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## ANUPAMA MEHRA, NAVY CHILDREN SCHOOL, GOA: REIMAGINING FUTURE

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Ms. Anupama Mehra, Principal, Navy Children School, Goa joins Curious Times to celebrate Teachers Day and shares her views on Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Reimagining Future! She is an eminent Leader and Educationist and has been inspiring students and future generation of teachers.

Curious Times, the leading school newspaper and children's website is pleased to bring perspectives of Senior Educationists and teachers to our readers on Teachers Day 2022. Over the past 3 years a lot has changed in the education sector, teaching methods, curricula, use of technology, introduction of NEP 2020, emphasis on mental wellbeing of children and how schools shape careers of next the generation.

We believe that the energy and enthusiasm of the leaders to adapt to these changes will help not just leading through the crisis of learning gaps but also reimagining the future of education.

Here is our conversation with Ms. Anupama Mehra, Principal Navy Children School, Goa:

**Curious Times:** Technology has brought about a shift in the teaching and learning ecosystem. As you reimagine future, what, in your opinion, would be the role of technology and what would be the role of teachers?

**Ms. Anupama Mehra:** Teachers are needed first and always due to the human connect they bring. A hybrid model definitely now exists. Technology is here to stay. There must be a balance. The education industry will always have the teacher in the central pivotal role

**Curious Times:** NEP 2020 puts a lot of emphasis on skilling and co-curricular activities. How will this have a positive impact on learning outcomes in the future?

**Ms. Anupama Mehra:** The 21st century skills require specific skills to be imbibed and nurtured. The industry, college, University and school connect will be benefited. Children will be able to identify their passion for a particular field earlier and hence derive more satisfaction from their studies.

**Curious Times:** What role can schools play in making students reach their potential careers?

**Ms. Anupama Mehra:** Introduction of more skills and academic subjects is needed. It is important to break down the subject-streams' barriers, which have prevailed for many years.

**Curious Times:** The pressures in the 21st century are different from earlier times. What will be the role of schools and teachers in mental wellbeing of students going forward?

**Ms. Anupama Mehra:** Teachers to be equally equipped as counselors. Regular inhouse training so that children can be handheld and counseled by the teachers as well.

**Curious Times:** As you reimagine the future, how can schools become inclusive and accommodate students from all ethnicities or with different abilities?

**Ms. Anupama Mehra:** A highly aware and sensitive management, trained counselors and special educators and trained faculty are essential for inclusive campuses.

**Curious Times:** Schools prepare children for higher education. Should competitive exams have a different curriculum than schools? Coaching classes and ed-tech companies have been supplementing the school education. What do you think should be their role?

**Ms. Anupama Mehra:** It should continue the same way. The schools build the basics. The essential concepts are always built by the school. The school curriculum can be tweaked to include competitive exam topics and method of questioning. Otherwise, board examination will have no value

To meet the requirements of NEP, modern education and skilling of students, strong career counseling and teacher-training should get impetus in all schools.

To read her interview on Curious Times, click here: [Anupama Mehra, Teachers: Leading Through Crisis, Reimagining Future](#)



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## WHAT'S BUZZING AT NCS GOA?



Dear NCS Goa Families,  
Navy Children School Goa had an extremely busy week. This week witnessed a plethora of activities.

- Class XI students attempted their first unit test of this academic session.
- The much-awaited investiture ceremony had the junior and secondary council members, their parents and teachers beaming with pride as the young stars marched to the beat of the drums.
- Preparing and participating in the CCA Hindi recitation and elocution competitions kept the students of classes I to V busy through the week.
- On the external front, the primary school students participated and won prizes in the Anchor of Freedom - Inter School Competition organised by Navy Children School, Karanja on the occasion of 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav for classes I to V.
- Meanwhile, the senior school students participated in an inter school debate competition organised by Aeronautical Society of India, AEROSOC, Goa Chapter and bagged prizes.
- The U-14 boys and girls team won the Inter School District Level Badminton Tournament, which was held at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim. Both the teams qualified for the State Level Badminton Tournament.
- The U-17 girls team won the Inter School District Level Badminton Tournament, held at Manohar Parrikar Indoor stadium, Navelim and qualified for the state level. Meanwhile, the boys team secured third place at the District Level Badminton Tournament. The U-17 Boys football team won the quarter finals and qualified for semi-finals held at Velsao.
- The U-19 boys team secured third place in the Inter Higher Secondary Zonal Level Badminton Tournament, which was also held at Manohar Parrikar Indoor stadium, Navelim.
- The school's U -14 & U -16 boys and girls athletic teams enthusiastically participated in the selection trials of the West Zone Athletic Meet held at Bambolim Stadium Panaji.

## TEACHERS DAY AT CURIOS TIMES

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*"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."*  
- Malala Yousafzai

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## AROUND THE WORLD

### US govt waives student loans up-to \$10,000!



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US government will cancel up to US\$10,000 in student loans for Americans who make less than US\$125,000 a year. The waiver is of US\$ 20,000 for the people who borrowed money and got Pell Grants.

Pell Grants are given to students by the US government who demonstrate a need for financial assistance for college education. The government intends to keep the current freeze on student loan payments, which was supposed to end on September 1 but will now last until December 31.

The US government wants to give working and middle-class families time to catch their breath before they have to start paying back federal student loans in January 2023. The announcement will be the first time in history that a large part of a country's debt will be forgiven. The US government thinks that everyone in the US should be able to get a head start on a successful future by getting a college degree or certificate.

As per experts, 90% of the debt relief will go to people with annual incomes of less than \$75,000.

### Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev passes away!

