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LOCKDOWNS GIVING a new perspective to life

Sanjana Saxena

Just fresh off the Janta curfew on March 22, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 21-day nationwide lockdown from March 25 to combat the deadly Covid 19 pandemic. Life came to standstill atleast on the roads for the 1.3 billion Indians with train and air travel also being halted completely.

"For a few days, forget what it means to go out. Today's decision

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of a nationwide lockdown draws a Lakshman Rekha on your doorstep", said the PM for lockdown 1.0. At the time the number of confirmed positive Coronavirus cases had reached approximately 500 in the country. As the end of lockdown 1.0 neared, the PM in consultation with the state governments, announced lockdown 2.0 slated to end on May 3. By now



Photo: Trilochan S Kalra

the Coronavirus had claimed about 1000 lives with those infected nearing the 20,000 mark. Although the PM did announce that there will be conditional relaxations in Corona-free regions.

However, even before Lockdown 2.0 ended, Modi announced a further extension thus heralding lockdown 3.0 slated to end on May 17. The difference being that relaxations were specified for the various parts of the country that was

divided into green, orange and red zones based on the Corona positive cases in the regions. Green being the region with no Corona cases while orange being in the middle category and red falling in the danger zone with maximum Covid patients.

Confined to homes, many people found it an ideal opportunity to brush up their skills, gain knowledge and even indulge in creative pastimes.

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No one had imagined even in their wildest dreams that closure of campus due to the Corona threat in the third week of March would stretch for more than a month. Covid-19 – a pandemic, which has hit the world very hard, became a reality for all of us. It was a first global pandemic witnessed by all.

Ever since March 25 midnight we all have been under lockdown and the government has been extending it every time because of continuous spike in Covid-19 cases. Of course, we all got used to a new word in our dictionary 'Lockdown', and its 3.0 version will continue till May 17. Unfortunately Lucknow district remains in the 'Red Zone' (Hotspot) and judging from the situation, the state capital is far from getting into the safe 'Green Zone' or even the mildly risky 'Orange Zone.'

Work from Home (WFH) and online teaching seems to have become a new order with students, teachers and the professionals - all picking up newer technologies and mediums to work- while keeping themselves busy and also trying to be creative.

The current April 2020 issue is a Covid-19 Special Edition wherein students have expressed their take on the three consecutive lockdowns. So be it a serious view of our economy to life during Corona times and even bingeing shows on online streaming platforms to living a healthy life—it's all there. So go ahead, put your feet up and enjoy the millennials' take on this global pandemic on your screens. Happy reading!

Cheers!

Prof (Dr) Sanjay M Johri

'ASCO LENT WINGS TO MY DREAMS'

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Before joining TCS, she worked for IHS Markit as a research data specialist. It's a well-known British brand and she worked for Jane's product, which is the world's biggest and well-known aerospace, defense and security brand. Almost seven years into the industry she finds her professional journey as "amazing" and recalls how academics at

ALUMNI CORNER

Amity helped her picking up the industry assignment well. "This professional journey was completely a new territory that Amity introduced me to", she claims.

Recalling her two-year stay with ASCO, this Bengali girl from Kolkata says it was a lot of fun while pursuing her masters at Amity School of Communication (ASCO) and fondly remembers her faculties. "I recall interesting sessions by teachers like Prof SM Johri, Prof. Chander Mahadev, Dr. Areena Mirza, Dr. Akansha Shukla, Mr. Mohit Sharma, Mr. Trilochan Singh Kalra, Ms. Sheena Chandra to name a few who guided me throughout the course. It was great learning from them".

She further adds how Amity enabled her to work with a team and also acquire leadership skills, which help her now in the professional sphere. "I also improved my communication skills. ASCO lent wings to my dreams", she says.

Her plans are to pursue Masters in Strategic Marketing from abroad post Covid.

DAY OF BELONGINGNESS



Every year, on the 7th of May, we celebrate the Day of Belongingness to capture the bond of love, affection, respect, concern and caring nature

for each other amongst all and Amitians in particular celebrate this day as the Birthday of our dear Hon'ble Chancellor Dr Atul Chauhan. Belongingness is the human emotional need and in the Covid-19 crisis we salute the Corona Warriors fighting to save the human race. Wishing Hon'ble Chancellor a very Happy Birthday as he continues to guide us with his leadership.

