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WEB EDITION

A PIL CALLS FOR PROHIBITION OF RAMPANT KILLING OF ANIMALS

Should ANIMALS too have right to life under ARTICLE 21?

The **BIG DEBATE**

WHAT SC SAID TO THE PETITIONER
If animals are declared as legal entities, it would mean that they can sue or be sued for the damages. Are they capable of suing or getting sued? We understand that they are living beings. That is the reason for the enactment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The bench has sought responses from the Centre and the states

Should animals have the right to life as guaranteed to the people under Article 21 of the Constitution to prohibit their killing without the sanction of law? The Supreme Court has asked the Centre. The apex court's observation came, while admitting a PIL that sought the prohibition of rampant killing of animals across the country for religious or other purposes. The petitioner has pleaded that the court should declare animals as 'legal entities' to elevate them from being treated as property by humans and killed at their will.

WHAT IS ARTICLE 21

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees protection of life and personal liberty. It says, no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty, except according to the procedure established by the law

STUDENTS REACT

Every species has a right to live, and should be safeguarded by the law of the land. Animals are also a part of this world, which supports our ecosystem. Stringent punishment should be given to those who kill animals for their selfish motives.
NIMISHA SONI, class VIII, Zebar School, Ahmedabad

The ambit of the provision of "right to life" under Article 21 should be widened, as the culling and trading of animals in the name of religion or other purpose is inhuman.
MANAVI KAPOOR, class XII, PML SD Public School, Chandigarh



Animals live, breathe and eat just like humans, and should have all the right to live. Any harm to their lives should be made punishable under law.
SWATHI R CHANDRAN, class XII, Army Public School, Chennai



SC TREATS THEM AS LEGAL BEINGS

In 2014, the SC in the Animal Welfare Board vs. A. Nagaraja & Ors. (Jallikattu case) had widened the ambit of the 'right to life' and included within its ambit the right to life, privacy, liberty, well-being and dignity of the animals. The SC had upheld the enforcement of the ban on the use of bulls in performances as being cruel, avoidable and non-essential. The HCs of Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana have also recently passed judgments, recognising animals as 'legal entities.'
Manilal Valliyate, CEO, PETA, India

MAJOR CHALLENGES

The biggest challenge on conferring the right to life to animals is the human mentality. We tend to think that we are superior to them
Lalita Iyer, advocate, B'luru

One of the major challenges would be to keep a tab on the number of animals killed on a daily basis. A headcount of all the animals, their habitats, etc, should be made, which require vast surveys and studies.
Subbalakshmy, lawyer, Ernakulam

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e-Raksha COMPETITION 2020

The Cyber Peace Foundation in collaboration with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is organising the e-Raksha Competition 2020. The first competition in the world to focus exclusively on digital citizenship and online safety, it is open to school students, college students and educators/caregivers and professionals, and is divided into various categories.

THE THEME

The theme for 2020 is 'promoting digital citizenship and online safety.' The competition is being held to promote the digital platform as a safe space for the young users and to tackle fake news and misinformation.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1 In the Artcade category, the participants can use drawing/painting/comics/memes and stickers to do a creative based on the 2020 theme.

2 For the Word Hack category, the participants can pen something in any of the following formats... essay/blog/stories/articles/research papers addressing the theme

3 In the Tech Avikshkar category, innovators, programmers are invited to use modern technology (like machine learning or artificial learning) to create innovative programmes and solutions in four further sub-categories.

4 Finally, the Screen Masters category invites the participants to develop engaging and impactful short films to build awareness in the format of a drama/song/documentary or an interview.

-Nitya Shukla

For more details on participation, please check www.eraksha.net/ or www.eraksha.net/competitions/. There is no registration fee for the competition.

Deadline: Last date of registration is September 30, 2020

ENTERTAINMENT

OSCARS SET MINIMUM DIVERSITY RULES FOR BEST PICTURE PRIZE

In a landmark announcement, Hollywood's motion picture academy has unveiled new eligibility rules to boost diversity among best picture Oscars nominees and the wider movie industry. The groundbreaking move comes after years of criticism over a lack of diversity among the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' members, and among the Oscar nominees and the winners they select.

From 2024, all films hoping to win the Tinseltown's most coveted prize, will need to either employ a minimum number of cast, crew and administrative employees from the under-represented backgrounds, or directly tackle themes affecting those communities. Under the new rules, films vying for best picture will need to comply with at least two of the four criteria designed to improve the hiring practices and representation on and off screen. The first criteria requires the movie to feature either a prominent actor from an under-represented group, 30 per cent of its smaller roles from the minorities, or to address issues surrounding these communities as its main theme. The second stipulates that behind-the-scenes technical crew members must be drawn from the historically-disadvantaged groups.



