

NEW DECADE EVENTS

A new decade has begun in all its glory. A global epidemic hits the world, billionaires are going into space and many demonstrations took places.

But firstly, let's start with the Indian farmers revolt, a huge conflicts between the farmers and the government!

Will Indian Farmers Bring Down The Government ?

Since August 2020, a new law has been created by the Indian parliament. Today the Indian farmers are still protesting against this law.

They are determined to **repeal** it and won't stop until they win. Farmers insist on the fact that the new law promotes and gives control to **corporations** and threatens their **livelihoods**. Which means that small farms are out of business.

On contrary, the Prime Minister and the government say that the law boosts **incomes** and modernizes agriculture. According to the Prime Minister the farmers can have access to a larger market and benefit from technology. Nevertheless, 25 % of Indian farmers live below the poverty line and they believe the law is going to make it worst.

As consequence, the Indian farmers decided to show the parliament and the world their anger. That's why they have been camping on the highways to new Delhi for almost a year !

They drive tractors into security barriers, block the street shouting slogans like « we are farmers not terrorist » and « don't bite the hand that feeds you » Their aim is only to be listened to by the government.



And yet, the police and the authorities started to get violent. They used **tear gas** and throw water canons at the demonstrators.

Tools Box:

- repeal a law**= révoquer une loi
- incomes**= revenus
- corporation**= grande entreprise
- livelihoods**=gagne pain
- tear gas**= gaz lacrimogènes



Meanwhile, the farmers haven't given up despite the difficult weather that has destroyed their camps, they rebuilt them and stayed strong even when they were on the road, away from their family. On the whole, some Indian farmers support the law, and they remain rather neutral. 50,000 are totally against it and demonstrate.

To sum up, they are determined more than ever and want to remind the government of their long pending demand. We don't know if the government will change its decision. American citizens are already raising their voice to support them, will other countries protest too ?

By Eva Sagner, September 30th 2021

Now that we have seen the problems of India, let's talk about the United States and the feat of three billionaires and their new idea concerning space!

Is The Space Race Dangerous ?

In summer 2021, three billionaires, Richard Branson, Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk went into space between 5 to 10 minutes, except for Elon Musk, who went for 3 days. They all went into space to achieve different goals, either **to fulfil** their child dream or either to collect money and build a school. Even if going to space seems to be a dream come true, there are still consequences...



The billionaires are killing the Earth !

A teacher name Marais has been doing researches about rockets and discovered that they release a massive quantity of carbon dioxide in space and it is attacking the Earth. But that's not all, the three billionaires received a lot of complaints about how they spend their money. People are furious because they aren't saving the Earth or helping poor people with their money. Surprisingly, Jeff Bezos got many more complaints than the others because of his workers working conditions at Amazon. But when there are bad things, there are also good things !



The massive improvements of Space race.

Yes, there have been a lot of complaints, but there is also a lot of improvement like new experimentations in space, new researches are made and Elon Musk was the first one to get non professional persons into space, which means it is the beginning of a new form of tourism.

There is hope for the future, indeed Richard Branson said « If we can do this, just imagine what you can do » which is a real message of hope for the future generations...



On the whole, rockets are polluting and complaints have been given but there is still a massive improvement in sciences and tourism. We are one **the threshold of** a new era !

Tool Box :

- the threshold of = le seuil de...

- to fulfil = accomplir

The informations about space are unbelievable but let's go back to the Indian farmers and deepen their cause.

INDIAN FARMERS AND GOVERNMENT : A HUGE CONFLIT

In the beginning of 2020, in the middle of COVID-19 sanitary crisis, 250 millions farmers have been demonstrating because of unfair reforms and **require** justice and equality in the streets of New Dehli and Muzzafarganar, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Huge protestations took place and the police are **freaking out** the civils.



PROTESTORS SIDE

Kirti Kisan union is the association which organized the marches, the **strikes** and the sit-in in front of the parliament. As a matter of fact, Indian farmers have been camping in bad living condition since seven months in New Dehli **despite** the pandemic. The vice president of this association exclaims « the new laws are more dangerous than COVID-19. Indeed, new laws and bills who passed at the parlement have pushed India farmers into economic **precariousness** because their livelihoods are **threatened** : **namely**, farmers must sell their products to private companies, they are not free anymore to cultivate what they want at the rythm they want. In consequences, these reforms provoked a rebellion because pacifist traders feel like slaves of the capitalism. Activists want their rights back. A portestor interviewed by a journalist said « the government has left us in the mercy of big corporations ».

