

# THE DELONIX

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Dear readers,

Welcome readers! We are back on track with September's enthralling edition of The Delonix. Very soon we plan to bring the copies to you in person.

Moving on to school reopening in person, as exciting as it may be, we need to remember to keep ourselves safe at all times. Keep sanitizing your hands, putting your mask so it covers your mouth as well as your nose, and most importantly, the six-foot difference. Until the vaccines get approved for our age group, this is the only way we can come together and fight this pandemic. Covid-19 which has already stolen over a year from us.

In this issue of the News & Views, we have all the regular features with numerous articles expressing the writers' opinions on modern day feminism and climate change. These are conversations that are the need of the hour. We need to make the most of the present moment, as the world stands on the brink of change, a change that will be defined and dictated by the actions of our generation. Being idealistic, we sometimes crib about and criticise the imperfections in society. However, it is hypocritical to shirk one's responsibility towards changing those very conditions that we disapprove of.

With that, we'd like to leave you with a quotation from one of the greatest leaders this world has seen:

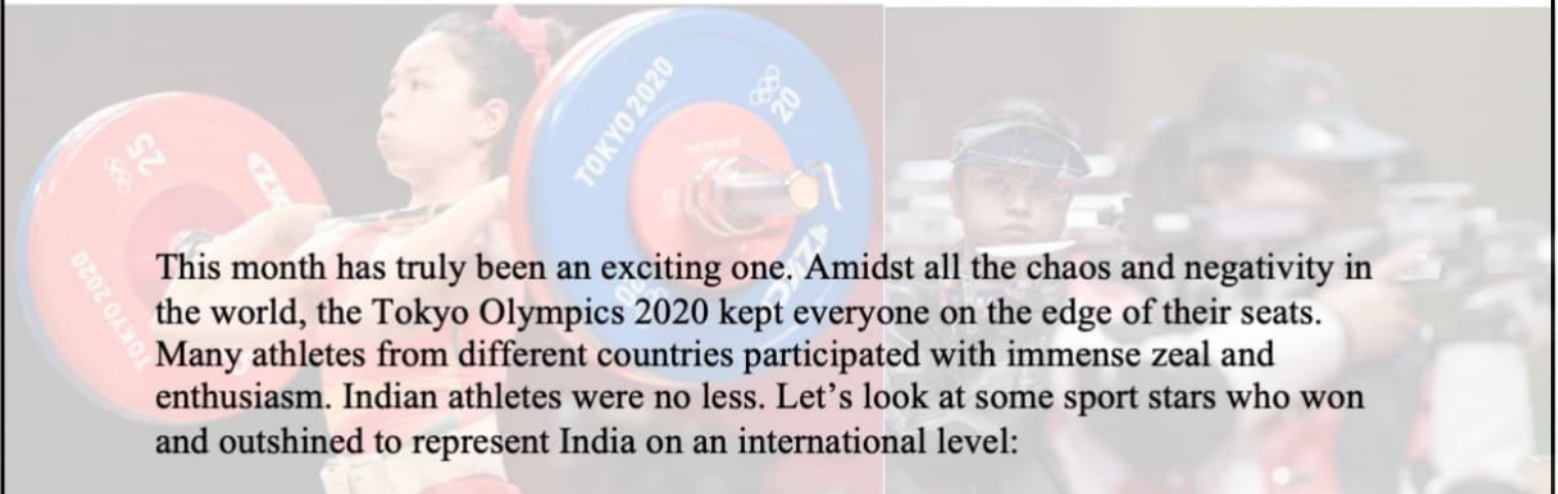
“Do we love our Creator, Let us love fellow– beings first.  
For God has compassion & loves the compassionate; And he gives to the mild  
What he does not give to the harsh.  
—Prophet Mohammed

~ Editorial Board


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# SWEAT TO SUCCEED



This month has truly been an exciting one. Amidst all the chaos and negativity in the world, the Tokyo Olympics 2020 kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Many athletes from different countries participated with immense zeal and enthusiasm. Indian athletes were no less. Let's look at some sport stars who won and outshined to represent India on an international level:



