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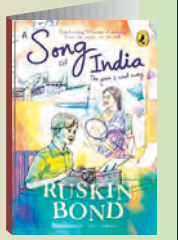
WEB EDITION

I RECOMMEND

NEW LAUNCH

Ruskin Bond's 'A Song of India'

A new book by writer Ruskin Bond will shed light on his lesser known life before he became a successful author, publishers Puffin Books has announced.



The illustrated book, 'A Song of India', scheduled to hit the stands on July 20, will mark the 70th year of Bond's literary career

WORD WATCH

BROMIDE: means a binary compound of bromine with another element or a radical including some (such as potassium bromide) used as sedatives; a commonplace or tiresome person; bore

A SHORT HISTORY of NEARLY EVERYTHING

by Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson
A Short History of Nearly Everything



This book covers some of the most complex and mind-boggling theories in science, written in Bryson's trademark humour and wit. From the tiny, yet powerful protons, which contributed to the creation of our mighty universe, to the current world scenario, where human civilisation has made huge strides in all spheres of life, the book packs a tremendous amount of information. Science had never been one of my interests, until I encountered this author. This book will spark your curiosity, and inspire you to delve into the theoretical and practical aspects of science.

URMILA JITHESH, class XI, Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara, Ernakulam

CBSE REDUCES CLASS IX-XII SYLLABUS FOR 2020-21 ACADEMIC SESSION

IS IT A GOOD MOVE?



The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has rationalised the syllabus for classes IX to XII for the academic year 2020-21 by up to 30 per cent to make up for the academic loss caused due to Covid-19, Union HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal said recently. In the process, the Board has dropped chapters on democracy, demonetisation, nationalism, secularism, among others, as per the updated syllabus. What does it mean for the students and how will it impact them?

The BIG DEBATE

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has also announced a reduction of up to 25 per cent in syllabus for classes X and XII Board exams in 2021

STUDENTS REACT

As online classes are new to all of us, it would have been tough to cover the entire syllabus. It is a good decision; now, all the students will be able to prepare this limited syllabus thoroughly. Moreover, it will reduce the pressure of the students. Besides, it will also help the government school students in catching up with the private schools, as they joined virtual classes concept late.

BHAVYA GULATI, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula

This is a good move by the CBSE. Instead of rushing to complete an extended syllabus and feeling unnecessary pressure, students will now have more bandwidth to focus and learn on what they are being taught.

It's a welcome move, but will this reduced syllabus extend to the entrance examinations for admission into the colleges next academic year? The Board should clarify.

HOW DOES A 30% CUT IN CBSE'S SYLLABUS LOOK LIKE?

In physics, both Newton's 'laws of motion' and Kepler's 'laws of planetary motion' will be chucked out of the course; in biology, topics, such as 'living world' and 'plant kingdom' have been deleted for class XI, while for class XII, 'reproduction in organism' have been excluded. Some of the cuts have generated a political controversy, such as demonetisation, nationalism, citizenship and democratic rights. Even the number of classes have been reduced.

EDUCATORS ON DELETED CHAPTERS

The reduced syllabus will give more time to ensure that children understand the concept, as now we use videos and PowerPoint presentations to facilitate learning.

The deleted chapters, which contain concepts that teachers feel are essential for the students to learn, can be taught, but they will not be included for internal evaluation or Boards.

Be a part of this debate; share your views at toinie175@gmail.com/timesnie175@gmail.com

HOW SCHOOLS PLAN TO COVER THE DELETED PORTIONS

Topics like secularism can be taught while teaching Right to Freedom of Religion.

If the lesson that has already been taught is deleted, then it is not an issue, as every context has its own specific and general objectives.

The portions have been removed in such a way that it does not affect the flow of learning, when children are promoted to the next class.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Until we educate the entire human race, racism will not stop: Holding

Former cricketer, Michael Holding, didn't hold back as he delivered a powerful message against racism recently, asserting that the black race has been dehumanised and its accomplishments wiped off from a history, "written by people, who do the harm." Holding, who will retire from commentary at the end of next year, talked about racism at the global level.



History is written by the conqueror not by those who are conquered, history is written by people who do the harm, not by those who get harmed... We are being brainwashed; not just black people, white people are being brainwashed in different ways. Everything should be taught. I was never taught anything good about the black people; you cannot have a society that is brought up teaching what is convenient for them.

MICHAEL HOLDING, commentator and former cricketer

INSTAGRAM INTRODUCES 'REELS' IN INDIA

A little over a week after ByteDance-owned short video app TikTok was banned in India, Facebook's photo sharing app Instagram has announced the extension of testing of its short video format Reels in India. Reels has already been tested in Brazil, Germany and France, before India.

