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IN THE NEWS



JEFF BEZOS BECOMES WORLD'S FIRST-EVER \$200-bn man

Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has become the first person ever, whose net worth soared over \$200 billion, according to Forbes and Bloomberg Billionaires Index. The net worth of the world's richest person went up by \$4.9 billion, after Amazon stock edged up two per cent as of Wednesday afternoon, Forbes reported

1 Bezos also owns the aerospace company, Blue Origin, the Washington Post, and other private investments. However, his nearly 11 per cent stake in Amazon makes up over 90 per cent of his massive fortune

2 The e-commerce giant saw a huge spike in demands for its services amid the Covid-19 pandemic

3 Since the beginning of 2020, Amazon stock is up nearly 80 per cent, said the Forbes report, adding that Bezos' net worth on January 1 was roughly \$115 bn

4 The person, who is closest to Bezos, is Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, who is currently worth \$116.1 billion, according to Forbes, while the Bloomberg Billionaires Index put his net worth at \$124 bn

Unlock 4: Classes IX-XII students may voluntarily visit schools

While schools and colleges will continue to remain closed for regular activities during Unlock 4, students of classes IX to XII may be permitted to visit their schools that are in areas outside the containment zones on a voluntary basis, to take guidance from their teachers, said the MHA on Saturday. This will, however, be subject to the written consent of their parents or guardians.

Lockdown will continue to be implemented strictly in the containment zones till September 30, 2020

> The MHA has further clarified that skill or entrepreneurship training will also be permitted in the national skill training institutes, industrial training institutes (ITIs), short term training centres registered with the national skill development corporation, state skill development missions or other ministries of the Government of India or state governments.

> Higher education institutions, only for the



research scholars, like the PhD and post-graduate students of technical and professional programmes, requiring laboratory or experimental may also be allowed.

> These will, however, be permitted by the department of higher education (DHE), in consultation with the MHA, based on the assessment of the situation, and keeping in view the Covid-19 cases in the states and UTs.

ISRO CANCELS YOUNG SCIENTISTS' PROGRAMME DUE TO COVID



The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has cancelled its young scientists' programme (Yuvika 2020) for this year due to the surging coronavirus cases across the country, an official said. "Though the Yuvika programme was scheduled to be held from May 11-22 for the school students of classes VIII-IX, we deferred it by six months due to the coronavirus spread since mid-March. With the pandemic continuing, we have decided to cancel it for this year," the official added.

■ Launched with much fanfare in 2019 to instill scientific temper and impart knowledge about the country's space applications and technologies to the young students, the 12-day programme involves visit by about 100 selected students to the ISRO's four operational centres across the country for exposure

■ Three students from each state in the country are selected for the programme and are taken to Vikram Sarabhai space centre in Thiruvananthapuram, UR Rao satellite centre in Bengaluru, Space Applications centre in Ahmedabad, and the North Eastern space centre at Shillong in Meghalaya, on a familiarisation trip and interaction with the space scientists

MANN KI BAAT

PM Modi's new mantra 'TEAM UP FOR TOYS'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged the countrymen to make 'toys for the world'. Highlighting the ability of India to become a 'toy hub' during his monthly, 'Mann ki Baat' radio programme, the PM said, "There has been a rich tradition of local toys in our country. There are many talented and skilled artisans, who possess the expertise in making good toys." Toys are very important for the development of children. Even Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore has spoken about the importance of toys. India has the talent and the ability to become a toy hub by making toys for the entire world, he added.

Other highlights

ON APPS

■ Under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat App innovation challenge, there is an app, KutukiKids Learning app. An interactive app for children, it can be used to learn many aspects of maths, science, through songs and stories.

■ Similarly, the Koo app for microblogging platforms, can help you communicate and interact through text, audio and videos in your mother tongue.

■ The Chingari app is also gaining popularity among the youth

■ Ask Sarkar is yet another app that lets you interact via a checkboard, and get accurate information about any government scheme. This app is available in text, audio and video form

ON NUTRITION

■ September will be observed as the 'nutrition month'. For our children and our students to display their optimum potential, show their mettle; nutrition and proper nourishment play a very big role.

