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Editor's Note

I am delighted, excited and proud to say that this is the 10th Edition of The Liberal Canon! Every edition, we attempt to stay relevant, incite conversations and showcase interesting artwork. As I've said before, TLC strives to be the emblem of expression of different voices. Keeping in theme with that, I want to use this platform to talk about the COVID-19 situation in India.

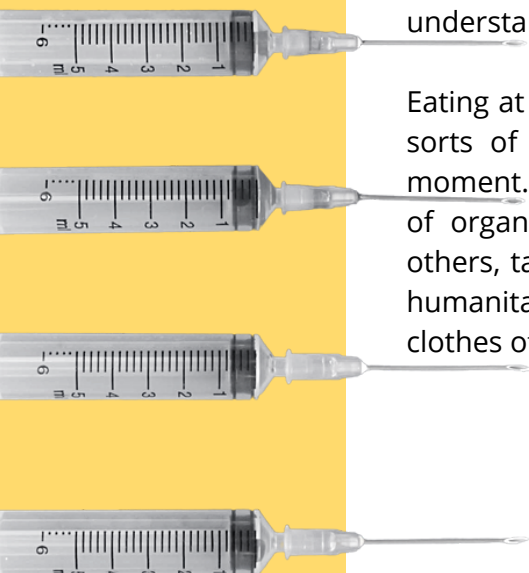
We're at the brink of destruction, holding on in the safety of our houses. Statistics show that 1 person dies every 5 minutes, succumbing to the virus afloat. It is our duty as responsible and ethical individuals to take measures to provide for those who need it. While India struggles to provide the basic public good of oxygen, the citizens fearfully try to assist by staying home or helping essential workers. There are a couple of required procedures such as wearing a mask, sanitizing and staying home that were made clear when the pandemic began. A patch in between when entertainment was fully functional acted as a catalyst to the catastrophe at hand. Along with our important physical health, we must keep a check on our mind.

It is not easy or normal to live in a time when you are subjected to four walls and forced by an external virus to stay in. As humans, we're social beings, we require connection and interaction. While some may disagree, emphasized by the solitude of the pandemic; we're privileged to have access to devices that bridge the gap of disconnection. These very devices can also be our downfall during this time. Some common but helpful tips during this unprecedented time might be to maintain a sleep schedule, take 'me' time, speak to friends and family about issues, create healthy boundaries for your day and so on!

Personally, I am susceptible to feeling unmotivated, especially during the pandemic. It is important for us to prioritize health - mental and physical - for us and others. Remember to check in on your friends, relatives and ask them how they are doing. With the pandemic, I understand that it's a responsibility we did not want or need. You could feel accountable and guilty but it is not only you. This project of fighting COVID-19 requires severe teamwork, coherence, listening and understanding your teammates.

Eating at the college canteen, actually speaking with our teachers, engaging in all sorts of oddities outside the classroom and more, is a distant goal at this moment. We're the young, empowered and educated beings with the capability of organizing a revolution. Let's revolutionize the COVID-19 fight by helping others, taking care of ourselves and curbing the rapidness of the virus. In an in-humanitarian situation, we can shed light of change, play music of hope and wear clothes of power.

Sanah Shah





Oh! My Loving Brother

Devanshi Banyanwala

Oh! my loving brother,
do you remember,
Ere' we were growing so sadly wise,
Even on the darkest nights,
and during the bleak December,
You were always by my side.

Ah! I still remember,
you always used to win, when you and I
played chess together.

Oh! my loving brother
do you remember,
When the lights grew dim,
when the things were
not what they seemed
You were always there
by my side,
in happiness and in grim.

Brother, though you are yonder
I'd always remember
the little battles we had ever,
and all the time spent together.



The World you have always dreamed of

Ishika Khan

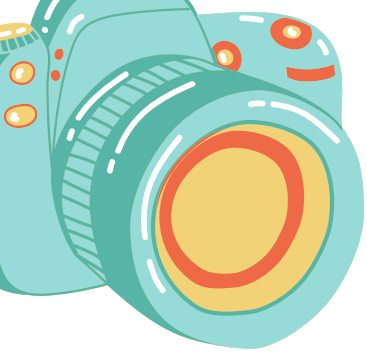
Imagine being in the world you've always dreamed of. Being the perfect person, loved by everyone and judged by no one. Imagine being in your favourite place. I imagine being in an amusement park enjoying all the rides and roller coasters and thinking about nothing but pampering myself with the 'ME' time I always wanted.

Expressing every emotion whether happy, excited, frightened or even nervous and just being myself in the moment. Simply forgetting about how stressful my life must be.

Roller Coasters can indeed give you a jump start to develop the courage to do something which is out of your comfort zone and daring yet boosting your confidence to an elevated level. Imagine you being the most powerful person in the whole world with fame, respect and enough money to even buy out the richest and fulfilling every dream you ever had. Every desire you've discussed with your friends and family in your childhood.

The thing is, money may provide materialistic satisfaction but the ultimate happiness comes from the warmth and the love that you need from your loved ones.





