

PINEWOOD SCHOOL

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HELLO STUDENTS!
**HERE WE PRESENT TO YOU THE
DECEMBER EDITION OF THE
MONTHLY NEWSPAPER SERIES
BY PINEWOOD SCHOOL!**

WINTER VACATIONS

The winter break signals a temporary pause from academic responsibilities. With the corridors quiet and textbooks set aside, students welcome a respite. The anticipation of a festive winter atmosphere is shared by all. Beyond the school setting, families plan cozy gatherings amidst the snowy landscape. This interlude provides a valuable opportunity for relaxation and meaningful connections with loved ones. As we temporarily step away from the regular academic routine, the break becomes a conducive time for rejuvenation and enjoyable moments before resuming our scholastic pursuits.

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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



RAIMATI GHIURIA **(Queen Of Millets)**

Raimati Ghiuria, a tribal farmer from Odisha's Koraput district, has preserved 30 varieties of millets and trained hundreds of women in cultivating rare millets. She was invited to the G20 Summit held to commemorate the 'International Year of Millets'.

ANNUAL CULTURAL FIESTA

Pinewood School's CULTURAL FIESTA wasn't just a performance; it was a testament to the transformative power of the arts and the indomitable spirit of these young performers. Bravo to the cast, crew, and everyone involved for a night that will linger in our memories as a shining example of the magic that unfolds when talent and passion collide on the stage.



CBSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



Sarthak Som secured a gold medal at the CBSE national badminton tournament, held from December 9 to 13. This accomplishment brings joy and pride not only to Sarthak but also to the entire Pinewood School community. Demonstrating commendable dedication and skill in badminton, his hard work has truly paid off. His success stands as a testament to his commitment to the sport.



CBSE HERITAGE QUIZ

Pinewood School achieved success by winning the zonal round of the CBSE Heritage Quiz in Dehradun, securing a spot in the Semi-Finals. The winning team included Vinayak Sharma from Class 11, along with Aviral Kumar and Parth Kalra from Class 10. This victory highlights Pinewood School's excellence in academics and teamwork.



INTERACTIVE SESSION : DR. T N SURESH KUMAR [ISRO]

Pinewood School had the privilege of hosting Dr. T N Suresh Kumar, a retired ISRO scientist, on December 19, 2023. He shared fascinating stories about space, emphasizing the importance of curiosity. Dr. Kumar's engaging tales brought the wonders of the stars closer to the students, leaving a lasting impact. His visit inspired the young minds, encouraging them to dream big in the field of science. Pinewood School extends heartfelt gratitude for Dr. T N Suresh's wisdom, which continues to echo in the corridors, shaping the aspirations of the students toward brighter futures in science and exploration.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Pinewood School hosted a special Christmas assembly, featuring heartwarming carols and prayers sung by the students. The festive atmosphere reached its peak when Santa Claus danced joyfully with the students, creating an enchanting and delightful experience for everyone present. The assembly succeeded in spreading holiday cheer, and the joyous celebration left everyone in high spirits, making it a memorable and enjoyable occasion.



Merry

CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas is celebrated worldwide on December 25th, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ with festive gatherings, gift exchanges, and decorations. Families come together to share joy and warmth during this special time. New Year's Eve marks the transition to a fresh start, celebrated globally with parties, fireworks, and resolutions for the upcoming year 2024. Both occasions symbolize reflection, hope, and the embrace of new opportunities, fostering a spirit of unity and optimism for the future.





NIRMALA SITHARAMAN IN FORBES' 2023 POWER LIST



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has secured the 32nd place among Forbes' World's 100 Most Powerful Women, alongside Kamala Harris, Taylor Swift, and Barbie. The diverse list encompasses global sectors from politics to entertainment, featuring influential Indian women like Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Soma Mondal and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.

FORMER PM ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE'S BIOPIC

Pankaj Tripathi has dropped the poster of his upcoming film Main Atal Hoon where the actor will essay the role of former Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The film is directed by Ravi Jadhav and is written by Jadhav, Utkarsh Naithani and Rishi Virmani. The film is scheduled to be released in theatres on January 19, 2024.

