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TOP 4 NEWS

WHAT'S IN NEWS

INTERNET INTRINSIC, SAYS SC



Ruling that the right to access the internet is a fundamental right under Article 19 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court recently ordered the Jammu and Kashmir Administration to restore internet services in all institutions providing essential services like hospitals and educational centres. Delivering its order on petitions challenging the restrictions imposed in the Union Territory following the abrogation of special provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution in August last year, the apex court said restrictions on fundamental rights cannot be done by the arbitrary exercise of power.

WHAT'S A FIRST

CENSUS & CEREAL MATTER

The Centre has notified 31 fields of information to be sought during the Household and Housing Census phase of Census 2021, which include a new field relating to the main cereal consumed in the household. However, field number 33 in the earlier Household schedule approved for Census 2011 - number of household members availing banking services - has been dropped. Sources said information on the main cereal consumed in the household, being sought for the first time as part of the Census exercise, has been included in the Household and Housing Census schedule as it will give a crucial insight into food habits of a household.



WHAT IS CENSUS?

■ Census is the basis for reviewing the country's progress in the past decade, monitoring the ongoing schemes of the government and plan for the future. ■ Census provides detailed and authentic information on demography, economic activity, literacy and education, housing and household amenities, urbanisation, fertility and mortality, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, language, religion, migration, disability and many other socio-cultural and demographic data.

THE FIRST CENSUS

The first complete census of India was conducted in 1830 by Henry Walter in Dacca (now Dhaka). In this census, statistics of the population with sex, broad age group, their residences, along with amenities was collected.

WHAT'S WORTH A WATCH

Little Women, A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood get India release dates

After creating a buzz in the award season, Tom Hanks' 'A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood' and Greta Gerwig's 'Little Women' will soon release in India. In the former, Hanks will be seen as Mister Rogers in the film, which has been shot in and around the Pittsburgh area. It will release in India on January 17. Gerwig's 'Little Women' retells Louisa May Alcott's much-loved 19th-century novel about four women coming of age. The film will open in India on February 7.



■ 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood' had its world premiere at Toronto Int'l Festival on September 7, 2019, and was theatrically released in the US in November 2019. It was chosen by Time as one of the 10 best films of the year.

■ According to New Zealand's Listener, 'Little Women' is a literary classic adapted for the new generation.

It states: utterly faithful to Louisa May Alcott's book and the time period in which it was originally set, Greta Gerwig's 'Little Women' manages to bring a fresh new rendering of the prescient feminist tale. The film introduces a new generation of cellphone-glued, over-anxious and media-obsessed youth to the four girls of yesteryear and their equally compelling dramas.

WHERE CAN YOU BINGE?

Foodies get a magical 'Avatar' themed restaurant in Chennai

Creating a magical ambience for foodies and children, a new restaurant with the theme of the science fiction film 'Avatar' has been opened in Porur city of Chennai.



The restaurant houses jungle-themed interiors with blue-coloured three-dimensional sculptures of 'Avatar' characters in the premises. With waterfall replicas, deep blue and red lighting creating the perfect leisure-time ambience, the restaurant is luring many children and fans of the epic fantasy movie.

The film 'Avatar' which was released across the globe in 2009 is set in the mid 22nd century where humans were seen colonising and exhausting the resources of a habitable moon in the Alpha Centauri star system, known as Pandora. Director and producer of the film James Cameron announced that a sequel to the film will soon be released and also shared the first look images of the sequel.



SCHOOLING GREENAGERS

A new high school in the US is preparing students for careers in coastal restoration. Can India follow suit?

A new high school in New Orleans, United States, is preparing students for careers in coastal protection and restoration, anticipating a future with ongoing climate change and sea level rise. New Harmony High School, opened in the fall of 2018, and currently serves about 100 south Louisiana students, including 14-year-old Mei Miller. Though

Wind turbines or solar panels are really important for us to be focusing on. The problem is people don't want to spend. People need to see the issue is bigger than the cost. - MEI MILLER, 14, New Harmony High School, New Orleans

just a freshman, Miller said, she already knows she would like to be an engineer, working on renewable energy sources and coastal restoration.

