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STUDENT EDITION

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I would not support cyber curfew in India. We are raising a generation to take forward India's ideals of democracy and freedom. Instead of state intervention, families need to bond, share and support, and find solutions.
SONAL GOSWAMI, coordinator, Vista School, Hyderabad

GAME OVER?

New normal for teens in China involves cyber curfew & midnight patrol; TIMES NIE asks teens, parents & teachers their take on if India were to clone such a move here...

For almost every video game restriction, children and teenagers will find a way around it. But the room to manoeuvre is shrinking in China, where underage players are required to log on using their real names and identification numbers as part of countrywide regulations aimed at limiting screen time and keeping internet addiction in check.

In 2019, the country imposed a cybercurfew banning those under 18 from playing games between 10 pm and 8 am.

Recognising that wily teenagers might try to use their parents' devices or identities to circumvent the restrictions, the Chinese internet conglomerate Tencent said this week that it would close the loophole by deploying facial recognition technology in its video games.

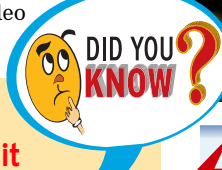
"Children, put your phones away and go to sleep," Tencent said in a statement, when it officially introduced the new features called 'Midnight Patrol'. The wider rollout set off a debate on Chinese internet platforms about the benefits and privacy risks of the technology.

REASON WHY CHINA DID THIS

In the case of video games, the government has long blamed them for causing nearsightedness, sleep deprivation and low academic performance among young people. The 2019 regulations also limited how much time and money underage users could spend playing video games.

Not just China, Japan too tried it

Last year, Kagawa prefecture in Japan asked parents to set time limits on adolescents, though without specifying enforcement mechanisms. The move prompted a 17-year-old high school student to challenge the government in court. The suit is still ongoing.



It will be a welcome move in India. State intervention is needed especially since we are grappling with a situation where internet is both a necessity and is also posing a threat to the young impressionable minds. Parents alone might not be able to deal with the growing internet addiction among youngsters who are cooped up in homes.
SHWETA MATHUR, parent, New Delhi



As a parent of an 11-year old, I do approve of 'cyber curfew' to manage screen time among children though not imposed by the Govt. As parents, we should step up and impose personal 'cyber curfew' on our kids and involve them in offline games or creative work. Having said that, it is difficult for parents to strike the right online-offline balance with kids.
TANIA SAILI BAKSHI, parent, Dehradun



WE, TEENS OF INDIA...

■ Though parents do tell us to keep our phones away, teens tend to use them whenever they are not around. Social media and gaming can be addictive. Parents can't be monitoring kids all the time. Hence, if it is a Govt-imposed rule, teens will have to follow and it is for our betterment.
MANINI SHAH, class X, Udgam School, Ahmedabad



■ We can't have such fascist policies. We are a democratic country and believe in freedom and self-discipline. Teens need their personal space and it is a part of their growth and social well-being. State authorities can't interfere with cyber freedom and force decision on minors. Knowing how to control your screentime is also an important learning curve.
MANAS KAPUR, class XI, Sri Venkateshwar Int'l School, Delhi



■ To be under constant Govt surveillance can be irritating and intrusive, leading to more mental health issues among teens. When there is open communication between parents and kids, there is no need for any state intervention.
TANISHKA WAGH, class XI, Elpro Int'l School, Pune



■ With state curfew, probability of the data collected by Govt getting misused is high. Implementing this here may pose a risk of identify theft of minors.
AARYA BHANUSHALI, class X, SVDD Secondary High School, Mumbai



NEWS

OF THE DAY

**MORE
ON P4**

WIMBLEDON: The victories keep adding up for Novak Djokovic: 20 in a row at Wimbledon since the start of the 2018 tournament, 20 in a row in all Grand Slam matches since the start of this season. He will face Italy's Berrettini in Men's singles tonight. Meanwhile, Ashleigh Barty won her first Wimbledon singles title Saturday, beating Karolina Pliskova, 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-3



EURO 2020: HOME OR ROME?

