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WEB EDITION

JOINING THE G7: DOES IT MAKE SENSE FOR INDIA?

US President Donald Trump's pitch for inclusion of India, along with Russia, Australia and South Korea into G7 may not be in India's best interests. Here's why....

G7 REPRESENTS RICH ECONOMIES

G7 has been a grouping of the richest, most industrialised nations, with the per capita income ranging from a little over \$34,000 (for Italy) to almost \$63,000 (for the US). India's per capita income at a little over \$2,000, places it in the ranks of lower middle income nations.

bership and a share of more than 0.5% of the global trade. The removal of developing nation tag by the US has also impeded the negotiation of a trade deal between the two countries. As a developing country, India got duty concessions worth \$240 mn in 2018.

MORE POLITICS

The G7's focus is more on political issues—case in point, Trump's pitch for G7's expansion does not include China, the world's second largest economy, which isn't a surprise, given his frosty relationship with Beijing. A G7 membership could open the doors to commentary on India's domestic politics and bilateral relations, such as Jammu & Kashmir.

TRUMP'S TRAP?

Becoming a G7 member could also bolster Trump's oft-repeated grouse that India doesn't deserve the developing country tag. In fact, earlier this year, the US, just ahead of Trump's visit to India, removed it from the list of developing countries, citing its G20 mem-



REDUNDANT OFFER?

India, along with the US, is already a member of G20, which is a far more representative club of global economy—with the 20 nations representing "85% of global economic output, two thirds of the world's population, and 75% of international trade", according to an article carried by the WEF. That makes joining G7 obsolete—a view expressed even by Trump, who labelled the grouping as "outdated". India may also need to remind itself that the G7 at the current juncture is a house divided, with the US pitted against the remaining six countries—UK, Canada, Germany, Italy, France and Japan—and which may not serve India's own interests well.

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VIEWPOINT

Online classes cannot inspire young minds: Prof C N R Rao

Eminent scientist Prof C N R Rao has expressed his reservation on introducing online classes for children in view of the Covid-19-induced close-down of schools, underlining the importance of human interface for good communication and inspiring young minds.

Online classes for young children, such as KG, first and second grade, should be terminated. We need human interface with students for their personality development, he said



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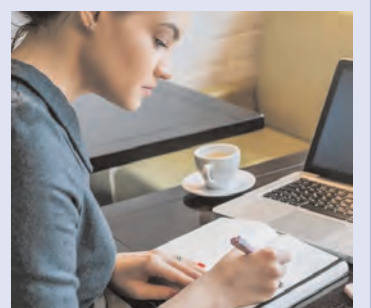
CBSE RELEASES IMPORTANT NOTICE ON EXAM CENTRE CHANGE

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has released an important notice regarding the scheme of conduct of exam, nodal exam centre, eligibility on change of centre for the remaining class X and XII examination on its official website

According to the latest update, CBSE examinations would be conducted in respective schools of the candidates, instead of the examination centre already allotted. CBSE will allow a change of examination centre for candidates who have shifted and are residing in some other district in the country, other than the place of their school. In each district, where CBSE is having affiliated schools, one school will be fixed as a nodal examination centre for the candidates, who have shifted from their earlier district examination centre to another district in India.

(For details, please check CBSE's official website, www.cbse.nic.in)

GOOGLE FORMS AND HOW TO USE THEM



These are fast emerging as online learning tools. Here's how and why you should be using it for your projects... or use it just as a fun quiz!

ASK VARIOUS TYPES OF QUESTIONS

Google forms allow you to ask both open-ended and closed-ended questions. You can use drop down menus, multiple choice, checklists, rating scales, and short answers text boxes to gather data.

CREATE SURVEYS TO ASK ABOUT YOUR SUBJECT MATTER

It is likely that you would want to carry out a survey among your friends for a school project. Take a look at what you want to do and include those questions in the survey. Learning objectives include research design, data collection, data analysis and reporting outcomes (often these appear in the data management, statistics, and/or probability section). This will help you to make quick decisions.

CREATE FORMS USING THEMES

Google forms helps you create a form. Themes are available allowing you to select from over 20 pre-set designs. In addition, a custom option promotes creativity. The header, text, form background and page background can all be customised. It is fun to explore the library of header images (some are animated!).

