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**STUDENT EDITION**



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**STUDENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS**

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**Spotlight**

## ELON MUSK

### Time's 2021 'Person OF THE YEAR'



**T**esla Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk was named 'Time' magazine's 'Person of the Year' for 2021, a year that saw his electric car company become the most-valuable carmaker in the world, and his rocket company soar to the edge of space with an all-civilian crew. According to 'Time', 'The Person of the Year' signifies somebody "who affected the news or our lives the most, for better, or worse."

#### WHY MUSK?

For creating solutions to an existential crisis, for embodying the possibilities and the perils of the age of tech titans, for driving society's most daring and disruptive transformations, Elon Musk is 'Time' magazine's 2021 Person of the Year, said editor-in-chief, Edward Felsenthal.



'Time' magazine named the teenage pop singer Olivia Rodrigo as its 'Entertainer of the Year', American gymnast Simone Biles 'Athlete of the Year' and vaccine scientists were named 'Heroes of the Year'.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Last year, the then US President-elect and present prez Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris were jointly given the 'Person of the Year' title. 'Time' began this tradition in 1927. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos have also received the title in the past.

## give BIG THUMBS UP to TOI STUDENT PRINT EDITION



Students, principals and teachers in Mumbai welcomed the TOI Student Edition in style, on Monday, as they held their favourite print edition after 18 months. Times NIE caught up with some of the excited readers...

**F**inally, the copy of our most sought-after newspaper is in our hands. Though TOI Student Edition was never away from us and we were reading the newspaper digitally, the pleasure of holding the copy in hand and reading interesting news is just awesome. Students were missing some beautiful content of their lovely newspaper and were really happy to receive and read the same.

NAUSHAD SHAIKH, teacher, Smt R N Sheth Vidyamandir, Andheri East, Mumbai

**T**he Times of India, Student Edition, helps the young minds to be alert to the changing times and fills them with knowledge and understanding of the global scenario. It provides a forum for inter-action, for learning, which was a boon during the locking-down. It helped students and teachers alike by providing innovative teaching techniques and new ideas for connecting with the outside world.

SR MARGARET SEQUEIRA, principal, Canossa High School, Andheri East

**R**eadng a newspaper is an amazing experience but while reading TOI Student Edition, I feel very energetic. It helps me get ideas to explore new things. My family members also read it. I thank the TOI Student Edition team for taking the efforts to send us the digital edition during the lockdown period. The print edition packed with news, views and innovative ideas to try out new things is an added booster.

GAURI PITALE, class VIII, Canossa High School Andheri, Mumbai

**I**t was amazing to have the TOI Student Edition back on the desks of students and teachers in school. It is our most-preferred medium to enlighten children, with latest innovations and events – flora and fauna, climate, sports, puzzles and many more – from all over the world. It is indeed a holistic newspaper. Keep it up TOI Student Edition. Welcome back!

SANJAY ROY, principal, Greenlawns School, Worli, Mumbai

### Quote unquote

**I**f we meet in a decade, India's influence and part in the global economy will definitely grow. Despite the problems India faced during the Covid-19 pandemic, it is the fastest-growing among the large economies in the world. India needs to go from being the back office of the world and be the country that competes with the US, China and have the same kind of innovation and entrepreneurship [sic].

Borge Brende, president, World Economic Forum

### Indian teen Avani Prashanth to receive Global Child Prodigy Award 2022

**F**ifteen year old student Avani Prashanth has made it to the 'Top 100 child prodigies' across the globe. He has been selected for the prestigious 'Global Child Prodigy Award 2022' for excellence in golf. The award, which will be presented at a gala ceremony in Dubai in February 2022, is given for exceptional talent, capabilities and hard work. According to the organisers, the top 100 child prodigies were selected from 48 different categories from thousands of applications received from across 68 countries.

Avani, who hails from Bengaluru, started playing golf when she was around four years old and has significantly improved over the years. The golf enthusiast first played in an US Kids Golf European Championship, in Scotland, in 2013. Since then there has been no stopping her. Avani is also a two-time winner on the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour, the youngest to achieve this feat in the last decade.



### WhatsApp blocks third-party apps from seeing online details

**M**eta-owned WhatsApp has brought in a new privacy update to prevent unknown contacts to see a user's last-seen and online status. This new feature has been, reportedly, rolled out for both Android and iOS-enabled devices. As per a report by WABetaInfo, some third party apps from Google Play Store on Android and Apple App Store on iOS could access data from the app to log 'online' status time and 'last-seen' time. WhatsApp has now introduced safeguards to stop these apps from accessing such data.

