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BUDDING STAR

SALAMI-SLICING

WHAT: Three years ago, the then Army chief General Bipin Rawat had warned against China's muscle-flexing on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The salami slicing is something we have to be wary of, and remain prepared for the situations emerging, which could gradually emerge into a conflict, he had said. The fresh imbroglio at the LAC has brought China's salami slicing tactic to the forefront all over again. Salami slicing is a

The term, coined by a Hungarian dictator, Mátyás Rákosi, was used to justify the actions of the Hungarian Communist Party to grab complete power in Hungary in the 50s. In the recent past, it was used to describe China's unilateral military actions in Doklam, India, Japan, and countries in the South China Sea region



divide-and-conquer tactic used to dominate the opposition territory, piece by piece.

WHY: Such military operations are too small to result in a war. They leave a neighbouring country confused, as it is not able to decide on how and to what extent it should respond. Apart from avoiding diplomatic attention from the global players, such military actions cumulate over a period of time, and result in a strategic advantage for the aggressive country.

HOW: Post World War-II, China is the only country that has adopted the policy of territorial expansion, using military means. The acquisition of Tibet and Xinjiang, the capture of Aksai Chin, are an example of Beijing's expansionist policy. The tools of salami slicing depends upon the region. For example, in Ladakh, China brings in the ethnic Han pastoralists, and gives them cover to use the land across the areas of 'unprotected LAC. In the process, the Chinese army drive them away from their pastureland, thus adopting salami slicing.

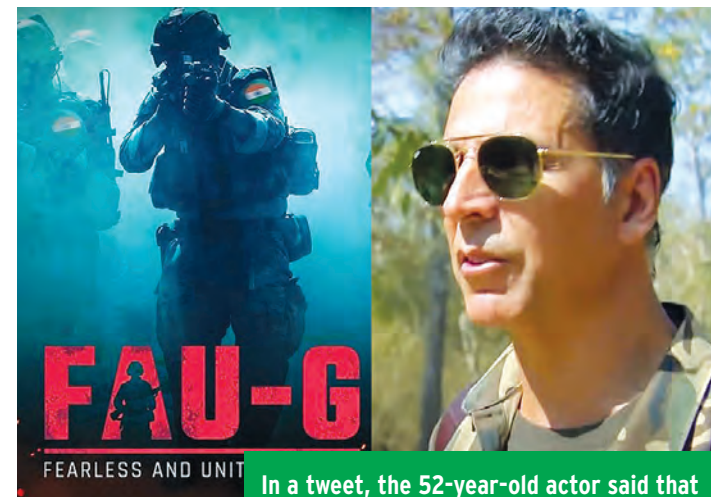


WHERE ELSE CHINA IS USING THE TACTIC?



In the South and the East China Sea, the tools of salami slicing involve hydrocarbon-exploration leases, and asserting fishing rights. In the East China Sea, China has deployed paramilitary agencies against Japan over the Senkaku Islands, which it calls Diaoyu. China's aggressive strategy has worked in its favour, as the world community now recognises the islands as a disputed territory

India's answer to PUBG? Akshay Kumar announces the launch of action game FAU-G



In line with PM Narendra Modi's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', actor Akshay Kumar has launched a multiplayer action-game, FAU-G. In a tweet, the 52-year-old actor said that besides entertainment, the players "will also learn about the sacrifices of our soldiers". Additionally, it will donate 20 per cent of its net revenue to the 'Bharat Ke Veer' trust that pays homage and support to the country's bravehearts

- 1 The game is based on real scenarios encountered by the Indian Security Forces to deal with both domestic and foreign threats
- 2 The game is expected to launch by the end of October, with its first-level set in the Galwan Valley backdrop, followed by third-person shooting gameplay in the subsequent releases
- 3 The game will be available on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store

LYDIAN NADHASWARAM AGE: 14 YRS CLAIM TO FAME: PIANIST

Lydian Nadhaswaram may be only 14, but his skills as a pianist reveal maturity beyond his age. The teenager, who has been mentored by music maestro, AR Rahman, will also debut as an actor in a Hindi film, 'Atkan Chatkan'. Lydian plays a 12-year-old protagonist, Guddu, who is a chai delivery boy and has a passion to observe, listen and create new sounds. The teenager, who hails from Chennai, rose to fame last year, when he won the American reality show, 'The World's Best.'



