World Cancer Day, observed annually on February 4th, unites the world to raise awareness, improve education, and catalyze personal, collective, and government action to fight cancer. Led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), it aims to reduce preventable deaths, promote equitable care, and combat stigma.

WORLD CANCER DAY

"Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."
— Marilyn Monroe

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDIA
LITERACY FOR YOUNG READERS

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In today's digital age, young readers are surrounded by information from newspapers, television, social media, websites, and videos. While access to information has become easier than ever, understanding and evaluating this content has become equally important. Media literacy empowers young readers to think critically, make informed choices, and become responsible consumers of information.

What Is Media Literacy?

Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and create media in various forms. For young readers, it means learning how to question what they see or read, identify reliable sources, and understand the purpose behind media messages. Media literacy helps children distinguish between facts, opinions, advertisements, and misinformation.

Why Media Literacy Matters Today

The internet and social media platforms often blur the line between truth and falsehood. Young readers may encounter exaggerated headlines, misleading images, or biased content. Media literacy equips them with the skills to recognize fake news, understand hidden agendas, and avoid being influenced by inaccurate or harmful information. It encourages thoughtful reading rather than passive consumption.

Developing Critical Thinking Skills

One of the greatest benefits of media literacy is the development of critical thinking. When young readers learn to ask questions such as "Who created this message?" and "Why was it shared?", they become active thinkers. These skills help them evaluate credibility, detect bias, and understand multiple perspectives. Critical thinking not only improves academic performance but also supports responsible decision-making in everyday life.

Encouraging Responsible Digital Citizenship

Media literacy also promotes ethical and responsible behavior online. Young readers learn about digital safety, privacy, and respectful communication. Understanding how words and images can influence others helps children use media platforms thoughtfully and responsibly. This awareness fosters empathy, accountability, and positive online interactions.

Role of Schools and Families

Schools play a vital role in integrating media literacy into education through discussions, projects, and guided analysis of media content. Parents and guardians can support this learning by encouraging open conversations at home, discussing news stories, and modeling thoughtful media use. Together, schools and families can help young readers build confidence in navigating the media world. Media literacy is an essential life skill for young readers in the modern world. By teaching children how to analyze information critically, recognize misinformation, and use media responsibly, society prepares them to become informed, thoughtful, and empowered individuals. In an age overflowing with information, media literacy ensures that young readers are not just consumers of content, but wise interpreters of it.

LOOKING BEYOND NVIDIA

Reports that OpenAI is dissatisfied with some Nvidia chips signal shifting dynamics in the AI hardware ecosystem. As models grow larger, efficiency and cost become critical. Dependence on a single supplier poses strategic risk. OpenAI's exploration of alternatives suggests diversification rather than rupture. The development highlights how AI progress is constrained by hardware realities. Chips shape innovation as much as algorithms. Competition in AI infrastructure may accelerate as demand outpaces supply. The search for alternatives reflects a maturing industry where optimisation, not just performance, defines leadership.

LEARNING FROM THE GORILLA

Conservation leader Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka draws inspiration from gorillas' social behaviour, emphasising cooperation and balance. Her work highlights how protecting wildlife also protects human communities. Gorillas thrive through cohesion, a lesson for conservation strategies that integrate people rather than exclude them. Kalema-Zikusoka advocates empathy-driven conservation, linking health, environment, and livelihoods. Her philosophy reframes conservation as partnership, not policing. In an era of ecological crisis, such approaches gain relevance. Protecting nature requires understanding interconnected systems. Gorillas, she argues, show how strength lies in coexistence, not dominance.