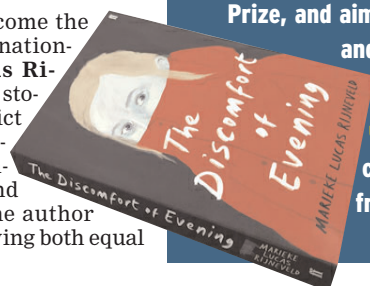
■ During the nutrition month, a food and nutrition quiz will be organised on MyGov portal; there will be a meme competition as well. Participate in it and motivate others to take part.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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29-year-old Dutch writer youngest to win International Booker Prize

A 29-year-old Dutch writer has become the youngest author to win the International Booker Prize. Marieke Lucas Rijneveld's, 'The Discomfort of Evening,' a story about a devout farming family in a strict Christian community in the rural Netherlands, was announced as the winner. Under the rules of the prize, the 50,000-pound (\$66,000) award will be split between the author and the translator, Michele Hutchison, giving both equal recognition.



■ The International Booker Prize is awarded every year to a book of fiction in any language that is translated into English, and published in the UK or Ireland

■ The award is different from the main Booker Prize, and aims to encourage the publishing and reading of quality fiction from around the world

■ This year the judges considered 124 books, translated from 30 languages

BOOK

LA NINA LIKELY, BUT TEMPERATURES SET TO REMAIN HIGH: UN

Global temperatures boosted by climate change will still be higher than usual, despite the cooling effect of a La Nina weather phenomenon expected to develop in the coming months, the UN has said. The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said, there was a 60 per cent chance of a La Nina event between September and November. The UN agency pointed to the fresh data indicating that sea surface temperatures for the coming three months were expected to be above average for most of the globe, which in turn may influence the land surface temperatures.



1 La Nina is considered as the stormy sister of El Nino, which occurs every two to seven years, when the prevailing trade winds that circulate surface water in the tropical Pacific, start to weaken

2 El Nino, which has a major influence on the weather and climate patterns and associated hazards, such as heavy rains, floods and drought, has a warming influence on the global temperatures, while La Nina tends to have the opposite effect

3 The last La Nina, which was brief and weak, began developing in November 2017 and ended in April 2018, the WMO said, adding that the one expected this year should also be weak

ENVIRONMENT

Just a teeny-weeny task: Google creates a mask-related nursery rhyme

Google has come up with a rhyme with a Covid-19 touch to it. The popularly-used search engine has posted 'The Mask Song' on its Instagram page. As the name suggests, the song aims to create an awareness about the importance of wearing a mask, especially, when the risk of the pandemic is at an all-time high, due to the relaxations in public engagements across the world.



SONG OF LIFE

The tune is set to the famous poem, 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'. Here's how the song goes: "When in public, wear a mask. Just a teeny-weeny task. It helps keep us safe and sound, health and care all around. On your mouth and on your nose, good to cover both of those."

SOON, FACEBOOK TO PAY FOR NEWS IN INDIA

Facebook is all set to launch its dedicated news tab in multiple countries, including India, the UK, Germany and France "within the next six months to a year", the company said in a statement. Called the Facebook News — not to be confused with the News Feed, which shows posts shared by your friends and pages you follow — it will feature news by the publishers, the company partners with. Facebook will be paying the publishers for this service. The service was earlier launched in the US.



TECH BUZZ

> The move comes amid growing criticism of FB and Google for profiting from republishing news, even as they squeeze publishers in the online ad market

> Google and Facebook control over 70% of the online ad market share in India, a figure comparable to the global market

> In June, Google announced plans to launch a new service, separate from the regular Google News, where they will pay select publishers for the "high-quality content"

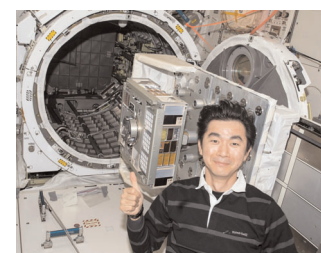
BACTERIA COULD SURVIVE journey to Mars: Study

Researchers have found that a type of bacteria that is highly resistant to environmental hazards survived harsh space conditions for three years, raising the possibility that they can even endure a trip to Mars. The study showed that thick aggregates, or colonies that the bacteria form, can provide sufficient protection for the survival of bacteria during several years in the harsh space environment.

