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STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

## WILL COVID-19 WIDEN THE DIGITAL DIVIDE?

**A**mid steep rise in the coronavirus pandemic cases, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has warned that there is a risk that the economic and technological divides between the industrialised, emerging and developing countries, could widen further, especially in digital transition.

### WHAT'S DIGITAL DIVIDE?

According to experts, the world is now divided between people who have access to Internet and those who don't have this privilege. Those who don't have Internet are the 'new underprivileged', because no access to digital services means more risk to life and livelihood— people in various sectors, where 'work from home' is possible, are able to manage lockdowns better than those who don't have this facility, they add.

### STUDENTS' TAKE

While the big players have taken advantage of digitisation during these lockdown times, emerging startups and young aspirants are still struggling to get a foothold. Countries developing their economy through digital means, may suffer a noticeable digital divide, compared with those having well-established digital bases  
**Sthuthi R Mohan, class XII, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Thiruvananthapuram**



In this technology-driven world, though it is convenient for people having access to Internet and smart-phones/laptops/PCs to work smoothly from home, it is important to understand that a large chunk of world population is still without Internet access. This gap is likely to widen, in years to come  
**Hina Naela, class XII, G D Goenka Public School, Lucknow**



### THE IMPACT

■ The digital divide will definitely increase. Those who do not have access to digital tech at their homes will find it difficult to continue their progress and sustain. Moreover, they will feel isolated. People who have access will be able to work from home and stay in touch with friends and family.

Anupama Girish, teacher, PSBLLA, Bengaluru

■ Though many countries are riding the wave of digitisation during the coronavirus pandemic, there is a likelihood that developing countries would lag behind, thanks to the deepening financial crisis, which in turn will widen the global digital divide further.

Ditipriya Mukherjee, teacher, Sri Sri Academy, Kolkata

The **BIG** debate

According to UNDP, around 86% of the global population— which is 6.5 billion people— do not have access to reliable broadband Internet



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### APPS TO HELP STUDENTS WITH THEIR SCIENCE HOMEWORK



**#1 THE CHEMICAL TOUCH:** A full periodic table is given on the app. Once a student touches a specific element, they can study it in-depth, such as its atomic mass and properties. It also has an amino acid chart with an in-depth information. Each element also has a link to a Wikipedia article, for more details.

**#2 FROG DISSECTION:** One of the most stereotypical science experiments, frog dissecting, can now be done virtually. Featuring step-by-step instructions, there is plenty of in-depth information on each of the frog's organs, including anatomical comparisons to human organs

**#3 STEPHEN HAWKING'S SNAPSHOTS OF THE UNIVERSE:** Based on the writings and work of Stephen Hawking, one of the world's most-renowned scientists, this app is a wonderful interactive source of information for space science. This app includes 10 interactive experiments and video segments, to help students study our universe.

**#4 NASA VISUALISATION EXPLORER:** Perfect for expanding upon concepts learned in class or research for projects, this NASA app helps students explore our universe, even more deeper. With articles and visuals, students can discover more about the Earth, the solar system, and beyond, in depth.

### iRecommend

### 3 ways to disinfect your DIY face mask

Are you wondering how to wash a home-made mask? Here are three expert-approved ways to disinfect your DIY mask ...

- Fill a big bowl with hot water and dish soap. Soak in the face mask for at least five minutes. Let the mask get completely dry, before you use it again
- Put your mask in a bag before putting it in the washing machine, so that the elastic doesn't get loose. Dry it in the dryer, on a high-temperature setting
- If you have a non-inflammable mask, you can disinfect it with dry heat



### Evaluation for class X, XII Board exams to be done at home by teachers

The evaluation for class X, XII Board exams will be done by teachers at their homes. Union HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal said. He said 1.5 crore answer sheets of already-conducted class X, XII exams will be delivered to teachers. "Teachers will evaluate from home and we will be able to complete the process in 50 days," he added. Evaluation began on May 10.



EDUCATION

Evaluation of the answer sheets has been delayed due to a nationwide lockdown imposed to contain the coronavirus outbreak

### ENTERTAINMENT

### SRK announces competition for budding filmmakers to make scary indoor movie

To promote his upcoming production venture, web-series 'Betaal', in an innovative way, actor Shah Rukh Khan has announced a contest for budding filmmakers—to shoot a scary movie indoors— keeping in mind, the nationwide lockdown. Since we've all got a bit of time on our hands in quarantine, thought I can get us all to work a bit... in a fun, creative and... spooky way! #SpookSRK, Shah Rukh wrote on Twitter:

### THE RULES

- The rules include choosing any camera available; a prop that can be used spookily, but it has to be readily available at home
- It can be a solo project, or you can choose multiple people, provided you follow the social distancing guidelines
- The last day to send in the entries is May 18. It will be judged by Vineet, Aahana, director Patrick Graham and producer Gaurav Verma
- The winners will get to be on a video call with SRK and the 'Betaal' team



### NEWS IN BRIEF

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### ENVIRONMENT

### HUMAN-DRIVEN POLLUTION AFFECTING WORLD'S CAVE SYSTEMS

Researchers have found that human-driven pollution can even change the environment underground. According to them, as surface water flows through agricultural and urban areas, it collects bacterial contaminants, before entering cave systems. The research team which looked into the Monte Conca cave system on the island of Sicily—a vast system of springs and pools, sitting below a nature preserve— concluded that microbial communities in the pools of water in the Monte Conca cave shows signs of being altered by pollution, from land.



