

Pandemic Virtuosity

Feeling like a funambulist, I'm walking on clouds

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Day 1: Beginning of a new age

Celebrating Ugadi (Gudi Padwa), the New Year festival -

new leaves, fresh breeze, and bright sunlight.

At the same time, it is the beginning of a nationwide lockdown

for 21 days...to fight COVID 19.

Is that a coincidence? Or our fate?

God's way of taking care of his creations...because humans started acting like gods!

Day 2: Lots of me time, free time and family time

The time to pause and reflect

To know who you really are when not in a crowd

The time to discover self...

Isn't it what you always wanted?

A comma before the full stop...Time to remember who you are

so as to become who you really want to be...

Day 3: Complete silence everywhere

Nature's proclamation of its own space.

Human beings not social animals anymore.

Seems like we are being held accountable for the choices we have made;

Finally we are thinking of the unthinkable and doing the undoable.

May the grace flow, mercy thrive, justice prevail

And may this phase get over with the virus kicked off this globe.

(Test....Treat....Trace...)

Day 4: A quick tour of people's minds

When we ask for Equality, you tag us @Feminist

When we offer Humanity, you tag us with God

When we say God is nowhere or everywhere - in each one of us - you tag us Agnostic...

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What's the matter with Society?

#Social distancing #savethesaviours #fighttheinvader @ prevent the disaster.

Day 5: Realization of the fact that...

It's not always survival of the fittest,

it's sometimes survival of strongest, survival of mightiest, and survival of toughest;

Some species are struggling between life and death,

Some between survival and extinction;

Some are managing lockdown watching Netflix,

Some have just walked 150 km to their homes.

Losing this fight is not an option...

Survive by all means: that is today's caption!

Day 6: A mixed kind of feeling...

Uncertainty and an unsettling restlessness;

Vindicated when the truth becomes unveiled.

India is fighting COVID 19; but is it putting poor lives at stake?

We may win the war against COVID 19, but lose out to hunger and stigma...

People are struggling daily for a one-time meal,

And we're unable to overcome our differences;

Which makes us guilty of complicity.

Stay home but away from stigma and hatred.

Stay safe but away from greed and objurgation.

Day 7: Do you know how fast it is spreading?

Not the pandemic...something more dangerous and devastating.

The spread of rumours and stigma, engulfing everyone into its dark cage.

Spoiling the very identity of a person and destroying the confidence.

Assassinating humanity and lending to its downfall.

Be wise enough to identify the truth and trust only reality.

End stigma to save lives.

Day 8: We have sailed 1/3rd of the way through

Corona crisis amidst quarantine, isolation, cases and death.

Still the path is stormy with no shores visible yet.

Thoughts are gloomy with – wait – is that a coastline?

It is an illusion, an April's fool am I!

Yet, our crew - the frontliners - strive to plug in the holes.

Everyone doing their bit to fight against the waves.

Some are scared, some lost in early smoke; others wondering who, why, what and how.

Time to tighten your seat belt...we are in stage 3 of the pandemic.

Save the ship from sinking...

Day 9: And here we are, back to the pavilion

We're back where we started...

ignorance, illiteracy and different ego states are holding sway.

Our opponent is getting stronger each day

aided by our stupidity, disregard and insensitive decisions.

But if we hold on to these things, we can't heal.

Healing means walking away from mystic darkness to greet the light visible at the end of the tunnel. Folks, it is physical distancing and social solidarity which may save humanity,

Folks, it is physical distancing and social solidarity which may save humanity, and not social distancing.

Day 10: Busy but not so busy

Each one of us is engaged either in the corona chaos or in blaming others the turbulence of our thoughts is overriding our hearts and dragging us down The void in us is gradually filling up with arguments

on who is wrong rather than what!

Never ending guest of getting what we want and not just what we need.

The choice is ours!

Empty mind or open and positive mind; Unity or differences and discrimination;

Evidence or hearsay; Science or religion?

Trust each other and take this comradeship further,

after all we all are in this together.

Day 11: India becomes a battle field

The poor struggling between sustainability and legitimacy;

The frontliners, between ethics, altruism, and responsibilities;

A middle-class person, between boredom and creativity;

The rich, between compassion and publicity;

Policymakers, between misfortune and stringent actions.

And the greatest battle in every mind is between solidarity and disparity,

But we know, the harder the battle the sweeter the victory.

We shouldn't lose Hope.

Day 12: The beginning of all wisdom

Comes from introspection, self-contemplation.

Not by the positioning of stars and moon.

It unveils through aggregate decisions made in life as an individual or as a society.

We play the victims of our thoughts which move from denial to acceptance.

It demands great courage to change, to take the blame and to tell the truth.

When you take ownership of your own thoughts, the door will open to infinite possibilities.

Let's find the Wisdom, which can't be contained in one religious book.

Let's...Grow, Accept, Change

No matter what others do or think.