P A S S I O N P R O J E C T S



A Collection by Preksha Shah

ROSHNI BY RHEA DANAK

My friend and I started this initiative of raising funds for a NGO called Logic Centre and Community Welfare Association, that works towards educating the underprivileged children of the nearby slum areas in IIT Powai, Mumbai and providing them with proper nutrition.

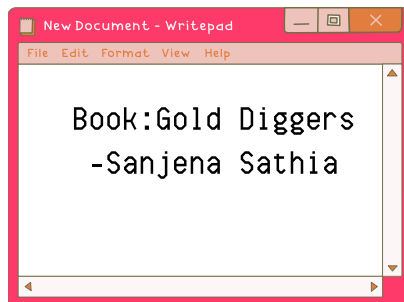
When we started in Diwali 2020, by spreading the word of our small business among friends and family, by first selling diyas and coconut candles, (now termed as our CoCo candles) we realised the need to reach out to a greater audience. We experienced first hand the continuous impact that the pandemic had on the children and on that section of the society that could not even afford to guard themselves against the powerful pull of Covid-19. We marketed our cause and purpose of starting this initiative on Facebook and Instagram under our business' page @roshni_lccwa and the welcoming people of Mumbai welcomed our products into their homes. We now have a variety of scented candles and other products that we make ourselves with the same zeal and passion with which we started this initiative. We're now not only delivering warmth and light (through our candles) to homes in Mumbai, but also in other cities and states within India.

We named our initiative Roshni, that resembles the impact we want the success of our business to have on the children's lives and the purpose we want it to serve in their own path to glory.

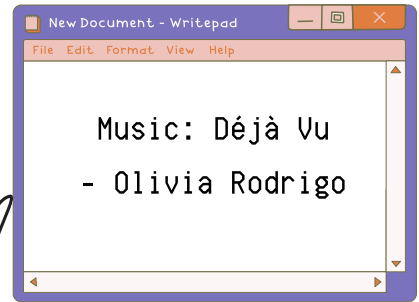
We have products ranging from glass candles that come in various sizes, sho(r)t glass candles, diyas and Coco Candles. Our CoCo candles are made from coconut shells and are reusable and recyclable. We also customise our candles according to the fragrance you want and you can use them for the perfect date, romantic dinner, self care healing process or gifting among many other utilities. They can also be used during all festivals and celebrations and can also be used as home decor.



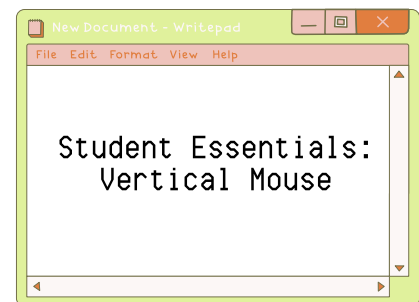
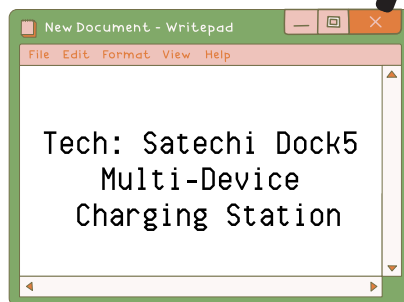
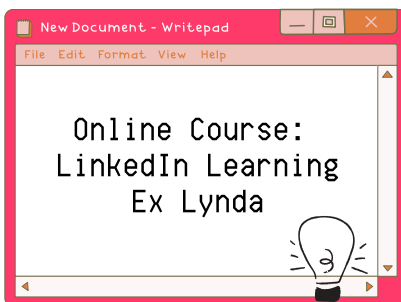
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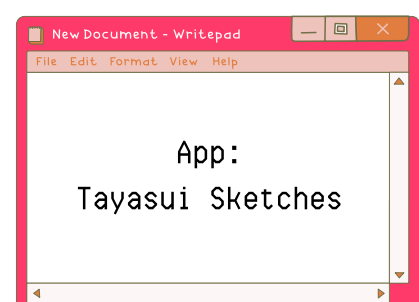
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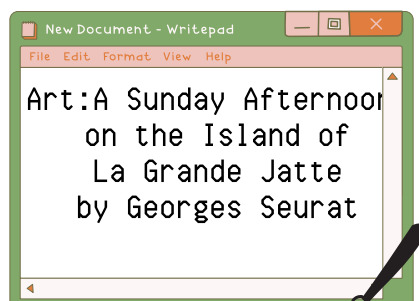
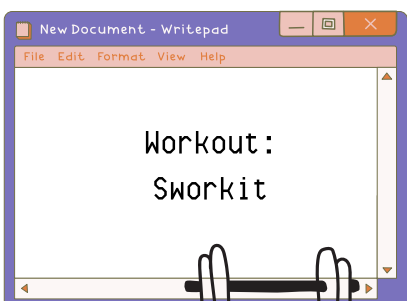
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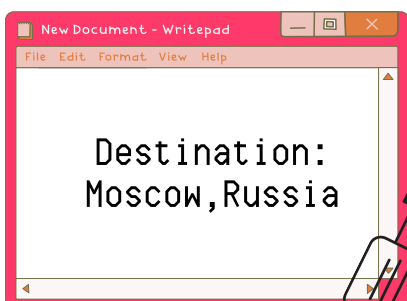
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