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## NEWS CAPSULE – FOR STUDENTS

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## **1. Goa and Manipur declared COVID free States**

While most states across the country are reporting a huge number of new CoronaVirus cases every day, the Coastal state of Goa and eastern state of Manipur are declared coronavirus free. All patients who had tested positive earlier in the two states have recovered.

## **2. Milan set to reallocate its street space**

Milan, the second most populated city in Italy after Rome, declared an aspiring plan to reduce Car usage after the lockdown. As Italy gears up to restart its economic activities after the Corona Virus crises, Milan is all set to reallocate its street space from cars to Cycling and walking. The new measure comes in response to the motor traffic congestion dropping by 75 % along with Air Pollution during the coronavirus crises.

## **3. Singapore extends lockdown to June 1st**

The Island country of Singapore has extended the coronavirus lockdown till 1<sup>st</sup> June. Singapore PM - Lee Hsien Loong said that the aim was to bring down the number of cases in the community 'Decisively' and to ensure that there are no leakages. He added the tighter entry restriction on hotspots. Places of higher number of positive COVID-19 cases, including wet markets, will be imposed.

## **4. Oil prices crashes below 0\$/barrel**

This week the US crude oil prices turned negative for the first in history. Imagine taking your car to a petrol pump and instead of giving money taking some.

Let's explain the situation. As we know billions of people in the world are stranded at home. Cars, factories, buses, ships everything is shut. This led to a major fall in crude oil. Right now there is so much excess crude around the US and global markets that producers and traders are literally running out of places to store it both at land in tanks and even at sea on oil tankers. All leading to the crude oil prices crash.

## **5. 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.**

On April 22nd, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Earth day. A reminder for us to care for our planet. Every year Earth Day is celebrated with outdoor festivities such as planting of trees and cleaning trash from the beaches. Can you remember talking about earth day in school and carrying out some activity?

This year, on the 50th anniversary of Earth day did you all take a pledge to give back to the planet we take so much from.

## **6. One World Concert raises 127 million dollars.**

The One world virtual concert took place last Saturday. It brought together celebrities from all over the world to applaud the efforts of healthcare professionals and other front line workers who are combating the coronavirus outbreak globally. Actor Priyanka Chopra praises the WHO, Global citizen and American musician singer Lady Gaga for the success of Virtual Concert. The Concert raised a whopping amount of 127 Million Dollar for Covid-19 Relief.

### **International News**

Amidst the world wide fight against Covid-19, the world needs emotional support as well beside medical help.

Gerry Hofsetter, a swiss light artist set out to do just that. Mount Matterhorn is an iconic peak in the serene beauty of Switzerland. Hofsetter came up with the creative idea to light up this mountain with the flags of countries from around the world. To show solidarity in the collective battle against corona. Some notable flags projected on the 4500 mtr high peak include those of The United States and Japan and only recently in a proud moment for Indians around the world, Matterhorn was lit up with the Indian Tricolor.

Also, Scientists in the UK believed that the medical detection dogs could be trained to identify coronavirus cases. The London School of Hygiene and tropical medicine recently discovered that canines can discover malaria infections in humans and they are investigating whether the same is true for Covid -19. According to researchers the dog test won't replace traditional coronavirus testing but will be used as a supplement since covid-19 tests are in short supplies and results can take hours if not days to come back.

### **National News**

Mumbai witnessed its real sight as ideal conditions got created for foraging in the wetlands due to lower human activity. Thousands of Flamingos migrate to Mumbai every year between the months of October and March before flying out around June. However, the number of flamingos that arrived this year proves to be far larger than the usual flock.

Flattening the curve isn't the only positive takeaway from the humans staying indoors. Several reports of animal taking over town and venturing to urban areas only goes to say how much we have trampled with nature.

### **Science News**

1. Is there a new Earth? Scientist at the office of SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial intelligence) recently found a new planet called Kepler-1649C. Using the Kepler Space telescope. The Kepler telescope was launched by NASA to help find planets that are similar to earth. They did it for several reasons ranging from potential discoveries of new homes to discovering aliens. The new earth-like planets have been described as the most similar planet to earth at Seti. The planet looks similar in size to earth but is an Exoplanet meaning it orbits around the stars rather than a sun. Hundreds of similar planets are discovered every year, but so far Kepler 1649C seems like our best bet for our new home.

2. Three astronauts just returned from space on April 17 after a mission that lasted for over 200 days. Jessica Meir and Oleg Skripochka, both had 205 days journeys, while Andrew Morgan was in space for 272 days. While in space these 3 astronauts did many tasks from going to space walk, doing various experiments like growing plants and many more. Along all of these they also helped conduct the medical research.

The Trio had made a parachute assisted landing in a remote part of Kazakhstan where they were greeted by the crews wearing masks. The world has changed so much since these astronauts left earth, and they themselves said that they feel like they are on a different planet after their return.

## **7. F2 Segment**

### **Can You Guess Who?**

**Clue 1-** Iconic Indian Cricketer is the only player with 100 international centuries and first batsman to score double century.

**Clue 2-** Second Indian after Mother Teresa to have a stamp released by the Indian Postal service in his lifetime.

**Clue 3-** This masterblaster is the recipient of the Laureus World Sports Award for the best sporting moment between 2000-2020.

**Ans.** Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar

He scored a duck in his debut match against India's Arch Rival Pakistan by the age of sixteen.

### **Did u Know-?**

Big things have small beginnings.

National Dish of England is Chicken Tikka Masala.

Cheese is the most stolen food in the world.

Cheese stealing is especially popular in Europe.

## **Book of the Week**

### **The City of Embers**

**Author- Jean Duprau**

**Genre- Post Apocalyptic**

**Children's Fiction**

**Published in - May 2003**

**What's Special - Mystery**

**Gripping**

**Won many awards**

**Adapted into a Film**