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WEB EDITION

## FACTOID

### 3.2 BILLION

The number of people, who will face shortage of drinking water by 2050, according to a new UN report. Scientists have warned that while global warming has led to rising tides, it's also threatening the water supply of people across the world. According to the report, the number of people living in places with insufficient water will shoot up by almost 60 per cent in the next 30 years



#### THE CAUSE

- Runoff from glaciers provides drinking water for millions of people, but record loss of glacier mass is leading to increased water scarcity
- Glacier runoff is expected to max out globally by the end of the century and then decline, the report warned
- Warmer temperatures have led to the reductions in the world's glaciers and ice sheets, which threatens the supply of fresh water
- More glacier mass was lost between 2016 and 2019 than in any other five-year period since 1950

#### AREAS AT RISK

In the Himalayas, glaciers have been losing 14 inches of mass every year since 2012. Some areas, like the central Europe and the Caucasus region, are already at the tipping point. Middle East nations, like Kuwait and Egypt, are the most exposed to water stress and drought risk



In the last decade, 1.9 billion people lived in places with insufficient water

#### IMPACT ON ECONOMY

According to the World Bank, some countries' gross domestic product could drop as much as six per cent over the next 30 years due to water woes. In fact, water scarcity is becoming an increasingly important metric in determining a country's creditworthiness, or sovereign rating, according to analysts

## Climate crusader Greta Thunberg tipped to win Nobel Peace Prize?

This year's Nobel Peace Prize could go to green campaigner Greta Thunberg and the Fridays for Future movement to highlight the link between environmental damage and the threat to peace and security, some experts say. The winner of the \$1 million prize, arguably the world's top accolade, will be announced in Oslo on Oct 9 from a field of 318 candidates.

#### HONOUR

➤ The 17-year-old was nominated by three Norwegian lawmakers and two Swedish parliamentarians, and if she wins, she would receive it at the same age as Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel laureate, so far.

➤ The committee has given the prize to environmentalists before, starting with Kenya's Wangari Maathai in 2004 for her campaign to plant 30 million trees across Africa, to Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2007



## IPL 2020

### 100 WINS AS CSK SKIPPER: 'THALA' DHONI STAGES WINNING RETURN

Chennai Super Kings' skipper MS Dhoni announced his return to cricket by recording 100 wins for his franchise on Saturday. CSK defeated Mumbai Indians by five wickets on Saturday in the opening match of the IPL 2020. With this, Dhoni became the first skipper in IPL to record 100 wins as the leader of a franchise.



➤ Dhoni returned to the cricket field after 437 days, as he last played a match during the 2019 World Cup. He had last played against New Zealand in the semi-finals of the 50-over tournament in July last year

➤ The former India skipper had announced his retirement from international cricket on August 15 this year.

➤ CSK will next lock horns with Rajasthan Royals on September 22, while Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai will face Kolkata Knight Riders on September 23

#### ENTERTAINMENT

### MULTIPLEX ASSOCIATION APPEALS TO GOVT TO REOPEN CINEMAS, SAYS JOBS ARE AT STAKE

Appealing to the government to allow theatres to reopen on an urgent basis, the Multiplex Association of India has said that the movie exhibition sector that provides employment to lakhs of people have lost an estimated ₹ 9,000 crore in the



More than 84 countries, including China, Korea, UK, France, Italy, Spain, UAE, and the US, have already opened cinemas to the public, while maintaining the highest degree of safety protocols, and have seen encouraging response, it said

last six months. Describing movies as the soft power of India and cinemas the main form of entertainment for millions of Indians, the association said close to 10,000 cinema screens across the country have been shut for close to six months. The movie exhibition sector has suffered financially and is now staring at job losses unless the government allows theatres to reopen, it said.

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### A NEW REALITY SHOW WILL SEND THE WINNER TO SPACE FOR 10 DAYS

#### BUZZ



Yes, you heard it right. The winning contestant from a show called Space Hero will receive "the greatest prize ever given out on the Earth" — a 10-day stay on the International Space Station (ISS). The project, planned to launch into orbit as soon as 2023, will provide an opportunity for people irrespective of their background to become the first globally-elected space explorer to take part in a mission to the ISS, said the production company behind the proposed series.

Space Hero, which is headed by a former News Corp executive named Marty Pompadur, said it is working with a Texas-based start-up Axiom Space to coordinate the trip into orbit

### NEWS IN BRIEF

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#### BELGIUM TOPS FIRST FIFA RANKINGS SINCE PANDEMIC SHUTDOWN

The first FIFA men's world rankings for five months were still led by Belgium on Thursday after the shutdown of European teams during the coronavirus pandemic ended in September.

