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THIS DAY THAT YEAR

MAY 25, 1977: Original 'Star Wars' movie (Episode IV – A New Hope), directed by George Lucas and starring, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford, was released

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NAOMI OSAKA, WORLD'S HIGHEST-PAID FEMALE ATHLETE: Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka has become the highest paid female athlete in the world, topping Serena Williams. According to Forbes magazine, Osaka earned \$37.4 million in the last 12 months from prize money and endorsements, \$1.4 million more than Williams, setting an all-time earnings record for a female athlete in a single year

WORD WATCH

SYNCOPE: Means to have a rhythm in which strong notes are not on the beat, or to create music that has this rhythm

EXAMPLE: He **syncopated** the rhythms but didn't change his harmonic language much

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WEB EDITION

IRECOMMEND

GAMES TO PLAY DURING LOCKDOWN



1 USE CARDS TO PLAY MEMORY: A memory game, it can be played by both kids and adults. All you need is 20 cards—UNO, playing cards, etc. Select cards in pairs; place them randomly and turn them upside down. Now, open two cards and try to find pairs. If you find a pair, you keep them open and earn a point. If not, turn them down and try again. Till you get all pairs, take turns. Whoever finds maximum pairs, wins. (Suggested by Juhi Bhayani, Project Head at Born Smart, a platform for parents with young kids)

2 RIDDLE ME SNAKES & LADDERS: Riddle Me Snakes & Ladders is a fun game, with a twist to the original games. The Snakes and Ladders board has fun instructions with riddles written on a chit. You can use coins, buttons or safety pins for markers, and use a virtual dice, if you don't have a real one. Pre-decide the number of seconds per number on the dice. For eg. 1=10 seconds, 2=20 secs, etc. First, the player rolls the dice and the number that shows up determines how many seconds a player gets to solve a riddle. So, if it lands on 2, the player picks out a riddle, reads it and tries to answer in 20 seconds. If the answer is correct, he/she gets to move 2 paces. If the answer is incorrect, they stay where they are. (Suggested by Tanishq Sheikh, founder and director, Teacher's Lounge, a training institute for nursery school teachers)

3 TREASURE HUNT: In this game, there are tons of places to hide the clues—bookshelf, under the cupboard, inside the refrigerator. "Kids love treasure hunts. Use your imagination with the clues. We even used the reference of coronavirus and lockdown in our recent one," says Meghna Chitalia, Party Planet Events (Suggested By Meghna Chitalia, Party Planet Events. She does a fun game of treasure hunt with her daughter at home)

What'll Covid-induced **ECONOMIC CRISIS** be called?

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) calls it the **Great Lockdown**. Morgan Stanley says it's the **Great Covid-19 Recession**, or **GCR**

for short. Ed Yardeni, who coined the term, 'bond vigilantes' back in the 1980s, has named this the **Great Virus Crisis**. There's even a suggestion to call it a **Pandession**. As

economists search for the right terminology to describe the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression, it could take years to settle on a name, if history is any guide.

WILL COVID-19 ECONOMIC CRISIS BE CALLED THE GREAT LOCKDOWN?

► The **Great Lockdown** has the backing of the IMF. At its meetings in April – held virtually this year – the IMF used that phrase to summarise how the world economy had been upended. But there are rivals. Yardeni, president and chief investment strategist of Yardeni Research Inc, floated the '**Great Virus Crisis**', in an interview with Bloomberg News in March, and has

been plugging it in his research notes. "A well-coined phrase conveys a lot of information, once it becomes universally accepted," Yardeni said. For Morgan Stanley, its use of **Great Covid-19 Recession** reflects its expectations for the deepest peacetime contraction in global growth since the Great Depression, according to chief economist Chetan Ahya



OTHER NAMES

► There's **Pandession**, as suggested by economist, David McWilliams. "A Pandession is a new word because it is a new thing," McWilliams wrote in a blog post. "Language is vitally important, when confronted with something novel. If you don't have the language, you can't visualise, conceive of or think your way out of it," he added. ► Other names include, **Global Coronavirus Recession** or **GCR** from Oxford Economics, or the **Corona Crisis** as touted by various analysts, and **Global Hard Stop** or the **Virus Recession**

