

The A to Z of 2020

A for **ASYMPTOMATIC**. We learnt a new word but we're still clueless about whether those lucky folks are unlucky for others

B **BABY** talk was back with Virushka, Saifeena, while the rest of us discovered that board games could pin kids down for a while

We usually have a word of the year but this was a year of the word: **COVID-19**

Indians prefer **D-I-Bai** to **D-I-Y** but this was the year we learnt to do everything from haircuts to home improvement on our own — till we no longer had to of course

From banana bread to Dalgona coffee to the round roti challenge, **FOOD** pretty much took up all our time in lockdown — whether we were making it, eating, avoiding it or burning calories

G **Go Corona Go**

HUM SAATH SAATH HAIN was great for a while till we longed for *Kabhi Alvida Toh Kehna*

- DO A COVER-UP JOB
- WASH HANDS OF DANGER
- SHOP TILL YOU DROOP
- LOCKDOWN IS THE KEY
- FEEL AT HOME
- FOLLOW YOUR NOSE
- CARE FOR OTHERS
- GIVE YOUR BEST SHOT
- HOPE FOR THE BEST

E Era of **EMOJIS**. Emotions during the pandemic season were best expressed in e-language

J **JUDGING** others has long been one of India's favourite pastimes (that's why we liked Indian Matchmaking), but this year we got to judge people for not wearing masks and then judge others for judging people for not wearing masks

K **KARMA**

Due to our *kukarma*, Mother Nature Strikes Back

I Come Corona Go Corona **INDO(OR) Samachar Padhte raho na**

INDO PUBLIC SCHOOL



L No...not this log of wood it was just **LOG in, LOG in, LOG in...**



M Katrina Kaif going **OMG** over a **MOP** on Insta? Yep, that happened this year! As some of us got a taste of the back-breaking labour our domestic help put in, we also discovered the magic of spin mops

N **NETFLIX**

Yeah!! **WiFi** did not drop

O Both a blessing and a curse, **ONLINE CLASSES** made sure parents could work for a few hours every day, but that too was interrupted by, "Mama, it isn't connecting, do something!"

P **PLANS**. *Woh kya hota hai?*

Q Top scientists around the world currently breaking heads on vaccine **WhatsApp QUACKS**: Boil 3 spices from kitchen masala cabinet and virus *bhaag jayega*

R The truth is this year, **RASODE mein kaun nahin tha**. While the meme became an obsession for a while, a lot of us became well-acquainted with our rasodas this year

V **VACCINE**. Also known as elixir, panacea, ticket out of *hum-saath-saath-hain*-all-the-time

S **STUPIDITY** was the second pandemic we had to deal with as people dangled masks around their chins and coughed in our faces

U All were under the safe **UMBRELLA** of their shelters

T **TIKTOK**, that national pastime, was rudely snatched away while we got thais to bang on

W Yes, **WiFi** has been a lifeline long before 2020, but our routers have never quite been so precious. With WFH, they became both a necessity and a go-to procrastination excuse (So sorry, my WiFi isn't working was a favourite, followed by not turning your video on and blaming it on a spotty connection).

X **XOXO** For many of us, the only hugs and kisses we got were virtual

Y **YEAST** went from being the thing we only kind of knew about to an international obsession. Bread making, especially sourdough bread, was a release (and briefly a necessity) for many stuck at home. After all, who doesn't love taking all their angst out on dough?

Z **ZOOM** ensured we remained human in chat windows