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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

STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

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

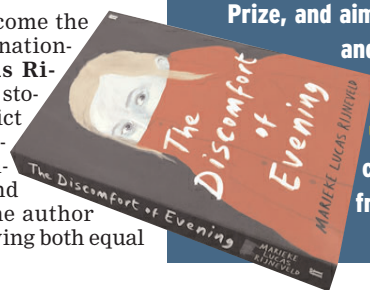
■ September will be observed as the 'nutrition month'. For our children and our students to display their optimum potential, show their mettle; nutrition and proper nourishment play a very big role. ■ During the nutrition month, a food and nutrition quiz will be organised on MyGov portal; there will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

➤ 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"

TECH BUZZ



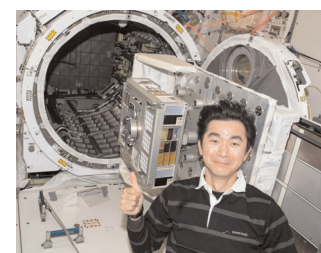
BACTERIA COULD SURVIVE journey to Mars: Study

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



Our Success Stories

'A practical knowledge of concepts'

STUDENT: A Poojitha

CLASS: X

BOARD: CBSE

SCHOOL: Unicent School,
Vanasthali Hills,
Nagole, Hyderabad

MARKS: 92%



Your message to students appearing for the boards?
I believe that understanding the concept is the most important factor. To learn the subject by relating to one's surroundings also makes subjects easier as it is the best way to enjoy what we study.

Your next step?
I would like to pursue a career in medicine by taking BiPC, while following my passion for dance and other arts.

Your initial reaction on hearing the news?

I was extremely happy with the result that I secured. I was very satisfied that my efforts have brought success that I expected.

What do you attribute your success to?

I attribute my success to all my teachers who have made the subjects easier. My teachers have always supported me. My school made me learn the topics in a practical way. I am incredibly grateful to my school and my loving parents who have encouraged me always.



Some quotes get etched in your memory forever. And I keep quoting them all the time. "Positive thinking is powerful thinking. If you want happiness, fulfilment, success and inner peace, start thinking you have the power to achieve those things and work for them. Success is 90 per cent perspiration and 10 per cent inspiration." These children really put the quote into daily practice. Unicent is proud of them!

**Rachna Bhattacharjee, Principal, Unicent School,
Vanasthali Hills, Nagole**

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

The glory of Lord Krishna

DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School

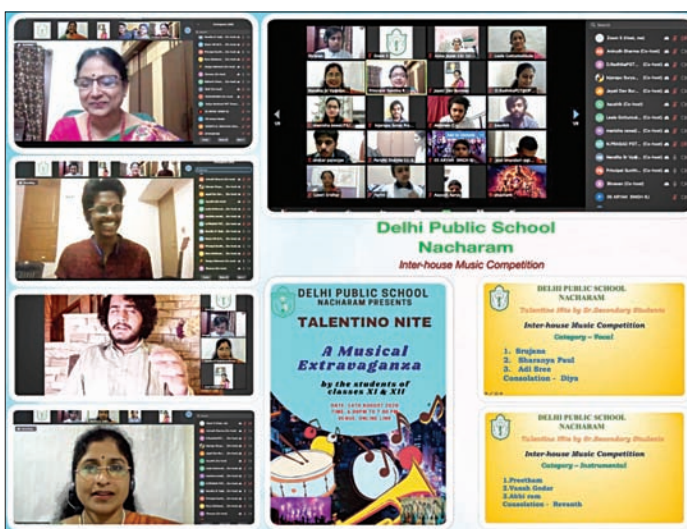
Hyderabad

Students from pre-primary wing of DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School organised a virtual celebration on the occasion of Krishnashtami recently. Students enthusiastically participated by dressing up as Krishnas and Gopikas. A shloka recitation by children filled the air with devotion and festivity. "To see them dance to various songs was a feast to our eyes," said principal Latha Shankar.

A few grandparents of the students spoke about the glory of Lord Krishna and the significance of the festival.



**Delhi Public School
Nacharam**



A SPECTACLE OF TALENT

It was a show of talent at the virtual musical extravaganza event titled 'Talentino Nite' organised by DPS Nacharam on the theme Patriotism. The one of its kind initiative during this pandemic was envisaged to provide students a platform to showcase their talent.

A total of 37 finalists from the Senior Secondary segment participated with enthusiasm and set the stage for a musical night.

Principal Sunitha Rao conceived the Talentino Weekend Nites to not only provide an opportunity to the talented participants but also as a musical evening for the music lovers. She urged the students to continue to pursue music.

The opening act was a musical performance by the alumni, Anirudh Sharma, Shubhankar and Siddharth

Chamarthi. The guest for the evening was Sanjay K Sateesh, a playback singer and versatile musician. He enthralled the audiences with his melodious voice. He praised the talent of the students and lauded the efforts of the school and management in providing them with this platform.

Incredible performances on various instruments like the piano, keyboard, guitar, flute, violin and harmonica held the listeners spellbound.