MULTIPLE WAYS TO ADMINISTER FORMS

Google forms also lets you collect data, using multiple methods. A form can be included in the body of an email allowing a respondent to submit their responses from their inbox. A link can be generated allowing respondents to answer the questions using a web-based form. Code can be generated and then embedded into a blog or web page as another option for data collection. If a paper/pencil method is preferred, the form can be converted into a PDF file using Google Chrome.

Marine species are edging closer to Earth's poles

In a latest study, scientists have revealed that marine species are edging closer to Earth's poles at an average pace of 3.7 miles per year, with climate change causing global ocean temperatures to rise. Since last few years, global warming has been forcing animals to leave their normal habitats behind as their environmental conditions change.

Amphibians are moving towards higher latitudes at a rate of around 39.7 feet a year, while reptiles are moving their habitats at the slower rate of around 21.3 feet on an annual basis.

Insects, meanwhile—which can serve as a vector for many diseases—were found to be headed poleward at a rate of around 18.5 kilometres per year. Experts warn that these migrations could see species riding an 'escalator to extinction' as their viable habitat ranges get limited.

ENVIRONMENT



Cameron, Landau in New Zealand to restart production of 'Avatar' sequels



ENTERTAINMENT

Veteran director James Cameron and producer Jon Landau, along with 50 other crew members, reached Wellington, New Zealand, to resume the shooting of the upcoming sequels in the 'Avatar' franchise. The production on the project had come to a halt in mid-March after the New Zealand government announced a lockdown to stem the spread of the coronavirus in the country.

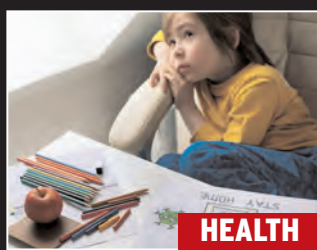
Cameron had planned to complete the long-delayed sequels of the film by the end of the 2020 by simultaneously working on four films, with 'Avatar 2' slated for a release on December 17, 2021, and follow-ups to be released in December 2023, December 2025 and December 2027, respectively

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Lockdown affects mental health of kids for longer periods: Study

Children and adolescents are likely to experience depression and anxiety for longer periods of time after the current lockdown and social isolation ends, say researchers. Clinical services need to be prepared for a future spike in demand, they added. The research, which draws on over 60 pre-existing, peer-reviewed studies into topics spanning isolation, loneliness and mental health in young people aged, 4 to 21, states that young people who are lonely might be as much as three times more likely to develop depression in the future, and that the impact of loneliness on mental health could last for at least 9 years.



HEALTH

According to researchers, the easing of lockdown restrictions should be done in a way that provides all children with the time and opportunity to play with peers, in and outside of school, even while social distancing measures remain in place. The social and emotional benefits of play and interaction with peers must be clearly communicated, alongside guidance on the objective risks to children

KIDDO, GO WATCH TV!

Kerala on Monday started the academic year for pre-school and schools students through an online education project dubbed the 'First Bell'. Students who do not have access to the internet could attend the classes through a government-run education channel, called Kite Victors. The state education department said it would collect details of students who didn't attend the virtual classes on Monday, and would provide them with the necessary facilities through the Kudumbashree mission—a rural livelihood and women empowerment programme at anganwadis and schools

SpaceX captures the flag, beating Boeing in cosmic contest



SPACE

The astronauts launched by SpaceX declared victory in NASA's cosmic capture—the flag game as they claimed the prize left behind at the International Space Station (ISS), nearly a decade ago by the last crew to launch from the US. "Congratulations SpaceX, you got the flag," NASA astronaut Doug Hurley said on Monday, a day after arriving at ISS. Hurley showed off the small US flag during a news conference and again in a linkup with SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, California.

The flag flew on the first space shuttle flight in 1981 and the final one in 2011. The flag was an added incentive for Elon Musk's SpaceX company and Boeing, competing to be the first private company to launch a crew to the space station

