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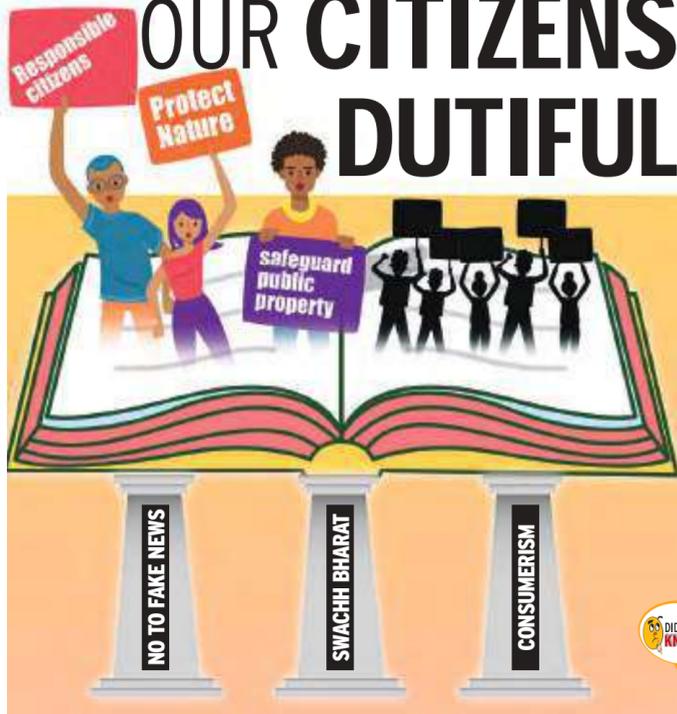
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WEB EDITION

## INCLUDE CHAPTERS ON CITIZENS' DUTIES IN SCHOOL BOOKS: CENTRE TO NCERT

### TOWARDS MAKING OUR CITIZENS DUTIFUL



**A**s public participation gains significance in the fight against coronavirus, the NCERT and state governments to include chapters on citizens' duties in school books. Union secretary, department of justice, Barun Mitra has said that the government has prepared course modules on citizens' duties as detailed in the Constitution, after some states

**Children are the finest carriers of social messages as seen in the Swachh Bharat and 'No to Plastics' campaigns. The Centre has also started engaging NRIs on how they can perform citizens' duties abroad, and help the cause of the country**

sent their inputs on the subject. "Rights flow only from the duties well performed. If each one amongst us performs our duty, everybody's rights would be automatically protected," he said. "Freedom without acceptance of responsibility can destroy the edifice of freedom itself. Rights and responsibilities must be balanced," he added.

#### HOW TO MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE

##### OFFER LESSONS ON HOW ETHICAL DECISIONS ARE MADE:

Set up situations in which students can apply these skills in solving the problems. Swagata Banerjee, teacher, BDM Intl, Kolkata

##### CREATE AN AWARENESS ON THE DUTIES:

Encourage children by setting an example, and participating in various activities, like keeping the surroundings clean. Support the students' for small role-plays and debates to create awareness about the rights and duties on issues, like cybercrime, hygiene, etc Ritu Sharma, educator, St Kabir School, Ahmed

##### LEAD BY EXAMPLE:

Teachers should set an example by practising what they teach the students. It will encourage the students to follow them in letter and spirit. Suryakumari Dennison, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

##### EXPLAIN THE NEED OF THE DUTIES:

It is imperative for both the teachers and the elders to explain the children on why a particular duty has been included in their curriculum. Mutual sharing of information between the kids and their parents, teachers and peers will go a long way in making them conscious citizens. GEETA SAINI, teacher, HAL School, Lucknow

#### DUTIES THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED

##### TO NOT TO INDULGE IN THE CIRCULATION OF FAKE CONTENT:

Since everyone is active on social media platforms, an awareness on not to spread fake content without verifying facts, should be included in our syllabus. Inayat Kapoor, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula

##### HYGIENE CONSCIOUS:

The spreading of an infection can stop with basic hygienic measures. It's our duty to drive a campaign on the importance of hygiene. Jobel Jiji Joseph, class XI, RCJPS, Kakkanad, Ernakulam

##### TO STAY ALERT:

As a responsible citizen, we should remain alert of the happenings in our surrounding, and not fall prey to rumours. We should inform our parents, elders or police immediately, if we come across any suspicious activities. Sanya Sinha, class XII, MRISchool, Faridabad

#### STUDENTS SPEAK



Chapter IV of the Indian Constitution comprises the Fundamental Duties of citizens. Added to the Constitution by the 42nd Amendment in 1976, the concept was taken from the USSR Constitution. They are not justiciable, and are enshrined in the Directive Principles of State Policies

### 5 TIPS TO DEAL WITH ONLINE GROUP WORK

#### KNOW YOUR TEAM AND INSTRUCTOR

**1** Get to know your team members and their schedules. Getting a little personal with each team member can make it easier, when it comes to sacrificing time to achieve a common learning goal. Also, get to know your online instructor and his or her teaching strategies.



