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The global economy will take much longer to recover fully from the shock caused by the new coronavirus than initially expected. However, the crisis is also boosting the digital economy, offering a chance to boost transparency and e-learning, and give even small firms access to markets.

Kristalina Georgieva, MD, International Monetary Fund

WORD WATCH

EXIGUOUS: means scanty, inadequate, very small in size or amount. It is derived from the Latin word, 'exiguus'

MUSIC

Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande duet: The Grammy-winning divas come together for a duet called, 'Rain on Me'. Set to be released this Friday, the song is from Gaga's new album, 'Chromatica,' which comes out on May 29. 'Rain on Me' is the second duet Grande has released this month. Earlier, she released 'Stuck With U', in collaboration with Justin Bieber

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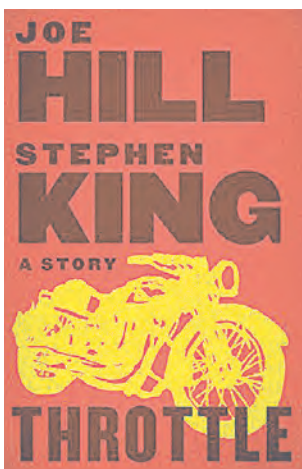
'THE FOREVER PURGE' DROPPED FROM UNIVERSAL'S RELEASE CALENDAR

Universal Pictures has pulled the latest chapter in their hit dystopian film franchise, 'Purge' from its release calendar. The film, 'The Forever Purge', will not be releasing on its scheduled date of July 10.

The series, which started with 2013's, 'The Purge', is set in a dystopian America— it celebrates an annual national holiday, known as the Purge— in which all crimes, including murder, are legal for a 12-hour period. The film was followed by three sequels: 'The Purge: Anarchy' (2014), 'The Purge: Election Year' (2016) and 'The First Purge' (2018).



ENTERTAINMENT



STEPHEN KING'S 2009 BOOK 'THROTTLE' WILL BE TURNED INTO A FEATURE FILM

HBO Max has acquired the rights of Stephen King and son Joe Hill's novella, 'Throttle' for a feature adaptation. Originally published in 2009, the story centres around a father and son, who lead a biker gang that are terrorised by a big rig truck driver, on an isolated stretch of an American desert. The novella was published in a limited edition anthology, 'He Is Legend', honouring Richard Matheson, whose short story 'Duel' inspired the book.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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COVID-19 HAS SEEDS OF MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, WARNS UN

UN secretary general Antonio Guterres has urged governments, civil society and health authorities to urgently address the mental health needs arising from the coronavirus pandemic, warning that psychological suffering is increasing.

SPOTLIGHT

The "grief at the loss of loved ones, shock at the loss of jobs, isolation and restrictions on movement, difficult family dynamics, uncertainty and fear for the future," are the major reasons of depression, he said. Those who are at risk and in need of help are front-line health care workers, older people and adolescents, he added.



GOLDMAN SEES WORST INDIA RECESSION WITH 45% SECOND QUARTER SLUMP

Goldman Sachs expects that India will experience its deepest recession ever, after a poor run of data underscored the damaging economic impact of lockdowns in the world's second-most populous nation. Gross domestic product will contract by an annualised 45 per cent in the second quarter from the prior three months, compared with Goldman's previous forecast of a 20 percent slump.



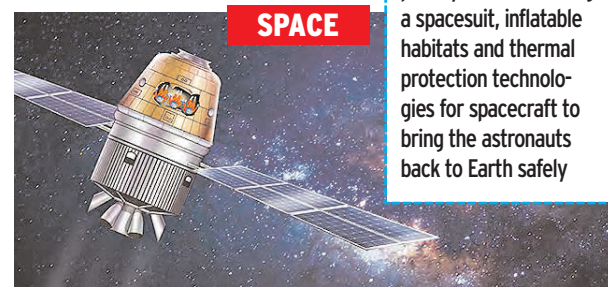
ECONOMY

JAPAN'S ECONOMY FALLS INTO RECESSION: Japan has fallen into recession as the financial toll of the coronavirus continues to escalate. The world's third-biggest economy shrank 3.4% in the first three months of 2020, compared to a year ago— its biggest slump since 2015. The coronavirus is wreaking havoc on the global economy with an estimated cost of up to \$8.8tn.

WINDOW SEAT FOR STARTUPS IN ISRO'S GAGANYAAN TRIP

India's space agency will tap startups to develop food and medicines for astronauts, better tools to access machines in a spacecraft and green engines for its maiden humanspace flight Gaganyaan-1. It will also potentially help them build products and solutions that they can exploit commercially.