■ As part of the Japanese Tanpopo space mission, dried *Deinococcus* aggregates were placed in exposure panels outside the International Space Station (ISS) for three years

■ After three years, the researchers found that all the aggregates superior to 0.5 mm partially survived the space conditions

■ Observations suggest that while the bacteria at the surface of the aggregate died, it created a protective layer for the bacteria beneath, ensuring the survival of



the colony

■ Using the survival data, the researchers estimated that a pellet thicker than 0.5 mm would have survived between 15 and 45 years on the ISS

■ The Tanpopo mission addresses the possibility of a natural interplanetary transport of microbial life

Teacher's Day Celebration Weekend awaits you

It is that time of the year when we express how much we adore, appreciate, and acknowledge our beloved mentors. To mark the happy occasion, we have got a series of contests for YOU

The sound of gratitude

1 Create a rap song to pay tribute to your teachers. We give you first TWO lines, add two more, and make a chain reaction of LOVE AND MUSIC. Here it goes...

> You taught me love...

> You taught me patience...

> You taught me hardwork...

> Discipline with some quirk...



Sketch your mentor

2 We know you can't get enough of your teachers, so why not turn their image into an artwork? Send us the sketches of your favourite teachers and get a chance to be featured on the TIMES NIE online edition, and toistudent.com



Selfie with my teacher

3 When did you take a selfie with your teacher last? The selfie with an honest and heartwarming caption will win this one.



Send us your entries at toinie175@gmail.com / timesnie175@gmail.com

Last date of entry: September 3, 2020, 5pm

SCHOOL TOPPERS SHARE SUCCESS STORIES

RAJARSHI BASU CBSE, XII, SCIENCE, 95.4%

Key Challenges: The key challenges faced by me were somewhat like most of the other students in this situation. Firstly, the problem was to keep a fixed routine and have the motivation to follow it. I made an easy to follow routine for myself and not a hard one. What mattered to me was quality over quantity. One has to spend his/her study time with less distraction, by keeping away his/her phone for better results. Also one has to focus only on one topic at a time and has to stop multitasking. Completing day to day tasks and clearing the topics at one go helped me in reducing pressure by not letting a lot to accumulate. Also I used to clear the topics by approaching the teachers which helped me to clear my doubts in a particular subject.

Dealing with pressure: To keep myself away from pressure I didn't let pressure to build up by overthinking about the results or my performance in any test but rather worked towards improving my skills and correcting my mistakes. **My Motivation:** I always visualised my dream. Hunger to reach the goal is what kept me moving forward. I was also motivated by my parents and teachers whenever I felt demotivated.

Balancing academics with ECA: Balancing both academics and other activities by following a good routine which allows other activities along with studies.

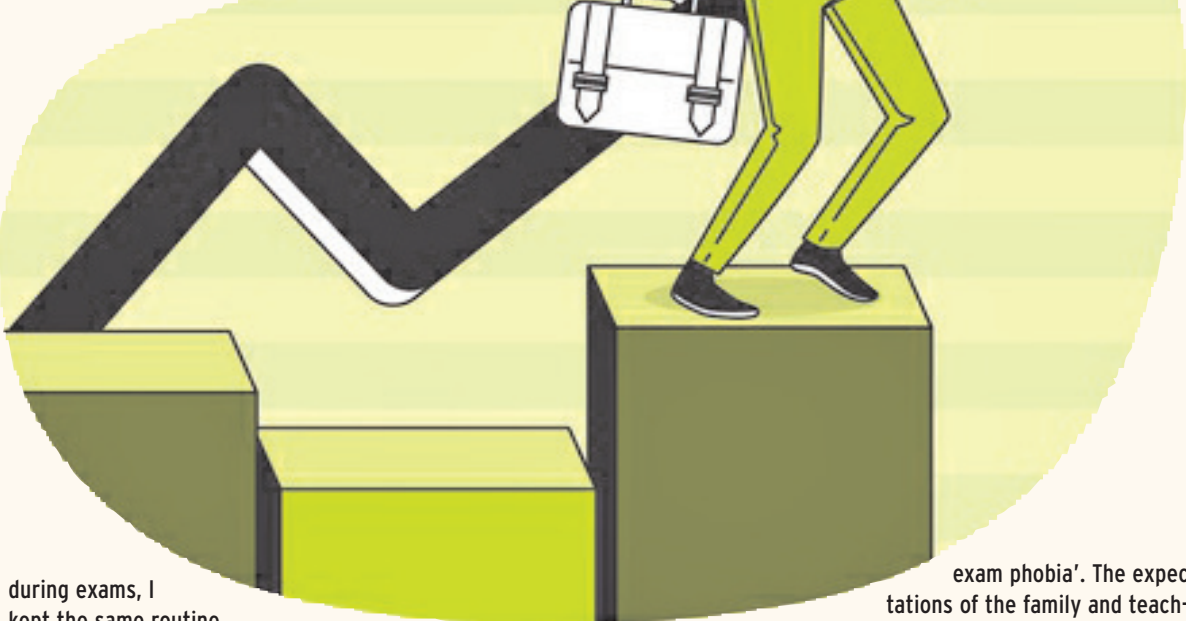
Advice To Future Aspirants: I would like to tell the future aspirants to have a dream and to visualize it and to work for it by not following others but do it in their own way.