Khakhi Corona warriors RAISE THE BAR

Vaishnavi Agarwal

Who had imagined that Indian policemen can turn out to be such talented individuals? Well, Corona has brought out their hidden creativity. While people in India remain indoors, the cops have come up with outstanding ideas to spread the message of staying indoors and promote personal hygiene. Be it the unique themed corona helmets or the songs created on Corona, we have witnessed some really unique campaigns by the men in khakhi.

Will you stake your life for someone else? Believe me it's a tough choice. But the officers on duty are continuously fighting for our safety.

However, to my dismay there are reports of people attacking these Corona warriors. In Chandigarh, for instance, it was appalling to see men attacking the police with swords when they were merely being stopped from entering a subzi mandi thus breaking the lockdown regulations. In the process, a policeman's hand was cut by these men in a brazen act of display. Police have been working day and night just to ensure public's safety. But what are we giving them in return? Abuses and hatred!

Answer this simple question: Will you put your life on stake for someone else? Be-

lieve me it's a tough choice. But the officers on duty are continuously fighting for our safety. From creating music videos to street plays these cops are leaving no stone unturned to reach out to people. In Bengaluru, police cleverly utilised the power of street theatre to highlight the danger of the virus and breaking quarantine rules while khakhi warriors from Ulsoor traffic station wore Coronavirus shaped helmets and confronted bikers who were violating the lockdown norms. Besides, explaining the steps to wash hands while dancing on hit songs is also another unique initiative to raise awareness.

Abhinav Upadhyay, a policeman from Chattisgarh was heard singing his own version of the famous song, 'EkPyaar Ka Nagma' with the improvised lyrics, "Ghar main hi rehna hai. Bahar nahi jana hai. Khud ki raksha karte hue auro ko bachana hai. Sanitiser lagana hai, hath dhoke hi jana hai, ab humko, corona ko harana hai." Raps have also been made by these corona warriors to make the public aware about this dangerous virus.

Holding mikes instead of lathis has been a great step by the policemen who are out there to fight this pandemic. Indeed we are blessed to have such corona warriors in a battle which India can't afford to lose. It's time we pay them due respect and simply follow the lockdown regulations. In complying with the norms, we can at least let our khakhi Corona warriors breathe a bit easy.

LOCKDOWNS new perspective

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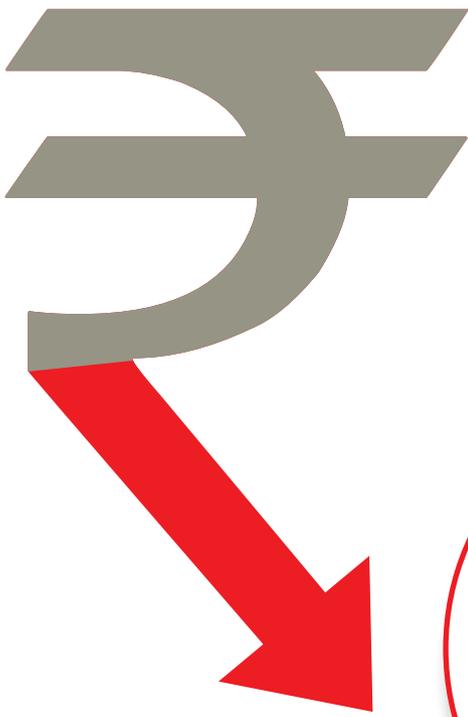
The youth, especially teenagers, finally had the break they always kept asking for. Spending time with family members has become the most common practice followed by everyone like never before. The old days of playing indoor games like carrom, chess, ludo etc. with the family are back.

Meanwhile, educational institutions also upped their ante and started online classes thus children are also attending online classes digitally so that there is no loss academically while exploring hobbies like dancing, singing, cooking new things with ingredients available in their kitchen and many more. Social media sites are flooding with quarantine challenges to keep people occupied and pass time in doing something creative like making Dalgona coffee at home or 'pushup challenge' also keeping in mind the vital importance of health and fitness.

In this pandemic, bonds of friendships and relationships are going through a test due to social distancing measures. Hence patience and trust is playing an important role like never before. In addition, families are having a unique opportunity to spend 24x7 with each other while not only 'working from homes' but also 'working for homes.' So while a mother is busy on her laptop, the father is dishing out breakfast while the grandparents are now happily taking care of their grandkids. Infact many senior citizens are now learning to be tech savvy as they realize it is the only way to stay connected with their near and dear ones.

As a result of this lockdown, people are finally spending quality time with loved ones, getting better opportunities to explore technology while realizing that so many things we thought impossible to live without was needless.

