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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

## 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

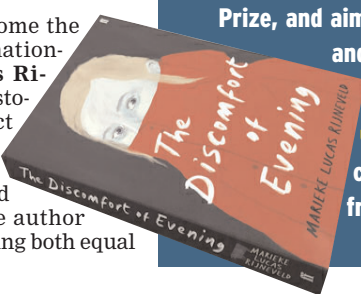
September will be observed as the 'nutrition month'. For our children and our students to display their optimum potential, show their mettle; nutrition and proper nourishment play a very big role. During the nutrition month, a food and nutrition quiz will be organised on MyGov portal; there will be a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



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. 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. 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.



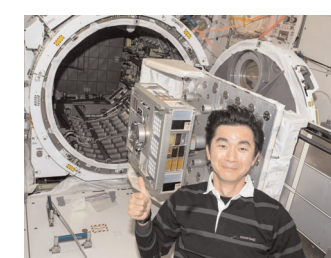
TECH BUZZ

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"

## 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/ timesnie175@gmail

Last date of entry: September 3, 2020, 5pm



# HONING ORATORIAL SKILLS IN YOUNG LEARNERS

Blue Bells Model School, Sector 4, Gurgaon organised an Inter House Debate Competition for the students of Classes VI to VIII on virtual platform. The topic chosen for the Debate was -'Social Media is a New Age God.' The students researched well for the Debate and expressed themselves explicitly. They shared their biggest learnings from this lockdown due to Coronavirus. The interjectors asked thought provoking questions which foxed the debaters for a while. The judges found it a difficult task to adjudge the Winners.

Speaking on the occasion, Alka Singh, Principal of the school appreciated the effort of the English Department and acknowledged the efforts of the debaters and interjectors for making the competition so enriching.

The Result of the Competition was BEST SPEAKER (FOR THE MOTION) Tejaswi Chauhan, BEST SPEAKER (AGAINST THE MOTION) Raj Sardana, BEST INTERJECTOR: Aarush, BEST TEAM: Tagore House



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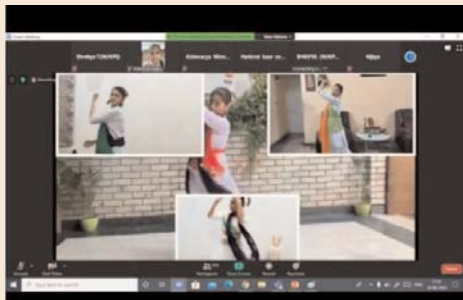
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# Leaders of tomorrow

Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar celebrated festivities along with Investiture Ceremony on a virtual platform. The school deployed cutting-edge technology to celebrate this important day with the students and parents. The occasion was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Tapsee Pannu, actress and the school's alumna, Guest of Honour Justice GS Sistani, Judge, Delhi High Court, School's Chairman S Surjit Singh, Vice Chairperson Rasna Singh and many other dignitaries.

Rendition of 'Shabad', lamp lighting ceremony marked the onset of the celebration. The live streaming of the cultural program with the theme 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' aimed at celebrating the spirit of oneness of our nation in all its diverse hues. The highlight of the day 'Bharat Ki Beti' - the yoga performance celebrated the emergence of new India with women empowerment as the need of the hour. This was followed by a presentation which showcased our students' transformative journey at school into a confident and responsible being.



Investiture Ceremony was also held to confer the titles to the newly inducted students' council. The school principal Rashmi Mehta administered the oath of allegiance to the newly appointed Prefectorial board spearheaded by Abhishek Sharma and Vishakha Singla. The students of choir group sang the School song that filled everyone's heart with palpable excitement. To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation, all in unison sang the National Anthem that filled every heart with patriotic fervour.

The Chief Guest in her address lauded the efforts of the students and encouraged them to venture out of their comfort zones in order to seek real growth, realize their potential and become self-reliant and independent in true sense.