GLOBAL WILDLIFE POPULATION HAVE DECLINED BY MORE THAN TWO THIRDS SINCE 1970

The world is losing its mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish, and with them the security of ecosystems that have supported humanity since it first emerged, warned the Living Planet Report 2020. This year's report shows that these animal communities shrank on an average 68% between 1970 and 2016.



BLAME IT ON HUMAN ACTIVITY

The authors put half the blame on the changes on how we use our land and the sea. Clearing ecologically-important forests for human activities, overfishing and hunting, pollution and climate change are responsible for the global animal population crash, they said. The report also said that continued human abuse of the planet may lead to the collapse of the natural systems and resources that allowed global civilisation and modern societies to persist in the first place. The damage is unprecedented in speed and vastness, it added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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LIONEL MESSI

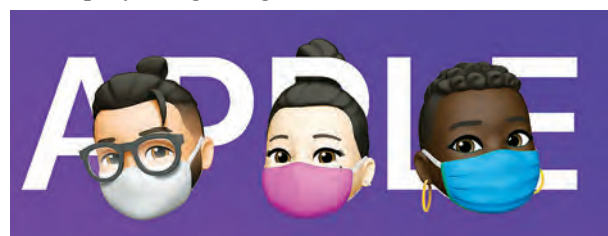
Lionel Messi has once again beaten Cristiano Ronaldo to claim the title of the best player in FIFA 21. Messi tops the game with a 93 overall rating. Messi has actually been downgraded slightly, but still remains the world's best on FIFA 21.

Juventus striker, Cristiano Ronaldo, Bayern Munich striker, Robert Lewandowski, Manchester City midfielder, Kevin De Bruyne and Paris Saint-Germain superstar, Neymar complete the top five. Earlier, Ronaldo became the second men's player to reach 100 international goals as he guided his side to a victory against Sweden.

SPOTLIGHT

COMING SOON, AN APPLE FACE MASK!

Apple Inc has developed masks that the company is beginning to distribute to corporate and retail employees to limit the spread of Covid-19.



In typical Apple style, the mask looks unique with large coverings on the top and bottom for the wearer's nose and chin. It also has adjustable strings to fit around a person's ears. The Apple Face Mask is the first created in-house mask by the technology giant for its staff.

MICROSOFT TO LAUNCH XBOX SERIES X ON NOVEMBER 10



Microsoft is all set to launch the Xbox Series X console, which will be released on November 10 this year. According to The Verge, the console will be available for a price of \$499 (₹36,664 approx); its preorders will begin on September 22. The company is also offering the Xbox Series X via its Xbox All Access programme, which is a bundle that splits the cost of Xbox Game Pass Ultimate, Xbox Live, and Xbox console into a 24-month-long monthly payment system. Expanding the feature, Microsoft is working on making the Xbox All Access available in 12 countries, The Verge reported.

TECH BUZZ

Colours evoke similar feelings around the world: Study

People all over the world associate colours with emotions. In fact, people from different parts of the world often associate the same colours with the same emotions.

This was the result of a detailed survey of 4,598 participants from 30 nations over six continents, carried out by an international research team.



RAINBOW LIFE

Choose your colour of life. Share your colour of love, anger, sadness with us at toinie175@gmail.com

Throughout the world, Red is the only colour that is strongly associated with both: a positive feeling, love, and a negative feeling, anger. However, the scientists also noted some national peculiarities. For example, White is closely associated with sadness in China than it is in other countries, and the same applies to Purple in Greece. "This may be because in China white clothing is worn at funerals and Dark Purple is used in the Greek Orthodox Church during periods of mourning," they explained. Apart from cultural peculiarities, climate also plays a role. For instance, Yellow tends to be associated with the emotion of joy in countries that see less sunshine, while the association is weaker in areas that have greater exposure to it.

6 things you must do on WhatsApp to avoid harassment

1 Don't receive video calls on WhatsApp from any unknown contact. Just disconnect and check whether you know the person or not. If you don't, then simply block him or her.

2 Always block the selfie camera with your finger before taking a video call from unknown people. If you are eager to receive all calls, then it is always a good idea to block the selfie camera, while receiving a WhatsApp video call from strangers. Only show your face after you are sure about the

identity of the caller.

3 Avoid receiving calls from numbers that do not start with +91. Scammers and harassers usually mask their numbers. If you find a caller using a number that has a different country code from that of India (+91) then simply disconnect. This is because unless you have any relative or friend, who lives abroad, there is no way someone will call you from outside India.



