

# — The 21st Century : A New Era —

Our world is facing a lot of problems ,but hopefully not only .Thought these three subjects ,we will highlight the meaning of precious word : UNION .In fact , firstly will see how indians farmers are gathered to fight against rich companies, then we will point out how the black community defend their rights and finally we will discover a brand new era : space tourism .If we want to achieve our goals , let 's be together .

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN INDIA?

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In 2020,India reformed three laws about Indians farmers . How did Indian farmers react to these laws?

Their main fear is earning less money and thanks to the reforms, the companies will have more power over crop prices and crops in general. Indian farmers are afraid of no longer having control. A farmer said that “the government has left us in the mercy of big corporations” ; approximately 600 million farmers are concerned, agriculture is part for 15 percent of India's GDP, which is not insignificant.



*Indians demonstratig with flags...on the road*

To show their anger, they decided to demonstrate on the highway with flags, camp in New Delhi and sit-in in front of the parliament for one month. Given the circumstances, people got organised in order to help out the farmers by distributing food, water and masks because their demonstration is during the COVID-19 crisis. India censored this "event" and celebrities like Rihanna and Greta Tunberg tried to show / react to the world.



*a demonstration in India , New Delhi*

Since November 26,2020, a general strike of 250 million Indians has been organised. This led to the suspension of the three reforms by the Supreme Court on January 26,2020.

TOOLBOX:

Crop = récolte

Crisis = crise

This led to = cela a conduit

To demonstrate / a manifestation = manifester/une manifestation

Highway = autoroute

## READY TO FOLLOW THE MOUVEMENT ?

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*demonstration*

Black Lives Matter is an activist movement for communities who want to fight against racism. It was aggravated with the hashtag blacklivesmatter in 2020 after the death of George Floyd, an American black man who was killed by a white policeman, on May 25th 2020. The movement was polularized and people now know it's not the first time there has been overpolicing problems ; Tamir Rice (2014), Walter Scott (2015), Antwon Rose (2018) and a lot more others.



*« I can't breathe » : sentences pronounced by George Floyd before he died.  
Photo by Anthony Geathers.*

The buzz which followed the death of George Floyd open the world's eyes on the problems of racial discrimination that have existed in America since slavery was abolished by the Europeans.

The new president of America has been taking action since he was elected like the day of june tenth holiday, on june 19. This is a day for celebrates the end of slavery in the US. He said :

« Great nation don't ignore the most painful moment »

« great nation don't walk away »

In addition to the action carried out by the new president, politics man tackle to trying to find solutions and curtail the problems. They created "campaign zero" which would be to submit ideas to remove inequalities about racism in the context of black lives matter.

On top of that the government would like to defund money from the police to give it to youth and social media.

About social medias, they help a lot with communication and the spreading of the information, like a demonstration or a new event. Many people defend and help the community on social medias.

Despite these inspiring actions problems still remain, like teachers didn't know if they had to talk about black lives matter at school.



*Black Lives Matter protest, Times Square, New York City, June 7, 2020  
Photo by Anthony Quintano.*

However with the movement has allowed a lot of improvements.

"Let me tell you here and now as a black person, **we don't expect charity, we just expect the trust and dignity**, to which the white person is entitled in this world by default."

Abhijit Naskar

Never give up !

THE WORLD WANTS TO CHANGE ! JOIN US !



**TOOLBOX :**

tackle = s'attaquer a un problème, traiter

curtail = réduire

However = cependant

improvement = progrès

## Who are the future astronauts ?

2021 was a year of experimentation especially in the space field .3 billionaires decided to have a little joy ride this summer into space . Let's discover them .



*Richard Branson ( the fourth from the right ) with his crew*

Virgin Galactic's CEO , Richard Branson, was the first to launch , on July 12 to go into space . He went into space with an unusual device , "A massive plane in space ". Thanks to this space plane , he and his work partners , as a crew , experimented weightlessness during 5-10min . After this flight , like a real astronaut , he made a press conference to express his feeling and convey a message of hope to the next generations dreamers "If we can do this , just imagine what you can do". Richard Branson has accomplished his child dream , he was over the moon .



*Jeff Bezos with his crew on the tarmac before the launch of ‘The new Shepard ‘*

The second billionaire who went into space was the amazon CEO .We all know his name...Jeff Bezos .Likewise , Jeff Bezos wanted to become an astronaut as a child , he fulfilled his dream .In fact , on July 20 , he flew into space with his own rocket .To create this rocket, the amazon CEO collaborated with Blue Origin ( a space agency ) . Like a cherry on the cake , he achieved a milestone .Indeed , contrary to Richard Branson’s crew , Jeff Bezos’s crew was composed of the oldest person (82) and the youngest person(18) who went into space. The flight was pretty similar to his competitors, it lasted 5-10 min . He achieved his flight with success. Now, he is part of history , like a real astronaut .





*The Space X crew before the take off in the Inspiration 4 rocket*

The last "astronaut", who went into space was Jared Isaacman (a billionaire). He has been working with Elon Musk, the Tesla / SpaceX CEO to create a rocket. Compared to his competitors he didn't go into space but he created a crew of 4 members to represent his space agency. One more time, a milestone happened, this flight didn't last 5-10 min but 3 days !!! This crew, was composed of nonprofessionals / "spatourists", how striking is that ?!. Their goal was different to the two other billionaires. Their aim was to raise funds for the St. JUDE hospital (where one of the members of the crew, Hailey Arceneaux has been there during her youth because she got a cancer). Not only was this mission a real success on the scientific side (they made many experiments during the three days), it was also a success in terms of gender equality and racial equality as one black woman participated to the flight.

On the whole, those 3 billionaires are the new astronauts. Thanks to the three of them, research (on the behaviour, on the body ...) has progressed and has become less expensive compared to the ISS. One thing is sure, if you have money (a lot) today, you can become an astronaut. And if you can't buy/create a rocket maybe you can buy a ticket in an auction or online, to achieve your childhood dream.

Toolbox :

billionaire = milliardaire

weightlessness = apesanteur

a milestone = un évènement majeur / historique

CEO = PDG

to achieve = atteindre (un but)

to fulfill = réaliser (un rêve)

an auction = une vente aux enchères

to launch / a launch = lancer / un lancement

This article sounds very positive for the future . It shows us that a struggle can 't be won alone .If people try to listen each others and unite their forces and their voices then , we may say that the fight is half won.