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WEB EDITION

SPORTS

Lionel Messi remains ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo as world's richest footballer

Lionel Messi was denied a potentially money-spinning move away from Barcelona this month after a contract-dispute but the Argentine maestro remains the world's richest soccer player. According to a list compiled by Forbes, Messi's total earnings this year are \$126 million — \$92 million from his salary and \$34 million from endorsements. Cristiano Ronaldo comes in second with earnings of \$117 million.

■ Neymar comes in third on the Forbes list (\$96 million with his Paris St Germain team-mate, 21-year-old Kylian Mbappe, up in fourth spot (\$42 million)

■ The Premier League remains the world's richest domestic soccer league but only two of its outfield players feature in the top 10 of the wealth table—Liverpool's title-winning striker Mohamed Salah in the fifth spot (\$37 million) and Manchester United's midfielder, Paul Pogba (\$34 million) in sixth. Pogba's team mate, keeper David de Gea (\$27 mn) is placed 10th on the list

Lionel Messi

Lok Sabha passes bill to cut salaries of MPs by 30 per cent

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed a bill to reduce the salaries of the MPs for a year by 30 per cent "to meet the exigencies arising out of Covid-19 pandemic". These include the constituency allowance and office expenses allowance. The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was introduced in the Lower House on Monday. It will replace the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.



■ On April 5, the Union Cabinet had approved an ordinance to amend the salaries of parliamentarians and ministers, reducing allowances and pension by 30 per cent.

■ The Cabinet had also decided to suspend the MP Local Area Development

(MPLAD) scheme for two years and transfer the amount into the government's consolidated fund

■ President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice-president Venkaiah Naidu and Governors too had offered to take the 30 per cent cut in their salaries

According to PRS Legislative research, the reduction of the salaries and allowances of MPs and ministers amounts to savings of around ₹ 55 crore, and the suspension of the MPLAD scheme is expected to save ₹ 7,800 crore

Apple launches new watches and linked virtual fitness service

Apple Inc On Tuesday introduced a new Apple Watch Series 6 that monitors blood oxygen for \$399 (₹29,320 approx) and a lower-cost Apple Watch SE for \$279 (₹20,502 approx). Apple said both the watches can be pre-ordered, starting Tuesday and will be available on Friday. Apple also introduced a service called Apple Fitness+ powered by its watches that will deliver virtual workouts.

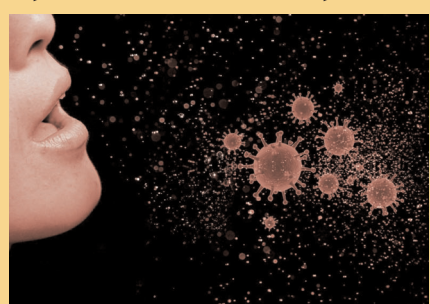


■ The Series 6 is packed with new capabilities— You can measure blood oxygen levels directly by using the watch, in just 15 seconds ■ Apple said the Series 6 watch's new ability to monitor the blood oxygen level by using infrared light should be used for fitness and wellness purposes. Doctors in India and other countries have used pulse oximeters to remotely check on Covid-19 patients and ensure that their oxygen saturation level does not fall too low. ■ It will come in a new Blue Aluminum, new Graphite, and new Product Red.

The new iPhone series is expected to be announced next month after the company said that its launch will be delayed by several weeks because of the pandemic-related disruptions

CORONA UPDATE

LOUD SINGING CAN spread Covid droplets!



In the fight against novel coronavirus, researchers have found that singing, particularly loud and consonant-rich singing, spreads a lot of aerosol particles and droplets into the surrounding air, increasing the spread of covid.