Miller said she would also like to see more big businesses with money take the lead on green energy. Besides their traditional classes in maths, literature and history, New Harmony students take science classes that tackle environmental issues. AP

How can India safeguard its coastal lines and prevent environmental damage?

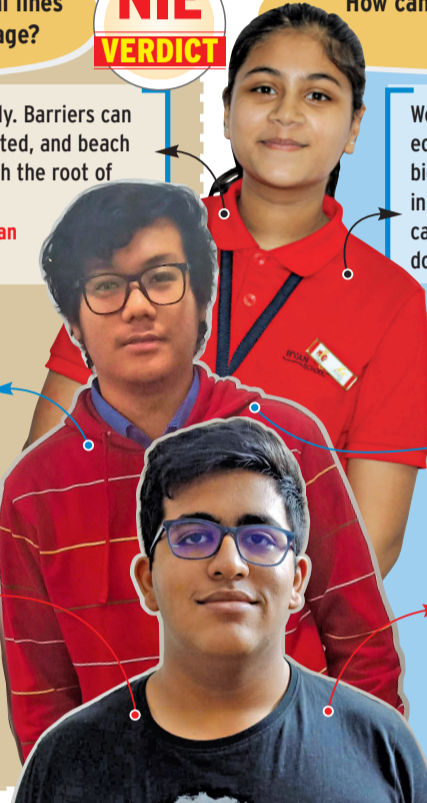


How can you as a student be part of the coastal restoration project?

Our coastlines are receding dangerously. Barriers can be built, breakwaters can be implemented, and beach nourishment can be undertaken, though the root of the problem is completely different. - DIYA RAJADHYAKSHA, Grade VIII, Ryan Global School, Chembur, Mumbai

Apart from meeting carbon emission targets in every possible way, we also need to grow mangroves all along the coast. - BHARGAV DEKA, class XII, Podar International School, Ahmedabad

Besides reducing taxes on electric/CNG water transport, laws should be stricter on encroachments. Mangroves should be planted. - MARKOSE PUNNOSE, class XI, Gregorian Public School, Ernakulam



We can prevent littering, try to be as eco-friendly as possible, by using biodegradable bags or carpooling once in a while. Small changes in our lifestyle can result in big change. As students, don't be an echo, have your voice heard.

Besides nukkad naatak (street plays) and online campaigns, we should reduce carbon footprints, undertake restoration of wetlands and participate in expansive afforestation.

Children should be encouraged to take up careers in environment protection or volunteer to do something part-time for the cause. Let our motto be - Recycle, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Rethink and Recover.

AND THE NEW TERM IS: MEGXIT BEATING BREXIT



UK's Prince Harry and wife Meghan Markle have announced quitting their front-line roles to focus on the "next chapter" - stunning the monarchy. The move comes amid reports of a widening rift within the royal family. Their announcement, branded online as Megxit, has been described as "personal" and had not been approved by the palace. Harry is the sixth in line to the British throne.

Queen Elizabeth II has ordered all four royal households of the UK to find "workable solutions" to the crisis with Harry and his wife Meghan Markle, "within days not weeks", following the announcement by the couple.

THINKING POSITIVE

How new life sprouts after a forest fire

Despite the damage that can occur to property and people, good things can emerge from forest fires too...

Forest fires are a natural and necessary part of the ecosystem, states howstuffworks.com, quoting scientific journals. Even healthy forests contain dead trees and decaying plant matter; when a fire turns them to ashes, nutrients return to the soil instead of remaining captive in old vegetation. ■ When fire rages through dry underbrush, it clears thick growth so that sunlight can reach the



forest floor and encourage the growth of native species. ■ Fire frees these plants from the competition delivered by invasive weeds and eliminates diseases and droves of insects. ■ Most healthy and young trees are resilient enough to survive a forest fire and have a growth spurt, owing to flames that burnt down the trees that were earlier obstructing sunlight.