A combination of pictures shows England supporters (left) holding an English flag reading 'It's coming home soon' in London and Italy fans holding an Italian flag reading 'It's coming to Rome' in London. England faces Italy in the UEFA Euro 2020 final football match at the Wembley Stadium in London on July 11, 2021 midnight (IST)

9/11 DOCU TO GIVE YOU SNEAK PEEK INTO POTUS WAR ROOM

A documentary, titled '9/11: Inside the President's War Room', by Apple and the BBC will make its global debut on Apple TV+ and BBC One this September, marking the 20th anniversary of the attack. Narrated by Emmy Award winner Jeff Daniels, it will recount the 12 hours after the strike and feature testimonies with President George W Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice (national security advisor), Colin Powell (secretary of state) et al.



WHAT IS MINISTRY OF COOPERATION?

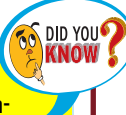


The newly-formed Ministry of Cooperation, headed by Amit Shah, will aim to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country

A media release from the Press Information Bureau said the Ministry of Cooperation will provide a **SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY**. "It will help deepen the Co-operatives as a true people-based movement reaching up to the

grassroots. In our country, a Cooperative-based economic development model is very relevant where each member works with a spirit of responsibility. The ministry will work to streamline processes for 'ease of doing business' for cooperatives and enable development of Multi-State Co-operatives," it said.

COOPERATIVES IN INDIA Cooperatives are organisations formed at the grassroots level by people to harness the power of collective bargaining towards a common goal. In agriculture, cooperative dairies, sugar mills, spinning mills, etc are formed with the pooled resources of farmers who wish to process their produce.



First African-American To Win Nat'l Spelling Bee How Zaila 'scripps' history

Zaila Avant-garde understood the significance of what she was doing as she stood on the Scripps National Spelling Bee stage, peppering pronouncer Jacques Bailly with questions about Greek and Latin roots.

Zaila knew she would be the first African-American winner of the bee. She knew Black kids around the country were watching Thursday night's ESPN2 telecast, waiting to be inspired and hoping to follow in the footsteps of someone who looked like them. She even thought of MacNolia Cox, who in 1936 became the first Black finalist at the bee and wasn't allowed to stay in the same hotel as the rest of the spellers.



But she never let the moment become too big for her, and when she heard what turned out to be her winning word - "Murraya", a genus of tropical Asiatic and Australian trees - she beamed with confidence. It was over. Declared the champion, Zaila jumped and twirled with joy, only flinching in surprise when confetti was shot onto the stage.

THE BRAGGING 'space' of BILLIONAIRES....

They're shooting for sky-high bragging rights as the first person to fly his own rocket to space and experience three to four minutes of weightlessness. The billionaires are putting everything on the line to ride their own rockets into space. The lucrative, high-stakes chase for space tourists will unfold on the fringes of space - 55 miles to 66 miles (88 kilometres to 106 kilometres) up, pitting Virgin Galactic's Richard Branson against the world's richest man, Blue Origin's Jeff Bezos



BRANSON

- Takes off from New Mexico, launching with two pilots and three other employees aboard a rocket plane carried aloft by a double-fuselage aircraft
- Longer flight
- The craft has more windows
- Piloted plane has already flown to space three times

"As a child, I wanted to go to space. When that did not look likely for my generation, I registered the name Virgin Galactic with the notion of creating a company that could make it happen"



BEZOS

- Departs in 10 days from Texas, blasting off in a capsule with his brother, an 82-year-old female aviation pioneer and the winner of a \$28 mn charity auction.
- To reach a higher altitude
- Craft's windows are bigger
- Gone through several test flight sans people on board

"I dreamt of travelling to space as a child. On July 20th, I will take that journey with my brother. The greatest adventure, with my best friend."

MEANWHILE, SPACE X'S ELON MUSK SAYS...

"There is a big difference between reaching space and reaching orbit." Musk already has carried 10 astronauts to the ISS for NASA, and his company's first private spaceflight is coming up in September for another billionaire who's purchased a three-day, globe-circling ride.



