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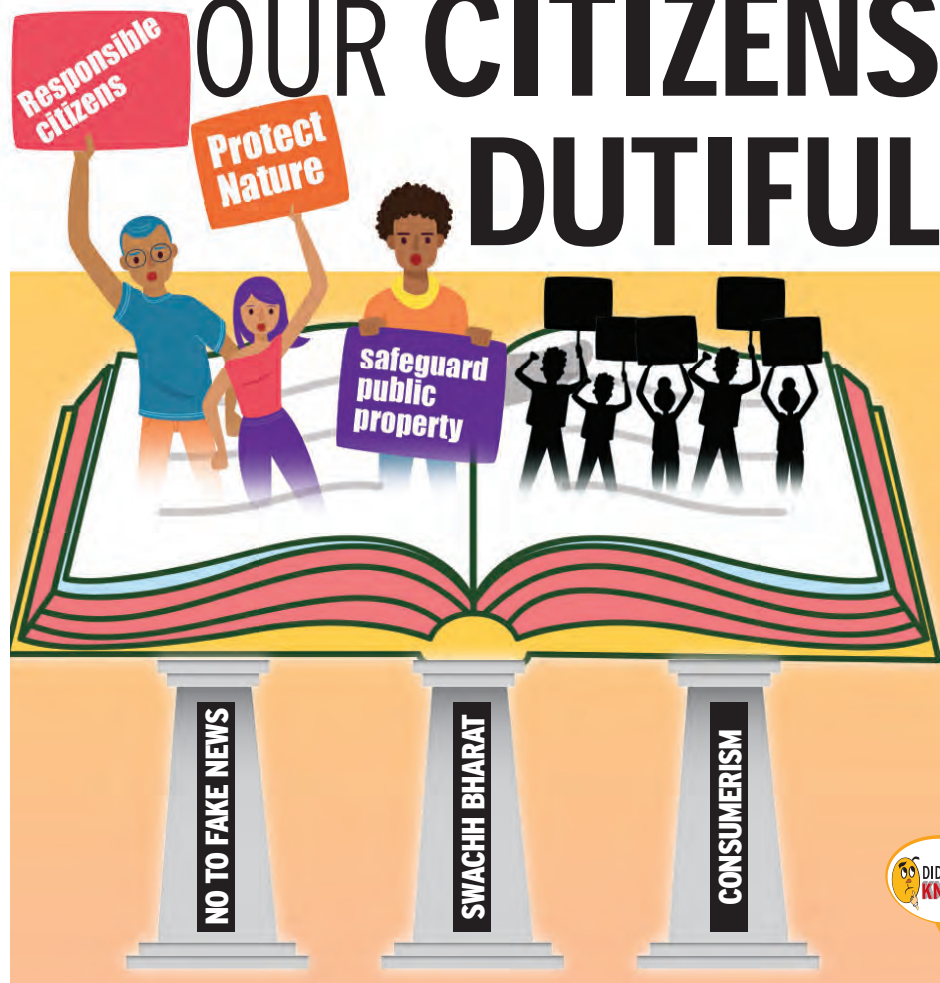
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WEB EDITION

## INCLUDE CHAPTERS ON CITIZENS' DUTIES IN SCHOOL BOOKS: CENTRE TO NCERT

### TOWARDS MAKING OUR CITIZENS DUTIFUL



**A**s public participation gains significance in the fight against coronavirus, the Centre has asked the NCERT and state governments to include chapters on citizens' duties in school books. Union secretary, department of justice, Barun Mitra has said that the government has prepared course modules on citizens' duties as detailed in the Constitution, after some states

**Children are the finest carriers of social messages as seen in the Swachh Bharat and 'No to Plastics' campaigns. The Centre has also started engaging NRIs on how they can perform citizens' duties abroad, and help the cause of the country**

sent their inputs on the subject. "Rights flow only from the duties well performed. If each one amongst us performs our duty, everybody's rights would be automatically protected," he said. "Freedom without acceptance of responsibility can destroy the edifice of freedom itself. Rights and responsibilities must be balanced," he added.