#### SPORTS

Belgium leads an unchanged top four nations from 2018 World Cup winner, France, Brazil — which is yet to play in 2020 — and England. Portugal, the reigning European and UEFA Nations League champion, rose two places to No 5.



➤ Rankings after the November international break will decide seedings, when FIFA draws the European qualifying groups for the 2022 World Cup in early December

➤ The 10 highest-ranked European teams will be top-seeded in groups, where only the win-

ner will advance directly to the finals in Qatar. Three more teams will qualify through playoffs scheduled in March 2022.

➤ Currently, Germany is the ninth-best European ranked No 14 and No 15 Switzerland would take the last top-seeded place in the draw

### WHATSAPP ON WEB MAY SOON GET FINGERPRINT AUTHENTICATION FEATURE

WhatsApp is reportedly working on adding another layer of security via biometric scanning support that will help users secure new sessions on the platform on the Web.

According to WABetaInfo, a website that tracks WhatsApp in Beta, the mobile messaging platform has dedicated a team to work on making the entire browser service more secure.

➤ One would have to open WhatsApp on their smartphones and scan their fingerprint to initiate the web session of their PC, the report said ➤ It's not clear though if Face Unlock support will also be added in the future for devices that support 3D Face Locks

➤ The current method of authentication involves using your phone's camera to scan an on-screen QR code to gain access to your account

➤ In addition, WhatsApp is reportedly bringing a fix for a bug that caused the removal of recently-used emojis after the app is updated. The feature has been spotted in WhatsApp 2.20.200.10 beta for Android updates.

#### TECH BUZZ



## WHEN ANIMALS WERE USED AS SPIES

On August 31, a herd of yaks crossed over from the Chinese territory into India. Experts claimed that China may be using the yaks for spying. The Indian Army returned the yaks to their Chinese owners but this is not the first time that animals are being allegedly used as spies. Here's a look at some of the past incidents...

#### OPERATION ACOUSTIC KITTY

Reportedly, the CIA had a plan to turn cats into spying devices, a few years ago. The plan was named Operation Acoustic Kitty. It was later shelved when during a trial, the spy cat, which was meant to capture a conversation of two people, strayed into the streets, and got squashed by a taxi, reported history.com



#### VULTURES

In 2011, Saudi Arabia had accused Israel of using griffin vultures for spying. Reportedly, Saudi officials found GPS transmitters in the vulture. Similar claims have also been made by Sudan.



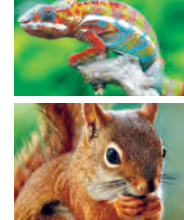
#### SHARKS

In 2010, Egypt claimed that a series of shark attacks in the Red sea could have been a conspiracy of Israeli spy agency Mossad. In a 2006 report, BBC had also said that the US is planning to turn sharks into "stealth spies" capable of tracking vessels undetected, a British magazine had reported.



#### CHAMELEONS AND SQUIRRELS TOO!

There have been claims by Iran in 2007 that Israel had used chameleons and squirrels to find out its nuclear facilities. It had also accused western countries of using chameleons for the purpose.



#### DOLPHINS

Last year, there were reports of Russian-trained Beluga whales being found in Norway. The whale purportedly had a specially-made harness with mounts for GoPro cameras on each side of it.



## KING GETS A CUP

The International Tennis Federation has renamed the Fed Cup, the women's tennis team tournament, after Billie Jean King, becoming one of the few major annual global team sports events to be named after a woman. The Uber Cup, the badminton team competition for women, is named after Betty Uber, the 1935 All England champion.

King, 76, has 39 Grand Slam titles against her name — 12 in singles, 16 in doubles and 11 in mixed doubles — and has won the Fed Cup, seven times for the United States. One of the founders of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), she is the moving force behind pay parity in sports, 'forcing' the US Open to become the first Grand Slam to offer equal prize money to men's and women's champions



#### NAMESAKE



## SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE IS BACK!

Organised by Times NIE in association with Byju's Learning App  
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**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>

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## CELEBRATING HINDI



**Gitanjali Devshala**  
Hyderabad

**G**itanjali Devshala celebrated Hindi Divas with the students from classes I to X participating with much pride and enthusiasm. The students from classes I to III spoke about the beauty of the language by reciting poems and talking about why they love speaking the language. The students from classes IV to V gave an insight into the grammar and famous tongue twisters which left the audience amused. The students from classes VII to IX presented riddles, idioms, couplets, poems and proverbs while the students from class X gave an insight into the history of Hindi, through a special presentation 'Hindi - Kal, Aaj aur Kal'. The 'antakshari of Do-has' was a befitting tribute to the language.



