia. The villagers live in small cottages that are decorated and carved beautifully. Mana is famous for its woollen garments, including shawls. It is also famous for its potatoes and kidney beans.

It is believed that at the time of the Mahabharat the traces of Hindu civilization were visible in Mana. Apart from that, sources say the Pandavas had passed through Mana during their journey to heav-

en. There's also a famous stone bridge created by one of the five brothers which is called Bheem Pool. It's basically a huge rock in the form of a bridge across the river Saraswati.

The major attraction of Mana is Nilkanth Peak which is located at a height of 6,597 metres above sea level. It is known as the "Queen of Garhwal". Then comes the Tapt Kund, a natural spring which is also believed to be the abode of Lord Agni.



Mana Gram

# Kangana, Ekta, Karan awarded Padma Shri

Asmita Ghosh

The Padma Shri is the country's fourth-highest civilian award. The ceremony for presenting Padma awards was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. Bollywood queen Kangana along with filmmakers Karan Johar and Ekta Kapoor, received the award from President Ram Nath Kovind.

They are among the 119 Padma awardees this year. President Ram Nath Kovind, along with home minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, among others, were present at the ceremony. The official ceremony was organised on November 8 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The three celebrities were honoured with the Padma Shri for their contri-



Karan Johar, Ekta Kapoor and Kangana Ranaut receive Padma Shri from President Ram Nath Kovind

but ion in the field of performing arts.

\*Kangana Ranaut is an actress and filmmaker born

on March 23, 1987 in Bhambla, a small town in Himachal Pradesh. She is known for her versatility and portrayal of

strong women in female-centric films. She has won several awards and has made excellent contribution towards films.

Picture courtesy: India forums

Some of her works are Manikarnika and the recent biopic on playing the role of Jayalalithaa, Thalaivi, for which she got the National Film Award.

\*Ekta Kapoor, better known as the boss lady of television, is a television and film producer and director born. She was born on June 7, 1975. She is also joint managing director and creative head of Balaji Telefilms Limited. She has over 70 TV shows, more than 30 movies and she also rules in webseries.

\*Karan Johar is a film director, producer, screenwriter, costume designer, television personality, and actor born on May 25, 1972. His contribution to the Hindi film industry is huge with over 50 films and often he is also seen in reality shows.

# Hollywood Highlights

Aiyushe Maity brings you top celebrity gossip, rumours, movie updates and more...

The most important highlight of November has to be that Britney Spears is finally free. After being held under her father's conservatorship ever since her infamous meltdown 12 years ago, the iconic popstar is finally free. From tweets to protest marches, for several years her fans and other celebrities have fought the battle alongside her. Britney posted a heartfelt message for everyone who were included in #FreeBritneyMovement and even hinted towards releasing a new album very soon

A most unfortunate incident occurred at "Astroworld", a Travis Scott concert. Ten people died, including a 9-year-old boy and a hundred more were injured. More than 50,000 people attended the concert in Houston and almost everyone agreed that it was a complete disaster. People started collapsing everywhere and others gasped for air while the star continued to perform. People were not only disappointed by the irresponsibility of the singer but were also really upset about the half-hearted apologies.

November seems to be a very bad month for lovebirds as well, from the controversial Zayn-Gigi split to the heartbreaking separation of Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello. There is also an alleged rumour about a possible split between Jacob Elordi and Kaia Gerber.

Yet November doesn't seem to be a bad month for break-up since Adele dropped a new album very recently and she undoubtedly has the best voice alongside the gift of emitting pure emotions through every note. Her voice has nostalgia and makes people feel a certain way. Soon enough, after her grand announcement, many people took to the Internet to joke about getting a divorce or going through a separation just to relate to Adele's "Easy on me". Taylor Swift also released a new album called "RED", and as usual the Internet was flooded with memes starring Tay's ex-lovers

Apart from the heartbreaks and heart aches, November also saw a lot of romance and PDA. Many readers would be really happy to know that Kim Kardashian and Pete Davidson finally accepted their dating rumors. Bradley Cooper was spotted with Irina Shayk on the streets of NYC. Tom Holland was also seen posting an appreciation message for his rumored girlfriend Zendaya on being "The youngest winner of CFDA Awards". We can also say things are going pretty well for Leonardo Di Caprio and his girlfriend Camila Morrone because according to some sources, the couple might tie the knot in the coming year.

