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## STUDENTS' TAKE



Besides, to become truly 'atmanirbhar', we have to nurture talented minds.

NAOMI DEWICKA, class XII, DPS, RK Puram, Delhi



## VOCAL FOR LOCAL GAINS MOMENTUM



## Will economic patriotism BACKFIRE on INDIA'S GROWTH CHART?

The Central government seems to have decided that the best way to salvage the sinking ship is to look inwards. There are calls within the government to boycott global products. The Big Q: Is it possible to shut the world out without strengthening our own supply chains? We debate...

## WHAT IS ECONOMIC PATRIOTISM?

Economic patriotism, coined by a French parliamentarian Bernard Carayon, is an ideology that favours state interventionism over other market mechanisms, with policies, such as domestic control of the economy, labour, and capital formation

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## IS IT FEASIBLE?

Complete boycott of global products, especially, Chinese products, is impractical. However, economic patriotism can lead to re-doing of India, if handled judiciously. Proper planning—applying both openness & protectionism—can tap manufacturing opportunities in various sectors.

NIRMALA PADMANABHAN, head, dept of eco, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam

We live in a world where economies are inter-linked. Any attempt to promote only local would lead to a trade war, and subsequently harm our economy. Our products have components that are imported. Besides, a consumer will always give priority to the quality products, which are pocket-friendly.

V P BHARDWAJ, former professor, Gujarat University

It's not easy to wean an entire economy away from a habit that is global. Economic patriotism must make economic sense for the country and it will take time. 'Vocal for Local' is at best a 10- year plan. It can't be implemented overnight.

HARISH BIJOOR, founder, Harish Bijoor Consults Inc, Bengaluru

## A REALITY CHECK

- According to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), electrical equipment, such as smartphones and computers are a key part of India's import bill. Around 88% of the components used by the mobile handsets industry are imported from countries, like China
- Over 60% of the medical devices are imported as well.



## WORD WATCH

**VILIPEND** • Means to hold or treat as of little worth or account; contempt; to express a low opinion of; disparage. Vilipend first appeared in English in the 15th century and had its heyday during the 19th century. It was found in the works of well-known authors, like Sir Walter Scott, William Makepeace Thackeray, and George Meredith.

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## RIP

## Actor Sushant Singh Rajput passes away at 34

Bollywood lost yet another actor as reports suggest that Sushant Singh Rajput committed suicide at his residence in Mumbai. While the industry is still reeling with the passing away of Irrfan Khan and Rishi Kapoor, it has to now deal with yet another loss. Sushant was 34 years old, and was much loved for his performances on the small screen as well as in movies. His last release was 'Chhichhore', which hit the screens in 2019.



Sushant Singh Rajput earned massive fame with a TV show and made a successful transition to films. He marked his debut in Bollywood with 'Kai Po Che!' in 2012 and went on to deliver massive hits, like 'PK' and 'Kedarnath'. His biggest hit till date remains 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story'.

## NIRF: IIT, MADRAS BEST EDU INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTRY

IIT, Madras, IISc, Bengaluru and IIT, Delhi bagged the top three positions among the higher educational institutions in the country in the HRD ministry's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings that was announced on Thursday.



### RANKINGS

➤ Seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) figured in the top 10 in the overall rankings – IIT, Madras, IIT, Delhi, IIT, Bombay, IIT, Kharagpur, IIT, Kanpur, IIT, Guwahati and IIT, Roorkee

➤ According to the fifth edition of the annual rankings, the top three universities are IISc, Bengaluru, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

➤ IIM, Ahmedabad has been ranked as the top business school in the country, followed by IIM, Bangalore and IIM, Calcutta

➤ Miranda College bagged the top rank among colleges, followed by Lady Sri Ram College for Women, Hindu College and St Stephen's College – all under the Delhi University (DU)

The National Institutional Ranking Framework is a methodology adopted by the ministry of human resource development, government of India, to rank institutions of higher education in India. The framework was approved by the MHRD, and launched by minister of human resource development on September 29, 2015

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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### NEW EDUCATION POLICY WILL HAVE SPORTS AS PART OF EDUCATION: SPORTS MINISTER

Sports minister Kiren Rijiju has said that the country's new education policy will have sports as part of the school syllabus and not as an extra-curricular activity. Addressing the inaugural session of the International Webinar on Olympism and Olympic

### FUTURE EDUCATION

Education in the 21st century', the minister said, sports cannot be treated as an optional subject; it has to be accepted as a part of education.

