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Editorial

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the e-magazine from the Department of English at Hazi A. K. Khan College. This magazine is a new platform to showcase the talents, creativity, and intellectual endeavors of our students and faculty.

In this issue, you will find a diverse collection of works that reflect the spirit and resilience of our community. From heartwarming stories and thought-provoking essays to poignant poems and insightful book reviews, each piece offers a unique perspective on various aspects of life.

We hope this magazine inspires, educates, and entertains you. Thank you to all our contributors and the editorial team for making this issue possible. We look forward to many more editions that celebrate the richness of our academic and creative pursuits.

Happy reading!

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From the Desk of the Teacher-in-Charge

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the first issue of the e-magazine from the Department of English at Hazi A. K. Khan College. This magazine is a testament to the dedication, creativity, and hard work of our students and faculty.

In these pages, you will find a diverse range of literary and artistic expressions that reflect the vibrant spirit of our academic community. The stories, essays, poems, and artwork showcased here demonstrate the depth of talent and the richness of thought that our students possess.

I commend the Department of English for this initiative and congratulate all the contributors for their outstanding work. I am confident that this e-magazine will serve as a source of inspiration and knowledge for everyone.

Happy reading!

Best regards,



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The Light of Learning

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In the village of Sonarpur, education was considered a luxury. Most children helped their parents in the fields or tended to household chores. However, there was one girl, Meera, who dreamed of going to school and learning about the world beyond her village.

Meera's parents were poor farmers who could barely make ends meet. They believed that educating a girl was unnecessary. Despite this, Meera was determined to learn. She borrowed books from a neighbour who was a retired schoolteacher and studied them in her free time.

One day, a new teacher, Ms. Soumita Roy, arrived in the village. She was assigned to the local government school, which had been closed due to a lack of students. Ms. Roy went door to door, encouraging parents to send their children to school. When she met Meera, she saw her eagerness to learn and promised to help.

Ms. Roy convinced Meera's parents to let her attend school, assuring them it would be free of cost. Slowly, other parents followed, and the school reopened with a small group of students. Soumita Madam's teaching methods were creative and engaging, making learning fun for the children. She used stories, songs, and games to teach subjects like math, science, and language.

Meera excelled in her studies, quickly becoming the top student in her class. She shared her knowledge with other children in the village, helping them with their homework and encouraging them to attend school regularly.

The school soon became the heart of the village. Parents saw the value of education as their children learned to read, write, and solve problems. The community began to change, with more emphasis on learning and growth.

Years passed, and Meera completed her education with distinction. She went on to college with the support of scholarships and returned to Sonarpur as a teacher. Inspired by Soumita Madam, she dedicated her life to educating the next generation, ensuring that every child in the village had the opportunity to learn.

Sonarpur transformed into a place where education was no longer a luxury but a fundamental right. The story of Meera and Soumita Madam became a symbol of hope and the power of education to change lives.

মা-বাবার ভালোবাসা

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মা-বাবা তোমরা পৃথিবীর আলো,
তোমাদের ছায়ায় সুখের বাসা, দুঃখের কালো।
তোমাদের স্নেহে আমরা বড় হই,
তোমাদের ভালোবাসায় নতুন জীবন পাই।

মায়ের মমতা, বাবার সাহস,
তোমাদের মতো কেউ নেই, এ পৃথিবীর পথে।
তোমাদের হাত ধরে প্রথম পা ফেলি,
তোমাদের কোলেই আমরা সব ভুল ভুলি।

কত রাত জেগে তোমরা রেখেছো পাহারা,
তোমাদের স্বপ্ন শোধ করা যায় না, কোনোভাবে।
তোমাদের আশীর্বাদে আমরা এগিয়ে যাই,
তোমাদের ভালোবাসায় আমরা বেঁচে থাকি, এ পৃথিবীর বুকে।

মা-বাবা তোমরা আকাশের তারা,
তোমাদের স্নেহে আমাদের জীবন হয় সারা।
তোমাদের ভালোবাসায় আমাদের পথ আলোকিত,
তোমাদের কোলেই আমাদের ঘর, আমাদের স্বপ্নের সীমানা।



The Global Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

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The Corona Pandemic, also known as COVID-19, has been one of the most significant global health crises in modern history. Presently the world continues to grapple with the impact of this deadly virus, which first emerged in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The pandemic has affected nearly every aspect of life, causing unprecedented changes and challenges.

The Spread of the Virus

The virus, which spreads primarily through respiratory droplets, quickly moved from one country to another, leading to widespread infections. By early 2020, COVID-19 had reached every corner of the globe, prompting the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare it a pandemic in March 2020. The rapid spread overwhelmed healthcare systems, causing severe strain on hospitals and medical professionals.

Lockdowns and Social Distancing

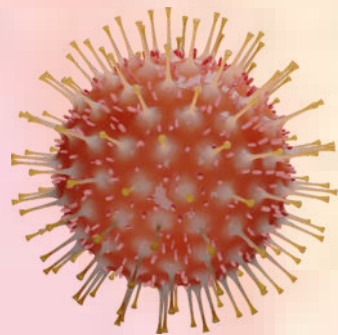
To control the spread of the virus, governments around the world imposed strict measures such as lockdowns, travel restrictions, and social distancing guidelines. Schools, offices, and businesses were closed, and people were urged to stay at home. These measures, while necessary to save lives, had significant social and economic impacts.