The couples who are quite ready to tie the knot soon are Travis Barker and Kourtney Kardashian who got engaged in a small yet grand ceremony on the beach at the Rosewood Miramar Beach hotel. Kristen Stewart also shared her news of engagement to her girlfriend Dylan Meyer. The Twilight actress is all set to settle down.

More good news. Paris Hilton and Carter Reum finally got married. Ivy Getty, great-granddaughter of oil tycoon J. Paul Getty and photographer Tobias Engel also got married. Ben Higgins finally said "I do" to Jessica Clarke. Overall November wasn't a very bad month after all!

November also saw a lot of movie and series update. Season 2 of a super famous Korean series airing on Netflix "Squid's Games" was announced. Alongside that, Marvel also dropped a list of upcoming movies which surely created a lot of buzz amongst the fans.

Billie Eilish went topless to promote her new line of perfume. The 19-year-old singer mostly received positive comments while a few trolls criticized her promotional methods. Previously the star had to face body shaming and was accused of queer baiting too, but it seems every time she comes back stronger. More power to the youth icon.

To end this list of Hollywood Highlights for this month on a positive note, readers who are fans of "Sex And The City" will receive great news. Kim Cattrall might return to the season 2 of "SATC". Producer Michael King hinted towards a possible return of the character Samantha Jones in the show. People were upset because of the absence of Samantha Jones in this season but it seems like fans are in for another round of Cosmo.

# Students' views on Brainware University

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স্বপ্নের দেশ আমার ব্রেনওয়ার ইউনিভার্সিটি

সবার আগে সব মাম and স্যার দেব ধন্যবাদ জানাতে চাই, কারণ স্যার মাম খুব সুন্দর ভাবে আমাদের গাইড করেন এত ভালো ভাবে আমাদের সব কিছু বুঝিয়ে দেন। 1 টা জিনিস যদি বুঝতে না পারি তাহলে 10 বার ও জিজ্ঞাস করলে ও রাগ করেন না। মাম and স্যার আমাদের খুব ভালোবাসেন নিজের ছেলে মেয়েদের মত। আমাদের কলেজে অনেক ওয়েবিনার হয় সবাই সেখানে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারে। তার পর আমরা এতো ভালো ভালো নাগর পারছি পরীক্ষা দিয়ে খুব ভালো লাগছে। আমার মনে হয় সবকিছু খুব ভালো এর থেকে আর কিছু উন্নতি করার মত নেই। এই কথা বলে আমি শেষ করতে চাই।

ফারহা সুলতানা

Anything is possible

Doesn't the name of this college seem to be where all the brains are stored? I came to know from Arpita Mam of the admissions department that there is a state private university called Brainware University, established in 2016 at Barasat by Mr Phalguni Mookhopadhyay. The most sensitive time in our lives, when we mould ourselves, is in college. It is very different from school life, it's time to find yourself, learn discipline, time management, enhancing relations with teachers and family and friends, time to build your future, acquire new knowledge and so on. All of this is at Brainware, with the beautiful greenery, the study environment, the table of contents of the Pet Puja canteen, the WiFi for work, the big labs for learning, the ATM

you need, the open field for play, and much more. Nowadays the online class is going on, all the teachers in class are very knowledgeable and they take their classes very seriously and attentively and they provide all the training material and videos on time. If there is any problem we can call or message the teachers and they guide us.

Shampa Dey

Ongoing journey

It has been two months since I've joined Brainware University and now I think that it's one of the best decisions I've ever made. Since my childhood I never felt this type of feeling to like a school or to admire my school but when I joined Brainware University I felt like this is what I wanted. Teachers, management and environment are really good. Though I've not visited the university yet I can guess how beautiful everything is. From the day of the SIP session till today, one thing that attracted me the most is the teachers. They're so kind and understanding, no negative vibes which I used to face in my schools. I love the university the way it is.