### OTHER MAJOR CHANGES

- Rijiju said he has formed a high-level committee for the formation of the National Sports Education Board
- Rijiju is also keen to have an 'Olympic Museum' for the country. Discussions regarding it would take place once situation normalises post the Covid-19 pandemic, he said

### WHATSAPP MAY SOON GET A NEW SEARCH FEATURE

WhatsApp is reportedly working on a new search filter for its chat platform. According to a report, the app will soon allow users to search for messages by date

### TECH BUZZ

According to the report, the 'search by date' feature will come with a calendar icon that will appear whenever users use the in-chat search option. It even includes screenshots to show how it may appear on iOS users. The screenshot shared in the report shows calendar icon on the top of the keyboard. Tapping on this in the app will allow users to select a date/date range. Presently, the search feature allow users to look for a particular content item in their chat.



## SPACE

### NASA PICKS ASTROBOTIC TO LAND WATER-HUNTING ROVER ON MOON

NASA has awarded Pittsburgh-based space robotics start-up, Astrobot, \$199.5 mn to deliver a water-hunting rover to the Moon's South Pole in late 2023. The water-seeking mobile VIPER (Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover) robot will help pave the way for astronaut missions to the lunar surface beginning in 2024, NASA said. Scientific data gathered by VIPER will also inform the selection of future landing sites by helping to determine locations, where water and other resources can be harvested to sustain humans during extended expeditions.

➤ As part of its award, Astrobot is responsible for end-to-end services for delivery of VIPER, including integration with its Griffin lander, launch from Earth, and landing on the Moon

➤ During its 100-Earth-day mission, the approximately 454-kg VIPER rover will roam several miles and use its four science instruments to sample various soil environments

➤ Its science investigations will provide insights into the evolution of the Moon and the Earth-Moon system

### NEW LAUNCH

### HUAMI AMAZFIT T-REX SMARTWATCH IN INDIA FOR ₹9,999

Wearable brand Huami has launched the Amazfit T-Rex rugged smartwatch in India for ₹ 9,999. The customers can purchase the device online from Amazon and from the company's own online store.

➤ It sports a 1.3-inch AMOLED screen with (360x360 pixels), capable of displaying 16.7 million colours with superb clarity

➤ The wearable features GPS, GLONASS, a 'BioTracker PPG' optical heart rate sensor, an advanced activity tracker, and a sleep monitoring sensor.

➤ Other features, include call reminders, mobile payment, notifications, and much more. It can withstand extreme temperatures, and is protected from dust



## PETA urges UP govt to BAN ONLINE TRADE OF PETS

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India has sent a letter to the Uttar Pradesh government, seeking a ban on online trade of pet animals. PETA has also urged the government to keep pet shops and dog breeders, not duly registered with their state animal welfare boards closed. The animal rights body has also asked the government to stop online portals, such as OLX and Quikr—which have registered offices in Haryana and Karnataka, respectively—from trading in animals.



### PET CARE

narian Himanshu Vyas.

DK Patil, another veterinarian, adds, "Rather than using a mask, it's advisable to sanitise your pet with animal-friendly disinfectants. Make sure you also wash their paws properly."

## Pets don't need masks

So, did you buy masks for your pets too? Well, they don't need one, say experts. Most vets say that face masks are a big 'NO' for pets. Why is that so? "Dogs pant with their mouths open and the blood vessels on their tongue keep their body's temperature regulated. If we cover their mouths with a mask, they might start facing respiratory issues," says veterinarian Himanshu Vyas.