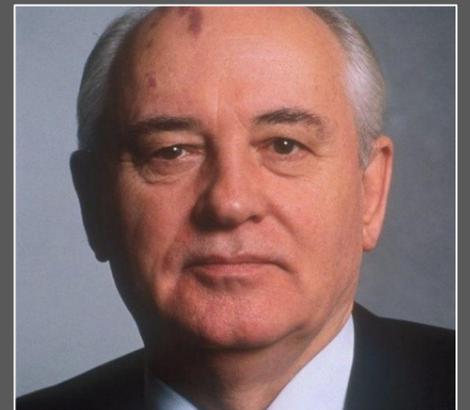


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Mikhail Gorbachev passed away on 30 August. He was 91 years old. He aspired to bring new life to the Soviet Union. Historians regard Mikhail Gorbachev as one of the most significant political figures of the 20th century.

In 1985 his programme of reforms hoped to revitalise the economy and revamp political institutions. However, a chain of events ultimately resulted at the end of communist rule. Gorbachev had a degree in political science in 1955. He worked his way up through the Young Communist League to become a regional secretary. He also worked as a member of the Central Committee's Agriculture Secretariat.

He used democracy to fight against the slowness of the system. Gorbachev ended the Cold War by negotiating with Ronald Reagan. He was given the Nobel Peace Prize for his leading role in the major changes in relations between the East and the West. In his later years, Mikhail Gorbachev was still involved in politics, but his reputation was always better in other countries than in Russia.

### Nearly one-third of Pakistan is currently flooded!



Image Credit : Canva

Pakistan is currently facing a devastating flood situation. To fix and rebuild the broken infrastructure, the country needs almost \$10 billion in aid. Nearly 110 of the 150 districts are under water because of rain. The floods have hurt or killed more than 1,100 people. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has offered to lend money to help.

PM Narendra Modi has also sent condolences and aid to people in need. Canada, France, and the United Arab Emirates are also already helping people who have been hurt by the floods.

Farmers in Pakistan state that Kharif crops like tomatoes, onions, and rice have been affected. The Pakistan government may reschedule the repayment of agricultural loans and waiver interest. Pakistan's Finance Minister is thinking about letting vegetables and other food from India come into Pakistan duty-free through the Wagah border.

A total of 50,000 people have been evacuated since rescue efforts began. Pakistan is battling a crisis blamed largely on climate change.

### Dubai schools celebrate back-to-school with flash mobs and parrot costumes!



Image Credit : Aquila School

In Dubai, students are welcomed back to school in creative ways like flash mobs and dressing up as parrots. After a long summer break (nearly 8 weeks), everyone in the academic world is happy and excited to be back together.

The Week of Welcome (WoW) event marks the beginning of the new academic year and celebrations last the whole week. School leaders greet and cheer for the students as they move from the entrances, buses, playing fields, and classrooms. Writing walls, moving cameras, and microphones are used to record everyone's thoughts and opinions.

Students take pictures with their friends in front of funny "welcome back" props and in photo booths with festive decorations. The arrival of the yellow buses on the roads is also a sign that it is time for the kids to go back to school.



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## INDIA news

### Narendra Modi unveils India Navy new ensign!

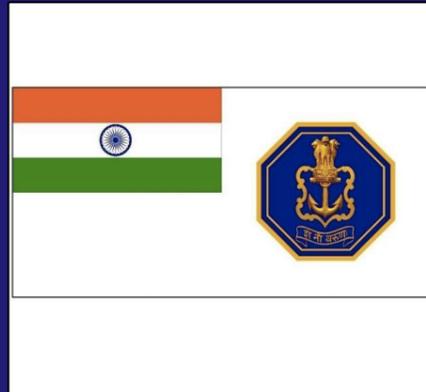


Image Credit : SpokespersonNavy

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi reveals a new ensign for the Indian Navy flag. The Cross of St. George is replaced with a brand new Naval Ensign.

A naval ensign is a flag that is flown on top of naval warships, on ground stations, at air bases, and in other places where maritime identification is needed.

The Indian naval ensign also goes by the name "Nishaan," which means "symbol" in English. Nishaan takes its namesake from the legendary Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Emperor of the Marathas.

Political experts say that people have asked for a long time to make the Naval ensign more Indian instead of being a reminder of India's colonial past.

PM also commissioned India's first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant in Kochi, placing the country in a league of select countries with domestic capabilities to build such large warships.

### UU Lalit is India's 49th Chief Justice!



Image Credit Bar and Bench

UU Lalit is appointed as the Chief Justice of India (CJI) on 27 August 2022. His office term will last for nearly three months as he is set to retire in November, 2022. The chief justice of India is the highest-ranking officer in the Indian law.

The President of India appoints the Chief Justice of India and the other judges to the Supreme Court. Our President Droupadi Murmu was in charge of the swearing-in ceremony.

Justice Lalit said that he would work hard to make the listing of cases as easy and clear as possible. He would also ensure that at least one Constitution bench is working all year long.

Justice Lalit has testified in a number of high-profile cases.

The 48th CJI, NV Ramana retired in August and witnessed significant verdicts. The four key judgments were Internet Access a Fundamental Right, ED's powers under the PMLA Act, Probe into Pegasus surveillance case and Sedition law on hold.

### PM inaugurates spectacular Atal Bridge!

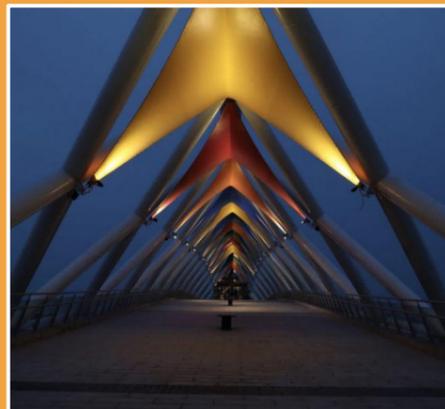


Image Credit : Narendra Modi

Atal Bridge in Ahmedabad was officially inaugurated by our honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The bridge is located in the state of Gujarat and spans the Sabarmati River. The Atal Bridge is a new pedestrian bridge that is constructed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. It is named after the previous Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The Atal Bridge is 14 metres wide and nearly 300 metres long. It connects the flower garden on the western end of the riverfront to the future arts and culture centre on the eastern end of the riverfront. Not only can people walk across the bridge, but cyclists can also use it to cross the Sabarmati river without having to deal with cars.

