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1 THIS DAY, THAT YEAR: MAY 6, 2002: Entrepreneur Elon Musk sets up SpaceX to make space transportation more affordable and to work on projects that will help people live on other planets

2 IN CONVERSATION WITH TIMES NIE, Nami Zarringhalam, co-founder and chairman, Truecaller, Stockholm, draws a guideline for call security for teenagers <https://toistudent.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/top-news/-bullied-get-tech-smart--blow-the-whistle/51267.html>

3 HUBBLE YIELDS 1.4 MN OBSERVATIONS IN 3 DECADES <https://toistudent.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/sci-tech/hubble-yields-1-4-mn-observations-in-3-decades/51176.html>

STUDENT EDITION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020
WEB EDITION

1.9 MILLION

FACTOID That's the number of microplastics found in one square metre of seafloor, according to a new study. Microplastics on the seafloor mainly comprise fibres from textiles and clothing. These are not effectively filtered out in domestic waste water treatment plants, and easily enter rivers and oceans

DALRYMPLE'S NEXT BEING PENNED THROUGH LOCKDOWN

Historian William Dalrymple's next book speaks of the influence India had on the East and on the West. Divided into different phases, the first phase looks at how Buddhism travelled from India to become the state religion of China. The second talks about how Hinduism took over SE Asia with epics like Mahabharata and Ramayana, being major influences. The third period focuses on India travelling to the West with its idea of maths.

BOOKS

BURJ KHALIFA'S UNIQUE GESTURE

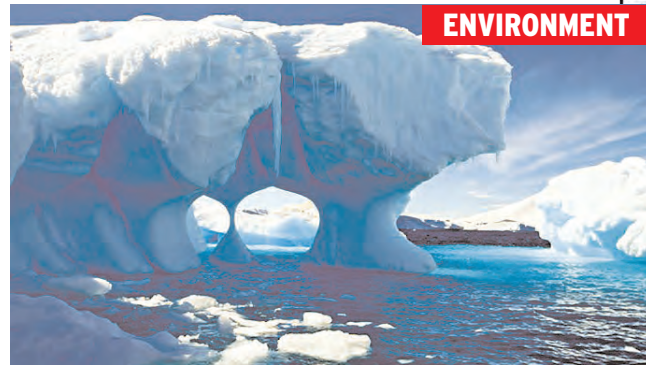


The 828-metres-high Burj Khalifa in Dubai will be transformed into the "world's tallest donation box", as part of a campaign to provide 10 million meals to low-income people. The appeal comes during the fasting month of Ramadan—a time of self-reflection, and charity for the faithful. The skyscraper regularly features displays of solidarity with crisis-stricken countries—for Oz when bushfires ravaged it and for China and Italy when they were hit by corona.

For each 10-dirham (\$2.7) donation, one of the building's 1.2 million LED lights will be illuminated—each representing a meal

NEWS IN BRIEF

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ENVIRONMENT

ANTARCTICA & GREENLAND'S MELTING ICE SHEETS RESPONSIBLE FOR RISE IN SEA LEVEL

A NASA-funded study has revealed that ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland shrinking and melting, since 2003 have contributed towards a global sea level rise. According to researchers, the net loss of ice from Antarctica, along with Greenland's shrinking ice sheet, has been responsible for 0.55 inches of sea level rise since 2003.

Greenland's ice sheet lost an average of 200 gigatons of ice per year, and Antarctica's ice sheet lost an average of 118 gigatons of ice per year. One gigaton of ice is enough to fill 400,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools

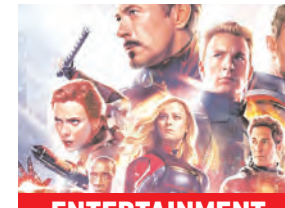
CYCLIST SCALES PEAK ON EXERCISE BIKE

British cycling star Mark Cavendish and former teammate Luke Rowe endured over 10 hours in the saddle of an exercise bike to climb 8,848 metres—the equivalent of scaling Mt Everest. "Just Everested with @LukeRowe1990," the 34-year-old sprinter announced in a post on Twitter. The pair accomplished the latest feat by a sports star in coronavirus lockdown in 10 hours 37 minutes and 32 seconds. "I take my hat off to anyone who's completed it in whatever capacity, it was grim," he said.

