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EDUCATION ALERT

CBSE RESULTS BY JULY END: HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has said that efforts are being made to declare the CBSE results by July-end itself. Evaluation process has already begun for the board exams and will continue to be held simultaneously with pending exams, he added.

WORD WATCH

NEOTERIC. Means recent in origin, modern. It's been part of English since 1596. Its roots go back even further to ancient Greek. It is derived from the Latin word, neotericus, which also means recent.

TUNE IN

The 1975: The 1975's, 22-track fourth studio album, is all set to come up in a strong form with a monologue from climate change activist Greta Thunberg. What follows is music— from raging rock to dreamy pop that proves why this British band continues to reach new heights with each album release.

STUDENT EDITION

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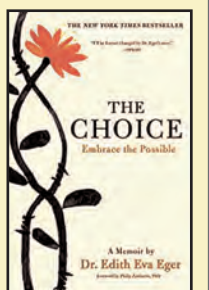
WEB EDITION

IRECOMMEND

BILL GATES' 2020 SUMMER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

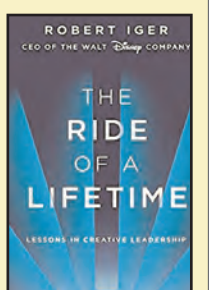
'THE CHOICE'
by Dr Edith Eva Eger

A deeply-touching and inspiring story of overcoming trauma and embracing life. In 1944, Eger (16) and her family were sent to a death camp in Auschwitz, during the Second World War. While her parents were killed, Eger somehow survived unbelievable horrors, and post war she moved to the US, where she became a trauma therapist. "Eger's unique background gives her amazing insight, and many people will find comfort right now from her suggestions on how to handle difficult situations," Gates said.



'THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME'
by Robert Iger

"This is one of the best business books, I've read in several years," Gates said about former Walt Disney chief. In this book, Iger explains what it is like to be the CEO of a company, as large as Walt Disney, and shares the lessons he learnt in the process. "Whether you're looking for business insights or just an entertaining read, anyone would enjoy his stories about overseeing Disney during one of the most transformative times in its history," Gates writes.



GOOD ECONOMICS FOR HARD TIMES' by Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo

Banerjee and Duflo's second book, 'Good Economics for Hard Times' was released in 2019, days after they won the Nobel. The book focuses on the policy debates, especially in wealthy countries; through their expertise in economics. "The book takes on inequality and political divisions by focusing on policy debates that are at the forefront in wealthy countries like the United States," Gates wrote.



Economic DISTRESS and social DISCONTENT will rise due to pandemic: WEF



Economic distress and social discontent will rise over the next 18 months unless there are efforts to manage the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic, the World Economic Forum (WEF) has said. The report takes into account the views of nearly 350 senior risk-professionals, who were asked to look at the next 18 months, and rank their biggest concerns in terms of likelihood and impact for the world and for business.

The fall out

The report took into account the near-term worries for the companies. They include, prolonged global recession, high unemployment, another outbreak of infectious disease and protectionism.

Need of the hour

The report also calls on leaders to act now against an avalanche of future systemic shocks, such as the climate crisis, geopolitical turbulence, rising inequality, strains on people's mental health, gaps in technology governance, and health systems under continued pressure.

WHAT IS A RECESSION:

Recession is a slowdown or a massive contraction in economic activities. A significant fall in spending generally leads to a recession

ITS TENURE: A slowdown in economic activities during a recession may last for some quarters, thereby completely hampering the growth of an economy

THE IMPACT: In a recession, economic indicators— GDP, corporate profits, employment, etc — fall, creating a hole in the economic system

HOW DO GOVERNMENTS HANDLE RECESSION: To tackle the menace, economies generally



The Great Depression of 1929 is considered to be the most classic example of a depression in economic history

react by loosening their monetary policies— infusing more money into the system, i.e, by increasing the money supply. This is done by reducing the interest rates.

Increased spending by the government and decreased taxation are also considered as good solutions for this problem



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RECESSION AND DEPRESSION:

Depression is defined as a severe and prolonged recession. Generally, when an economy continues to suffer recession for two or more quarters, it is called as depression. The level of productivity in an economy falls significantly during a depression.

SPACE



EXOPLANET CLIMATE 'DECODER' AIDS SEARCH FOR LIFE

After examining a dozen types of suns and a roster of planet surfaces, astronomers have developed a practical model—an environmental colour 'decoder' — to tease out climate clues for potentially-habitable exoplanets in galaxies far away. In their research, they combine details of a planet's surface colour, and the light from its host star to calculate a climate. For instance, a rocky, black basalt planet absorbs light well and would be very hot but add sand or clouds and the planet cools.

"Depending on the kind of star and the exoplanet's primary colour, the planet's colour can mitigate some of the energy given off by the star," researchers said. What makes up the surface of an exoplanet, how many clouds surround the planet, and the colour of the sun can change an exoplanet's climate, they added.