Day 13: Not a good number, people say

I'm scared of the people who correlate the virus with the alignment of stars, with religious wars.

False devotion, blind faith, and our dumb luck cannot save us from the wrath of COVID 19.

I am scared of the day when poor men will lose control over hunger

and will speak their implausible stories;

When the thin line between fighting for self and destroying others will disappear;

When the pandemic peak will override the blue dot and the end will be clear and visible.

Are you not scared?

You need to plan your actions well for seeking resolution;

Let's do our bit to find solace.

Day 14: (And it's April 7th) World Health Day amidst the crisis

Theme: SUPPORT NURSES AND MIDWIVES

An opportunity to honour their contribution:

Always ready to comfort the pain while holding in their own;

Compassion is their beauty even for the unknown;

They hold you up when you are down, and care about you without a frown.

Things are never easy or as per norm, but oftentimes they outperform.

Passion drives them to become divine, yet they never stop to enjoy the shine.

With loving hearts and healing hands, Lives are valued, healed with their magic wands.

Let the magic continue forever, and the love of humanity be showered on them for eternity.

Love, support and Respect.

Day 15: Invasion of demons: Prejudice, Aggression, and Disguise

Trust is at the edge of cliff,

hope is dying and conviction begging for its own existence.

People are living in everlasting chaos.

Peace and harmony are just words creating noise.

Racists are expecting secularism, and biased ones, asking for equality.

No one has time to listen, yet there's time enough to judge.

Is this you? Is this us?

What happened to the rational minds, the loving hearts, helping hands, and true Nationals? End discrimination, stop the Racism

Help to create a better world: survive the Corona storm

Day 16: We are still here in the same cosmos

Existing in the universe like the tiniest of dots as before...but the truth is hidden in satire.

Earlier we were locked up in our minds, and now in our homes.

Weird feelings of restlessness, deliberate practice of killing time,

the unknown guilt of the past piles up.

It liberates oppressed lies...

What are we doing with it? What should we do?

Nobody knows the Secret of life and of living with satisfaction.

Everybody has their own rules and goals.

Make the most of it, as you can't give up;

This is everything that you ever wanted - to be FREE.

Free yourself from monologues, hatred, lies: Fight COVID 19.

Day 17: The grass is Greener on the other side

Life is a lie and death is the real truth.

There is not much difference between

A genius or an insane person,

A good or a bad person,

Just a matter of time and a varied perception.

On the brighter side:

Proximity has increased to gadgets especially to the best one, the Human brain.

E- Learners and E- educators are busy salvaging the education system.

Tough times are ahead. Fight the pandemic with brave heart and strong will

Test, Treat, Trace.

Teach, Train, Thrive.

Day 18: Healthcare professionals on COVID 19 duty

AM or PM, everything is the same.

Working without PPE, and wishing to fit in the frame.

The pressure is rising for the end game.

We are right at the front, right near the flames.

It hurts when you judge me for my work.

Lives are at stake, including our own.

The Hippocratic Oath is not a cakewalk.

God, Superhero, Warriors – confusing terms – forget them.

Just remember one thing, we are also humans,

who can do wonders with your support and affection.

Don't ruin this through stigma or rejection.

Hope the message is clear

Let's fight corona without fear.

Day 19: Have you ever wondered?

What is beyond outer space?

Why are we running this life-race?

What happens after we die?

What is the universe trying to defy?

I know everyone has these thoughts.

They bothers us sometimes, quite a lot.

What if there is only one existing world?

What if heaven/hell are just stories to be told?

What if the angel you see is a devil in disguise?

What if we all are like THANOS running behind INFINITY STONES?

I know everyone wants the key.

It's lost within us. But, no one can see it.

Search for it – for strength and peace.

Day 20: Fed up with cyberspace

I am tired now and you are bored.

There's nothing to say, nothing to be heard.

Living in a virtual world with thousands of friends,

When you ask for real help, reality ends.

Crazy about likes, where nobody cares,

Lot of things going around, no time to spare.

Social media, but no societal norms.

All it gives rise to are hatred and communal germs.

Fake people and fake LOLs

Corrupting minds and polluting our souls

We need to fight the battle on our own terms.

Face the deadly germ with acts of social solidarity and real emotions.

Day 21: To be continued

After sunset there is always a sunrise.

One truth is more valuable than 100 lies.

Dreaming of the future - of an unlimited sky -

We forget the beautiful present, upon which tomorrow relies.

It is not that simple, reviving humanity or restoring lives.
It is an upward spiral, we all are learning to get better with time.
Although we live in despair, Nature always conspires to fulfil our unknown desires A cup of compassion, a spoonful of empathy, a pinch of a smile, with a few drops of love and faith can help unscramble the secret and negotiate the unending maze of life.
Re-define the circle of life - HAKUNA MATATA.
May god give all of us the strength to fight the Corona Crisis.

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