ON HIS JOURNEY: I was inspired by my sister and father, who play piano. Besides, when I was nine, my father sent me a YouTube video of a Chinese boy playing the piano. I got inspired, and that's how I started taking interest in it
ON AR RAHMAN: Rahman uncle is one of the biggest supports in my life. He has motivated me, and advised me on various things

LAUNCHED

COLLINS EVALUATE: A DIGITAL PLATFORM TO AID TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS ASSIGN AND EVALUATE COURSEWORK

Collins Learning, the learning and education division of HarperCollins India, has announced the launch of Collins Evaluate, a secure and convenient online tool for educators to assign coursework to their students.



With Collins Evaluate, a teacher will have access to a bank of more than 30,000 questions to create assignments from across the subjects. A teacher will also be able to add his/her own questions, edit the existing ones, and track and share students' results on the platform

WORD PLAY

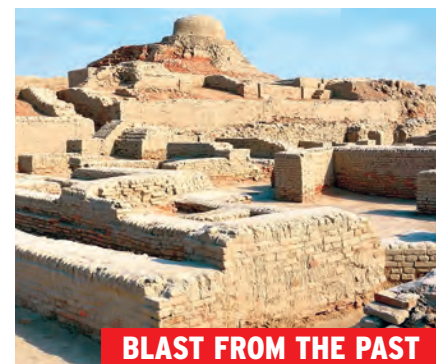
LOOK IT UP: 2020 EVENTS SPARK UPHEAVAL AT ONLINE DICTIONARY

Dictionary.com, which boasts of 70 million monthly users, has announced its biggest ever revision—more than 15,000 words will be updated, out of which, many will reflect the social upheaval and racial unrest of 2020. "The unprecedented events of 2020, from the pandemic to the protests, have profoundly changed our lives and language," Dictionary.com said.



- The Covid-19 pandemic gripping the world added a raft of new words to many English speakers' everyday vocabularies, from technical labels, like asymptomatic to behavioral terms, like social distance.
- Many of the more than 15,000 words that have been added or updated on Dictionary.com are placed under a single word: respect. They reflect the changing ways the society addresses race, sexual orientation, mental health and other issues.
- The website has capitalised 'Black' in its entries, and has created a separate entry for a Black person

CLIMATE CHANGE LIKELY LED TO THE FALL OF INDUS VALLEY CIVILISATION: STUDY



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Shifting monsoon patterns linked to climate change likely caused the rise and fall of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation, according to a study, which analysed data from North India, covering the past 5,700 years.

- The study used a new mathematical method to study the ancient climate patterns in North India over time, providing insights about the past climates, using indirect observations
- While there are several theories on why the Indus Valley Civilisation declined, including invasion by nomadic Indo-Aryans, and earthquakes, climate change appears to be the most likely scenario, the study noted
- According to the analysis, there was a major shift in the monsoon patterns just before the dawn of the Indus civilisation, and the pattern reversed course right before it declined, indicating that it was in fact the climate change that caused the fall

NEWS IN BRIEF

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CRISTIANO RONALDO IS THE HIGHEST-PAID FOOTBALLER: FORBES

Footballers, Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi have been at loggerheads for most part of their careers on the field. Now, Messi and Ronaldo seem to be fighting against each other off the field too. In the latest Forbes Rich List, Ronaldo has beaten Messi as the highest-paid footballer in the world by a mere \$1 million.

RICHIE RICH

Ronaldo is the most-followed athlete on social media, with more than 200 million Instagram followers. Of the \$105mn he earned this season, \$60 million came from his salary/winnings, while \$45 million came from endorsements



In April this year, WhatsApp had narrowed down the limit of frequently-forwarded messages to one chat at a single time. In Messenger, if you add more users to your forwarding list, the app will flash a notification, stating "forwarding limit reached."



CHANNING TATUM TURNS WRITER WITH CHILDREN'S BOOK

Actor Channing Tatum is set to release his first children's book, and has dedicated it to his seven-year-old daughter, Everly. The actor took to Instagram to announce the picture book, titled, 'The One and Only Sparkella'. Published by Feiwei & Friends, the book focuses on a young girl named Ella, who is teased on her first day of school for loving sparkly things. Kim Barnes has created the illustrations for the book.

- Calling Everly his greatest teacher, Tatum said, the book is an ode to all the little girls. "To Everly, the most brilliant magical being that I have ever known. You are my greatest teacher. This is also for all the dads... Wear whatever, dance however, and be as magical as you can. Because I promise they will return the love," he said
- 'The One and Only Sparkella' will hit the stands on May 4, 2021

FACTOID ₹32 CR

Price of an untitled 1974 oil-on-canvas painting by VS Gaitonde that was sold at an auction recently. It has become the most expensive work of art by an Indian artist. The work, bought by an unnamed international buyer, was part of an auction titled, Looking West: Works from the Collection of the Glenbarra Art Museum, Japan.

