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TOP 3 BUZZ OF THE DAY

HONOUR

ABDULRAZAK GURNAH WINS 2021 NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE



Tanzanian writer Abdulrazak Gurnah won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature, the award-giving body said on Thursday. The Swedish Academy said, the award was in recognition of his "uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents". "The 2021 literature laureate Abdulrazak Gurnah's fourth novel 'Paradise' (1994), his breakthrough as a writer, evolved from a research trip to East Africa around 1990. It is a coming of age account and a sad love story in which different worlds and belief systems collide," said the Jury. The prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy and is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.14 million). (\$1 = 8.7856 Swedish crowns).

■ Gurnah, who grew up on the island of Zanzibar but arrived in England as a refugee in the 1960s, has published 10 novels as well as a number of short stories. The Nobel committee said that "the theme of the refugee's disruption runs throughout his work"

■ His novel 'Paradise' was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1994

ECONOMY

INDIA'S GDP GROWTH IN 2021-22 SEEN AT 8.3%: WORLD BANK



India's economy, South Asia's largest, is expected to grow by 8.3% in the fiscal year 2021-22, aided by an increase in public investment and incentives to boost manufacturing, according to the latest report from the World Bank. It backed shifting to a services sector-led growth model for the region to strengthen the recovery.

"Over the next two years, as the base effect fades, growth is expected to stabilise at around 7%, aided by structural reforms to ease supply-side constraints and infrastructure investment. In the medium term, uncertainty around asset-quality deterioration from the pandemic, higher-than-expected inflation, and slow recovery in the informal sector are the main downside risks," according to the report

MEDICINE

WHO recommends world's first malaria vaccine for children at risk

The World Health Organisation on Wednesday endorsed the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine, the first against the mosquito-borne disease that kills more than 400,000 people a year, mostly African children. The decision followed a review of a pilot programme deployed since 2019 in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi in which more than two million doses were given of the vaccine, first made by the pharmaceutical company GSK in 1987.

■ Many vaccines exist against viruses and bacteria but this was the first time that the WHO recommended for broad use a vaccine against a human parasite
■ The vaccine acts against plasmodium falciparum – one of the five malaria parasite species and the most deadly



A 'Whole School' SAFETY approach

Four years after a seven-year-old boy was found murdered in an international school in Gurugram, the Union education ministry has drawn up school safety and accountability guidelines on the orders of the Supreme Court and suggestions of an expert committee. The new 'Guidelines on School Safety and Security' circulated this week to all states for implementation across all government and private schools, list out 11 categories of 'negligence' for which school administration will be held accountable.

The new guidelines are based on three key ideas – accountability and legal framework with all relevant laws; a 'whole school' safety approach with clear demarcated responsibilities for all stakeholders – from teachers to non-teaching staff, school management and parent. Non-compliance will attract fines up to 5% of the total revenue in the preceding year for a private school with bar on fresh admissions and even possible derecognition

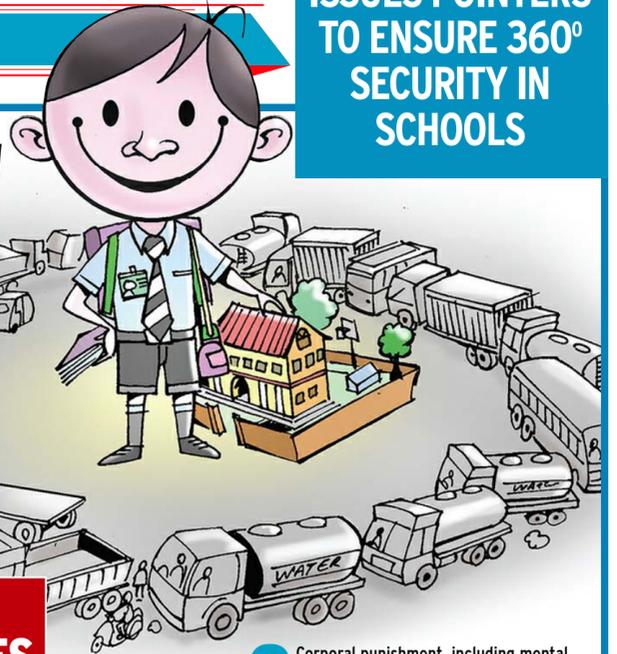
THE GUIDELINES

1 The guidelines have specified actionable 'negligences' that include the failure to provide timely medical aid to students, delay in actions in times of disaster or crime, security-related lapses, suppression of facts and not reporting to the appropriate authority