Senior vice-principal Nandita Sunkara appreciated the participants, the teachers and parents and grandparents for joining in and making the event successful. The programme ended with announcement of results of the Inter-House Music Competition for both vocal and instrumental.

SCHOOL IS COOL



FIGHT THE BITE!

**Shirin Madhuri,
English HOD, Pallavi
Model School
Alwal**

Pallavi Model School, Alwal conducted a webinar for students in collaboration with the GHMC on 'Fight the Bite' to spread awareness on prevention of vector borne diseases.

The speaker was eminent entomologist from GHMC Alwal region P Anil Kumar. He gave a presentation on various vectors and sources of the diseases.

This presentation also highlighted the preventive measures and the initiative taken by GHMC 'Friday-dry day and 'Sunday 10 am-10 minutes' programmes which could help people against dengue, malaria and other vector-borne diseases.

The webinar also aimed at making people aware of the importance of sanitization, sustainable development and clean surroundings. Student moderators posed interesting questions to the speaker, who enthusiastically answered and helped students gain knowledge on

how individual contributions in keeping the surrounding clean and dry can keep diseases at bay.

Principal Sunir Nagi thanked Anil Kumar and T Yadhya, deputy commissioner, GHMC, for always encouraging the school to collaborate with GHMC in taking up various programmes to bring about an awareness among students on various civic issues in society.

She also mentioned that these programmes help students with thought provoking ideas to build a better society with disease free life.



A Memorable Day

**D Sri Krishna Srihan, class VII,
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School
Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad**

I woke up listening to my father whistling. It was an unusual wake-up call as he is usually stressed. Today was going to be special as it was my mother's birthday. My mother, the woman who is the staircase that leads me to the top of my world.

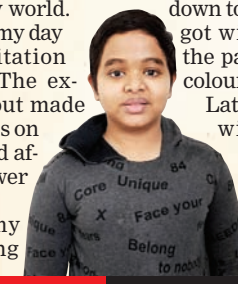
I kicked off my day by doing meditation and exercise. The exhaustive workout made me feel like I was on a frying pan and after I took a shower I felt refreshed.

I tried my hand at making pasta to surprise my mother. The pasta came out well - the look of the dish was mind boggling, the aroma of it, the sound of frying, crackling while cooking was so pleasant.

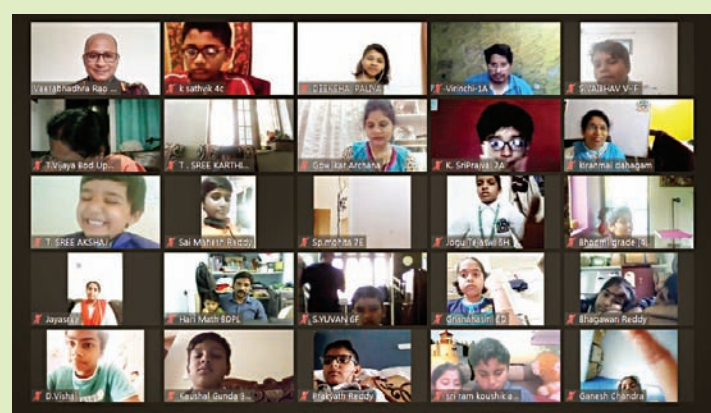
Interestingly, I also learnt that there is maths in cooking as it is all about ratio and proportion! My father, sister

and I did all the work at home from cooking to cleaning the house. It was a new experience doing the household chores. I was missing my 'dear' table and the ball, I could only do shadow practice with my TT bat. I sat down to paint, my thoughts got wings and settled on the paper. I splashed the colours with vivid paints.

Later, I tapped my feet with graceful movements on my mom's favourite song. My mom was overwhelmed seeing my dance. Watching my mom's reaction I jumped with joy and I felt I was on a trampoline which was in a field of joy. I was learning a new language, it was like viewing the world from a different window. This day in my lockdown period was very memorable and I felt that the rainbows were sprinkling their showers on me.



FIRST PERSON



Pallavi Model School

Boduppall

Teachers and students along with their parents from Pallavi Model School, Boduppall had a thought provoking and moving 74th Independence Day experience as meeting Colonel B V Rao M.S., D.N.B. from Eastern Command was definitely a lifetime opportunity. In these unprecedented times, such virtual gatherings aim to instill hope and faith in the system and assure people that the future is undeniably bright and there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Students showcased their patriotic feeling by presenting dance and patriotic song performances. Various competitions were held such as fancy dress competition for classes I and II, sloka recitation for classes III and IV, patriotic songs

for classes V and VI, poster-making competition for class VII, slogan-writing for class VIII and declamation for the students of classes IX and X.

Addressing the gathering, Tanuja, principal, asked students to utilise their time to explore, evolve, be more accountable for their actions. Director Sushil congratulated the students and the team for their relentless efforts to cope with the unprecedented times with poise and tenacity.

