It has come to the attention of the Institute that incidents of paranoia related to the imminent arrival of coronavirus in the region are on the rise. While heading home yesterday, BeeGee, the Institute documentarian/archivist chanced upon the neighbourhood goons trying to forcibly quarantine Bapi, the para dino and brutally tie him up with orange cloth, on suspicion that he might be spreading the virus.

While research on the matter is ongoing, dino-human virus transmission still remains inconclusive. Indeed our understanding is that the close proximity of the neighbourhood goons during the aforementioned act of trying to confine Bapi posed a greater risk of virus contraction from goon-to-goon contact thereby endangering all of the para. Our understanding also is that tying up the hands of dinos to prevent touchability (Bapi in this case or anyone else for that matter) will not go very far in preventing the spread of the disease.

Instead the Institute urges everyone to please wash their own hands carefully frequently and regularly with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds while also maintaining self-quarantine as much as possible and not falling victim to the contagious subcontinental cocktail of fake news, pseudo-science and paranoia currently afflicting a majority of the population.

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