■ According to researchers, some droplets are so large that they only move a few decimetres from the mouth before they fall, whereas others are smaller and may continue to hover for minutes. In particular, the enunciation of consonants release very large droplets— the letters B and P— stand out as the biggest aerosol spreaders, they say

■ There are reports about the spreading of Covid-19 through choirs singing. Therefore, restrictions have been introduced all over the world to make singing safer. However, there has been no scientific investigation on the amount of aerosol particles and the larger droplets that we actually exhale when we sing

■ While further studies may be undertaken to know more about the validity and the connect between singing and the spread of the virus, perhaps silence is golden in the era of Covid-19

Now, YouTube takes on TikTok, unveils Shorts Beta in India

Taking on TikTok and a barrage of short-video making apps, Google-owned YouTube has announced YouTube Shorts in Beta version in India.

TECH BUZZ

■ Shorts will be a new short-form video experience on the YouTube for creators and artists, who want to shoot short, catchy videos, using their mobile phones

■ The feature will allow users, initially in India, to upload a 15-second or less short-form video, using a new set of creator tools, including a multi-segment camera, similar to TikTok, speed controls, a timer and a countdown feature.

■ The multi-segment camera allows the users to string together multiple video clips into a short clip

■ The videos can also be set to music, thanks to YouTube's access to a large library of songs

NEWS IN BRIEF

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'Wonder Woman 1984' release now pushed to Christmas this yr

Warner Bros has once again decided to push back Gal Gadot-starrer, 'Wonder Woman 1984' due to continued uncertainty over the reopening of theatres. A follow-up to the 2017 blockbuster, 'Wonder Woman', the Patty Jenkins-directed superhero feature was set to release on October 2 in the US. It will now hit the theatres on December 25 this year.

The film, which also features Chris Pine, Kristen Wiig and Pedro Pascal, was originally scheduled to release on June 14 but was pushed to August and later to October due to the coronavirus pandemic



ENTERTAINMENT

FACEBOOK FOR CAMPUS!

Facebook Inc will soon let college students create special profiles specifically for connecting with classmates and joining campus events and groups — a return of sorts to the company's early days, when Facebook was exclusive to college students, after Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg founded the social network in his Harvard dorm.



BUZZ

➤The product, called Facebook Campus, will be a part of the company's existing service, but users must create a special profile, using their university email address. The profile will be visible only to other students at their college, and students will be able to join groups, find campus events and participate in classroom discussions. ➤The idea is to give students a "private, dedicated space to interact with their college life," said Charmaine Hung, a FB product manager. Profiles can include information like a student's major, the dorm they live in, and the classes they're taking ➤Hung said, Campus will help students, who aren't actually living at school dorms to stay connected with their classmates and others during these pandemic times

Price of a rare, flawless 102-carat oval diamond that is likely to fetch at an auction in Hong Kong at Sotheby's on October 5. The egg-shaped stone has the highest colour grade, D, for a white diamond, and is rated Type IIA for its chemical purity and exceptional transparency. The gem was cut from a 271-carat rough stone discovered in Ontario's Victor Mine, in Canada, where production ceased last year

FACTOID

\$33 MILLION

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Quote unquote

India will play a major role in the manufacturing of Covid-19 vaccines in high numbers, as several vaccine companies in the country have the capacity to ramp up the production. The progress on reducing poverty across the world may suffer a set back by a few years due to the pandemic, and if all countries cooperate, and the world is lucky to have some good vaccines, health systems could recover fast

BILL GATES, co-founder, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



Lockdown may have been lifted but things are far from normal. So, if you are planning to meet your friends and family members during these times, keep these five things in mind, while socialising...

ASK YOURSELF, "IS IT REALLY NECESSARY?"

1 No matter how much you are craving to meet your loved ones, you do need to weigh the risks associated with these interactions. Remember, when you decide to come in contact with someone you are not quarantined with, you always put yourself at the risk of contracting the illness. Before you step out of your house, it is advisable to measure the pros and cons of the meeting, especially if someone belongs to the high-risk category of developing illness from Covid-19.