1) Name- Neeraj Chopra  
Medal won- Gold  
Event- Javelin Throw

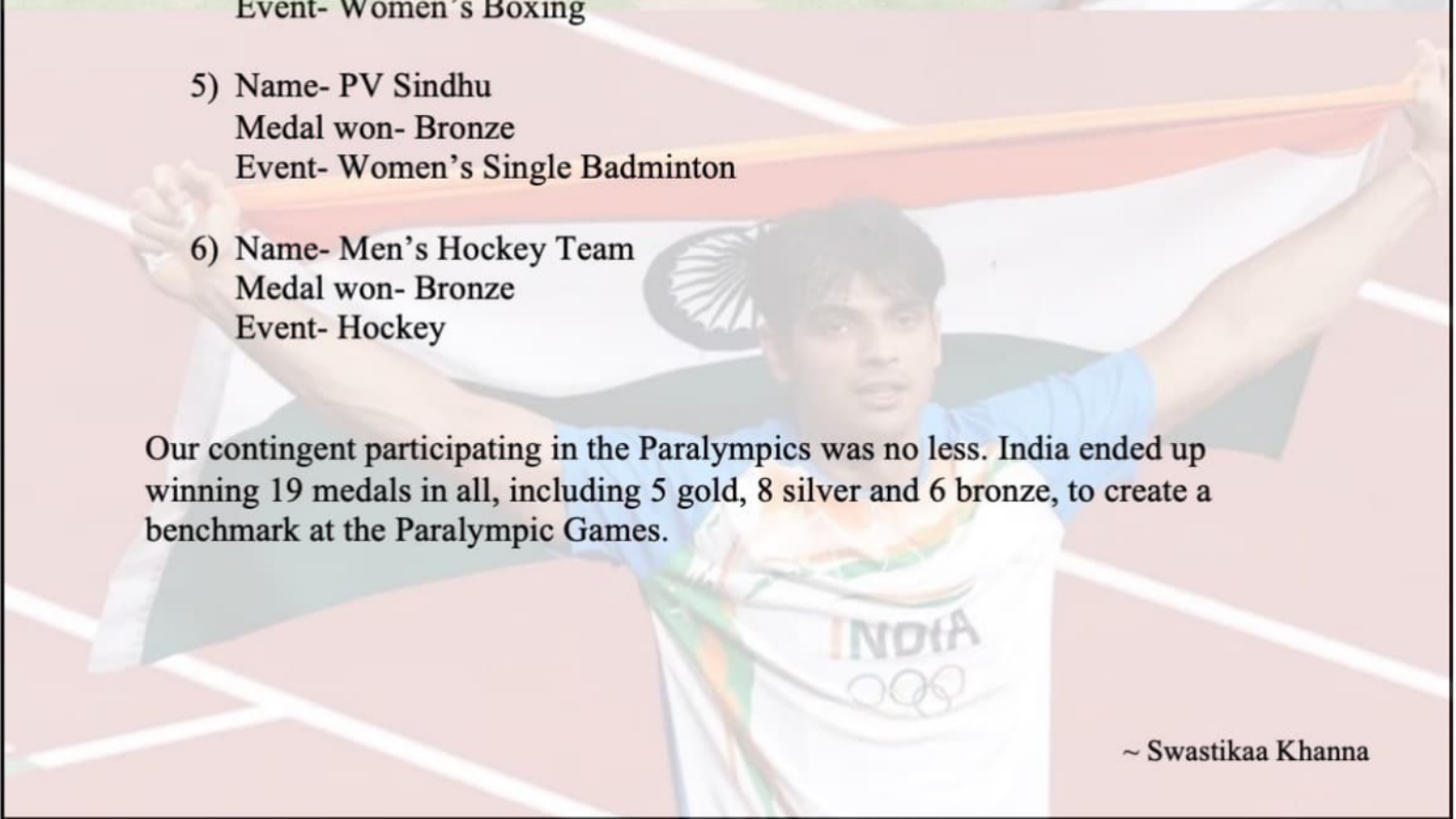
2) Name- Mirabai Chanu  
Medal won- Silver  
Event- Deadweight Lifting

3) Name- Ravi Dahiya  
Medal won- Silver  
Event- Wrestling

4) Name- Lovlina Borgohain  
Medal won- Bronze  
Event- Women's Boxing

5) Name- PV Sindhu  
Medal won- Bronze  
Event- Women's Single Badminton

6) Name- Men's Hockey Team  
Medal won- Bronze  
Event- Hockey



Our contingent participating in the Paralympics was no less. India ended up winning 19 medals in all, including 5 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze, to create a benchmark at the Paralympic Games.

