A WEEKLY NONSENSE

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NEWS

- WHO calls for ceasefire in Gaza as first case of Polio in a child causes alarm- over 40,000 dead in Gaza over 10 months
- Citizens across the country hit the streets in protest against delayed justice for R. G. Kar Rape and Murder case- STILL NO ARRESTS
- Bollywood celebrities speak out in support of Dr Moumita of R. G. Kar Rape and Murder Case. Their activism, unfortunately, is restricted to Twitter and Instagram.
- Vinesh Phogat returns to India as silver medal plea rejected. J. K. Rowling and Elon Musk sued as a part of Iman Khelife's defamation case.

COLLEGE NEWS

- *Women's Studies Centre to hold a Solidarity Meeting to demand justice for Dr. Moumita on Wednesday 21st August, at the Parking Lot*
- *Students of University of Delhi to organise a protest to condemn the R. G. Kar Rape and Murder Case at 3pm on Tuesday 20th August, at South Campus, near Niti Bagh Bus Stop*
- *AISA to organise protest march near Art's Faculty, Gate No. 4*
- *Guidelines and Dates for the Students' Council Election 2024-25 released*
- *CUET 2024 first merit list out- Freshers expected to join college by August end.*

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E-mail your thoughts, notes, pictures, sketches, sighing and crying to ***lillstickk@gmail.com****. Or maybe bump into me in the corridor. God knows, I love that.*

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editor's note

I have this marvelous tendency to cry when I see a larger number of women. But say cinema, say sports- I cried when I watched Heeramandi, bawled when I watched podiums for women's sports during Olympics and regularly get utterly overwhelming bouts of emotion in college- just over women, women sitting alone, immersed in a book. Just women, doing stuff. Walking, smiling, crying and sighing, there's this ethreal nature to seeing women in the mundane. You watch your sister as she does her eyeliner, you watch how your friend constantly touches her hair so the spikes keep standing, and its fascinating. My friend cooked lunch for me yesterday through the entire process, she fascinated me with her ease. There is a charm to woman in her daily rituals, from filling up the partition of your hair with red to lacing up your combat boots, there is such a beauty in the ways of women. I am glad I am a witness to that, blessed to have muses all around me in their awesome wonder. Shame, women have an existential dread to just be, because not even something as simple as claiming a small, bright space on this dark planet is accepted. Allowed. Tolerated. And so it is snatched away, and I can do nothing but watch as everything that I ever thought life could be crumbles for a fleeting pleasure of someone else, wings torn away to create a wound that never stops bleeding.

MEDIA OF THE WEEK
Documentaries to watch in light of the R. G. Kar Rape and Murder Case

1. ***India's Daughter*** *(2015)*

This 2012 film is based on the 2012 gang rape of young medical student Nirbhaya

2. ***Daughter's of Mother India*** *(2014)*

Based on the same case as the above mentioned, the director is Indian and accessed the Police control room right after the victim's death

4. ***Ladies Special*** *(2003)*

A short account of the lives humours, struggles and solidarities of women commuters travelling in the women's only train in Mumbai.

5. ***Gulabi Gang*** *(2012)*

Follows the Gulabi Gang, a group of fiery women who fight gender violence. Caste based oppression and widespread corruption in rural India

-clicked by Mahiya Pande, student at JMC

Weekly Special

INDIA, INDEPENDANCE AND IRONY

Irony and India are inseparable in today's times. With newspapers filled with cases of rape and exploitation of women, and the celebration of 'Bharat Mata' and our 'Motherland' on the Independence Day feels nothing less than an ironic reality. On one hand we had people celebrating Independence Day with pride, while on the other, we saw our doctors on the street shouting slogans of justice. On 17th August students, doctors, and activists came together for a protest march from Lady Hardings Medical College to Jantar Mantar. Candlelight marches at India Gate, and protests and gatherings in University campuses, and different institutions are happening everyday. Soon, we will have our own gathering in JMC. The fear that lingered in my mind after the protest was "What if one day I'm at a protest for someone I know?What if she is not anonymous to me, not a doctor, a student but a friend, or a relative?" This is a fear we have learnt to live with. This is also probably a fear unknown to men. While I'm writing this, I can't help but laugh at the fact that it's Raksha Bandhan today. The irony makes me smile as I tie my brothers rakhi and they give me gift money, which I'm going to use to buy pepper spray..

-by Mahiya Pande, student at JMC