Naincy Roy

Exploring Brainware

It is only two months that I have been in this University and from the first day itself when our SIP started, I was pretty sure that my journey in due course of three years will be a journey worthy of cherishing for a lifetime. The best part what attracted me and drives me to explore more is the

support that I receive from everyone here makes me feel that it is my home away from home. Brainware University is in itself the greatest opportunity for the students who have taken admission to experience the state-of-art infrastructure.

Moreover, I am delighted to experience the personal guidance given by each and every faculty member on one-to-one basis, thereby contributing to the personal as well as collective development. My love for football and the way I was given the opportunity to contribute in the departmental newspaper takes me to cloud nine. The way the university is dedicated to ensure that no one leaves without placement by initiating the necessary steps to be taken to make the students ready for the industry also attracts me a lot. I am also eager to explore what awaits for me when I am on the campus. However, I feel that there is one aspect where the university can make change is by making the student portal more easy to use.

Supratik Roy

উত্তর ২৪ পরগনা জেলার বারাসাত এ অবস্থিত ব্রেনওয়ার ইউনিভার্সিটি উচ্চশিক্ষা লাভের জন্য এক অনবদ্য প্রতিষ্ঠান। মনে কোন দ্বিধা না রেখে এই ইউনিভার্সিটিতে যদি একবার ভর্তি হয়ে যাওয়া যায় তবে শিক্ষার অন্ত হবে না বলেই চলে। এখানকার বিভিন্ন কনস্ট্রাকশন, হোস্টেল, ক্যান্টিন এবং সর্বপরি এখানকার চত্বর এক মনোরম, আবেগপূর্ণ প্রাকৃতিক পরিবেশে ঘেরা। একটি নিরিবিলি, নিশ্চুপ গ্রামের মধ্যে, নির্দিষ্ট একটি স্থানে প্রতিষ্ঠিত এই ইউনিভার্সিটি। এখানকার শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকারা যেমন বুদ্ধ পরায়ণ তিক

তেমনিই বুদ্ধ পরায়ণ আশেপাশের মানুষজন ও ক্লাসমেটরা। বলতে গেলে কোনো অসুবিধার মধ্যেই পড়তে হবে না এই ইউনিভার্সিটিতে এলে। কোনো জিনিস বুঝতে না পারলে বা কোনো কিছু থেকে বঞ্চিত হলে সে পড়ার বিষয় হোক বা অন্য কিছু, কখনই এই ইউনিভার্সিটি ফিরিয়ে দেয় না। একবার দ্বিধা ভেঙে বললেই ব্যাস সব সমস্যার সমাধান হয়ে যায়। এখানে ল্যাব টেকনোলজি, প্রাকটিক্যাল রুম, স্টুডিও, স্টেডিয়াম, সব কিছুই বর্তমান। এখানকি শারীরিক অসুস্থতায় ডাক্তার পর্যন্ত পাওয়া যায় এখানে। সারা বছর অনেক ইভেন্ট পালিত হয় এখানে এবং বিশেষ বিশেষ দিনে ছুটিও মেলে। নানারূপ ডিপার্টমেন্ট বর্তমান এই ইউনিভার্সিটিতে এবং এক একটি ডিপার্টমেন্টে এক একজন ছাত্র-ছাত্রী এক একটি প্রতিভা লিঙ্গ। সবচেয়ে লক্ষণীয় হল যে, এখানকার শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকাদের সত্যপ্রিয় ভালোবাসা ও বন্ধুসুলভ ব্যবহার, যা প্রত্যেকটি ছাত্র-ছাত্রীর মনে এনে দেয় পড়াশোনার অমূল্য ইচ্ছা, বাসনা, আনন্দ। আর ইউনিভার্সিটিতে ঢুকতেই যে বারনার জল অঝোর ধারায় বারে পড়ছে, সেটা তো আলাদাই একটা আমেজ নিয়ে আসে সবার মনে। তবে ইউনিভার্সিটিতে এমন কিছু নেই যাতে ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের অসুবিধা করে। ছাত্র-ছাত্রীরা এখানে পড়াশোনা করে কোন অভিযোগই আনতে পারবে না ইউনিভার্সিটির বিরুদ্ধে। বলতে গেলে সবই আছে এখানে। এমন কিছু অভাবও নেই যা কিনা ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের চাহিদা মেটাতে অক্ষম হবে। এই ইউনিভার্সিটির প্রতি ভালোবাসা ফুরাবে না।