NAMESAKE

► While many in the US refer to the 2007-2009 slump as the Great Recession, the term is far from universal. In Anglo-financial centres like Sydney and London, the term **GFC** – short for **Global Financial Crisis** – is more common ► On the other hand, **Great Depression** is a term that was used by various US presidents and others, such as Brit economist, Lionel Robbins, who published a book in 1934 titled, 'The Great Depression'

NEWS IN BRIEF

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YOUTUBE TO INTRODUCE BEDTIME REMINDERS

Google-owned YouTube is all set to roll out a new feature called bedtime reminders that will help late-night surfers to sleep on time. "Bedtime reminders let you set reminders at specific times to stop watching videos and (you guessed it!) go to bed," the company's website announced. To use it, the company said, "You set start and end time in your Settings, including whether or not you want the prompt to interrupt a video or wait until the video is over. You'll also be able to dismiss or snooze the reminder," it added.

► The new feature by YouTube, which is already for both Android and iOS users, will be rolled out for all users soon ► As part of Digital Well-Being features, the app has a 'Take a Break' feature that lets users set reminders to take a break from watching videos



TECH BUZZ

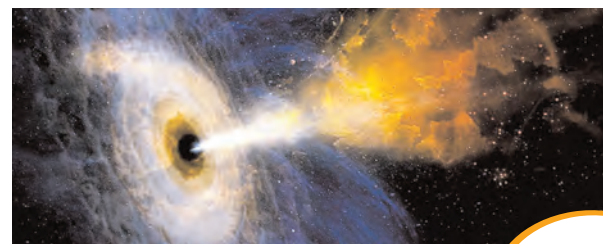
FACEBOOK INTRODUCES A NEW SAFETY FEATURE 'LOCK YOUR PROFILE' FOR INDIA

Facebook has launched a new safety feature. Called 'lock your profile', it allows users to restrict access to their photos, timelines and posts from non-friends in a single click. The new feature is designed for people in India, especially women, who want more control over their FB experience.



HOW IT WORKS: The 'lock your profile' feature enables users to apply multiple existing privacy settings, plus several new features to their Facebook profile, in one step. When users activate the new feature, non-friends will not be able to zoom into, share or download their full-size profile picture and cover photo, besides not being able to see photos and posts on their timeline

IN A FIRST, SCIENTISTS SPOT AN ALIEN PLANET AS IT IS BEING FORMED



Astronomers have gazed into what appears to be a planetary maternity ward—observing for the first time within a huge disk of dense gas and dust, surrounding a newly-formed star—a planet in the process of being born.

This large young planet forming around a star called **AB Aurigae** that is about 2.4 times the mass of the sun, is located in our Milky Way galaxy. It is 520 light years from Earth, researchers said. The scientists used the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in Chile to spot a spiral structure, within the swirling disk around AB Aurigae, generated by the presence of a planet.

A light year is the distance light travels in a year 9.5 trillion km



SPACE

2021 'LAST OPTION' FOR TOKYO GAMES, SAYS OLYMPICS CHIEF

Olympics chief Thomas Bach said 2021 was the "last option" for holding the delayed Tokyo Games, stressing that postponement cannot go on forever. Bach said he agreed with Japan's stance that the Games will have to be cancelled, if the coronavirus pandemic isn't under control by next year. In March, the Tokyo 2020 Olympics were postponed to July 23, 2021 as the coronavirus spread across the globe, killing thousands of people.



Since the opening of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, the international sports competition has only been cancelled thrice: once during World War-I (1916) and twice during World War-II (1940, 1944)

SPORTS

EMMA MACK TO PLAY AUTHOR EMILY BRONTE IN BIOPIC

Emma Mackey will essay the biographical drama movie about English novelist and poet, Emily Bronte. The film, which marks actor Frances O'Connor's directorial debut, will chronicle the early years of the 18th-century author's life. O'Connor

Bronte is best-known for classic novel, 'Wuthering Heights', which was first published in the mid-1800s. It revolves around the doomed love affair between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff

nor will direct the movie, titled, 'Emily'. O'Connor is the screenplayer of the movie as well, according to reports.

ENTERTAINMENT

ROBOT DOG PATROLS SINGAPORE PARK



1 A yellow robot dog called Spot, which found fame online for dancing to hit song, 'Uptown Funk', has been deployed to patrol a Singapore park, and ensure people observe social distancing.

2 The hi-tech hound, which is remote-controlled, uses cameras to estimate

the number of visitors as it trots through the park.

