

International Women's Day, 8 March, 2024 - Importance and Theme. International Women's Day (IWD) is a global event celebrated on the 8th of March every year since 1911, intending to commemorate women's social, cultural, economic, and political achievements.



“There's no greater pillar of stability than a strong, free, and educated woman.”
- Angelina Jolie

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HOPE

ILLUMINATING THE PATH THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES



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In life's tapestry, hope shines bright as a thread of unwavering optimism, even in the toughest times. It's like a guiding light, leading us through challenges and showing us that better days are ahead.

MORE THAN WISFUL THINKING

Hope isn't just about wishing for things to get better; it's a powerful force that keeps us moving forward, even when things seem impossible. It's what fuels our dreams and gives us the strength to keep going, no matter what obstacles we face.

RISING ABOVE ADVERSITY

One amazing thing about hope is how it helps us rise above tough situations. Whether it's personal struggles, unfairness in society, or big global problems, hope gives us the courage to imagine a better future and take action to make it happen.

CHANGING THE WORLD

Throughout history, hope has been a game-changer. It's what inspired people to fight for civil rights, gender equality, and other big causes. Hope pushes us to explore new frontiers, like reaching for the stars and making incredible scientific discoveries.



FINDING STRENGTH

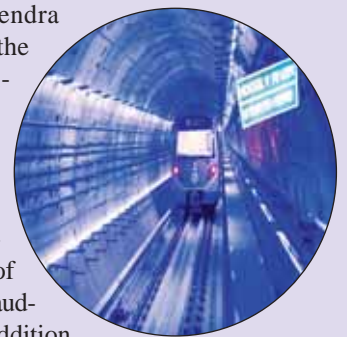
When things feel uncertain and gloomy, hope is like an anchor, keeping us grounded and reminding us that brighter days are coming. It's a reminder that, even when things seem really tough, we have the power and resilience to overcome them.

EMBRACING HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

As we journey through life's twists and turns, let's hold onto hope like a guiding star. It's our source of strength and optimism, helping us face whatever challenges come our way. And when we share hope with others, we create a brighter, more hopeful world for everyone.

INAUGURATION OF INDIA'S FIRST UNDERWATER METRO STATION BY PM MODI

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MUSK'S BOLD CHALLENGE TO ZUCKERBERG: READY FOR A SHOWDOWN ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

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A Day with Nature and Wildlife: Birla Open Minds International School, Ayodhya Road Visits Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden



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In an enriching expedition beyond the confines of the classroom, the enthusiastic students of Birla Open Minds International School, Ayodhya Road recently ventured to Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden. This visit wasn't just a trip; it was a journey into the heart of nature and wildlife, offering the students a unique opportunity to connect with the environment and learn about biodiversity first-hand.

Guided tours by knowledgeable zoo staff made the experience even more insightful. Students learned about the habitats, diet, and conservation status of various species, sparking conversations about the impor-



tance of wildlife conservation and the role humans play in preserving the planet's biodiver-

sity. As the day drew to a close, the students left Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden with

a deeper appreciation for the natural world and a renewed commitment to its preservation. This trip was more than just an educational outing; it was a step towards nurturing responsible, environmentally conscious citizens of tomorrow.

The visit to Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden was a vivid reminder of the beauty and fragility of the planet. Birla Open Minds International School believes in the power of experiential learning to inspire and transform, and this journey was a testament to that belief. The school anticipates many more adventures that educate, enlighten, and empower the students to make a positive impact on the world.

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CMS Aliganj Campus - II Shines at the International Hindi Olympiad



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"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated daily."

The International Hindi Olympiad Competition, organized by the Hindi Olympiad Foundation, served as a beacon for promoting excellence in Hindi language skills worldwide. Among the vibrant participation from various schools, CMS Aliganj Campus - II, left an indelible mark.

