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WEB EDITION

The global behemoths across the world have vowed to reduce their carbon footprint and **GO GREEN** to protect the environment. Some of the world's biggest companies, like tech giant, Microsoft; leading coffee-chain MNC, Starbucks; the world-famous sports brand, Nike; the FMCG behemoth, Unilever; automaker, Mercedes; cargo-fleet Maersk; packaged-food producer, Danone; organic personal care product-maker, Natura & Co (the parent of The Body Shop) and the Indian IT services leader, Wipro, have formed a corporate **CLIMATE ALLIANCE to go net carbon zero by 2025**. The alliance will collaborate on research, guidance, and roadmaps to help businesses slash their carbon emissions, in line with the 1.5-degree Celsius global warming trajectory. Here are some of the global companies, which have taken the carbon-neutral pledge...



APPLE

The world's most valuable company has vowed to become 100% carbon-neutral for its supply chain and products by 2030. Apple is already carbon-neutral when it comes to global operations, and according to the new commitment, the tech giant seeks to go net carbon zero, 20 years earlier than the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) target

SHELL

Global energy and petrochemical group, Shell, has mapped an ambitious net carbon footprint plan to save

the environment from carbon poisoning. Shell's medium-term target is to reduce the net carbon footprint of energy products by 30% by 2035, 65% by 2050, and become a 100% net-zero emissions business by 2060

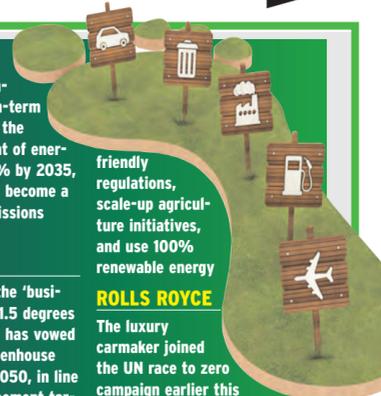
NESTLE

Nestle has signed the 'business ambition' for 1.5 degrees Celsius pledge, and has vowed to achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, in line with the Paris Agreement target. To achieve its target, the company will speed up the transformations of its products to meet environment-

friendly regulations, scale-up agriculture initiatives, and use 100% renewable energy

ROLLS ROYCE

The luxury carmaker joined the UN race to zero campaign earlier this year. The company will slash its carbon footprint by 2030, and aim to go 100% net carbon zero by 2050



CLIMATE WARRIORS AROUND THE WORLD PLEDGE TO 'Go Green'!

INDIA INC, NOT FAR BEHIND

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has vowed that his company would become net-carbon zero by 2035. According to reports, the company is all set to use carbon as a raw material, rather than a toxic waste. He recently shared the company's 15-year vision at the annual Reliance Board meeting.

MAHINDRA GROUP

Mahindra Group has announced its commitment to go carbon neutral by 2040. Apart from reducing the carbon footprint, Mahindra's green revenue portfolio is worth half a billion dollars, and include EVs, automotive recycling, solar energy, waste-to-energy, biogas, green buildings, and micro-irrigation

DALMIA BHARAT

Cement-maker Dalmia Bharat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UK-based carbon clean solutions to become carbon negative by 2040. The company will build a large carbon-capturing facility in its Tamil Nadu cement plant and explore multiple environment-friendly utilisation streams

According to the International Energy Exchange and Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Centre, the global carbon dioxide emission prediction is around 35 billion tons in 2020, if not arrested at the right time



Common Eligibility Test will be conducted in 12 languages



The Centre is planning to conduct the Common Eligibility Test (CET) not only in Hindi and English, but also in 10 other Indian languages, providing equal opportunities to the youth seeking jobs in banking, Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and Railways. There is also a plan to gradually expand the CET's scope to other languages of the 8th schedule, officials privy to the developments in the ministry of personnel, said.

There are 22 languages in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. As per the information, the CET exams will initially begin with 12 languages, and then include other languages as part of its examination process

CORONA UPDATE

Children aged 12 and over should wear masks like adults: WHO

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that children aged 12 and over should wear masks to help tackle the Covid-19 pandemic under the same conditions as adults, while children between six and 11, should wear them on a risk-based approach. Children aged 12 and over, should particularly wear a mask when a one-metre distance from others cannot be guaranteed, and there is a widespread transmission in the area, the WHO and the UNICEF said.