3 The robot gives a message as well—"For your own safety and for those around you, please stand at least one metre apart. Thank you."

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LIFE OF PI



This Oscar-winning movie that tells the tale of a shipwrecked boy trapped in a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger, is about surviving extraordinary hardships in unusual circumstances. It's about the triumph of human spirit and positivity — something we need to hold on to, in our pandemic-affected lives.

THE CASTAWAY



Although we are not stranded on any island, every home has become an island of sorts — with restricted movement and limited contact with the outside world. Staying apart from loved ones, it's now easier to relate to The Castaway's lead actor Tom Hanks making friends with a volleyball. The movie is about hope that helps Hanks survive alone—the hope of getting back to the 'real world.'

Movies that depict 'ISOLATION, HOPE AND RESILIENCE'

In these challenging times, films that deal with loneliness in exceptional circumstances can be a source of motivation. As we battle with our inner fears and anxiety, here's a list of films where protagonists' struggle for survival and sanity resonates with the 'six-foot apart' struggles that we are dealing with in the present scenario. Check them out...

PANIC ROOM



The story of a woman trapped with her little daughter after robbers break into their plush new home is a thriller, but it also shows how to be resourceful when you confront huge challenges. It is about surviving in the midst of fear and uncertainty — of being unprepared for something that can wreck our lives, and yet finding the courage and tenacity to come out of it.

THE MARTIAN



An astronaut stuck alone in Mars and facing an uncertain future is the stuff Hollywood scripts are made of. Even if we are not on the Red planet, our lives on planet Earth, and our trials and tribulations without domestic helpers, when we clean, cook and experiment with new recipes and try balcony farming is similar to "The Martian's" experiences, at least metaphorically.

LEARN WITH TIMES NIE

Off-beat genres in literature: Mythopoeia

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What is it?

The art of making a myth! When you integrate traditional mythology into a work of fiction for books, television or film you are dabbling in 'Mythopoeia'. Also called artificial mythology.

Have I read it already? Yes! If you've read J R R Tolkien's 'The Lord of the Rings' series or C S Lewis' 'The Chronicles Of Narnia' and J K Rowling's 'Harry Potter' series. All are part of this genre.

How do I pronounce it?

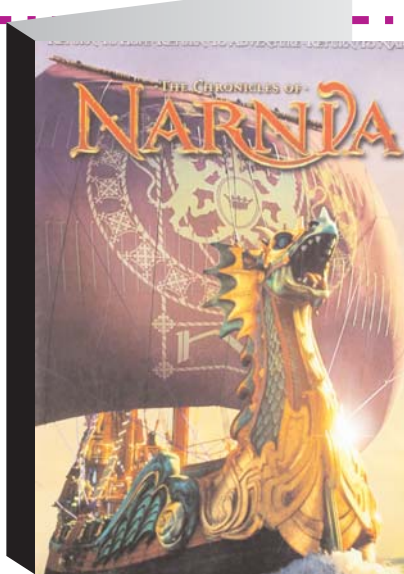
Myth-o-pee-ya

How do I define it:

Books in this genre, for example 'Harry Potter' series or the 'Narnia' series contain an entirely unique fictional universe with elements from existing mythology. To add credibility and depth to their fictional world, writers of this genre may go to great lengths to create well-ordered histories, detailed geographies along with the unique laws of nature that govern such a place. For example, the world of Middle-Earth in J R R Tolkien's world; the kingdom of Narnia and the wizarding world, Hogwarts in the Harry Potter series!

Who created it?

You can thank J R R Tolkien who used the word 'Mythopoeia'



as the title of a poem which was published in 1931.

What else do I read?

Click on www.goodreads.com/genres/mythopoeia to see more books in this genre.

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FUN-ZONE

THINK TANK

How to STRENGTHEN parent-child bond this lockdown?

In the recent online sessions that I have taken, I observe that many parents aren't fully able to harness the close-knit family time we all have been gifted. When I ask them - isn't this period of lockdown like the holidays we always wanted? - It suddenly stirs up their rushing thoughts, makes them hit the brakes and

they become aware of the truth in my words. Deep inside, every parent has always wanted to spend enough time with their children.

I present to you highly practical tips to utilise your time indoors.

1) POWER OF ROUTINES: A strong routine has the power to steer your day in the right direction. You will never again feel the guilt of missing out chores. their kids.