NINA SINGH: FIRST WOMAN CISF CHIEF

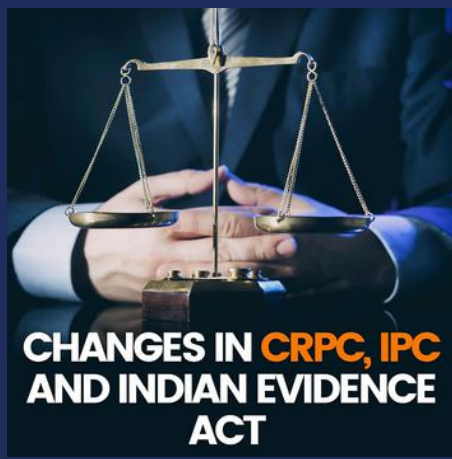
Nina Singh, a 1989 batch IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre has created history by becoming the first woman to head the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), which provides security cover to the Delhi Metro and airports across the country. Singh, who was with the CISF as a special DG since 2021, is the first woman to achieve this superlative feat.

BENGALURU AIRPORT CROWNED 'WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL' 2023

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport managed to stand out in a recent announcement from UNESCO's Prix Versailles 2023. It has been recognized as the 'World's most beautiful airport' and was awarded the coveted 'World Special Prize for an Interior 2023.' The world judges panel for the Prix Versailles 2023, revealed the latest architectural projects to win a world title, among which Bengaluru airport is the only Indian airport.



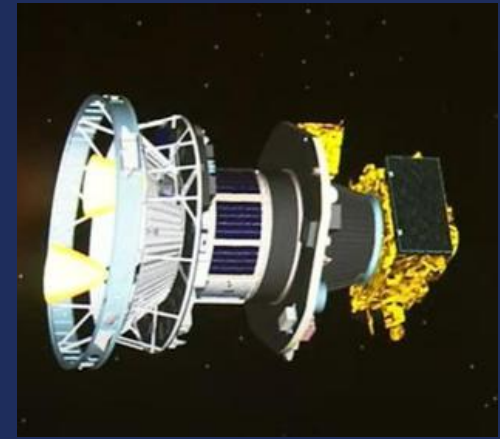
INDIAN PARLIAMENT REPLACES COLONIAL LAWS WITH REFORMS



CHANGES IN CRPC, IPC AND INDIAN EVIDENCE ACT

The Parliament passed the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bills replacing the Indian Penal Code-1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure Act-1898 and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872, respectively with Rajya Sabha clearing the three Bills. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said the new legislation will replace the colonial criminal justice system.

XPOSAT: ISRO'S FIRST MISSION TO STUDY BLACK HOLE



The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) launched its first dedicated polarimetry mission, the X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat). This is India's first dedicated polarimetry mission to study dynamics of bright astronomical X-ray sources in extreme conditions. The X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite or XPoSAT would offer insights into celestial objects such as black holes making it the 60th launch in the PSLV rocket series.

MANISHA PADHI : INDIA'S FIRST WOMAN AIDE-DE-CAMP TO MIZORAM GOVERNOR



Manisha Padhi, a 2015 batch Indian Air Force (IAF) officer was appointed as the Aide-De-Camp to Mizoram Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati on November 29. She is the first woman Indian Armed Forces officer to be appointed as Aide-De-Camp(ADC) to the Governor in the country

FRENCH PRESIDENT MACRON TO ATTEND INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY

French President Emmanuel Macron is set to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations on January 26 next year, news agency PTI reported citing people familiar with the development. The Indian government had invited US President Joe Biden as the chief guest, but he expressed his inability to visit New Delhi in January.



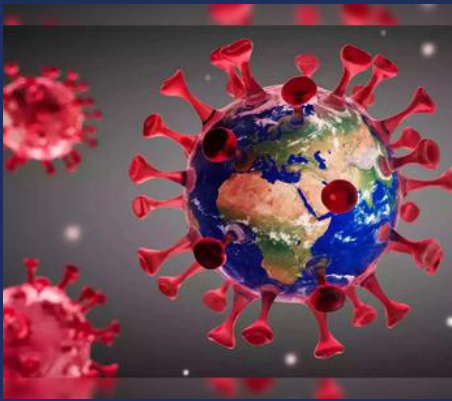


TAYLOR SWIFT NAMED TIME'S 'PERSON OF THE YEAR'

Taylor Swift is ending her year with another accolade: The pop superstar was named Time magazine's 2023 "Person of the Year,". "While her popularity has grown across the decades, this is the year that Swift, 33, achieved a kind of nuclear fusion: shooting art and commerce together to release an energy of historic force," Time said Swift was selected because she found a way to give people around the world hope in some seriously dark times.



JN.1 COVID VARIANT



JN.1 has been found in many countries around the world, including India, China, UK and the United States. The risk to the public is currently low and current vaccines continue to offer protection, the WHO says. But it warns Covid and other infections could rise this winter.