Future Plans: I aspire to become a doctor (surgeon) in future.



ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (CLASS XII)

my fears just vanished. Thus, she helped me to tackle the pressure and fear. **Motivating myself:** My family, teachers and my friends motivated me a lot. My teachers showed me the right path to follow and my family and friends used to cheer me up. **Balancing academics with ECA:** Well I never used to be a bookworm since childhood. I just studied for five hours in a day and the rest of the time I used to watch tv, talk with my friends and family, play games, go out for cycling and sleep. Nothing changed much



during exams, I kept the same routine. Just I increased my study time from five hours to eight or nine hours a day and the rest of the day was my leisure time.

Advice to future aspirants: Read the NCERT books thoroughly. They are the base for the CBSE board exams. Maximum questions in chemistry and biology comes from NCERT. Two to three questions test your knowledge. In case of maths, I would suggest first complete the NCERT and then RD Sharma. If you practice these two books whole heartedly, you can score 90+ in mathematics. Of course be sure to minimise the silly mistakes. For English, I studied the NCERT books first and then I used to read Arihant English for the question answers, comprehension, note making and creative writing. For Physics, you definitely need a strong memory and a sharp mind. Practice the numerical and derivations as much as you can. For theory, I seriously didn't understand NCERT, and took reference from Pradeep. The book is really helpful. At the end have faith in oneself.

My future plan: Initially I wanted to be a doctor. So I filled up the NEET exam application form. But now I desire to be a biotechnologist. The subject really attracts me and I feel that in future I can become a good researcher.

ANIKET SINHA CBSE, XII, SCIENCE, 93.4%

Study Plan: I studied for eight hours every day, concentrated on weak areas to improve with a scheduled time-table.

Key challenges: There were no challenges as such, just wanted to improve on my weak areas with the help of my teachers and parents.

Tackling challenges & pressure to perform: There was no pressure. My parents motivated just to do the best that I can.

Motivating myself: My parents and teachers were my source of motivation. They were always by my side during my preparations.

Balancing academics with ECA: I made a time table and just followed it. Just study regularly and stay positive.

MADHURIMA CHOWDHURY CBSE, XII, COMMERCE, 93.2%

Study Plan: I prefer studying at night. I had made proper time schedules. I had six hours of school. Every day I used to study at least for eight hours at home and then I increased it to 12 hours before one month of exam. I took little breaks in between because continuous study for long hours made me feel tired and I lacked concentration. I referred to at least two books for one subject, including NCERT and reference books, so that I don't face difficulties. Whenever I lacked interest I used to study the subjects or chapters which looked interesting to me or used to listen to music to relax a bit and then again I used to go back to tougher chapters.

Key challenges: The key challenge for me was to concentrate on studies because of my father's ill health (suffering from Alzheimer). I used to remain disturbed and tensed and it bothered me a lot. I had to balance both my family and my studies side by side. But I was lucky that I always got huge support from my teachers and principal Ma'am, who helped me in whatever way they could. Also my sister and parents are very supportive and always encouraged me whenever I used to feel low and showed me a path through the dark.