In fact one of things that this pandemic is teaching us is that being surrounded by loved ones (family), have food in our tummy and roof over our head we're umpteen times luckier than the others stuck alone or hungry in this testing time. It is too late to take necessary preventive measures for a lot of people but there's still hope for you and your family. So make the most of this time.



Global economic **SLOWDOWN** and its impact

**INDIAN
ECONOMY**
might slump to a
1.6 %
growth rate in the coming
fiscal year, a first in the last
**40 years, in the
post-World war
scenario**

Siddhartha Chaturvedi

With the rise in Covid-19 cases across the globe, the global economic scenario has undergone a huge paradigm shift in the last few months.

When we talk about the global economic slowdown, it is a phenomena that is characterized by a lot of factors, some of which are - a decrease in the annual global gross domestic product (GDP), industrial production, flow of capital as well as mounting unemployment rates. In the current scenario the economic exchange between countries has come to an unlikely halt, as a result of which, amongst countries across Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania experiencing an unlikely/unexpected scenario where industrial production has decreased, the flow of capital has become difficult and with no businesses operating on the ground level, the employment rates have also gone down.

India has been hit severely with the global pandemic with Goldman Sachs forecasting that the Indian economy might slump to a 1.6 % growth rate in the coming fiscal year, FY '21; a first

Fears of global economic slowdown could actually extend way beyond initial predictions of a few months

in the last 40 years or so, in the post-World war scenario. There have been fears that the global economic slowdown could actually extend way beyond initial predictions of a few months.

The impact of India's IT and software industry, one of the biggest across the globe, has also been adverse. Some of India's top software exporters such as Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys and HCL are readying themselves to combat a situation where Europe and US-based clients are looking to cut down on their technology spending.

Meanwhile, some of the world's biggest economic hotspots that have been at the forefront of world trade and economic exchange in their respective countries have shut down completely or are into a semi-lockdown. Since people are staying at home, the prices of air trips, hotels and restaurants apart from other brick-and-mortar businesses that are driven either by tourist interests or local exchange of goods and services have been hit sharply.

The reasons for this slump in economic growth as told by the IMF have been the constant trade wars between economic powerhouses such as the USA and China, fluctuations in currency exchange as well as large-scale strangulations by the government to curb activity that could possibly spread the virus to an even bigger scale. With this, slowed industrial production growth is another possible cause of the slump in world GDP.



It's Loventine during quarantine!

Anum Rizvi

Generation Z has it all in terms of technology and so staying connected is not an issue. However, this pandemic and the resultant lockdowns have brought several things to the fore in budding romance, committed couples and even marriages.

While a few have the luxury of staying with their partners, many young love birds are separated due to the 'social distancing' norms and it is here that the bith innovative ways of expressing love as well as breakdowns are making waves on social media.

Recently a video was trending online wherein a couple doing video call were dressed up, eating dinner as if they were on a date. In another video, a couple broke off because they were not able to handle the distance and the girl made a crying tiktok video on it. Maybe the reason is that they need physical interactions and lack of it is messing their relationship. In China though, the quarantine had a completely different effect as divorce cases saw a spike due to 'couples spending too much time together during the Coronavirus quarantine. Well every relationship needs time, love, and communication without which it will fall apart.

If we talk about our grandparent's generation then love was very much kept under wraps. They had few options to communicate when they were living apart yet they kept it alive. My friend's grandparent, Mr Shah and Mrs Shah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during the lockdown at their house with family where they shared their story of how they would communicate through letters and chits as they could not talk in public. Their generation was not open about a girl and boy dating before marriage. Hence, love blossomed with stolen glances and letters.

Times have changed and today we are more open about our affairs. However, the lockdowns have taught us an important lesson that love is not just about meeting every day. Had this been the case then domestic violence and spike in divorce cases would not have been an outcome during this times. Relationships are hard to maintain; they need to be treated as a baby who is growing up. Nobody knows when the lockdowns will end, however, till then stay at home, be safe and fight this pandemic and not your partner.

A 'RED' ZONE FOR NOW



Rajeev Ranjan

There was a massive panic after the government decided to put the country under a 21-day lockdown because of Covid 19. As the country came to a halt, people started to worry about the likely shortage of daily use products. Amidst all this, online delivery services were also hit.

While it was not easy for the government to initially put a check on the situation, it gradually got a grip on the situation. However, queues at grocery shops, vegetable markets and medical stores kept on increasing despite restrictions with many shopkeepers minting money by selling products at a much higher price.