Caves are often formed by the weathering of rock. They often extend deep underground

### 'Jurassic Park' got Velociraptors wrong

It appears that the famous movie on dinosaurs, 'Jurassic Park' may have got it all wrong, as the Velociraptor dinosaurs did not hunt in packs, claims a new study. A new analysis shows that raptorial dinosaurs did not hunt in big or coordinated packs like dogs. In fact, scientists have proposed a different model for behaviour in raptors— thought to be more like Komodo dragons, in which individuals may attack the same animal, but cooperation is limited. To do this, the researchers considered the teeth from the raptor Deinonychus, which lived in North America, during the Cretaceous Period, about 115 to 108 million years ago.



The raptors, with their sickle-shaped talons, were made famous in the 1993 blockbuster movie, 'Jurassic Park', which portrayed them as highly intelligent predators, that worked in groups to hunt large prey

### TEEN SPREADS COVID-19 AWARENESS IN 22 LANGUAGES

### COVID WARRIOR

A United Arab Emirates (UAE)-based Indian teenager is spreading COVID-19 awareness in 22 languages by singing and composing songs, a media report said. Calling herself a COVID-19 warrior, Suchetha Satish, 14, has recorded the awareness songs, written by her mother Sumitha Ayilliath, in Arabic and 21 Indian languages. Her song in Malayalam, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil and Assamese was also released by the Kerala government.



- Suchetha is a world record holder, for singing in most languages in one concert, and the longest live-singing concert by a child
- Her first English song, titled, 'Say No To Panic', was released on March 16
- Later, she released her second song in her mother tongue, Malayalam, to create awareness among the Keralite community in Dubai

### Boxing will play key role in making India top-10 nation at the Olympics: Rijiju

During a video interactive session with India's elite boxers recently, sports minister Kiren Rijiju acknowledged the efforts by the athletes and said, boxing will play a vital role in making India a sporting powerhouse, and top-10 nation in the medals tally at the Olympics.

- Indian boxers have already secured a record nine qualification quotas at Tokyo Olympics
- Rijiju also informed that the government is planning to allow elite athletes to resume their training at the earliest, in order to keep them ready for future competitions

### FACTOID

**\$150,000:** Price of basket ball player Michael Jordan's game-worn pair of Nike sneakers, that will be auctioned by Sotheby's. The bidding, which started a week back, will continue through May 17. Sotheby's holds a record for sneakers at auction, with \$437,500 paid for Nike's 'Moon Shoe', last year

### TRENDING

### INDIANS CRAVE FOR SAMOSAS, CHICKEN MOMOS & JALEBIS in lockdown; coronavirus 3RD MOST-SEARCHED TOPIC DURING APRIL

With neighbourhood mithai shops shut because of COVID-19 lockdown, people have donned the chef's hat to make samosas, momos, jalebis and even golgappas at home, with the help of Internet. According to Google search trends, recipe-related searches hit a new record high, peaking on April 19



**1** The data showed searches for 'Chicken momo recipe' spiked 4,350 per cent, while that for 'Mango ice cream recipe' rose 3,250 per cent in April. Dalgona coffee — which became an online sensation as people shared photographs and videos of their creation on social media channels — saw a spike of 5,000 per cent on how to make the drink

**2** Interestingly, while cake topped the search tally for recipes during the month, people also looked for instructions on how to make 'samosa', 'jalebi', 'momos', 'dhokla', 'pani puri', 'dosa' and 'paneer' dishes. Coronavirus was the third most-searched topic in India, during April — behind 'film' and 'meaning' of different words.



### PANDEMIC FASHION

### DISCOVER YOUR CLOSET

Living in isolation for over more than a month, has made us all mini Marie Kondos — the Japanese decluttering expert. In fact, it has given us time to reassess our wardrobes. Interestingly, people have rediscovered old clothes lying at the back of their wardrobes, that now, surprisingly fit us! So, do you want to recycle your old or rather not newly-bought clothes, and use them again? Follow these tips...