Lockdowns led to a halt in many economic activities, causing widespread job losses and financial difficulties for millions of people. Small businesses were particularly hard hit, and many had to close permanently. The disruption of normal life also took a toll on people's mental health, leading to increased levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

Healthcare Challenges

The pandemic exposed significant weaknesses in global healthcare systems. Hospitals were overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients, and there was a critical shortage of medical supplies, including personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and testing kits. Healthcare workers faced immense pressure, working long hours in high-risk environments, and many fell ill or lost their lives to the virus.

The development and distribution of vaccines became a global priority. By December 2020, several vaccines had been approved for emergency use, and vaccination campaigns began worldwide. However, distributing vaccines to all parts of the world, especially to low-income countries, remained a significant challenge.



Social and Economic Impact

The pandemic's impact on the global economy has been profound. Many countries entered recessions, and global trade was severely disrupted. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimated a global economic contraction of 3.5% in 2020. Unemployment rates soared, and millions of people faced financial insecurity.

Education systems also faced significant disruption. Schools and universities were closed, and learning shifted online. While this transition was relatively smooth for some, many students, especially those in rural or low-income areas, struggled due to lack of access to the internet and digital devices. The educational gap widened, and the long-term impact on students' learning and development remains a concern.

The Human Spirit and Solidarity

Despite the many challenges, the pandemic also brought out the best in humanity. People and communities came together to support each other. Acts of kindness and solidarity were seen worldwide, from people delivering groceries to their elderly neighbors to healthcare workers receiving applause and appreciation from their communities.

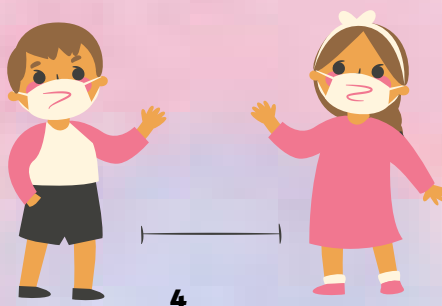
Scientists and researchers worked tirelessly to understand the virus and develop vaccines. The speed at which vaccines were developed and approved was unprecedented, showcasing the power of global collaboration and scientific innovation.

Looking Ahead

Right Now the fight against COVID-19 continues. Vaccination campaigns are ongoing, and there is hope that widespread vaccination will eventually bring the pandemic under control. However, the emergence of new variants of the virus poses ongoing challenges, and it is clear that the world must remain vigilant.

The pandemic has taught us many lessons about the importance of preparedness, the value of healthcare, and the need for global cooperation. Moving forward, it is crucial to strengthen healthcare systems, support economic recovery, and ensure that no one is left behind.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a period of immense hardship and loss, but it has also highlighted the resilience and strength of the human spirit. As we continue to navigate this crisis, it is essential to carry forward the lessons learned and work together to build a healthier, more resilient world.



The Echoes of Solitude

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**In the quiet of the night,
Where shadows blend with pale moonlight,
Loneliness sits, a silent guest,
In the hollow space of an empty chest.**

**Whispers of a distant past,
Memories that never last,
Echo through the silent room,
A symphony of silent gloom.**

**Eyes that search for absent faces,
Yearning for familiar places,
Yet only walls, in mute reply,
Reflect the tear that doesn't dry.**

**Heartbeats drum a lonely song,
In a world where you don't belong,
Footsteps echo down the hall,
But no one's there to catch your fall.**

**Yet in this solitude, so deep,
Where even dreams are hard to keep,
A flicker of hope softly gleams,
In the realm of silent dreams.**

**For loneliness, though stark and cold,
Can be a story yet untold,
A journey inward, to the soul,
Where broken parts can become whole.**

**So sit with it, this lonely friend,
For it will leave, and wounds will mend,
In time, the heart will learn to see,
The beauty in its own company.**



Book Review: *To Sir, With Love*

by E.R. Braithwaite

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Introduction

To Sir, With Love by E.R. Braithwaite is an autobiographical novel published in 1959. It tells the story of Braithwaite's experiences as a black teacher in a white, working-class school in post-war London. The book deals with themes of racism, education, and respect.

Summary

Rick Braithwaite, an engineer and former Royal Air Force pilot, struggles to find work because of his race. He eventually takes a teaching job at Greenslade Secondary School. The students are initially disrespectful and difficult to manage.

Braithwaite decides to treat his students as adults, talking to them about manners, responsibility, and societal issues. Over time, the students respond positively, showing improvement in behaviour and academics.

Themes

- 1. Racism and Discrimination:** The book highlights the racial prejudices Braithwaite faces and his determination to overcome them.
- 2. Education and Transformation:** Braithwaite's unique teaching methods help transform his students' lives.
- 3. Respect and Human Dignity:** Treating the students with respect leads to mutual understanding and positive change.

Characters

Rick Braithwaite: The protagonist, who shows resilience and compassion. He adapts his teaching style to earn his students' respect.

The Students: Initially unruly, they change for the better due to Braithwaite's influence.

Supporting Characters: Fellow teachers and the headmaster provide different perspectives on education and social issues.



Writing Style

Braithwaite's writing is straightforward and evocative, effectively conveying the emotional and psychological landscapes of the characters. His narrative style is both reflective and descriptive, allowing readers to engage deeply with the experiences and transformations described.

Impact and Legacy

To Sir, With Love has been adapted into a successful film and remains important for its messages about race, education, and respect. Braithwaite's story continues to inspire and teach valuable lessons.

Conclusion

To Sir, With Love is a powerful story about overcoming racism and the impact of education. E.R. Braithwaite's journey as a teacher shows how respect and understanding can transform lives. This novel is a must-read for its inspiring and timeless messages.





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