# WOULD BHAGAT SINGH BE HAPPY TODAY?

Had Bhagat Singh lived, would he be a smiling citizen of India today?

After the death of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, we have forgotten his ideologies. When we think of Bhagat Singh, we think of a fierce revolutionary but we forget that he was also an intellectual visionary. Bhagat Singh fought for freedom, not just from the Britishers but also from the ills that were prevailing in the society. He was a socialist revolutionary. He was influenced by the writings of Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin and the socialist ideology in general. He was in pain to see the harsh treatment given to the farmers, labourers and factory workers by the society. He wanted to fight for the rights of the oppressed class. He believed that for a farmer or a labourer, it does not matter who rules or is in power.

Exploitation remains exploitation no matter who the exploiter is (Britishers or Indians). In an essay in February 1931, Bhagat Singh said, "Political revolution is the indispensable precondition, but the ultimate objective is socialist revolution." Bhagat Singh along with Rajguru and Sukhdev avenged the death of Lala Lajpat Rai. Though the two had political differences, Bhagat Singh respected Lala ji and even considered him his mentor. Those were the good days when despite the political and ideological differences, the ultimate agenda was clear A FREE AND SOVEREIGN INDIA.

Bhagat Singh said that religion and politics should be separated for it is the communal fights that damage our society as well as our reputation. He was strongly against casteism and untouchability. He said "We call ourselves spiritual but don't treat fellow humans with dignity." About religion, he said that only if religion and politics are separated, will we be able to unite for a greater cause. Even today, caste and religion politics is an essential tool for most political parties to win election. Even today casteism and untouchability prevails in India and our politicians take the advantage of these social ills to spread hate and polarise the citizens.

Even now when every household knows the name of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, no one is aware of his ideology. India in 2021 is definitely free from the British but is still a slave to its narrow thinking. Perhaps, he was futuristic as he saw India of 2021 and the barriers to its development years ago, when many of us still remain blind towards them. It's been 114 years since this fierce and visionary intellectual stepped on this earth but many of us still remain deaf to his ideals and ideology.

"Bhagat Singh had a sense of irony and so he would perhaps have managed to smile. My fear is that the ruling parties would mistake the sardonic and sarcastic smile for approval."

~ Ramneek Singh

# A PROUD INDIAN

Several years ago, when Swami Vivekananda took the world by storm with his oratory skills, it lay the cornerstone for Indians who would go on to dominate with their sheer grit, perseverance, and tenacity. Be it from acting, science, arts, dance or music, people from India have made their presence felt on the global stage this year as well. Here is a list of those eminent people who made us proud:



Satya Nadella  
CEO, Microsoft

*'Success can cause people to forget the habits that made them successful.'*



Dr. Tessy Thomas  
Missile Woman of India

*She was the first woman scientist to head a missile project in India.*



Kareem Bhai

Kareem Bhai distributes free newspapers to children and insists them on reading it to supplement their school education.



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam  
Missile Man of India

*'If you fail, never give up because FAIL means "First Attempt In Learning".'*



R Umadevi Nagaraj  
Indian Snooker Player

A three-time national champion and the World Women's Billiard Championship, 2012.



Mohammed Yusuf Khan  
Better known as Dilip Kumar

The late actor is renowned for his work in blockbusters such as Devdas and Madhumati.



# RECIPE TO TRY THIS WEEKEND

## Tacos

Tacos are a blend of ancient Mexican recipes and International influences, Usually toasted tortillas folded or rolled and stuffed with. a mixture (seasoned meat, cheese, lettuce).

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of minced paneer
- 2 cucumbers
- 1 bell pepper
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 tortilla
- Grated cheese
- 2-3 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2-3 tbsp Dijon mustard



### Instructions:

- Toast the tortilla and then arrange all ingredients in it.
- Start with the grated cheese, cucumber, tomatoes and bell pepper.
- Next, add the Dijon mustard and mayonnaise to the paneer.
- Roll up the tortilla and toast it on the pan to melt the cheese.
- Voila! This recipe tastes best when served with a chilled glass of lemonade.

