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WEB EDITION

BE READY TO WOO COMPANIES QUITTING CHINA: PM MODI



PM Modi, while interacting with CMs, is learnt to have suggested that states should explore the possibility of attracting investments in view of the likelihood of many companies exiting from Chinese cities in the wake of coronavirus. The govt has also blocked the automatic route for FDI from nations which share land borders with India (read China).

POLICIES

IS BRAZIL THE NEXT BIG HOT SPOT AS OTHER NATIONS EASE UP?



KNOW MORE

As some US states and European countries moved gradually to ease their limits on movement and commerce, the intensifying outbreak in Brazil - with 211 million people - pushed some hospitals to the breaking point, with signs that a growing number of victims now dying at home. Brazil officially reported about 4,500 deaths and around 67,000 confirmed cases.

INDIA NOW 3RD-BIGGEST MILITARY SPENDER IN WORLD: THINK-TANK



ARMED FORCES

India has emerged the top three nations in the world in terms of military expenditure, though the US spends more than 10 times and China almost four times its defence budget. Global think-tank SIPRI's data shows the global military expenditure rose to \$1,917 billion in 2019.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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TOKYO OLYMPICS NEXT YEAR DIFFICULT WITHOUT COVID-19 VACCINE

It will be difficult for Tokyo to host the Olympic Games next year unless there is an effective vaccine against the coronavirus, the head of the Japan Medical Association said. "I am not saying that Japan should or shouldn't host the Olympics, but that it would be difficult to do so," JMA president Yoshitake Yokokura said. He also advised increasing testing.



OLYMPIC PREPARATIONS HIT HARD, DUTEE CHAND COUNTS LOSSES

Dutee Chand is an unhappy person these days. She is counting her losses post the Tokyo Olympics postponement due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown in India. The loss is not only monetary but the time she invested in preparing for the Games since October last.

SPORTS

CLONING MAY OFFER A WAY TO DE-EXTINCT SPECIES: STUDY

Many scientists believe cloning may offer a way to de-extinct species wiped out by human activity. In Australia, researchers have already laid many of the building blocks to resurrect the thylacine, while in Russia scientists in Siberia are working on a scheme to hold back the collapse of the permafrost by recreating the ecology that existed in the region 12,000 years ago, complete with woolly mammoths.



ENVIRONMENT

ISRAELI TEAM EXPLAINS PROPERTIES OF MOST DISTANT OBJECT IN SPACE

Israeli scientists have developed a model to explain the unique properties of the most distant object ever imagined in the Solar System. This will shed new light on the formation of Kuiper Belt objects - asteroid-like objects at the edge of the Solar System - and will help scientists better understand the early stages of the Solar System's formation. The research is led by a team from the Faculty of Physics at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.



SPACE

WANT TO KEEP DEPRESSION AT BAY? EXERCISE FOR 35 MINUTES



HEALTH

A new study backed by Harvard suggests that it is the best preventive way to keep depression at bay. This is the reason why most sports persons are less prone to depression. Engage in some physical activity everyday - go for a walk, jog or run if you don't want to do proper exercise.

HEMSWORTH ON 'THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER', SAYS IT WILL BE "PRETTY INSANE"

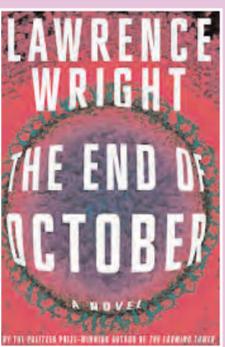
In his latest interview, the actor opened up about the upcoming installment of 'Thor' franchise and even went on to state that it has "one of the best scripts" he has read in years. Calling it director Taika Waititi at his "most extreme" he said, "If the version I read is the one we get running with, it's going to be pretty insane." The movie, the fourth in the action franchise, reunites Hemsworth with Tessa Thompson.



ENTERTAINMENT

Bookmarked: A novel for corona times 'The End of October'

The sweeping, authoritative and genuinely intelligent thriller - the sort of novel in which the author employs a bulldozer and a scalpel at the same time - is a rare specimen. Lawrence Wright's second novel, 'The End of October' is one of these. The fact that it's about the world in shock and ruin because of a virus similar to the one that causes COVID-19 makes it read as if it's been shot out of a cannon. Wright is known as the author of nonfiction books such as 'The Looming Tow-



Why read it?

It is a great deal of learning about viruses and their political and social horrors. There is the joy of competence - his own as a writer, and the scientific and moral competence of many of the characters he's invented. Read this to know how the author has dealt with humanity coming to a boil. **Read the plot summary and more of the review: [Click here.](#)**

Sports stars go 'live' amid pandemic

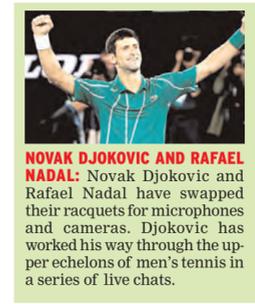
Delighting fans across the world, a number of sports stars have taken to various social media platforms to show a

glimpse of their life off the field. According to an AFP report, stars from Karim Benzema to the Brazilian legend Ronaldo and even Rafael

Nadal, who initially struggled with Instagram, are dropping their habitual discretion to interact live with their followers.



KARIM BENZEMA: One of the more popular stars is Benzema, who posts videos on YouTube as 'Nueve Live' - a play on his shirt number, and has more than 33 million Instagram followers. His broadcasts have attracted as many as 130,000 viewers live with hundreds of thousands more catching up later.