FUNDING INNOVATION ON A DEADLINE

The government plans to spend the first tranche of the research innovation fund by March, signalling urgency in boosting scientific output. Timely disbursal matters for credibility. Researchers often face delays that stall momentum. The fund aims to support high-impact projects and innovation ecosystems. Execution will determine success. Transparent selection and accountability are crucial. Investing in research is investing in long-term capacity. The deadline-driven approach reflects intent, but sustainability requires consistent follow-through. Innovation flourishes not through announcements, but through reliable support structures that allow ideas to mature.
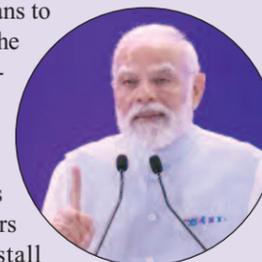
SETH M. R. JAIPURIA SCHOOL, KANPUR ROAD CAMPUS BIDS FAREWELL TO CLASS XII STUDENTS

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Seth M. R. Jaipuria School, Kanpur Road Campus, bid an emotional farewell to the Class XII students in a heartfelt ceremony filled with nostalgia, blessings, and warm wishes. The event was a beautiful blend of joy and sentiment, as the school community came together to celebrate the achievements and memorable journey of the outgoing batch.

The farewell ceremony was led by the Principal, Poonam Gautam, who showered her blessings upon the students and encouraged them to step into the next phase of life with confidence, resilience, and determination. The students were also blessed with the good wishes of the

Director, Anuj Awasthi, whose guidance and encouragement continue to inspire them to aim high and uphold the values of the Jaipuria family. The event was filled with memorable performances. Class XI students dedicated a soulful song to their seniors and presented a mesmerizing dance performance, expressing their love and best wishes. In a special and touching gesture, the teachers also

sang a beautiful song, making the farewell even more emotional and memorable.

To honour the students' achievements and personalities, special titles were awarded:

Mr. KRC – Hitansh Singh Dhami
Ms. KRC – Yati Tripathi
Mr. Iconic – Arshdeep Singh
Ms. Iconic – Saumya Tiwari
KRC's Elegant Diva – Akshata Dwivedi
KRC's Stylish Maestro – Gurmukh Singh

The event concluded with students reminiscing about their school journey, sharing heartfelt messages, and expressing their gratitude to their teachers and mentors. It was truly a day filled with emotions, cherished memories, and new beginnings.

Fuel Leak Delays Lunar Ambitions

NASA faced a fuel leak during a practice countdown of its Moon rocket, prompting safety reviews. While disappointing, such delays prioritise crew and mission integrity. Space exploration tolerates no shortcuts. The Artemis programme's complexity increases risk. Each test refines readiness. NASA's transparency reinforces public trust. Setbacks remind audiences that exploration is iterative. Lunar ambitions remain intact, but patience is essential. The incident underscores how engineering challenges persist even for established agencies. Progress toward the Moon depends on learning from failures as much as celebrating milestones.

Students Lead Literary Seminar at Kothari International School

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Students of IGCSE English Literature at Kothari International School, Noida (IB & Cambridge), organised a literary seminar titled "Voices, Visions, and Interpretations", aimed at encouraging critical engagement with literature as part of the Cambridge IGCSE English Literature (0475) curriculum.

The seminar featured a panel discussion on literature as a human discipline, examining how literary texts shape empathy, perspective, and critical thinking. The panel included Nikhil Pant, Perspective Builder and educationist, and Ajay Jain, author, founder of Kunzum Books, and a literary advocate. The discussion was

moderated by student anchors, reflecting a strong emphasis on student leadership and academic responsibility.

Panellists highlighted the role of literature in questioning dominant narratives and fostering interpretative inde-

pendence. While Pant emphasised the importance of perspective-building and intellectual inquiry through texts, Jain spoke about the relevance of literature in sustaining reading cultures and amplifying diverse voices.

The event also included student research paper presentations, where participants presented analytical responses to prescribed literary texts. The presentations demonstrated close reading, structured argumentation, and confident academic articulation—key skills aligned with Cambridge assessment objectives.

The seminar reinforced the school's focus on inquiry-based learning and its commitment to developing students as reflective readers and articulate thinkers.