#### HOW TO MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE

##### OFFER LESSONS ON HOW ETHICAL DECISIONS ARE MADE:

Set up situations in which students can apply these skills in solving the problems. Swagata Banerjee, teacher, BDM Intl, Kolkata

##### CREATE AN AWARENESS ON THE DUTIES:

Encourage children by setting an example, and participating in various activities, like keeping the surroundings clean. Support the students' for small role-plays and debates to create awareness about the rights and duties on issues, like cybercrime, hygiene, etc. Ritu Sharma, educator, St Kabir School, Ahmed

##### LEAD BY EXAMPLE:

Teachers should set an example by practising what they teach the students. It will encourage the students to follow them in letter and spirit. Suryakumari Dennison, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

##### TEACHERS SPEAK

**EXPLAIN THE NEED OF THE DUTIES:** It is imperative for both the teachers and the elders to explain the children on why a particular duty has been included in their curriculum. Mutual sharing of information between the kids and their parents, teachers and peers will go a long way in making them conscious citizens.

GEETA SAINI, teacher, HAL School, Lucknow

#### DUTIES THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED

##### TO NOT TO INDULGE IN THE CIRCULATION OF FAKE CONTENT:

Since everyone is active on social media platforms, an awareness on not to spread fake content without verifying facts, should be included in our syllabus. Inayat Kapoor, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalyaya, Panchkula

##### HYGIENE CONSCIOUS:

The spreading of an infection can stop with basic hygienic measures. It's our duty to drive a campaign on the importance of hygiene. Jobel Jiji Joseph, class XI, RCJPS, Kakkanad, Ernakulam

**TO STAY ALERT:** As a responsible citizen, we should remain alert of the happenings in our surrounding, and not fall prey to rumours. We should inform our parents, elders or police immediately, if we come across any suspicious activities. Sanya Sinha, class XII, MRISchool, Faridabad

##### STUDENTS SPEAK



Chapter IV of the Indian Constitution comprises the Fundamental Duties of citizens. Added to the Constitution by the 42nd Amendment in 1976, the concept was taken from the USSR Constitution. They are not justiciable, and are enshrined in the Directive Principles of State Policies

#### EDUCATION

### Guidelines for enhancing students' learning unveiled

Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has released the Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines.



➤ The documents, such as Alternative Academic Calendar, PRAGYATA Guidelines, Digital Education-India Report, NISHTHA-Online, etc., are some of the initiatives that have been undertaken to maintain continuity in school education for children

➤ The NCERT has prepared Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines for the present situation, and also for the post-pandemic situation

➤ The guidelines are suggested for three types of situations—Firstly, in which the students do not have any digital resources. Secondly, in which the students have limited digital resources available. Lastly, in which students have digital resources available for the online education

#### SPACE

### CHANDRAYAAN- 2 COMPLETES A YEAR AROUND MOON, ADEQUATE FUEL FOR 7 MORE YEARS: ISRO

India's second lunar mission Chandrayaan-2 completed a year in the orbit around the Moon on Thursday, and all the instruments are currently performing well. There is adequate onboard fuel to keep it operational for about seven more years, space agency ISRO said.



➤ Chandrayaan-2 was launched on July 22, 2019, and was inserted into the lunar orbit on August 20, 2019

➤ Chandrayaan-2 mission was India's first attempt to make a soft landing of a rover on the uncharted South Pole of the lunar surface. However, the lander Vikram hard-landed in September last year

➤ India's first mission to the Moon, Chandrayaan-1, launched in 2008, had given clear evidence on the extensive presence of surface water, and the indication for sub-surface polar water-ice deposits

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

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### MALALA TO START HER BOOK CLUB THIS OCTOBER

Activist, Nobel Laureate and author Malala Yousafzai is all set to start her digital book club in October 2020.

#### BOOK

Called 'Fearless', it will feature bold and inspiring women writers, who portray the world in a different perspective. Each month, Malala will select a book, which she'll read and discuss with her followers. The digital book club will be hosted by Literati

Some books written by Malala Yousafzai, include 'I Am Malala', 'We Are Displaced' and 'Malala's Magic Pencil'

### MATT REEVES SHARES FIRST LOOK OF 'THE BATMAN' LOGO



Filmmaker Matt Reeves has unveiled the first look of the logo for his much-anticipated upcoming film, 'The Batman'. The 54-year-old director shared the official logo of the flick on Twitter. The new Batman film stars Paul Dano, John Turturro, Andy Serkis, Colin Farrell and Zoe Kravitz.

#### UNVEILED

➤ The poster, designed by DC's chief creative officer, Jim Lee, depicts the batsuit as worn by Robert Pattinson's Bruce Wayne in the film.