Observing the uncertainty and the difficulties faced by the people, the government decided to give a relief and gave a go-ahead to the e-retailers such as Groffers, Big Basket, Amazon, Zomato, Swiggy, Pizza Hut and Dominos to deliver essen-

tial items and food. It was a great relief for people, specially residing in urban areas. The government allowed almost 40 online stores to resume their services.

However, the move hit a roadblock as according to a recent report, a pizza delivery boy in Delhi was found corona positive. The infected boy had delivered pizza to 72 people in South Delhi and as a result all their families were put in quarantine. This was really a dangerous situation for all the families.

Even as the government announced Lockdown 3.0 effective from May 4 to 17 and the e-commerce companies seeking relaxation for delivering non-essential items at least in Corona-free 'green zones' identified by the government, the question arises: How safe it will be? Maybe the grocery can be delivered online but at least the food delivery services must be completely stopped till this crisis blows over. Social distancing is the only way to combat this deadly pandemic.

ONLINE FOOD DELIVERY



LOCKDOWNS through **THE LENS**

Lensman: Trilochan S Kalra





From Lockdown 1.0 to 3.0, which is almost heading towards completion on May 17, the battle to restore a semblance of 'normalcy' has begun. The government is now allowing of-fices, business establishments to open in green, orange and red zones while keeping 'social distancing' norms in mind among other things.

However, it is now forgone conclusion that living with Covid 19 is the 'new normal'. So post May 4 during Lockdown 3.0, the streets of India started seeing a flurry of activities, which was in stark contrast to Lockdowns 1.0 and 2.0.

Before May 4, the scenes on the streets reminded us of curfew-like situations we used to witness with roads looking deserted; shops closed and only security personnel



maintaining law and order. The feeling of depression and loneliness is visible when you take a look at the historical Hazaratganj, Kaiserbagh, Chowk, Aminabad among others, which would otherwise be teeming with people and traffic. Malls too were closed with few security personnel standing guard. During these lockdowns, policemen could be seen checking scanty commuters for masks, valid

pass for commuting among others.

However, come May 4 and the opening of liquor shops saw people throwing 'social distancing norms' out of the window. The serpentine queues outside model shops in Lucknow and all over the country just go on to show how fickle the public memory is even regarding their own safety. Social distancing norms can go take a hike for all that they care!



It's all about EMBRACING the 'NEW NORMAL'!

From food, creative pursuits to bonding with self and family, the lockdowns have pushed us to look within and realize what's important



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Being an introvert by nature, staying at home did not scare me as much as my peers. In fact, a part of me was glad that that I could now stay in without anyone pressuring me to go 'live my life' outside. But, as time passed I started running out of movies to watch and felt stuck in my comfort zone.

It was difficult to pass time and

sleeping was the easiest way to do so.

So for the 21-day lockdown, I woke up at 3 pm, binge watched Netflix, grabbed food and slept again at sunrise. Staying in hostel away from home I was used to being alone and not answerable to anyone. The days and nights seemed to merge with each other and finally it got to me.

Finally one day I decided to change my routine by getting up on time, taking short walks and limiting my Netflix consumption. Getting grounded in a healthy lifestyle was my saving grace during the subsequent lockdowns. When I can do it, so can you.

-Shifa Dutt

LOOKING WITHIN

When everyone is busy comparing these unprecedented times to one of those apocalyptic movies, I am busy listening to the song 'The end of the world' by Julie London sporadically. The uncertainty of life is such that one moment you were busy planning a vacation and now all you can look forward is what to cook for lunch or perhaps dinner!

Being in absolute lockdown is not a need but a required necessity, perhaps our only chance to go back to normalcy. Saving the world by staying in our beds- it can't get any easier than this. But being inside your house 24/7 for more than a month now has been hard. However, this too shall pass and life as we know will resume. Until then learn to live with yourself because all the wonders you seek, lie within yourself.

-Yashita Arora

REINVENTING IS THE GAME-CHANGER

The lockdown has changed our lifestyle in many ways. It has put strict restrictions on all our preferences — what we eat, where we go, and much more. In fact it has also impacted our creativity as many of us are acquiring new skills. For instance our Instagram feeds have had the most drastic impact, for sure. Instead of who went where; it is now full of the interiors of our homes. Posts of making new dishes, reading more books, trying to play that guitar again for which we couldn't find time during our working hours are just some of things that have given a new meaning to life. In fact now people are also catching up with long lost relatives and friends.

