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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



"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

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.

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.

CHARITY



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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



Teachers' appreciation day

Sam International School, Dwarka celebrated teacher's gala in an ostentatious manner to honour the teachers, students and education. A sequential journey of three days was planned by the students and the teachers.

On day one, class XII students had hands down experience in virtual teaching. The young scholars dressed up smartly and wowed everyone with their excellent teaching skills. They prepared topics in advance and conducted the class with perfect elan and confidence. It was indeed a memorable experience for the students of classes III-XI and also for these 'young teachers' of class XII. Next day they organised a mes-



merising virtual program for their gurus. The program began by welcoming the school chairman Praveen Kumar and principal Karuna Verma and all the teachers.

An emotional self composed poem by the students was dedicated to all the teachers for their efforts, especially during the time of pan-

demic. Another noteworthy performance was the beautiful song sung by a class XII scholar.

Motivating wishes and blessings of the chairman and principal were shared with the students. But this was not the end of that fervent moment. Entertaining games and interesting titles were also

presented by the scholars. Merriment was concluded with the message giving speech and vote of thanks of senior teachers.

The third day was like a jack pot for the family of Sam International School when a lavish get together was organised at Vivanta from Taj, by the school chairman Praveen Kumar and the principal Karuna Verma.

Teachers had wonderful time and played games like tambola and musical chair. Melodious songs were sung by principal and teachers.

The best teachers' awards were also announced to make educators feel proud.

This was a day to make every teacher feel special and to concede their dedication.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at MPS

Hindi day is celebrated to honour the Hindi language and to bestow ourselves with our culture. On this important day, this year, love for Hindi was expressed by the students of **Modern Public School**. The students of pre-school expressed themselves by giving a dialogue presentation on patriotic movies like 'Jhansi Ki Rani', 'Padmawat', 'Mangal Pandey', 'Uri' etc. The students took great pride in describing the role of Hindi in national integration, the qualities of adopting other cultures and its distinctive features from different languages.

To mark this day 'Vigyan Aur Hum' activity was held for the students of class I. Students presented different advertisements like Horlicks, Amul milk Chocolate, Dairy milk chocolate etc. Students



from classes VI-VIII participated in Hindi essay writing, debate, proverbs and many more such activities to promote the paramount value. It also took the development of Hindi language to a new height and success.

International day of elderly celebrated at Ryan

Elderly people are full of wisdom, experience and knowledge and we are fortunate to have them around us in our families and neighbourhood. They motivate us to do better in our lives and also warn us of the possible dangers we are unaware of. We always approach old people for guidance and support whenever and wherever possible.

Montessori students of **Ryan International School**, Sohna road Gurgaon expressed their love and gratitude for their



grandparents by making their day special by sharing special bonding moments. They captured and shared those lovely moments which truly will stay and they will cherish them forever.

School principal, Peeya Sharma praised Ryanites for their efforts in appreciating the contribution that older people make to the family and society. We are indeed blessed to have their love and care.

Talking about space, science and tech

Since the beginning of time, exploring universe has been a dream of humankind. Human curiosity has fuelled interest in exploring and discovering new worlds, pushing the boundaries of the known, and expanding scientific and technical knowledge.

An extraordinary webinar was held by **DAV Public School**, RK Puram, on insight about space science and technology, satellites, rockets. Raghav Sharma, space expert made the webinar worthwhile and interesting by giving answers to the questions asked by students in a wonderful way. He explained the students about different op-



portunities one can have in this field. We firmly hope that such insightful, creative and knowledgeable webinars will surely help students for their bright future. We extend our gratitude to smart circuits Innovation Private Limited and International United Educationist's Fraternity (IUEF) for arranging this webinar for our students and teachers.

Bosco facilitators bestowed with awards

Hindi teachers of **Bosco Public School**, Paschim Vihar Seema Doval, Neelam Gupta and Anita Tandon, were bestowed with 'Bhasha Shikshak Gaurav Samman' on September 19.

The award ceremony was organised by 'Hindi Sahitya Akademi and Hindustani Bhasha Akademi', which was held at St Columbo Public School, Pitampura. All the three TGTs were conferred with trophies, medals and certificates. This special function was organised under the guidance of renowned comic poet and the

Padmashri awardee, Surender Sharma. The chief guest of the function was IPS officer Anand Kumar Mishra. The guest of honour was Jeetram Bhatt, the secretary of Hindi and Sanskrit Akademi. The grand function was organised by the chairman of 'Hindi Bhasha Akademi', Sudhakar Pathak, where the talented Hindi teachers of Delhi and outside Delhi were awarded for their exemplary work in their respective fields.

School principal, Rajiv Duggal and vice principal, Priya Handa, congratulated all the three Hindi teachers for their success, achievement and relentless efforts.

student Corner

Beautiful nature

Chirping birds make sound so sweet,
The clear blue sky oh! So high,
The sea is so deep and intense,
The many gardens and their fence,
The mountains so big and huge,
The forests giving out some clues,

The intensity of the wind and air,
Tells us, look around, something is there,
Yes, I am nature, and love me to the core,
Yes I am nature!

ARSH YADAV, class V-A, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School Ghaziabad

Mahatma

Oh! Great Leader Gandhiji
We all call you 'Bapuji'
Oh! Father of our Nation
You made a sensation
When you got us independence
Without any violence
Oh! Great leader Gandhiji
You practiced law in South Africa
And told the British to quit India
And fought for India's freedom

Without any weapons
Oh! Great leader Gandhiji
You told the Indians to burn pardeshi and buy swadeshi
To make salt you went to Dandi
You made cloth with khadi
We must thank the Almighty
For this devoted man
Whom I remember every time
In my short life span.

ANWESHA SINGH, class VII-B, Jaspal Kaur, Shalimar Bagh

GD Goenka unveils 'Kishore Darpan' magazine



Hindi as a language is the golden thread in the multi-hued tapestry of languages that bind and weave India's rich cultural heritage. Hindi proudly occupies the place of crowning glory in a nation with more than 121 languages and 270 mother tongues. The potential of Hindi embraces in itself the rich legacy of poetry, literature, customs, and philosophies.

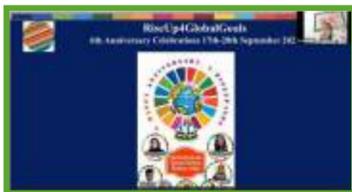
To commemorate 'Hindi Divas', the students of **GD Goenka Public School**, Dwarka rolled out

their prestigious Hindi magazine 'Kishore Darpan' with panache. This creative venture of students was endorsed by Education Minister Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Keshav Maurya and celebrated litterateur Jaya Jadvani.

The magazine 'Kishore Darpan' was unveiled by none other than Deputy Director of Education, Alka Sehrawat and the event was attended by principal, Anita Khosla, vice principal, Bimla Bist along with other members of the school.

VGS participates in SDG's 6th anniversary celebrations

A plethora of activities were organised by **Venkateshwar Global School** Rohini to promote and practice all the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, carefully blending them with the curriculum in hand. The same were showcased on an international platform 'Rise-up4sdg' shared by 87 schools of India and across the globe. A team of teacher ambassadors comprising Preeti Phutela and Shashi Agnihotri, along



with five student goalkeepers represented the school on the platform and gave a convincing and comprehensive presentation of the students' work.

Elakshi Gupta of class IV and Hridayansh Aggarwal of class V represented the primary wing, Aaliya Choudhary of class VIII represented the middle wing, Eva Puri and Hardik Narayan of class X represented the secondary wing. All of them addressed the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace, and justice.

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

"My life is my message". The father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi stated this 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 sanitised, 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