FITNESS

KIDS' CHOICE AWARDS: 'AVENGERS: ENDGAME', 'STRANGER THINGS' WIN BIG

Marvel Studios' 'Avengers: Endgame' and Millie Bobby Brown's 'Stranger Things' emerged as the



ENTERTAINMENT

'Avengers: Endgame' won favourite movie, with 'Spider-Man' star Tom Holland becoming the favourite superhero. The award for favourite reality show went to 'America's Got Talent', while Ellen DeGeneres became favourite TV host

big winners at the Kids' Choice Awards 2020, which was produced virtually, after it was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The show also made a \$1 million donation to 'No Kid Hungry' to help COVID-19 victims.

JEE MAIN 2020 FROM JULY 18 TO 23, NEET ON JULY 26: HRD MINISTER

Union HRD Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' conducted a webinar with students to announce the dates. 1. JEE Main 2020 would be from July 18 to July 23. JEE Advanced in August. 2. NEET 2020 would be on July 26.



EDUCATION

JK ROWLING DONATES \$1.25 MN TO HELP HOMELESS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Harry Potter author JK Rowling has donated \$1.25 million to help victims of domestic abuse and homelessness during the coronavirus pandemic, after recovering from the virus herself. The British writer said the money would be split between the charities—Crisis and Refuge, which help the homeless and victims of domestic violence respectively.



FOR A CAUSE

In April, pop singer Rihanna's Clara Lionel Foundation joined forces with Jay-Z's Shawn Carter Foundation and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey to donate \$6.2 million to 11 organisations, including some helping victims of domestic abuse and the homeless

VIEWPOINT



WE NEED TO TAKE STEPS FOR POPULATION CONTROL: PRESIDENT

President Ram Nath Kovind has stressed on the need to take steps for population control in the country. "Large and densely-populated countries such as India have to take deliberate steps, especially on the subject of population control. Otherwise, disasters like Covid-19 can have severe consequences in our country," said President Kovind.

According to UNICEF, out of the estimated 392,078 babies born around the world, 67,385 were born in India on January 1, 2020—a world record

Should there be a population control law in India?

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NEWS IN CLUES

Azerbaijan's Ilham Aliyev is the chairman of which organisation?

CLUE 1: With 120 member states, 17 observer states, it is the largest grouping of states worldwide, after the UN.
CLUE 2: 18 summits have been held till date. New Delhi hosted the 7th in 1983.
CLUE 3: It was established in 1961 through an initiative of then Indian PM Jawaharlal Nehru, Egyptian President Abdel Nasser and Yugoslavian President Josip Tito.

ANSWER: Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). Humanity is facing its most serious crisis in many decades and the organisation can help promote global solidarity as it has often been the world's moral voice, said PM Narendra Modi at the virtual conference of NAM on Monday.

Write, write and write: Emma Stone

In a rare video appearance, actor Emma Stone has raised mental health awareness, while practising social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Oscar winner announced the Child Mind Institute's #WeThriveInside campaign, a digital initiative that will help those struggling right now and beyond with tele-health and online resources.

CELEB TALK

The Child Mind Institute will release self-recorded videos daily, featuring notable names and sharing stories of how they stay mentally-fit, while encouraging families and kids to check out its COVID 19-related resources

Why COVID-19 wallop some & spare others

Time may still prove the greatest equaliser

The Spanish flu that broke out in the United States in 1918 seemed to die down

third of the world's population. Hence, one theory that is unproven but impossible to refute: Maybe the COVID-19 virus just hasn't gotten to those countries yet.

The question of why the virus has overwhelmed some places and left others relatively untouched is a puzzle that has spawned numerous theories and speculations but no definitive answers. We unravel few scenarios...

Young people are more likely to contract mild or asymptomatic cases that are less transmissible to others, believes Robert Bollinger, a professor of infectious diseases at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

protection, epidemiologists said.

Heat and light

The geography of the outbreak—which spread rapidly during the winter in temperate-zone countries like Italy and US and was virtually unseen in warmer countries such as Chad or Guyana—seemed to suggest that the virus did not take well to heat. Other coronaviruses, such as ones that cause the common cold, are less contagious in warmer, moist climates. But researchers say the idea that hot weather alone can repel the virus is wishful thinking.

X-PLAINED

during the summer only to come roaring back with a deadlier strain later that year and a third wave, the following year. It eventually reached far-flung places like islands in Alaska and the South Pacific and infected a

The power of youth

Many countries that have escaped mass epidemics have relatively younger populations.



