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EDITORIAL

Adventure or a pastime

Although being rich is a thrill in itself, but when a person is the richest person in the world, it is difficult to estimate the height of his adventure...! The rich also have different kinds of pastimes. It can also be said that if a rich has no pastime, then it is not rich at all. Obviously the world's richest person will also have the most unique pastime. A sudden suggestion to the world's richest man, Jeff Bezos, why not travel to space? He started fulfilling his wish and finally he has completed his space journey. Actually, Jeff Bezos, the world's richest businessman, has returned after touching space. The spacecraft returned to Earth after crossing the line considered the space limit. Three more passengers went with Bezos. One of which became the world's oldest astronaut and the second youngest astronaut. Actually, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has decided that on the day humans first stepped on the moon, on the same day he will add a new page to the chapter of space travel. Bezos became the second billionaire to travel in space. Before him, British businessman Richard Branson had returned after completing a flight in Virgin Galactic. However, he did not cross the Karman Line. This flight of Bezos was the first such flight of his company in which astronauts were taken. Even though Bezos may not have become the first billionaire to touch the heights of space, he has written a different story with his company Blue Origin. In fact, as soon as this flight knocked on the

door of space, expert pilot Volley Funk became the world's oldest astronaut. Not only this, with him Oliver Damon became the youngest astronaut at the age of 18. The entire flight lasted 10 minutes 18 seconds. However, 52 years from now, Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on the surface of the moon. On July 16, NASA's space shuttle Apollo 11, which flew from the John F. Kennedy Space Center located in the US state of Florida, reached the moon on July 20, 1969, after completing a four-day journey. This vehicle remained on the surface of the Moon for 21 hours 31 minutes. However, the world's first person to go to space was Yuri Gagarin of Russia. He successfully flew to space on 12 April 1961. It was the victory of the Soviet Union over America in the war of space. His safe return had made this victory undeniable. Well, before Jeff Bezos, many rich people of America and Europe had also expressed their desire to establish a colony on the moon. Some rich wish to be settled on Mars....! Psychoanalysts say that if more money comes in than necessary, then a person becomes bored. What has Jeff Bezos proved by traveling in space? It may be known the same, but for millions of people fighting for life, then this space travel is just a display of wealth or the insistence of fulfilling their whims. If he had spent the money in charity, he would have got more name. However, what good has happened to humanity from this journey of his, it is not known, but he got headlines all over the world.

Vocational Education: Vehicle for Skill India

The global economy today requires advanced, flexible and commutable skills. Earlier the jobs were agricultural or family occupation based and the youths used to learn it through working & shadowing the experienced elders. But now, in the era of fourth industrial revolution, the emphasis is on technology based expertise requiring higher skilled workforce. Only a skilled person can grow in today's world. That is why investment in skill development is vital for a country's growth and competitiveness.



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Schools are the Centre of career building where learners are systematically equipped knowledge, skill as well as attitude. Gandhiji has always struggled for basic education, which is based on the learning with doing as well as earning with learning. The main drawback of the present Macaulay system of education in India is that the youths have bundles of higher degrees in their hands, but are bereft of skill training resulting in high unemployment. Education system must be oriented towards producing graduates who

have both strong foundational skill as well as specific skill for jobs. Only 4.69% of Indian workforce in the age group of 19-24 years received formal vocational education as against 24% in China, 52% in USA, 68% in UK, 75% in Germany, 80% in Japan and as high as 96% in South Korea. India ranked 68th in Global Competitiveness Index (GCI) 2019 - one of whose indices is skills development. Obviously, to make India internationally competitive and to boost its economic growth a skilled

workforce is essential. In National Education Policy 2020, emphasis has been given for vocational education to students so that it may help them enhancing employability. In Samagra Shiksha, Vocational education will be integrated in the educational offerings of all secondary schools in a phased manner over the next decade. The vocationalisation of school education has been aligned with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). The Central/State education boards should adequately notify to position Vocational Subject as an additional subject in Class 9 and 10 and as a compulsory (elective) subject in Class 11 and 12. Exposure to vocational education will also be provided in Upper Primary classes i.e. class

