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WEB EDITION

A PIL CALLS FOR PROHIBITION OF RAMPANT KILLING OF ANIMALS

Should ANIMALS too have right to life under ARTICLE 21?

Should animals have the right to life as guaranteed to the people under Article 21 of the Constitution to prohibit their killing without the sanction of law? The Supreme Court has asked the Centre. The apex court's observation came, while admitting a PIL that sought the prohibition of rampant killing of animals across the country for religious or other purposes. The petitioner has pleaded that the court should declare animals as 'legal entities' to elevate them from being treated as property by humans and killed at their will.

The BIG DEBATE

WHAT SC SAID TO THE PETITIONER
If animals are declared as legal entities, it would mean that they can sue or be sued for the damages. Are they capable of suing or getting sued? We understand that they are living beings. That is the reason for the enactment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The bench has sought responses from the Centre and the states



WHAT IS ARTICLE 21

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees protection of life and personal liberty. It says, no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty, except according to the procedure established by the law

STUDENTS REACT

Every species has a right to live, and should be safeguarded by the law of the land. Animals are also a part of this world, which supports our ecosystem. Stringent punishment should be given to those who kill animals for their selfish motives.
NIMISHA SONI, class VIII, Zebar School, Ahmedabad

The ambit of the provision of "right to life" under Article 21 should be widened, as the culling and trading of animals in the name of religion or other purpose is inhuman.
MANAVI KAPOOR, class XII, PML SD Public School, Chandigarh

Animals live, breathe and eat just like humans, and should have all the right to live. Any harm to their lives should be made punishable under law.
SWATHI R CHANDRAN, class XII, Army Public School, Chennai

SC TREATS THEM AS LEGAL BEINGS

In 2014, the SC in the Animal Welfare Board vs. A. Nagaraja & Ors. (Jallikattu case) had widened the ambit of the 'right to life' and included within its ambit the right to life, privacy, liberty, well-being and dignity of the animals. The SC had upheld the enforcement of the ban on the use of bulls in performances as being cruel, avoidable and non-essential. The HCs of Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana have also recently passed judgments, recognising animals as 'legal entities.'
Manilal Valliyate, CEO, PETA, India

MAJOR CHALLENGES

The biggest challenge on conferring the right to life to animals is the human mentality. We tend to think that we are superior to them
Lalita Iyer, advocate, B'luru

One of the major challenges would be to keep a tab on the number of animals killed on a daily basis. A headcount of all the animals, their habitats, etc, should be made, which require vast surveys and studies.
Subbalakshmy, lawyer, Ernakulam

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e-Raksha COMPETITION 2020

The Cyber Peace Foundation in collaboration with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is organising the e-Raksha Competition 2020. The first competition in the world to focus exclusively on digital citizenship and online safety, it is open to school students, college students and educators/caregivers and professionals, and is divided into various categories.

THE THEME

The theme for 2020 is 'promoting digital citizenship and online safety.' The competition is being held to promote the digital platform as a safe space for the young users and to tackle fake news and misinformation.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- In the Arcade category, the participants can use drawing/painting/comics/memes and stickers to do a creative based on the 2020 theme.
- For the Word Hack category, the participants can pen something in any of the following formats... essay/blog/stories/articles/research papers addressing the theme
- In the Tech Avikshkar category, innovators, programmers are invited to use modern technology (like machine learning or artificial learning) to create innovative programmes and solutions in four further sub-categories.
- Finally, the Screen Masters category invites the participants to develop engaging and impactful short films to build awareness in the format of a drama/song/documentary or an interview.

-Nitya Shukla

For more details on participation, please check www.eraksha.net/ or www.eraksha.net/competitions/. There is no registration fee for the competition.

Deadline: Last date of registration is September 30, 2020

ENTERTAINMENT

OSCARs SET MINIMUM DIVERSITY RULES FOR BEST PICTURE PRIZE

In a landmark announcement, Hollywood's motion picture academy has unveiled new eligibility rules to boost diversity among best picture Oscar nominees and the wider movie industry. The groundbreaking move comes after years of criticism over a lack of diversity among the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' members, and among the Oscar nominees and the winners they select.