The sale broke the record held by another work of Gaitonde that fetched ₹29.3 crore at a Christie's auction in Mumbai in 2015. 'Saurashtra' by SH Raza, which fetched ₹16.3 crore in 2010, and a self-portrait by Amrita Sher-Gil that fetched \$3.2 million at a New York auction in 2015, have been among the other works that have held the title of the most expensive work sold by an Indian artist at different times



YOUNG INFLUENCERS

ISHA AMBANI, AKASH AMBANI, ADAR POONAWALLA ON FORTUNE'S 40 UNDER 40 LIST

Reliance Jio Board Directors Isha Ambani and Akash Ambani, Serum Institute of India CEO, Adar Poonawalla, and Byju Raveendran, co-founder of India's leading education technology company, Byju's, are among the "emerging leaders" from across the world named by Fortune in its annual list of influential people under the age of 40.



- 1 The 2020 Fortune 40 Under 40 list highlights 40 influential people, each in five categories of finance, technology, healthcare, government and politics, media and entertainment from around the world
- 2 Featured on the list are 28-year-old Ambani twins, children of Reliance Chairman billionaire, Mukesh and Nita Ambani
- 3 The list also names Raveendran, the 39-year-old CEO of Byju, India's, "biggest education technology company"
- 4 The list also includes SoftBank group senior vice president, investments, Akshay Naheta (39), head of digital assets and distributed ledger technology (DLT) at TD Ameritrade, Sunayna Tuteja, global vice president Xiaomi and managing director, Xiaomi India, Manu Kumar Jain (39), Maverick Ventures' managing director, Ambar Bhattacharyya (37), PharmEasy co-founders, Dhaval Shah and Dharmil Sheth (31), and ACLU chief product and digital officer, Deepa Subramaniam (39)

Teachers are Lifelong Learners

DR. GRACE PINTO, MANAGING DIRECTOR, RYAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

September 5, is celebrated as "Teachers' Day" to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the Second President of India and a renowned teacher and a philosopher for his commendable contribution to education. This day is rightly set aside to honour our teachers for their sacrifice in making a significant contribution to the society. Dr. Radhakrishnan believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country". Indeed, teachers are lifelong learners because learning never stops neither for them nor for the students.

Due to the current pandemic situation, over the past few months, the Indian K-12 sector has evolved tremendously with a transition taking place from offline to online mode of learning. Lifelong learning being the essence of teaching, we witnessed teachers unlearn and relearn, and learn new strategies and tools that were available online in order to provide a productive learning experience for the

students. As a result, there was a seamless transition for many schools from offline to virtual interactive model of learning. We greatly commend all our teachers for their commitment and sincere effort to constantly upgrade and equip themselves for the betterment of our students. In the years ahead, hybrid blended learning with 'face-to-face classrooms and virtual lessons'

is likely to be the future of education that will provide engaging and meaningful learning experiences for our students. Virtual learning as an integral part of education system is here to stay, however the holistic development through school activities with teachers as mentors will continue to remain extremely integral part of child's education.

While we appreciate our teachers for their relentless effort to guide children, with the National Education Policy (NEP2020) the whole pedagogical framework has undergone a change and therefore we will stand to benefit if our teachers as lifelong learners embrace the changes proactively and redesign and redefine the learning outcomes to make our children more global citizens. Teachers as mentors are not only empowering individuals but empowering generations to come. On this Teachers' Day, we urge all our dear teachers to dedicate themselves for this noble cause of education. There is a wealth of talent and potential within every child and teachers would serve them well to facilitate the unlocking of this wealth and empowering them to discover their true purpose in life. Teachers - cherish your special calling to be lifelong learners in order to impact eternity.

Happy Teachers' Day!



Ganeshotsav @ school



Shree N D Bhuta High School, Andheri East



Sadhu Vaswani International School, Sanpada



Smt R N Sheth Vidyamandir, Andheri East



Gokuldham High School and Jr. College, Goregaon



Shri Balaji International School, Malad



Chembur English High School, Chembur

In Memory of Nelson Mandela

I was getting bored and there was no thrill in my life when this Online Elocution Competition came like a ray of hope for me. I enjoyed the whole journey right from the selection of the topic until the final event with my mother who was my mentor and guide along with my teachers. It was also a whole new experience of performing and posting the speech online," shared Mubasshira Ansari, a grade 8 student, winner from Diamond Jubilee High School for Girls, Mumbai.

Every year, July 18 is celebrated as Nelson Mandela International Day. A day that reminds us that everyone has the ability and the responsibility to take action, to inspire change and to make the world a better place. Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity and the day remembers Mandela's achievements in working towards conflict resolution, democracy, human rights, peace, and reconciliation.