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## SUDOKU!

You can Email your completed sudoku puzzle to [editorialatsrcs@gmail.com](mailto:editorialatsrcs@gmail.com). The winners will receive a shoutout in the next edition.

# CLIMATE CHANGE

We are amidst a big climate crisis which could result in the end of the world. The world is still in denial and it is time to WAKE UP! It is time for our generation to do something about it. We can't just sit back and watch our future die right in front of our eyes! We need to raise our voice and be as loud as we can for governments to hear us and take action on it. It has been approximately two years since we heard the famous Greta Thunberg give her speech in the UN but unfortunately no concrete action has been taken yet.

There is a heat wave in Canada, popsicles are melting in seconds and marine life is dying. The ice in the Arctic is melting and we are letting it melt. Why? Just because it opens a new trade route and makes it easier for business? Or is it because under that ice there are precious metals and resources? Well, we cannot make our impact that far so quickly, so let's talk about our own state. Uttarakhand is building a science city, and for that science city, the government is planning to cut approximately 25,000 trees.

Now we have to ask ourselves, is this what matters? Is this worth letting our planet die?

Development will not matter if there is no planet to develop on. Money will not matter if there is no place to spend it. What matters is that we listen to the cry of our planet and do something to save it. As Greta Thunberg said in her speech, "I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. I want you to act. I want you to act like you would in a crisis. I want you to act like your house is on fire because it is."

~ Sarah Kesar

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## JALLIANWALA BAGH MASSACRE

A century ago, on April 13th, 1919, when India was ruled by Britain, a group of non-violent protestors gathered at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. The gates of the place were closed and locked so the protestors could not escape. The boss of the military army was Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer. He gave the military orders to fire, and the shooting went on for 10 minutes continuously. More than one thousand twenty people were injured, and hundreds of people died however some people survived. Seeing the military approaching the people jumped into the well, not realising that if they had not died by a bullet, the suffocation would surely kill them...

The blood of the people is still there because no one ever cleaned it. After all, it is a historical place. There are plates, and there are marbles on them. The marbles describe and reminds what happened at Jallianwala Bagh a century ago. The walls have the bullet marks imbedded into them.

We pray that their pious souls Rest in Peace!

~ Aran Gupta

# MODERN DAY



Feminism has been a controversial topic for many decades now. People have been labelled with different tags just because of their takes on feminism. If you are a feminist, you are a misandrist (anti-men) or else you could care less about women. This stereotyping leads us to question exactly what feminism is. The answer to this question isn't as straightforward as many think it is. There is a spectrum of definitions and core ideologies, which consequently makes the topic very subjective.

For some, feminism is the upliftment of women to the same parity as men. For others, it's the advocacy of women's rights. It is defined by words such as recognition of capabilities and uniqueness, an equal playing field, and the right against exploitation. Truth be told, the definition of feminism has changed so much throughout the years that we have forgotten why the movement started and what it aimed to achieve. As a result, it seems necessary to learn about its history.

The latter half of the 19th century saw the rise of a new movement in the West through which women demanded, fought, and struggled for voting and property rights, commonly known as the First Wave of Feminism'. The second wave of feminism began after World War II, in the 1960s, when women voiced their desire for better job opportunities and an improvement in the conditions of their workplaces. A large portion of the movement's energy also focused on the upliftment of women in their households. The third wave changed the orthodox interpretation of femininity. It detached women from being associated with just pretty clothes, makeup, and high heels. That is when the movement hit India in the 1980s where it took up the rights of Dalit and marginalised women.

The current wave or the fourth wave is where things start to go haywire. Messed up views have arisen, which are driven by prejudices against different genders. Social media, being the foundation of this wave, has falsely designated modern-day feminism as women's rights activism. This is because suddenly posting about "ACs catering to male body temperatures more" makes you a women's rights activist. What about the women who are the victims of domestic violence? What about the girls treated as burdens by their own families? What about the people who are going to these places and helping these women out?

The underlying problem seems to be that the backward and rural women with such serious issues are conveniently overlooked as they do not have access to technology and the so-called feminists are busy in their bubble.