From 2024, all films hoping to win the Tinseltown's most coveted prize, will need to either employ a minimum number of cast, crew and administrative employees from the under-represented backgrounds, or directly tackle themes affecting those communities. Under the new rules, films vying for best picture will need to comply with at least two of the four criteria designed to improve the hiring practices and representation on and off screen. The first criteria requires the movie to feature either a prominent actor from an under-represented group, 30 per cent of its smaller roles from the minorities, or to address issues surrounding these communities as its main theme. The second stipulates that behind-the-scenes technical crew members must be drawn from the historically-disadvantaged groups.



GLOBAL WILDLIFE POPULATION HAVE DECLINED BY MORE THAN TWO THIRDS SINCE 1970

The world is losing its mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish, and with them the security of ecosystems that have supported humanity since it first emerged, warned the Living Planet Report 2020. This year's report shows that these animal communities shrank on an average 68% between 1970 and 2016.



ALERT

BLAME IT ON HUMAN ACTIVITY

- The authors put half the blame on the changes on how we use our land and the sea. Clearing ecologically-important forests for human activities, overfishing and hunting, pollution and climate change are responsible for the global animal population crash, they said
- The report also said that continued human abuse of the planet may lead to the collapse of the natural systems and resources that allowed global civilisation and modern societies to persist in the first place. The damage is unprecedented in speed and vastness, it added

NEWS IN BRIEF

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LIONEL MESSI

Lionel Messi has once again beaten Cristiano Ronaldo to claim the title of the best player in FIFA 21. Messi tops the game with a 93 overall rating. Messi has actually been downgraded slightly, but still remains the world's best on FIFA 21.

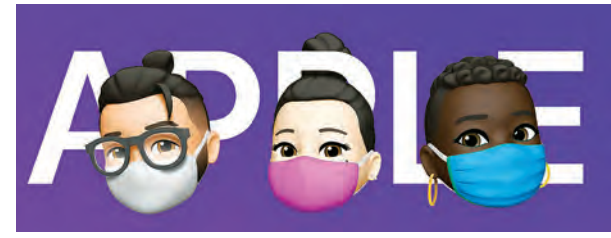
Juventus striker, Cristiano Ronaldo, Bayern Munich striker, Robert Lewandowski, Manchester City midfielder, Kevin De Bruyne and Paris Saint-Germain superstar, Neymar complete the top five. Earlier, Ronaldo became the second men's player to reach 100 international goals as he guided his side to a victory against Sweden



SPOTLIGHT

COMING SOON, AN APPLE FACE MASK!

Apple Inc has developed masks that the company is beginning to distribute to corporate and retail employees to limit the spread of Covid-19.



- In typical Apple style, the mask looks unique with large coverings on the top and bottom for the wearer's nose and chin. It also has adjustable strings to fit around a person's ears
- The Apple Face Mask is the first created in-house mask by the technology giant for its staff

TECH BUZZ

MICROSOFT TO LAUNCH XBOX SERIES X ON NOVEMBER 10



Microsoft is all set to launch the Xbox Series X console, which will be released on November 10 this year. According to The Verge, the console will be available for a price of \$499 (₹36,664 approx); its preorders will begin on September 22. The company is also offering the Xbox Series X via its Xbox All Access programme, which is a bundle that splits the cost of Xbox Game Pass Ultimate, Xbox Live, and Xbox console into a 24-month-long monthly payment system. Expanding the feature, Microsoft is working on making the Xbox All Access available in 12 countries, The Verge reported.

Colours evoke similar feelings around the world: Study

People all over the world associate colours with emotions. In fact, people from different parts of the world often associate the same colours with the same emotions. This was the result of a detailed survey of 4,598 participants from 30 nations over six continents, carried out by an international research team.