2 Those apart, negligence in establishing a secured infrastructure for the students and children with special needs, negligence in the quality of food and water, laxity in taking action against a complaint reported by a student figure among the categories

3 Corporal punishment, including mental and emotional harassment, failure to prevent bullying, discriminatory actions, substance abuse, lapses in implementation of Covid-19 guidelines will also invite action by the government

4 The guidelines also call on states to include conditions for fixing responsibility of safety and security on school management/principal/head of school in private schools among the conditions for recognition of schools as mandated under Section 18(2) of the Right to Education Act



BOND GETS A GRAND welcome



The latest James Bond movie took a mighty \$121 million at the international box office over its opening weekend, Universal Pictures said on Monday. The British and Irish box office led the way with a total of \$35 million, making 'No Time to Die' the biggest movie release during the coronavirus pandemic and the highest opening three-day weekend ever in the UK and Ireland for a Bond movie.

The film, which marks actor Daniel Craig's fifth and final outing as the British secret agent, was delayed three times from its planned April 2020 release date because of the pandemic

The action movie, which cost an estimated \$200 million to produce, won warm reviews, with many film critics saying it was worth the wait

TELEGRAM GAINS 70 MN NEW USERS IN ONE DAY AFTER FB OUTAGE

As Facebook experienced a nearly six-hour outage across its services this week, messaging app Telegram gained over 70 million new users. Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and



In January, Telegram crossed 500 million monthly active users

Messenger went down for millions of users, including in India, on Monday evening, as they were unable to send or receive messages on social media platforms. According to DownDetector, a website that tracks WhatsApp outages, 40 per cent users were unable to download the app, 30 per cent had trouble in sending messages and 22 per cent had problems with the web version.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN HANDWRITTEN LYRICS, HARMONICAS SET FOR AUCTION

Handwritten lyrics by rock legend Bruce Springsteen songs 'Thunder Road', 'For You', and 'Night' are set to hit the auction block later this month. The sale will also include two harmonicas which were used on the original recordings of 'Thunder Road' and 'Johnny 99', when bidding kicks off on October 28 via Bonhams.

Written by Springsteen, the four-page 'Thunder Road' manuscript is in pen on ruled notebook paper, and features two different drafts of the opening verse. It is estimated to sell for somewhere between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

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RETHINK

Are you an intellectual bully? Or at the receiving end of one? Know what can be done to stop being one or to counter the bully too

WELLNESS

Do it the "write" way – how Chinese calligraphy is now being hailed as a great physical, mental and emotional healer

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Interesting facts about mental health in India and globally. **PLUS:** Celebs who shared their stories to inspire others to seek help

ETIQUETTE

How to converse on politics without getting

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into a confrontation. **PLUS:** How to handle awkward moments with grace; take our Manner Quiz. **NEW SECTION:** Dress Etiquette – this week, how to follow the colourful socks trend

Your Weekender

FILMS, BOOKS
8 works of fiction that changed the world. **PLUS:** 12 movies to get you hooked to journalism

SIMPLY SPORTS
Watch out for these teen sensations in various sports



GANDHI JAYANTI

Activities highlight Gandhian values

The school celebrated the birth anniversary of two great souls of India Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on October 2, 2021.

The programme began with lighting of the lamp by principal Padmashree M and high school coordinator Ramya Krishna. The students of class-

VIDYASOUDHA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PEENYA

es IX and X sang songs, bhajans and spoke about the importance of the day. Their contribution towards the nation during and after the freedom struggle were highlighted.

The principal addressed the students and guided them to follow the path of peace and non-violence.

Virtual celebrations were also arranged for the primary students portraying the importance of the day.



Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, fondly called as Bapu by both national and international community, is revered and acknowledged for his doctrine of non-violence that led India to its splendid independence.