WHEN TEENS TURN SAVIOURS

Teens are being praised for driving around and filling their car with koalas they've saved from flames. It was filmed on Kangaroo Island. The two boys are 19-year-old Micah and 18-year-old Caleb. Apart from rescuing the koalas, they're going to look after them until they can return to the wild.



Tracking threats from the distant corners of space

We will see a massive four-kilometre wide asteroid that will approach Earth in April this year!

There are millions of asteroids in the Solar System. Most of them keep to themselves as they orbit the Sun. But a subset of these asteroids have orbits that come in a little too close and cross the orbit of Earth around the Sun. Check them out

1 The biggest asteroid to fly past the planet in 2020 will be the huge four-kilometre wide 52768 (1998 OR2) travelling at 31,320 kmph Asteroid 52768 (1998 OR2) Arrival: April 29, 2020 Size: 1.8-4.1 km; Distance from Earth: 6.3 million km

2 Asteroid 136795 (1997 BQ) comes in second but it's still a kilometre wide. It's also faster, travelling at 42,048 kmph Asteroid 136795 (1997 BQ) Arrival: May 21, 2020 Size: 640 m to 1.4 km Distance from Earth: 6.2 million km

3 Only a few metres short of being a kilometre wide, Asteroid 163373 (2002 PZ39) will be the third biggest to approach Earth on Feb 15, 2020. Asteroid 163373 (2002 PZ39) Date of arrival: February 15, 2020; Size: 440-990 m Distance from Earth: 5.8 million km

4 Not only is Asteroid 153201 (2000 W0107) one of the biggest space rocks to shoot past Earth in 2020, it's also one of the fastest. The asteroid will be travelling at 90,252 kmph. Asteroid 153201 (2000 W0107) Date of arrival: November 29, 2020 Size of asteroid: 370-820 m Distance from Earth: 4.3 million km ET



STUDENT EDITION

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020



CALLING ALL

8 DAYS TO GO!
Times NIE in association with L&T Hyderabad Next Galleria Malls presents



DATE & VENUE:

Hyderabad Next Galleria Mall @ Hitech City, on Tuesday, January 21.

Hyderabad Next Galleria Mall @ Punjagutta and Next Galleria Mall @ Irrum Manzil on Thursday, January 23.

Hyderabad Next Galleria Mall @ Moosarambagh, on Friday, January 24.

REPORTING TIME: 9.30 am

CATEGORIES:

JUNIORS (class IV to VII) Crayon & Water Colours (6 students from a school)

SENIORS (class VIII to XII) Abstract & Water Colours (6 students from a school)

The theme will be announced at the venue.

To participate, contact your teacher co-ordinator or NIE executive.

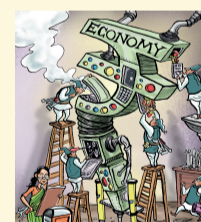
Registrations close on Monday, January 13, 2020

PM MODI: FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMY STRONG

Unfazed by projections of GDP growth slowing to an 11-year low in the current fiscal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently said that fundamentals of the Indian economy are strong and have the capacity to bounce back.

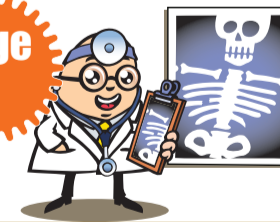
FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMY

■ Fundamentals of an economy would mean economy-wide variables such as the overall GDP growth, overall unemployment rate, level of fiscal deficit, valuation of a country's currency against the US dollar, savings and investment rates in an economy, rate of inflation, current account balance, trade balance, etc. ■ There is an intuitive wisdom in looking at these "fundamentals" of an economy when it goes through a tough phase.



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Ever tested your skills when it comes to human anatomy? To trigger your grey cells, Times NIE presents idioms associated with body parts

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And you thought teen celebrities have it easy? Take a look at the inside life of K-Pop stars and how they beat stress