4 Allow only your contacts to see your profile picture or status messages: Adjust your privacy settings accordingly.

5 Manage who can see your profile picture on WhatsApp: Do not set it to public, as this will let everyone see your profile picture.

6 Hide profile picture, status messages from people in your contact: Everyone uses WhatsApp. So, it is better to make a conscious effort to hide or block certain people whom you will never chat with on WhatsApp. You may have to save the contact of your auto driver or other people for essential services, but they need not be added on WhatsApp.

SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE IS BACK!

Organised by Times NIE in association with Byju's Learning App
SSL 2020 GOES ONLINE THIS YEAR



Come & participate
In the biggest inter-school quiz contest

CATEGORIES: Sub-juniors (classes III and IV), Juniors (classes V, VI and VII) and Seniors (classes VIII, IX and X)

REWARDS

- Every class topper will get a 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 get an all-sponsored trip to NASA along with their school principals.
- Every participant will receive an 'E-Certificate of Participation', a 60-day free subscription to BYJU's The Learning App worth Rs 6,000, besides Rs 5,000 in their BYJU's wallets, which can be redeemed to purchase any BYJU's course from classes I to XII.

To participate, please contact your Times NIE Teacher Coordinator

Delhi Public School Nacharam

The influence that teachers have on students lasts for eternity. Teachers don't just impart knowledge limited to academics but hold a special place in the hearts of the children. Be it a virtual platform or the campus, a teacher finds her way to get to her children. The warmth, love, compassion and simple smile of a teacher can alter the entire day of a student, if he or she is having a bad one.

Teachers aspire to make the lives of their students colourful and they know the true potential of each child which gives them a reason not to give up.

The students, thus, expressed their immense gratitude and appreciation towards their teachers. They showcased their talents and presented a plethora of performances like dance, music, songs and craft work. Beautiful bookmarks were made by students. This year a unique concept of Green Wishes was introduced where students gifted plants as a symbol for the way a teacher nurtures a student's life.



Gitanjali Senior School Hyderabad

In spite of the pandemic, Gitanjali Senior School celebrated Teachers' Day with the same enthusiasm like every year. Teachers and students paid tribute to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India.

Children recreated the golden era of movies and portrayed what it would look like if the teachers would teach in a filmy style. The activity entertained both students and the staff. Beautifully choreographed dances and songs were also presented by the students.

This day also marked the birthday of Gita Karan, the founder of Gitanjali Group of Schools. The teachers put up an excellent show and conveyed their wishes to Gita Karan. Various competitions were also organised wherein teachers took part from all the branches.



JOYOUS TEACHERS' DAY ONLINE

Our Success Stories

'Have confidence in yourself'

MARKS: 97.2%



STUDENT: P Ooha Shree
CLASS: XII A, COM
BOARD: CBSE
SCHOOL: Jubilee Hills Public School, Hyderabad

If you would like to showcase your school's topper in NIE, send in their details to hyd.nie@gmail.com

Your initial reaction on hearing the news?

I was so happy that I scored a very nice percentage. I felt that the hard work that I had put in throughout the year from day one finally got me to the top.

What do you attribute your success to?

I attribute my success to the continuous motivation and support of my parents. The help, guidance and encouragement of my teachers and also the encouragement of my friends, sister and my own hardwork.

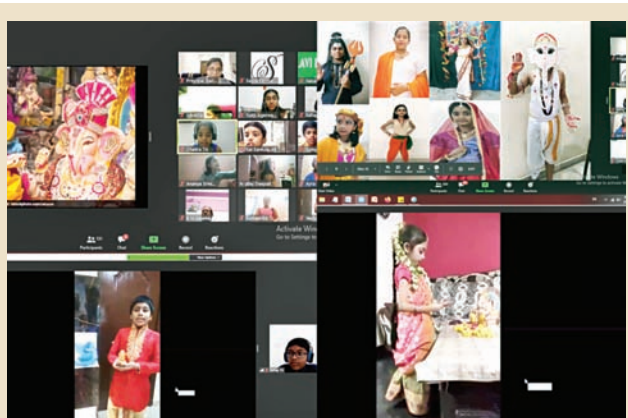
Your message to the students appearing for the boards?

I always wanted to share this with my junior friends that we all have our own capabilities. The thing is that we just have to trust ourselves and we should always try to compete with our own percentages and try to become the best version of ourselves. Then success will always be ours.

Your next step?

I'm preparing for CA foundation. My aim is to become a Chartered Accountant.

TALENT TO THE FORE ON A FESTIVE DAY



Pallavi International School Gandipet

Festivals bring people together. They inform, educate, break the monotony of routine and give us the chance to reenergize our body, mind and spirit.

