TECH BULLET

The Blend.

By KU-SGC EDITORIAL BOARD

The Blend is Karnavati University's very own student run magazine, managed by the KU-SGC Editorial Board. As the name suggests, this magazine's purpose is to display different ideas and experiences that 'blend' together, to form our university culture. It is intended to be a safe space where the vision of various students of our university's constituent colleges meet & amalgamate in the form of written expression and art.

In order to display an array of interesting opinions and notions involving the public interest, law and society and design; we at Karnavati University, through TheBlend, aspire to give individuals a platform to voice their opinions, hence making an impact in society through forms of creative and written expression.

ABOUT

Stirring up your minds with this issue of our magazine, I am thrilled to present "Tech Bullet" to you. Finding myself struggling with excel sheets too often, the idea for the theme of this issue rose out of my fingers frustrated from typing all day. TheBlend's team being more technologically sound than I am, I would like to give the due acknowledgement to our team and their efforts during the making of this issue. With love,
Diya.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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# DESIGN

ART AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the complex learning and thinking done by machines based on the algorithms created by humans. AI art refers to art which is created with the assistance of artificial intelligence. Any form of art such as music, dance, visual arts, martial arts and more can be manipulated and performed by artificial intelligence in the present day and age, and relevant technological developments are progressing in an extraordinarily fast pace. This article will primarily focus on visual art created by the aid of artificial intelligence.

AI art has been currently developing rapidly since the past few months. AI art revolves around the concept of recognising different attributes of existing artworks, such as colour, texture, lines, text, etc, and generating new artworks based on these attributes which were processed and understood by the machine. Hence, AI makes art by extracting different qualities of artworks made by artists, and this is why many artists and designers have been condemning AI art. There are various AI platforms, where by simply putting relevant text, one can obtain a certain artwork which the computer makes from what the machine deciphers. Some artists feel that AI art is a breach of privacy, since the machine uses existing art without the artist's consent. Some artists have also termed AI art as 'art theft'. Thus, various controversies have been formed around the concept of AI art and people have been speculating that AI might have the power to replace artists and designers which might also lead to unemployment.

However, the paranoia and fear caused amongst the art and design community can be calmed if artificial intelligence is used ethically. Many professionals argue that the advancement of technology comes with both its pros and cons, and hence AI art can also be viewed in positive light. Artificial intelligence if used as a tool, can be used to achieve extraordinary results. Various softwares have started using AI to enhance the tools and functions required to create designs and artworks. This has made a designer's job easier and more convenient. AI has the power to revolutionize the world of design by helping designers create faster and more efficient designs. However, it is impossible for AI to function without human contribution, since AI uses existing designs to create their own. Thus, it is improbable that humans would be replaced by AI, instead AI would act as a crucial tool in the creative industry and assist designers in their tasks. The nature of jobs may change for artists and designers in the future; however, humans will always be needed and our creativity will always be valued. We might need to adjust to the rapidly developing world of technology at the threshold of our lives. If misusing, exploiting and abusing AI can be avoided, then the world of art and design has the capability of flourishing and reaching its peak by the assistance of artificial intelligence.

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Steal from an Artist
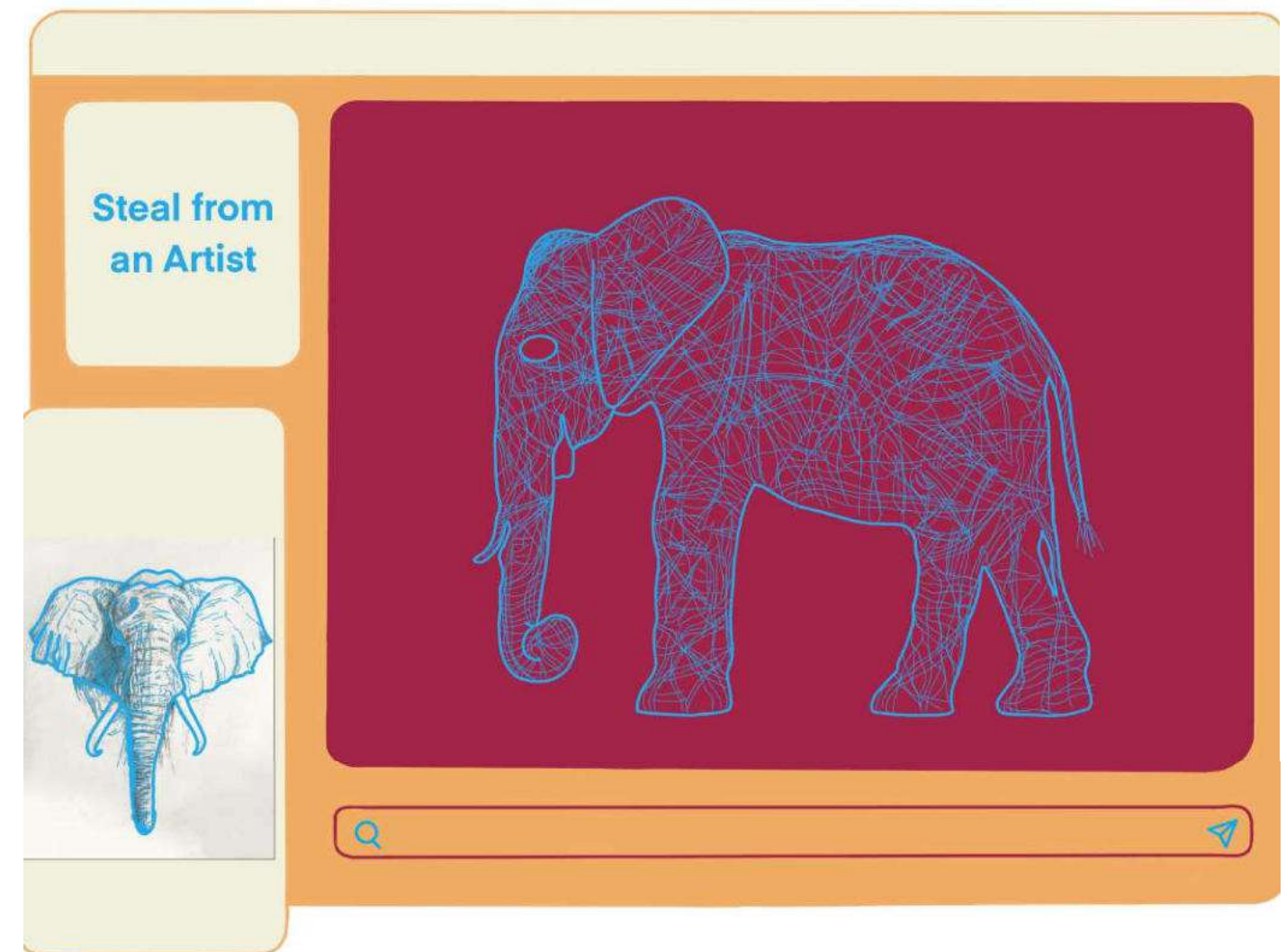
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LAW

THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON INDIA'S LEGAL INDUSTRY

The legal sector is not an exception to how quickly artificial intelligence (AI) is changing many facets of our everyday life. Whilst the use of AI in the legal industry in India is still in its infancy, the nation's legal rules have already undergone substantial modifications as a result. Some of the changes we could see are namely:

Contract review and analysis: One of the biggest impacts AI has made to the legal sector is the examination and analysis of contracts. Legal document examination and analysis can be done considerably more quickly by AI-powered software than by humans. This has improved the effectiveness and accuracy of the contract review process, lowering the likelihood of mistakes and delays.