SUMMER UNLIKELY TO CURB CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC GROWTH: STUDY

SCIENCE

The higher summer temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere are unlikely to limit the growth of the coronavirus, according to a study. Though several statistical studies have shown a correlation between climate and the coronavirus — the hotter and more humid it is, the less likely the virus is to spread, the findings remain preliminary, claims the study.

► While climate, particularly humidity, plays a role in the spread of other viruses and the flu, the study said a more important factor is the absence of a widespread immunity against COVID-19 ► The spread of the virus seen in countries such as Brazil, Ecuador and Australia, indicate that warmer conditions do little to halt the pandemic.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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ARTISTES SHOULD NOT BE BOUND BY LANGUAGE, GENRE: ALI FAZAL

Actor Ali Fazal says it is necessary for artistes to be fluid. "Artistes should never be bound by language, format of storytelling, or genre. In the content landscape that we are in, it's necessary to be fluid and be open to try new things," he said.

Ali is one of the first Bollywood actors who ventured into the digital world, back in 2015 with the web show, 'Bang Baaja Baaraat'

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CELEB TALK

KOHLI REVEALS CAREER-SHAPING ADVICE FROM FATHER

Indian skipper Virat Kohli has revealed how a priceless advice from his father helped him in shaping up his career. During an online video chat session hosted by Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri on Instagram, Kohli said, "my father was very clear. He would say that you have to study along with playing." Dad said, only when you can say, 'I am 200 per cent confident that I will be able to make a career out of this,' then only you can focus on that one thing, Kohli added.



IS THIS HOW X-MEN WILL JOIN MCU?

The audience of the superhero fantasy movies has always wanted the 'Fantastic Four' and 'X-Men' to join hands and be presented as in the Marvel Cinematic Universe(MCU). If reports are to be believed, this wish of the fans might come true.

According to reports, MCU's 'Fantastic Four' and 'X-Men' will be primarily based on their Earth-1610 counterparts. John Krasinski and Giancarlo Esposito are in talks to portray the leading roles.



► The buzz has it that Marvel is indeed moving forward with the multiverse strategy. It has been a component in its previous films, and will further be explored in 'Doctor Strange, in the Multiverse of Madness'. ► As far as the casting of Krasinski goes, reports have been swirling that the actor is among the top choices for Reed Richards in the reboot of 'Fantastic Four'

DRIVE-IN CINEMAS ARE BACK



Movie-goers in Dubai are a happy lot. They are now watching films from the comfort of their own car at a new drive-in cinema, created on the roof of Majid Al Futtaim's Mall, one

of the world's largest shopping malls. However, with social distancing mandatory in the UAE to curb the spread of corona, viewers will be limited to two persons per car at the open-air venue. The venue can accommodate up to 75 cars at a time. Tickets cost 180 dirhams (\$50) per vehicle, inclusive of popcorn, snacks and beverages. However, children aged 3-12 and people over 60 are still barred from such venues.

TRENDING

Deepika Padukone curates 'WELLNESS GUIDE'

Actress Deepika Padukone says the past several weeks have not only been "exceptionally unusual", but also very difficult, with everyone facing the fear of uncertainty about the future. To share how she is nurturing her mental health amidst the pandemic, the actress has joined hands with Instagram for an initiative titled, 'Wellness Guide', as part of its global Mental Health Awareness

MENTAL HEALTH

The 'Wellness Guide' keeps people inspired during these tough times, and is a new way to easily discover recommendations, tips and other content from your favourite creators, public figures, organisations and publishers on the social networking platform

month. "I am sure, we all agree that the past several weeks have not only been exceptionally unusual but also very dif-

ficult; uncertainty about the future, loss of livelihoods, and the inability to be around family and loved ones, are just a

few of the challenges facing us," Deepika said. Situations such as these often lead to or aggravate mental illness. I look forward to sharing with all of you some of the things I've been doing over the past several weeks to nurture my mental health, and I hope you find them useful too, she added.



Avoid banking scams on Whatsapp

With scammers on the rise, here are some tips to avoid banking scams

- 1 BASICS:** Don't share your PIN, banking passwords and username.
- 2 OTP:** Do not share your one-time passwords on Whatsapp, no matter how small the amount might be.
- 3 KNOWN NUMBERS ONLY:** Avoid unknown numbers. Do not download files from unknown sources; avoid interacting with sketchy looking numbers. It's better to block and report an unknown number.
- 4 DATA:** Make sure you erase WhatsApp data from your mobile phone, if you're selling it. Ensure everything is erased, before handing it over to the third party.
- 5 PUBLIC:** Avoid using WhatsApp on public wi-fi networks; use your mobile data— there's less chances of your phone getting misused.



