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First Indian honoured with knighthood in Italy



Sohan Roy, a Forbes-listed entrepreneur from Kerala and who has a passion for getting noticed in the film industry through his unconventional contribution to humanity and the world cinema has now become the first Indian who has been awarded the honorary title of 'Knight of Parte Guelfa' in Italy. The knighthood was conferred on Roy for his humanitarian and environmental protection efforts in business and movies. The conferring ceremony took place early this week at the prestigious Basilica of Santa Croce and the Palagio di Parte Guelfa in Florence. Some of the previous proud recipients are Pope Francis, Stefano Cordero di Montezemolo, Giannozzo Pucci di Barsento, Gualtiero Bassetti, Luciano Artusi, among others. His notable works include the documentary 'Black Sand' on ecological degradation and unscientific mining methods, which got shortlisted in the Oscars. The documentary is still going strong at various film festivals. The movie 'Mmmm (Sound of Pain)', which he produced was indeed loud and clear about the message of environment protection. This movie brought to light many related issues like climate change in depth.

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YOU are paying the price FOR CLIMATE INACTION

According to UNICEF, world over, children are paying an enormous price for climate change. UNICEF estimates that one billion children — almost half of all kids on Earth — are at 'extremely high risk' to climate impacts. Almost every child on Earth is now exposed to at least one major climate hazard, from floods and heatwaves to pollution and drought

UNICEF REPORT



6.8 times more heatwaves | **2.8** times more floods

The World Economic Forum reports that a child born now faces 6.8 times more heatwaves, 2.6 times more drought and 2.8 times more floods and crop failures than a person born in 1960

90% of global burden of disease borne by kids under 5 years

The UN finds 90% of the global burden of disease linked to climate change is borne by children under five. Pollution is the most telling fact — 90% children globally are exposed to air pollution, caused by the combustion of fossil fuels

POOREST KIDS MOST HIT

The World Bank estimates that by 2030, **132 MILLION PEOPLE** could be pushed into poverty by climate change — millions in developing nations already face extreme weather, soil desertification, water stress and crop failures. Currently, 82.4 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide, uprooted also by climate conflicts over land, water and food. Their kids have lost a home of dignity somewhere on a sunlit hill or a village by the sea.

'73% young Indians believe education quality has improved'



Nearly 73% of young Indian respondents to a survey believe that the quality of education in India has become better now than it was in the past. The survey, The Changing Childhood Project, by UNICEF and Gallup shows that 57% of surveyed people aged between 15 and 24 years, and 45% of people above 40 years in India feel that education is the biggest determinant of success...

- WHAT THE SURVEY SHOWED**
- Nearly **78%** of women and **72%** of men respondents above 40 years of age from India feel that education for children today is better than it was for their parents.
 - In addition, at **59%**, girls between aged 15 and 24 years believe that education plays a role in success.
 - Nearly **67%** girls feel that digital technology has helped children in education, compared to **59%** boys.
 - The survey findings from India also show some perception gaps between younger and older respondents — **71%** older people believe that kids will be economically better off than their parents, compared to **66%** younger kids.
 - According to the report, **59%** youngsters in India have heard of climate change compared to **42%** older people — the biggest overall gap across 21 countries where study was held.

12-year-old automates contact-free waste disposal

How often do you hear of an everyday automation start-up founded and managed by a 12-year-old coding prodigy and a new age entrepreneur? Not every day. And yet such a start-up has been formulated by an unconventional duo — Arijit Nanda, an entrepreneur and Miraan Rai, a 12-year-old coder, who have decided to jump in on the start-up bandwagon. Arijit and Niran teamed up to create AM Dustbin.



WHAT IS AM DUSTBIN?

AM Dustbin is the first utility-based product in the market from the duo. The bin detects motion and opens and closes its lid automatically. It enables contact-free waste disposal. The main difference between the other dustbins in the market and the AM Dustbin is that it can be used in dual mode. One can switch off the automatic mode if one wants to, simply with a press of a button.

Mizoram sets up its first Orchid centre

The Zoramthanga government has set up the Mizoram Orchid Centre, a first of its kind in the entire northeastern region, at cost of ₹3.9 crore, to study, preserve and propagate endemic and endangered orchids, officials said on Friday. Officials of the Rural Development Department said that the centre was funded under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM) and has a fully-equipped laboratory for tissue culture, green houses and other related ancillaries.



Mizoram has close to 350 species of orchids with new species still being identified. However, developmental projects have ravaged the orchid resources in the state and many have become threatened species with some on the brink of extinction.

Robots now wipe tables, sort trash, OPEN DOORS AT GOOGLE OFFICES

Signalling an era of machines slowly taking over human work, a fleet of more than 100 robots are autonomously performing a range of useful tasks around Google offices in the US, like wiping tables, sorting trash, grasping cups and even opening doors for visitors. Google's parent company Alphabet has announced that its 'Everyday Robots' project — a team within its experimental X labs — has moved some of its robot prototypes out of the lab and they are doing useful tasks around Google's Bay Area campuses. "We are now operating a fleet of more than 100 robot prototypes that are autonomously performing a range of useful tasks around our offices," said Hans Peter Brondmo, Chief Robot Officer.