2) UNITY OF GAMES: Indoor



games like Tambola, Ludo, Snakes & Ladder, UNO, Monopoly etc have the unimaginable energy to connect humans effortlessly.

3) GOING DOWN THE MEMORY LANE: Parents should involve children in finding those well-wrapped photo albums in the houses. This makes children realise that life can still be joyful with less things and bigger families?

4) USE TECH TO CONNECT: Use your mobile phone cameras to record videos and photos of your children and yourself accomplishing something in this lockdown. Make a short movie.

5) DANCE YOUR WAY UP: Always remember that exercise or dance has a DIRECT impact on your brain and how you process emotions. What's happier than to dance your worry away?

6) WHEN WAS THE LAST YOU VISITED A CINEMA HALL? How about a in-house movie day. The activity is to convert your room into a small cinema hall and plan nice meals alongside.

Shreya Mago, Child Psychologist and Special Educator, Centre for Child and Adolescent Wellbeing (CCAW), New Delhi.

CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1) Ten years ago, the sum of ages of a mother and his son was 34 years. If the ratio of present ages of the mother and son is 7:2, find the present age of the son.
A. 12 years

B. 11 years
C. 10 years
D. 8 years

2) What is the least number of square tiles required to pave the floor of a room 15 m 17 cm long

and 9 m 2 cm wide?
A. 814 B. 820
C. 840 D. 844

3) The length of a rectangle is halved, while its breadth is tripled. What is the percentage change in area?
A. 25% increase
B. 50% increase

4) Find the odd man out?
6, 9, 15, 21, 24, 28, 30
A. 28 B. 21
C. 24 D. 30

ANSWER: 1. 12 years, 2. 814, 3. 50% increase, 4. 28

HOW TO Cordially disagree

Keep these phrases in mind at your next impasse; they might make your position or argument more effective:

- I see what you're saying but I think...
- I respect your point but from my perspective...
- I take your point but that isn't the way I see it; instead, I think that...
- I understand where you are coming from but...
- There is some truth to what

you're saying but... ■ I'm sorry but I have to disagree with you on...

Here are some great expressions to use after expressing your disagreement:

- Instead, I think we should/could...
- My suggestion would be to...
- An alternative solution might be...
- I would recommend that we...



Word Wise

Disharmony: (Noun) A lack of agreement about important things, which causes bad feelings between people or among groups of people.

Synonymous words: Discord, friction, strife, conflict, hostility, acrimony, bad blood, bad

feeling, disagreement, disunity, etc

Examples:

- The world was torn into **disharmony** when the war broke.
- **Friction** was in the air when the boys voiced their dissent.
- It is best to sort out issues without **discord**.
- **Disunity** in any field will hamper progress.

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Light pillar

A light pillar is an atmospheric optical phenomenon in which a vertical beam of light appears to extend above and/or below a light source. The effect is created by the reflection of light from

tiny ice crystals that are suspended in the atmosphere or what comprises high-altitude clouds. Since they are caused by the interaction of light with ice crystals, light pillars belong to the family of halos.

CREATIVITY AT ITS BEST

To all things new....

The diving roller eagerly leaped from the clutches of the sky,
And settled upon a lush tree, with a carefree sigh;
It moved down to a leaf, guzzling the Summer dew,
And then with a sparkle of energy, back to the sky it flew;

A gentle doe roamed the verdant mead,
And to kiss her lively faun, she gently bent;
Then they paced along with light and free steps,
And finally into a gushing brook, with spontaneity they leapt;

The Delphic thrush found its voice again,
As he sung of things dark, unknown and foreign;
And these notes of varying shades of poignance,
Did hide behind it unearthed truths of constance;

For the wise thrush sang songs of love and war;
Of painful hardships and animal slaughter;
Songs that voiced their sacred freedom,
A reminder that this aeon of tyranny had passed.

Rehaan



SCHOOL IS COOL

Revisiting the genesis of the journey

Army Public School, Noida celebrated 37th AWES Raising Day to commemorate the inception of an organisation which has consistently endeavoured to provide the best possible education to the wards of Army personnel.

To celebrate this occasion amidst the ongoing lockdown, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school organised a plethora of online competitions like Video Making, Poster Making, Slogan, Poetry, Article Writing and encouraged maximum participation of students who enthusiastically shared their work on different virtual platforms. The best entries were awarded certificates of merit.