➤ The upcoming superhero flick will resume shooting in early September. Filming for the comic book adventure film was halted due to the coronavirus pandemic, when it was roughly seven weeks into the production



### OLIVIA WILDE TO HELM FEMALE-CENTRIC MARVEL FILM

Actor Olivia Wilde has been signed by Sony Pictures to helm and develop a female-centric Marvel film for the studio. According to Variety, there have been speculations about Sony developing a movie around the character of Spider-Woman. Several Marvel comics have held the title of Spider-Woman with Jessica Drew in the 1970s. Besides Drew, Mary-Jane and Gwen Stacy have also been a part of the title.

#### MOVIES

➤ The new female-centric film will be bankrolled by Amy Pascal, and will be written by Katie Silberman, who had earlier written 'Booksmart'

➤ Wilde made her debut with the feature film, 'Booksmart'

➤ The film had released on May 24, 2020, and minted \$ 22 million

### Samsung officially launches Galaxy Note 20 series globally

Samsung has launched its new flagship, phablet globally as the South Korean tech giant pins hopes on its latest device to drive mobile business amid the pandemic.

#### UNVEILED

The Galaxy Note 20 series has hit shelves in some 70 countries, including South Korea, the US, Britain and Thailand, according to Samsung. The new mobile devices will be available in 130 countries by mid-September.



➤ The Galaxy Note 20 series comes in two models—the standard Note 20 and the high-end Note 20 Ultra

➤ The 6.7-inch Galaxy Note20 was launched at the original price of ₹ 77,999, while the 6.9-inch Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G is available for ₹ 104,999 in the country

## DO YOU HAVE A GRATITUDE JOURNAL?

There has been plenty of talk about actor Sushant Singh Rajput's controversial gratitude journal that was posted online by his girlfriend Rhea Chakravarty. While the controversy over who has actually written the journal continues, it has brought the focus on writing gratitude journals. Here's more about this popular concept.

#### WHAT IS IT?

A concept widely used by psychologists across the world, a gratitude journal is a medium, where you jot down all the things you are grateful for. The idea is to make the person maintaining the jour-



**FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE THINGS IN LIFE.** No wonder, it has earned a place as a prominent approach to positive psychology. The maintenance of a gratitude journal is also believed to help relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety.

#### WHY IT WORKS...

According to clinical psychologist, Dr Piya Nandi, journaling can help depressed or anxious patients vent their bottled-up feelings, and also feel positive. "When you are journaling your thoughts, there is no one to argue with you or create a roadblock. You have a free-flowing mind to pen down your true feelings."

#### THE 'SILVER LININGS'

A reference to the concept of gratitude journaling is made by Anupam Kher's character (a psychologist) in the 2012 film, 'Silver Linings Playbook'. He advises his mental health patient, Pat Solitano (Bradley Cooper), to be grateful for life and attempt to see the good or silver linings, in all that he experiences

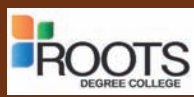
How about writing a gratitude journal and sharing with us at [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com)

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**TOPIC: SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SOCIAL PLATFORMS****PANELISTS:**

**B Sumathi**  
Deputy Inspector of Police (DIG) of Women Safety Wing, Government of Telangana

**Dr C Veerender**  
Psychologist, PD Trainer, and MD at You & Me Counselling Centre

**B P Padala**  
Chairman of Roots Collegium

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August 26, 2020

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3:00-4:30 pm

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*Our Success Stories***DISCOVERING OWN LEARNING STYLE**

NIE has always taken pride in the achievements of our readers. Now, it's that time of year again where we feature those students who have aced their board examinations...

**STUDENT:** Maya Devi  
Kocherlakota

**CLASS:** XII, Science stream

**BOARD :** CBSE

**SCHOOL:** Meridian School  
Banjara Hills,  
Hyderabad

**MARKS: 94.8%**

**What was your initial reaction on hearing the news?**  
I was extremely happy with the result, and was also happy that my efforts had paid off.

**What do you attribute your success to?**  
I attribute my success to the loving and supportive people who encouraged me throughout the years, which includes my teachers and family.

**Your message to board year students?**  
I believe it's important to discover one's own learning style, as everyone has a unique way of learning. Having a passion for one's subjects is the best way to enjoy the process of learning.