Farewell 2026 at Shri Ramswaroop Memorial Public School

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The farewell celebration at Shri Ramswaroop Memorial Public School was not just an event, but an emotion—beginning with a warm welcome and lamp lighting ceremony and flowing into moments of togetherness through cake cutting, soulful songs, energetic dance performances, a meaningful role play, fun games, a confident ramp walk, and deeply touching speeches by the seniors and teachers. Every smile carried memories, every tear spoke of bonds built over years, and every applause echoed the love shared as one school family. As the seniors step into a new chapter of life, the school sent them off with pride, blessings, and endless good wishes for a future filled with success, happiness, and purpose.
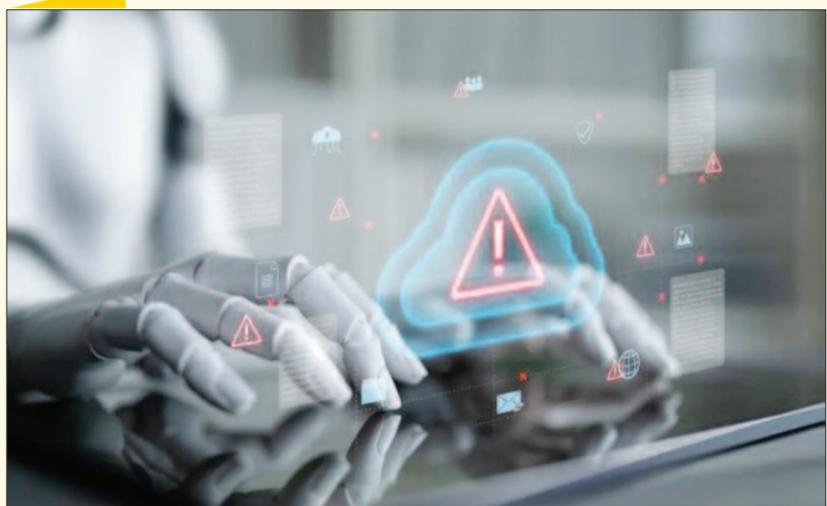
CODING THE CORPORATE BRAIN

Snowflake's launch of an enterprise AI coding agent marks a push to simplify data and AI deployment inside large organisations. The tool is designed to automate complex workflows, reduce development time, and make advanced analytics accessible beyond specialist teams. As companies struggle to operationalise AI at scale, such agents promise speed and standardisation. However, automation also raises questions about oversight, data security, and workforce displacement. Snowflake's move reflects a broader shift where enterprise AI is no longer experimental but infrastructural. Success will depend on trust, reliability, and seamless integration into existing systems rather than headline-grabbing capabilities alone.

THE AI AGENT THAT CAPTURED THE INTERNET

OpenClaw's AI agent went viral for its apparent autonomy, demonstrating how software can independently navigate tasks with minimal human input. The fascination lies not just in functionality, but in perception—users saw a glimpse of machines acting with intent. Experts caution that virality often exaggerates capability, masking limitations and risks. OpenClaw's moment reflects growing public curiosity and unease around agentic AI. As tools become more autonomous, transparency and guardrails grow essential. The episode shows how easily technological demos can spark hype cycles, underscoring the need to separate innovation from illusion in public understanding of artificial intelligence.

HEALING BEYOND THE TUMOUR

Psycho-oncology is redefining cancer care by recognising emotional well-being as central to treatment. Anxiety, depression, and fear often accompany diagnosis, affecting recovery and compliance. Integrating psychological support improves outcomes and dignity. On World Cancer Day, experts stress that treating the body alone is insufficient. Counselling, mental health screening, and caregiver support are essential components. India's healthcare system is slowly embracing this holistic approach. Challenges remain in access and awareness. Making room for the mind transforms cancer care from survival-focused to patient-centred, acknowledging that healing involves resilience, understanding, and emotional strength alongside medical intervention.

TWEAKING THE ELECTRIC BESTSELLER

Tesla's new Model Y variant, priced at $41,990 in the U.S., aims to broaden appeal amid slowing EV demand. The adjustment reflects market pressure to balance affordability with margins. Tesla continues refining its lineup rather than radical redesigns. Price sensitivity now shapes the EV race more than novelty. Competition is intensifying as consumers weigh cost against charging infrastructure and reliability. The new variant underscores Tesla's attempt to protect volume while maintaining brand positioning. EV adoption is no longer guaranteed growth; it demands strategic pricing, incremental innovation, and renewed consumer confidence.