These are uncertain times where many of us face grief, financial pressure, loss of freedom and anxiety — so it is imperative to look after the physical and mental well-being of ourselves and others well during this period.

-Ishita Singh

CREATIVE PURSUITS

I am at home after a long gap and it feels exhilarating. To be with my family during these trying times has come as a blessing. The lockdowns have allowed me to do all the things I had put on the back burner— from exercising daily to catching up on my favourite shows, blogging etc.

However, the thought of living

in a red zone area and the unending stream of news about more Corona patients being found everyday is scary. Here my family comes to rescue and as my mother says, 'You have all the time to dream and indulge in new creative hobbies, skills'. So here I am trying to fulfill my dreams.

-Anjali Singh

MISSING THE SMALL THINGS

One moment I was in the midst of bustling life in Hazratganj area in a news van and the other inside my empty house. Within a matter of few short days the whole country went for a 21-day lockdown thus completely changing the lifestyle all of us were used to.

My parents being television journalists still have to go out every day to cover different news related to the Coronavirus. They take precautions like discontinuing the use of cabs from travelling agencies and have started driving their own cars, sanitising it and even tying their microphone with selfie sticks to maintain social distance while taking reactions. I get to know through them what's happening in the city. Their life makes me understand that how underrated going outside home with no fear is.

When Lockdown 1.0 was implemented the first thing that

came to my mind was the delectable Tunday kebabs and how will I get them. How would I survive on homemade food and not be able to enjoy the last few days of my Post Graduation life at Amity. I felt a longing, which I had never experienced- an ache for the things I took for granted. In the last few days, I have realised that how simple joys of life, which usually we don't value like meeting friends, discussions in classes, a good movie at a theatre and celebrating a friend's birthday, how important these things are which we often ignore.

It seems apt, for time, like this Bashir Badr said,

Koi haath bhi na milaega jo
gale miloge tapak se

Yeh naye zamane ka shaher
hai, zara faasle se mila karo.

-Aman

FOODIE WITHOUT FOOD

Boredom could be the new name of the lockdown lifestyle. The only change we can now adopt in our routines is perhaps switching the time when we drink tea!

Being a foodie, I miss junk food the most. I often find myself scrolling down the delivery apps as if window shopping for food. But switching from a junk filled

meal to everything homemade has given my health a boost that it needed. I see the clear blue skies with birds and kites flying around and it makes me happy. I have time to work on my hobbies like making songs. It's a changed life; one without pizza but it is starting to grow on me.

-Farman Siddiquie

Streaming platforms, an ideal getaway during lockdown

Nitin Kumar

It was the era of 1987-1990 when the homogenized version of the two magnum opus— Ramayan and Mahabharat was first aired on DD National that took the country by storm. People of different religion, caste, culture & creed were keenly waiting for Sunday to watch these mythological dramas with their families for an hour.

When DD National decided to re-telecast these classics after the 21-day nationwide lockdown was announced by PM Modi on March 24, a wave of nostalgia hit those who had seen it aired in the bygone days.

At a time when the whole world is passing through a tough time fighting the deadly disease, in a diverse country like India it's more difficult to be in lockdown specially as the socio-community environment of 'get-together' has been present right from the beginning. Hence the news of these two magnum opuses being aired again was welcomed with open arms.

On the very first weekend, Doodarshan's Ramayan rerun got the highest ever rating for a Hindi GEC show since 2015, as per the BARC report. On an average, each episode of Ramayana has seen 42.6 million viewers glued to their TV



sets. We don't forget this series first telecast had a viewership of 82%, a record high for any Indian television series.

DD also aired other old classic shows like Shaktiman, Byomkesh Bakshi, Shriman Shrimati, Chanakya, Circus, Tu Tota Main Main, Hum Hain Na, Krishna Kali & Upanishad Ganga to cater to different genres and age group of audience.

This is not the first time, earlier remakes of Ramayan and Mahabharat and other mythologies show like Devlok with Devdutt Patnaik aired on TV but in this time of crisis, it's an opportunity to sit

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down for something that we can also discuss latter with our posterity that too in an era when streaming platforms and saas-bahu operas have influenced TV viewing habits of people.

Social media too flooded with the funny memes and videos of these iconic heroes add more fun to display. DD also re-telecast old Amul classic ads that act as spices to our pleasant memories. With Ramayana ending on DD and now being telecast on Star TV, it just goes on to show that 'old is gold' and something will never go out of style. During crisis, we seek positivity and what better way than the classics to fuel it.



