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Saira Singh: "Me and my batch of 2021 have stayed locked up for almost two years due to the pandemic. The never-ending wait for the CBSE to decide about conducting or not conducting the exams took a toll on us. I am eagerly waiting to start college, but sadly, for now, we will just have online college. The decision to pursue design, choice of college, was taken keeping in mind the larger scheme of things in life and with a hope of a bright future. I have gotten from the best design schools in India and abroad. I think our ability as a human race to adapt is unmatched and will ensure that we all sail through and beyond, together! I am hoping the world will get back to normal really soon. I look forward to professional learning and meeting new people. Till then I plan to enjoy my college life...online."



Pranav Bhardwaj: "Being confined at home is a small hurdle in life, and can't stop me from moving ahead. Classmate! Being confined at home is just a small hurdle in the big race of life, each problem can't affect my willingness to succeed. I hope colleges open up soon so that we can get a small taste of what college life truly is."



Yashwardhan Sindhwani: "Being a student of 12th grade, I was already clear about what I wanted to study further. Since the last year, online learning has become the new normal; along with online college one can also learn in workshops to get the hands-on experiences. In fact, there are many new opportunities out there. For example, I enrolled in an online stock market workshop to gain additional knowledge in my stream, which is finance. But yes, I would definitely miss out going to regular college as I believe in holistic development where extra-curricular activities and fun time with friends is equally important."



Makharth Hooda: "I am going to USA to pursue undergraduate studies. My classes will be regular and in person. I am looking forward to a regular college experience after almost a year of online education. It is the beginning of a new life and every student is looking forward to it. We did not have our last year of schooling offline, and had no farewell either. And knowing the fact that we won't be going to college soon enough and not enjoying the life of a freshman is difficult."



WE'LL MISS THE COLLEGE LIFE

Virtual classroom taking over the brick-and-mortar class was all good till the school life. But now, standing with their remarkable Class XII results, these students want to explore a normal college life and the world outside albeit with all necessary precautions in place

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Last 18 months have turned out to be the most uncertain for the students. They were not sure what would be in store for them in near future! This is more so for those who have just completed the school life. College life is full of excitement. These Class XII students

feel that the "best years of their life" will be ruined by the pandemic. Debraj Mookerjee, who teaches English in a Delhi University college, agrees, "These past 18 months have been both exciting and disappointing for students. Those who entered college haven't yet seen their classmates in most cases. These is their final year list out on the best days of college life. Add to that

With no hope of regular college anytime soon, students share what they will miss

the confinement at home, struggling with online classes and the uncertainties related to DBE, etc. The best years of

their lives have been blown away by Covid. When you look at the overall picture, I'd say it's students who've really and truly lost out the most from the pandemic". While we agree with Prof Mookerjee, we decided to speak to the students who have just completed their school life to hear their side of the story. Here's what they have to share:



Riya Bhatia: "During these unprecedented times, schools and colleges began practicing the concept of virtual learning. But it is only confined to textual knowledge and does not define learning in true sense. Being a 12 pass out, I have no idea regarding the re-opening of colleges this year. In my view, college is the best place to explore different careers, but if the pandemic continues, we'll once again resort to online learning. This can negatively impact our future career-related decisions. Entering college is like stepping out of the comfort zone. College imposes lesser restrictions and offers huge growth opportunities and experiences which will be missed."



Aryika Mehrotra: "Covid has impacted our post-school choices, especially during the application process. Many of us would have had to drop our dream of foreign universities and apply in India. We are trying to adapt to the idea of beginning college with online studies, hoping that we might have a regular college life on campus soon."



Anika Sood: "In the wake of the pandemic, we all have been confined to our homes. The last year of school which would've been an memorable otherwise was spent sticking to our devices inside our homes. Online learning did take place but the fun and excitement of being in the physical setup, and learning with each other, were all missed. For the first year of college, we had been looking forward to moving out of our comfort zones into an independent world. I've heard so many stories of how the first year of college is, but I am not sure whether my batch will be able to experience the first year of college, a phase which is said to give us a new horizon."



Gokul Jhingran: "No it won't impact me as I believe today, we are living the age of digitalisation where plenty of information due to technology is available at our disposal through the internet. With online lessons every day, I will easily be able to make up for the choice of education. Yes, I would miss going to college as after our school life ends, concentrating our college life is something that every student looks forward to with a heavy heart. It's like the beginning of a new dawn in our lives, though very transient plays an important role for us to be successful in life."



Aditi Banerji: "Graduating from high school holds a bitter-sweet significance. On the one hand, you are separating from your safe place and on the other you are entering the world, as your own person. With it comes a lot of expectations, which in the pandemic situation got tainted and created an emotional tornado in the minds of students. But we will attain our goals, but we hope to taste college life like the old times when we didn't even know the term 'online classes'."



Namrata Munjal: "I think physical interaction is a very important feature of any educational exchange. However, having completed Grade 12 completely online, we have in a way developed a new adaptability towards online learning. So, not going to a regular college wouldn't affect my decision about further studies. But yes, we will miss being in the campus. It was disheartening to know that colleges are not opening soon, but we knew that this was necessary in the wake of the pandemic. I am aiming to get an admission in Delhi University. I had opted for Commerce with Mathematics and would further continue studies in Economics."