AI-powered legal research tools have made it simpler for lawyers to locate pertinent case law and legal precedents. These technologies can quickly and accurately evaluate large volumes of data to provide lawyers the information they need. As a result, lawyers can now give their clients greater legal advice since legal research is now quicker and more precise.

Document management and analysis: AI has made it simpler to organise and handle legal papers. Software with AI capabilities may swiftly find pertinent facts from big data sets after analysis. As a result, the time and effort needed for document analysis and management have decreased for lawyers to evaluate and handle papers.

AI-driven courtroom technology is also transforming how judicial processes are handled in India.

Artificial intelligence-powered software, for instance, may assess audio and video records of court sessions and offer real-time transcripts. As a result, it has become simpler for judges to render judgements based on reliable information.

AI-powered e-discovery solutions are also facilitating the finding and examination of electronic documents. These programmes can swiftly find pertinent information among massive volumes of data and evaluate it. This has accelerated and improved e-discovery, allowing lawyers to give their clients greater legal advice.

In conclusion, AI is quickly changing the Indian legal sector. AI is accelerating, improving, and streamlining legal procedures across a range of fields, including contract evaluation and analysis, e-discovery, and courtroom technology. The potential advantages of AI are obvious, even though there are still certain obstacles to be cleared, such as the moral usage of AI in the legal sector. We may anticipate much more major developments in the legal sector in India and throughout the world as AI develops.

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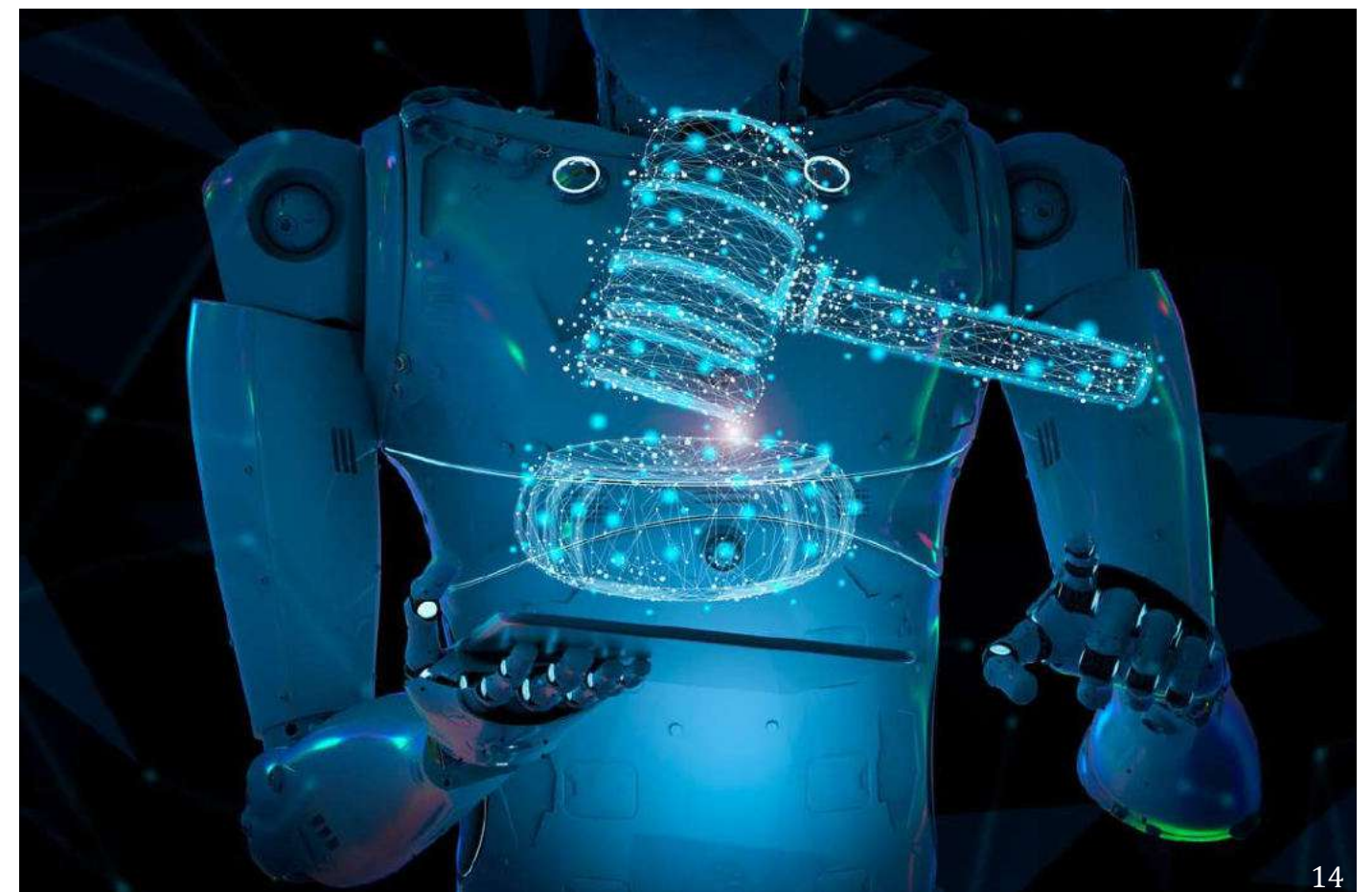
BUSINESS

RESHAPING BUSINESS WITH AI

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In Today's Generation, People usually perceive Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a complex and threatening technology as shown in Sci-Fi Films which would replace Human Resources in the Future. However, much to the surprise of us people, AI has become an indispensable part of Human Life. It has not been created to replace humans but to aid them.

Artificial Intelligence Technology is an efficient computer software that engages in humanlike activities such as learning, absorbing information and using it to plan and solve problems on a day-to-day basis. Its main function is to process complex and abundant data efficiently with the help of Algorithms. Since we have understood the concept of AI, we can delve in deep into how such technology can impact and reshape the entire business world.

In its wide range of uses, AI can also be used and be taken advantage of in businesses. It has the ability to make decisions in a matter of minutes which even humans aren't capable of. In the world of Business, crucial managerial decisions must be taken to avoid any huge discrepancy in the company's ecosystem. With the proper and accurate information fed to AI, it can aid the management by providing a list of plausible decisions that can aid the growth of the Company.

Not only this, but AI has proven to be useful to businesses and companies to improve their Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Systems. Application of AI in the maintenance of CRM systems would eliminate any inaccuracies caused by heavy human interference. With its ability to accurately identify patterns in human behavior and provide relevant information regarding their circumstances, AI has been proved to be an excellent aid to Businesses to provide unparalleled Customer Relation and Service.

Along with such services, AI has further proved to be useful by not only encouraging growth of businesses but also in providing Cybersecurity to such Company's websites by recognizing patterns of a cyberattack or other threats and preventing them.

In recent news, a new Artificial Intelligence program known as ChatGPT has been released which is said to revolutionize the world. It is designed to generate natural language responses when given input from a user — making it potentially useful in a variety of business applications where human-like conversation with customers or clients is desirable. Therefore, businesses around the world are starting to be aware of how they need to engage in their work and how the usage of AI would benefit them. They have started to introspect and investigate how Artificial Intelligence is going to Reshape their business to get ahead in terms of Customer Satisfaction and Competition thus being a Revolution in the world of Business.