ENTER THE ART-INTEGRATED CLASSROOM...

RBI tells a **BANKING** comic story to **CHILDREN**

With cartoons, the Central Bank has started an innovative series to give financial education to students. Here's one of the stories....



'REVENUE IS VANITY, PROFIT IS SANITY, CASH IS KING'



'MONEY OFTEN COSTS TOO MUCH'



'CASH COMBINED WITH COURAGE IN CRISIS IS PRICELESS'





THE EDUCATIONIST

ONLINE EDUCATION MAKES TEACHERS TECH SAVVY

Dr. Nicholas Correa, executive director, New Horizon Public Schools has made his mark when it comes to discipline and quality education. Luy Lalka in a brief discussion with this educationist high lights some hallmarks of online education

Q: How has the transition from conventional classrooms to online education been?
We were off to a bumpy start initially, because the system was new for teachers as well as students. The students faced infrastructural problems, while the teachers they had to multitask with checking indiscipline, keeping the presentation going while explaining the concepts. Overall I think the shift online, was for the better, and there are surely a lot more innovative things that can be done in an online class.

Q: In what ways have teaching methods changed to better suit online teaching?
We conducted training programs to help teachers to not only operate these online systems, but focussed on the psychology of children. An online class is very different from a classroom, and easy for stu-



Dr. Nicholas Correa, Executive Director

dents to get distracted, so it is important to keep the class interesting. We used more and more presentations and also asked students to make projects which

increased their knowledge. We also frequently had various skill development sessions like yoga too keep the students eager in the class.

PROS AND CONS

It is easier to supervise children in an offline class but online it is much difficult. The thing that online class changed was it made the teacher a facilitator. The was earlier the only source of knowledge in the class, but online class made it more interactive for students to share the information they find online. Brainstorming is also an important part of the online class which promotes creative skills. Although online classes have affected health of the students with no physical and social interactions, hybrid learning is the future.

Work hard and achieve big

■ Mahika Gaikwad is a student of Bombay Cambridge International School, Andheri (W) who aced her IGCSE examinations by scoring 95.67% and topped her school. She shares her preparation strategy and discusses her plans with Luy Lalka

Setting a goal

I believe that if you want to stay motivated it is important to set goals. I set my goal for covering a certain chunk of the portion daily and only rewarded myself with a break after accomplishing my goal. That is what helped me concentrate for 6 hours a day.

The right guidance

The doubt solving sessions held by my school were very helpful and my teachers were always available to extend support which boosted my confidence. I focussed on understanding the concepts and made my own notes, which helped me better retain the information.

Take care of yourself

I took the necessary 8-hour sleep which helped me stay attentive throughout the day. Listening to music, playing the keyboard, and working out at home was a means to escape from the studies and stay mentally and physically fit.

Future plans

I look up to my parents who work hard each day and motivate me to work harder. I plan on becoming a doctor, just like my mother, whose importance has been highlighted by the ongoing, unfortunate pandemic.



Mahika Gaikwad

SCORE CARD

Physics 97
Information and Communication Technology 95
English 90
Chemistry 97
Mathematics 99
Biology 96
Aggregate 95.67%



NATIONAL DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION

Ryan International school, CBSE, Kandivali

Happy Doctor's Day to all the doctors who always put their patients first and do their best to gift health to their patients."

Doctor's day is celebrated in honour of the birth and death anniversary of the great physician and the second Chief minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. Since then India has grown by leaps and bounds in the medical field, not just to further Dr. B.C. Roy's work but also with new and innovative techniques.

Amid the lockdown, virtual classes in Ryan International school, CBSE, Kandivali started with great fervour and enthusiasm. Day started with a special Assembly expressing Gratitude to all the Doctors and frontline health workers who have selflessly aided us in our time of need and tirelessly worked for the health of their patients by commemorating the greatest representative of these ideals. Children made beautiful



cards and wrote gratitude letters with loving messages for all the Doctors. Montessori students dressed up as Doctors and expressed their gratitude. Children creatively designed their posters with interesting messages for all the health and frontline workers.