To celebrate Nelson Mandela International Day and to inspire its students with the values of Nelson Mandela, Aga Khan Education Service, India (AKESI) organized an Online Inter-School Elocution Competition for students of grades 6 to 12.

For the very first time, an

Winners of Mandela Day Elocution Competition held at Aga Khan Education Service, India



MUBASSHIRA ANSARI
1st Position - Grade 8th
Topic - Conflict Resolution
School - DJHSG, Mumbai



AISHA MOTIWALA
Jury Award - Grade 6th
Topic - Conflict Resolution
School - DJHSG, Mumbai



HUMERA ANSARI
Jury Award - Grade 9th
Topic - Human Rights
School - DJHSG, Mumbai

event of this scale was executed remotely, where the students selected their choice of topic and filed their nomination through the online registration process. Over 600 students from Aga Khan Schools across India were evaluated in the preliminary elimination round using a predefined evaluation matrix and 120 students were selected for the semi-final round. Organised centrally, the tough semi-final round brought out the 43 best student speakers from across the nine units to battle at the finals. An external jury comprising of industry stalwarts from different walks of life was formulated to judge the final round of the competition.

The jury included Farida Lambay, Co-founder of Pratham, with more than 25

years of experience as an educationist and social activist; Dr Rajeshwari Narendran - Head & Professor for HR/OB and Director of MHRM at M L Sukhadia University, Udaipur; and Chetna Mehrotra - Founder of Rangbhumi, an Applied theatre practitioner and drama based learning facilitator.

The jury jointly reviewed and evaluated the student performances and selected seven National winners. Six students were presented with the Jury awards.

Shafak Motiwala was a proud parent as her daughter Aisha Motiwala, from the Diamond Jubilee School for Girls emerged a winner at the Online Elocution Competition. Speaking about her daughter's participation in the contest,

she said, "I wanted my daughter to participate in the elocution just to overcome her fear and boost up her confidence and to make her realise nothing is impossible in life. I think this experience helped her understand that we should make best use of our time and there should not be any barrier to stop us from achieving our goal."

On July 25, an Online event was hosted to felicitate the National winners and Jury awardees of the Mandela Online Elocution Competition. In addition to the jury members, the event was attended by Margery Evans, the Academic Director for AKES, the school leadership as well as the winners.

The jury members commended AKESI for promoting this initiative, which inculcates these values, as espoused by Nelson Mandela. They acknowledged the efforts that go behind the scenes in planning such a magnanimous event. They also echoed their appreciation for the contributions made by the teachers and parents in helping the students prepare for the elocution.

"Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success, if they are dedicated and passionate about what they do."

-Nelson Mandela

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

On 10th August, Jaden James an student of Holy Angel's School joined the online education platform to tell students about his journey as a TEDx speaker and how he conquered stage fright and developed confidence. The students were engrossed in his story and the rest of the session was filled with curious questions and a lot of fun interaction.

He started off by saying that "I began speaking through competitions, and people told me that the points I raise are very good and even my speaking skills are great, I got encouragement from those few comments by my teachers and my classmates and continued taking part in every competition I came across and when I won my first competition, the feeling I got overpowered all

the stage-fright, and that was when I decided that I would continue speaking. I also realised a few things, it mainly being participation is the key, and that one should always prepare well, never hesitate and remember even if you mess up that nobody knows about your speech and you can always improvise and to always interact with the audience. But, the most important thing I realised would be to always believe in yourself."

"My parents and teachers played a huge part in this. My parents motivated me and supported my decisions, while my teachers encouraged me to take part in many competitions, they were also the ones who introduced TEDx."

The students also asked some questions:

WHAT EXACTLY IS TEDx?

TEDx is an individual community and an idea sharing platform for the youth. Its sessions are fun and motivating. I will recommend it to anyone and you can also check one of their sessions on YouTube.

WHO IS YOUR SOURCE OF INSPIRATION?

My father has always been a source of inspiration for me.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH AND A WEAKNESS?

My greatest strength would be my self-confidence because I believe that trusting yourself is the biggest strength. Procrastination would be my greatest weakness.