US and Chinese scientists trace evolution of coronaviruses

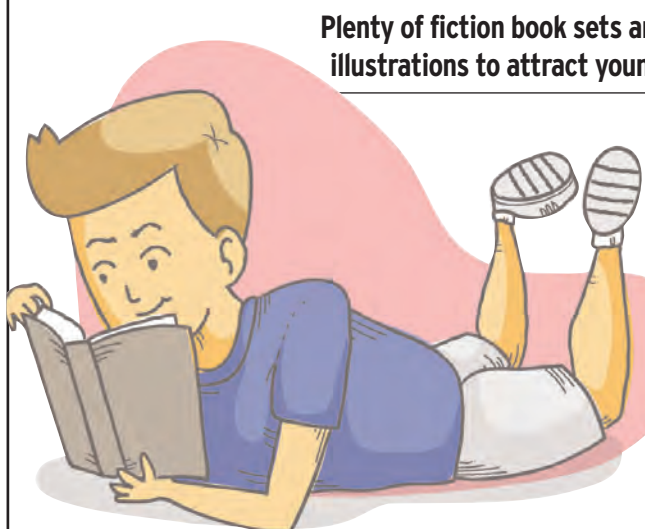
An international team of scientists has analysed all known coronaviruses in Chinese bats and used genetic analysis to trace the likely origin of the novel coronavirus to horseshoe bats. In its report, the team also points to the great variety of these viruses in southern and southwestern China, and urge closer monitoring of bat viruses in the area. Greater efforts to change human behaviour as ways of decreasing the chances of future pandemics is required, the report said.

BREAKTHROUGH

The genetic evidence that the virus originated in bats was already overwhelming. Horseshoe bats, in particular, were considered likely hosts because other spillover diseases, like the SARS outbreak in 2003, came from viruses that originated in these bats, members of the genus *Rhinolophus*

Wanna develop reading habit? These fiction book sets are ideal..

Plenty of fiction book sets are available these days with beautiful illustrations to attract young minds towards reading



Harry Potter Box Set

Harry Potter is one of the most popular names that doesn't need an introduction. The Harry Potter box set contains the seven novels in the Harry Potter series with hardcovers and beautiful illustrations to make your reading experience fun. If you have seen Harry Potter movies and are a fan, you can go for this book set. It has some extra details and events in every novel to let you be a true and complete Potter fan.



Secret Seven Complete Boxset by Pamela Butchart and Enid Blyton

Enid Blyton is a popular writer among early teenagers. She is known for offering a variety of interesting stories to the young audience. This book set has 17 stories in the Secret



Seven collection. With ample of mystery element, secret badges, passwords, investigation and more, the author effectively make readers curious in every story. The language is easy to understand and the plots are gripping to make the young readers glued to the books.

The 100 Complete Boxed Set by Kass Morgan

Young adults and teenagers who enjoy reading science fiction and related genres would love to own this box set of The 100. The stories talk about the times after the nuclear war, spaceships, the

future of the human race, and more. The book series even gave inspiration to a popular TV show with the same name that was quite popular. Besides being a treat for the fans of this genre, the book set can even be enjoyed by those who are reading this genre for the first time.

The Maze Runner Series Boxed Set by James Dashner

This set of books is suitable for readers above the age of 12, making it apt for all the teenagers. This box set was first released in 2015, and has been popular since then, winning multiple awards around the world. If you love reading science fiction stories, this is a good set to buy.



The Mortal Instruments Slipcase and S/wrap by Cassandra Clare

A set of six interesting stories, this book set revolves around Shadowhunters, their secrets, how they are trying to keep the world safe, and more. The style of writing is simple; the elements are gripping enough to keep the young readers busy for hours.



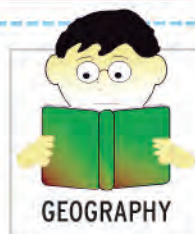
FUN-ZONE

HAVE A VIDEO TO SHARE? SEND IT TO US

DEVIKA AWTAR, PGT Economics, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Highgrounds, Chandigarh, simplifies the topic of 'Government Budget' (macroeconomics) for our students.

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Have a video/podcast or comic strip on how to deal with this current lockdown? Send us 1) Clear videos/images and soundtracks 2) Of 2minute (or less) duration 3) With details (name, class and school) 4) At timesnie175@gmail.com



KNOWLEDGE BANK

Leptis Magna (Libya)

It was an ancient Phoenician city founded by Tyre in the 7th century BCE. Later it was the birthplace of Roman emperor Septimius Severus (193-211 CE) who

expanded it, making it a major city in the Roman Period. Today the place is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, as it is home to impressive ruins including the Augustan Theatre, forum and Tetrapiylon arch.