Of all the festivals Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the most colourful ones. It is celebrated with much fervour and joy. The festival is celebrated by installing the idol of Lord Ganesh at home and in pandals. The idols are decorated with flow-

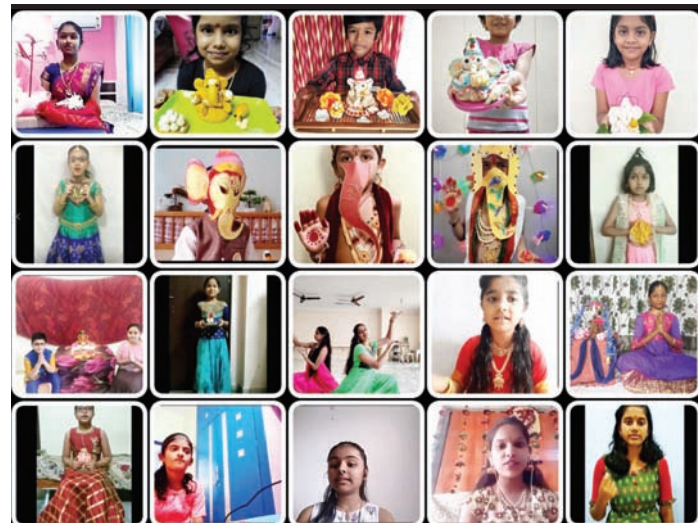
ers and sweets are offered to the God. The festival ends with immersion of the idol in a water body.

Students of Pallavi International School celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi in an eco-friendly way. The celebrations included re-enactments of the story of Lord Ganesh's birth, musical and dance performances, followed by speeches during a special assembly conducted by the students of class VII. Principal Meetali Archit inspired the students with her words. The virtual event came to an end with a vote of thanks.



Vidyanjali Grammar School LB Nagar

Vidyanjali Grammar School celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi virtually. The students of primary wing joined the celebrations, some of them dressed as Lord Ganesh. Cultural activities like sloka recitation, songs and dance performances on Lord Ganapathi were presented. Upase Shriya, senior wing student, came online from Maharashtra and added the flavours of the state to the celebrations.



Pallavi Model School Bowenpally



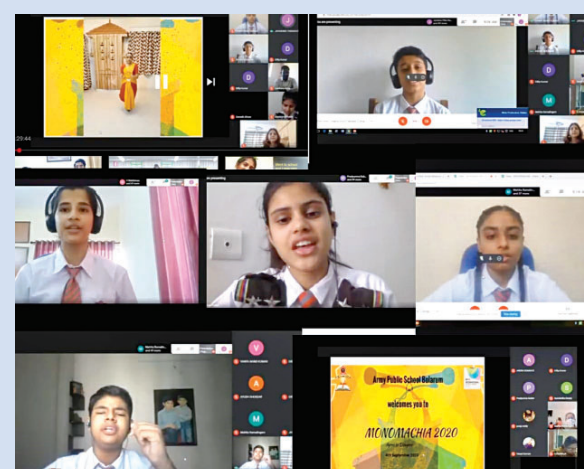
The students from pre-primary wing of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally enthusiastically participated in a clay moulding competition organised by the school and made cute idols of Lord Ganesh. They explored and played with the clay (wheat flour dough). The objective of this activity was to develop eye and hand coordination and improve their fine motor skills. Children enjoyed their clay idol making time thoroughly.

Verbal duels par excellence

Army Public School Bolarum

Army Public School, Bolarum, conducted 'MONOMACHIA 2020' an inter-school English debate competition for the students from classes IX to XII. Nearly 26 students from eight schools participated in two different categories to engage in verbal duels on the given topics.

The event was conducted in two rounds. In order to make the contest more interesting, the topics for final round were provided to the participants by judges Dr Ratna Rao and Vishakha Sameer Mashankar an hour before presenting their arguments after which the participants answered rebut-



tal questions posed by them. The judges appreciated the excellent communication skills of all the speakers and gave them tips for further

improvement. The team from Army Public School Golconda bagged the first position in the junior category and the winner of the senior category was the team from Army Public School Bolarum.

Reinventing fashion by going green

Ganges Valley School Hyderabad



The virtual fashion show by the students of Ganges Valley School, spreading the message of 'Go Green' was a colourful event with all tinges of green. They walked the ramp like showstoppers for their first fashion designers, their parents! Their costumes were made of leaves, fruits, vegetables, flowers, cardboard, plastic bags, cloth bags and newspaper.

The adorable looks of the children pepped up the whole show, and the messages of Save Trees; Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and Go Green were reiterated through their costumes.