Thanks to the bridge, people will be able to see the riverfront even when they are in the middle of the waterway. The bridge is built so that people can get to it from both the lower and upper riverfront walkways or promenades. The bridge's roof is made of different coloured fabrics. Glass and stainless steel are used to make the railing.

### The tallest Twin Towers in India demolished, find out why!



Image Credit : Twitter

On August 28 the Noida Twin Towers were demolished. A process called "controlled implosion" was used to bring down the towers. This was done to make sure that as little damage as possible was done to the area around the building. Nine years after people in the area took the builder Supertech to court, the Twin Towers were taken down.

More specifically, the way the "Supertech Emerald Court" society was built broke rules. When the "Supertech Emerald Court" project was first approved, the plan called for 14 towers, each with nine floors. After some time, the plan was changed and upto 40 floors were built.

The area where the towers were built was supposed to be turned into a garden, according to the first plans. In 2012, members of the Supertech Emerald Court society complained to the Allahabad High Court. The court has ordered that the house owners in the building be paid the amount invested with interest.

The nearby buildings were vacated, at the time of demolition.



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## SPACE & TECHNOLOGY

### James Webb captures breathtaking Jupiter's auroras & moons!

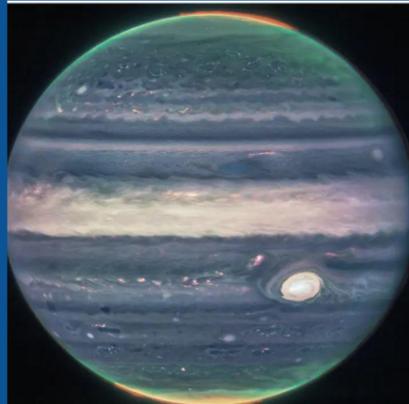


Image Credit : NASA

James Webb, the most advanced space telescope in the world, sees Jupiter's auroras and other features more clearly than ever before. Scientists share pictures of our solar system's biggest planet.

The Great Red Spot stands out prominently among countless other storms of varying sizes. One of the images clearly shows rings that are located around the planet.

In addition, the telescope captures two minuscule moons, set against a glittering background of galaxies. Astronomers believe that they've never seen Jupiter like this and describe the findings as incredible.

According to the research team, the infrared images were digitally coloured in blue, white, green, yellow, and orange so that the features would be more noticeable. The telescope captures views of Jupiter's northern and southern lights.

Also, it clearly shows Jupiter's swirling polar haze, which had never been seen before.

### All about Jio 5G, Jio Mart and WhatsApp!



Image Credit: Reliance Jio

Reliance Industries Ltd. made important announcements on 29 August 2022. Chairperson of Reliance Mukesh and wife Nita Ambani have three children, Isha Ambani, Akash Ambani, and Anant Ambani. They will be taking leadership positions as a part of a succession plan. Akash Ambani and Isha Ambani took to the stage in their roles as leaders of Reliance Jio and Reliance Retail. Anant Ambani is part of the New Energy business.

Mukesh Ambani said that Jio plans to start 5G services in key cities by Diwali. He also said that Reliance will work with Meta Platform Inc. to add JioMart, the online shopping platform for his group, to WhatsApp. Users will be able to shop at Jio Mart through WhatsApp.

Over the next five years, nearly Rs 75,000 crore will be spent to increase the petrochemical capacity of Reliance. Reliance Retail would be entering the fast-moving consumer goods business.

Reliance announced the construction of a fifth Gigafactory that will focus on power electronics.

### Planets: A season on Uranus could last 21 years!



Image Credit : Canva

Uranus gets its name from the father of the Roman god, Saturn. It was discovered by British astronomer, William Herschel in 1781. The planet Uranus is one of the ice giants in our solar system. It is the third-largest planet and the fourth in mass. The hot fluid of "icy" materials including water, methane, and ammonia forms 80% of the dense mass of Uranus.

The inside of Uranus has two layers which are the core and a mantle. Scientists think that the core is mostly rocky and icy. Uranus, like Earth, has four seasons. Uranus takes about 84 Earth-years to take a circle of sun! So, each season on Uranus lasts 21 Earth-years.

Uranus, like Earth, has a nearly circular orbit. So, it remains at the same distance from the Sun throughout its long year. Uranus' seasons are due to the tilt on its axis, similar to Earth. But the tilts of our planets are very different. While Earth orbits nearly upright, Uranus is lying down nearly sideways during its orbit around the Sun.

### Non-fungible tokens or NFTs!



Image Credit : Canva

Non-fungible tokens or NFTs are talked about a lot today. An NFT artwork is sold at an auction for US\$69 million (about ₹515 crores). The work is called Everyday: The First 5000 Days. It is created by an artist named Mike Winkelmann (also known as Beeple). However, this artwork is not a sculpture, painting or even a print. Instead, it is a unique digital (online) token.

A non-fungible item is something that is unique or one-of-a-kind. This could be something like a painting, which is unique. An example is The Mona Lisa. There is only one of them in the world. NFTs are similar – they are also unique. They can be sold or bought but they are digital. This means they are only online. Technically anything digital could be sold as an NFT.

When you buy an NFT, you get a "token" – a digital certificate that shows you own the NFT. A record of who owns what NFT is stored on a blockchain. However, since the NFT is digital, the art can be copied and shared by anyone. The owner only owns the "certificate" that shows they own the original work.



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## SCIENCE & DISCOVERIES

### Fingernails grow faster than toenails!



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Fingernails grow two or more times more quickly than toenails. At the fundamental level, our nails include many parts. The visible half is the nail plate. Below this is often the nail bed. The white, half-moon-shaped half at the bottom of our nail is called the matrix.

Nail cells contain proteins called scleroprotein. Nail cells multiply beneath the skin. Every cell keeps dividing and making additional cells. The new cells push the recent cells on top of the skin surface. However, once they are out, they lose the flexibility to increase in number. They become dead cells. Toenails typically grow at a rate that is two-to-three times slower than fingernails.