**Gitanjali Vedika**  
Hyderabad

**H**indi Divas was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm at Gitanjali Vedika to mark the birth anniversary of Beohar Rajendra Simha, who made vital contributions towards making Hindi as the official language of India.

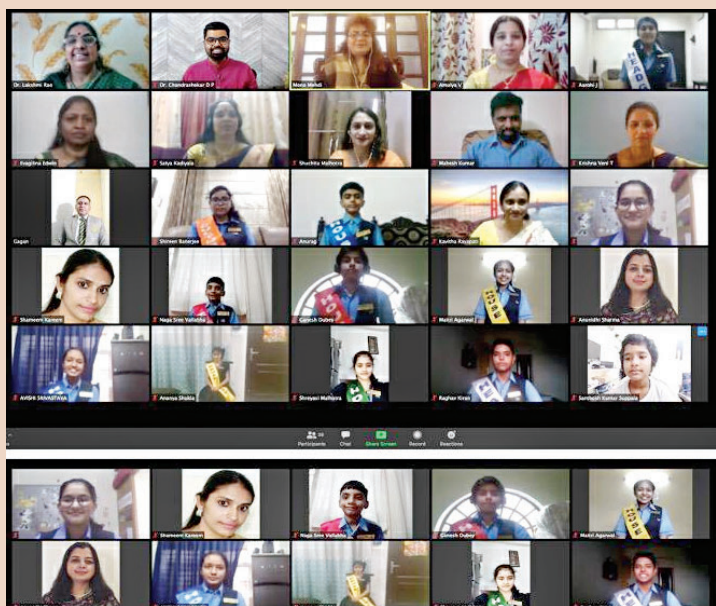
Students were oriented about the importance of the language. They wholeheartedly participated and celebrated the day to mark the importance of the official language. The programme started with the Ganesh Vandana followed by a speech, poem, shloka, doha and song in Hindi to highlight the significance of the language. Hindi language day is celebrated every year to sustain the traditional values among students.



**H**indi Divas is celebrated on September 14 to commemorate the adoption of Hindi in the Devanagari script as one of the official languages in different Hindi speaking states of India. Hindi was adopted as one of the official languages of the Republic of India by the Constituent Assembly of India due to the efforts of Beohar Rajendra Simha along with Hazari Prasad Dwivedi, Kaka Kalelkar, Maithili Sharan Gupta and Seth Govind Das. On September 14, 1949, which also marked the 50th birth anniversary of Beohar Rajendra Simha, Hindi was adopted as an official language.

To showcase the importance of the day and the language, Hindi Divas was celebrated in Hillside School. Teachers from Hindi department Ganesh, Shoukat Ali, Rama Devi and Musofuddin took the initiative to organise the celebrations. Anchors Sanniya and Saradha Ganapathy acknowledged the importance of the language. The programme was celebrated virtually on Zoom platform. Students entertained the parents and teachers with various programmes like poems, songs, speeches, slogan recitation and skit.

## Taking on leadership roles



**Anunidhi Sharma,**  
NIE Coordinator, Jain Heritage  
a Cambridge School  
Kondapur

The 12th Investiture Ceremony of Jain Heritage a Cambridge School, Kondapur, for the academic session 2020-21 was held on a virtual platform.

The occasion was graced by Lieutenant Colonel Gagan Mishra, as the chief guest. The other dignitaries included CEO of JGI Institutes Chandrashekhara DP, academic director Lakshmi Rao, and principal Mona Mehdi. The ceremony started with a prayer song of Lord Ganesh followed by the lighting of the lamp ceremony. The gathering was welcomed by Mona Mehdi.

Senior co-ordinator Mahesh introduced the newly elected apex body members, head girl, head boy, cultural secretary, and sports captain. CCA coordinator Krishnaveni introduced the four house mistresses who in turn announced the junior and senior house captains.

The parents of these students conferred them with the sashes and pinned the badges. The chief guest administered the oath to all the members and later addressed the students. "The apex body members should keep three things in mind - Responsibility, Readiness for any kind of adversity, and Leading with example," he said. He motivated the students to serve the nation.

Academic director Lakshmi Rao addressed the students and spoke about leaders from Indian epics, Lord Rama and Lord Krishna. "Lord Rama was an instructional leader and Lord Krishna was a strategic leader. As young leaders, students should think about the welfare of others and understand the beauty of discretionary power. Leaders should Walk the Talk," she said.