DO NOT TAKE OFF THE FACE MASK

2 While wearing a mask or a face cover is certainly non-negotiable at this point of time, it's even more important if you are meeting people, who do not stay in your home. While keeping a distance of at least six feet is probably your safest bet, it is equally important to wear face masks, if you are not able to maintain that distance.



MEET OUTDOORS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE

3 For starters, it is important to understand that now is not the time for late-night partying and chilling in air-conditioned coffee shops. So, if you are planning to meet your friends, choose a place outdoors, as the wind may help the viral particles to disperse more quickly. Since, being outdoors lowers the risk of contracting the infection, make sure to choose a well-ventilated place to meet your near ones.

DON'T SHARE FOOD, DRINKS OR UTENSILS

4 The risk here lies in touching your friend's plate or drink and then touching your face afterwards. There may be no major risk in sharing snacks but it is crucial to keep hands clean.



NO MORE HUGS OR HAND-SHAKES

5 It's best to go for elbow shakes or foot shakes. Always carry a hand sanitiser with you, and avoid touching high-touch areas as much as possible. While there is no foolproof way of completely avoiding the infection, taking these measures will help you minimise the risk.

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)

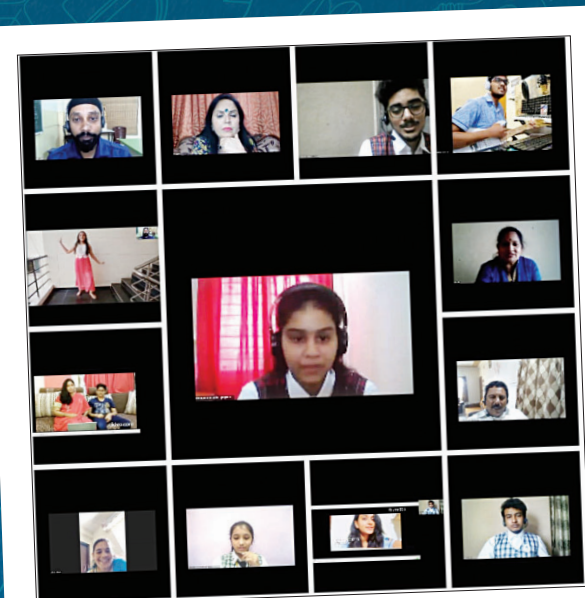
REWARDS

- 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.

Please find below the link for Schools to Register in Discovery School Super League season 3:

<https://byjus.com/dssl>

To participate, please contact your Times NIE Teacher Coordinator

HEARTFELT THANKS TO TEACHERS**Pallavi Model School****Alwal**

Pallavi Model School, Alwal celebrated Teachers' Day online. The prefect council along with teachers Nuru and Daina organised special programmes like singing and dancing as well as games that included teacher participation. The prefect council of class XII was divided into five committees to run the show smoothly. All the students were excited to showcase their talent virtually.

A day before Teachers' Day, the students of class XII were allotted different sections of junior classes to teach something new and experience the art of teaching for a while.

On the day of the show, teachers were thrilled to see their students showcasing their talents in dancing, beatboxing, skits, singing and video editing. The hosts were head boy and head girl of the school, Palash and Sukhjeet. They made the event seem like an entertaining radio show, and like Radio Jockeys, they kept everyone engaged. The students planned games for teachers where the latter were divided in groups and sent to breakout rooms to have a healthy competition followed by an interactive session among them.

The students had planned a surprise in which they showed the childhood pictures of their teachers.

**Niraj Public School****Ameerpet**

Teachers' Day is an occasion to acknowledge teachers and applaud their contribution towards the overall development of students. Niraj Public School celebrated Teachers' Day virtually starting with a speech by founder

chairman B Jyothi Reddy explaining the importance of the day to students. Children made beautiful cards and thanked teachers through various activities like recitation of slokas and dance performances.

Principal B Jivitesh Reddy appreciated the students for their love and gratitude towards their teachers. He also appreciated the teachers who were leaving no stone unturned in providing the best education to the students during the pandemic.