Under the guidance of Principal Samvida Adhikari and supported by Incharge Rashika Dixit, along with the dedicated mentorship of teachers Manju Chauhan and Shivani Pandey, the students showcased exceptional dedication and talent, earning numerous medals and certificates. These achievements of students are a testament to their relentless hard work and the guidance bestowed upon them by the school authorities and teachers. Beyond the accolades, such accomplishments serve as a source of inspiration, encouraging others to pursue excellence in Hindi language proficiency and in alignment with the Sustainable

Name	Class	Award
Prachi Singh	4	Gold
Pratibha Singh	5	Gold
Abhinav Verma	6	Gold
Netansha Varshneya	8	Gold
Dakshita	4	Silver
Rajshekhar Awasthi	5	Silver
Dhruv Dixit	5	Silver
Aradhya Shukla	5	Bronze

Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 4: Quality Education, the campus remains committed to nurturing linguistic proficiency, fostering a culture of learning that empowers students to excel not only academically but also as global citizens contributing to linguistic diversity and understanding.



Sindhu Presents Custom Bracelets to Teammates

Badminton ace PV Sindhu showcased her team spirit by gifting custom bracelets, adorned with her teammates' initials, to those who participated in the Badminton Asia Team Championships. Sharing the moment on her Instagram, Sindhu posted a picture with the team, expressing her sentiments: "Eternalizing the gold and celebrating the incredible girls who won it." The Indian women's badminton team secured their inaugural Badminton Asia Team Championships title by defeating Thailand 3-2 in the final match.



Scientific Study Investigates German Man Who Claims Over 200 COVID-19 Vaccines

A 62-year-old German man, asserting to have received more than 200 COVID-19 vaccines, is now the focus of a scientific study. Published in the Lancet Infectious Diseases journal, the analysis examines the impact of repeated vaccinations on the man's immune response. Surprisingly, even after 217 doses, the vaccines seem to stimulate antibody production, enhancing his level of protection. Doctors from Friedrich-Alexander-Universitat Erlangen-Nurnberg, along with hospitals in Munich and Vienna, initiated the investigation after hearing local news reports.



CMS, ALIGANJ II ACHIEVEMENT REPORT: TEACHER'S TRIUMPH IN INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL TEACHERS OLYMPIAD

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Tanushree Rastogi, a primary teacher at City Montessori School, Aliganj Campus II, has achieved remarkable success in the International Digital Teachers Olympiad. Her exceptional performance secured her a coveted position among the top 200 participants. Her outstanding dedication and skill have earned her a Certificate of Achievement, highlighting her significant contribution to digital education.

With an impressive score placing her at the 96.7 percentile, Tanushree not only demonstrates her proficiency but also her unwavering commitment to continuous learning in the field of digital education. Her achievements stand as a testament to her dedication, expertise, and passion for enhancing educational practices through digital means.



Launching Kerala's Pioneering Government OTT Platform - CSpace

Today marks the unveiling of India's inaugural government-owned OTT platform, CSpace, initiated by the state of Kerala. Geared towards delivering people-centric and meaningful infotainment, the platform aims to tap into vast opportunities within the sector.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan is set to inaugurate



CSpace at Kairali Theatre at 9.30 AM, with Cultural Affairs Minister Saji Cherian in attendance. The initial phase of

CSpace features a curated selection of 42 films, encompassing 35 feature films, six documentaries, and one short film.

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Indian Oil Corporation Initiates Formula 1 Fuel Production

In a groundbreaking move, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is poised to commence the production of Formula 1 (F1) car fuel within the next three months. This innovative fuel will be manufactured at the Paradip refinery in Odisha, reflecting IOC's commitment to developing specialized fuels that meet rigorous global standards. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman of Indian Oil, emphasized the significance of this collaboration in advancing the 'Make in India' initiative on the global stage.

