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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

BY ASWIN RAGHAV

There is a lot to look forward in the next couple of months. With the year coming to a close and the virus seeming to hold its ground firm, we are being briefed that the cure is closer than before.

A couple of drug companies came out with positive news in the last week. The vaccines are expected to be administered to the general public by the end of December.

However, there are multiple battles to be fought before the vaccine is approved, and still, it won't be available for all. Countries like the US

and the UK have secured themselves millions of doses.

Whereas, there's a big question mark over when the other parts of the world will get their hands on such vaccines.

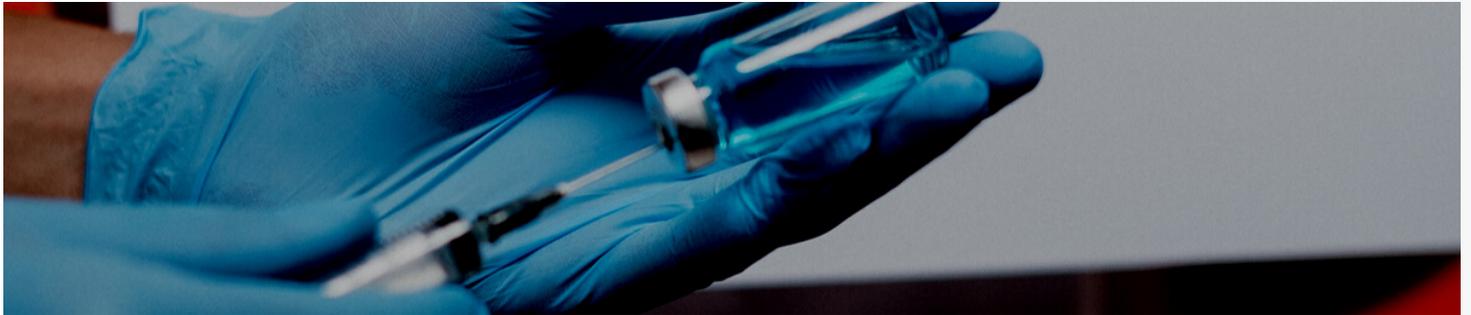
Other pharmaceutical companies are showing positive results as well, but none seem to have the results of the ones from Pfizer and Moderna.

At the same time, there are widespread protests and violence in many countries around the world. One of the most prominent clashes is in Ethiopia where hundreds of thousands of people are

expected to flee the country as refugees in the coming weeks.

On the other hand, the Atlantic Hurricane Season has already seen 30 registered hurricanes so far, which further stresses that climate change is becoming an issue that is getting much harder than ever to ignore.

There has never been a greater time than now to be optimistic and empathetic towards one another. Let's do our best in helping those in need and keeping ourselves informed to know and serve better!



(via Pexels)

TOP NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BY ASWIN RAGHAV

USA - Drug giants Pfizer and BioNTech applied for emergency use authorization for their [COVID-19 vaccine](#) to the US Food and Drug Administration on the 20th. Moderna, whose vaccine showed 94.5% efficacy in their trial results, is also expected to apply for authorization later this month. (CNN)

Atlantic Ocean - After killing and displacing scores of people, particularly in the Central American region, it is less surprising to know that the [2020 Hurricane Season](#) is the worst we've seen in so many aspects. Scientists have attributed this to climate change, with data showing that the Tropical Atlantic has warmed at least by 2 degrees Fahrenheit in the last 120 years. (CBS)

Ethiopia - It is expected that thousands of people have died, and tens of thousands have fled the region as refugees because of the conflict in the [Tigray region](#). The United Nations said that plans are being made for about 200,000 refugees fleeing to Sudan. (Reuters)

China - China warns that the Five Eyes intelligence alliance will be ['poked and blinded'](#) if there is further criticism of its Hong Kong policy. These comments come from China's foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian. (Guardian)

Uganda - Violence intensifies in Uganda, as the supporters of the [Presidential candidate](#) and pop star Bobi Wine clashed with security forces over his arrest. More than 30 people are expected to have died, and further 550-plus arrests have been made. (The Washington Post)

A LEADER IS ONE WHO KNOWS THE WAY, GOES THE WAY, AND SHOWS THE WAY.

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Australia - A deadly report against [Australia's special forces](#) operating in Afghanistan shows that unarmed civilians, farmers, amongst others, were killed for no reason. The report states that 39 Afghans were killed in 23 different incidents during the period 2005-2016. (NPR)

Saudi Arabia - All eyes are on Riyadh this weekend, as the city hosts the [virtual G20 summit](#) presided by Saudi King Salman. With the COVID-19 and a Global Economic Crisis wreaking havoc, there are hopes of crucial decisions being taken to tackle it. (DW)

Sri Lanka - Sunethra talks about her mother Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the modern [world's first woman to head a government](#). Sirimavo became the Prime Minister of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in the year 1960. (BBC)

The Vatican - The Vatican is investigating an Instagram like that was cast on a [Brazilian model's picture](#) from the Pope's official account. They believe that it came from an external source. (NBC)

IYOPS EXTRA - POVERTY

BY OSAMA SAYED

Today's case is on the phenomenon of poverty, which is affecting the world and human life at large.

But first, what is poverty? Poverty is the lack of basic means that provide a person with a decent life: including food, water, clothing, and adequate housing.

If a person is unable to meet their basic needs then they fall under this category. Why poverty when we live on a planet where there are many riches to provide a good life for humans?

There are several reasons for this, including the lack of capabilities that exist in the country to extract the resources

that it has, the lack of productive minds, wars between nations, and the lack of working hands. On the other hand, there is Japan. Despite its scarcity of resources, it is a productive country.

If you go to google, you will find lots of research and solutions provided to eradicate poverty. Many organizations are trying to end this crisis, but there seems to be something missing still.

Poverty also causes wars - both internal and external. The lack of resources results in very few minds to possess professional skills. The spread of diseases, the lack of hospitals, and the lack of doctors are also a by-product of poverty.



(via Riya Kumari/Pexels)

Much has been written, and also many solutions have been proposed by various organizations and governments, but has the crisis been resolved? You know the answer.

So, what's the solution? Get rid of the thieves that rule you, who steal your resources, and tell that you are poor. Get rid of that external force that controls your wealth and resources and steals the dreams of your children.

Everyone deserves a better life, a fair life. Everyone deserves an education, care, health, food, clothing, and housing. Do not let anyone stop you from claiming that.

After you read this, nothing will change either. Nothing will change until you start to change yourself first and stop being a negative person in life.

Join us, to change a little of this negative reality to create a better future. Let us begin by changing ourselves first, and then the world!

Rutger Bregman, a Dutch historian, and author, talks about how a guaranteed basic income can unleash unimaginable levels of energy and talent from people in this [TED talk - Poverty isn't a lack of character; it's a lack of cash](#).

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