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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.

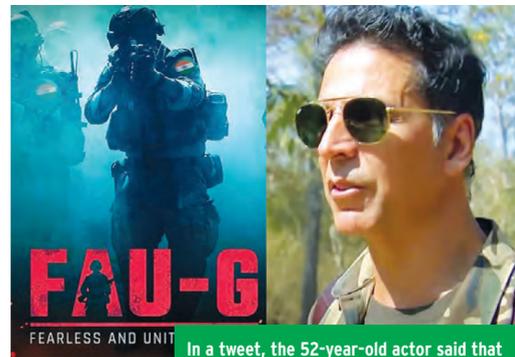


WHERE ELSE CHINA IS USING THE TACTIC?



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

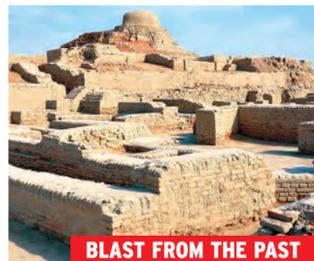
LOOK IT UP: 2020 EVENTS SPARK UPHEAVAL AT ONLINE DICTIONARY

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

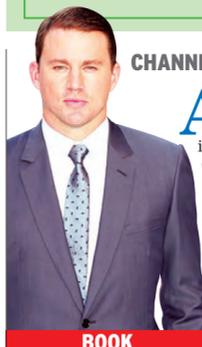
Footballers, Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi have been at loggerheads for most part of their careers on the field. Now, Messi and Ronaldo seem to be fighting against each other off the field too. In the latest Forbes Rich List, Ronaldo has beaten Messi as the highest-paid footballer in the world by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

Changing times call for updated ways of communication

As the Pandemic traverses the world stealthily pushing God's so called chosen creation "The Human Beings" indoors and as Mother Nature works towards reviving itself, I gaze out of my house from the window admiring His creation with a new lens. Such positivity reflects in this sentient world with the Earth healing itself. The sky is blue and clearer than ever, the trees have gained new leaves. Birds and animals are as if reclaiming the planet. The arteries of India, the Ganga and Yamuna have rejuvenated and AQI has improved drastically.

Amidst these tough times, another necessary aspect to take care of is the mental health of both the individual and the family. It is my appeal to all parents and guardians to talk to the children about how they are feeling and interact with the younger generation to ensure



that they are not getting affected by the situation in a negative manner and their psyche is not being affected negatively by the pandemic.

On the school front, teachers, apart from taking regular online classes, are taking doubt classes to make sure no child is left behind. There is also a constant connect between teachers and parents in this difficult time.

The annual inter-school competition "Uhartey Hastakshar" was successfully conducted online with participation from various schools in Delhi and NCR. Special assemblies on the occasions of Earth Day, International Dance Day and International Labour Day were also celebrated. Students are also eagerly participating in different online competitions being hosted by other schools.

Anita Ahuja, Principal, SBDVA Vasant Vihar

Celebrations and merriments

Red Roses Public School, Saket organised its first online inter-school event SPANDAN. The events for different age-

groups, categorized into 'Aaradhan'; and 'Vande-Mataram' and 'Rang - Tirang' to elevate the spirit of patriotism and pride of belonging to the country,

created positive vibrations indeed when around 350 students from 30 elite schools of Delhi enthusiastically took part in the online activities.



Mamta Modern Sr Sec School bagged the 7 awards; Lilawati Vidya Mandir, St. Paul's and APJ Saket walked away with 5 awards each.

Jain Bharati Mrigavati Vidyalaya, ASN Sr. Sec. School and Greenfields shared the third position with 4 awards each. Merit certificates and appreciation certificates were felicitated.

Adapting new changes

Webinar on NEP was conducted by the Social Science Department of Gyan Devi Public School, Senior Secondary, Sector - 17, Gurgaon through a presentation.

The webinar was attended by Managing Di-

rector, Director Academics, Principals of Gyan Devi Public School, Sector - 10 and Sector -17 and teachers.

The presenters Simple Dhar and Somvati Sehrawat highlighted the salient features, mission, assessment scheme,

goals, key principles and timelines for the implementation plan.

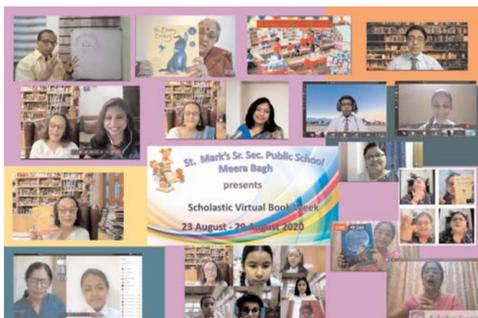
The webinar was conducted to create awareness about NEP 2020 and the big changes in school education amongst the teachers.