Doctors are special, and this year is one where we have seen them as our real-life heroes. Doctor's Day is an opportunity to thank all the heroes in the medical fraternity for their selfless contributions. They are pulling long hours and working round the clock as the world is gripped with this pandemic.



Kenia and Anchor English School, Chichpokli

On the occasion of National 'Doctors' Day' Kenia and Anchor English School, Secondary Section has conducted various activities to appreciate the tireless service of medical fraternity.

Students from std VII and VIII posed as a doctor by putting

aprons and recited the poem on covid warriors. Std VIII students organised a small interaction with doctor to clear their doubts on covid and to acclaim their service. Std V students expressed their gratitude towards Doctors by giving Thank you card to their family Doctors. These contribution were a salute to the doctors and recognising their services to the society.

B K Birla Public School, Kalyan

Medicines cure diseases, but only doctors can cure patients". Doctors have been playing a pivotal role in combating the Covid 19 pandemic. We all owe our respect and gratitude towards the life savers. International Doctor's Day has enabled us to celebrate the presence of these special people in our lives. The students of Std. II of B.K. Birla Public School, Kalyan conducted a special assembly to thank the saviours all around the world. They dressed up as doctors and spoke about the challenges, hardships and steps taken by the doctors in bringing a change in the lives of people across the globe. They also shared a strong message of joining hands with the doctors in curbing down the disease by following simple social distancing norms. It was mesmerizing to watch the little ones sharing great thoughts and indeed a perfect way to pay a tribute to the entire fraternity of these Covid warriors-our dear doctors.



New Horizon Scholars School, Kavesar

'I gave up my life to learn to save yours'.

Every year, July 1st is observed as National Doctors' Day to mark the birth and death anniversary of the renowned physician and former West Bengal Chief Minister, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. He was an exemplary and eminent doctor who made an enormous contribution to the medical fraternity during his medical career. Commemorating the iconic and internationally acclaimed medical practitioner that he was, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) dedicated this day to all the medical professionals and healthcare workers who have pledged their lives in the service of humanity.

National Doctor's Day is observed to acknowledge the role doctors play in saving and taking care of numerous lives.

Amid the ongoing pandemic, New Horizon Scholars School, Kavesar; Thane took the opportunity to pay their sincere tributes to all the frontline workers. Students displayed numerous 'thank you' messages on colourful charts for the doctors and highlighted their advice to the general public on Covid-19 appropriate behaviour. To boost the spirit of the dedicated frontline workers, who immensely contributed in the hour of crisis, our students went for role play and sent across a thought-provoking message in their honour on the virtual platform.

Speeches were made on the sacrifices and contributions of the medical fraternity. Students made posters, placards and mini-models on hospitals that were displayed online. A Special Talk show was arranged virtually for the students where doctors, as invited guests on this solemn occasion, addressed the school students to observe certain rules and regula-

tions important for general hygiene and emphasized on the Covid appropriate protocols to protect themselves from the virus. Doctors also stated that immunity should be made stronger to fight diseases which could be possible only through proper diet and regular exercise. Students were enthusiastic and thrilled to interact with the Doctors directly. They enjoyed and found the experience extremely intriguing.

Regional director and principal, Dr. Jyoti Nair stated, 'God gives life but a doctor saves life'. She encouraged the younger generation to don the white coat in future with pride and dignity as it is a privilege to serve the public as a physician. It is only the healing art that enables one to make a name for himself and at the same time, give benefit to others. 'We all stand united on this day to appreciate their excellent and selfless service to mankind at all times.'



Express YOURSELF

'THIS TOO SHALL PASS'

This too shall pass". We've been told this too many times through the course of the pandemic. And now, we're growing skeptical: people say it shall pass, but will it? Does this boredom and lifelessness end anytime in the near future?

The pandemic is stealing a lot from us: our energy, our enthusiasm, our joy. We're all slowly losing hope, getting tired, but still, somehow dragging ourselves out of bed every morning, only to be drenched in boredom and exhaustion all over again.