- Throughout the world, Red is the only colour that is strongly associated with both: a positive feeling, love, and a negative feeling, anger. However, the scientists also noted some national peculiarities. For example, White is closely associated with sadness in China than it is in other countries, and the same applies to Purple in Greece. "This may be because in China white clothing is worn at funerals and Dark Purple is used in the Greek Orthodox Church during periods of mourning," they explained
- Apart from cultural peculiarities, climate also plays a role. For instance, Yellow tends to be associated with the emotion of joy in countries that see less sunshine, while the association is weaker in areas that have greater exposure to it



RAINBOW LIFE

Choose your colour of life. Share your colour of love, anger, sadness with us at toinie175@gmail.com

6 things you must do on WhatsApp to avoid harassment

- Don't receive video calls on WhatsApp from any unknown contact. Just disconnect and check whether you know the person or not. If you don't, then simply block him or her.
- Always block the selfie camera with your finger before taking a video call from unknown people. If you are eager to receive all calls, then it is always a good idea to block the selfie camera, while receiving a WhatsApp video call from strangers. Only show your face after you are sure about the identity of the caller.
- Avoid receiving calls from numbers that do not start with +91. Scammers and harassers usually mask their numbers. If you find a caller using a number that has a different country code from that of India (+91) then simply disconnect. This is because unless you have any relative or friend, who lives abroad, there is no way someone will call you from outside India.



- Manage who can see your profile picture on WhatsApp: Do not set it to public, as this will let everyone see your profile picture.
- Hide profile picture, status messages from people in your contact: Everyone uses WhatsApp. So, it is better to make a conscious effort to hide or block certain people whom you will never chat with on WhatsApp. You may have to save the contact of your auto driver or other people for essential services, but they need not be added on WhatsApp.



LEADING THE WAY FROM NORMAL TO NEW NORMAL



Times NIE in association with Manipal Hospitals organised the first Principals' Webinar for the educators of Delhi-NCR. The theme of the webinar was "New Norms for the Children of Post COVID-19 World-How to adopt?"

The webinar was presided over by veterans from different professions as key speakers. Dr YK Mishra (Head of Cardiac Science and Chief Cardio Vascular Surgeon, Manipal Hospital), Saba Karim (GM-operations BCCI, For-

ter-equipped help amid the pandemic.

He further said that parents need to actively work in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for students as the new normal is far from the normal we have lived so far.

Dr Hrushikesh Senapaty also added that it's time to shift from content mastery to competent mastery. NCERT, therefore, designed an alternative academic calendar this year.

In recent pandemic time, students have shifted to the online platform for their academic learning, and that is why to support this new shift, NCERT has also imbibed the technology as a part of their learning calendar. Dr Senapaty said that NCERT has made the contents available on different portals for parents, teachers, and students to refer to. Students, who don't have internet or smartphones at their disposal, can find us through Television modes.

He further expressed that with this new system of learning, active participation from parents would help the schools in providing a stress-free learning experience to the students. Parents need to be vigilant about the mental, physical and emotional health of students.

As we closed the event, the concluding thought was that the new normal would be a safe environment only if the parents, teachers and students themselves prepare themselves with safety measures and adapt to these habits as a new lifestyle change. The pandemic has not only been hazardous to physical health, but also on the emotional health of all the people. Students especially have been suddenly isolated from their friends and the social world. So, now when we are reopening, it is important to explain to them the need to be more careful and maintain social distance while still engaging in some healthy outdoor activities.



DR YK MISHRA (Head of Cardiac Science and Chief Cardio Vascular Surgeon, Manipal Hospital)

mer batsman Wicketkeeper, Indian Cricket team), Dr Hrushikesh Senapaty (Director-NCERT), Dr Usha Ram (Former Member of CBSE governing body, and presently Consultant with the School Governing Body), Dr Smitha Mishra (HOD and consultant-pediatric Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals), Dr Vikas Taneja (HOD-Pediatrics, Manipal Hospital), and Dr Sufla Saxena (Consultant - Paediatric Gastroenterologist And Hepatologist, Manipal Hospital).

As the event proceeded, Dr YK Mishra, explained the need to have strict execution of COVID-19 safety measures to safeguard the students. He advised the schools to engage paramedics in the school premises for bet-



DR HRUSHIKESH SENAPATY (Director-NCERT)

ter-equipped help amid the pandemic. He further said that parents need to actively work in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for students as the new normal is far from the normal we have lived so far.

