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WEB EDITION

“We should present the traditional indoor games of India in a new and attractive avatar. We have to remember that our Indian sports are also local, and we have already pledged to be vocal for local —Narendra Modi, PM, on the need to promote traditional indoor games”

## FROM VIRTUAL TO REAL GAMES!



**T**he rise in online gaming, coupled with the lockdown, courtesy the coronavirus pandemic has forced children to stay indoors. So, in order to encourage youngsters to go back to our traditional indoor games, PM Narendra Modi in his recent ‘Maan ki Baat’ urged local game makers and start-ups to rethink and repackaging traditional Indian indoor games, and make them interesting for the youth. Here’s why we need to revive our traditional indoor games...

**Reduce the screen time**  
“It is imperative for us to innovate and provide options to unwind offline, as children are glued to their mobile or laptop screen for multiple reasons, including shopping, playing games, surfing the net or chatting with friends, points out Padma Kumar, principal, SGVP, Ahmedabad. Moreover, “online games that children play today are addictive. They not only harm eyesight but also lead to obesity,” adds Sandeep Rathore, a physical education teacher.

## THE HOW CAN WE MAKE IT COMPETITIVE & BIG Q: RELEVANT

**G**ame makers need to evolve and package the traditional games to compete with the virtual games, while still retaining their originality,” feels Avani Pandit, a class IX student of Apeejay School, Navi Mumbai. This can be done by fusing the traditional games with some of the modern ones, she adds. In fact, Mana Shah, a

class IX student of St Xaviers, Gandhinagar says, games like, “Snakes and Ladders can be made more relevant by adding learning skills to it.” Subjects on freedom struggle from our history books can be converted into a Snakes and Ladders game—a positive incident will take you up the ladder; a negative one will pull you down, she adds.

### TRADITIONAL INDOOR GAMES

**THATTANGAL-EZHAKKAL:** Played by two or more with seven stones, this game is about throwing one stone in the air and picking up the rest from the ground, and catching one in the air. The rule is that stones cannot be dropped

**PAGADAI:** Played by 2-4 persons, the goal of the game is to bring all the six coins home before the opponent does. Cowries (dice) are used to move the six coins along the board; players can cut each other during the game

**AADU PULI AATTAM:** Played by two people, in this game, one controls the tigers and the other the goats. The goats aim to prevent the tigers from moving into their territory

**LAKHOTI:** In this game, the players are supposed to hit the selected target ‘kancha’, using their marble ball

### BENEFITS OF TRADITIONAL GAMES

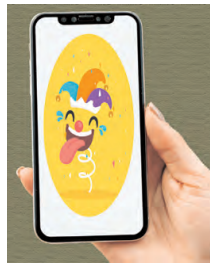
- Improves hand-eye coordination and motor skills, develop sensory skills
- Helps in logical thinking, building strategy, concentration, basic mathematics and setting goals
- Environment-friendly, impart knowledge about our culture and history
- Suitable for all ages, so work as a bridge between generations (Inputs by senior citizens V P Bharadwaj, Mansukhlal Parikh, and Sivan Rao)

## JOKE APPS FOR YOU! NO KIDDING...

Download one of these apps. These apps will give you tons of hilarious jokes...

### KNOCK KNOCK JOKES FOR KIDS

Who’s there? Find out with this funny app for kids. No reading is required with this. All jokes are read by a funny owl. **Where:** <https://appadvice.com/app/knock-knock-jokes-for-kids-the-best-jokes/937897089>



### KIDS PIRATE JOKES

Do you like jokes about Pirates?? Do you like stupid jokes?? Well, then gear up. This app has some really silly jokes about Pirates!! Press a button and hear a joke! It’s that simple! **Where:** <https://appadvice.com/app/kids-pirate-jokes/364982249>

### CARTOON BEST JOKES

What happens to race car drivers when they eat too much? They get indy-gestion. Cartoon Best Jokes provides children many hours of fun and laughter. Young readers will have a blast sharing this collection of hundreds of one-liners, knock-knock jokes, tongue twisters, and more with their friends and family! This app will have children rolling on the floor with laughter... **Where:** <https://appadvice.com/app/cartoon-best-jokes/1113508700>

### KIDS CAT JOKES

Are you a kid who loves animals? Then you’ll love Cat Jokes! 24 great jokes about cats all performed for you by an awesome cat-median! Will keep you entertained for a while! It’s Purr-fect! **Where:** <https://appadvice.com/app/kids-cat-jokes/366556841>

### COVID IS CLIMATE LESSON: GRETA



**T**eenage activist Greta Thunberg says the world needs to learn the lessons of the coronavirus crisis, and treat climate change with similar urgency. The Swedish campaigner, 17, said this would mean leaders acting “with necessary force”. Any “green recovery plan” will not solve the crisis. We have to act fast,” she added. Speaking on a Swedish radio show, Thunberg also dwelled on other

issues, such as racial equality, as championed by the Black Lives Matter movement. “People are starting to realise that we cannot keep looking away from these things. We cannot keep sweeping these injustices under the carpet,” she asserted.

### ACTIVIST SPEAKS

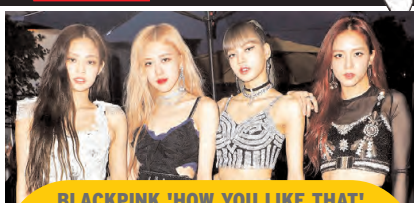
### FACEBOOK TO CENSOR HATE SPEECH

**I**n a major shift, Facebook has announced measures to address controversial comments on its site, including taking down posts that violate its hateful conduct policy. The social media giant will also “label” some less problematic speeches. The move came amid backlash from advertisers as well as its own staff over its failure to regulate provocative content on the platform. Coca-Cola, a major force in global advertising, was the latest to join brands that said they will cease buying advertising on Facebook.