#### FIND A SPECIFIC TIME TO MEET

**2** A team can't function solely through email. A five-minute phone conversation often gets a point across verbally that 10 emails can't. Plan phone meetings at least once to keep everyone in sync. The meetings can be short, but any more than a few days without contact can thwart efforts to stay on track.

#### FIND SOMEONE TO BE THE "VOICE" OF THE PROJECT

**3** Elect one person to be the "voice" for the final version of the assignment. Once the elected "voice" has edited together all the content, have them submit it to the group for review. Group members can then make edits or insert ideas to polish the final assignment.

#### AGREE ON THE TOOLS THAT YOU'LL USE TO COLLABORATE

**4** Today, many collaborative learning options are available— from text, voice or chat via Gmail, to conference calling with Skype, TalkShoe, or document-sharing with DropBox, collaborating online is much easier. Pick and agree on the collaboration and tracking methods before starting.

#### ASSIGN EVERY PERSON'S ROLE ON THE PROJECT

**5** Assign one member to be ready to step in and complete a crucial role, if another team member cannot. Some emergency situation may crop up, so always have a back up

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#### EDUCATION

### Guidelines for enhancing students' learning unveiled

Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has released the Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines.



- ▶ The documents, such as Alternative Academic Calendar, PRAGYATA Guidelines, Digital Education-India Report, NISHTHA-Online, etc, are some of the initiatives that have been undertaken to maintain continuity in school education for children
- ▶ The NCERT has prepared Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines for the present situation, and also for the post-pandemic situation
- ▶ The guidelines are suggested for three types of situations—Firstly, in which the students do not have any digital resources. Secondly, in which the students have limited digital resources available. Lastly, in which students have digital resources available for the online education

#### SPACE

### CHANDRAYAAN- 2 COMPLETES A YEAR AROUND MOON, ADEQUATE FUEL FOR 7 MORE YEARS: ISRO

India's second lunar mission Chandrayaan-2 completed a year in the orbit around the Moon on Thursday, and all the instruments are currently performing well. There is adequate onboard fuel to keep it operational for about seven more years, space agency ISRO said.



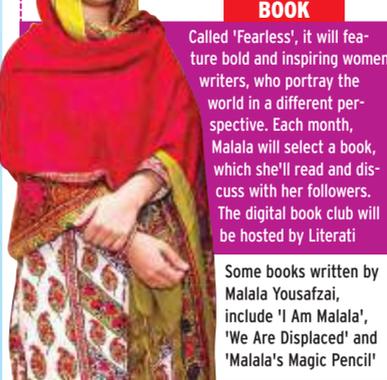
- ▶ Chandrayaan-2 was launched on July 22, 2019, and was inserted into the lunar orbit on August 20, 2019
- ▶ Chandrayaan-2 mission was India's first attempt to make a soft landing of a rover on the uncharted South Pole of the lunar surface. However, the lander Vikram hard-landed in September last year
- ▶ India's first mission to the Moon, Chandrayaan-1, launched in 2008, had given clear evidence on the extensive presence of surface water, and the indication for sub-surface polar water-ice deposits

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

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### MALALA TO START HER BOOK CLUB THIS OCTOBER

Activist, Nobel Laureate and author Malala Yousafzai is all set to start her digital book club in October 2020.



#### BOOK

Called 'Fearless', it will feature bold and inspiring women writers, who portray the world in a different perspective. Each month, Malala will select a book, which she'll read and discuss with her followers. The digital book club will be hosted by Literati

Some books written by Malala Yousafzai, include 'I Am Malala', 'We Are Displaced' and 'Malala's Magic Pencil'

### OLIVIA WILDE TO HELM FEMALE-CENTRIC MARVEL FILM

Actor Olivia Wilde has been signed by Sony Pictures to helm and develop a female-centric Marvel film for the studio. According to Variety, there have been speculations about Sony developing a movie around the character of Spider-Woman. Several Marvel comics have held the title of Spider-Woman with Jessica Drew in the 1970s. Besides Drew, Mary-Jane and Gwen Stacy have also been a part of the title.