This brings us to the conclusion that AI will bring revolution in businesses, it's just how we use it.

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LIBERAL ARTS

METAVERSE- OPENING OF A NEW WORLD

The future of the metaverse, a virtual world where people can interact with each other in a seemingly real and immersive environment, is highly anticipated by many people. In recent years, advances in technology have enabled the creation of more and more sophisticated virtual worlds, and the trend is expected to continue. One of the key drivers of the growth of the metaverse is the increasing use of virtual and augmented reality (AR) technologies. These technologies are becoming more accessible and easier to use, and are expected to play a major role in the development of the metaverse. With the use of AR, people will be able to interact with virtual objects and environments in a way that feels natural, and the experience of being in a virtual world will become increasingly realistic. Another driver of the growth of the metaverse is the rise of social media and online gaming. People are already spending a significant amount of time in virtual environments, and the trend is expected to continue as more and more people become connected to the internet. The metaverse will provide a new platform for social interaction and gaming, and it is likely that these activities will become an increasingly important part of people's lives in the future.

The metaverse will also have a significant impact on the economy. Virtual real estate, digital goods and services, and virtual currency will become valuable assets in the metaverse, and people will be able to buy and sell these assets just as they do in the real world. This will create new business opportunities and generate new sources of income, and the metaverse is expected to become a major contributor to the global economy.

However, the development of the metaverse is not without its challenges. One of the biggest challenges is ensuring that the virtual world remains a safe and secure environment for its users. Issues such as data privacy, security, and cybercrime will need to be addressed in order to build trust and ensure the long-term success of the metaverse.

In conclusion, the future of the metaverse is expected to be highly dynamic and exciting. With the growth of AR and social media, and the increasing use of virtual environments, the metaverse is poised to become an important part of people's lives and a major contributor to the global economy. However, the challenges of ensuring a safe and secure environment for its users must be addressed in order to realize its full potential.

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SPORTS

IS AI TRANSFORMING THE SPORTS INDUSTRY?

Artificial intelligence simply means leveraging computers and machines to mimic the problem-solving and decision-making capabilities of the human mind. From football to Formula 1, artificial intelligence is being used in sports to develop tactics, teach athletes, sell, and much more. In other words, AI has a big impact on how people watch and read about sports.

It is no doubt that AI is transforming the world and sports have benefited from AI's game-changing effects across a variety of industries. AI has improved the game by using its applications in in-game activities, post-match analysis, and even fan experience.

Similarly to this, AI is used to determine where tennis shots should be placed. On the other hand, cricket bats with sensors are being used to measure the speed of the ball, the location of impact, and the twist at impact. All of this information is captured, processed, and quickly made available! It is acceptable to say that sports apps use artificial intelligence as a reliable source of knowledge.

AI predictive analysis can be used in sports to enhance fitness and health. Wearable software can tell users about the wear and tear placed on athletes, helping to keep them healthy. During games, AI can spot trends in tactics, methods, and flaws.

There are enormous places where AI can be used, some of them are-

Player performance-

AI has a voice in everything from enhancing a player's performance to identifying any potential injuries. The development of wearable technology and sensors greatly simplified things.
The AI technology will be able to detect any strain or tear levels by using the data from the wearable, which can help us avoid serious injuries and take timely drugs to encourage full recovery.

Identifying patterns and trends-

There are various advantages to using AI to examine game footage. Teams can use it to spot patterns and trends they might not have otherwise noticed. They may be able to gain a competitive advantage by using this information to make wiser game-related strategic choices. AI can also be utilized to assess player performance. Teams can use this to determine which players are contributing positively and which ones

Prevent injuries-

Injury to players might result in huge financial loss. For instance, if a player has an injury and loses a sizable amount of time, the team might be required to cover his wage. In addition, if he is unable to participate in games, the team could incur a financial loss. If the team is competing for a division title or in the playoffs, this might be quite expensive.
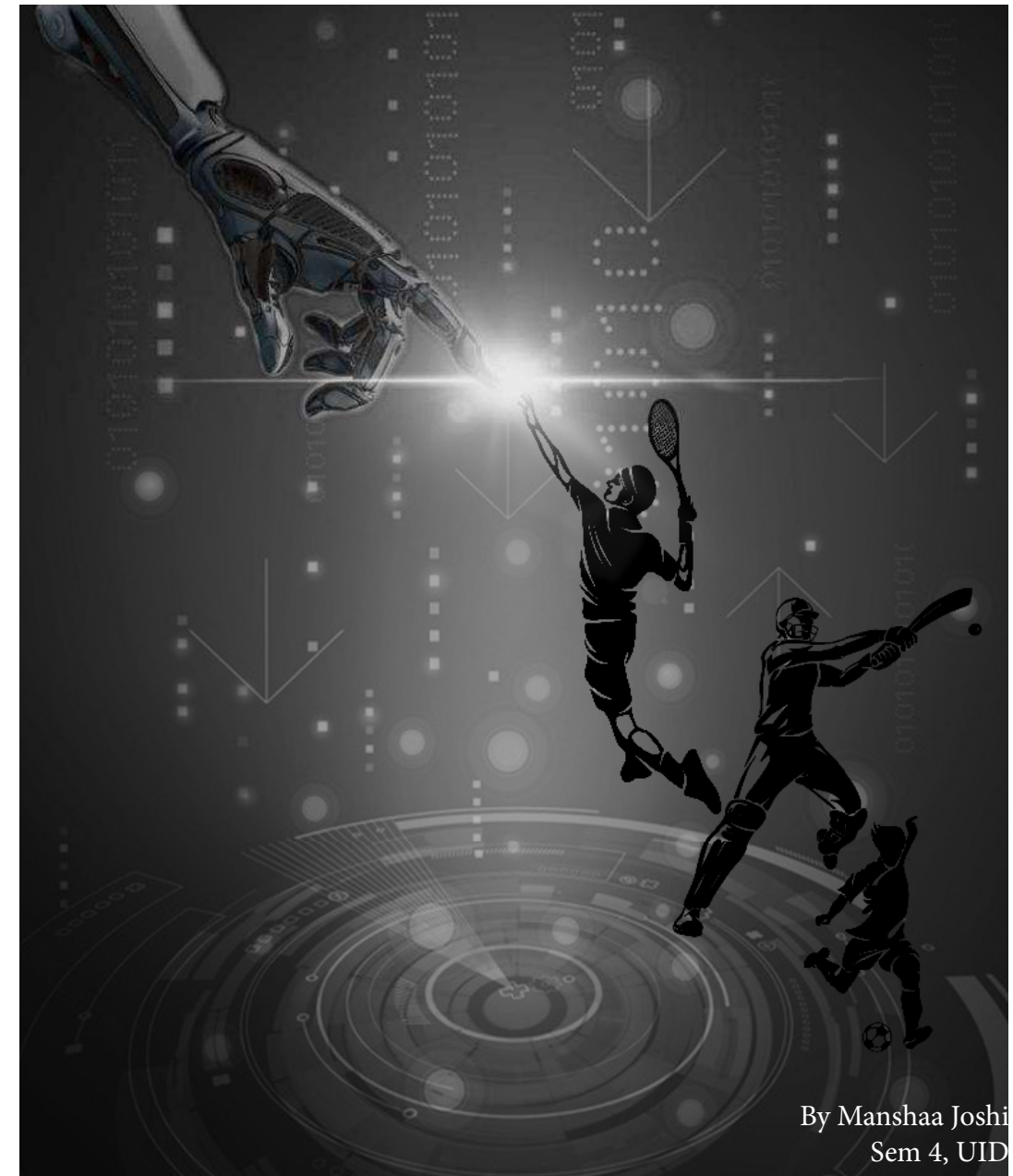
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AI is changing the way that sports are played and officiated. These changes are leading to better player safety, more accurate calls, and more efficient game strategy.AI is becoming an essential part of the sports world and will continue to have a significant impact in the future.