But I suppose that's what makes

us human. Despite all odds, some part of us does believe that this pandemic has an end: that we will, one day, be free. Such is mankind's love and hunger for freedom, and for life. This hunger is fed by our hope: even the faintest flicker of it.

Many infinitesimal stars can together light up even the darkest night sky. So perhaps we can all, with the little rays of hope in our beings, come together to drive away the darkness and establish the reign of light once more.

If we truly believe, with

an intense passion, that everything shall pass, then maybe it will. Maybe everyone's right after all, and all we've got to do is put all these beams of belief together, and be there for each other when everything's too difficult to deal with on our own.

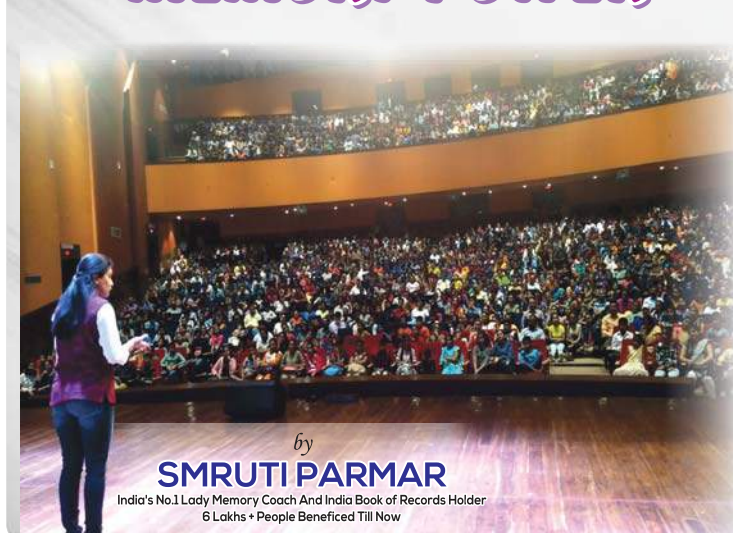
I suppose that's why they say "This too shall pass", for it gives us hope, even the faintest flicker of it, and that's enough to bring us together and keep us going.

Pia Oza, class X, SSPM's Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Borivali East



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MESSI WINS HIS FIRST MAJOR TITLE

Lionel Messi and Angel Di Maria of Argentina along with teammates pose with the trophy after winning the final of Copa America Brazil 2021



Superstar Lionel Messi won his first trophy with his national team as Angel Di Maria's goal gave Argentina a 1-0 win over hosts Brazil in the Copa America final on Saturday

The victory at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium ended Argentina's 28-year wait for a major trophy, and also ended Brazil's unbeaten home record that stretched back more than 2,500 days. Argentina had last tasted success at a major tournament in 1993 when the great Gabriel Batistuta's brace gave them a 2-1 win over Mexico in the Copa final in Ecuador. It was the first time in six editions playing at home that Brazil had failed to lift the trophy. And while 34-year-old Messi's odyssey has come to an end, Brazil's Neymar, five years his junior, is still without a major title at international level having missed the Selecao's win on home soil two years ago through injury.

Messi misses a golden chance

■ Argentina edged a brutal and fractious affair thanks to Di Maria's goal on 22 minutes. The 33-year-old winger ran onto Rodrigo De Paul's sumptuous through ball to lob Brazil goalkeeper Ederson with a first time finish. Messi could have wrapped up the win two

minutes from time but slipped when clean through with only Ederson to beat. In a frantic start, Argentina's burly enforcer Nicolas Otamendi was quickly in with his first foul while Brazilian midfielder Fred picked up the first booking after just three minutes for a studs up lunge at Gonzalo Montiel. Brazil were unchanged from their semi-final win over Peru while Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni made five alterations, notably bringing in Di Maria, who made an energetic and decisive entry off the bench against Colombia last time out.