DR SMITHA MISHRA (HOD AND CONSULTANT- PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY, MANIPAL HOSPITALS): If your child is showing any kind of symptoms like fever, rashes, or sickness, then the child should be taken to the doctor and immediate diagnosis should be done, which include prompt tests and subsequent medications. Don't ignore symptoms.



DR SUFLA SAXENA (CONSULTANT - PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGIST AND HEPATOLOGIST): We have to set up 3-R(s): Re-assurance, the setting of Routines, and Regulation of kids. We need to have fixed timings for students to engage in sports, online activities, family time, bedtime, studies, etc, for stable health and we need to teach them the strict use and meaning of SMSL: Social distancing, mask, and sanitiser. Social distancing is not about isolating children from their friends, make them meet their friends virtually, or even if in-person, then make a child understand his/her responsibility against the stopping of transmission and living with these new lifestyle changes.



SYED SABA KARIM (GM-OPERATIONS BCCI, FORMER BATSMAN WICKETKEEPER, INDIAN CRICKET TEAM): Schools provide critical instruction in terms of academics and sports through its in-person teaching. It also helps in the economic

health of the community and enhances the social-emotional health of students. Although teachers have managed to shift the offline classes to online platforms, it can't be denied that the human touch and the interactive circle has shrunk and



it has affected the students' learning opportunities from each other and different experiences. Also, over the past 6-7 months, there is no physical activity and sports that are part of their schedule which again hampers their holistic development.



DR USHA RAM (FORMER MEMBER OF CBSE GOVERNING BODY, AND PRESENTLY CONSULTANT WITH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY): Infrastructural changes to support social distancing, rescheduling time to dissipate maximum volume of a class, daily sanitisations of libraries, classrooms, etc along with the Social distancing, mask, and sanitisation of hands are some changes that are essential today. We need open learning and spacious classrooms to accommodate students with appropriate social distancing. This is the time when creative vents need to be fostered in children to support their mental and emotional health. Self-learning is a skill that needs to be highlighted right now. It's the need of the hour.

DR VIKAS TANEJA (HOD-PEDIATRICS, MANIPAL HOSPITAL): The urgency to get back to normalcy is a major concern. Students come from different socio-economic backgrounds and hence, it would be difficult to control the spread of infections. Plus, when children gather together, it is a matter of concern, that students would follow the preventive measures or not when not under vigilance. All these factors may favour the transmission of COVID-19. So, before the final opening of schools, we have to understand that children are more susceptible to the virus and may transmit it further to their families and hence a full-proof pre-planning is required before the final unlocking of schools.



Celebration of the spirit of oneness

St Thomas' School, Dwarka organised the first edition of "Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat", an Inter School Competition-2020-21.

The competition manifested vigorous participation of as many as 144 prestigious schools and over 1000 participants from not only Delhi-NCR but PAN-India who added to the success of the exclusive virtual event. The invigorating competition entailed myriad engaging events catering to different age groups from Classes III-X including Legend Rebooted; character portrayal of famous freedom fighters, Art d' Galore; representation of any Indian Folk-Art Painting, India on my platter; preparing scrumptious and healthy famous Indian cuisines, Classical Adagio, Mile Sur Mera Tumhara, Bye! Bye! Foreign Goods, Let's Go Local and many more.

The series of events provided an ideal platform for young talent to exhibit



artistic prowess and exchange creative, artistic and ingenious ideas as well as develop skills of aesthetics, creativity and innovation. The performances of the students were shared through videos.

The rolling trophy was won by Sri Venkateshwar School, Dwarka. Various position holders along with all the participants of the competition were conferred with the e-certificates of merit.