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GAMING

AI IS GAMING, GAMING IS AI

The Olympic Games and the e-sports industry have both evolved significantly in recent years, and the intersection of these two worlds has led to the creation of a new phenomenon: the AI-powered virtual Olympic Games series. This series combines the excitement and competitiveness of the Olympics with the latest advances in artificial intelligence and gaming technology, providing a unique and thrilling experience for players and fans alike.

One of the main benefits of the AI-powered virtual Olympic Games series is the level of realism and immersion that it provides. With AI technology, the virtual Olympic Games series can simulate real-life sports in a way that was previously impossible, with realistic physics, movements, and conditions. This makes the experience of playing in the virtual Olympic Games series feel as close to the real thing as possible, providing a new level of excitement and engagement for players.

Another benefit of the AI-powered virtual Olympic Games series is the accessibility it provides. With the rise of cloud gaming and other technologies, the virtual Olympic Games series can be played from anywhere in the world, making it easier for people to participate and enjoy the experience. The virtual Olympic Games series can also reach a wider and more diverse audience, bringing the Olympic Games to players who may not have the opportunity to attend the physical Games.

The AI-powered virtual Olympic Games series also has the potential to revolutionize the way that Olympic sports are trained and competed. By using AI technology, coaches and trainers can analyze the performance of athletes in virtual environments and make adjustments to their training programs to improve their real-life performance. This could lead to new breakthroughs in Olympic sports and bring the Olympic Movement to new heights of excellence.

The virtual Olympic Games series has the potential to bring the Olympic Games to new audiences and reach a younger, more digitally-savvy demographic. This could increase fan engagement and support for the Olympic Movement, making it more relevant and accessible to the next generation of fans.

The series could also provide a new revenue stream for the Olympic Movement. The e-sports industry is growing rapidly and the virtual Olympic Games series would provide a new platform for sponsors and advertisers to reach a young and engaged audience. The revenue generated from the virtual Olympic Games series could be used to support the Olympic Movement and its various programs, including the Olympic Games and the development of Olympic sports.

In conclusion, the AI-powered virtual Olympic Games series represents a new and exciting frontier for the Olympic Movement and the e-sports industry. The combination of AI technology and Olympic sports creates a unique and thrilling experience for players and fans alike, while also providing new opportunities for training and competition. The Olympic Movement must continue to embrace new technologies and innovations to stay at the forefront of the sporting world and bring the Olympic Games to new audiences around the world.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS
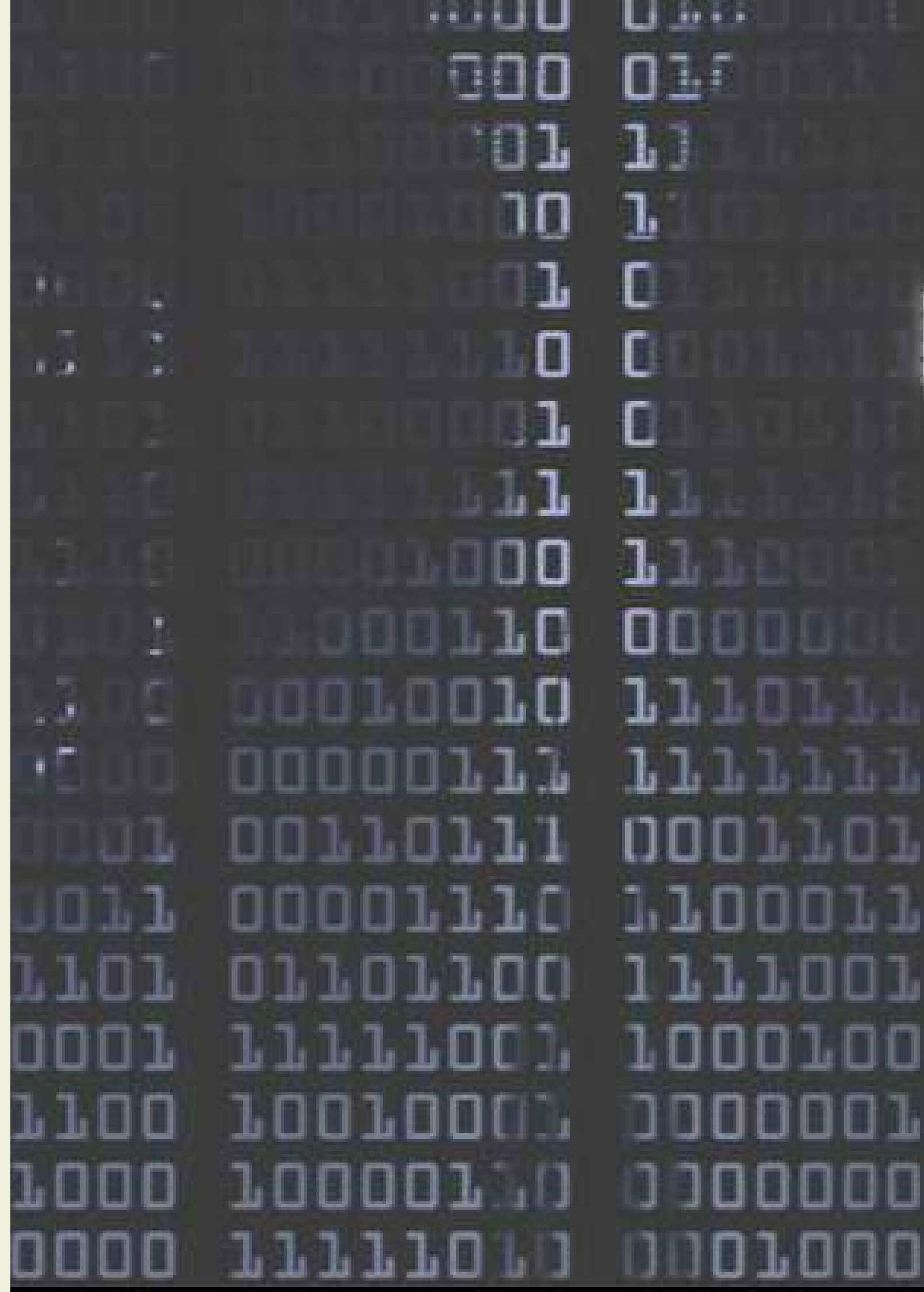
BIG TECH, BIG DATA AND THE NEW WORLD OF DIGITAL HEALTH

This commentary discusses digital health and the resulting explosion of health data. One of the most important aspects of healthcare is data. When healthcare providers have a complete picture of a patient's medical history, they can provide a comprehensive treatment plan. Big Tech, also known as the Tech Giants, refers to the most powerful companies in the information technology industry, most notably Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, and Microsoft. Big data in healthcare refers to massive amounts of information generated by the use of digital technologies to collect patient records and aid in hospital performance management that would otherwise be too large and complex for traditional technologies.