Council (NSDC) or by itself. Based on National Occupation Standards, NSDC has notified 339 Job Roles at Level 4 (class 12) across 22 sectors including Agriculture, Automotive, Beauty & Wellness, Gems and Jewellery, IT & ITes, Security, Retail, Telecom, Travel & Tourism etc. In selecting courses, the state will ensure that for pass out students local skill needs are appropriately addressed and suitable scope of employment are available in neighbouring areas. The curriculum will include communication skills, self-management skills, ICT skills, entrepreneurial skills and green skills for enhancing the employability of the students. Internship of minimum 80 hours of workforce learning will help students in developing personalized training plans, acquiring first hand information related to industry and knowledge about labour market.

Vocational Education & Training (VET) help with bridging the skill gap between work and education. Qualitative skill development of the new generation is a national need and the vocational education & training will be proved as a vehicle for Atmanirbhar Bharat.

6 to 8 to orient students with skills required for various occupations and to help them in selecting their vocational subjects at higher level. The state should adopt two vocational trades in each of the selected school on the basis of Skill Gap Analysis, either conducted by National School Development

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What a tragic state of affairs!

By Kajal Chatterjee

More than 4,15,000 people directly falling to Covid-19 (thereby leaving at least 16,00,000 family members in inconsolable grief and helplessness, many of them turned orphans or losing the sole bread-earning member), several hundreds succumbing during "Long March" and millions finding themselves jobless overnight with many of them compelled to commit suicide; how disgracefully do the Who's Who of BJP and Union government boast about their "impeccable fight" against Covid and "glorious victory" over the pandemic! So, when the top honchos of the party assert that Pegasus-exposure is nothing but an "international design" to "defame" the country as a sort of "revenge" for the way "India handled Covid"; it is extremely hard to resist bouts of laughter! Also shocking is their "enviable" unfathomable magnitude of shamelessness, insensitivity, falsehood and rhetoric!

The displacement of millions of starved unfed malnourished poorest of poor migrants comprising children or senior citizens also negotiating the highways since months in harshest of conditions, inhuman queue for procuring oxy-

gen cylinders with several hapless dying due to massive shortage of it, burning of mass pyres in parking lots, mass burial of bodies on Ganga bank or discarding it in water — has any country in the whole world

Madhya Pradesh government through backdoor, instant lockdown without notice, "Occupy Bengal", Kumbh Mela, mindless megalomaniac obsession with VISTA when the sole emphasis

is citing the state of affairs of India as a stern warning how not to act irresponsible when calamities of pandemic proportion pose threat to existence of the civilisation itself!

And just like any criticism of steps like Demonetisation killing hundreds in queues or rendering millions of people jobless, unilateral abrogation of Constitutional provisions revolving Jammu & Kashmir and its fragmentation, divisive anti-humanity NRC-CAA; questioning how Pulwama or Ladakh incursion happened or anything related to Covid-deaths and oxygen-vaccine shortage immediately invite the accusation of being "anti-national" — in the same vein, obviously any query revolving involvement of the Union government in the Pegasus scandal is obviously nothing but a "direct attack upon India's integrity"!

witnessed such horror in these "modern" times! And all these are nothing but direct result of series of callous steps decisions or programme — zealous involvement in implementing NRC-CAA, "Trump show", engagement in toppling

should have been in preventing the intrusion of the pandemic or controlling it through creation of adequate medical infrastructure! Far from drawing "inspiration" from "Visva Guru", the civilised responsible nations around the world must

Instead of coming up with concrete answers in a sane sober tone and based on logic, facts and truth; just character-assassinate the questioner and invoke foolish sentiments by invoking the name of the nation! And unfortunately these tactics of jingoism regularly fetch rich electoral dividends also in the country! Indeed what a tragic state of affairs!