A SHORT TRIP TO THE EDGE OF SPACE

Suborbital tourism offers passengers brief journeys beyond Earth's atmosphere without completing a full orbit. Travellers experience weightlessness and views of Earth before returning within hours. The appeal lies in accessibility compared to orbital missions. Companies position it as the first step toward commercial space travel. Critics question environmental costs, safety, and exclusivity. Supporters argue innovation often begins as elite before scaling. Suborbital flights redefine tourism as experience rather than destination. As technology matures, regulation will be crucial. Whether this becomes transformative or remains symbolic depends on affordability, sustainability, and long-term public interest.

SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH SMART GLASS

The launch of Oakley-Meta Vanguard AI glasses in India signals growing convergence between wearables and artificial intelligence. Designed to integrate audio, visuals, and AI assistance, the device targets users seeking hands-free connectivity. While innovation excites, concerns persist around privacy, constant recording, and data ownership. Smart glasses challenge social norms by blurring public and private spaces. Adoption will hinge on trust and practical usefulness beyond novelty. India's launch suggests confidence in a tech-savvy market, but acceptance depends on cultural comfort. Wearable AI must prove it enhances daily life without intruding on it.

DEFENDING DATA IN THE NAME OF SECURITY

Palantir's CEO has defended the company's surveillance technology as government contracts drive rising sales. Supporters argue such tools enhance national security and efficiency. Critics warn of privacy erosion, misuse, and lack of accountability. The debate reflects tension between safety and civil liberties. As governments rely on private firms for intelligence infrastructure, ethical responsibility shifts beyond the state. Transparency and oversight become vital. Palantir's growth shows how data-driven surveillance is becoming institutionalised. The question is no longer whether such technology will be used, but how societies choose to regulate power concentrated in algorithms shaping security decisions.

CODEX ENTERS THE CODING RACE

OpenAI's launch of the Codex app intensifies competition in AI-assisted coding. The app aims to boost developer productivity by generating, reviewing, and explaining code. As coding tools multiply, differentiation hinges on accuracy, context awareness, and reliability. Codex positions OpenAI against rivals offering similar solutions. However, over-reliance on AI-generated code raises concerns about errors and deskilling. Developers increasingly act as supervisors rather than creators. Codex's success will depend on trust and integration into workflows. The race is no longer about novelty but about who becomes indispensable to everyday software development.
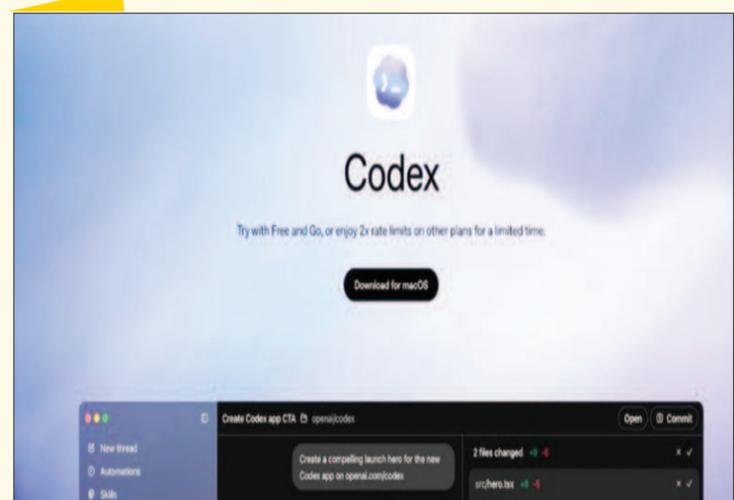
INVESTIGATING BEFORE THE NEXT LEAP

The investigation into recent PSLV failures remains ongoing, with the next launch planned for June. Officials stress caution, emphasising learning over haste. India's space programme values reliability built over decades. Failures, while rare, demand rigorous analysis to maintain credibility. The pause reflects maturity rather than setback. Space missions tolerate little error, making transparency crucial. The outcome will influence future schedules and confidence. As India expands ambitions in space, accountability grows in importance. The response to failure often defines institutional strength more than success, reinforcing trust in science-driven problem solving.