In addition, WhatsApp is also working on a feature that will enable users to restrict certain information including their 'last-seen' and profile picture from specific contacts. WhatsApp



### TECHAWAY

recently announced that its users will now have the option to turn on disappearing messages by default for all new chats

The Meta-owned platform said that it is adding two new durations for disappearing messages: 24 hours and 90 days, as well as the existing option of 7 days

## Make climate change election agenda, urges Aditya Thackeray

**T**erming it as the "need of the hour", Maharashtra environment minister Aditya Thackeray has called upon political parties to incorporate climate change as an election agenda in the coming days. He said that if climate change indeed takes place, it would impact the people of India most, as it is a thickly-populated nation. It is high time for parties to make it part of their poll planks, he said as he launched a comprehensive school curriculum, 'Majhi Vasundhara' on environment education. The Thackeray scion added that climate change is a critical issue, not just for Mumbai and Maharashtra, but for the whole world, and the state government will discuss the issue with the state legislators in the forthcoming Winter Session of the legislature.

**1** Intended to inculcate climate-consciousness and green values among gen-next from a tender age, the state government has launched the new 'green' curriculum, developed by the state department of environment and climate change with UNICEF, for class I to VIII

**2** The MV Curriculum will impart application-based awareness on issues of climate change with a balance from traditional and local knowledge with four themes: biodiversity conservation, solid waste management and personal and community health, water resource management, and energy, air pollution and climate change



**Q** SHOULD CLIMATE CHANGE BE MADE AN ELECTION AGENDA? SHARE YOUR VIEWS AT TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

### ADELE'S '30' CROSSES A MILLION SALES AND HOLDS AT NO. 1

**A**dele holds the No. 1 spot on the Billboard album chart for a third time this week with '30', with no major new releases to challenge it. Her first album in six years, '30' had the equivalent of 193,000 sales in the United States, according to MRC Data, Billboard's tracking arm. That included 58 million streams and 149,000 copies sold as a complete package. '30' has now sold more than one million copies as a full album, the first release to do so since Taylor Swift's 'Evermore' a little over a year ago – though Adele's last LP, '25', sold nearly 3.4 million in its first week out in 2015, when Adele withheld the complete album from streaming services.



### Steven Spielberg's 'West Side Story', 'Belfast' lead 2022 Critics Choice film nominations

**T**he film nominees for the 27th annual Critics Choice Awards were recently announced by The Critics Choice Association, with Oscar-winner filmmaker Steven Spielberg's 'West Side Story', and 'Belfast' emerging as leading nominees for the upcoming ceremony. 'West Side Story', and 'Belfast' lead the nominations with 11 awards each, and the Timothee Chalamet starer 'Dune' and 'The Power of the Dog' followed in second place with 10 nominations, according to 'The Hollywood Reporter'.

'West Side Story', and 'Belfast' both have earned nominations in the categories of best picture, best supporting actor (female), best young actors (both male and female), best director, best original screenplay, best cinematography, best production design and more

Leonardo DiCaprio's 'Don't Look Up', 'Dune' and 'The Power of the Dog' have also earned the nomination in the best picture category



# The World

this week



## WILL

### Omicron affect the economy?

IN THE NEWS FOR

The International Monetary Fund sees 'downside risks' to the global economic rebound it forecasts for this year and next, and is concerned that new coronavirus variants may hinder the recovery, its chief economist said. "Most of the overall risks are to the downside," Gita Gopinath said. Gopinath, who is set to take over as the IMF's No. 2 post, said the world could also see more aggressive variants that further damage the recovery.



YOU SPEAK

The threat of Omicron is looming large over the world economy as it may trigger more market volatility in the months to come. Businesses are yet to recover, so any hope of recovery of job market is bleak. All the sectors that had taken a severe beating since the pandemic broke out, are bracing for further jolts.



**B MAHITHI REDDY**, class X, Edify World School, Hyderabad



WE SPEAK

- 1 Global central banks need to stay 'very vigilant' about inflation pressure and maintain policy independence to anchor expectations, according to experts.
- 2 Accelerating inflation in the US and considerable uncertainties around supply and demand disruptions in the next few months could lead to "a scenario where inflation increases even further," which could result in a negative spillover effect for many emerging economies, especially those that are exposed to foreign-currency borrowing, they believe.
- 3 Countries should tailor monetary and fiscal policies based on their own circumstances, because there are differences in underlying or core inflation from country to country, experts said.

## WHY

### do you think India should adopt sustainable nutrition practices?

IN THE NEWS FOR

Healthier and nutritious diets are often more environmentally sustainable, according to a new study by the University of Leeds led by Dr Holly Rippin. The research was published in the 'PLOS ONE Journal'. Working towards better accuracy, Rippin and colleagues evaluated existing published research in order to assign greenhouse gas emissions to over 3,233 specific food items listed in the UK Composition Of Foods Integrated Dataset (COFID).