- ▶ The new female-centric film will be bankrolled by Amy Pascal, and will be written by Katie Silberman, who had earlier written 'Booksmart'
- ▶ Wilde made her debut with the feature film, 'Booksmart'
- ▶ The film had released on May 24, 2020, and minted \$ 22 million

#### MOVIES

### MATT REEVES SHARES FIRST LOOK OF 'THE BATMAN' LOGO



Filmmaker Matt Reeves has unveiled the first look of the logo for his much-anticipated upcoming film, 'The Batman'. The 54-year-old director shared the official logo of the flick on Twitter. The new Batman film stars Paul Dano, John Turturro, Andy Serkis, Colin Farrell and Zoe Kravitz.

- ▶ The poster, designed by DC's chief creative officer, Jim Lee, depicts the batsuit as worn by Robert Pattinson's Bruce Wayne in the film.
- ▶ The upcoming superhero flick will resume shooting in early September. Filming for the comic book adventure film was halted due to the coronavirus pandemic, when it was roughly seven weeks into the production



### Samsung officially launches Galaxy Note 20 series globally

Samsung has launched its new flagship, phablet globally as the South Korean tech giant pins hopes on its latest device to drive mobile business amid the pandemic.

- ▶ The Galaxy Note 20 series comes in two models—the standard Note 20 and the high-end Note 20 Ultra
- ▶ The 6.7-inch Galaxy Note20 was launched at the original price of ₹ 77,999, while the 6.9-inch Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G is available for ₹ 104,999 in the country

#### UNVEILED

The Galaxy Note 20 series has hit shelves in some 70 countries, including South Korea, the US, Britain and Thailand, according to Samsung. The new mobile devices will be available in 130 countries by mid-September.



## DO YOU HAVE A GRATITUDE JOURNAL?

There has been plenty of talk about actor Sushant Singh Rajput's controversial gratitude journal that was posted online by his girlfriend Rhea Chakravarty. While the controversy over who has actually written the journal continues, it has brought the focus on writing gratitude journals. Here's more about this popular concept.

#### WHAT IS IT?

A concept widely used by psychologists across the world, a gratitude journal is a medium, where you jot down all the things you are grateful for. The idea is to make the person maintaining the jour-



**FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE THINGS IN LIFE.** No wonder, it has earned a place as a prominent approach to positive psychology. The maintenance of a gratitude journal is also believed to help relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety.

#### WHY IT WORKS...

According to clinical psychologist, Dr Piya Nandi, journaling can help depressed or anxious patients vent their bottled-up feelings, and also feel positive. "When you are journaling your thoughts, there is no one to argue with you or create a roadblock. You have a free-flowing mind to pen down your true feelings."

#### THE 'SILVER LININGS'

A reference to the concept of gratitude journaling is made by Anupam Kher's character (a psychologist) in the 2012 film, 'Silver Linings Playbook'. He advises his mental health patient, Pat Solitano (Bradley Cooper), to be grateful for life and attempt to see the good or silver linings, in all that he experiences

How about writing a gratitude journal and sharing with us at [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com)

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## New Age, New normal and new education system

The Government has finally released the New Education Policy on 29th of July 2020. It has replaced the 34 years old National Policy on Education framed way back in 1986. The new Education Policy has sweeping reforms in school as well as higher education.

The changes highlighted in the New Education Policy seek to bring in the holistic changes as per the needs of twenty first century. The approach adopted has been multidisciplinary and flexible to bring about innovativeness encouraging liberalisation of education.

This would surely enable



students to learn by doing and indulge in critical thinking. They would focus on core concepts rather than shallow memory. They would be more equipped to deal with future challenges.

There is no doubt that the New education policy seeks to bring about the development of the education system, its success will depend on the way it shall be implemented. If implementation is done with proper understanding, it shall surely enable students to make wise choices in future leading to betterment of society.

The article by Dr Racchana Saggi,  
Principal Sumermal Jain Public  
School, Janak Puri

## Artistic expressions and explorations



Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar organised its first virtual annual inter-school event 'Expressions 2k20' with 'EUDAEMONIA' as its theme. The event aimed at igniting young minds and to instil in them the zeal to lead a purpose-driven and

fulfilling life. As many as 111 students from 20 schools of Delhi participated in various competitions and competed in the domains of performing arts, literary and scientific challenges. The students gave expression to their talent and skills in diverse competitions such as Tedpitch, Artopedia, Econocature, Enacts-

peare, Sci-Fi Chronicles to name a few. The assorted events gave a platform to the students to nurture creativity, explore technology, experience diversity and encourage leadership and talent. They showcased their spectacular performances and talent through uploaded videos and PDFs which were assessed by the judges on the basis of relevance to the theme, orig-

inality and creativity, innovation, and overall presentation. The school's principal Rashmi Mehta expressed her gratitude for the zestful participation and urged everyone to learn to defy all odds and be constantly engaged in self-growth and evolve with the changing times. The coveted winning trophy was won by Montfort School, Ashok Vihar. All the position holders and the participants of the Inter-School Competition were conferred with E-certificates of merit.