WHEN AI PLATFORMS FORGET SECURITY

Cybersecurity firm Wiz revealed a major vulnerability in Moltbook, a social platform for AI agents. The flaw exposed sensitive data, highlighting how rapidly built AI ecosystems often overlook security fundamentals. As agent-based platforms proliferate, risks multiply. Developers prioritise innovation speed over safeguards. The incident underscores that AI does not eliminate traditional cyber threats; it amplifies them. Trust in AI infrastructure depends on robust security practices. Moltbook's case serves as a warning that experimental platforms need mature protection. In digital ecosystems, sophistication without security becomes liability, not progress.

MERGING MUSK'S TECH UNIVERSE

SpaceX's acquisition of xAI consolidates Elon Musk's technological ambitions under a tighter ecosystem. The move links AI development with space, communications, and data infrastructure. Supporters see synergy; critics warn of concentration of power. Combining private aerospace and AI raises governance questions. The acquisition reflects a strategy of vertical integration. Musk's vision increasingly blends hardware, software, and intelligence. As boundaries blur, regulatory scrutiny may intensify. The merger signals how tech empires evolve by absorption rather than competition, reshaping how innovation, influence, and accountability intersect.

A COSTLY CRYPTO WHIPLASH

Crypto market volatility triggered $2.5 billion in Bitcoin liquidations, exposing the fragility of leveraged trading. Rapid price swings wiped out positions within hours, underscoring systemic risk. Such events deter mainstream adoption by reinforcing perceptions of instability. While advocates frame volatility as opportunity, the scale of losses highlights structural weaknesses. Liquidity shocks reveal how sentiment-driven markets react under stress. Regulators view such episodes as warnings. The liquidations reaffirm that crypto remains speculative. Without stronger safeguards, the promise of decentralised finance continues to clash with the reality of extreme market behaviour.

FUN COOKING – SWEET CORN CHAAT

A healthy and tasty snack.

CHEF'S CORNER

Ingredients:

- 1 cup boiled sweet corn
- 1 small onion (finely chopped)
- 1 small tomato (finely chopped)
- A pinch of salt
- A pinch of lemon juice
- A little chaat masala (optional)

Instructions:

1. Take boiled sweet corn in a bowl.
2. Add chopped onion and tomato.
3. Add salt, lemon juice, and chaat masala.
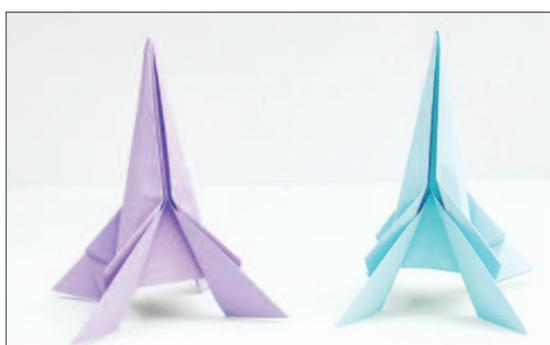4. Mix everything well.
5. Serve fresh.

Chef's Tip:

You can add a little butter for extra taste.

FUN ACTIVITY – PAPER ROCKET CRAFT

Materials:

- Colored paper
- Glue
- Sketch pens
- Scissors

Steps:

1. Cut a long triangle shape for the rocket body.
2. Cut two small triangles for side fins.
3. Paste the fins on both sides of the rocket.
4. Draw windows and lines on the rocket.
5. Color and decorate it.

Creative Twist:

Paste cotton at the bottom to show smoke.