APPLE WATCH BAN LIFTED IN THE U.S.

A patent dispute with Masimo led to a temporary US ban on Apple Watch Series 8 models boasting blood oxygen tech. After securing a court-ordered stay, Apple resumed sales while the legal battle continues, with potential implications for future wearables innovation and patent protections in the health tech arena.



GOOGLE SETTLES \$5 BILLION PRIVACY LAWSUIT

Google has agreed to settle a consumer privacy lawsuit seeking at least \$5 billion in damages over allegations it tracked the data of users who thought they were browsing the internet privately. The object of the lawsuit was the "incognito" mode on Google's Chrome browser that the plaintiffs said gave users a false sense that what they were surfing online was not being tracked.



TESLA LOSES EV CROWN TO CHINESE AUTOMAKER



Tesla Inc., the Austin-based automaker, has lost its pole position as the world's most popular EV maker to BYD Co. of China despite delivering more vehicles in global electric-car sales than expected in the fourth quarter. The Elon Musk-owned company delivered over 484,507 vehicles in the fourth quarter, Tesla said, beating analysts' estimate for 483,173 units.

DO YOU KNOW?

Which country celebrates New Year first and who's last?

Kiritimati Island also known as Christmas Island in the central Pacific Ocean will have been the first to ring in 2024. The last place to ring in 2024 will be Baker Island and Howland Island.





WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA SUSPENDED BY SPORTS MINISTRY

Union Sports Ministry suspended the newly elected body of the Wrestling Federation of India after the newly elected president Sanjay Singh announced U-15 and U-20 nationals to take place in Nandini Nagar, Gonda (UP). The WFI elections were held on December 21 with former president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's loyalist, Sanjay Singh, and his panel winning the polls by big margins.



MANCHESTER CITY WIN CHAMPIONS

Manchester City won the Champions League for the first time thanks to a 1-0 win over Inter in Istanbul. Pep Guardiola's adjustment to City's defence should worry Europe – he has evolved as a coach and found a new template to win the big games. In 2019, they were the top scorers in the Champions League despite being knocked out at the quarter-final stage by Tottenham.



INDIA SECURES CONVINCING WIN OVER AUSTRALIA WOMEN

Australia's women have tasted defeat to India in a Test match for the first time, beaten by eight wickets on the last day of their one-off match in Mumbai. After losing 7-55 to end their second innings, Alyssa Healy's tourists could only set the hosts a target of 75 at Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. India claimed the victory with relative ease, recovering from the loss of Shafali Verma for four in the first over to chase down the target.



BUSINESS NEWS



KIRAN MAZUMDAR SHAW (CEO- BIOCON LTD.)

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur. She is the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited, a biotechnology company based in Bangalore, India and the former chairperson of IIM (B). She was on the Financial Times' 11 top 50 women in business list and was listed as the 68th most powerful woman in the world by Forbes.

UTTAR PRADESH SURGES AS INDIA'S SECOND-LARGEST ECONOMY,

Uttar Pradesh became India's second-largest economy, surpassing key states and surging ahead in a commendable stride toward Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's ambitious goal of achieving the \$1 trillion mark by 2027. Uttar Pradesh commanded a substantial 9.2% share of the nation's GDP, elevating it from its previous third-place standing.



SENSEX CROSSES HISTORIC 71,000 MARK FOR THE FIRST TIME

The BSE Sensex created history as it crossed the 71,000 mark for the first time. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 569.88 points to reach its all-time high of 71,084.08 during the morning trade. During the morning trade, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro and JSW Steel were the major gainers.



G.K. QUIZ...



- 1) Which team won the men's hockey world cup held in India in 2023 ?
- 2) When is the “World Braille Day” observed every year”?
- 3) On, 1 January, 2024, ISRO has launched which satellite to study X-ray emissions from various celestial sources including black hole?
- 4) Who was the longest serving Cabinet Minister of India ?
- 5) 'The Sky is pink' movie is based on which author and motivational speaker who died at the age of only 18 on 24 January, 2015 ?



6. Identify this famous personality who served as India's first Chief of Defense Staff.



7. Identify this famous architecture built in Bihar which was destroyed by Bakhtiyar Khilji ?

Answers to the G.K. QUIZ (Previous Edition)

- 1) Sam Altman 2) Guru Ram Das 3) Lionel Messi 4) Africa 5) South Africa and Zimbabwe 6) Sam Manekshaw 7) Jaswant Singh Gill

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