Novelty during lockdown

Avika Gupta

Being cooped up in homes is the new normal during the quarantine time. However, it is up to you to make it an interesting time or simply stick to the same old routine and complain about boredom.

There is no dearth of people who have gone the innovative way to remain busy and entertained. From a surge in installation of various online applications to live music performances on Instagram and Facebook, people are ready to try everything they can. For instance there has been an incredible increase in eccentric challenges on TikTok. In the last month in India, TikTok was downloaded 20.2 million times with over 800 million users in the country. People are taking part in the eccentric challenges that are going viral on this Chinese video sharing app. Challenges such as #gharbaithoindia, #dancewithme, #healthyathome, #thingstodo, #desifood, #mytiktokstory, #tiktokchef, #plankchallenge are getting views and seeing participation in billions.

Of course these lockdowns are also encouraging the chefs in most of us to come out hence people are actively keeping up with all the food trends going around in the country. From the now famous 'Dalgona Coffee' also being called as quarantine coffee, which is really easy to make to Banana Bread, both people and celebrities are making and posting pictures on social media. Not to forget are our very own homemade gol-gappas trending on the social media. Seeing the pictures of these absolutely mouth-watering dishes is making us drool.

What better way to eat the delicacies while watching reruns of classic TV shows like Mahabharat and Ramayan. After bringing Ramanand Sagar's epic show Ramayan back

on Doordarshan, BR Chopra's Mahabharat also made a comeback on public's demand.

Similarly streaming of full live-concerts on Facebook and Instagram are also grabbing eyeballs. From sufi singer Deveshi Sahgal to folk musician Kutle Khan, artistes are being a part of the live concerts online. As per the reports, Pink Floyd too will begin streaming live concerts on his YouTube channel and Instagram page for his fans during the lockdown. The good part is that these artists are gaining newer audience through these online gigs and people are actually enjoying them during the lockdowns.

Healthy lifestyle too is doing rounds as there has been a surge in downloads of health and fitness apps like HealthifyMe, 30daysfitness, Fitbit Coach, Decathlon Coach etc have seen a marked increase in downloads.

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HYBRID EDUCATION SYSTEM

Pandemic led Global Educational Update

Sonia Singh

From time to time, our societies evolve and adapt to new circumstances for its survival. Currently, the COVID-19 pandemic has moved the education systems of the world to an experimental phase. Education system around the world is witnessing a massive technological upgrade.

Remote teaching till now was specific to distance-learning online courses and was taken as a secondary source of education. A sudden shift in recent circumstances has pushed face to face learning to virtual digital classrooms.

While many educational institutes with limited technological support were unable to move towards digital learning, Amity University transited successfully from its traditional classroom teaching to imparting lectures in virtual classrooms. This transition included simultaneous upgradation in course structure and changing the student evaluation criteria, suitable for virtual learning.

Understanding Hybrid Education System (HES): This unintentional worldwide educational experiment can change the way of imparting education globally. HES means inculcating technology to impart education while also using traditional classroom teaching. This system can now emerge quickly as educational institutes can now analyse the advantages of technology for imparting education.

Digital technologies are very beneficial in distance learning. Lectures that require minimal personalisation can be pre-recorded and can be shared with students. This step will leave ample time for physical classroom activities like discussions, electives, group assignments, research-driven projects and group projects.

HES will require a change in course design, course delivery method and changes in evaluation technique to monitor student's progress.

To support Hybrid Education System (HES) TWO MAJOR aspects will require an update

1

TECH- SAVVY INSTRUCTORS

Traditional classroom teaching methods do not work on digital platforms. They require presentations, charts, video productions and instructors who can adapt to new technology.

A training session with faculty can ease out the problems many of them face with technology. There is a digital- divide between faculties who take minimal technological support for teaching and those who accommodate new technology while teaching. This divide needs to be taken care of for smooth transition to HES.

2

IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE FOR ONLINE EDUCATION

HES requires IT as its backbone to function. Without strong IT support even the current online classroom scenario was not possible to imagine. Amity University through its intranet Amizone along with MS Teams successfully carried out Virtual lectures bringing all Amitians together. Many educational institutes which lacked technical support are facing the impact of lockdown as their traditional teaching comes to a halt.

The global pandemic pushed every sector to test. With recent education experiments we can forecast that the way we impart education will witness a massive shift, altering traditional techniques while making room for cost-effective learning.