MY PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Shreya Rath, class XII C, Meridian School for Boys and Girls
Banjara Hills

We were celebrating my grandfather's 65th birthday at home. We were cutting the cake and suddenly my phone pinged, I tried to ignore it but couldn't and it was my friend's message "Bro, the results are out". I got nervous. I got my hall ticket, sat beside my mother and entered the details to check my results. I was anxious. What if I don't get the expected marks?

The result shattered my world. Far below my expectations! It meant I didn't have the potential to do the job I ever wanted to do! I slammed the door

and locked myself in. I felt extremely dejected. Suddenly, my phone rang. Who was it now? What, more bad news? But it was that one call that changed everything for me. It was from someone who was like a second mother to me, my teacher Anita. With tears in my eyes I picked the call and told her my marks. Unlike others who say one paper can't change your life, she shared with me her failure experiences and how she made a comeback in life. She wanted me to overcome failure with smart work and to study well. She convinced me that if one has skills and the will to strive, nothing is impossible. That day I learned the significance of a teacher in one's life and this changed the definition of teacher from a person who helps, to a person who mentors and educates us about life and teaches us how to stay positive and balanced, be it success or failure.

**CAPTURING THE BEST**

On the occasion of World Photography Day, Gitanjali Devshala organised a photography competition for students from classes VI to VIII. Children got the opportunity to explore their skills with cameras by capturing snaps under a panorama of themes - Within the Walls, Walled Life and Lockdown Through the Lens. Under these themes they had to choose from the topics: Nurturing nature, Healthy platter, Colours of Life and Texture and Structure and set the aperture to click their impression. Children enthusiastically took part in the competition and shared their incredible thoughts and efforts with others.

Gitanjali Devshala
Hyderabad

**Sister Nivedita School****Ameerpet**

Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet, celebrated Literacy Day virtually. The programme commenced with an invocation followed by a speech on the World Literacy Day emphasising on the need to educate everyone by quoting that literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and responsibility of everyone. In the words of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, "Teachers are the best minds in the country." He took pride in calling himself an academician in spite of being the first Vice-President of independent India and second President of this great Republic.

The programme was hosted by the students of class X. They welcomed the principal, director and vice principal with bouquets. Principal Lalitha Kumari Thota highlighted the importance of teachers by quoting the words of Malala "One book, one pen

and one teacher can bring drastic changes". She appreciated the dedicated services rendered by teachers during the pandemic by adapting themselves to the new normal online teaching. Member of the advisory committee and principal Jayanthi Venkatram underlined the true utility of technology during the

the importance of the selfless services of parents and teachers in shaping the life of youngsters.

A scintillating entertainment programme including speeches, poems, skit and dances was presented by the students where they expressed their gratitude to their teachers who not only impart



pandemic. She motivated the teachers, who are the nation builders, to allow the young minds to grow, open up and build a better city, a better state, a better country and in turn a better universe. Director Hari Hara Prasad dwelt on

knowledge but also mould their character. Vice principal Anuradha Pochampally wholeheartedly praised the students for their meticulous planning and presenting an interesting programme virtually.

Delhi School of Excellence**Attapur**

Teachers' Day celebration was held with similar jubilation like every year by Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The virtual programme commenced with a special assembly where the Student Council put up a show for their beloved teachers. The celebrations were organised to felicitate the teachers who have completed five years of service in the institution and also to reward those who have had perfect attendance in the previous academic year.

A minute's silence was observed to pay respect to the former President of India Pranab Mukherjee. In her address to the gathering, Rama Devi, secretary of DSE Group of Institutions, appreciated and applauded the teachers for their quick transition to the online mode of teaching and for their continuous and selfless service

to the institution.