Word Wise

Aspersions (n): a damaging or derogatory remark or criticism; slander. The act of slandering; vilification; defamation; calumny; derogation

Synonymous words: abuse, calumny, defamation, detraction, hit, invective,

knock, libel, slam, smear, slander, rap, etc.

Examples:

■ I suspect that Obama, too – for all his personal angst over the UAE **aspersion** – will be with squarely with me on this one.

■ This is easily understood, without any **aspersion** on his veracity.

CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1) Ram sold two bicycles, each for ₹990. If he made 10% profit on the first and 10% loss on the second, what is the total cost of both bicycles?
A. ₹2000 B. ₹1980

2) A tradesman by means of his false balance defrauds to the extent of 20% in buying goods as well as by selling the goods. What per-

cent does he gain on his outlay?
A. 20% B. 45%
C. 44% D. 48%

3) A dishonest dealer professes to sell goods at the cost price but uses a weight of 800 grams per kg, what is his percent?

A. 20% B. 25%
C. 30% D. 15%

ANSWER:

1. ₹2000 2. 44% 3. 25%

Quiz time

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Q.1) Who interacted with students, teachers and parents in 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020'?

A. Pranab Mukherjee
B. Narendra Modi
C. Amit Shah
D. Rahul Gandhi

Q.2) Under which Article of the Constitution of India

does the President have the power of pardon or remission?

A. Article 72 B. Article 71
C. Article 375 D. Article 15

Q.3) Who is the longest serving Chief Minister of an Indian state?

A. Lal Thanhawla
B. Pawan Kumar Chamling

C. Gegong Apang
D. Jyoti Basu

Q.4) Who is the new governor of Himachal Pradesh?

A. Bandaru Dattatreya
B. Kiran Bedi
C. BL Santosh
D. Raj Niwas



ANSWERS

1. B) Narendra Modi 2. A) Article 72 3. B) Pawan Kumar Chamling 4. A) Bandaru Dattatreya

Mind teasers
ENGLISH QUIZ

Find the correctly spelt words.

Q.1) A. corpulent
B. flavoor C. complexion
D. enigmatic
Q.2) A. ssecond B. present
C. contemporary
D. successoor

Q.3) A. gauche B. angrry
C. nativey D. erudiete
Q.4) A. ccorn B. litre
C. weightf D. television
Q.5) A. septext B. quartet
C. binarry D. quincel
Q.6) A. particuular
B. separate C. swwivel
D. poshey

Q.7) A. stiffedd B. opulentt
C. affluent D. scholarit
Q.8) A. kettlele B. teaspot
C. marbell D. granite

ANSWERS

(1) A) (2) C) (3) A) (4) D)
(5) B) (6) B) (7) C) (8) D)

INDIA SHINING

TURNING THE PAGES OF HISTORY TO DISCOVER TIMELESS LEGACIES

Soneri Mahal, Aurangabad

The beautiful palace is located at the foothills of the Aurangabad Caves in the Paharsingpura area of Aurangabad, Maharashtra. Soneri Mahal is a popular tourist spot of the region; it was built between 1651 AD and 1653 AD at a cost of

Rs 50,000 by a Bundelkhand chief, who accompanied Aurangzeb onto the Deccan plateau. In 1934 AD, Soneri Mahal was sold to the Nizam of Hyderabad for ₹26,400. The Mahal is named after the paintings in the palace that

were once painted in real gold! Soneri Mahal is 2 kms away from Bibi Ka Maqba, which is another tourist attraction of Aurangabad.



COMMON GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

1. SIMPLE/SIMPLISTIC

THE RULES:

■ "Simple" - means easy to understand, deal with, use, not elaborate or artificial.
■ "Simplistic" - means to be characterised by extreme simplicity or oversimplified.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

■ Others who served in Iraq at the time however said this was far too **simple**.
■ The premise was **simplistic**: satire is devastating against tyrants.

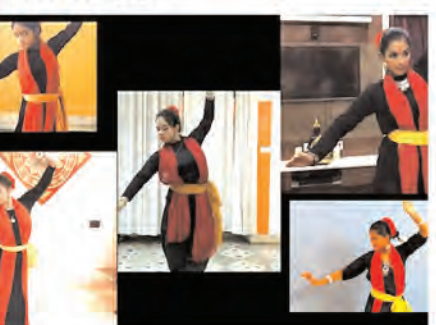
HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

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Indus Valley World School celebrates World Dance Day



ata Jana, Disha Banerjee and Anangsha Dutta under the able and artistic choreography of Ritwika Ghosh presented an outstanding Shiv Tandav. The performance was enhanced by the exceptional editing by Rohosen Bhattacharya of the CBSE Batch of 2020. The video was presented to the world through the IVWS Facebook page.



Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we are in a never seen before situation. All our students and teachers are home bound. So we decided to do something completely different and celebrate World Dance Day by creating a dance video of our outstanding dancers from class X.

The six dancers: Srijoni Majumdar, Prarthana Prusty, Aishna Chauhan, Adhy-

SCHOOL IS COOL

SURVIVING THE LOCKDOWN

The Coronavirus pandemic has pushed us inside our houses, with almost all countries deciding on lockdown, to ensure that the virus spread is controlled. Living in situations like these is difficult as well as challenging. To make the maximum use of time, while we are stuck inside, requires a constructive and detailed approach to time and the analysis of our skills. We should devote maximum time to cultivate our talents - be it painting, music, dance, etc. Meditation,

reading books, exercising, are also some of the options that must be considered, so as to stay healthy and use our time efficiently. As this gives a break from the busy schedules, we should spend a significant amount of time with our families - develop a close bonding with our parents, siblings and grandparents. Furthermore, we must use this time, to look inwards - do a soul search, develop a unique and independent identity of ourselves - so that in this world where there is an acute dearth of self-aware-

ness, we know who we are and what are our strengths and weaknesses. And devote some time each day to prayers - pray so that the world heals soon.

Aadrit Banerjee, Class XI,
Apeejay School, Park Street

Lockdown, a phase which not only the country but the entire world is going through. People are getting bored having nothing to do. However, there are many things which one can do to spend this time properly. Well, we must remember that this is not free time, rather family time which we all should spend together. We should utilize this time to learn something new, viz cookery, painting, learning some new languages among others. On a personal note, I am utilising this time to enhance my writing skills and

spending most of the time in writing hindi poetry. This lockdown helped me in changing my slothful attitude towards various things, and I came up with writing various Hindi Poems, and trying my hands in the kitchen, cooking various food stuffs. I expect to enrich both my hobbies, by the send of this lockdown.

Rupam Shukla, Class XII,
Sunrise English Medium School

We often used to see that people were suffering because they couldn't balance their work life and personal life. Well, that sounds like history now, "Work from Home" enabled us to work and spend quality time with our families simultaneously. I feel this lockdown has fuelled the jovial emotions of a person. Hence, their efficiency touched heights.

Debayudh Chanda,
Class XI,
National English School

Nursery & KG exhibition@BHS Junior Section

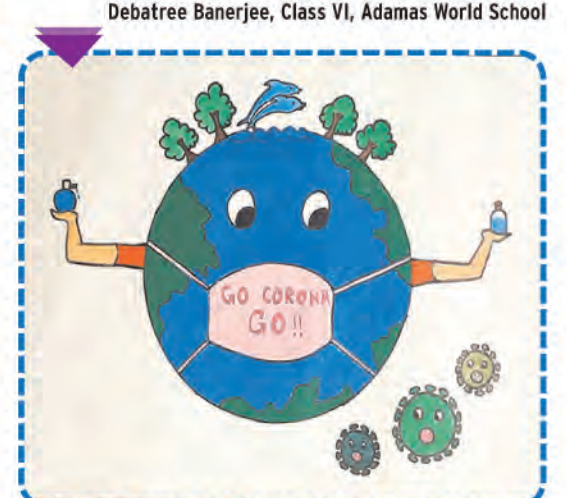


The 3 Rs: Re-cycle, Re-use and Re-create were the guiding forces for our young learners of Nursery and Kindergarten in organizing an ISA craft exhibition named "The Jungle Chimes" on March 5. Our chil-

dren enjoyed giving expression to their own creativity by creating the national animals of the following countries: India-The Bengal Tiger, England-Lion, Australia-Kangaroo, Ireland-Red Deer, Russia-Russian Bear,

France-Rooster, China-Panda, New Zealand-Kiwi, Germany-Golden Eagle and Spain-Bull. It was a real visual treat to see the various craft exhibits on display using different types of waste materials and techniques.

PAINTER'S GALLERY



Bikunj Sarkar, Class VIII, Adamas World School