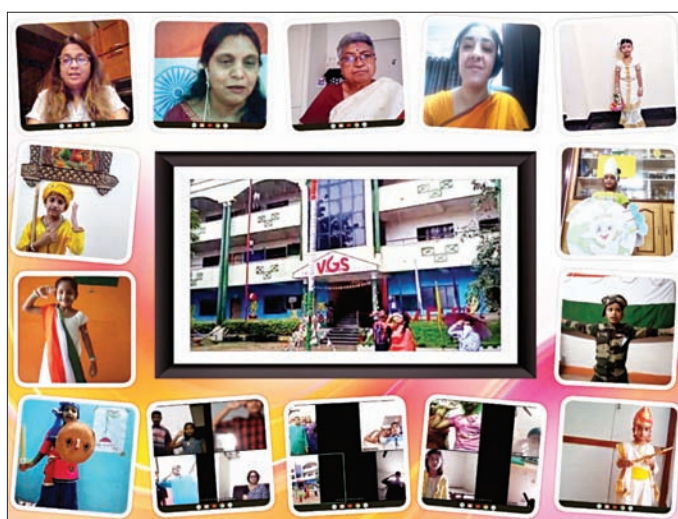
**Your next step?**  
I plan to pursue a career in medicine. I also want to continue to pursue my passion for the performing arts.

"I congratulate Maya Devi Kocherlakota, the topper in class XII Science stream with 94.8%, on her grand achievement. Maya served the school as the Head Girl this year and was also the director of the Interact Club of the school. She is smart, intelligent, hardworking and focused. She is a wonderful debater too. I wish her all the success for her bright future and may she make the school proud with many more success stories like this."

**D Usha Reddy, Principal,**  
Meridian School, Banjara Hills



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**SALUTE TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS!****Vidyanjali Grammar School**  
**L B Nagar**

Vidyanjali Grammar School celebrated Independence Day virtually with a flag hoisting ceremony by principal Sunitha Paul followed by various cultural programmes.

Founder Pooja Challa and director Vijayalakshmi Challa addressed the virtual crowd. Speaking about the importance of the day and relating it to the current world scenario, they said it is time to get freedom from the problems that we are facing right now which

is the coronavirus. Being a responsible citizen, one must always remember to wear masks and gloves, they cautioned students.

Children enthusiastically participated in a fancy dress competition held on the occasion. Jhansi Lakshmi Bai's fierce oration, Vivekananda's motivational speech, Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent struggle against the British Raj and few other Indian freedom fighter's speeches were recreated by the students of pre-primary and primary wings.

The celebrations ended with a motivational speech by the principal.

**Pallavi International School**  
**Gandipet**

The celebrations of the 74th Independence Day at Pallavi International School, Gandipet was held on a virtual platform to remember with pride the commitment and contribution of the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives for the cause of a free India.

The event started with the lighting of lamp symbolising wisdom and knowledge followed by the Ganesha Vandana and a presentation made by the students of class IX. Meetal Archit, principal, wel-

comed the virtual gathering to the celebrations and delivered the welcome speech. In her message she elaborated on the importance of patriotism and asked everyone to remember the sacrifices made by the martyrs.

In his speech, chief guest M Komaraiah, chairman, reminded the students and teachers of the sacrifices made by the great freedom fighters and asked everyone to take a pledge to serve the motherland with heart, body, and soul to bring glory and laurels to it. Guest of honour Colonel Tarun Kumar shared his real life experiences.

The celebrations included

a list of performances by the students. As the theme of the virtual event was 'Vijayi Ho Tiranga Hamara', students from different classes participated actively and gave wonderful performances that included songs, dances and skits on the I Day theme.

The PTA members, Sireesha, Anusha and Md Maqdoom, also shared valuable messages with the students. The prize distribution for various activities conducted throughout the celebrations also took place.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks and the rendition of national anthem.

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**Little Scholar School**  
**Hyderabad**

The school management and staff of Little Scholar School gathered to remember the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters, to pay tribute to their commitment and dedication which has gifted us the freedom - the freedom to rule ourselves and become an independent democratic nation.

On the school premises the national flag was hoisted by secretary and correspondent professor P Purushotham Rao in the presence of principal S G Sunitha, coordinators and office staff, maintaining the sanctity and dignity of the national event ensuring the precautions relating to the pandemic.

The services rendered by medical department, professionals and staff were well appreciated. Such gestures inculcate compassion among the students towards the fellow citizens. The programme was live streamed to the staff who in turn shared it with the students, as we transit from offline to online.

**Pallavi Model School**  
**Bowenpally**

Students of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, celebrated the 74th Independence Day online with the spirit of patriotism flying high. Students

of class X proudly spoke on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India a self-reliant nation. Educative PowerPoints and patriotic speeches by the students brought home the significance of the day.