Since our fingers are busier than our toes, this makes them grow faster. Also, fingernails get more constant exposure to sunlight and air. Additionally, we have also a tendency to sometimes stuff our feet and toenails into socks and shoes. This might scale back circulation and also the flow of blood. This is one of the biggest reasons for the slower speed of toenail growth.

### Mesopotamia – Cradle of civilisation!



Image Credit: Canva

"Mesopotamia" means "the land between rivers". It refers to a section of land around the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Mesopotamia is often called the 'cradle of civilisation'. This means it was where human civilisation (with writing, technology and cities) first started.

Mesopotamia was home to many ancient cultures. Firstly, the Sumerians. They invented writing and the system of government. Sumerian writing, government, and culture would make it easier for future civilisations to develop.

Then, the Akkadians came. They formed the first united empire. Their language replaced the Sumerian language during their time. After that, the Babylonians came. 'Babylon' means 'Gate of God' or 'Gate of the Gods'. Babylon became the most powerful city in Mesopotamia. Thereafter, the Assyrians occupied Mesopotamia.

At last, the Persians came. The Persians put an end to the rule of the Assyrians and the Babylonians. They conquered much of the Middle East including Mesopotamia.

### Scientists built the first Artificially Intelligent mouse!

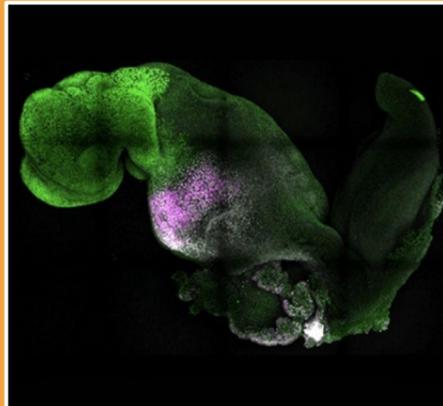


Image Credit : Amadei and Handford

Scientists at the University of Cambridge in the UK have built the first Artificially Intelligent mouse! It has a beating heart and what looks like the beginnings of a brain. Synthetic embryos utilize tissue cells to make fertilised eggs that evolve with a brain, a beating heart, and the building blocks for all the other organs in the body.

Researchers think that listening in on the first conversations between the tissues of a developing organism could teach us a lot about how organs form, how birthrate works, and how disease happens in general. Making structures that look like the brain, heart tissue that works, and a gut is a complicated process.

The team also found that their model could improve on its own to become as smart as a real mouse. Researchers say that science has a long way to go before it can use stem cells alone to make an organ that works. Now researchers have access to a collection of tissues that accurately show how development happens outside of a body. So, they can not only watch but also test genetic changes.

### "Zombie Ice" could raise sea levels 10 inches globally!



Image Credit : Canva

"Zombie Ice" coming from Greenland glaciers could cause the sea level to rise by 10 inches. Zombie Ice refers to ice that is not adding new snow to the parent ice sheet despite the fact that it is still a part of the ice sheet.

As per researchers, the Greenland ice sheet will eventually melt, causing global sea levels to rise. This is due to a phenomenon known as "zombie ice." These kinds of ice are "doomed" to melt away, which will result in higher sea levels. The study states that in the past few decades there has been a greater amount of melting and a lesser amount of replenishment.

Scientists believe that global warming will continue to impact our climate. So both the melting and the rise in sea level would continue. The research believes that the melting is probably going to happen within this century. The impact of flooding, high tides, and storms will be felt as a result of rising sea levels. Thus these natural disasters could become more common and severe. In addition to this, coastal areas that are low-lying could be affected.



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## SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Winners of 67th Filmfare Awards 2022!

Image Credit : Filmfare



The 67th Filmfare Awards were presented to creative artists from Hindi cinema for their outstanding work. The Filmfare Awards are a set of awards that are given out every year to honour artists in the Hindi film industry in India.

Shershaah won the best film award, and the critics' choice award was given to Sardar Udham. Ranveer Singh won the award for Best Actor in a Lead Role (Male) for his role in the cricket drama '83. Kriti Sanon won the award for Best Actor in a Lead Role (Female) for her role in 'Mimi.' Vishnu Vardhan won the Best Director for the movie Shershaah.

Vidya Balan won the Critics' Choice Award for Best Actress Female for her role as a forest officer in Sherni. For his work in Mimi, Pankaj Tripathi won the award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male).

Dibakar Banerjee and Varun Grover's movie Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar won the Filmfare Award for Best Dialogue.

### 2022 Asia Cup!

Image Credit: Asian Cricket Council



The 2022 Asia Cup is currently in progress and cricket matches are being played in the T20 format in Dubai and Sharjah. The dates for the matches are August 27th through September 11th. Six teams are split into two groups. Group A includes India, Pakistan and Hong Kong. Group B includes Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. Each group's teams will play against each other.

India vs Hong Kong - After India's score of 192/2, Hong Kong's score of 152/5. Suryakumar Yadav's incredible performance and Virat Kohli's half-century helped India reach 192. Hong Kong players Kinchit Shah and Zeeshan Ali scored 30 and 26 not out, respectively. Babar Hayat scored the highest number of runs with a knock of 41.

Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh - Sri Lanka claimed victory over Bangladesh by a score of two wickets. Bangladesh posted a score of 183 for seven. Sri Lanka was able to surpass that score with four balls to spare, reaching 184 for eight. Currently India is leading Group A with 4 points and Afghanistan is leading Group B with 4 points.

### 16-year-old Linthoi from Manipur wins World Judo Championship!

Image Credit :World Judo Championships



Linthoi Chanambam, 16-year-old, makes history by becoming the first Indian to win a world title in judo. Linthoi won against Bianca Reis of Brazil. Linthoi participated in the women's 57-kg category at the Judo Championship. Linthoi is the first Indian to win gold for India at World Judo Championship.