City Montessori School, Station Road Campus Advocates Wildlife Conservation

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In line with the sustainable development goal of "Life on Land" and the ethos of the 6C's, Character Building and Creativity, City Montessori School, Station Road Campus, commemorated World Wildlife Day. The occasion provided a delightful opportunity to celebrate the diverse and precious inhabitants of the animal kingdom while emphasizing the importance of treasuring and protecting wildlife.

Through engaging presentations, students were educated about the significance of wildlife conservation. They learned about the crucial role forests play as habitats for animals and the importance of kindness towards animals, alongside the necessity of halting animal poaching. Various interactive activities were organized across all classes to deepen the students' understanding and appreciation of wildlife.

Adding to the celebration, a mini fete centered around an animal theme was organized by the JYEP coordinator. The fete featured diverse stalls



offering activities such as tattoo making, a selfie corner, and games

like "Hit the Glass" and "Bookmark" designed around animal motifs. Each student received animal-themed bookmarks, enhancing their enjoyment of the event.

The culmination of the day saw students taking an oath to actively participate in wildlife conservation efforts, affirming their commitment to safeguarding our natural heritage for future generations. Through such initiatives, City Montessori School, Station Road Campus, continues to instill in its students a deep sense of responsibility towards preserving and protecting our planet's wildlife.

WORKFORCE ADAPTATION: 56% OF INDIANS RELY ON EMPLOYERS FOR AI SKILLS



A report reveals that a significant 56% of Indians prioritize their employers for acquiring the necessary skills to navigate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation, surpassing the global average of 45%. Conducted by consulting firm Mercer, the global talent report draws insights from over 12,000 C-suite executives, HR leaders, employees, and investors worldwide, including input from over 500 employees within Indian organizations. Notably, 46% of Indian employees acknowledge effective communication from their organizations regarding the positive impact of AI on their work, exceeding the global average of 37%.



Groundbreaking Success: Delhi Painter Receives New Hands in Historic Transplant

In a historic medical achievement, a 45-year-old Delhi-based painter, who lost both hands in a 2020 train accident, has become the first person in Delhi to undergo a successful bilateral hand transplant. The transformative procedure, conducted by doctors at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, utilized hands donated by Meena Mehta, the former administrative head of a prominent South Delhi school who was declared brain-dead. In a 12-hour intricate surgery, doctors meticulously connected every artery, muscle, tendon, and nerve between the donor's hands and the recipient's arms. Following this groundbreaking surgery, the painter is anticipated to be discharged soon, ready to wield his brush once again.



Meeting of Minds: English Cricket Squad Visits Dalai Lama

Ahead of the final Test against India, several members of the touring England squad had a unique encounter with the Dalai Lama at his residence in McLeod Ganj near Dharmshala. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) shared a photo capturing the moment, describing it as an "incredible honor" to meet the Nobel laureate for Peace. The team, including Zak Crawley, Tom Hartley, Dan Lawrence, Ollie Pope, and Gus Atkinson, joined the spiritual leader at his residence in a notable meeting that goes beyond the cricketing arena.

Pratyasa Ray Emerges as The Most Successful Female Athlete

In a remarkable feat at the recently concluded Khelo India University Games 2023 Ashtalakshmi, Pratyasa Ray, the 21-year-old swimmer from Utkal University, Odisha, secured her status as the most successful female athlete. With an impressive tally of four gold, one silver, and one bronze, Pratyasa attributed her triumph to meticulous preparations and commended the Khelo India initiative for offering a crucial competitive platform. Notably, she clinched the gold in the 400m freestyle with a personal best time of 4:48:22, acknowledging the support of the Odisha JSW Swimming High-Performance Centre as a contributing factor to her success.



Government Jobs for Khelo Winners as Eligibility Criteria Revised



In a pivotal announcement, Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur revealed that the Central Government has revised eligibility criteria for sportspersons aspiring to secure government jobs. Under this new directive, medal winners from the Khelo India Games, spanning Youth, University, Para, and Winter Games, will be eligible for these positions. Thakur emphasized that this decision aligns with the vision of fostering a "robust sports ecosystem" and represents a significant stride in supporting athletes to propel India towards becoming a sporting superpower.