## Practicing compassion and forgiveness

On the occasion of their spiritual head, Revered Dada JP Vaswani's 102nd Birth Anniversary, the students and teachers of Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls embarked on a mission- 'to hear the hurt and to heal the heart'.

The School, with the most heartfelt desire to serve the society, performed Sewa. Face masks, which have become a reality during the COVID 19 pandemic, were distributed, along with other



essentials. Social distancing was ensured during the programme.

School Principal Santosh Vyas welcomed the audience and engaged in helping everyone perceive the beauty of forgiveness.

School Manager Malini Mathrani admired the efforts of the students in making the program a success and reminded everyone to nurture an attitude of gratitude.

The Prayer of Forgiveness was read, uniting everyone in the bond of eternal love.



## Blending technology and creativity

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Mehta Vidyalaya hosted its first ever online Dewang Mehta Memorial Inter-School IT Symposium in collaboration with NASSCOM.

Harish Shantilal Mehta, Board Member NASSCOM & Chairman, Onward Technologies Ltd. was the Chief Guest and Sangeeta Gupta, Vice President, NASSCOM was the Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries present were Shri

Ashok Pradhan, Director, Bhavan's Delhi Kendra; Rajesh Mishra, Registrar, Bhavan's Delhi Kendra; Dr AK Sharma, REO, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Dr C K Arya, Manager, Mehta Vidyalaya.

Dr Anju Tandon, Principal, Mehta Vidyalaya in her address expressed her amazement at the creativity, use of 21st century skills and inspiring ideas of the young minds adding that their unlimited potential needed to be harnessed.

In his speech Harish Shantilal Mehta, Chief Guest outlined

the qualities of Late Dewang Mehta which differentiated him from the rest and encouraged the students to be dreamers, to always be a leader, be in a constant learning mode and carry forward Dewang Mehta's legacy for Digital literacy.

Alka Jayaswal, HOD, IT Department announced the results of the competition. Alka Jayaswal, officiating Vice Principal, Mehta Vidyalaya, proposed the Vote of thanks. This event was coordinated by Smita Malik and Parinita Sengupta along with the entire team of IT teachers.

## EMERGENCY- 2020

Keeping development of skills, youth and respect for intercultural diversity as a major target, Emergency, an online inter-school portal, was organized for students to participate and excel in a variety of activities, by DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, Cambridge Wing, where many schools from different states of India participated. There were different competitions for different age groups, as per the class the students belong to.

The host school shared all the achieving positions with the school next in rank. All winners were announced on the school's website with certificates and prizes for all the winning positions.



EVENT-TOGETHER WITH US

## Celebrating the Sanskrit language

Gyan Devi Public School Senior Secondary, Sector 17 Gurgaon celebrated Sanskrit Diwas online. The students of classes VI to VIII presented the programme. The Chairman of Gyan Devi Group of Schools, Capt. JS Yadav and Managing Director of Gyan Devi Group of Schools Neena Yadav presided over the event and greeted the staff and students on World Sanskrit Day.

A myriad of activities was planned by the Sanskrit Department Head, Mohita Bhatnagar. The event commenced with the melodious chanting of hymns in Sanskrit. This was followed by Van-



dana, Gayatri Mantra and Shloka recitation.

The students enthralled the audience with their beautiful rendering of verses with meanings. A speech was delivered highlighting the scientific nature, beauty of the Sanskrit

language and its global importance.

The purity and greatness of the language were celebrated with a song in Sanskrit. The program ended with the Shanti path. Chairman and MD applauded the efforts of teachers and students and advised the students to take pride in the Sanskrit language.



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## Staying home is important

Corona time is rough,  
The key to survive is to be tough.  
It has started a new trend,  
You can not meet, can just call your friend.

I don't like sitting idle,  
The life seems to need a revival  
This is temporary, not anyone's fate,  
I had not understood life's beauty till date.

Meeting with friends is also on calls,  
The fun and laughter is somewhere lost.  
I miss eating lunch with my gang,  
Once this pandemic is over we'll be back with a bang.

Staying home is important and taking precautions is the key,  
Once we fight this virus we'll soon be free.  
Once we are safe to be out,  
We'll be with our friends and play,  
laugh and shout.

Aradhya Mahajan, Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School