Although scientific research is needed to investigate consistency and integration of devices as well as the protocol in data analysis to improve the performance of the healthcare organisation, big data analytics solutions are considered a milestone for managerial studies applied to healthcare providers. Big data is transforming and will soon transform medical professionals. The market size is a good indicator of how much attention health professionals are paying to new management models based on big data.

Furthermore, while this technology will influence the development of new managerial strategies within healthcare providers, it will have a positive impact on the effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare processes.

Though there are various other challenges of big data in healthcare industry including Implementation costs, data aggregation and cleaning, security, communication gap, management-related issues and interoperability.

There are numerous advantages to using technology in healthcare, such as faster and more accurate access to patient records, improved access to care, and improved diagnostics. Furthermore, technology assists medical providers in providing better patient care, improving patient relationships, and delivering medical results directly to patients' phones.

Examples include online medical records that allow patients to view test results and fill prescriptions. One of the most widespread uses of technology in healthcare is the adoption of electronic health records (EHR), which are one of the most critical applications of big-data in medicine where every person has a digital record, including demographics, medical history, allergies, laboratory test results, and more.

Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), which are valuable tools that are constantly evolving and can help patients make potentially life-saving predictions, will be used for predictive analytics in healthcare in the future. AI is one of the fastest growing digital health trends, reshaping modern healthcare by employing machines that can predict, understand, learn, and diagnose, resulting in massive changes in healthcare services.

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LIFESTYLE

IMPACTING HUMAN LIFESTYLE

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How good it feels to get everything done at the very moment you ask for. This is ArtificialIntelligence (AI) which is going to bring a huge turn to our daily lives. It will sure make us feel livingfree and be your own boss at your place. AI will be there with you for 24/7 listening and doing yourthings as you said. We all are familiar with the echo and how many times we ask Alexa to do stuffs for us. There are many other things related to our daily lives which we use every single day likeApple's Siri, Google assistant, Amazon's Alexa, and Microsoft's Cortana are advanced assistants that assist users with performing different tasks, from actually taking a look at their timetables and looking for something on the web, to sending orders to another application. Artificial intelligence is a significant part of how these applications work since they gain from each and every user communication. Artificial intelligence could make life more advantageous.

For instance, predicting a future where your refrigerator consequently arranges food for you when it identifies that you're running short on preferences. One more chance is that artificial intelligence could be utilized to alteritems and experiences to more readily suit your individual choices. For example, you could one day have the option to advise your artificial intelligence right hand to design a get-away for you in view of your financial plan, travel options, and accessibility. AI could likewise significantly affect the manner in which we live and work. For example, it has been recommended that artificial intelligence could ultimately prompt the ascent of the gig economy, where individuals are paid for following through with short term jobs or activities rather than customary regular work. This could impact the manner in which we contemplate work and relaxation time, as well as have issues like pay imbalance and employer stability. Obviously, it's important to remember that these are simply possible extension of AI. With regards to the future, many individuals accept that artificial intelligence will assume a major part. All things considered, artificial intelligence can dissect information and perceive designs, and that implies that computerizing different tasks can be utilized. This might actually make our lives a lot simpler and more productive. How everything will be easy and of your own choice and options, and just as you wish how it'll be. Concluding this, AI is a worthy change in an individuals life and every difference it is going to make.
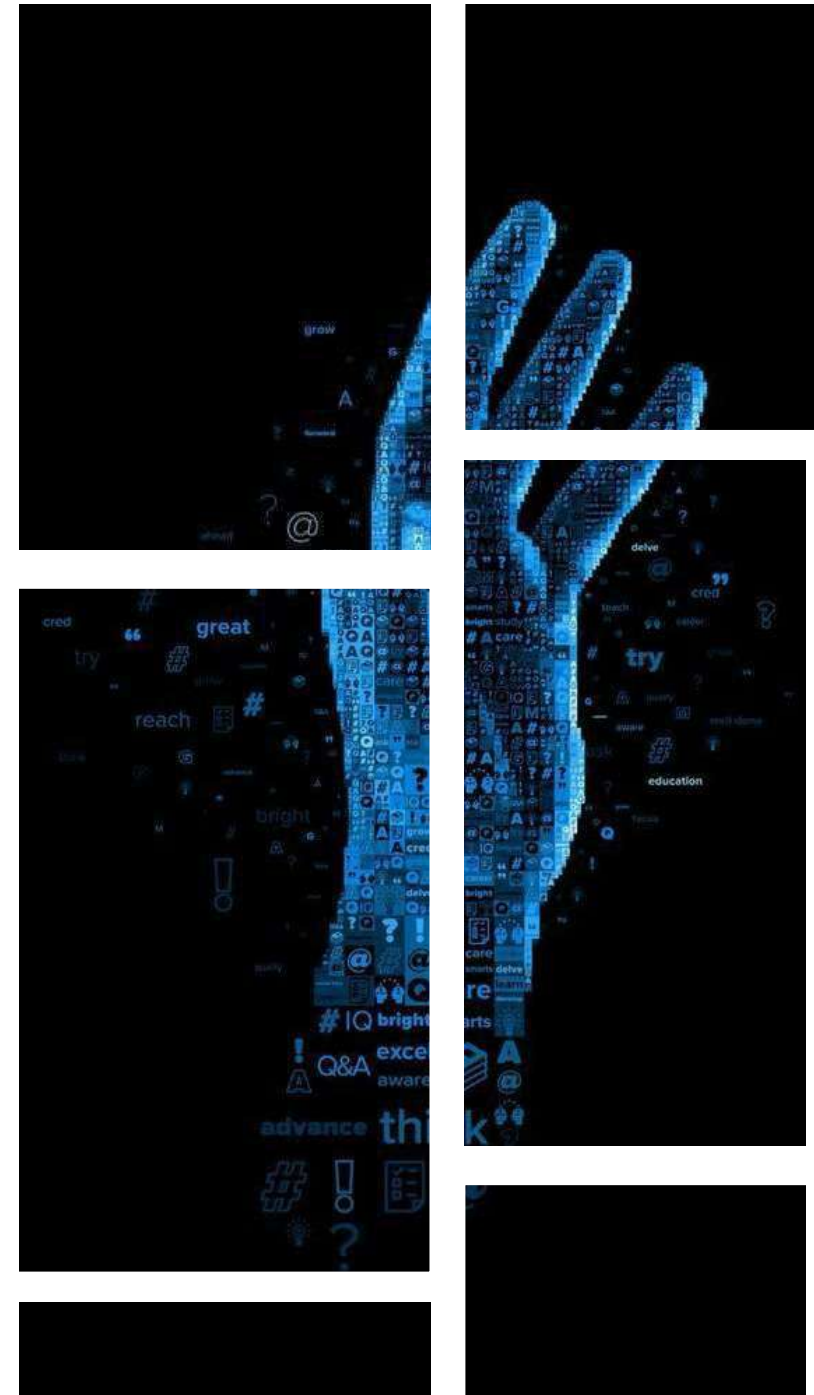
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

STUDENT GOVERNING COUNCIL

Karnavati University Student governing Council (KUSGC):