Narendra Moai



GOVERNMENT/POLICE SIDE

Unlike the demonstrations, Narendra Moai, the prime minister is convinced that the new laws will « increase incooms » and « give more access to technology and benefits for farmers ».

The government asserts that the reforms will **modernise** the industry. Farmer's opinion is opposed to government's ideas. Moreover, the Indian police reacted in an aggressive way, for instance they did massive arrestation and sent peaceful demonstrators to jail. They throw tear gas and used water gun. The violence was huge and aggravated the opposition between Indian people and the government.

The January 8th, there was a general strike and on January 26th, the three controversial laws were suspended further notice.



To sum up, government and the farmers should find a compromise in order to **release the deadlock** and improve the situation. The disagreement does not arrange the conflict even if manifestors not consider themselves as terrorists, but as fair and peaceful militants. They probably should chose a **spokesperson** to debate in the name of Indian farmers people and finally find an agreement with ministers and parliament.

TOOLBOX

Require = réclamer

Freaking out = effrayer

Strike = grève

Despite = en dépit de

Precariousness = précarité

Threatened / to threat = menacé / menacer

Namely = à savoir

Modernise = moderniser

Release the deadlock = desserrer l'impasse

Spokesperson = porte-parole

Maraux Alice, october, the fourth of 2021

**Finally, One of the major demonstration that happened last year:
Black lives matter. All the explanations about the protest.**

BLACK LIVES MATTER, A FAD OR A REAL FIGHT ?

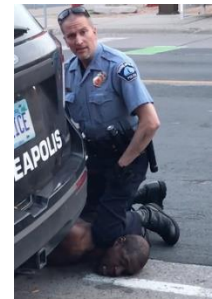
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Black Lives Matter is an American movement founded in 2013 in the USA. It fights against racism peacefully. The goal of the movement is to make life better for black people in order to have the same treatment and rights as white people and don't be discriminated. It **struggles** against injustices. The movement started to become famous in 2020 with the death of Georges Floyd, a black American killed by a white police officer.



Georges Floyd was 46 and had a wife and a daughter. He was a truck driver and lived in Minneapolis. May 25th 2020 he was arrested by police officers. As he refused to be taken into **custody**, he fell on the floor. Derek Chauvin, a white police officer, put his knee on Georges Floyd's neck for 8 minutes 46 seconds and Georges Floyd repeated the famous sentence "I can't breathe" and died by suffocation. His death **sparked off** a wave of violent and peaceful demonstrations in Minneapolis and in all the US. For his murder, Derek Chauvin was condemned to 22 years in jail.



These events took place when Donald Trump was president and now with the election of Joe Biden in December 2020 with his vice-president Kamala Harris, who is the first black woman vice-president of the USA. So what has changed?

Now in the USA, schools can't have a slave owner name and students study more about black people. For the first time, the Time's best-seller was a black author and a woman, called Bernadine Evaristo. Also, Black Lives Matter movement has been nominated for the 2021 Nobel peace prize. To finish, the Police recruit more officers from minorities.



The new American president Joe Biden, who supports the Black Lives Matter movement signed a **bill** in June 2021 for 19th June become a federal holiday to celebrate the end of slavery in the USA. It was abolished by the American president Abraham Lincoln on June 19th 1863. Black people agree with this decision but it's not **enough** to stop systematic racism. For example, in 2015, **law enforcement** killed 1100 people but killed twice more black people than latinoes and white people.



To conclure, today the situation is better but not acceptable for black people. There are still some inequalities. The fight against racism continues but is in **improvement**. However law enforcement must show the right example and stop arresting systematically black people.

TOOLBOX

Struggle = lutter

Custody = détention

Bill = loi

Spark off = déclencher

Enough = assez

Law enforcement = forces de l'ordre

Improvement = progress