Modern-day feminism has also led to an increase in false accusations because of which due process is forgotten, and victims of cancel culture have drastically increased. A recent example of this is Andrew Cuomo, the senator of New York who is accused of harassing multiple women. Without the announcement of the proper investigation results, he's being advised to quit his post not only by fellow government officials and citizens of New York but also by the President of the USA himself.

The bottom line is that modern-day feminism has lost its purpose with the emergence of numerous perspectives. It is, however, incorrect to paint all feminists with the same brush. With all that said, being a feminist is a choice nobody can make for you; it does not matter if you are one or not as long as you believe in equal rights and continue to fight for women who require support without putting men's rights at stake. Remember, it's not a fight of one against the other, rather it's a struggle for humanity.

~ Maira Nawani  
Sarah Kesar



# VERSES

I sit and watch the world pass  
Wrapped up against the elements  
A doorway for a home  
Against the world alone.

The heavy rush of busy people  
going faster to their destinations  
No time to worry about the poor  
Averted eye is there noble cure.

Sleeping with one eye open  
Fearful of the thugs that come out at night  
Another day alone passes  
Can't afford rose tinted glasses.

The soup runners treat us well  
Without them, the world be hell  
In the morning rush, they walk over me  
An invisible man, can't make a plea.

~ Utkarsh Rastogi

It's All About The Impact

From, "Ma'am, may I come in?"  
To, "Yes child, please come in."  
From a milksop weakling to a stage friendly guy  
I'm indebted for the change of a cat'pillar to a fly.

From, "Get out of the class." (memorable moment)  
To, "Come, give me a hug" portrays devotement.  
From Math being the poorest subject of all,  
My classmates would giggle, but teachers propped tall.  
I knew my teachers had a soft corner for me  
I do the same to my students, they'd certainly agree.  
The message of an undying influence they conveyed,  
'cause it's all about the impact, teach an hour or a decade.

Keep trying you can do it, was all I could hear  
So, I motivate my students, it gives them a cheer.  
Never expected this wimp (talking 'bout myself) to be in the front row  
This change'll only happen if you treat your students like besties not foe.  
I'll wind up by saying, "Kids, never stop dreaming,  
In the eyes of a teacher you're nev'r unappealing.

Age is just a number  
I have heard many people say  
Every day we all grow older  
Wiser too, if you may.

It is in the hands of neither  
The rich nor the poor  
Neither man nor woman  
Can keep this change on the skewer.

Many take it negatively  
Strive to fight it to the best  
Instead we should embrace it  
And not treated as a pest.

Growing old doesn't mean  
You become less able and weak  
It is another one of life's marvels  
It is we make it bleak.

Not only should we  
Enjoy old age like childhood  
Also, look back on our life  
And relish the memories that made it good.

~ Avaneesh

~ Nadesh Sir

# VERSES

We all have our dreams  
Some asleep, some awake  
Some bite from within us  
Some real, some fake .

Some folks, they will doubt you  
Some folks have your back  
Some folks remain neutral  
Some do not give a crap.

But it comes down to you  
And your reasons within  
It comes down to you  
If you sink or you swim .

Will you rise to the challenge?  
Will you sit down or stand?  
Will you take no for an answer?  
Will you stick to the plan?

Take the step, start the chase  
Or regret it you will  
Time to put up or shut up  
You will waste time being still.  
Fall turned into spring.

~ Ashie Khandelwal

## Seasons With Reasons

Fall turned into spring,  
Each thought was connected with a string.  
Each leaf that withered and dried fell on the floor,  
Every memory opened a door.

Good memories come and go like a breeze,  
Some lose their way while some are seized.  
Bad ones are like storms at night  
That keep you up in need of someone to hug you tight.

Monsoon rain,  
Struck her with pain.  
Raindrops dancing along with her soul,  
That day with her loneliness she took a stroll.

Summer turned into winter,  
Like two people turning to complete strangers.  
Summer feeling to winter frost,  
Some things really end for a cost.

~ Adya Singh

Day by day, season changes,  
Plants becomes trees  
Bud becomes flowers  
Flowers turns into droops  
It is the joy  
As we are growing older, know you are  
grateful and graceful, that is the new world  
I see...  
Yes, we are growing older Yes we are  
growing older.

~ Aarna Sharma

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