NOVAK DJOKOVIC AND RAFAEL NADAL: Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal have swapped their racquets for microphones and cameras. Djokovic has worked his way through the upper echelons of men's tennis in a series of live chats.



RONALDO: Ronaldo, the president of Valladolid in La Liga, has interviewed FIFA president Gianni Infantino and also talked to fellow Real Madrid Galacticos David Beckham, Roberto Carlos, Iker Casillas and Luis Figo. **Read more sports stories here**

COVID WARRIORS

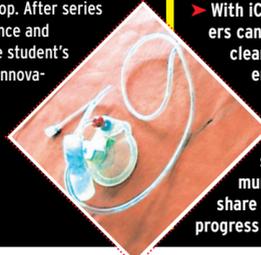
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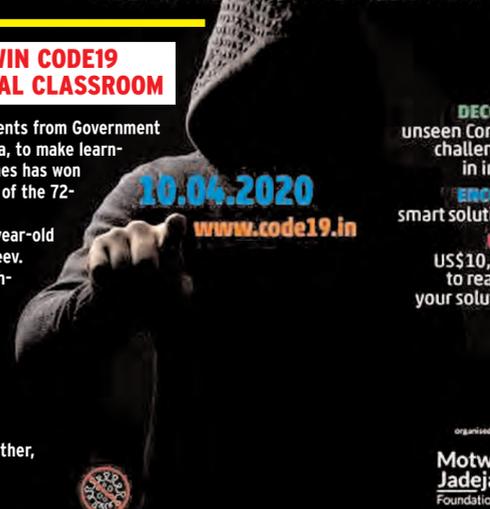
CLASS XI BENGAL STUDENT'S GAMECHANGER MASK

> A class XI student from Bengal's Purba (East) Bardhaman district has come up with a mask that may be a game-changer in the treatment of COVID-19 patients, and her design been shortlisted in a national competition.
> Digantika Bose, a student of Vidyasagar Smriti Vidyamandir Branch 2 in Memari, has come up with a 'Air Providing and Virus Destroying Mask' that took her seven days to develop. After series of tests, the Ministry of Science and Technology has asked for the student's permission to take forward her innovation in the war against the virus.
> Bose had submitted her mask design in the Challenge COVID-19 Competition (C3) organised by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF).



KERALA STUDENTS WIN CODE19 HACKATHON WITH VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

> A virtual classroom created by students from Government College of Engineering in Kannur, Kerala, to make learning easier and intuitive in COVID-19 times has won \$10,000 (approx Rs 7.6 lakh) as winner of the 72-hour online hackathon called CODE19.
> iClassroom has been created by 19-year-old Abhinand C and 20-year-old Shilpa Rajeev.
> With iClassroom, students and teachers can interact with each other, clear their doubts, mentor others and conduct online classes," said Abhinand. Shilpa added: "We built this platform as a practical solution for all learning communities to interact with each other, share resources and keep track of progress in selected courses."



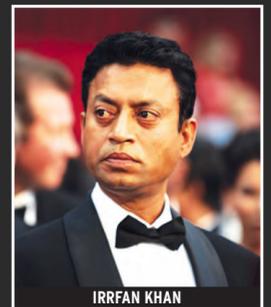
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RIP KING OF MODERN CLASSICS

A man who was characterised by his ability to entertain and deliver, Khan was associated with many films and a surfeit of talent. The role in 'Paan Singh Tomar', was great.

D.PURNIMA, class IX, SBOA Matriculation HSec, Coimbatore



IRRFAN KHAN

WE LOST AN 'ERA' TODAY: We have just been left with fond memories of an actor who we would have loved to grow up watching. 'The Amazing Spider-Man' was my favourite.

SHAURYA GUPTA, IX, Jayshree Periwal Global School, Jaipur

LUNCHBOX WAS ICONIC: This film made the industry sit up and take notice. Khan will not be forgotten for a longtime.

AASHNAA MEHTA, Class X, BK Birla Pub. Sch, Kalyan, Mumbai

PHENOMENAL: Released in 2005, 'Rog' was a brilliant film and Khan was exemplary. So much to learn from him.

HINA NAELA, XII, G D Goenka Public School, Lucknow

GRASSROOTS ACTOR: 'Hindi Medium', which became a sleeper hit in India, was my favourite.

DRISHTI S ASHER, class X, Gregorian School, Ernakulam

DEATH FEELS PERSONAL: This is for the first time an actor's death feels personal. Watched 'Angrezi Medium' yesterday and can't describe how awesome he was in it.

SHIVANSH GAIROLA, IX, Dehradun World School, Nathuwala, Dehradun

VERSATILITY AT ITS BEST: As 'Champak' Bansal in 'Angrezi Medium', he was inspiring. Irrfan will always be remembered and loved.

INAYAT KAPOOR, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula

BIG LOSS: Irrfan's acting in 'Hindi Medium' made the movie a big success. His demise is a huge loss.

MOKSHA MAHESHWARI, class X, Udgam School, Ahmedabad

SIMPLICITY ICON: As an actor, he did complete justice to his roles. His dry wit and simplicity make a lasting impression.

VIVEK A, class X, The Hyderabad Pub School, Begumpet, Hyderabad

PAR EXCELLENCE: From Billu Villas Paradesi to Pi Patel, the legendary actor was a true example of versatility.

RUPAM SHUKLA, class XII, Sunrise English Medium School Kolkata

LUNCHBOX IT WAS: I feel his role as Saajan Fernandes in 'The Lunchbox' was his best. He shows us the hustle and bustle of the city of Mumbai.

ANANYA RAO, class X, Vidyashilp Academy, Bengaluru

