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## 2021 Election: The battle of survival

*Shreya Biswas and  
Salmali Das*

The Elections of 2021 in India seems to be a burning topic, as they are expected to be conducted soon across five states amidst COVID-19. Unlike other years, the election is different this time since calculation and equation are changing now and then. The year 2021 State Assembly Elections will be held in five states of India, which include Assam, Kolkata, Kerala, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu. Political temperature has been boiling high in West Bengal where



Ballot for voting

~BBC

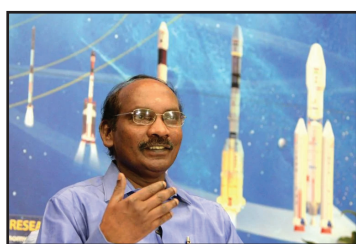
the BJP is making a determined bid to end the Trinamool Congress' rule after emerging as its sole rival in the last few years whereas Left-Cong alliance is also expecting a good number of seats. The ruling BJP is in direct contest with the Congress in Assam, while the political scene in Tamil Nadu, which has been dom-

inated by the two Dravidian parties, has become a lot more fascinating after Tamil film superstar Rajinikanth reportedly announced to launch his party to fight the election. In Kerala, a major fight is expected between the ruling LDF, headed by the CPI(M), and the Congress-led UDF. Apart from the results, what is most exciting is to see how the election commission is going to manage it during this pandemic situation. Will it worsen the situation of our country or will it contribute to a better tomorrow?

## India in view to toughen its position in the space race

*Harshita Kumari*

ISRO, Indian Space Research Organization launched more than three spacecrafts in 2020, signaling towards a better tomorrow of India in the field of space science. The GSAT-30 Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit, EOS-01 and CMS-01 are the three spacecrafts.. Chandrayaan-3, Gaganyaan, LUPEX in 2024, Aditya-L1 are scheduled to launch in 2022, RISAT-1A in 2021, NISAR by 2022, Mang-



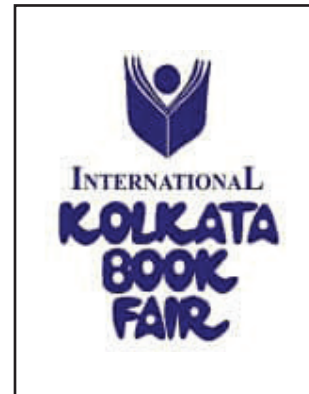
K. Sivan, Chairman ISRO

~CNBC

alyaan-2 in 2024 and Shukrayaan by 2025. Chandrayaan-3 is expected to be launched in 2021. Chandrayaan-2 launched in 2019 reached the moon in September of the same year. However, ISRO had lost contact with its Vikram Lander and the Pragyan Rover in

September 2019, K. Sivan the chairman of ISRO stated that the Chandrayaan-2 was 98% successful. Moreover, the orbiter is going well and sending back all the necessary data to ISRO. It will also be used to communicate with the Chandrayaan-3. Scientists will encompass experience learnt from the failure of the Chandrayaan-2 into their third mission. A total of more than 600 crores is to be invested for the next Chandrayaan mission.

## Kolkata Book Fair deferred to June'21



The International Kolkata Book Fair logo

~10 TIMES

*Shruti Chakraborty*

The city's annual literary carnival, The International Kolkata Book Fair, which generally takes place in late January or early February every year has been pushed to the month of June due to the ongoing pandemic situation and the 'political pandemonium in the state' as confirmed by the organizers. "Bangladesh would have been the focal theme for this edition, as we are dedicating it to 'Bangabandhu' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," Guild President Tridib Chatterjee told PTI. The organizers have confirmed that the logistical team has already started to plan for a safe and successful 45th edition of the International Kolkata Book Fair.





## US Presidential Elections: A ray of hope?



Joe Biden and Donald Trump -Abcnews

Ahana Basu

India's interest in the US elections is due to their relationship over the past two decades. However, after the nationwide election counting, US finally announced their 46th President, Joe Biden from the Democratic Party, with a margin of 76 electoral votes, giving the country its first-ever woman Vice President, Kamala Harris, raising the perennial debate about who is good for India - Democrats or Republics? But this Presidential Election will have an impending impact on Global Politics that would directly or indirectly influence India. Previously, every US Pres-

ident hoped and aimed for strengthening their ties with India individually. Joe Biden who had served as the Vice President, under the Barrack Obama administration, advocated for deepening strategic engagement with India. In 2006, before becoming the Vice President, he envisioned, "My dream is that in 2020, India and the United States will be two closest nations". He encouraged the Indo-US nuclear deal and persuaded then Senator Barrack Obama to approve the deal in US Congress 2008. Hence, the Obama-Biden administration called India, a "Major Defence Partner", making it easier for the countries to share critical and technological defence advancements. Hopefully, this victory is a driving force for a better tomorrow.