CEO Chandrashekhara DP congratulated the newly elected young leaders and appreciated their efforts. He encouraged the students to be visionary leaders and thinkers. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by newly elected head boy Raghav Kiran followed by a rendition of the national anthem.

## THE TEACHER IN YOU AND ME

**S Shanti Sri, Teacher,**  
Delhi Public School  
Nacharam

Teaching is important because it shapes growing minds. Teachers hold the key to the future, both directly and indirectly.

The quote 'School is a building that has four walls with tomorrow inside' reflects the importance of teaching. Teaching begins with self from the stage of an infant. It is the curiosity, enthusiasm, observation and the urge of a baby which teaches him to sit, stand, make sounds and speak. This learning process does not require any formal teaching.

However, to grow as a responsible citizen and to be an active member of society, a child needs to learn many things like etiquette and social responsibility. These things cannot be learnt individually. It requires formal structure and professional personnel to prepare a child for future.

A child can learn how to behave with the people around him/her only when he/she goes to an educational institution. They learn patience and to wait for his/her turn only when they work with their peers under the guidance of a teacher.

Teaching is very important as it is not only about making children literate; it is about making them understand morals, values and inspiring them to achieve their targets.

I am a passionate primary level facilitator who enjoys spending time with children. I believe that a teacher should be a resource for the learners who should be capable of clarifying all their doubts and encourage them to inquire further.

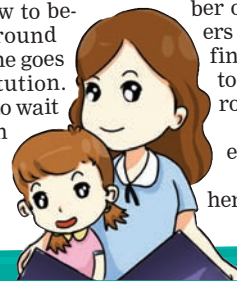
A teacher should support the learner in every aspect to learn new skills.

She should mentor the pupils by motivating them to reach their targets. A teacher must observe the learning styles of the pupils and help them in overcoming the shortcomings if any.

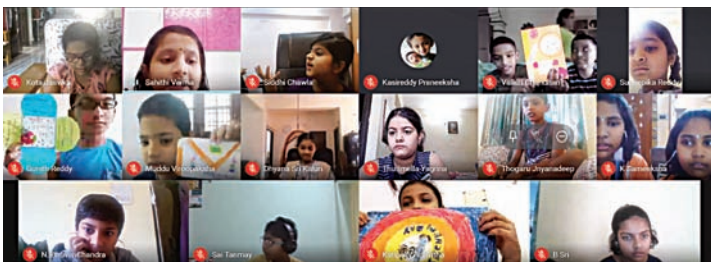
A teacher needs to be a learner as she will be facing new challenges while dealing with the learners of different mindsets who come from different family backgrounds.

Teaching is a profession which doesn't stick to a particular number of working hours. Teachers carry the responsibility of finding out new techniques to implement in their classroom teaching.

A teacher needs to be empathetic to the physical and emotional needs of her students.



## THANK YOU, TEACHERS!



**M Soma Datta, class X,**  
Unicent School  
Nagole

Teachers' Day is celebrated nationwide on the birth anniversary of one of the greatest teachers, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a great scholar and the second President of our country. This year, Unicent School made every effort to celebrate Teachers' Day in the same manner as it used to celebrate every year. The celebrations began with the characteristic observance of self-governance, where we the students of classes IX and X were given the duties of teachers and had to go to the respective classes virtually and conduct classes for the students, incorporating games

and activities. This unique self-governance lasted for three hours followed by an assembly, in which students displayed many programmes to show their love and respect towards their teachers.

Games and entertainment activities were organised for the staff members by the students of class X. It was fascinating to watch teachers enjoy and let go of their stress from the daily grind. We extended our gratitude towards our teachers for being the beacon of light in guiding us with their unflinching support even during this ongoing pandemic crisis.

**Hadassah Joy, class X,**  
Silver Oaks International  
Schools  
Hyderabad

This year has surely been different with new experiences on various

platforms to carry out our daily activities, events and many more. Even though the platform for celebrating was different, the enthusiasm and liveliness were still the same for one of the most important events, Teachers' Day.

We couldn't thank our teachers enough, so we organised three layers of celebrations. The celebrations began with inspiring speeches by director of education

Seetha Murthy and managing director Dhanunjaya. The Student Council showed their gratitude to the teachers for their relentless efforts in shaping the lives of children.

In addition to that, dazzling dance performances were presented by the students



while the teachers shared their struggles of online classes through a skit. Next, we had class-wise celebrations hosted by the Student Council.

The celebrations concluded with fun games organised for teachers.



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