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## FUN-ZONE

## ACTIVITY OF THE DAY

## History Mystery

## Mehrangarh Fort

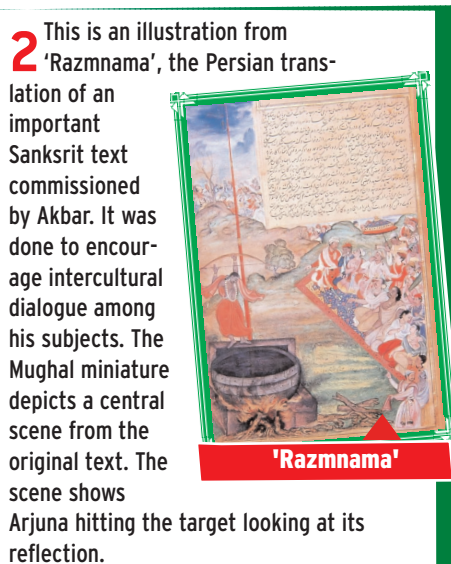


**1** Mehrangarh, located in Jodhpur, Rajasthan is one of the largest forts in India. Within the fort, there are seven gates, including the Jayapol (meaning 'victory gate'), built by Maharaja Man Singh to com-

memorate his victories over Jaipur and Bikaner armies. There is also a Fattehpol (also meaning 'victory gate'), which commemorates Maharaja Ajit Singh's victory over the Mughals. Loha Pol was constructed in 15th century but its façade was constructed by Maharaja Maldeo in 16th century. The pol has the handprints of 15 queens who performed sati or jauhar.

**Why is it called 'Mehrangarh'?**  
**ANS:** Mehrangarh means "Fort of the sun", a reference to the clan's (Rajput clan called Rathores) mythical descent from the sun god Surya.

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## 'Razmnama'

**What text is being referred to?**  
**ANS:** Mahabharat



## Magpie

The black and white Eurasian magpie is widely considered to be one of the most intelligent animal in the world. It is one of the few non-mammal species able to recognise itself in a mir-

## KNOWLEDGE BANK

ror test. In East Asian culture, the magpie is a very popular bird as it's a symbol of good luck and great fortune.



## WORD WISE

**Shimmer: (v)** To shine with or reflect a subdued, tremulous light; gleam faintly. To appear to quiver or vibrate in faint light or while reflecting heat waves.

**Synonymous words:** glimmer, glint, glitter, lustre, sheen, blinking, flash, glisten, gloss, glow, incandescence, scintillation,

spark, etc.

**Examples:** ■ It brought a light to her eyes, and a colour to her cheeks, and life and shimmer to her moonlit hair. ■ True to his instincts, he saw in that awful carnage only the shimmer of his gold. ■ In autumn the water meadows are a shimmer of purple, pink and red.



## JUMBLED WORDS

**1) ermpatnen**

**A:** permanent  
**B:** perfection  
**C:** glorious  
**D:** query

**2) onctribut**

**A:** depend  
**B:** contribute  
**C:** confidence

## ANSWERS

**1) A:** permanent  
**2) B:** contribute

## Quiz time

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

**Q.1) Which female cricketer received the 2019 CK Nayudu Lifetime Award of BCCI?**

- A.** Jhulan Goswami  
**B.** Anjum Chopra  
**C.** Mithali Raj  
**D.** Harmandeep Kaur

**Q.2) Which iconic basketball player was**

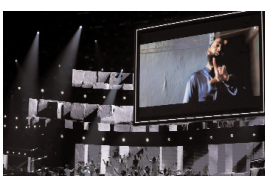
**killed in a helicopter crash recently?**

- A.** Kobe Bryant  
**B.** Rafter Alston  
**C.** Vince Carter  
**D.** Michael Jordan