Dealing with pressure: No matter how hard someone studies throughout the year you still can't escape the 'board



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not impossible to get a good percentage in boards. Because the word impossible says 'I'm Possible'.

My future plan: I want to pursue my graduation in BCom Hons. Then I want to do MBA and along with that I do have an aim to crack CA or CMA.

ANKITA POLLEY CBSE, XII, COMMERCE, 91%

Study Plan: For me there was no such schedule or time fixed for my studies, I used to study from the school notes, tuition notes and from YouTube as well whenever I got time. I used the easiest way to study which was to make a story for every topic inside my head, reading various cases. It was relatable for me and it helped me learn a lot.

Key challenges: The key challenge which I faced was memorising things for a longer period of time. The only thing I could do to overcome this problem was to understand things in my own way (level) so that I could express them well.

Dealing with pressure: To be honest my parents never pressurized me to be a topper, which was the best thing for me. They just wanted me to perform well and I have always tried my best to do better than my previous performance.

Motivating myself: I always wanted to do something which would make my parents proud of me. This was something which has always motivated me.

Balancing academics with ECA: Besides studying, I love singing, drawing and I kept on doing them. I used to study with full concentration whenever I sat down with my books and in the remaining time I used to do all the other things. This is how I balanced academics with other activities.

Advice to future aspirants: For the future aspirants I would like to tell them that do whatever you really want to do, don't do it for the sake of anyone else's pressure. The future is yours and you have to deal with it.

My future plan: My future plan is to set up my own business after I complete my MBA.



PRAYASH MODI CBSE, XII, COMMERCE, 85%

Study Plan: There were no challenges specifically as I constantly followed my routine timetable and took guidance from teachers and my parents.

Key challenges: I just focused on one activity at a time. While studying I just gave due attention to studies by keeping distractions away.

Motivating myself: My family, friends, teachers were the main key of motivation for me.

Balancing academics with ECA: Class XII is the last year of your school life, enjoy it completely. Don't take pressure. Just be confident but not over confident.

Advice to future aspirants: Hard-work is the most important thing. A student should start studying right from the beginning without taking mid-term and pre-boards lightly. Most of the students think that the mid-term and pre-board marks are not added in the final scores and hence, they take pre-boards lightly. One should pay equal attention to pre-boards too. We learn a lot from these tests. Other than this, students should be very consistent and should not take any stress.

My future plan: I aspire to become a Chartered Accountant.



World's biggest interschool quiz School Super League competition targets over 1 crore school students

This year, the School Super League mega event is being presented in a fun, fresh and completely online version via an App. This event is being organised by The Times of India - Newspaper in Education programme in association with Byju's Learning App. The challenge, rigorously designed by experts in the field, aims at helping students gain insight into their scientific, mathematical and social science aptitude. The revived, refreshed and revitalized event will be held across 29 states, along with Delhi, reaching out to over 30,000 plus schools and more than 1 crore students.



The challenge will be held in 3 categories: sub-juniors comprising students of classes III and IV, juniors comprising students of classes V, VI and VII, and seniors comprising classes VIII, IX and

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One Year online subscription to Premium BYJU'S - The Learning App worth Rs 25,000 each and get a chance to take part in the state finals. The national round, scheduled to be held in Mumbai, will be aired on television. The national level winning teams (winners, 1st runners up, 2nd runners up) will be the proud winners of the grand prize: An all-sponsored trip to NASA along with their school principals.

Speaking about this competition, Atit Mehta, VP - Marketing, BYJU'S said, "We have taken extraordinary steps to ensure that students don't miss out on their favourite school quiz this year. In fact, thanks to the growing acceptance and adoption of digital learning, we expect the participation to be higher than ever before. Never has a school quiz been held at such a scale before. Our new format will give students across all parts of the country a transparent and unbiased platform to compete and showcase their capabilities to the entire nation. Online learning has been breaking the glass ceiling that existed in education. With such an initiative we want to further ignite the passion and love for learning among children everywhere."

So if you think, you have what it takes to be next Aptitude Wizard of your city, be sure to take part in Round 1 of School Super League. Please contact your Times NIE Teacher Coordinator for more details or call Times NIE at 9830517159. Hurry, don't miss this winning opportunity.