Fostering College Prosperity and Enriching Campus Life Karnavati University's Student Council has been instrumental in fostering a thriving and prosperous college environment, empowering students to achieve their goals and creating an atmosphere of growth and learning. With a plethora of engaging events and initiatives, the Student Council consistently enhances the campus experience for all students. Throughout the academic year, the Student Council organizes a diverse range of events that cater to the varied interests and passions of the student body. These events include cultural festivals, sports competitions, academic seminars, and guest lectures by eminent personalities from various fields. These enriching experiences provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents, expand their knowledge, and

connect with like-minded individuals, fostering a sense of camaraderie and community. The Student Council also plays a vital role in representing the student body and ensuring their voices are heard. They actively collaborate with university administration to address students' concerns, advocate for improvements in facilities and resources, and promote an inclusive and equitable campus environment. Regular meetings and open forums allow students to express their opinions and actively participate in shaping the college experience. Furthermore, the Student Council actively promotes social responsibility through various community engagement initiatives. These include volunteering programs, awareness campaigns, and fundraisers for local charities. By encouraging students to actively contribute to society,

the Student Council nurtures well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of empathy and social consciousness. In summary, Karnavati University's Student Council is committed to creating a prosperous college environment by organising diverse events, advocating for students' needs, and fostering a culture of social responsibility. Through their unwavering dedication and passion, they continuously enrich the lives of students and contribute to the overall growth and success of the university community. This year on march 24th we inaugurated our yearly fest Viaje. It was was a 4 day fest and each day had a different theme , the theme for the first day was 'Ode to traditions' followed by a 'psychedelic' dressup theme for the second day and day 3 was all about 90's punk. The event was finally concluded

by a Dj night by Dj sartek And followed by many more by exciting events throughout the year . We as a SGC are in a full pace to do all the rightful things needed for karnavati university and all the efforts we put in for the best of all our fellow mates.

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Karnavati University Student Governing Council
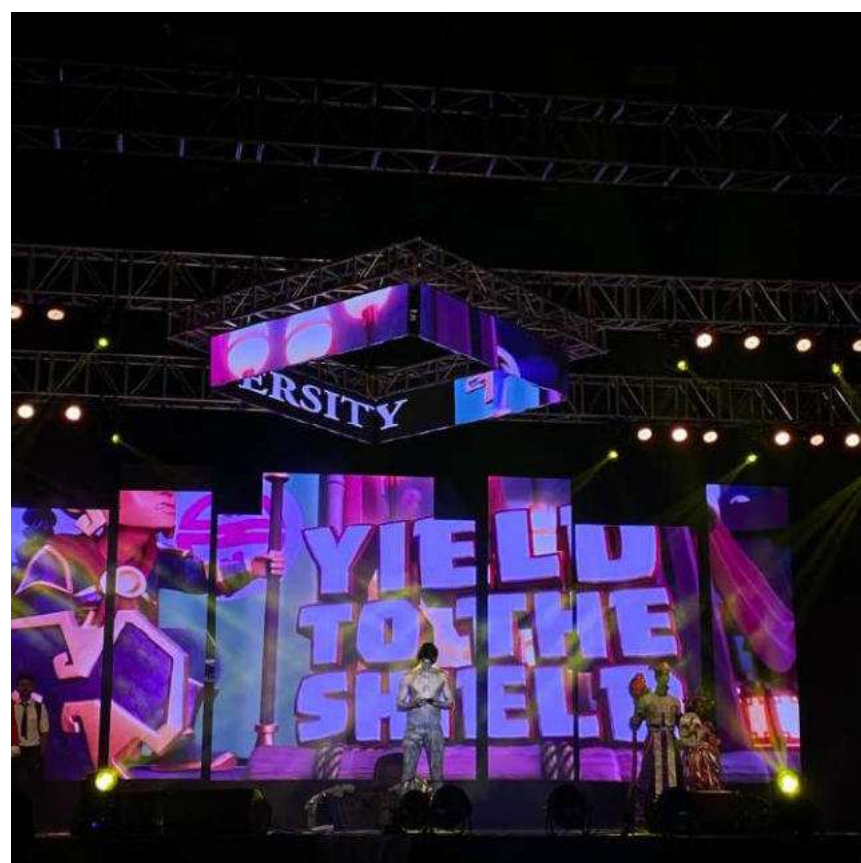
SOCIETIES

SIVAKA

SIVAKA, the fashion society of KU, always aims to achieve excellence in exhibiting their creative expression in the form of fashion. Ever since the establishment of the society, the members have been displaying exhilarating shows at various events organised by our university and the society's show for Ganesh Utsav'22 was no exception to this. Celebrating simplicity, an experience of the symbiotic existence of presence and absence. A festival with process and a procession, a rollercoaster ride of emotions is intertwined with faith and divinity. While closure comes with contentment and tranquility, the bittersweet feeling of separation and remembrance is ought to be acknowledged. SIVAKA proudly presented, smaravedhana, a symbolic significance of Visarjan - a commencement of closure.

HAAFIZA

For this year, it all began with ADW! Haafiza performed a mime act depicting a funny story as a part of pre event for ADW.

The karnavati literature and film festival gave haafiza a chance to be a part of some lectures delivered by highly recognised personalities in and around the theatre society. Also the team of Haafiza got a chance to meet Sir.Rajat Kapur and have an interactive session with them. It gave us the chance to look in the details of theatre more intricately.

For now, Haafiza is on its way to perform at Viaje! "The grand fest of Karnavati University".

From scriptwriters to actors.. from editors to the backstage team, everyone is playing a great role in making the upcoming event a memorable one!

We cannot wait to be back on stage and perform for Viaje. From acting to costumes to props we are thrilled to amaze you with what we have in store for y'al
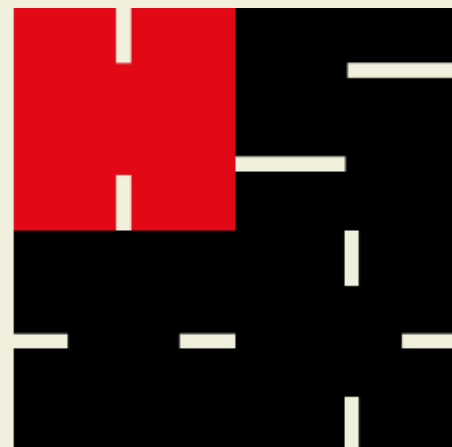
SAMAA

Samaa is not just a Music Society, it is & has always been more than that. Whenever we meet either for meetings or for jam & practice, we follow certain things, we discuss music, discuss trending music from where we can take inspiration for our performances.

For the recent performances we tried infusing different sorts of genres on the stage, took the traditional folk music from different states of India, gave the best we could. We always look for fresh music & then if needed add our own element to it to give, 'Samaa Exclusivity.'

KALAMKUSH

As a part of literature society, we at Kalam Kush look forward to events and occasions. Last year we

performed at multiple events including a book fair, national moot court competition's cultural night. At

the finale of Viaje, our annual college fest we paid a tribute to the legendary writer Shri Rahat Indori sir.