**Blossoms International School of Excellence**  
**Chandanagar**

Blossoms International School of Excellence celebrated the 74th Independence Day with great joy and enthusiasm online by going live on Facebook. Despite the current situation, the students, parents and teachers came together to make it a great success on the virtual platform. Dances, songs, speeches, quiz by the students added to the patriotic fervour. The celebration started with a speech aimed at inculcating values and culture to children by letting

them know the importance of the day.

The day was chosen as the best occasion to celebrate the investiture ceremony. P Saithanvi of class V was sworn in as the head girl and G Hanshini of class IV as the secretary to the Student Council. The election process was held recently in which all the students, teachers and admin cast their vote to choose the right candidate based on their nomination and campaigning.

Principal Suchitha Rao addressed the gathering and urged students to inculcate a positive mindset to face the current pandemic situation with courage just as our great leaders faced all the adversities and brought freedom to our country.

**Showering love on Lord Krishna****Shilpika, Principal,**  
**Rainbow Group of Schools**  
**Hyderabad**

Krishna Janmashtami is celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm across India. This year Rainbow Group of Schools celebrated it on a virtual platform where the mentors hosted the special event for pre-primary & primary wings with activities like dance, songs, story of Lord Krishna and pot decoration.

Students attended the virtual event



and donned the characters of Radha, Krishna and Sudama and participated in the Dahi Handi activity. A special assembly was held for the students from

classes VI to X where they came dressed in their traditional attire. The virtual assembly started with a prayer song followed by the national song, news, thought for the

day and speeches marking the importance of the festival by the students. In the teacher talk session, high school mentor Sujatha elaborated on the importance of the Bhagavad Gita slokas along with the significance behind the ritual of breaking the pot.

Students chanted slokas and offered prayers to Lord Krishna wishing for the eradication of Covid-19 and normal life to return. The virtual event spread awareness about Indian tradition, custom and culture and conveyed the strong message of the 'victory of good over evil.'

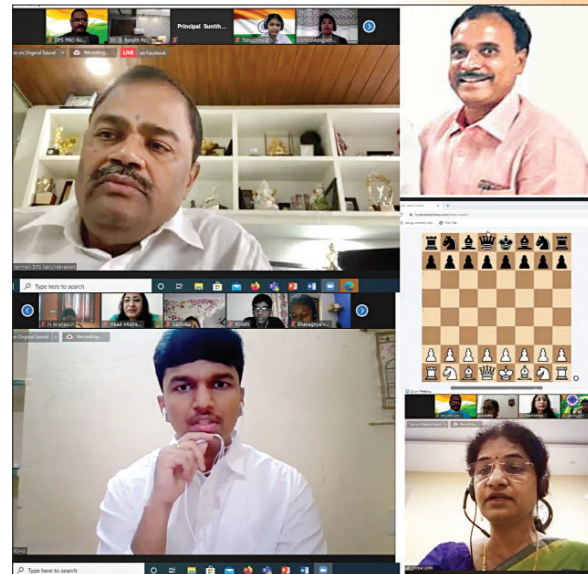
Gitanjali Devashray celebrated Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna, with much passion and zeal. To make it more fun, a competition for the mothers of the students from classes I to III was organised. The mothers were asked to send a picture of any creative activity that they had done which was inspired by this festival. They instilled magic into their ideas and participated enthusiastically in this event.

It brought more joy as children got to see an absolute different side of their moms and realised there is a child in all of us.

**Gitanjali Devashray**  
**Hyderabad****MAKING THE RIGHT MOVE****Delhi Public School**  
**Nadergul**

The Independence Day Cup, an inter-school online chess tournament, was inaugurated by D Narasaiah, OSD Telangana State Sports School and advisor SATS, Harsha Bharathkoti, Grandmaster, Sree Krishna, Chess Arbitrator, Malka Komaraiah, chairman, and Jyothi Turaga, principal, Delhi Public School Nadergul. The two-day tournament was organised in association with Ranga Reddy district Chess Association.

Komariah made the first move on the virtual chess board against Harsha Bharathkoti, Grandmaster. Speaking on the occasion, the chairman said that chess makes a person mentally strong and stable. It is important to be emotionally strong in order to excel in chess.



As many as 508 students from 74 schools had registered for the tournament under three categories, Primary Class (classes I-V), High School (classes VI-VIII) & Senior Secondary (classes IX-XII).