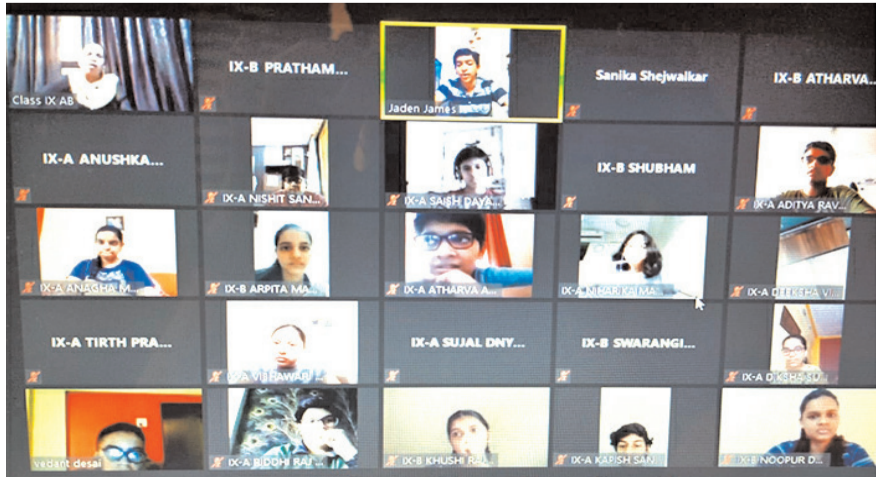
WHAT WERE THE FACTORS THAT HELPED YOU STUDY AND SPEAK SO WELL?

Well I think that time management is definitely a factor that can help anybody. I also pronounced hard words on a daily basis and I also speak in English at home and while conversing with teachers as well.

ANY DEMOTIVATION?

I didn't let negative comments affect me because I had my friends and parents to support me and they weighed out the negative comments, and I always had faith in god and that faith helped me in not getting distracted. The students thanked Jaden for a fun and informative session and also for helping them improve their speaking skills and bid him adieu.

Niharika Pawar, Sancia Bijoy and Pratham Suchak, class IX, Holy Angel's School



Lessons in leadership begin in school

'Leaders are the role models who inspire the followers and motivate them to reach the pinnacle of success'.

20th August 2020: The Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2020-21 for DAV International School, Kharghar was held on a virtual platform on 20th August 2020.

The DAVISK envisions to inculcate in its students the qualities of leadership, team work and team spirit. With this intent, the Investiture Ceremony was conducted in these challenging times to induct the elected members into the Council to help smooth running of the school activities and teaching-learning process with minimal obstacles.

The virtual ceremony, which had a live coverage, augmented with the auspicious lamp lighting followed by the DAV Anthem. A melodious song welcomed the esteemed guests for the day which included the Honourable Principal Madam, school

staff, PTA members, parents and students.

The Council comprised of 12 important posts for office bearers. The elected leaders' profiles were displayed on the screen and were conferred with badges and sashes.

Inspiring speeches were delivered by the Head post bearers to express their gratitude to the school management and also to motivate their team members to discharge their duties earnestly and to live up to the expectations of the school. The oath was administered by the Head Girl after which the Council was formally inducted.

The efforts and contribution of the Council for the academic session 2019-20 was also appreciated. The Head Girl of the outgoing council took the opportunity to express her gratitude towards the school and her team.

The Head of the institution, Honourable Principal Madam, Mrs. Seema Maindiratta, addressed the elected Council members congratulating the newly appointed school prefectural board for their preparedness to take responsibilities and encouraged the young leaders to uphold the values of the school and to keep the school flag flying high while discharging their duties honestly and impartially. Her words of advice were highly motivating to the students.

The event concluded on a note of encouragement and inspiration for the students through a beautiful motivational video. The national song, "Vande Matram" marked the end of the day's programme.



'We must be as big as space itself to win the stars'

Holding the same value and belief 'The Cambria International School & Jr College' has redefined the new normal by extending its way to organise NASA Space Exploration Webinar on 07th August, 2020 through an online platform patronizing the true essence of space advancements which indeed served the thought that the Cambrians incredible waiting and curiosity had paid off.

With an endeavor to promote and commemorate scientific attitude among budding young students, the webinar was one of its kind which was inaugurated by the principal Mrs Heena Falke followed by the valued presence and inputs from Respected CMD Mr

Bipin Pote and Respected Managing Trustee Mrs Minimal Pote leading to the gracious presence of the Guest Speaker for the webinar, George Salazar - NASA Scientist.

The webinar conducted was indeed an eye opener with the concept of Engi-

neering and Science where in the guest speaker instilled the ideas on various innovations and technological advancements that the human race has ever achieved in the field of Astronomy. The exhibits in the form of questions by the young Cambrians focused on stupefying concepts such as Space Tourism, Dark Matter, SpaceX Mission, Black hole and many more which were all addressed by the scientist leading to boost the young minds with ample knowledge to illuminate their curious minds.

Thus, the webinar truly served the purpose. "The Science of today is the technology of tomorrow" which led the young learners to imbibe the novel ideas which would help the world by contributing their young steps in technological advancements and scientific development.