সম্প্রী বোষ

I was overjoyed when I learnt that I was about to start a new chapter in my life with Brainware University. I was a little nervous at the beginning but once I met all the teachers and my friends the nauseous feeling

in the pit of my stomach seemed to melt away. From the very first day of orientation, I felt at home. The teachers were exceedingly friendly and very helpful. The orientation programme was a preview of how organized the university actually is, rather than fact dumping everything in a single day, several orientation programmes were held where each day we learnt something new. In the span of a few days, we already had a clear idea about our campus, placements, internships and much more. Since I personally visited the University campus, I was able to enjoy the lush green campus and was fortunate enough to pay a little visit to the labs and other places. No doubt that the campus is not only eco-friendly but also very modern. The most favourite thing for me about Brainware University is that extra-curriculum activities are also treated importantly. I had a great experience participating and performing in the various events. The best part about the university is that everyone is treated like "family", it is a cradle for positivity and all good qualities. The teachers never fail to inspire us and the students never fail to impress. The University's Tech Team is also very efficient in solving each and every grievance as fast as possible. To sum up, there is no better place to start the most important chapter of one's life than at Brainware University. With the lush green vast campus and the warmth and comfort of the amazing staff members, one would feel at home <3

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# sports

## India regains victory by winning the series against New Zealand 3-0

Rahul Mondal

In the recent T20 series against New Zealand, the Indian cricket team made a successful comeback with the help of its young players. Earlier, India had failed to perform well at the T20 world cup. There were questions raised about the performance of the team and the captaincy of Virat Kohli during the World Cup. India, however, seemed to be overcoming the situation and experimenting with some young, talented players. They were successful in their recent matches against New Zealand, winning the series 3-0.

There were no top players like Kohli or Jasprit Bumrah in the tournament. Instead, many young players took part. Mohammed Siraj, D. Chahar, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Venkatesh Iyer made up the team. During the first match, New Zealand started well with a great partnership between Guptill and Chapman, where Guptill scored 70 in 42 balls and Chapman scored 63 runs from 50 balls. In spite of this, the Indian bowlers managed to slow down the run rate and take some good wickets. Bhuvaneshwar and R. Ashwin both took two wickets each, keeping good economy.

However, the Indian batsmen seemed to be wobbling. Later in the game, Suryakumar Yadav took the responsibility and hit 62 runs off 40 balls, leading to a 5-wicket victory. It was a great bowling performance by the Indian



Axar Patel shine as India thrash New Zealand in 3rd T20I to sweep series

bowlers, especially by Harshal Patel, who maintained a good economy rate and took 2 wickets in the second match. This left New Zealand struggling for runs.

India made a strong start with K.L. Rahul and Rohit Sharma. Rahul scored 65 runs in 49 balls, and Rohit contributed 55 runs from 36 balls. There was a great bowling spell by Tim Southee who maintained his economy rate and took 3 wickets which made the end of the match interesting with a nail-biting finish. However, India won the match by seven wickets.

In the last match, India chose to bat and set a 184-run target for New Zealand, with Rohit Sharma contributing 58 runs off 31 balls. But the

Patel duo bowled some spectacular spells which made New Zealand lose all their wickets in 111 runs.

Axar Patel took 3 wickets in 3 overs giving 9 runs only and Harshal Patel gave 26 runs in 3 overs, taking 2 wickets. The results were pleasing for India. Even so, the middle order of the team did not perform as well as the openers. During the first two matches, India struggled to score runs. Clearly, the match depended entirely on the openers.