The company said Reels will enable people to record and edit 15 seconds multi-clip videos with audio effects, and users could share Reels content on their feed, or through a new space on the explore section.

TECH BUZZ

GOOGLE TO PROVIDE QUICK FACTS ABOUT IMAGES YOU SEARCH



Google has announced a new feature that will make it easy to find quick facts about what people see on Google images in the form of a Knowledge Graph. The feature would include people, places or things related to the image from the Knowledge Graph's database of billions of facts, helping users explore the topic more. "To generate these links to relevant Knowledge Graph entities, we take what we understand about the image through learning, which evaluates an image's visual and text signals, and combine it with Google's understanding of the text on the image's web page," the company said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SATYARTH NAYAK'S NEXT BOOK IS ON INDIAN MYTHOLOGY

After penning a thriller and then a biography about late Bollywood actress Sridevi, author-screenwriter Satyarth Nayak will now write a book on Indian mythology. Titled, '100 Tales from the Puranas' the book has been inspired from the Puranas. It is expected to be released in 2021.

The Puranas of Hinduism are an ancient source of wisdom, which are relevant even today. Out of the 18 Puranas, Nayak will select 100 greatest stories for his upcoming book, which will not only entertain but also enlighten the new age readers.

U-17 WOMEN'S WC PROBABLE SAI SANKHE SCORES 96.2% IN CLASS X ICSE EXAMS

India's SAFF Under-17 Women's Championship-winning player Sai Sankhe has set an example for others as she scored 96.2 per cent in her ICSE class X examinations.

ON THE PRESSURE TO PERFORM: "The pressure was there, as I really wanted to do very well in my boards and ace them. With the result I secured, I am very happy. If you love football and consider education to be as important, you can do both together - hands down. After the evening training, I would study again. Basically, whatever time I could get, I used it to study and prepare, Sai said."

CURB CLIMATE CHANGE, PROTECT ENVIRONMENT TO PREVENT FUTURE PANDEMICS, COUNTRIES TOLD

Land degradation, wildlife exploitation, intensive farming, and climate change are driving the rise in diseases, which like

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the coronavirus are passed on from animals to humans, the UN experts have warned...

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) have jointly identified seven trends responsible for such diseases, calling on governments to take steps to stop future pandemics. Known as zoonotic, these trends, include demand for animal protein, extraction of natural resources and urbanisation, intensive and unsustainable farming, exploitation of wildlife, increased travel and



transportation, food supply changes, and climate change. "The science is clear; if we keep on exploiting wildlife and our ecosystems, then we can expect to see a steady stream of diseases, jumping from animals to humans in the future," said UNEP executive director Inger Andersen.

VIEWPOINT

We have asked every state to adopt one sport: Rijiju

Union sports minister Kiren Rijiju has said that the government has asked every state to adopt one sport each and focus on its development, in a bid to achieve more medals at the Olympics. Rijiju, who was speaking at a webinar on the 'Role of Corporate India for Fit India' organised by Assocham, said the corporate sector will also be told to do the same.



THE PROPOSAL

1 "We have written to the states to choose (a sport). For example, if Manipur chooses boxing and sepak takraw, it also can do football or archery, but it has to focus on the discipline it has selected, Rijiju said

2 "We have made certain policy changes, like each corporate will be advised to adopt a certain discipline and focus on it. It won't stop you from supporting other sports," he added

3 "A country the size of India won't be playing just one or two disciplines. We have identified 14 disciplines as priority sports, like archery, wrestling, boxing, hockey, shooting etc. I have kept the option open for more as well," he announced

4 Rijiju said 14 sports have been identified as priority disciplines, which will be developed as medal prospects for the Olympics

Q Is it a good move? Will it usher in a bright future for sports in our country?

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FACTOID

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Price of the Chinese encyclopedia volumes that was sold at an auction recently. Dating back to the 15th century, the encyclopedia, known as the Yongle Dadian, was commissioned by a ruler of the Ming Dynasty, who reigned from 1402 to 1424. The Yongle Dadian consisted of 22,877 chapters originally. It was the largest encyclopedia in the world. The original was used to make two copies. Unfortunately, the first draft was lost due to wars, theft and fires, which occurred under the Ming Dynasty. It measures 20 inches by 12 inches, and was written in red and black ink on paper, at a time when printing technology was already developed in China.

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION



B PYP (IB Primary years Program) exhibition represents a momentous event in the life of PYP school and its students, synthesizing the crucial elements of the PYP program and sharing them with the school community as a culminating experience of PYP years. Amidst the current pandemic situation, the student leaders of NES International School have adjusted to the new normal by conducting the virtual PYP Exhibition on the May 15.