Isro has identified a set of technologies to develop locally at lower costs, for its Gaganyaan missions. These include, life support systems, including a spacesuit, inflatable habitats and thermal protection technologies for spacecraft to bring the astronauts back to Earth safely



SPACE

Premji, world's 3rd biggest Covid relief donor

Azim Premji, Wipro's founder, known for his philanthropic activities, has become the world's third biggest private donor to help fight the coronavirus pandemic crisis. According to a data compiled by Forbes, 77 billionaires had donated for the cause of coronavirus till the end of April. Among these, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey donated the highest amount (\$1bn), followed by Microsoft founder Bill Gates (\$255mn) to causes related to Coronavirus.

GET INSPIRED

PREMIJI, ONLY INDIAN ON THE LIST

At the beginning of April, Azim Premji pledged ₹ 1,125 crore towards the fight against COVID-19. The money was donated with the intention of helping the medical and service fraternity — who are at the frontline of the battle against the pandemic — and people belonging to economically-backward sections of the society



Lockdown summer PET CARE TIPS



The pandemic-induced lockdown is difficult for everyone, including pets. Here are some ways to keep them clean, groomed and happy in summer:

- Bathe your pet at least once a week. Make sure the water does not enter their ear canals. Also, avoid applying shampoo on the face area.
- Avoid trimming the fur of your pet as you may end up hurting it.
- Follow a regular diet for your pets. During mid afternoon, when it gets really hot, you can give them some buttermilk without salt to maintain their body temperature.
- Play with your pet at least once a day for 15 to 20 minutes. Throw a ball and let them fetch it. It's a good way to let them exercise their muscles.

VIEWPOINT



Army considering proposal to allow civilians in force for 3 years

The Indian Army is considering a proposal to allow civilians, including young working professionals, to join the force for a three-year tenure as officers, and in other ranks for a variety of roles, even as front-line fighters. Its main aim is to bring people closer to the 1.3-million-strong force by giving them an opportunity to experience military life. "If approved, it will be a voluntary engagement. Initially, 100 officers and 1,000 men are being considered for recruitment," Col Aman Anand, spokesperson of the Indian Army said.

► The proposal, a part of broad reforms envisaged for the force, is set to be discussed at a conference of top commanders of the Indian Army, following which the process would be taken forward, the sources said, adding the scheme will benefit the Army financially

► At present, the Army recruits young people under the short service commission for an initial tenure of 10 years, which is extendable up to 14 years

► According to the proposal, the people to be recruited under the 'Tour of Duty (ToD)' will be eligible to be deployed as combatants in key forward locations, and there will be no restrictions in their roles

Welcoming the proposal, Anand Mahindra, chairman of the Mahindra Group, said, military training will be an added advantage for Tour of Duty Graduates as they enter the workplace. "In fact, considering the rigid standards of selection and training in the Indian Army, the Mahindra Group will be happy to consider their candidature," he added

Q Is it a good move?

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Follow these 4 ECO-FRIENDLY HABITS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Grow your own herbs

If you have unused kitchen items or old utensils, for example, old mugs, take-away food boxes etc, do not throw them away. You can spruce up your space by planting herbs like mint, coriander, parsley, even chillies, right on your windowsill. Remember to take your elders' help while planting them.

Home composting of kitchen waste

In an ideal world, your mom would opt for zero waste cooking. But for now, help her in using all the organic kitchen waste to create manure at home. Vegetable and fruit peels, eggshells and non-greasy waste can be used to make manure. After mixing them, place them into your compost bin. They are good for plants.



Photo: Getty Images

Choose recyclable packaging

Encourage your elders to use packaging that has the minimum environmental impact. Opt for recyclable packaging— biodegradable snacks that come in paper-packaging, home-delivered food that comes with compostable cutlery, or no cutlery at all.

Waste segregation

Help your mom in segregating your waste. Seg-

regate into as many different bins as you can. Organic wet waste for composting, dry recyclable waste like milk/juice cartons, paper waste etc for recycling, and hazardous waste like batteries / syringes/ personal hygiene products for safe disposal. The more that gets recycled, the less is left for landfills.

Minimise trips to the market

Avoid making multiple trips to the market. You'll avoid hassle, save fuel, and help the environment.

INGREDIENTS

● For starter (make the night before) ● 112 gm - Flour ● 87 gm - Water ● 1 gm - Yeast
Mix and let it develop in a warm place for up to 12 hours.

OTHER INGREDIENTS

● 287 gm - Flour ● 200 gm - Water ● 1 gm - Yeast ● 7 gm - Salt ● 15 gm - Olive oil

METHOD

● Combine all ingredients with the starter and knead until smooth.
● Let it rise until double in size
● Punch it down and stretch on to a baking sheet ● Shape it into a frog by cutting legs, adding eyes or any other texture you may want. ● Brush with olive oil ● Let it rest for 30 minutes and bake it for 20min.



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