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USIEF Opens Applications for Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships for Indians

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) announced the commencement of its annual competition for Fulbright-Nehru and various other fellowships for Indian citizens, as stated by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Funded by the MEA, Government of India, and the US Department of State, these exchanges play a pivotal role in fostering closer ties between the people of India and the US, offering enriching opportunities in academics, research, teaching, and professional development, as highlighted in the statement.



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Easy Custard Recipe: Simple and Delicious!

Ingredients:

1. 2 cups milk
2. 4 egg yolks
3. 1/3 cup sugar
4. 2 tablespoons cornstarch
5. 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions:

1. Heat milk in a saucepan until warm but not boiling.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together egg yolks, sugar, and cornstarch until

- smooth.
3. Slowly pour the warm milk into the egg mixture, whisking constantly.
4. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until it thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon.
5. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract.
6. Let the custard cool before serving, either warm or chilled. Enjoy!



CHEF'S CORNER



DIY Paper Chandelier: Brighten Your Space with Colourful Craftiness!

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

1. Assorted colours of construction paper
2. Scissors
3. Glue or tape
4. String or yarn
5. Hole punch

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut the construction paper into strips of various lengths and widths.
2. Fold each strip accordion-style.
3. Arrange the folded strips in a circular or tiered pattern, overlapping them slightly.
4. Glue or tape the ends of the strips together to form a loop or circle.
5. Punch a hole at the top of the chandelier and thread a piece of string or yarn through it for hanging.
6. Hang the paper chandelier from the ceiling and enjoy the colourful display!



1. Honey is the only natural food which never spoils.
2. M&M's chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars and Murrie.
3. You burn more calories eating celery than it contains, the more you eat the thinner you become.
4. The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia.
5. The longest street in the world is Yonge street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km.

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EMPOWERING PROGRESS

Celebrating International Women's Day



Taniya Dyson

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration that honours the achievements and contributions of women while advocating for gender equality. Observed annually on March 8th, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the progress made and the challenges that persist in the fight for women's rights.

EMPOWERMENT AND EQUALITY:

International Women's Day is a rallying point for women worldwide, promoting the empowerment of women in all spheres of life. It is a time to reflect on the progress made in achieving gender equality and to acknowledge the obstacles that still hinder women's advancement.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS:

IWD is an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable achievements of women in various fields - from politics and science to arts and business. It's a day to recognize the trailblazers who have shattered glass ceilings and paved the way for future generations.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Economic empowerment is a key focus on International Women's Day, emphasizing the crucial role women play in the global economy. By recognizing and addressing gender disparities, societies can unlock the full potential of their female population, leading to economic growth and social development.

BREAKING STEREOTYPES:

The day also serves as a platform to challenge and break gender stereotypes that persist in society. By challenging these preconceptions, IWD encourages a shift towards a more inclusive and diverse world, where individuals are not limited by their gender.

CALL TO ACTION:

International Women's Day is more than just a celebration; it's a call to action. It urges individuals and organizations to actively participate in creating a more equitable world. This involves advocating for policies that promote gender equality, fostering inclusive workplaces, and supporting initiatives that uplift women globally.

INTERSECTIONALITY:

Recognizing the intersectionality of women's experiences is essential. International Women's Day highlights that gender equality efforts must address the unique challenges faced by women based on factors such as race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and more.



GLOBAL SOLIDARITY:

The day fosters a sense of global solidarity, bringing people together across borders to collectively address issues affecting women. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of women's struggles and the importance of supporting one another in the pursuit of equal rights. **In conclusion,** International Women's Day is a significant occasion to celebrate women's achievements, reflect on progress, and advocate for a more inclusive and equitable world. It serves as a reminder that the journey towards gender equality is ongoing and requires collective efforts to overcome challenges and build a brighter future for all.