The focus of this exhibition primarily revolved around the Trans disciplinary theme - "How we express ourselves". Prior to the lockdown, students had already done some research and inquiry based on several sustainable development goals that they were passionate about. There were six inquiry groups altogether, it consisted of, *Good Health and Well-being; Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; Climate Change; No Poverty; Gender Equality and Life on land.* Students explored primary and secondary sources of information to gather the required data and materials to be used for their respective goals.

Students who had chosen to be a part of the Good Health and Well-being group

interviewed the owner of Wolo, (a wash-room created for women at Thane station). Similarly, students from Peace, Justice and strong institutions created a Wall of Fame which comprised the work done by eminent personalities like Malala Yousafzai. They also participated in a skype session with a Granny Cloud School (an institution that reaches out to children with limited educational resources around the globe, in a variety of settings, and providing them with the opportunity to experience worlds that are dissimilar in their own way.)

On the 15th of May, the students set out to celebrate the power of learning on the Zoom Virtual Medium. All stakeholders such as the students, parents, teachers, Head of the School-Primrose M, Director of the school, Dr V Balasubramanian and Founder Principal, Dr R Varadarajan were all present on this occasion.

The school also participated in the celebration of power of learning by joining the Global PYP exhibition online hosted by the International Baccalaureate (#PYPX2020) from 1st of June to the 14th of June, 2020.

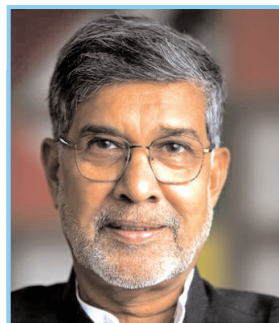
During the Covid- 19 pandemic, a

brand new initiative taken up for the wellbeing of students and their parents was the Summer Wellness Camp and Summer Crash Courses in which, the students and parents attended quite a few sessions and workshops conducted by experts who shared with them tips on how to take care of themselves and enhancing their skills in an efficient manner at the same time. Several workshops were conducted such as, No Fire Cooking, Doodling, Bakers Delight, Coping and Communication skills, Finger Gym, Vocal Workout, Unleashing Creativity, Modelling, Storytelling and Stress management.

The founder Principal Dr R Varadarajan addressed the gathering on the virtual medium. He appreciated the students for their year round research and emphasized the importance of working on sustainable development goals to attain a bright future.

The director of the school, Dr V Balasubramanian appreciated the students for their endeavor to put up the exhibition during these unprecedented times, he also quoted that "the show must go on" and likewise even the learning must go on.

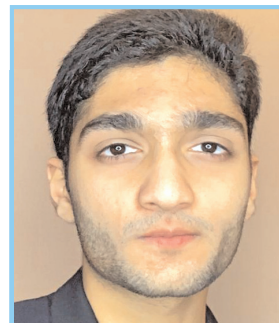
School children help raise lakhs for Kailash Satyarthi Foundation



Kailash Satyarthi



Dewang Sethi, class XI



Shivank Menon, class X



Siddhant Agarwal, class X

During the COVID-19 preventive lockdown, children have become even more vulnerable to exploitation. Children belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society have become highly susceptible to trafficking, labor and exploitation therefore, *The Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation*, founded by Nobel Peace laureate Kailash Satyarthi, has been taking several measures to promote the safety and empowerment of children.

The members of Singapore International school community have always believed that every child should have access to equal opportunities.

When the campaign began, their goal was to maximise donations effectively.

The leaders working were Dewang Sethi, Shivank Menon and Siddhant Agarwal. A decision was made that resulted in the formation of three teams respectively, each corresponding to the grades in their school. This enabled each of them to work closely and effectively with the team members, and maximised their effort by not approaching the same people multiple times. Moreover, the strategy ensured that they involve many more students allowing each student to work effortlessly in sharing the messages and uniting others with a common goal of helping those in need. The students helped raise over Rs 6.5 lakhs being raised! All the students along with the group leaders were extremely proud

of the remarkable teamwork that was shown by the students of SIS, which has currently helped more than 70,000 families during this period of crisis.

Along with that, certain members who have made invaluable contributions throughout the course of this campaign are Dhruv Agrawal from Grade 7, Khushi Sheth from Grade 8 and Siddharth Valecha from Grade 11. The students also expressed their profound gratitude towards Sharonee Mullick, the director of the school and Meera Bhalla, the school's CAS [Creativity, Activity and Service] advisor for giving them the opportunity to lead such an honorable initiative along with Romy Gupta, their supervisor for guiding them along the way

'Online learning is the way ahead'



Jose Kurian

PRINCIPAL SPEAK

Do you think online teaching is projected effectively to the students? If yes then how?