In 2017, she won gold at the National Sub-Junior Judo Championships. After that, in 2017, she started training at the JSW Inspire Institute of Sports. She also won a bronze medal at the Asia-Oceania Cadet Judo Championship, which is an international competition.

She has also been to training camps in Europe, Japan, and Georgia. Linthoi seemed very happy that she had won. She thanked her family and friends for always being there for her and cheering her on.

She also wants to keep making her country proud when she competes in international events.

### Amlan Borgohain is the fastest man in India!

Image Credit : Northeast Frontier Railway



Amlan Borgohain, who is 24 years old completed a 100-meter dash in 10.25 seconds. He is now the fastest man in India. Amlan Borgohain beat the existing record of Amiya Mallick. Borgohain is also the current holder of the national record in the 200-meter dash. He ran the 200-meter dash in a time of 20.52 seconds at the Federation Cup.

Amlan is coached by Hillier, who works at the Odisha Reliance Foundation High-Performance Centre in Bhubaneswar.

Amlan's personal coach thinks that maintaining a running posture has helped Amlan to run faster. Hillier also says that Amlan's better timing is due to the fact that he can keep his running posture.

Amlan wants to take part in the National Games and the Open Nationals this year.



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## DON'T MISS THESE

### Life science enthusiast cultivates mini-forests in jars!



Image Credit :Neeraj Murali

Kiran Kannan an Indian in Abu Dhabi is passionate about the study of living things. He cultivates mini-forests inside glass jars. These closed terrariums can survive for years using only sunlight.

A terrarium is usually a glass container that can be sealed and used for cultivating plants.

Kiran treats the terrariums like they are his little kids. When he wakes up in the morning, the first thing he does is open the glass jars and take a deep breath of the smell of the raw earth inside.

Kannan thinks that making small versions of the biosphere is not only a way to connect with nature but also a way to plan for the future of the planet. He wants his terrariums to be shown in well-known buildings in Abu Dhabi.

There are more than 150 terrariums in the collection. There are open, closed, and open-air terrariums. You can think of a closed terrarium as a small landscape with an ecosystem that can take care of itself.

### Alligators are popular pets in the US!



Image Credit: WallyGatorJoie

Wally, an alligator was rescued when he was 7 years old. The alligator is now certified as an emotional support animal. An emotional support animal is an animal that helps people with "special needs" feel better by being with them.

Joie Henney battles with a terminal illness however WallyGator is a source of inspiration for Joie. Wally is able to read people's emotions and comforts those who are feeling down by hugging them. Throughout Joie's fight with cancer, Wally has been a tremendous source of strength and encouragement for Joie.

Wally accompanies Joie to medical treatments and brings smiles to the faces of both other patients and the medical staff. WallyGator has a sizeable following on TikTok. He has nearly 70,000 followers. The emotional gator loves to eat cheese popcorn with great enthusiasm.

Wally has never bitten anyone, and Joie tells people that they should have respect for him rather than fear him.

### World's loneliest man passes away!



Image Credit : Canva

World's loneliest man also known as the "Man of the hole," passed away in a forest in Brazil. He lived in the Brazilian rainforest. He had spent his entire life solitary in his home. So, people began to call him "The World's Loneliest Man."

He also dug deep holes, so people called him "Man of the Hole." He had always tried to stay away from people from the outside world. As per locals, he had ignored all attempts of communication, whether they were direct or involved leaving food packages for him.

Locals state that the last members of his tribe died in the 1980s because land grabbers and cattle ranchers killed them. People think he knew he was going to die because he was holding an ornamental feather from a bird, which is a part of the funeral rituals his people follow.

Nobody ever found out what language he spoke or what the name of his tribe was. There were no signs of violence or struggle, and no one else was thought to have had anything to do with his death.

### A family installs a life-size statue of Amitabh Bachchan!



Image Credit : Gopi Sheth

An Indian-American family in the United States erected a statue of Amitabh Bachchan. Gopi Sheth and his wife Rinku are devoted followers of Bachchan for many years.

In front of their house in New Jersey, Gopi Sheth and his wife Rinku erected a statue of Amitabh Bachchan. The statue was scaled up to life-size. The statue was created in the Indian state of Rajasthan.

During the inauguration ceremony, nearly 600 guests were present. After the unveiling of the statue, there was a huge party. The celebrations included the bursting of firecrackers and dance performances throughout the night. Gopi is motivated by the off-screen personality of Mr Amitabh Bachchan.

He states that the life Mr Bachchan leads in real life inspires Gopi. Gopi also states how Mr Bachchan conducts himself in public and how well he conveys and communicates with others is aspirational. In addition, Gopi believes that Mr Bachchan seems to have a grounded personality.



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## FEATURE CONTENT

### Virtual Reality Artist – Passion Profession!



Image Credit : Canva

Virtual Reality Artist is the one who creates Virtual Reality simulations. Virtual reality (VR) is a technology that enables a person to interact with a computer-simulated environment. This technology enables us to display visual experiences on computer screens.

Virtual reality is used for entertainment and educational purposes. It is used to build video games and also for medical or military training purposes to create simulated environments. The VR experience can be similar to or completely different from the real world.

The prime eligibility is to have a software development and technical background. Therefore one must choose a computer science major for graduation. One needs to become familiar with several computer programming languages. Thus, the profession is very similar to a software developer or software engineer. VR development also requires one to be creative.

A basic understanding of UX (user experience) design and computer hardware is also important.

### Speedy Gonzales – “The Fastest Mouse in all Mexico”



Image Credit: Canva

Speedy Gonzales is the “fastest mouse in all of Mexico”. Speedy is a cartoon character in the Warner Brothers Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies series of cartoons.

Just like his name says, Speedy can run extremely fast. He speaks English with a very strong “Mexican” accent, and also speaks Spanish. Speedy usually wears a yellow sombrero (a type of hat in Mexico), a white shirt and trousers.