DPSGV hosted its first ever virtual Investiture Ceremony 2020-21. The event got its boost with the presence of visionaries with the likes of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, DPSG Society, Anshul Pathak, who consented to be the chief guest. Not only did he motivate the newly elected council, but also reiterated that this pandemic is going to leave us wiser than before. In the same league, motivational speaker, Vickrant Mahajan guided the young leaders to make this world a better place by participating and just being in the moment. The office bearers were overwhelmed and could breathe a sigh of relief after a long-drawn selection process left them with great contentment having waded their way to the top notch positions over the others.

The Principal, Trilok Singh Bist congratulated them.

The Headboy, Sukrit Anshuman, the Head girl - Gayathri Pillai, the Deputy Headboy - Dhruv Banerjee and the Deputy Headgirl - Riya Berry carved a niche for themselves.

The day culminated with appreciation and applause with the Headmistress, senior wing, Ritu Sehgal, rendering a vote of thanks to all the guests and a special mention to the parent fraternity who has been supporting the school.



# Ecstasy 2020

Maxfort School, Rohini organised the Annual Inter School Event-Ecstasy 2020, provided the perfect platform to the students to realise their dreams of innovation and imagination. This year in the turbulent time of pandemic COVID-19, Ecstasy was organised on a digital platform. About 29 schools participated. The lamp-lighting ceremony was held followed by Ganesha Vandana. Principal Dr Ratna Chakravarty welcomed the Principals of the participating schools, guide teachers, participants and parents. The principal motivated the contestants with words of encouragement and enthusiasm to give their best and enjoy the bliss of their performance.



She congratulated the talented Maxfortians who have brought laurels to the school with their exceptional academic performance in Classes X and XII for the academic session 2019-20. The highly enthusiastic and innovative categories for this mammoth open were - For Classes I-III Gallantry Pageant, for Classes III-IV Math-trix, for Classes V - VI, live competition - Created to Create, for Classes VII- VIII Navaras, for Classes IX- X Roohaniyat- Solo Sufi Music Competition, for Classes XI - XII (Science Stream) live competition- Budding Scientist, (Commerce Stream) Reincarnation and (Humanities Stream) The Voice of Truth.

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# World's biggest interschool quiz School Super League competition targets over 1 crore school students

This year, the School Super League mega event is being presented in a fun, fresh and completely online version via an App. This event is being organised by The Times of India - Newspaper in Education programme in association with Byju's Learning App. The challenge, rigorously designed by experts in the field, aims at helping students gain insight into their scientific, mathematical and social science aptitude. The revived, refreshed and revitalized event will be held across 29 states, along with Delhi, reaching out to over 30,000 plus schools and more than 1 crore students.



The challenge will be held in 3 categories: sub-juniors comprising students of classes III and IV, juniors comprising students of classes V, VI and VII, and seniors comprising classes VIII, IX and X students. Every participant will receive an 'E-Certificate of Participation', a 60-day free subscription to BYJU'S The Learning App worth Rs 6,000, besides Rs 5,000 in their BYJU'S wallets, which can be redeemed to purchase any BYJU'S course from classes I to XII, thus contributing to their knowledge pool.

Every grade topper will also get a One Year online subscription to Premium BYJU'S - The Learning App worth Rs 25,000 each and get a chance to take part in the state finals. The national round, scheduled to be held in Mumbai, will be aired on television. The national level winning teams (winners, 1st runners up, 2nd runners up) will be the proud winners of the grand prize: An all-sponsored trip to NASA along with their school principals.

Speaking about this competition, Atit Mehta, VP - Marketing, BYJU'S said, "We have taken extraordinary steps to ensure that students don't miss out on their favourite school quiz this year. In fact, thanks to the growing acceptance and adoption of digital learning, we expect the participation to be higher than ever before. Never has a school quiz been held at such a scale before. Our new format will give students across all parts of the country a transparent and unbiased platform to compete and showcase their capabilities to the entire nation. Online learning has been breaking the glass ceiling that existed in education. With such an initiative we want to further ignite the passion and love for learning among children everywhere."

So if you think, you have what it takes to be next Aptitude Wizard of your city, be sure to take part in Round 1 of School Super League. Please contact your Times NIE Teacher Coordinator for more details or call helpline number 9739733333. Hurry, don't miss this winning opportunity.