Satire



PM gives little time for meeting

Friend said: Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds an all-party meeting before the monsoon session of Parliament begins. During the meeting, the Prime Minister said that the government is ready for discussion on every issue. Whatever issues will be raised before the government as per the rules. The government will not back down from discussing them. I said: The Prime Minister said that the suggestions of the people's representatives, especially the opposition, are very important. Only then can the discussion reach the result. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister and Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi also attended the meeting. Friend said: Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury also participated in it. After the meeting, Joshi told that more than 40 leaders of about 33 parties participat-

ed in the meeting. Everyone also gave suggestions on important issues for discussion. I said: Shiromani Akali Dal MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal also attended the meeting. She resigned from the Modi cabinet in protest against the agricultural laws. After the meeting, Harsimrat said that the farmers' movement is a big issue and it should be resolved. The House will run when the issues of the people are resolved. The monsoon session of Parliament began from July 19. It will run for 28 days and will end on August 13. 31 bills including 2 financial bills can be introduced during this period. Friend said: During the session, the farmers' organizations have made preparations to intensify the demonstration against the agricultural laws. Rakesh Tikait, national spokesperson of Bharatiya Kisan Union said that on July 22, 200 of our people will go to Parliament. In this regard, Delhi Police has also held a meeting with a delegation of farmers near the Singhu border.

Science Fact

Patients with noncancerous brain tumors affecting hearing may benefit from antihypertension drug

The findings of a recent study indicated that the blood pressure drug losartan can benefit patients suffering from neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2). It's a hereditary condition associated with vestibular schwannomas or noncancerous tumours along the nerves in the brain that are involved with hearing and balance.

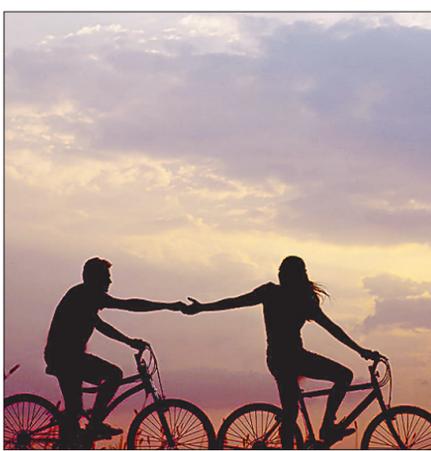


The research was led by investigators at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Massachusetts Eye and Ear. The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Science Translational Medicine'. The results of the research are especially important because vestibular schwannomas are currently treated with surgery and radiation therapy (which carry risks of nerve damage), and no drug is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to treat these tumors or their associated hearing loss. "Developing effective therapeutics to preserve hearing function in patients with NF2 is an urgent unmet medical need. The greatest barrier to managing NF2-related auditory impairment is our incomplete understanding of how schwannomas cause hearing loss," said co-senior author Lei Xu, MD, PhD, an investigator in the Steele Laboratories for Tumor Biology within the MGH Department of Radiation Oncology.

Spiritual

What is a spiritual love?

Spiritual love can refer to a love rooted in a spiritual connection that helps us find meaning and purpose in our lives.



These spiritual loves can serve different purposes: some are meant to walk with us through life, while others are meant to teach us lessons. Sometimes their purpose isn't obvious right away; that said, our spirituality can help us better understand our relationships. In fact, our spirituality has a heavy influence on all of our relationships, whether we set aside time for engaging in spiritual practices or not. Ultimately, spirituality connects us to something bigger than ourselves, and furthers or stunts our relationships with others based on our spiritual connection.

Speak



Centre increased oxygen exports by 700 pc during Covid. Priyanka Gandhi



Data on Covid deaths generated by States; Centre just collects. Sambit Patra



Centre jeopardising national security by snooping in phones using Pegasus software. Kapil Sibal

Tech

Snapchat profiles to feature full-body 3D Bitmojis, backgrounds

Snapchat profiles are getting a full-body makeover! Rolling out today, Snapchatters will be able to see a three-dimensional version of themselves on their Snapchat Profile and Friendship Profile, offering an entirely new way to express themselves and their personalities on the platform.



Snapchatters will soon be able to browse from over 1,200 combinations of body poses, facial expressions, gestures, and backgrounds to further personalise their digital avatars. From peace signs and prayer hands to scenic beaches and trendy animal print backgrounds — Snapchatters will be able to match their 3D Bitmoji to their every mood. Using Pixar-quality 3D capabilities, Snapchatters will see enhanced details on their customised avatar — from the clothing textures and unique embellishments from their favourite fashion labels, to the sparkle and shine on their avatar's earrings.