He also wears a red kerchief around his neck. Sometimes, Speedy lives with Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. He also runs a pizza shop called “Pizzarriba”. Moreover, he has a cousin called Slowpoke Rodriguez, the “slowest Mouse in all Mexico”.

Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies are two American animated comedy short film series produced by Warner Bros. from 1930 to 1969. The two series introduced famous characters such as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, and Elmer Fudd.

### Tacos – Eat Street!



Image Credit : Canva

Have you tried Tacos? If you have, you would have surely liked. Tacos are a simple, traditional Mexican street food, which is also very famous around the world. A taco consists of small corn or wheat tortilla (thin flatbread like Indian roti) topped with a filling. The tortilla is then folded around the filling and eaten by hand.

A taco can be made with many types of fillings, which means everyone can enjoy it. The fillings include beef, pork, chicken, seafood, vegetables and cheese.

Tacos are also often garnished with cream and vegetables such as lettuce, onion, tomatoes and chillies. They are usually served with side dishes such as sliced red radishes, lemon slices, salt and cucumber slices.

Here are some traditional varieties:

Tacos de Camarones is made of grilled or fried shrimp.

Tacos de Pescado is made of grilled or fried fish, lettuce or cabbage and mayonnaise sauce.

### International Travel Map – Bora Bora!



Image Credit : Canva

Bora Bora is one of the world’s most beautiful islands and is also known as the “Pearl of the Pacific”. It is an island group of French Polynesia in the south Pacific ocean.

A popular international tourist destination this island came into the limelight of the world after European explorer Jacob Roggeveen first landed on the island.

Its white-sand beaches, lined coconut trees, emerald-coloured lagoon and multi-coloured corals will give you memories for a lifetime. In the lagoon, you can see vivid shades of blue. Bungalows built on the water are a major attraction of tourism on this island.

Water activities such as snorkelling, scuba diving, shark feeding, exploring corals etc are popular activities on the islands.

As seen from the International Space Station Bora Bora is one such place on Earth that every traveller should have on their bucket list.



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## MY EXPRESSIONS ON CURIOUS TIMES

### Om Gang Ganesha Namha

AHAMTEERTWAA Maity  
4, Techno India Group Public School Garia, KOLKATA



### Video - Poem on Lord Ganesha

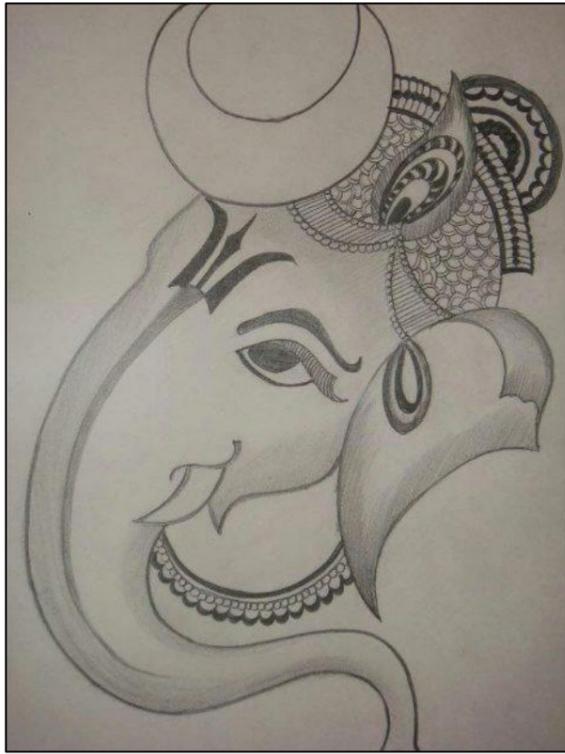
MISS PRASHIKHA  
1, Delhi Public School Jankipuram Lucknow

### Video - Song with guitar

Devansh Srivastava  
6, Delhi Public School Jankipuram Lucknow

### GANESH CHATURTHI

ANISHA ATMIKHA  
6, SHRI SHIKSHAYATAN SCHOOL, KOLKATA



### Ganesha Art

NAVNEET KAUR  
8, Bcm school Basant Avenue, dugri, Ludhiana



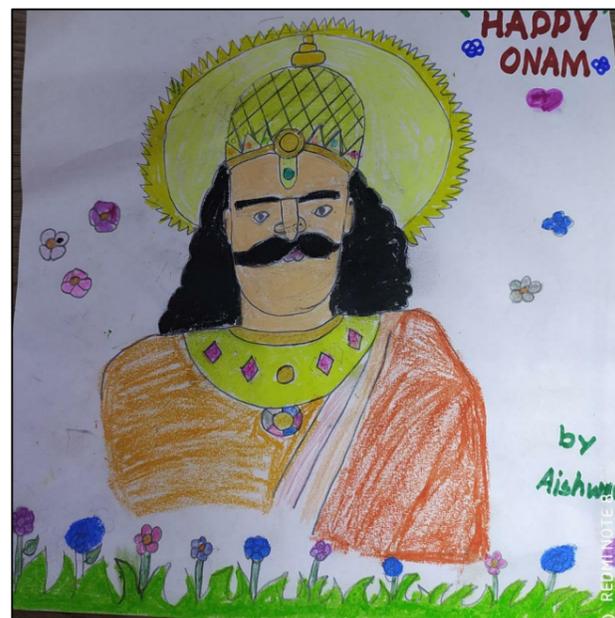
### National Sports Day

AHAMTEERTWAA Maity  
4, Techno India Group Public School Garia, KOLKATA



### Happy Onam!

Aishwariya Lekshmi  
3, The Choice School, Kochi





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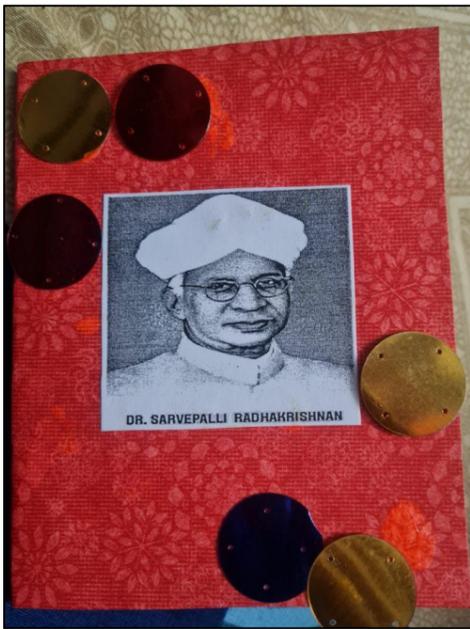
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## MY EXPRESSIONS ON CURIOUS TIMES

