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TODAY'S EDITION

> In a unique initiative, the Reserve Bank of India is 'banking on' comic strips to promote financial education among children. The bank, with this endeavour, has rolled out several comic strips. Explore money matters **PAGE 2**



> Drawing upon their own life experiences, educators and students share their views on the happenings around the world **PAGE 3**



STUDENT EDITION

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I would not support cyber curfew in India. We are raising a generation to take forward India's ideals of democracy and freedom. Instead of state intervention, families need to bond, share and support, and find solutions. **SONAL GOSWAMI**, coordinator, Vista School, Hyderabad

GAME OVER?

In a bid to keep a check on gaming addiction, excessive screentime, issues such as nearsightedness and poor scores among teens, China started cyber curfew in 2019 during the pandemic. Now, it imposes a midnight e-patrol



New normal for teens in China involves cyber curfew & midnight patrol; TIMES NIE asks teens, parents & teachers their take on if India were to clone such a move here...

For almost every video game restriction, children and teenagers will find a way around it. But the room to manoeuvre is shrinking in China, where underage players are required to log on using their real names and identification numbers as part of country-wide regulations aimed at limiting screen time and keeping internet addiction in check.

REASON WHY CHINA DID THIS

In the case of video games, the government has long blamed them for causing nearsightedness, sleep deprivation and low academic performance among young people. The 2019 regulations also limited how much time and money underage users could spend playing video games.

In 2019, the country imposed a cybercurfew banning those under 18 from playing games between 10 pm and 8 am.

Recognising that wily teenagers might try to use their parents' devices or identities to circumvent the restrictions, the Chinese internet conglomerate Tencent said this week that it would close the loophole by deploying facial recognition technology in its video games.

"Children, put your phones away and go to sleep," Tencent said in a statement, when it officially introduced the new features called 'Midnight Patrol'. The wider rollout set off a debate on Chinese internet platforms about the benefits and privacy risks of the technology.

Not just China, Japan too tried it

Last year, Kagawa prefecture in Japan asked parents to set time limits on adolescents, though without specifying enforcement mechanisms. The move prompted a 17-year-old high school student to challenge the government in court. The suit is still ongoing.



It will be a welcome move in India. State intervention is needed especially since we are grappling with a situation where internet is both a necessity and is also a posing a threat to the young impressionable minds. Parents alone might not be able to deal with the growing internet addiction among youngsters who are cooped up in homes. **SHWETA MATHUR**, parent, New Delhi



As a parent of an 11-year old, I do approve of 'cyber curfew' to manage screen time among children though not imposed by the Govt. As parents, we should step up and impose personal 'cyber curfew' on our kids and involve them in offline games or creative work. Having said that, it is difficult for parents to strike the right online-offline balance with kids. **TANIA SAILI BAKSHI**, parent, Dehradun



WE, TEENS OF INDIA...

Though parents do tell us to keep our phones away, teens tend to use them whenever they are not around. Social media and gaming can be addictive. Parents can't be monitoring kids all the time. Hence, if it is a Govt-imposed rule, teens will have to follow and it is for our betterment. **MANINI SHAH**, class X, Udgam School, Ahmedabad



We can't have such fascist policies. We are a democratic country and believe in freedom and self-discipline. Teens need their personal space and it is a part of their growth and social well-being. State authorities can't interfere with cyber freedom and force decision on minors. Knowing how to control your screentime is also an important learning curve. **MANAS KAPUR**, class XI, Sri Venkateshwar Int'l School, Delhi



To be under constant Govt surveillance can be irritating and intrusive, leading to more mental health issues among teens. When there is open communication between parents and kids, there is no need for any state intervention. **TANISHKA WAGH**, class XI, Elpro Int'l School, Pune



With state curfew, probability of the data collected by Govt getting misused is high. Implementing this here may pose a risk of identify theft of minors. **AARYA BHANUSHALI**, class X, SVDD Secondary High School, Mumbai



NEWS OF THE DAY



WIMBLEDON: The victories keep adding up for Novak Djokovic: 20 in a row at Wimbledon since the start of the 2018 tournament, 20 in a row in all Grand Slam matches since the start of this season. He will face Italy's Berrettini in Men's singles tonight. Meanwhile, Ashleigh Barty won her first Wimbledon singles title Saturday, beating Karolina Pliskova, 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-3



EURO 2020: HOME OR ROME?
A combination of pictures shows England supporters (left) holding an English flag reading 'It's coming home soon' in London and Italy fans holding an Italian flag reading 'It's coming to Rome' in London. England faces Italy in the UEFA Euro 2020 final football match at the Wembley Stadium in London on July 11, 2021 midnight (IST)

WHAT IS MINISTRY OF COOPERATION?