Brutal first half

■ The final was the first match of the tournament, which was originally due to take place last year, to allow in fans as 7,800 – a tenth of the Maracana capacity – took their seats after authorities partially lifted pandemic restrictions. The first clear chance came on 13 minutes as Richarlison headed down Marquinhos's long ball into the path of Neymar but the Brazilian star was crowded out by a pair of defenders. The brutal nature of the early challenges could be seen on the players' kits, with Neymar sporting ripped shorts and Lucas Paqueta being left with a hole in his sock fol-



lowing an intervention by Otamendi. Argentina played with aggression and commitment, but no lack of quality with Di Maria tormenting Brazil's left back Renan Lodi, who probably should have cut out De Paul's pass for the winger's goal. Di Maria had a shot from 20 yards blocked while Messi fired just wide following a 40 yard run.

Brazil fail to score

■ Brazil struggled to create anything of note and even when they had a free-kick from the shooting range, Neymar couldn't beat the wall. When the hosts did finally maintain some pressure late in the first half, Everton's deflected strike bobbled through to goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez. Brazil coach Tite was quick to act, bringing on forward Roberto Firmino for defensive midfielder Fred at half-time. Richarlison had the ball in the net soon after but he was flagged offside. And moments later Neymar teed up Richarlison but Martinez parried his near post effort. Increasingly it descended into a fractious, niggly affair with little fluid play between fouls and a plethora of theatrics and

petulant bickering. It was playing into Argentina's hands as they looked to run down the clock and hold onto their slender lead. Brazil managed to up the pressure again at the end of the half but they lacked a killer touch against some full-blooded defending. Montiel even finished the game with his white sock soaked in blood. When Brazil substitute Gabriel Barbosa fired a volley on target, Martinez was equal to it. Messi slipped embarrassingly late, but later his teammates were tossing him in the air to celebrate their win. AFP

“It is a huge title, especially for our people. I hope that the Argentines enjoy it. The fans support the team unconditionally. I think they can identify with this team that never gives up. It was a very difficult Copa América. Luckily it was possible for us this time.”

LIONEL SCALONI, Argentina Manager

ASHLEIGH BARTY WINS FIRST WIMBLEDON TITLE

The world no. 1 won her first Wimbledon title on the 50th anniversary of fellow indigenous Australian Evonne Goolagong Cawley's maiden crown

The 25-year-old Australian who wore a specially-designed dress in tribute to Cawley's iconic scallop one she sported in 1971, adds the Wimbledon crown to her 2019 French Open title. It was the first women's Wimbledon final to go to three sets since 2012 when Serena Williams beat Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska. Barty had looked like cruising to victory after soaring into a 4-0 lead over her opponent – the Australian's start so blistering that she won the first 14 points. However, 29-year-old Pliskova steadied herself while Barty fal-

tered when she served for the match at 6-5 in the second set. The Czech broke and then swept the tiebreaker to take the final into a decider.

Emotional win

Barty got the break for 2-0 in the final set and despite one or two wobbles she got herself over the line sinking to her knees, her hands over her face in disbelief. She wiped a couple of tears away before climbing up to the player's box, just like her compatriot Pat Cash did when he won the Wimbledon men's title in 1987. Barty is masterful at re-

maining poker-faced on court and she managed to restrain her emotions largely at the presentation ceremony. However, once off court she sobbed as she hugged her partner Gary Kissick. For Pliskova, it was more heartbreak as the former world number one fell at the final hurdle in three sets in the 2016 US Open final. Karolina Pliskova is the fourth Czech woman to appear in a Wimbledon singles final in the Open era. “We have had an incredible two weeks here”, she signed off. AFP



INDIA-SL ODI SERIES RESCHEDULED

The Indian team's six-match limited-overs series in Sri Lanka will now start from July 18, BCCI secretary Jay Shah told PTI, a day after a COVID-19 outbreak in the home team camp forced the postponement. The series, which was originally scheduled to start with the three ODIs on July 13, had to be rescheduled after Sri Lanka's batting coach Grant Flower and data analyst G T Niroshan tested positive for the dreaded virus on their return from the UK tour. While the tentative date that was originally being discussed was July 17, but Shah confirmed that it will start from July 18. Earlier, a Sri Lankan player in one of the two bio-bubbles had tested positive for COVID-19 as the virus outbreak continued to rock the home team ahead of its white-ball series. m