Virtual Book Week

It was a week full of stories-reading, listening and enacting as

St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh organised virtual Book Week for the students. They participated in story telling sessions which saw renowned authors and experts Trina Roy, Khyrunnisa, Renu Chamarty interacting with them, narrating the stories with emotions and expressions encouraging them to buy and read as many stories



as possible. A session with cartoonist Ajit Narain was one of the highlights of the week. Principal A Aggarwal, also conducted a story telling session that made the

students want for more. The week culminated with a special live session with parents with Praminda Langer who spoke about the importance of reading by parents.

'It's not the will to win but will to prepare to win that matters.'

The National Sports Day in India was observed to celebrate the birth anniversary of the hockey legend - Major Dhyan Chand. He served our nation to reach the pinnacle of glory multiple times and so to celebrate this along with his birthday, the Cambridge Department of DAV Public School, Pushpanjali En-



clave organised a special workout session in the morning wherein 90 students participated in the ongoing workout which included various fitness exercises and speed and dribbling the ball drills. The children enjoyed the session and it was a huge success in building up the interest of children in sports along with the honouring of this legendary hockey player - Major Dhyan Chand, on the auspicious occasion of his birthday.

STUDENT CORNER

STUDENT DISHONESTY: THE FIRST STEP TO CORRUPTION

That time in a person's life of when they are a student, young and at an impressionable age; is when they lay down the foundation of their character. Hence a student who indulges in dishonesty automatically instils in his own mind that he can achieve anything by unfair means easily.

There can be a multitude of reasons as to why a student may find it necessary to tell a lie. A few reasons for academic dishonesty can be a desire to earn grades, peer pressure, performance anxiety, self-justification and even insecurity. Students want to replicate everything their peers are doing just to fit in, even stooping to cheating, lying to a teacher and even fabricate their grades just to look good in front of the gang of so called friends. They start with one lie which in turn needs covering up or backing of 100 other lies and unknowingly it becomes a habit.

There is a need to curb this and we need to nip it in the bud. The main reasons for cheating or lying in student life is because of the pressure of procuring marks. Due to the competitive nature of the outside world, coming first or scoring top grades is the key focus of all students. Many a times, the family's economic condition and sub-con-

scious pressure perpetuates dishonesty in order to 'keep up with the joneses'. Due to this mental pressure the student is forced to resort to such habits as he does not want to fail or let anyone down. But is it really worth it, is the all important question?

This can be curbed by reducing mental pressure and focusing on the positive aspects. Perhaps, there is a need to reassure the children that low grades will only make them work harder for the next big step. Also they must be convinced that they should feel secure in their own skin. The academic system is greatly responsible for this unfair situation. It must put less pressure on students to get marks and should focus more on practical application and excellence. The parents and teachers must make an effort to befriend and understand each student to help clear this blockage in their mind.

If this is not curbed, the future will be in the hands of cunning, deceiving and dishonest personalities. People who are selfish and will do anything to come on top; even if it entails conforming to dishonest and deceptive methods. All this will only lead to corruption in the long run and we as youth must take the first corrective step.

Kyra Mehra, XI, Modern School

WHO IS A TEACHER?

Asked a student from me, how do you define a Teacher?

I replied, Educator, guide, friend and preacher;

One who makes you laugh when the going is tough

Also when the patch you are running is rough

One who listens to all your woes

And helps you to differentiate

Between friends and foes

One who could be a philosopher and also friend

Who helps all bad habits mend,

One who teaches you all about health and hygiene

And when you have a stomach ache, suggests you have 'Di-gene'

A teacher tells you about stories untold

And all about this beautiful world

A teacher will tell you about a sea, ocean, river and lake

And in you a noble citizen make

One who teaches Maths, History and Science

And tells you about earthquakes, floods and mines

One who imparts an ocean of knowledge

Which will benefit not only in school but also college,

One who saves you from all disgrace

And always ensures a smile on your face,

One who is also there to impart Knowledge about music, dance and art,

One who teaches about exercise

and gait,

And is always there to motivate,

Said the student, now I understand,

A teacher is like a magician with a magic wand.

So many roles to play;

all in one

But never ever gets time to have fun,

So there came into being Teachers Day

Where all teachers have to be happy

And no dismay

On this Teacher's Day,

I wish you all

That God's choicest blessings on you befall

HAPPY TEACHERS DAY!

Madhu Sharma, (Vice-Principal), Shanti Gyan Intl. School, Goyalva Vihar

Adarshians unfurled themselves once again. This time in ARCADIA - an annual Inter School Competition organised by Paramount International School, Dwarka.

Two students of Adarsh World School demonstrated their excellence and came out with flying colours.

The taste of glory



Bhavya Pathak paid a tribute to the unsung Corona Warriors by reciting a poem, composed in collaboration with the reciter's teacher and parents.

Kushangi Sharma (VI) showcased herself as the reporter, reporting live from a quarantine centre describing the impact of Corona pandemic.

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

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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.