Chief guest Colonel Rao made students aware of the various careers available in the armed forces. Head girl Amshutha spoke on behalf of the student community and reminded the audience of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and the need to feel blessed to be living in a protective environment. The programme concluded with the head boy proposing vote of thanks.

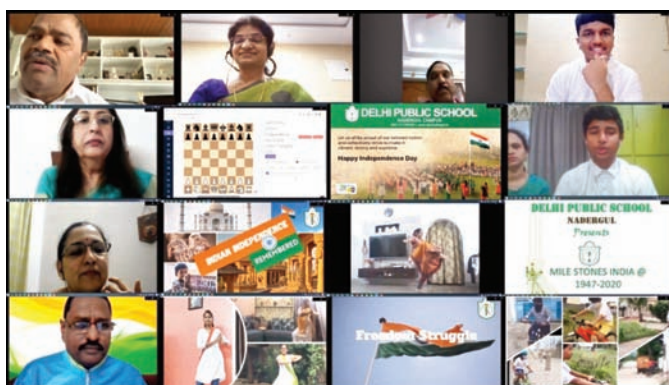
Unity in Diversity

**Rajini, English Faculty,
Delhi Public School
Nadergul**

Delhi Public School, Nadergul, celebrated the 74th Independence Day on a virtual platform with much excitement. All the staff, students along with the parents and grandparents of the students graced this occasion by joining a zoom session.

The programme started with a welcome dance followed by a virtual flag hoisting by Malka Komaraiah, chairman of the school. Jyothi Turaga, principal, DPS Nadergul, read out the insightful poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' inspiring the audience to be grateful and compassionate towards the nation.

A video presented by Sathwik Bhardwaj, school ambassador, threw light on the 'History of India' and received great applause from the principal and the parents. The students from classes V to IX took the audience on a 'Tour to India' by representing every



state of India and its importance. Akhil Siddharth, head boy, shared his views through an inspirational speech awakening patriotism in all. The Social department led the programme further with a presentation on 'The Milestones of India 1947 - 2020'. The presentation, which included 74 milestones, was a throwback into the history till present and made all the participants recollect and cherish the moments of pride.

The patriotic spirit was elevated by an Independence Day Mashup - a dance performance by

the talented dancers from the school. Independence Day celebrations at the school every year would include an Annual Cy-clathon. With the same spirit and continuity, the school came up with an innovative home Cy-clathon this year on the theme 'Be Home Be Safe'. It received a massive participation from parents and students. The celebrations were concluded with a vote of thanks by Nagasri, social faculty followed by a rendition of the national anthem paying tribute to the nation.



**Delhi School of Excellence
Banjara Hills**

"Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?"
- Mahatma Gandhi

This great thought by Mahatma Gandhi was the theme of the 74th Independence Day celebrations at Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills. The virtual celebrations brought to the fore the cherished values of independence and

sacrifice of the freedom fighters. The myriad contributions by the students and teachers showcased patriotism, creativity and imagination in the celebrations.

The students' speeches, songs, dances, and artwork showed their love for the country and the idea of India as 'unity in diversity'. The teachers let their songs, presentations, artwork and poetry speak volumes about patriotism. The students and teachers let their creativity and imagination soar in their contributions to make the programme a success.

**Gitanjali Devashray
Hyderabad**

Students of Gitanjali Devashray celebrated the 74th Independence Day of our country in a unique manner. On this occasion, the students from classes IV-VI were asked to make a one-minute video on the topic 'I Love My Country'. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their gratitude towards the country and also express in words about their patriotic feelings.

The students from Special class made tricolour badges and paper flags to show their love for the country.



**Delhi School of Excellence
Attapur**

None of us might have ever imagined that there will come an August 15 where our Independence Day celebrations at school would be without a beautifully decorated campus in ribbons and balloons of the national flag colours. Though Covid-19 has shut schools indefinitely and has added a twist to the 74th Independence Day celebrations, the fervour remained the same as Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur opted for a virtual route to celebrate the special day.

The virtual celebration commenced with a patriotic rendition of 'Vande Mataram' which enveloped the entire ambience in a



nationalistic fervour. Principal Augustine Thomas hoisted the national flag amidst the recital of the national anthem.

The programme featured patriotic songs, dances and glimpses from the past that added momentum to the freedom struggle. The first war of independence, Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, Civil Dis-

obedience Movement (The Salt Satyagraha), Quit India Movement and finally the 'Tryst With Destiny' which is the essence of the triumphant culmination of the Indian independence struggle against the British Raj in India were well portrayed by the students. The array of these glimpses along with bold renditions by the



students invoked a spirit of nationalism in the minds of the audience. The speech of Mahatma Gandhi, read out by a student, was not only about non-violence, truth and peace but also courage and confidence to face the current Covid crisis.

The students mirrored the sacrifices of the freedom fighters by portraying as the heroes who championed the cause of the struggle for independence.

Principal Augustine Thomas addressed the virtual gathering and motivated the students to work towards a better India where poverty, unemployment and illness are eradicated so that love, compassion and goodwill envelop the world. He also saluted the Covid warriors along with the teaching fraternity for serving the nation selflessly.