- Studies suggest that older children potentially play a more active role in the transmission of the new coronavirus than the younger children.
- The WHO and the UNICEF have added that more data is needed to better understand the role of children and adolescents in the transmission of the virus, which causes Covid-19
- The WHO first advised people to wear masks in public on June 5 to help reduce the spread of the disease, but had previously not issued specific guidance for children

EDUCATION

JEE, NEET exams 2020 to be held as per schedule, NTA releases clarification



Amit Khare, secretary, ministry of education, has confirmed that the entrance examinations of JEE and NEET cannot be postponed. Referring to the Supreme Court order, Khare stated that the SC was very clear in its order in stating that the examinations cannot be postponed. The National Testing Agency (NTA) has also released a clarification confirming the same. The NTA has also clarified that the examination centres for the students have been changed as per their request, and further requests are also being catered to. Apart from this, elaborate precautions have also been taken for the safety of the students.

- As per the schedule, JEE and NEET would be conducted next month
- JEE Main exam will be conducted online from September 1 to September 6, 2020, across the country
- NEET exam will be conducted offline on September 13, across 161 exam centres in India ➤ Every year around 1.5 million students register for the NEET exams, out of which only 50,000 get the seats

NEWS IN BRIEF

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WhatsApp on Android may soon get 'camera' icon back, and more

Android users may soon get redesigned icons on WhatsApp. According to reports, WhatsApp has submitted a new Google Beta Programme that brings the version up to 2.20.198.9. The revamped location icon can be seen in the attach section of the app. Besides this, the camera icon too is back. This icon was reportedly removed and placed with a shortcut for rooms, the recently-launched video conferencing platform from the company.



TECH BUZZ

Earlier this month, WhatsApp also added support for advanced search mode to the Android beta app with update version 2.20.197.7. For those unaware, this feature will allow users to universally search all types of content, such as photos, videos, links, GIFs, audio and documents through the main search toolbar



Dwayne Johnson gives his first-look sneak-peek from DC's 'Black Adam'

Actor Dwayne Johnson, on Friday, gave his followers a glimpse of his superhero character look from the much-anticipated movie, 'Black Adam'. The 48-year-old star shared on Instagram a teaser video, where he is seen dressed in a powerful black suit with a cape and lit eyes.

ENTERTAINMENT

- The Rock first announced this superhero movie last year in an Instagram post with an illustration of the character, and also an emotional caption describing what the role meant to him
- The forthcoming flick is a spinoff of Warner Bros and New Line's, 'Shazam!', which premiered in 2019



WARNER BROS ANNOUNCES NEW BATMAN VIDEO GAME

Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment has announced the much-anticipated, 'Gotham Knights', the first new Batman game in five years. The game will be out in 2021. During the event, the developers showed the footage of Batman and other superheroes fighting through Gotham. Warner Bros had been teasing Gotham Knights for nearly a year through Twitter posts and video clips.

The most recent release starring the iconic hero was Batman: Arkham Knight, which came out in June, 2015. The game was developed at a Warner Bros-owned studio in Montreal



That's the mood OF 2020: NETIZENS

Austrian-German sculptor, Franz Xaver Messerschmidt's statue, named, 'Childish Weeping', which showcases a little boy with absolute disgust—the perfect 'ugly crying' face, has made its way on the list of perfect photos of videos that describe the ultimate 'mood of 2020'



- 1 About 87 per cent of the people in Indonesia are Muslims and 1.7 per cent are Hindus, but before Islam came to Indonesia, Hinduism was a very popular religion. Till date, there are several ancient temples located all across the country
- 2 Certain aspects of Hinduism continue to impact the Indonesian culture even today

Which country has a picture of Lord Ganesha on its currency note?

No, it's not India. Surprised? Well, it's Indonesia, the largest Muslim-populated country. Yes, a picture of Lord Ganesha is inscribed on the 20,000 rupiah note of Indonesia.

The picture of Lord Ganesha is engraved on the note. Apart from Ganesha, the currency also depicts an inscription of Ki Hajar Dewantara, a celebrated Indonesian independence activist