To begin the year on a good note we performed for Ganesh Ji, the God of new beginnings at Ganesh Chaturthi. We also performed at a promotional event for ADW. We collaborated with Samaa and

brought out a fusion of shayari and songs. We also performed at anticlock and placed a board there to

interact with students. The board had different words and different shayaris. We took our second round

of auditions for new members in an open mic promotional event at anticlock again for KLFF. We are

enthusiastic for our performance at Viaje and are planning to present the performance in the form of Mushaira.
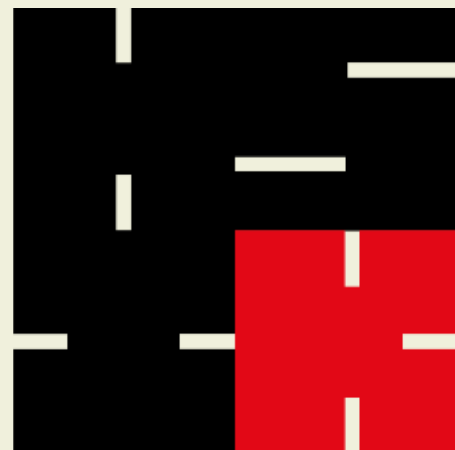
IZHAAR

Izhaar, the dance society of KU, has always embodied movement, boldness, and expressiveness.

Since last year, we have put forward a lot of performances. The occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with a lot of energetic acts. For Modus, we presented some very fun choreographies which made the audience groove with us too. For the promotion of ADW 4.0, we were given the opportunity to perform in Palate Cafe and represent our university. We are so grateful for all the love, support and opportunities that we have gotten in our journey so far.

Our team is bringing a power packed performance this year as well, which will have a variety of strengths and a totally unique plot.
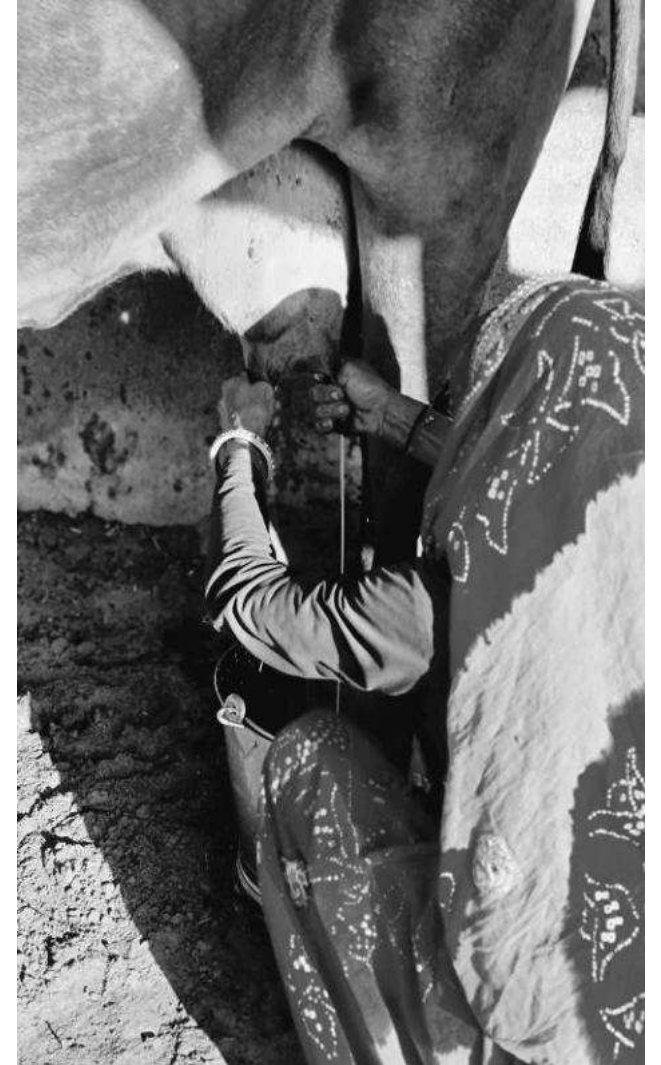
We therefore cordially invite you to see this dynamic performance full of fun nok jhok on the Viaje 2023 stage.
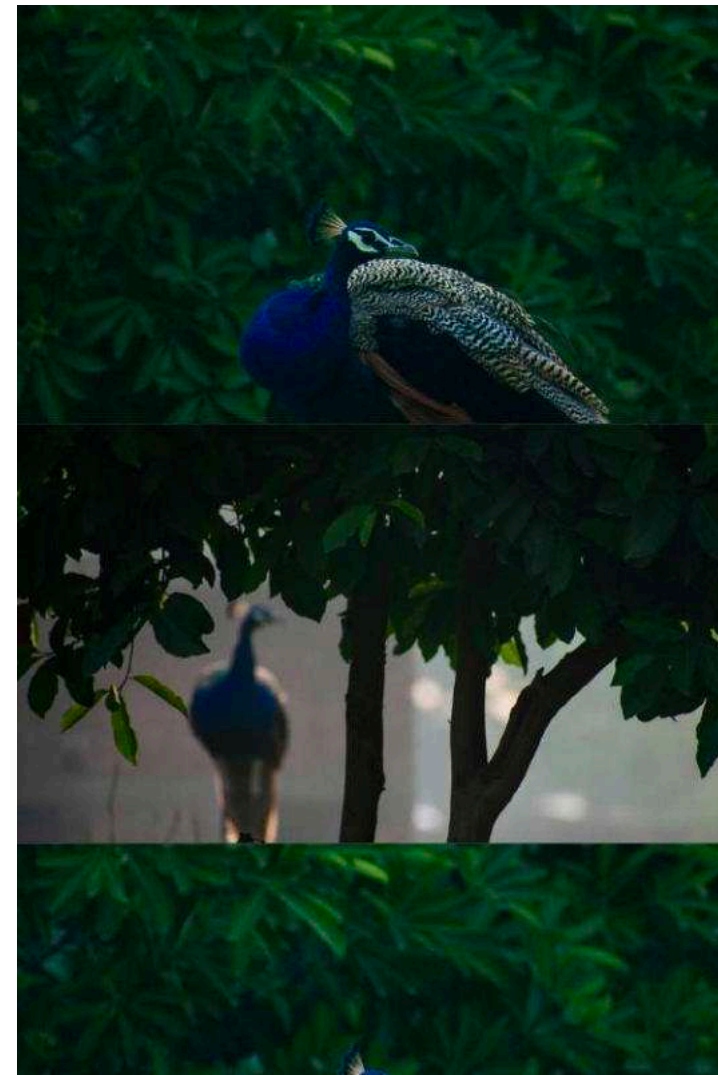
Hope to see everyone there, bye-bye!
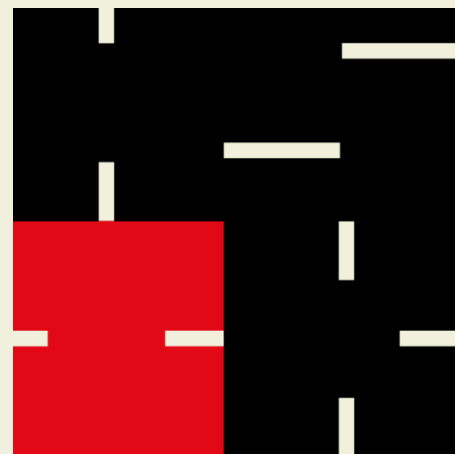
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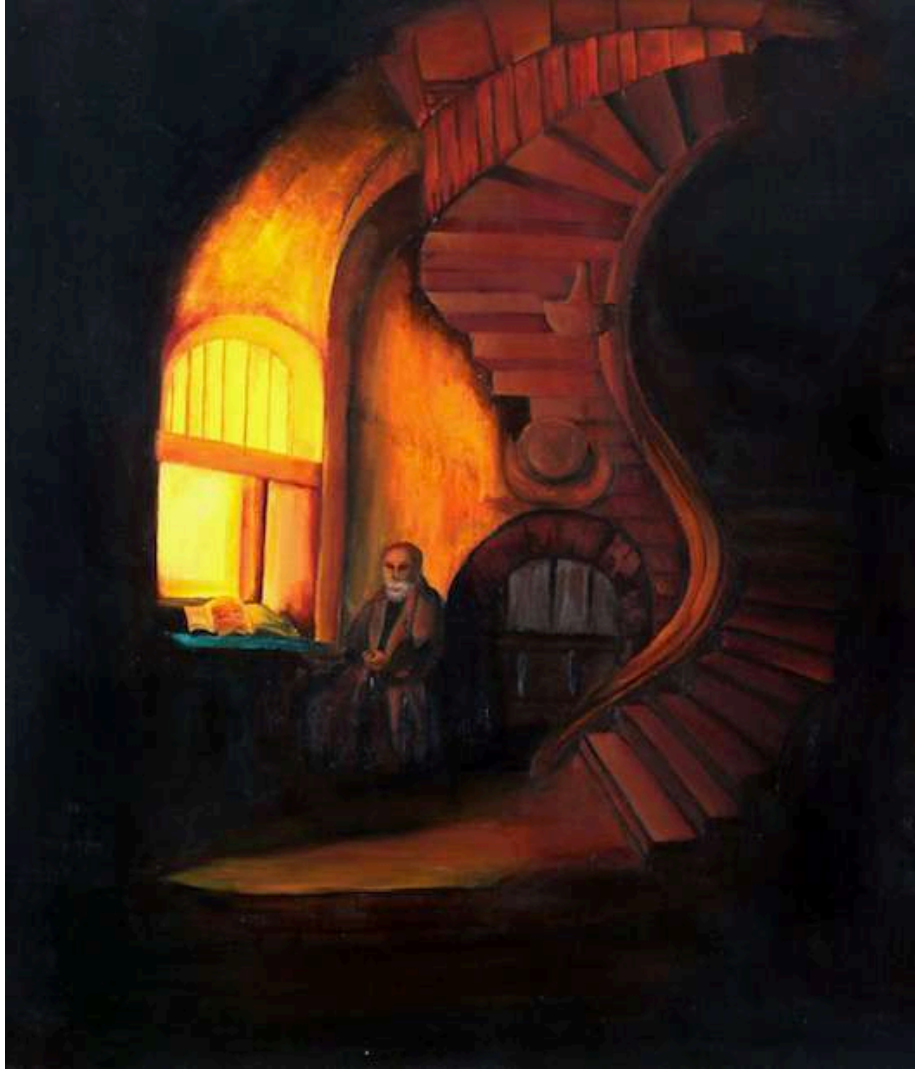
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'બંધ દરવાજો'