FUN FACTS
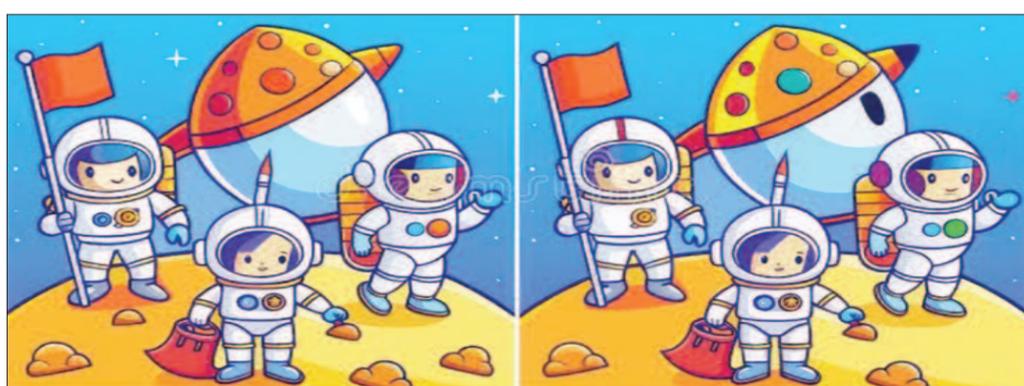
- The Sun rises in the east and sets in the west.
- Frogs can jump very far compared to their size.
- Our bones give shape to our body.
- Birds lay eggs.
- Water can change into ice when it is very cold.

RIDDLE OF THE DAY

What has many teeth but cannot bite?
Answer: Comb

SUDOKU

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4	_	_	2	_	_
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6	_	_	_	_	4
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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Q1. Which organ helps us to hear?

Q2. How many days are there in February in a leap year?

Q3. Which animal is called the desert ship?

Q4. What do we use to tell the time on our wrist?

Q5. Which gas do plants take in to make food?

Answers:

Ear

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Camel

Watch

Carbon dioxide

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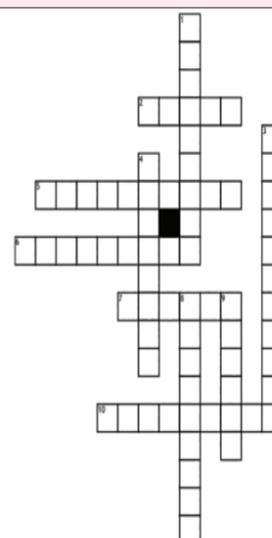
Across
2. a limestone rock with crystals inside
5. devotion; loyalty
6. something that gets in the way
7. to divide into two equal parts
10. confidence; certainty

Down
1. money given for a certain purpose
3. something that bothers
4. occurring every two years or lasting for two years
8. the power to keep on without giving up
9. being three in one

DIFFERENCE

Green Development: Hope or Hype?

By Md. Sawood Basari

As climate change, pollution, and resource depletion intensify, the idea of green development has gained global attention. It promises economic growth without environmental destruction by promoting renewable energy, sustainable industries, and eco-friendly lifestyles. Governments, corporations, and international institutions now speak the language of sustainability. Yet an important question remains: is green development a genuine path to a better future, or merely a fashionable slogan?

What Green Development Claims to Achieve

Green development aims to balance economic progress with environmental protection. Its key goals include:
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Promoting renewable energy
- Encouraging sustainable consumption
- Protecting natural ecosystems

Why Green Development Feels Like Hope

There are visible successes that make green development appear promising. Solar and wind energy have become cheaper and more accessible. Cities are adopting electric transport and green buildings. Public awareness about waste reduction and conservation is increasing. These changes suggest that development does not have to mean destruction. For many young people, green development represents the possibility of a future that is both prosperous and livable.

Why It Is Also Called Hype

Despite its promise, green development often suffers from shallow implementation. Many projects are "green" only in name, while harmful practices continue behind the scenes. Corporations may promote eco-friendly images while still polluting heavily. Governments may announce climate goals without enforcing strict regulations. This gap between language and action creates suspicion that green development is sometimes more about image than impact.

CITY HIGHLIGHTS