Over the coming months, Googlers who work in Mountain View may catch glimpses of the robot prototypes wiping tables after lunch in the cafes, or opening meeting room doors to check if the room needs to be tidied or if it is missing chairs

"The same robot that sorts trash can now be equipped with a squeegee to wipe tables and use the same gripper that grasps cups can learn to open doors," he said in a statement. Over the last few years, Alphabet has been building an integrated hardware and software system that is designed for learning, including transferring learning from the virtual world to the real world.



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CATCH UP

The world of self-care is riddled with terms like organic, vegan, green, clean. But do they all mean the same and why you should know the difference

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How and why you must alkalise your body that is make it less acidic

TRIVIA TIME

On Nov 27, 2013 Disney's 'Frozen' released making it the highest grossing animated movie ever. We tell you some interesting facts about the movie

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Your Weekender



It was like painting emotions on canvas

To celebrate the second Rotary Day on the occasion of Children's Day, **JKG International School, Indrapuram** under the aegis of Rotary District 3012, organised an 'Inter School Drawing Competition' on November 14 in the school campus. To exhibit their creativity and imagination 300 students from different schools participated with full zest and zeal.

The event was inaugurated by the district governor Ashok Aggarwal, PDG JK Gaur (AKS) and the principal of the school, Nidhi Gaur. The competition was conducted under the three categories



as per the age level of the learners.

The young artists from all the three categories mesmerised everyone with their artistic skills. The winners from each category was

awarded with a trophy and a certificate by the district governor Ashok Aggarwal, AG Raj Kishore Sharma, project chair Dr Dheeraj Bhargava and Surender Sharma.

Each participant received the participation certificate.

The chairman of the school, JK Gaur stated that the school has always been taking initiatives to provide a platform to the young minds to showcase their inborn talent. He further conveyed his best wishes to students saying that we would like to see them soar to new heights. The principal of the school, Nidhi Gaur expressed her gratitude to all the dignitaries and parents for sparing their valuable time and also appreciated the enigmatic efforts of the young minds. The event was a spectacular array of talent and fervour.

Children's Day celebrated with grandeur

St Michael's Sr Sec School, Pusa Road took an initiative to organise Children's Day celebration online with the prime purpose of giving their students fun, thrill and enjoyment. Teachers of St Michael's Sr Sec School made this November 14 exhilarating for all their students, as they virtually delivered special performances for them. Teachers relived their childhood days acting like tiny tots which delighted the students on this special day.



The hosts highlighted the significance of the day and welcomed the School Cabinet members as guests of honour followed by gracious blessings of manager Rev Fr Savarimuthu Sankar and kind words of principal Rev Fr Jas Elanjikal. Teachers then presented a plethora of cultural events consisting of songs, folk

dances, action dance etc.

The chief guests of the day, head boy and head girl (both junior and senior) shared their messages and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to school management and teachers for their wonderful efforts. Olinka Gulati (senior coordinator) proposed the vote of thanks.

Interaction with author Sudha Murty

Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura had the honour of receiving the acclaimed author Sudha Murty virtually on November 18.

School principal, Anjali Kotnala shared her love for books and shared that they are always in high demand in school library among the teachers and students of the RDPS family.

The prolific writer and a renowned philanthropist provided a lot of information, ideas and support to budding writers of Rukmini Devi Public School which will help them in future to deliver talks, workshops etc. She apprised students with knowledge of aspects of literature, promoted a love of read-

ing and provided insights into the writing process — all of which falls within the gambit of the values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and understandings that students need to develop. The interactive question and answer



session found answers that offered the best life lessons for children. Author Sudha Murty's virtual presence in the school filled an aura of optimism and humility, said chairperson Anita Garg and we are immensely grateful for the magic that she created.

Founders Day celebrated at SDPS

The **SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh** started with a handful of resources and today the school nurtures a large stratum of the society. The visionaries laid the foundation and with the grace of the Almighty the school celebrates the auspicious day each year. This year too it was a wise decision taken by the members of the management to remember the pioneers of the school and to pay a tribute to them.

The journey has been like the pebbles in the sea, rolling on and on towards a smooth destination where learning never comes to an end. The glory of the institution never fades away even when there is a dark lining in the sky. It is rightly said, 'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow'.

The stars of SDPS, illuminated the world with their knowledge, and these stars never fade away. The ceremony

continued with a dance performance. Classical dance is yet another way to express the emotions and the feelings. A pledge was taken to let the emotions flow freely, to let



the expressions ferry the feelings and to let the world be stress free, in this monstrous era. The children were blessed on this auspicious occasion and their talent was recognised by the authorities of the school.

Aaradhya to play for India U-19 Cricket team

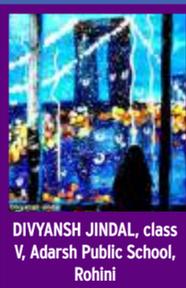
Aaradhya Yadav of **12 F of Ryan International School Mayur Vihar** who recently represented UP state in under 19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy as the captain and got selected for Challenger's Trophy, India Team F, has now added another feather to his cap and brought laurels to his parents and school.