પ્રભુ! તમને ક્યાં ક્યાં શોધ્યા!
સ્વપ્નમાં, હસ્યમાં, અશ્રુમાં
થાકીને શ્વાસ લિધો
અને મળ્યા તમે હૃદયમાં!

ઉરના ઉમરે ઊભા રહી
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અને મન ભરી આવ્યું.

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અને કરી દે છે પવિત્ર
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હોઠે મૂકી વાંસળી
તમે કર્યો મને નાદ,
બંધ દરવાજો ઉઘડ્યો
અને આવ્યા તમે યાદ!

-દિશા જોષી

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Binary's ≠ non-binary's:

No matter how electric we are, we simply cannot get insulators on board with the whole "electric current" thing. It's generally because they cannot handle my identity. I'm simply too queer for them, too fabulous, too gorgeously energetic for their balsa wood lives to handle. They don't know how to appreciate electricity, because they cannot see through the fact that our wrists hang limply and our hips sway a bit when we walk, it is what they say: in order to maintain social standing as "a good man" or to be "man enough" you must participate in this perpetual ritual of violence. If you show weakness, you will be attacked. If you opt out of this culture of violence, you fail. The first Person who said, "I can't handle this" or "I'm out" or "I quit" the first person to opt out of the pain, was the lower. The moment that someone winced too expressively or cried out, they became the immediate target of the group because of this

I thought that being in the closet meant I was necessarily a skeleton. But I learned that secrets aren't always closets; sometimes, secrets are cocoons, and we are butterflies. Sometimes, secrets are shells, and we are snails. We have to take our time, grow in our secrets, make a home in them, build our wings cell by cell. Sometimes, our secrets are precisely what keeps us safe. It's okay to go back into our shells when we're frightened. It's okay to draw into ourselves when our safety feels impossible. There is no need to come out of our cocoons before we are ready. It's okay– in fact, it is the most natural– to let our metamorphoses happen at their own pace.

but quite the contrary, sometimes Queer people come out of our snail shells because we feel safe, because we know that the garden outside is friendly. Other times we come out of our shells because we haven't nibbled any leaves in weeks, and if we don't come out to forage for food, we'll eat ourselves alive. I'd felt the pangs of hunger for so many years: the hunger to live openly, the hunger to be honest, the hunger to smooch some cute boys, the hunger to get on with my life. If I didn't make a move soon, I knew I'd starve.
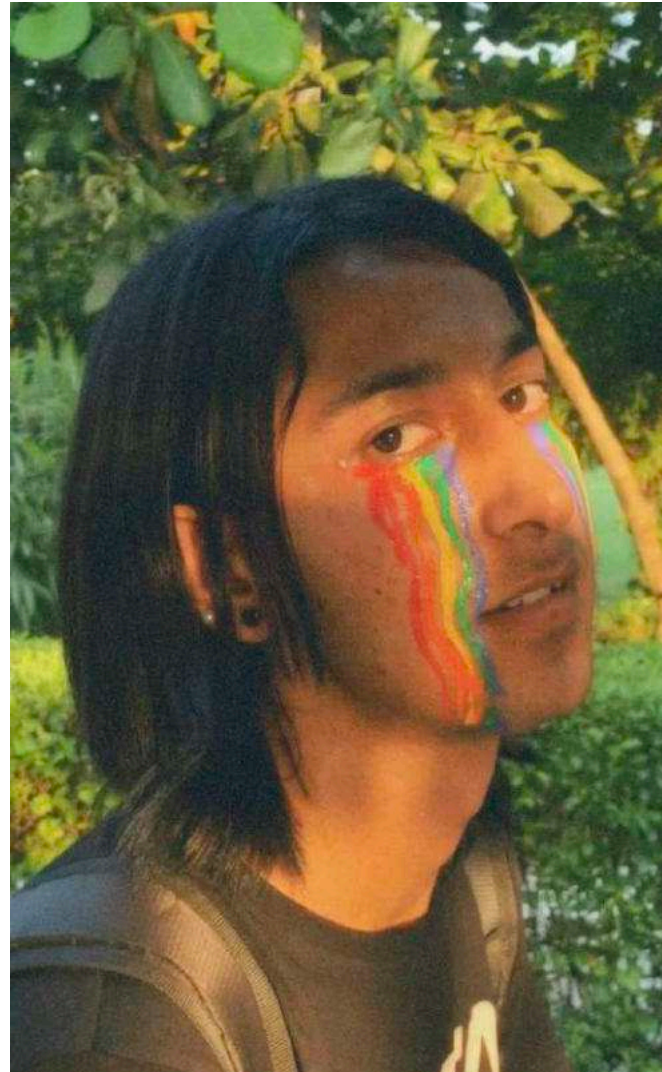
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