Commemorating Bapu's 152nd birthday, the school organised an event. Shreya M of class X de-

VISHWA VIDYAPEETH

livered a special speech with Gandhian quotes and messages, which brought the gathering to understand more about this iconic leader. Gandhian ideals were displayed in the form of a 'Philosophy Tree'. The gathering joined voices in singing the Father of the Nation's favorite bhajans 'Raghupati Raghava' and 'Vaishnava Janto' with vigour. The choir was led by principal Shanthi Seetharaman. The event was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm by the staff and students.

Literary, cultural events spread awareness about the language



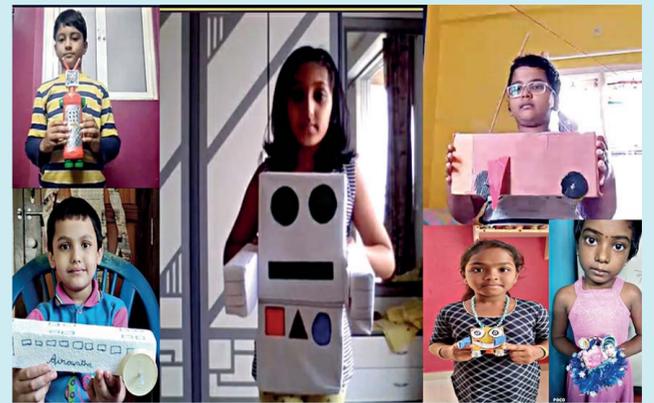
WHITEFIELD GLOBAL SCHOOL

Hindi Diwas, also known as Hindi Day, was celebrated on Sept 14, 2021.

WHITEFIELD GLOBAL SCHOOL

Students of classes IX to XII from Ruby House hosted a special assembly on this day to appreciate the importance of the language. Literary events like slogan recitation, poem recitation and cultural events were organized to spread awareness about the language and its contribution to classical and medieval literature.

Junior techies emerge, showcase creativity



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Students got a platform to showcase their technical prowess and imaginative creativity. Various classes were conducted on the theme "Tech Connect" during the month of September. Students were guided and provided with an op-

portunity to create their own project.

Students recycled and reused waste material into various innovative and usable products. They also presented their working models to their class. This helped them to understand the application of technology and made them think critically.

FRIENDS LEAVE A MARK IN OUR LIFE

Friendship is one of the greatest bonds anyone can ever wish for. Lucky are those who have friends they can trust. Friends help us handle stress, make better lifestyle choices that keep us strong, and allow us to rebound from health issues and disease more quickly. Friendship teaches some valuable les-

sons that will change your life, love others apart from family, and behave in front of people or friends. Friendships never create bad times; instead, give one the best memories to live upon. Friendship is about laughing together on small things, cherishing every moment you share, standing together

for each other even when the world turns its backs towards them. It is one of the greatest blessings that not everyone is lucky enough to have. We meet a lot of people in the journey of life but there are only a few who leave a mark on us. **Aashritha Madimi, class VII, GJR International School**



GIFTING SEEDS OF HOPE

The teaching profession is blessed with live and lovely moments wherein the interactions with the children make the teachers forget their own worries and transport them to the land of the child's imagination. The innocent smiles and young hearts can inspire you to take up something new in your life. Out of many such experiences, I would like

to share an interesting incident that happened in my virtual classroom. The class assembly was being presented by the children. We were now about to celebrate the birthday of one of our students. We asked the student to come on the camera with his parents and his younger brother. The celebration overjoyed the child and the parents appreciated our efforts of making the moment special for the child



even in the virtual times. Out of curiosity, I asked the child what his plans for his birthday were and whether there was anything different he wanted to do. He said he would celebrate his birthday at home with his friends and had planned to gift a sapling to each one of the friends who visited him. This was his way to pay gratitude to mother nature. Each of the friends will plant that sapling and will nurture it well. We at GIS always imbibe the virtue of gratitude to nature and environment conservation with various activities and celebrations of events. A small idea sown in the hearts of children was giving fruits and it was an inspiration for us that our teachings have made an impact!