Sustain your reading culture

With some modifications, close reading is an approach that can be added to the repertoires of Elementary school teachers. Close Reading is an instructional routine in which students critically examine a text, especially through repeated readings. This practice is suggested to be used at all levels, be it Elementary, Secondary or College level. Close reading invites students to examine the deep structures of a piece of text. These deep structures include the way the text is organized, the precision of its vocabulary to advance concepts, and its key details and inferential meanings. Importantly, these deep structures must also include consideration of the author's purpose,

how these ideas connect to other texts, and the ways the reader can consolidate the information to formulate opinions. The primary objective of a close reading is to afford students with an opportunity to assimilate new textual information with their existing background knowledge. And, the second purpose is to build the necessary habits of readers when they engage with a complex piece of text. These include building stamina and persistence when confronted by a reading that isn't easily consumed. In addition, students need to build the habit of considering their own background knowledge when there isn't someone prompting.

Power isn't a finite pie and hence, every child can grow. A teacher should think wisely that how it can be



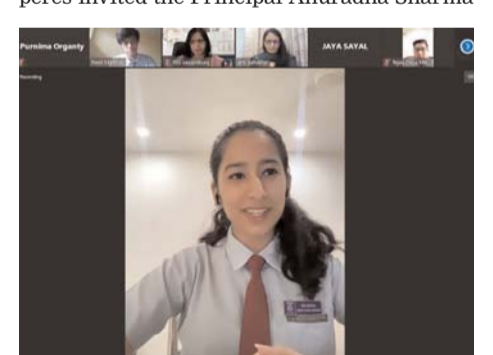
NEHA GUPTA (ENGLISH HOD, ASN INT'L SCHOOL, MAYUR VIHAR)

one of the great ways to reach the students. Someone rightly said that a key ingredient in fueling passion to learn is making students feel intellectually challenged. And, when students are focused on goals, they have a hand in choosing as it brings reading engagement, motivation and progress to a whole new level. The ways in which schools are communicating with pupils and families at the moment are many and varied, but whatever the method, we should make sure that reading has pride of place. The importance of reading at the moment cannot be understated - it gives us all a way to relax, bond with our families and escape the current situation. Giving families opportunities to take advantage of these benefits is an indispensable key which needs to be prioritized.

Leading from the front

The Investiture Ceremony for the Student Council 2020 was held on the virtual platform of Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj.

The function started with an extraordinary guard of Honour by our NCC cadets, which invoked within everybody the value of duty and discipline. After seeking God's blessings the compere invited the Principal Anuradha Sharma



for the welcome note. Presentation announcing the results was played. The G-6 members of the student council of 2020-21 are as follows,

President Neel Madhav Dogra, Vice President Ria Sachdeva, Prime Minister Sia Batra, Deputy Prime Minister Pranee Bindra, Speaker Advait Nayar, Deputy speaker Justin Jacob. The forty member council led by the President then took the Ryan oath as they pledged their allegiance to the high ideals of the school. A song was then presented by the school band to inspire and motivate the students present.

Broadening rational & logical dimensions

St. Mark's Sr Sec Public School, Meera Bagh organized Quest - 2020, a virtual Inter School Science and Mathematics Extravaganza. 350 participants, 32 schools, 13 events for continuous learning, sharing of knowledge and keeping the flame of quest burning, the event saw

students across Delhi breaking the walls of confinement and engaging in virtual scientific and mathematical deliberations. The event started with a live inauguration. Principal A Aggarwal wished best of luck to all the participants of this inter-school event. The school ensured that students across different age groups engaged in activities aimed at building scientific aptitude and reasoning skills. Events like Srishti Mein Vigyan, Vigyanshala and Anveshan inculcated the spirit of scientific enquiry in young minds. The whiz kids sharpened their quizzical skills by participating in p rates, Insight, Maths



Mantra and Ganitsutra. Young debaters enthralled everyone with their power-packed performance on the very relevant topic 'Allopathy - No Longer the Wonder Branch of Medicine'.

The participants were judged by a panel of judges, comprising of Dr GS Tuteja (Associate Professor, Zakir Hussain College, DU), Dr Parmod Sagar (Retd Professor, DU), Dr Kiran Dawra (Assistant Professor, Kirori Mal College), Dr Sriparna (Department of Chemistry, DU) and many more experts from the field of Science and Mathematics. The winners were awarded Merit e-certificates.