It brought forth a new world of creative, enterprising and exciting learning experience for children with interesting features and visuals.

How do these online classes fulfill the criteria of holistic development in students?

tively addressed through online learning. Children are able to see, and learn from experts and sometimes, even celebrities from different fields.

People say that in school learning is better than virtual learning? Kindly reflect on this point.

Yes, it is. No system can replace school learning. One must understand that digi-

tal transformation in school education is necessary too.

What kind of methods do you use during online classes for children with special needs?

Technology has plenty to offer for children with special needs such as showing illustrative charts, simplified notes, recordings and visuals.

Jose Kurian, Principal & Regional Director, DAV Public School, Nerul

Interview by Priyanshi Chakrabarty, SIS, Mumbai

Father's Day celebrations

Phoenix International School along with Lilliputs, Airol, celebrated Father's day on the June 21. Children were made to enjoy themselves at home by preparing any food item or a drink of their choice that they would make for their father.

Students from pre-primary sections with the help of their mothers made lemonade and orange juice for their fathers and the ones from higher grades went on to cook: *pasta, paranthas* and many more

delicacies and served those themselves. A few kids fed their father with their own hands which was a really pleasing

gesture. A student from grade VI showed his father with abundance of love by offering a helping hand in some farming work such as plowing the field. The students even prepared lovely greeting cards for their parents which made them glow with joy.

All the students showed their love and respect to their father in their own unique manners. The pandemic did not act as an obstruction in their paths as they continued their activities with love and respect. All the teachers and Ragini Bhole, the principal appreciated the work of all the children by sending them encouraging messages and boosting their confidence.



MY MOTHER

PRANALI KADAM, CLASS VI, THANE POLICE SCHOOL, THANE

Today, I want to share something about my mother on the occasion of her birthday. She is loving and caring. She is my best friend. She helps me out with my school studies and also prepares me and my friends for other competitive exams. My mother is also a Certified Abacus Teacher. She also teaches Vedic Mathematics, various art forms like Madhubani Painting, Decoupage, Dot Mandala, Mandala Art, Warli Painting etc. She also makes Resin and Wire Pendants, Wire earrings, Rings, Anklets and customised wire wrapping articles. She has made a beautiful Lord Shiva's Trishul with wire wrapping.

My mother is also a Home Baker. She makes Customised Cakes, Return Gifts and Cake Toppers. She makes Quiet Books or Busy Books which includes activities like number counting, colour matching, shape matching in various themes like Doll House, Paw Patrol, Jungle Book etc. She also conducts vacation workshops for kids. I am indeed proud of my mom, who is very creative and inspires me to be myself and explore my own inner creativity.

My mother has defeated many challenges in her life and I know that one day there will be no obstacles in her life and she will get all the success she deserves. I too want to become a multi-talented artist like her when I grow up.



'The more disciplined you become, the easier life is'

Discipline is a way of doing any work appropriately. This requires control over our body and mind. Some people have self-discipline as natural possession, while some people have to develop it within themselves. It is a skill that can control emotions and helps overcome difficulties and helps in doing the right thing at the right time. Life without discipline makes achieving goals a lot more strenuous.

It is an important tool for all activities of life, whether



it is home, office, playground or other place. If we do not follow discipline then our life will be unorganised. Everything in this world is organised by discipline. Wind, water and land give us the way to live life. This world, country, society, community etc. will all be unorganised without discipline because everything depends on discipline. Discipline is a nature that exists in all things provided by nature. Be disciplined and live life happily.

Vibha Mishra, Teacher,

Podar International School, Ambernath

International Armed Forces Day



A day to honour all those brave men and women, serving one's own country with Bravery, Dedication and Self-Sacrifice" Let's pay tribute to these brave warriors.

International Armed forces day, a day that always was celebrated by students of N L Dalmia High School. This day carries extra significance and meaning as the armed forces continue to serve on the front-line of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Primary section students of Grade IV, paid tribute to the Army, Navy and Air force by extending their heartfelt gratitude for their selfless sacrifices and efficient role of our Brave warriors in this phase of life.

HOPELESS

The closed door ahead,
Followed by the haze,
The the smoke and the fog
Unable to trace my shadow's head

Slowly and bravely,
Punching through the haze,
The smoke and the fog.

A glimmer of hope rose.
I ran towards the glimmer,
Shining bright and loud,
It had already started to disappear,
So I gave up, screaming aloud

And that...
Was my life's biggest take
Which caused,
My idleness to break.

- Aditi Bhosle, class X,
Girton High School,
Mumbai

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