

2020 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Children's Category – Honorable Mention]

## **Letter Sent through Time Travel Machine!!**

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Hi Aarvi,

If you are reading this letter, then you must be Aarvi, as nobody else in the world can read this. You must be wondering, Why? Because the envelope which contained this letter was able to identify your biometrics and scan the retina of your eye. If anyone else tried to open the envelope, they would have been unsuccessful.

You must be wondering, Who has sent me this letter? I am you, Aarvi from the year 2030, and am working as a physicist in the topmost university in India. I am also working with a non-profit organization whose aim is to ensure that the population residing in villages get 24\*7 electricity and water supply. I created a "Time Travel Machine", just like you saw in movie Avengers Endgame. But unlike sending humans, my machine has the capability to take objects back in time to the intended person. I know this sounds strange, but this is true. I know that in this Pandemic situation of COVID-19, you are planning to become a Youtuber, but that is not what the future has instore for you.

I am sure the next question that you would be having in mind will be, "By when will the COVID-19 situation come to a halt?" The answer is by the end of the year. Once the successful testing of the vaccination is done in the month of September, governments across the world will join hands for mass production of the vaccine and its distribution to all the people, initially to the infected population, and then to those who are not infected, for preventive measures. But even though the cure was found, it taught people the importance of sanitization. It made people realize, that to rejuvenate themselves, the most important thing is to spend time with friends and families, who were often neglected in the fast-paced lifestyle earlier.

At present, in 2030, people greet everyone by saying "Namaste" and place hands together at the heart, close their eyes and bow, rather than a handshake. People have

become much more conscious about their health, and are indulging in Yoga and meditation for their mental and physical well-being. This has resulted in people taking care of Mother Nature.

Governments are working together to achieve global goals set up for their development. Lot of emphasis is given on quality of education being provided to the kids, one of the outcomes of this has been Gender Equality in different sections of the society. The literacy rate for most of the countries is more than 95%. All of this has been beneficial for most countries, as they have been able to minimize the issue of poverty and ensure the people are earning enough money so that they are not sleeping empty stomach. Rate of population growth has reduced considerably in India, but we are still the second most populated country in the world.

Technology is one of the field, which has made rapid strides in the advancements and thereby, people are able to stay connected with citizens from different countries and time zones. The fastest growing demographic is the elderly population, and digital tools have been developed to solve the challenges of world's aging workforce. Governments across the globe have made strict laws against the industries which produce air and water pollution, and therefore, relying heavily on the technological enhancements to ensure clean air and water is available to everyone. People have been using Electric Vehicles to reduce their carbon footprints.

I would like you to stay positive and keep motivating friends and family members. Always remember, it takes a strong soul to develop smiles out of situations that generally make people weep. Your life, even when struggling, is someone else's, sweet dream. Life is a buoyant constant that bounces back fast, and times like COVID-19, will be the things of the past.

Now just click on the red button on right bottom corner of the letter, and I will get a notification that the letter has been delivered and read by my younger self.

For the time being, stay safe. Take care and be optimistic. Waiting to meet you in person, well not literally...haha...in 2030!