Although it proved to be a great decision for India to try out young and new players. Netizens claim that they played well because they were playing at home. While this might be true to some extent, we cannot dismiss the success

rate of the New Zealand team on foreign ground. In the T20 matches played on foreign soil, New Zealand played exceptionally well. In the T20 World Cup finals, New Zealand reached the finals.

There are some changes for Team India as Rohit Sharma is the new T20 captain, Rahul Dravid is the team's coach, and Sourav Ganguly is the new BCCI president. These changes have been welcomed by many. Although Team India is experimenting to find the right line-up for the team, it is also gearing up for upcoming international matches. Rather than spreading hate, let's just show our support to Team India so that they can perform well in their upcoming matches.

# REGULATION OF SPORTS BETTING IN INDIA

Subham Chatterjee

Wagering and match-fixing are two terms that we go over regularly. However, we frequently use them interchangeably. Wagering is basically a type of betting and sports wagering is done on the result of games. Such wagers have just two potential results: it is possible that you win the bet or you lose it. Match-fixing implies pre-deciding the after-effect of a game through degenerate method by disregarding the principles of the game and frequently the rule that everyone must follow.

What is the connection between these two terms? When a bettor wagers for a game, he does it for acquiring benefit by winning it. A few bettors, to win the bet, do get into contact with the players and authorities. They either attempt to persuade the player to fail to meet expectations or they separate a few snippets of data from the authorities to make a bet erring on the side of caution. Persuading is finished by offering a weighty measure of cash to the players or the authorities. The individual who offers the cash to fail to meet expectations is known as a bookie or a bookmaker.

The Law Commission, in its report in the year 2018 upheld for condemning of sports misrepresentation and match-fixing. The Chairman of the Commission, Justice B.S. Chauhan, additionally implied that this would be managed and may incorporate prison terms. The requirement for such stricter laws has consistently been felt, and particularly since the Azharuddin match-fixing em-



barrance became visible.

The Hyderabad cricketer, alongside Ajit Jadeja, Nayan Mongia, and Nikhil Chopra, was denounced by the South African captain, Hansie Cronje for having contacts with bookies and bettors. It was essentially settled that Azhar was associated with bookmakers and was condemned to a day-to-day existence boycott by the BCCI.

At the point when a player engaged with match-fixing and deliberately underplays, the break of trust occurs. Along these lines, it becomes hard to manage the match-fixing cases under this part. Accordingly, there are no such explicit laws in India in regards to coordinate fixing which limits the specialists to make rigid moves against the wrongdoers.

In 2013, the Prevention of Sporting Fraud Bill was presented in Parliament. It was drafted determined to forestall and battling sports extortion,

which influences the trustworthiness of sports and reasonable play corresponding to public and worldwide games and matters associated with them. This draft bill proposed tough discipline and detention.

The greatest establishment based cricket association on the planet, the Indian Premier League went into the news for awful reasons in 2013. A modest bunch of players and a few other group authorities were blamed for being associated with match-fixing. In May 2013, three players, S. Sreesanth, A. Chavan and A. Chandila were arrested by a Special Investigation Cell of the Delhi Police on the dread of being in touch with bookies.

In its report, Lodha Committee suggested various mandates including that there ought to be no irreconcilable situation in the

board and the working would be carried on by a council of overseers.

The absence of a substantial law managing match-fixing and different games misrepresentation is as yet the greatest test that lies ahead. The undertaking would turn out to be a lot more straightforward if the draft of the Prevention of Sports Fraud Bill 2013 was passed in Parliament.

The other thing that should be followed essentially is the reception of the Code of Conduct and morals by every one of the wearing affiliations and organizations of the country. The hazard of match-fixing and illicit wagering is a peculiarity that has been tormenting Indian avid supporters and heads for an impressive time frame now. Illegal tax avoidance and different types of monetary violations are influencing the games at various levels.