### Happy teacher's day

YUVRAJ JAISWAL  
1, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur



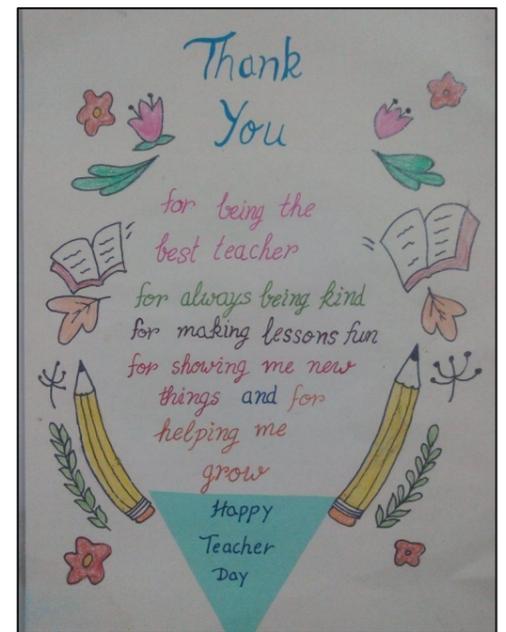
### Teachers day card

AARAV BHASKAR



### Teachers day card

ADITYA GARG  
6, DPS SONIPAT



### Happy Teachers day

Tanay Jakhodia  
1, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur

### Teacher's day poem

PARTH  
8, MAHESHWARI PUBLIC SCHOOL  
INTERNATIONAL



Teacher is a real hero for every kid She is miracle among us She is kind, generous and loving;

Teachers are guide who tells,

Where child should go an get best She reach deep in us

To find best in us

So that, we could be inspired by what we have best And ignited a spirit to make best into perfect;

She never stops teaching in any condition;

Teacher is a light illuminating the prism of life revealing to students a rainbow of possibilities;

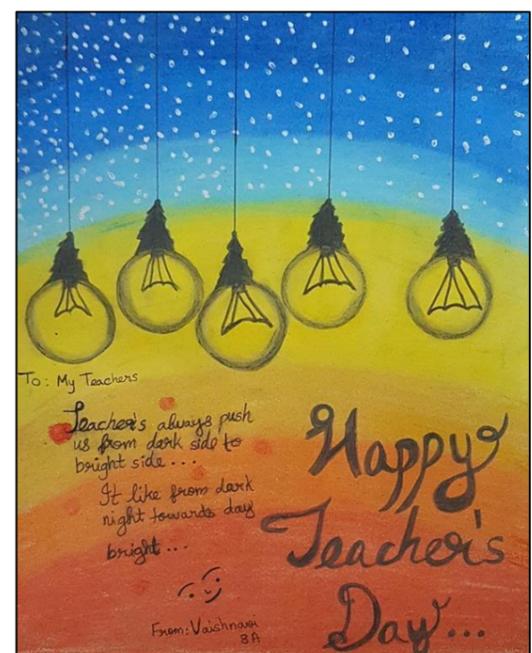
Teacher never teach for any desire she teach for every children's destiny;

Thank you for all the things and moreover for your dedicated work... Happy teachers day!!!!



### Happy Teachers Day

VAISHNAVI BIJU  
8, Shining Star International School, Abu Dhabi





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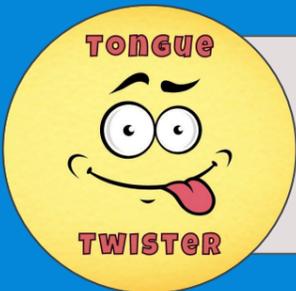
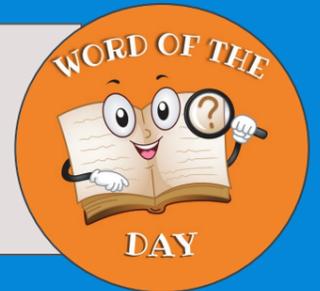
**Q:** Where did the bird go when he lost a feather?