- Repair old clothes that haven't faded. Learn to sew buttons and use them, once done. You will feel a sense of gratification for wearing something that has your 'contribution' too. Make stylish masks with old dupattas and tee shirts. You can check videos online, where they guide you on how to make one
- You can pass on clothes that are fairly fresh, but don't fit you, to your younger siblings. Recycling clothes is great for the environment, as it reduces wastage of fabric
- Keep your wardrobe organised; it will help you have a bird's eye view of your closet, and save you from buying same kind of clothes



FUN-ZONE

HAVE A VIDEO TO SHARE? SEND IT TO US

**LEARN WITH OUR COVID-19 WARRIORS:** Manasi Dinesh Rane, Palak Pankaj Pardeshi, Vaidhehi Dnyanesh Khisti, Arya Parag Tambade, Nupur Prasad Tambe Standard of class IX, New English Medium Secondary School, Shaniwar Peth, Pune tell us how to deal with the deadly coronavirus. Go to [www.toistudent.com](http://www.toistudent.com) to watch the video.

Have a video on how to deal with this current lockdown? Send us 1) Clear videos 2) Of 2minute duration 3) With details (name, class and school) 4) At [timesnie175@gmail.com](mailto:timesnie175@gmail.com)

CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

- 30% of 30 =  
A. 300  
B. 10  
C. 9  
D. 900
- If 10% of a number is 7, what is 80% of the number?  
A. 45  
B. 56
- Which is the greatest?  
A. 90% of 10  
B. 6% of 1000  
C. 5% of 1400  
D. 3% of 2500
- The original price of a toy was ₹ 15. If the price is reduced by 20%, what is the new price of the toy?  
A. ₹ 12  
B. ₹ 18  
C. ₹ 10  
D. ₹ 30
- George bought a car at ₹ 5000 and sold it at ₹ 5500. What benefit, in percent, did he make?  
A. 6%  
B. 10%  
C. 5%  
D. 3%
- If 20% of n is equal to 40, what is n?  
A. 200 B. 107  
C. 555 D. 300

ANSWER: 1. 9, 2. 56, 3. B, 4. ₹ 12, 5. 6%, 6. 200



KNOWLEDGE BANK  
Christmas facts

The image of Santa Claus flying his sleigh took off in 1819, and was created by Washington Irving, American short story writer.



In Poland, spiders are considered to be symbols of prosperity and goodness on Christmas. In fact, spider and spider webs are often used as Christmas tree decorations. According to legend, a spider wove baby Jesus a blanket to keep him warm.

Quiz time  
SEASONAL READS



C. Barbara Smith  
D. John Adams

- Q.1) Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?**  
A. Charles Dickens  
B. O Henry  
C. St Nicholas  
D. Santa Claus

- Q.2) Who wrote 'Letters From Father Christmas'?**  
A. J K Rowling  
B. JRR Tolkien

- Q.3) Who wrote 'The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey'?**  
A. Emily Bronte  
B. Charles Dickens  
C. Susan Wojciechowski  
D. Lewis E Waterman

- Q.4) Who wrote 'A Christmas Memory'?**  
A. Bernard Shaw B. VS Sharma  
C. Niccolo Machiaveli D. Truman Capote

ANSWERS

1. A) Charles Dickens 2. B) JRR Tolkien 3. C) Susan Wojciechowski 4. D) Truman Capote

S.F. AND COMIC KIDS

Spot six differences between these panels.



SCHOOL IS COOL

CONTEMPLATE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

While I, along with many others, confined to the precincts of my home, ponder on the crisis that has engulfed the world at large, I strangely witness the upsurging of positive hope embellished with the attainment of inner peace. This year, the Earth Day commemorates something deeper; an introspection of the fact that Nature doesn't need us to survive.

Earth Day 2020 is a reminder that as humans, we are vulnerable. The shift to virtual and digital platforms has led us to understand that change is possible. From the UN Climate Conference to US Space Agency NASA, organisations all over the world continue their efforts to garner public awareness of environmental threats.

At the helm of affairs at Manav Rachna International School that has pursued the Sustainable Developmental Goals not only in writing but in practice through various initiatives namely Tree Plantation, Mission Vasundhara, our students, as Eco Warriors have journeyed with us.

Mamta Wadhwa, Director  
Principal, Manav Rachna International School, Sector 14, Faridabad

Make the most of your time during lockdown

Pandemic, Lockdown, Quarantine, Incubation, Community Spread, Asymptomatic, Flattening the Curve, Social Distancing are some new words added to our active vocabulary. Some of these were probably never used before and may never again be used. Students are experiencing an important time in the history of the world. As future professionals, youngsters need to make the most of the time. Other than virtual studying students can

- Watch how governments across the globe are reacting and taking care of their citizens.
- Take note of how global organizations like WHO, World Bank, the United Nations are guiding nations.
- Enjoy chirping of birds, and other nature's beautiful sounds.
- Make time for hobbies, (pick up one if you don't have one yet).