**Q.3) Who won the 'Record of the Year' at the recently-held 62nd**

**Annual Grammy Awards held in Los Angeles?**

- A.** '7 Rings' by Ariana Grande  
**B.** 'Talk' by Khalid  
**C.** 'Truth Hurts' by Lizzo  
**D.** 'Bad Guy' by Billie Eilish



American DJ and songwriter DJ Khaled performed under a video of the late singer Nipsey Hussle at the 62nd Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, US

## ANSWERS

**1. B)** Anjum Chopra **2. A)** Kobe Bryant **3. D)** 'Bad Guy' by Billie Eilish



## Mind teasers

## ENGLISH QUIZ

Fill in the blanks with appropriate PREPOSITIONS.

**Q.1)** Take this medicine and you will get rid \_\_\_\_\_ the bad cold.  
**A.** of **B.** over **C.** at **D.** from

**Q.2)** I am angry with him \_\_\_\_\_ his carelessness.  
**A.** on **B.** to **C.** for **D.** at

**Q.3)** It is dangerous to

enter \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's camp.

**A.** in **B.** on **C.** by **D.** into

**Q.4)** Arun is married \_\_\_\_\_ Bobby.  
**A.** of **B.** between **C.** with **D.** to

**Q.5)** My cousin has invested a lot of money \_\_\_\_\_ farming.  
**A.** in **B.** for **C.** on **D.** into

**Q.6)** He was vexed \_\_\_\_\_ Sohan for his behaviour.  
**A.** at **B.** to **C.** upon **D.** with

## ANSWERS

**(1) A)** of **(2) C)** for **(3) D)** into  
**(4) D)** to **(5) A)** in **(6) D)** with

## INDIA SHINING

TURNING THE PAGES OF HISTORY TO DISCOVER TIMELESS LEGACIES

## Tambdi Surla, Goa

At the foot of the Anmod Ghat (which connects Goa to Karnataka) lies Tambdi Surla – the 12th century Mahadeva temple. It was built in the Kadamba period (345-525 CE), and is believed to be the oldest Hindu temple in Goa. It has survived the onslaught

of Muslim and Portuguese occupations of the Goan territory. The intricately carved temple is built in Kadamba style from basalt. Figurines of Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu, and Lord Brahma, with their respective consorts appear on panels at the sides of the temple which has the 'garbhagriha' (innermost sanctuary), 'antara' (chambers in Hindu temples) and a 'Nandi mandapa' (Shiva temple).



## COMMON GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

## 1. BARE/BEAR

## THE RULES:

- "Bare" - means without clothing, covering.
- "Bear" - means to hold up; support; or to hold or remain firm under (a load).

## HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- Did they even have the **bear** essentials?
- Look at the weight, which he had to **bare** all alone.

## HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

- Did they even have the **bare** essentials?
- Look at the weight, which he had to **bear** all alone.
- She lifted everything with her **bare** hands.

# RABINDRA JAYANTI

## @Sunrise English Medium School



Soma Basu



Basant Sardar



Sunita Srivastava, Principal

In this modern era of science and technology, seldom people recognize the efforts of writers and poets, who by their hard work and enthusiasm teach us the best way to live our life. But, Sunrise English Medium School never fails to pay tribute to such writers. Even the coronavirus pandemic could not stop the institution, from celebrating Rabindra Jayanti 2K20 as the institution took help of the virtual world to pay tribute to the pedantic writer of the era. It was a surprise for all the students, who were downcast, as they were unable to celebrate the occasion with pomp. All thanks to the teachers of the school, who despite their busy schedule took the initiative to pay tribute to Gurudev.