School principal, Jyoti Rana, congratulated the entire team on this occasion and motivated all to follow the directions given by AWES to give their best in order to achieve the goals of the society.

Covid Lockdown Gives E- Learning a Boost

India has entered lockdown mode. The once bustling buildings are now filled with the sounds of silence. Teaching has continued, however - just in a different way. In our Basava International School, Dwarka Principal Dr Manimala Roy reached out to the teachers and students with both concern and optimism and presented an innovative plan to introduce NLP-Next Learning Platform to teach students online.

All teachers and lecturers have now switched over to conducting online teaching. In pre-corona times, online learning was tried out occasionally or used for specific purposes, but suddenly it has become the only way of doing things. This seismic switch has been a great feat not only for teachers, lecturers and students, but also for the staff providing technical and didactic support.

Though the circumstances are not foreseen or ideal, I am still optimistic because it will teach some valuable lessons to our students. First off, our students must learn that the opportunity to go to school and acquire knowledge with their friends is a blessing. It is not guaranteed to most of the children in the world, but sometimes our students take it for granted. I hope they take the time to reflect and recognize how much their teachers and administrators love them and push them to be better.

Sapna Kwatra, Teacher, Basava International School, Dwarka

Impact of Pandemic on Education

Covid-19 has forced humanity to think of new avenues. The schools are caught in ambiguity with the pending previous year's educational outcomes and continuity of next session's objectives.

School education spans from the first hand learners to the grown ups at the threshold of adult life. To find alternatives to the multidisciplinary approach, the schools provide for, is not an easy task. This situation has led to the discovery and adoption of different technological and pedagogical approaches in the field of education.

The Covid -19 pandemic has made it obligatory for schools to go digital. Teachers are trying their best to ensure smooth learning through interactive online classes, making videos and assignments and even providing virtual reinforcement.

School managements should plan for organizing regular teachers and students workshops to let this transition smoothly.

Things will surely be back to normal one day but the lesson learnt will definitely pave way for new dimensions.

ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL, Principal, Saraswati Bai Mandir Lajpat Nagar

As the head of an institution, it is important to connect with the school community and foster effective relationships. The present scenario has brought quite uncertainty in the hearts and minds of people. This is a challenging time for everyone and certainly one we have not experienced before.

As per the present situation, our journey of imparting education continues by implementing tools for students, parents and teachers so that all can be connected. We are in touch with our students and parents and are coming up with online coun-

selling sessions so as to motivate and counsel them during this time.

We have started taking not only academic classes but also co-curricular activities through virtual classrooms.

As for my belief, in this present scenario I choose "Optimism and Confidence". So here, I would like to say that whatever the situation may be, one must learn to adapt and appreciate and absorb the intricacies of the environment and turn out to be true survivors and achievers.

ANUPAMA CHOPRA, Principal, GD Goenka Public School, East Delhi

Exploring New Vistas through E-LEARNING

Teaching and reaching every student of the school has been the foremost pursuit of Maharaja Agrasen Model School, CD Block, Pitampura during the lockdown period. The online classes are conducted. Besides this students' performance is also evaluated using online quiz and online forms. Teachers have prepared interesting videos for students. They are trained to work in digital notebooks. Other vital tools for communication, for assessing previous knowledge of Students, videos, audio messages to enhance the cognizance of learners are incorporated to make the online learning lucid and coherent.

Moreover students are guided towards cyber safety rules to be followed during online classes, they are also directed to adhere to the desirable deportment to lead a safe life during this challenging time. Another attribute of E-learning is that teachers are empowered through online webinars and CBSE workshops as a part of their teachers' training. Thus empowering teachers and learners through the platform of E-learning by the Principal Dr. Pratibha Kohli and the computer department have engaged as well as accredited the students and teachers.

The faculty of Bharat Ram Global School, Indrapuram under the supreme guidance of the Principal, Dr Anuroop Kaur, have decided to walk an extra mile by opting for a web-based teaching-learning platform which offers the simulated classroom learning environment. Thereby, the educators have harnessed the technology and supplemented the in-class experience for the learners while creating, storing and disseminating the textual learning contents in the form of videos, presentation & worksheets. Besides, to foster the uninterrupted communication and evaluation, the educators are making themselves duly available over emails, WhatsApp and Calls.

Therefore, this is a collaborative and consensual initiative to widen the vision and bridge the gap created by this pandemic by keeping up with the strong value of "Never stop learning because life never stops teaching."

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