KHUSHBU SINGH, educator, Global Indian International School, Ahmedabad

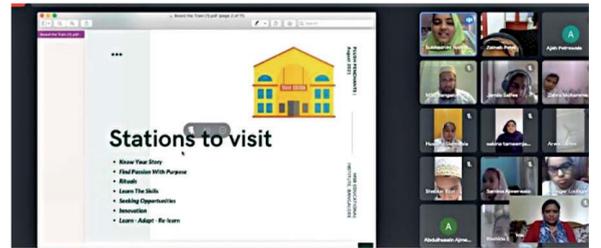


Business mindedness programme introduces students to nuances of entrepreneurship

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Tough, global challenges await young people of today as they exit the classroom and enter the real world. It is therefore necessary to expose children to the concept of entrepreneurship from a very early age, which means that the school has a fun-

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damental role to play in this task. Learning about entrepreneurship will help students gain a myriad of life skills such as collaborating and working with a team, speaking in public and preparing an effective presentation, collecting and analyzing data, using social media as an advocacy tool, using curiosity and creativity to find an innovative approach to difficult problems. An introduction to the programme



was done by guest speaker, Maria Ben Qubbawala. She is an entrepreneur, and content writer. This session turned out to be fruitful for our students as she explained who an entrepreneur is, what entrepreneurship is, and what to expect from the journey. Important tools to help young students along the way were also presented. The session was informative, lively and interactive. Our students un-

derstood the concept of entrepreneurship in a better manner with different activities conducted by the speaker. The level of knowledge acquired by children increased after this session. This session was an attempt to fulfill the aim of instilling and developing important personal characteristics that will be crucial for those wishing to become entrepreneurs.

"My life is my message". The father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi stated years ago and to date, we draw inspiration from his life. If I were him during COVID times, I would have carried out a campaign like Dandi March to create awareness among the people about the virus and its mode of spread. But the only difference will be that this Dandi march will be an e-dandi march as it is very unsafe for people or even me to roam around like this. I

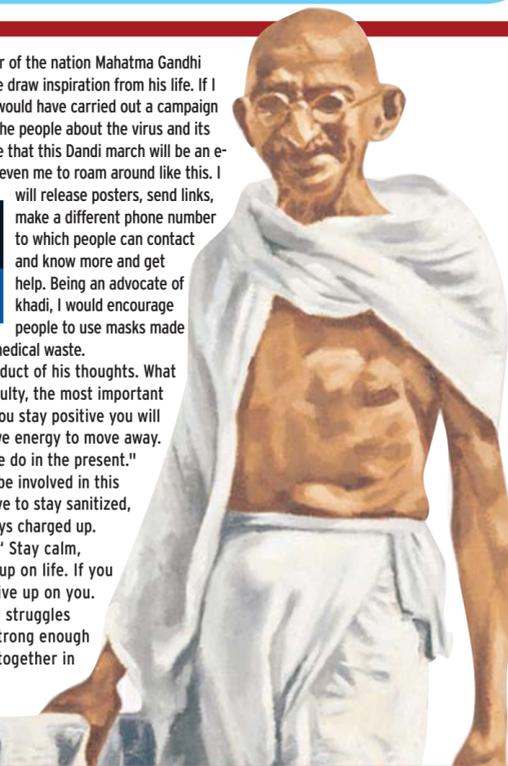
IF I WERE GANDHI...

will release posters, send links, make a different phone number to which people can contact and know more and get help. Being an advocate of khadi, I would encourage people to use masks made of cotton and khadi and help in checking bio-medical waste. Understanding that "A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes", in this time of difficulty, the most important thing, according to me is to be positive. If you stay positive you will receive positivity. This will force the negative energy to move away. Moving on, "The future depends on what we do in the present." So, if we take proper precautions we won't be involved in this lethal cycle called the covid 19 virus. We have to stay sanitized, safe, at home, and also keep positivity always charged up.

And my final message to all would be "Stay calm, patient, and positive all time. Do not give up on life. If you give up on life, life will give up on you. Remember, problems and struggles come to those who are strong enough to take them! We are all together in this."



NUPUR VAISHNAV, student, Shanti Asiatic School, Ahmedabad



Painters' Gallery



SPREADING ROOTS: Yogitha M, class IX, SFS Public School



Dhruvee G, class V, Capitol Public School, Hegdenagar