**A:** The re-tail shop.

### Commission

Noun | kuh-mish-uhn

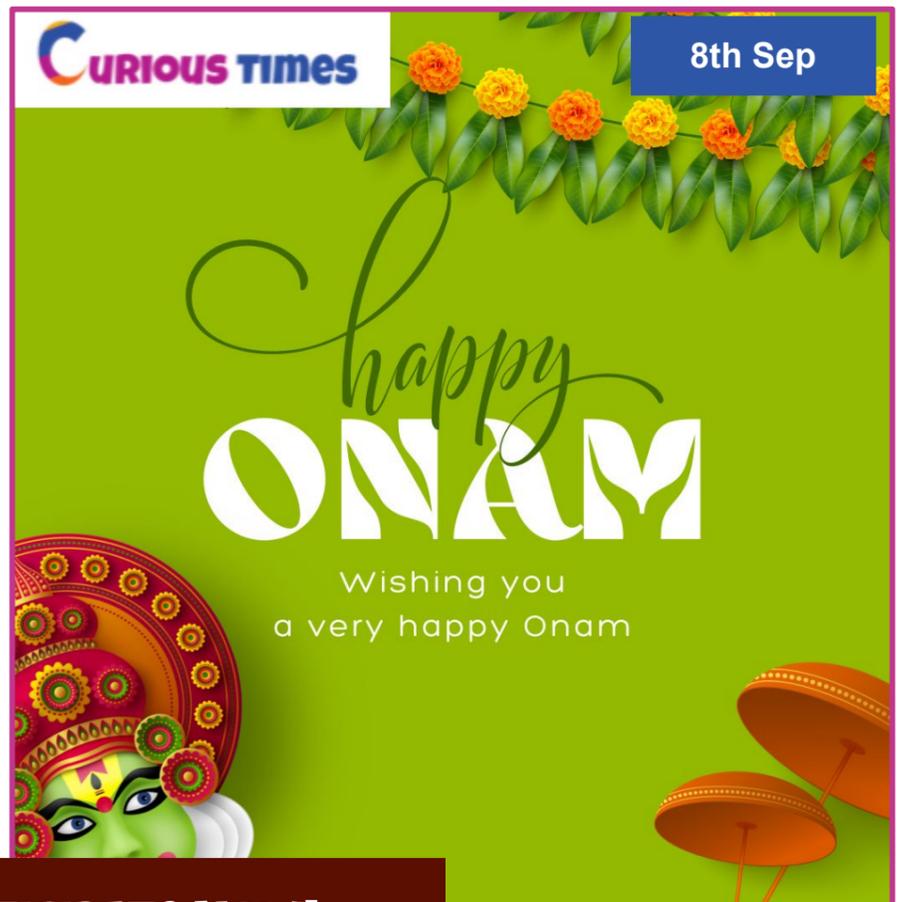
the use of payment to request something (e.g., a service or product)



Betty's big bunny bobbed by the blueberry bush.

### A quote for you

Do one thing every day that scares you. — Anonymous



**STUDENTS PARTICIPATE NOW!**



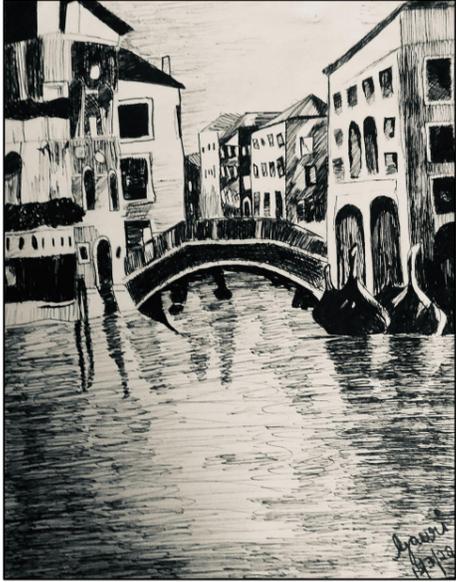
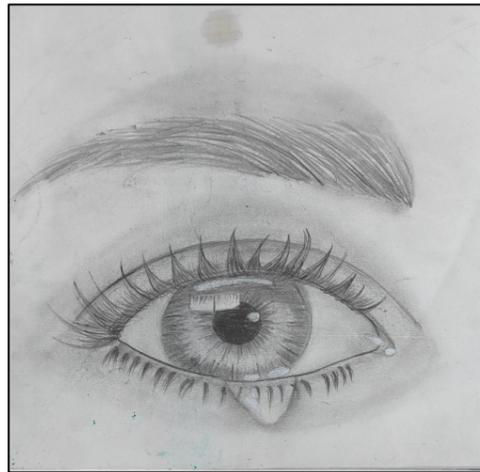
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## MY EXPRESSIONS FROM STUDENTS OF NCS, GOA

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### TEACHER'S DAY POEM

Gauri Saxena  
Grade 9

Today's your day teachers  
 And you we'd like to thank  
 For you're our heroes  
 Upon you we can always bank

Even though you write  
 Long notes in our diaries  
 For not polishing our shoes  
 And observing other proprieties

The times when you don't let us fill our bottles  
 When we're dying of thirst  
 Don't let us go to the washroom  
 When our bladder's about to burst

And take our games and free periods  
 To teach us algebra and tenses  
 Newton's three laws and the French Revolution  
 Had made me absolutely loose my senses

Regardless of everything  
 We'd just like to say  
 That we're grateful for all you do  
 How you tire behind us night and day

How you patiently go on explaining  
 The same concept again and again  
 We know its very straining  
 For even your lunch break is going on then

And so today you we're going to celebrate  
 To you we dedicate this day  
 Our great respect and appreciation for our teachers  
 We sincerely want to convey

### Happy Teachers Day

Abhilasha Ghosh  
Grade 9

My pen was poised, paper blank  
 Overabundance of emotions, yet words I could not rank  
 It was then I remembered, 15 years ago  
 Reading and writing were things I didn't know  
 From teaching us ABC to wiping our tears  
 Teachers have been there to alleviate our fears

This poem is for my present teachers,  
 But don't get me wrong. Respect abounds for my past educators

They have supported, encouraged and connected me  
 So I can be the best I can possibly be.

Mini maám our English teacher is commanding  
 Yet at times she too becomes endearing  
 From report writing to the last lesson and all in between  
 She teaches everything, her explanations keen.

Economics may be tedious, Santwana maám says so too  
 But her subtle encouragement wonders do.  
 Macro, micro, LED & stats are what we learn  
 Our economic decision to discuss

Saish sir seriously teaches us History  
 And helps us unearth age old mysteries  
 While he does humour us from time to time  
 His subject, our jokes always sublime

Math is what Sanehlata maám teaches  
 The final answer, she always reaches.  
 Her love for the subject is quite evident  
 And in us, she tries our equal instillment

Marilia maám is for Political Science  
 Democracy, power sharing & party alliance  
 She makes the classes wonderful and fun  
 And gives us a break, when we are done.

This was about my facilitators, a god gift for me  
 And all my classmates do equally see,  
 My time is up, now I must depart  
 But thank you very much from the bottom of my heart



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## Teaching & Beyond...

Dear Teachers, share your journey.  
Or invite the teacher-changemakers you know.

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- Students send their love through poems, articles, art, videos, and messages on Curious Times.

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Say "thank you!" to your teachers and show how much you appreciate them!