### TECH BUZZ

Facebook said it would expand its policies around hate speech and prohibit a wider category of hateful language. Even if a politician or a government official says it, if we determine that the content may lead to violence or deprive people of their right to vote, we will take it down,” Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



### BLACKPINK ‘HOW YOU LIKE THAT’ ROCKETS TO NEW YOUTUBE RECORD

**S**outh Korean girls group, Blackpink’s newly-released, ‘How You Like That’ music video has blasted into the YouTube record books. The K-pop powerhouse group’s new single had 82.4 million views in the first 24 hours

### IN THE RECORD BOOK

of release on YouTube. It was the No 1 trending video on the platform as well. The view count topped the previous record-holders: BTS’ ‘Boy With Luv’, featuring Halsey, which amassed 74.6 million views in the initial one-day period in April 2019.

➤ The ‘How You Like That’ video featuring Blackpink’s Jisoo, Jennie, Rose and Lisa, is also on its way to become the fastest video in YouTube history to hit 100 million views, it had 94 million in the first 30 hours

➤ The 3-minute track, crafted for the group’s global fanbase, combines lyrics in both Korean and English

## FACTOID 2.5MN

People have downloaded the Chingari app, at the time of going to print. Touted as the ‘desi’ choice to Tiktok, it has been developed by Bengaluru-based developers, Biswatma Nayak and Siddharth Gautam. Interestingly, Chingari has become a household name in less than 15 days of its launch. The app, which also took to the top of the trending charts on the Google Play Store, is available in nine languages—Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Kannada, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu, other than English



### MARGOT TO STAR IN FEMALE-CENTRIC VERSION OF ‘PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN’

**T**he ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ are getting ready to set sail in a whole new direction, with Australian actress Margot Robbie geared up to star in a new version of one of Disney’s biggest film franchises. Robbie, the star of ‘Suicide Squad’ will head a female-driven ‘Pirates’ movie, which is in the early stages of development, said sources.

It marks the latest bid by Hollywood to reimagine classic movies by casting women in the lead roles, including the 2016 reboot of ‘Ghostbusters’, starring Melissa McCarthy and 2018 comedy heist, ‘Ocean’s 8’ that starred Sandra Bullock and Cate Blanchett

Based on a ride at the Disney’s theme parks, the five ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ movies, starring Johnny Depp as Jack Sparrow, have taken some \$4.5 billion at the global box office since 2003

### INDIA BANS 59 CHINESE APPS OVER NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

**T**he Centre has banned nearly 59 Chinese apps, including TikTok, WeChat and UC Browser over national security concerns as India-China bilateral relations remain strained after the death of 20 Indian soldiers in the Galwan Valley clash with Chinese PLA troops in eastern Ladakh. The ministry of electronics and information Technology (MeitY) has issued a list of 59 Chinese apps that are now banned in the country



### SECURITY

The ministry received complaints from various sources, including several reports about misuse of some mobile apps available on Android and iOS platforms for stealing users’ data in an unauthorised manner to servers, which have locations outside India

## US varsities start rolling out plans for international students

**H**igher education in the US is in a state of flux, courtesy Covid-19. Most of the colleges are not sure what their campuses would look like when they reopen in August. According to Dhi-

### EDUCATION

man Chattopadhyay an asst professor at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, “Fall 2020” may be entirely online, or at best, hybrid”. This uncertainty is problematic for 1.1 mn intl students, including 250,000-plus Indians, currently enrolled in US varsities, he adds.

### HOW UNIVERSITIES ARE GEARING UP

➤ Chattopadhyay says most of the highly-ranked universities (where Indian students usually land up) are going all out to ensure that their international students feel welcome and safe. ➤ The Ivy League giants, such as Harvard and public universities, like the Universities of Kentucky, Texas, Pennsylvania and the New York (SUNY) System, are providing housing, meals and other help to the students stuck on campus. ➤ The University of



California State, University of Pennsylvania, etc, have said that international students will be allowed to take all courses remotely for Fall 2020.

## Diet tips for kids taking online classes

**C**elebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar recently shared a list of food that should be given to kids and teens schooling from home. Here are some of them...

**SEASONAL FRUITS FOR NOURISHING BODY:** Have a banana, mango and other seasonal fruits everyday. You can also have fruits in the form of fruit shakes, such as mango milkshake, fruit smoothie,

etc. Fruit is a great filler to be enjoyed during class breaks.

**RICE-DAL FOR LUNCH:** Eat rice and dal with veggies for lunch or combos, such as rajma-rice, chole-rye, kadhi-chawal, and so on. Legumes are loaded with protein and are great for growing up kids to meet the nutritional demands of their body and mind.

**VITAMIN B12 PUNCH WITH CURD AND RAISINS:** Eating home-made curd with black raisins as a snack at any time of the day is a great idea. This combination is rich in Vitamin B12 and is also a great source of iron.

**ROTI SABZI FOR DINNER:** Dinner can consist of roti-sabzi, paratha and stir-fried seasonal veggies, jowar and veggies with dal, and so on. Wholesome meals are good for everyone, but more so for children as they are working hard completing their home work and juggling online classes that stresses their brain. It is also advisable to have early dinner - by 7 to 7.30 pm.





