

## Lockdown Diaries

Lots of people this lockdown have been sad but I have really enjoyed being with my family and have had a blast! We live in a joint family with my cousins, aunt and uncle and my grandparents. We are 11 people in the house and that's why we never felt lonely and were able to do lots of fun activities.

We eat all our meals together which has been a lot of fun , my mom and aunt have made some great food in fact all my brothers and sisters have helped with the cooking and have made some delicious food. In my virtual school I learnt how to make many new recipes like aloo tikki and corn chaat which were enjoyed by the whole family.

I have also been playing some fun games like tangram and least count on my ipad if you are wondering what least count is it is a card game which my cousin created with two of his college friends and then my uncle coded it and made an online version now it has become an app in the app store he made it so all of us can play together since we can't play physically due to the lockdown it is a lot of fun and I look forward to playing it every night .

In the middle of this lockdown for thirty days we had Ramzan where we feasted our hearts out at 7:00 every night after we were done fasting. After eating all of that food my dad , both of my cousins, my little sister and me sometimes my aunt, uncle, sister and mom also come but we are the ones that went everyday to our terrace at 5:45 to exercise. We played football and cricket and then we do some plank ,yoga, skipping, crunches and some other exercises and we would come back at 7 pm because of this I have lost a lot of weight. Since it has started raining and the monsoon season has come we have to workout in my room but when we feel like having fun we go up and play in the rains and then we come back home and have a shower and wait to see what delicious food we will have for dinner. We always have yummy food on the table sometimes our family or a close friend will send something.

I have also cooked some amazing stuff in my online school like masala corn, puri, chaas and many more things. I love my online school it is a lot of fun it keeps me busy for 3 hours everyday and it inspires me to do something productive it is also extremely interactive and that is what makes it so interesting my favourite subject is maths since I am very good at it and I wait for it to come every Monday and Tuesday. After I finish

school I sit down and play chess with my dad. I play it for at least 1 hour since each game takes about 15 to 20 minutes. I also love spending time with my family and I think that it is very important to do, I like doing something different with each of my family members for example I like to play tangram with my sister, I like to watch movies and TV shows with my little sister like that I do something different with each of them and soon it becomes our special thing.

I also have this big box of puzzles which has number books and reading books in big font everyday after I finish playing chess I take out that box and start making all the puzzles in it after I finish that I read the books and put the box back then I either ask one of my didi's or my little sister if any of them are free to play board games with me some of my favourite games are carom, snakes and ladder and ludo. I also like to help my dad while he works at home.

Sometimes our close family comes to our house to either have tea or dinner. I really like doing all of these things because it keeps me engaged and entertained. I have really enjoyed this whole lockdown experience and will cherish the memories I have made for a lifetime.