#### Food production-greenhouse gases link

- 1 Food production is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for about one-third of emissions worldwide.
- 2 Previous research suggested that environmentally-sustainable diets are often also less processed, less energy-dense, and more nutritious. However, much of that work had been conducted using measurements of sustainability for broad categories of food.

#### What Rippin's Study Indicates

- 1 Statistical analysis of the reported diets showed that non-vegetarian diets were associated with greenhouse gas emissions that were 59% higher than emissions associated with vegetarian diets.
- 2 Men's diets were linked to emissions that were 41% higher than those linked to women's diets, due to greater meat intake.
- 3 People whose intake of saturated fats, carbohydrates, and sodium met levels recommended by the WHO had lower greenhouse gas emissions.
- 4 These findings supported a focus on plant-based foods for policies meant to encourage sustainable diets. It also suggested eco benefits for replacing coffee, tea, etc. with better sustainable substitutes.

WE SPEAK

Sustainable nutrition means ensuring wholesome, nutrient-dense foods are accessible, affordable and culturally relevant while also preserving environmental resources and supporting local communities

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## WHAT

### major transition did you see in 2021?



IN THE NEWS FOR

At the onset of the pandemic, the job market was full of uncertainty and mass lay-offs: millions of people lost their jobs, and those lucky enough to remain employed remained put in their roles for survival. However, as we now turn towards recovery, workers in privileged positions who don't live paycheck to paycheck are now finally moving on. Most in non-developed economies with the absence of social security and unemployment benefits cannot afford this luxury but may still be undergoing duress and pent-up frustration from the disruption caused by the pandemic.

WE SPEAK

- 1 The Great Resignation is an idea proposed by Professor Anthony Klotz of Texas A&M University that predicts a large number of people leaving their jobs after the Covid-19 pandemic ends and life returns to 'normal.'
- 2 Managers are now navigating the ripple effects from the pandemic, as employees re-evaluate their careers and leave their jobs in record numbers.
- 3 There's been a lot which has been discussed relating to healthcare worker exodus after facing the brunt of the pandemic. However, service industries such as retail, hospitality, food service, etc. are continuing to see the highest number of workers quit in any sector.
- 4 Industries with low location and time independence were among the industries that suffered the most. Example: restaurants, cruises, sporting events, passenger airlines, etc.

YOU SPEAK

This year, too, has been a tumultuous one. The year saw the 'Great Resignation' phenomenon, which was an outcome of people getting into an introspective mode about work-life balance, passion, what they should tolerate and what not. It was also about outgrowing fear of losing a traditional 9 to 6 workplace for a passionate endeavour.

**D PURNIMA**, class XI, SBOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore



## WHO

### do you think will be newsmaker of the year?



IN THE NEWS FOR

The 'Year in Review 2021' released by the web services Yahoo! reports that the late reality television star and actor, Siddharth Shukla, who breathed his last on September 2, 2021, has been the most-searched male celebrity of the year. Among the most searched female celebrities of 2021 was Kareena Kapoor Khan with her news of second pregnancy.

WE SPEAK

- 1 Prime Minister Narendra Modi reclaimed India's most-searched Personality title, a position he has held consistently since 2017. PM Modi had lost the title last year to late actor Sushant Singh Rajput.
- 2 Cricketer Virat Kohli, who had a chequered year with highs and lows, came in at no 2.
- 3 West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee grabbed the top 3 slot with her decisive win in the state assembly election.

YOU SPEAK

Parag Agrawal, Twitter's new CEO, proved that with hard work and passion, anyone can reach the top. Jack Dorsey, the former CEO, also welcomed him to take charge. Now, the spotlight is on India

talent, and I would vote him as the newsmaker of the year. **RIZAK SINGH**, class IX, The Millennium School, Lucknow



## HOW

### do you think

#### Meta tightening security measures will help women?

IN THE NEWS FOR

Meta (formerly Facebook) announced a slew of steps to protect woman users on its platform, including the launch of StopNCII.org in India that aims to combat the spread of non-consensual intimate images (NCII)

WE SPEAK

- 1 Meta has also launched the Women's Safety Hub, which will be available in Hindi and 11 other Indian languages, that will enable women users in India to access information about resources that can help their social media experience a safe one.
- 2 This initiative by Meta will ensure women do not face a language barrier in accessing information.
- 3 The social media platform has said it will now count activists and journalists as 'involuntary' public figures and so increase protection against harassment and bullying targeted at these groups.

YOU SPEAK

Meta has created a Safety for Journalists Guide to help journalists gain knowledge about using two-factor authentication, oversee privacy settings, moderate comments, block harassment, handle location sharing, report abusive content and impersonation, and react to being hacked. I think this is a great initiative towards building a safe online experience.

**BRINDA THAMMAN**, class X, St. Kabir Public School, Chandigarh