Chairman P Madhusudan Rao wished the teachers and asked them to dedicate themselves to the cause of education. Vice chairperson Shilpa Ravi greeted the teachers and thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Principals of the three branches of DSE in their address to the gathering said teachers are the backbone of society as they play a great role in building the characters of students and shaping them to become ideal citizens of the nation.

Shashikala, academic director, narrated the story of the black dot and said that though we have a piece of white paper to observe and enjoy, we always focus on the dark spots. She advised the gathering to take away their eyes from the black dots in their life and enjoy each blessing and each moment that life gives them.

MY FAVOURITE TEACHER

Her Eyes are black
Her cheeks are pink
She smiles like a fairy
With a lovely wink
She taught me everything
And with help from her
And her magical English
My fear was gone in a blur
She encourages me
As much as she can
And I write poems
Which will one day be read by
USA, Syria and
Bhutan
This magical poem
Is for my dear Anunidhi ma'am
Who stood by me
Patient and Calm.

Ananya Nair, class VI, Jain Heritage A Cambridge School, Kondapur

WHY GOD CREATED TEACHERS

When god created teachers, He gave us special friends
To help us understand his world, And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder, Of everything we see
And become a great person, With each discovery
When god created teachers, He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow, So, we all can decide
How to live and how to do, What's right instead of wrong
To lead us so that we can lead, And learn how to be strong
Why god created teachers, In his wisdom and his grace
Was to help us learn to make the world, A better, wiser place
A TEACHER IS.....
T..... THOUGHTFUL
E.....ENERGETIC
A.....AMAZING
C.....CARING
H.....HELPFUL
E.....ENCOURAGING
R.....RESPONSIBLE
I just want to say,
Thank You!

Shradha Sardiwal, Class VI 'A', Little Flower High School, Abids

**HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY!**

I was supposed to be in the class or ground,
There is literally no one around;
My family with me, But no teachers I'm able to see;
Classes in school were fun,
We rise up to say "done";
Playing in the hot sun,
All were always one;

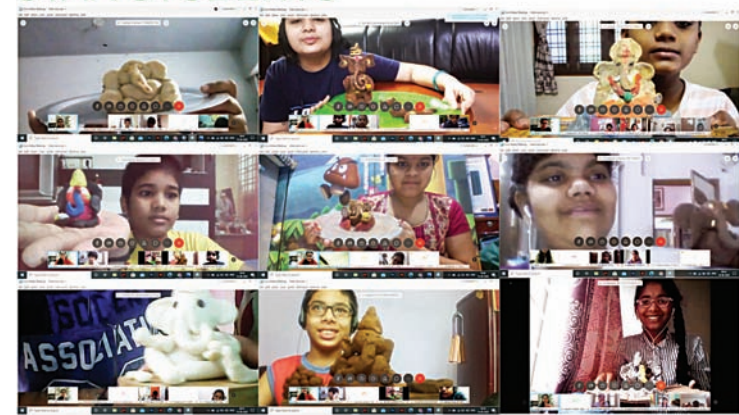
Teachers taught us many,
Holding the pencil steady,
Guide us always to be ready,
And to make us love our work and study.

Respect for you
Is never ending;
My chance to repay
Is still pending;
Missing you and hoping for a better tomorrow.
Happy Teachers' Day!
Dedicated to all my teachers and my amma!

Vibhash Balaji, class VII C, BVBPS, Jubilee Hills (Vidyashram)

Eco-friendly celebrations

STAR STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE MOLDING IN 30 MINUTES

**Delhi Public School****Nacharam**

An eco-friendly Ganesha Chaturthi was celebrated by the students of class VII & VIII of Delhi Public School, Nacharam. Students were shown a video of how to make clay from paper mache and soil. They were also taught how to do



the moulding and decoration. Following the instructions, children made clay Ganesha idols with seeds embedded, that can grow into plants after immersion. Since the idols made from Plaster of Paris are non-biodegradable and adversely affect the water bodies after immersion, students were taught to adapt an eco-friendly mode of celebrations.