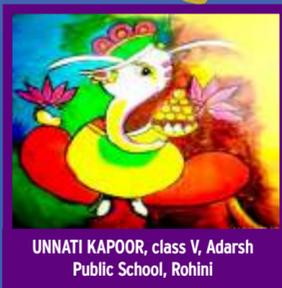
He has been selected for India under-19 cricket team to represent the country in series against Bangladesh at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.

With blessings of the Almighty and constant motivation, guidance and best wishes, Aaradhya Yadav has yet again proved his mettle and displayed his prowess in the field of cricket.

Student Corner



DIVYANSH JINDAL, class V, Adarsh Public School, Rohini



UNNATI KAPOOR, class V, Adarsh Public School, Rohini



TEJASVI JAIN, class V, Adarsh Public School, Rohini



Love Your Mother Earth

Online class hums with life and laughter

Online classes are a serious business for us students. We have just the four walls and things around for company and miss our class mates who do peep from the computer screen once in a while. But at times, the boredom of online classes is broken by some technical hiccups. Sometimes, we have tender siblings of our class mates entertaining us when we are asked to switch on the camera or when these tech-savvy kids switch on the camera themselves. Leaving your mic on in class might be a common mistake we all make. But what if the person starts singing with the mic on? An 'unfortunate' classmate of mine had to go through a similar experience this year. It was a usual forenoon class and



we were busy copying the notes. After a while, we all looked up from our books when the hum of a film song reached our ears. The whole class burst into laughter and the classmate without realising here mistake continued to sing. It took us some time and effort to interrupt her and make her realise her mistake. By

the time, all the mics were on with sounds of laughter filling the air. It was amusing to see the look on her face! The students and teacher playfully teased her as she turned red with embarrassment. It really is one of those hilarious memories which we cherish even after going back to the normal offline classes!

Priyamvada Gauri Prageesh, class VIII, Gregorian Public School, Maradu, Ernakulam

Greenway-Russian school holds virtual exchange programme

With a view to give a platform to the students to realise their potential in different domains while promoting fun learning and a creative environment, **Greenway Modern School** organised a virtual exchange programme for the students of class 9 with the students of St Petersburg Russia and the topic was 'Indian Cinema & Indian Art' on November 17.

It was a fusion of talent, imagination, and creativity which

brought out the uniqueness of each student through the PPTS presented by the Greenwanians on the given topic.

Students of School no 349, St



Petersburg Russia got an opportunity to interact with each other and they were curious enough to know about the various forms of

Indian art and the history of Indian cinema.

Overall it was a fulfilling experience as the students learned that even though people have different thoughts and beliefs they still can learn from each other.

The programme was attended by Manglam Dubey, director, INRUCS the teachers of St Petersburg School Natalia Matveeva, Elena Ivanova, Tatiana Kiyametdinova and Natalia Nikolaeva.

School principal Mohit Sachdeva appreciated the efforts of the teachers and students. The teachers of the school who attended were Sana Khan, Meenakshi Moon, Shruti, Anita and Jaishree Shreedharan.

Auditions of 'India's Emerging Talent Season 2'

SDPS International Ghaziabad once again stood tall to its commitment of serving the greater needs of society and providing the best of opportunities to children. The school partnered with Fun Kids India to host the North Zone auditions of 'India's Emerging Talent Season



2' on November 21.

The fun-filled, grand event saw children of age groups 2-19 participating enthusiastically in various categories like dance, music, acting and arts.

The enthusiasm of their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends echoed through the venue motivating

the participants. Event judges were Anjali Mangai and Sahil Khan, winners of 'Dance Dewane 3'; Dimpy Mishra, a film and theatre actor and a Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee and Kalashree Debasmita Thakur, a Bharatnatyayam exponent.

School principal Meera Mathur praised participating children's performances and emphasised how the school lived its vision of shaping citizens of the 21 century.

Dying to go to school with my owner, meet my friends

I am a school bag. The most used thing by a student (I think so). It's been two years since I have been locked up in the chamber of secrets (just kidding, it's a cupboard) thanks to Covid-19. I have not met my friends (which are other students' bags) in a long time. I heaved a sigh of relief when my owner took me out one day, but it was only to give me a thorough cleaning and shut me up



again in the dark corner. Dude, I am getting tired of

staying in this inky cramped thing. I hope to go out soon and meet my friends. Till then its Mr Bag signing off. No, no, just kidding...I haven't finished yet. I have some incidents to mention as well. Years before Covid invaded our world, my owner was returning home from school and I felt very light. The weight of the usual bur-



IF I WERE A SCHOOL BAG

den of tons of books did not tug at my seams. That's when I heard that my owner had forgotten all his books in the class. I mean literally, all the books. The only thing he had brought was his lunch box. And now really, it's Mr Bag signing off!!

Sreehari V J, class VII, Kendriya Vidyalaya SAP, Thiruvananthapuram