The newly-formed Ministry of Cooperation, headed by Amit Shah, will aim to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country

A media release from the Press Information Bureau said the Ministry of Cooperation will provide a **SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY.** "It will help deepen the Co-operatives as a true people-based movement reaching up to the

grassroots. In our country, a Cooperative-based economic development model is very relevant where each member works with a spirit of responsibility. The ministry will work to streamline processes for 'ease of doing business' for cooperatives and enable development of Multi-State Co-operatives," it said.

COOPERATIVES IN INDIA
Cooperatives are organisations formed at the grassroots level by people to harness the power of collective bargaining towards a common goal. In agriculture, cooperative dairies, sugar mills, spinning mills, etc are formed with the pooled resources of farmers who wish to process their produce.



First African-American To Win Nat'l Spelling Bee

How Zaila 'scripps' history

Zaila Avant-garde understood the significance of what she was doing as she stood on the Scripps National Spelling Bee stage, peppering pronouncer Jacques Bailly with questions about Greek and Latin roots.

Zaila knew she would be the first African-American winner of the bee. She knew Black kids around the country were watching Thursday night's ESPN2 telecast, waiting to be inspired and hoping to follow in the footsteps of someone who looked like them. She even thought of MacNolia Cox, who in 1936 became the first Black finalist at the bee and wasn't allowed to stay in the same hotel as the rest of the spellers.



But she never let the moment become too big for her, and when she heard what turned out to be her winning word - "Murraya", a genus of tropical Asiatic and Australian trees - she beamed with confidence. It was over. Declared the champion, Zaila jumped and twirled with joy, only flinching in surprise when confetti was shot onto the stage.

THE BRAGGING 'space' of BILLIONAIRES....

They're shooting for sky-high bragging rights as the first person to fly his own rocket to space and experience three to four minutes of weightlessness. The billionaires are putting everything on the line to ride their own rockets into space. The lucrative, high-stakes chase for space tourists will unfold on the fringes of space - 55 miles to 66 miles (88 kilometres to 106 kilometres) up, pitting Virgin Galactic's Richard Branson against the world's richest man, Blue Origin's Jeff Bezos

MEANWHILE, SPACE X'S ELON MUSK SAYS...

"There is a big difference between reaching space and reaching orbit." Musk already has carried 10 astronauts to the ISS for NASA, and his company's first private spaceflight is coming up in September for another billionaire who's purchased a three-day, globe-circling ride.



BRANSON

- Takes off from New Mexico, launching with two pilots and three other employees aboard a rocket plane carried aloft by a double-fuselage aircraft
- Longer flight
- The craft has more windows
- Piloted plane has already flown to space three times

"As a child, I wanted to go to space. When that did not look likely for my generation, I registered the name Virgin Galactic with the notion of creating a company that could make it happen"



BEZOS

- Departs in 10 days from Texas, blasting off in a capsule with his brother, an 82-year-old female aviation pioneer and the winner of a \$28 mn charity auction
- To reach a higher altitude
- Craft's windows are bigger
- Gone through several test flight sans people on board

"I dreamt of travelling to space as a child. On July 20th, I will take that journey with my brother. The greatest adventure, with my best friend."

9/11 DOCU TO GIVE YOU SNEAK PEEK INTO POTUS WAR ROOM

A documentary, titled '9/11: Inside the President's War Room', by Apple and the BBC will make its global debut on Apple TV+ and BBC One this September, marking the 20th anniversary of the attack. Narrated by Emmy Award winner Jeff Daniels, it will recount the 12 hours after the strike and feature testimonies with President George W Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice (national security advisor), Colin Powell (secretary of state) et al.



ENTER THE ART-INTEGRATED CLASSROOM...

RBI tells a BANKING comic story to CHILDREN

With cartoons, the Central Bank has started an innovative series to give financial education to students. Here's one of the stories....



'REVENUE IS VANITY, PROFIT IS SANITY, CASH IS KING'



'MONEY OFTEN COSTS TOO MUCH'



'CASH COMBINED WITH COURAGE IN CRISIS IS PRICELESS'