The programme began with the self choreographed dance of Shreya Bhattacharya on the song "Jogote anondo jogge". This was followed by a melodious vocal performance by Kuheli Mukhopadhyay, Jasbir Kaur and Soma Basu on the songs, "Ekla



Shreya Bhattacharya

cholo re", "Badi asha bandhe aye hai" and "Aaguner poroshmoni" respectively, which left the viewers spellbound. The poem "Pochishe Baishakher Uddeshyey" recited by Basanta Sardar, was heard with rapt attention. The 30-minute short event came to an end with a thought-provoking speech by the principal, Sunita Srivastava.

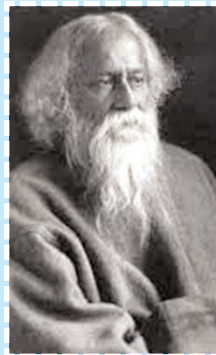
- Rupam Shukla, Class XII, Sunrise English Medium School

## SCHOOL IS COOL

## SXI Panihati's TRIBUTE TO TAGORE

When the world around changed into a dark prison for us due to a terrible virus yet the sun was to rise on the birthday of our own poet of poets, we faced the question whether we could celebrate it the way it should be. With the odds against us mounting, the spirit of St. Xavier's Institution, Panihati rose once again to the occasion and produced a tribute to the immortal poet through recitation of his poems, songs composed by him, enactment of parts of drama written by him and pieces of literary gems created by the participants who were the children, their teachers including the principal of SXI, who feel pride in calling themselves as a family. It was all the more special as none of them left their home, each recording and uploading his/her parts online. It was truly a herculean task very well executed.

In it, the doubtful child wondering how it can be done transforms into a desperate Amol, a brave Khoka in 'Birpurush', then dances to the tunes of flowers or the universe itself exposed through "Momo chitte" and is filled with positivity. Indeed, it was positive energy which flowed through his pen and that was very well expressed through the presentation. It was another well earned feather in SXI Family's highly decorated cap.



Bhargava Majumdar (You)

IMRAN DAMAR

Faiza Tashdeh

Saranath

## BHS online special assembly

Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add colour to my sunset sky...

In spite of going through such a difficult time, the teachers and students of Birla High School left no stones unturned to do what they wanted to do. Yes, it was an online special assembly on May 7 to pay our humble tribute to one of the greatest poet

of all times who has always guided us away from darkness towards light...

Rabindranath Tagore was a poet, thinker and truly a leader of modern India. His birth anniversary is not only an occasion to pay tribute to him but also a sombre moment for us to pause and ponder over the rich legacy he has left behind. His values and thoughts continue to inspire us.

## St Xavier's Institution Ruiya remembers Kabiguru

Rita Dove had very aptly said, "Poetry is language and it is most distilled and most powerful."

Tagore's poetry proves the same. His vast oeuvre of work is not only global but also for people of all ages. It expands from nadir to zenith and touches almost every aspect of life-from love to hate, from tears to happiness, etc. A child, an adolescent and an adult, all can get something and relate themselves with one or the other work of this legend.

Thus, even amid the nationwide lockdown to battle the Covid-19, the celebrations of the 159th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was still witnessed at St Xavier's Institution, Ruiya, but in a different light altogether, although the flavour and essence remained the same.

We are all well acquainted with the abundance of talent that our children are instilled with, and our institution has always tried to provide a platform where these latent,



budding talents can unravel themselves. An online podcast of various cultural programmes that were amalgamated together was arranged on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti. Students and teachers participated with full vigour and enthusiasm. Some contributed with their dulcet tones and some with their serene gestures that were performed on various melodious songs of Tagore. The juxtaposition of the poetry, the songs and the dance were such that it seems as if they are the beads of one rosary.

The current situation has cooped up all of us physically, but the effort that was put in by our hard-working teachers and our talented students to make this programme a grand success even during such tough times shows us explicitly that it has failed to cage our minds and that will only provide us the impetus to move forward without fear and emerge as the winner in this on-going melee. What comes to mind is an optimistic quote from Tagore himself: "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high..."

## PAINTER'S GALLERY



Shrestha Basak, Class IV, Central Point School Sodepur