1 Keep track of what is happening in various fields like Economics, Medicine, Technology, Education etc around the globe.

S Akilandeswari, PGT English,  
DAV Public School, Sreshtha Varsh

EXPLORE THE MAGICAL WORLD OF BOOKS



ASN Int'l School, Mayur Vihar organised DEAR session consisting of getting the school to stop, drop what they are doing and to read for pleasure. The students showed an active involvement in reading books of their choice. The students of class IV-V were asked to read Shakespeare's quotes, poems and stories. The students could reap the best collection of it which they shared in their online classes with the teachers. The school officiating department not only appreciated the students' efforts but also motivated the young readers to grow and multiply their reading skills.

Love yourself enough to live a healthy lifestyle

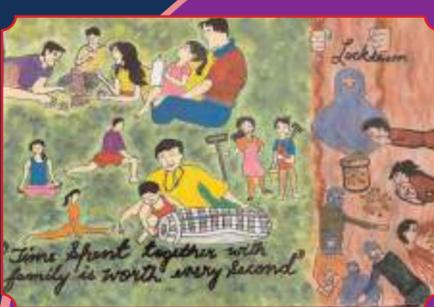
Along with cognitive learning through regular academic classes, DLF Public School, Ghaziabad has also created a schedule for yoga in the morning and evening. These sessions are aimed at synergizing the mind and body, and to boost immunity. Every day school fitness coaches engage children in age-appropriate yoga and fitness regime. These sessions also help the learners to structure their day and have an energetic start.

STUDENT CORNER

Nature Breathes Again...

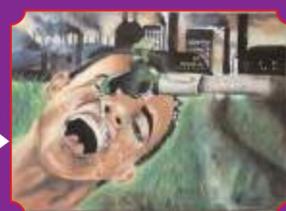
With the covid-19 pandemic in place, most countries have advised its citizen to remain indoors. This has led to instances which were impossible to witness in our usual lives. From finding animals in the streets to breathing fresh clean air, people are tweeting about how lockdown is good for our environment. A sudden drop of pollution levels across the globe has led to positive effect on ozone layer. News came from the Venice as levels of Nitrogen dioxide fell down and pollution reduced in parts of Italy. The city had Clearwater in its Canal after years and people witnessed swans swimming in it.

Kshitiz Shikhar, VII,  
Manaskriti School, Faridabad



TILUCK KEISAM, Class VII, Bluebells International School, Kailash Colony

RONIT-ASHRA, Class XII, Manav-Sthall-School, -Rajinder-Nagar



SONIKA, Class XII, Shiksha Bharti School, Faridabad

Rock the TEST

Want to boost your general knowledge? Take this exciting test. Rest assured, it will really test you!

ENVIRONMENT

Theme: Climate change



Q1: Which of the following is a greenhouse gas?

- A: CO2  B: CH4   
C: Water vapor   
D: All of the above

Q2: Which of these countries emits the most carbon dioxide?

- A: China  B: USA   
C: UK  D: Russia

Q3: Globally, which of the following economic sectors emits the largest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions?

- A: Transportation   
B: Buildings   
C: Industry   
D: Electricity and heat production

Q4: Which of the following gases does not trap heat?

- A: Carbon dioxide   
B: Nitrogen   
C: Water vapor   
D: Methane

Q5: Measuring soil moisture (the amount of water in the soil) can help scientists with which of the following:

- A: Agriculture   
B: Flood and drought prediction   
C: Climate variability   
D: Natural disasters   
E: All of the above

Q6: The weather is the same as climate.

- A: True  B: False

ANSWERS: 1. D, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B, 5. E, 6. B



Word Wise

**Yuletide:** (n) Christmas season. (adj) of or relating to the Christmas season.

Synonymous words: Christmastide, Christmastime, Yule, Noel, nativity, festive season, etc.

Examples: ■ And with one Yuletide

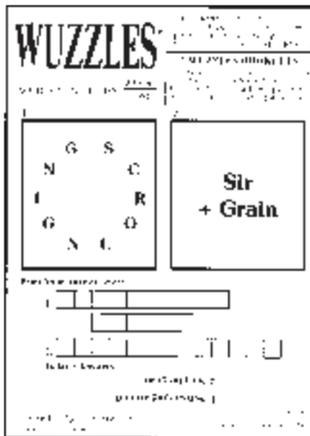
exception, this scientifically scrupulous view has carried the day. ■ For those looking for a bellyful of laughs, two humorous pieces in the Yuletide spirit. ■ We will go this very week, as soon as the Yuletide stir be past. ■ College would close the following Thursday for the Yuletide holidays.

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, which of us is the opposite sex, Dolly or me?"

WUZZLES



IDIOM OF THE DAY

► CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY  
Meaning: When someone receives unexpected good news