## COVID-19: The vaccine race



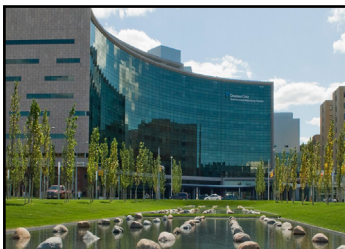
Covid-19 vaccine -The Guardian

Farheen Halder

After 8 months of pangs and toils, the world witnesses the entries of multiple vaccine candidates in the scene against the deadly virus which is yet effective in spite of the emergence of the new strain caused by the virus. Amongst all the chaos, Sputnik-V was the first to raise hope, with its news. Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine becomes the first with 94% of efficacy to get approved by several nations followed by Moderna with 95%

efficacy and AstraZeneca developed by Oxford University, UK, with an efficacy of 70%. Johnson and Johnson claim that a single dose of the vaccines is still awaited to complete its trials. Whereas, India declared emergency roll out of its indigenously manufactured Covaxin by Bharat Biotech without the data of its Phase 3 trials. Until the circulation of vaccines takes place throughout the globe, we are responsible to restrict its spread by social distancing, masking, sanitizing more often and successfully join hands in making the world a safe place against COVID-19 by educating ourselves on its spread and precautions as well as others around us.

## Cleveland Clinic announces medical advancements for 2021



Cleveland Clinic -WKYC

Debolina Das

In association with the Medical Innovation Summit 2020, Cleveland Clinic unveiled the healthcare innovations of 2021. The

breakthrough technologies will enhance healthcare marking a milestone, according to their experts. Hemoglobinopathies, are a genetic disorder influencing the production or structure of the haemoglobin molecule, like thalassemia. The new research has brought a gene therapy has been introduced giving the patients the

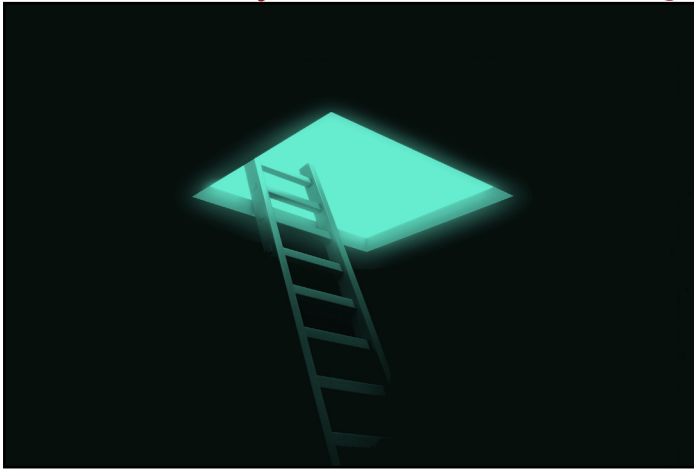
ability to make active haemoglobin molecules. Pacemakers help to maintain heartbeats and send electrical impulses towards the heart chambers to pump blood to the rest of the body. Since remote monitoring is the major part of this care, a Bluetooth-attached pacemaker used to combine with a mobile app will

transmit health data to the physicians of the patients, preventing disconnections. Since Hepatitis C patients receive limited treatment, fresh dose of medication has been permitted for good. A multi-specialty medical centre providing clinical care with education and research, Cleveland has pioneered coronary artery bypass surgery in US.





## HOPE of a world beyond 'Mask'



*On hope, in a time of hopelessness*  
*Sagorika Roy*

*-Wired*

***"When you try your best,  
but you don't succeed  
When you get what  
you want but not  
what you need  
When you feel so tired,  
but you can't sleep  
Stuck in reverse  
Light will guide you home  
And ignite your bones  
And I will try to fix you"***  
-Song by Coldplay

In the year 2020, when corona virus took its first footsteps into this world,

no one knew that their life will soon be changing from 'normal' to a whole 'new normal'. In this 'new normal', wearing a mask, carrying a sanitizer and maintaining a 'physical-distance' became necessary. 2020 had thousands of people lose their jobs, students drop out of schools, people giving up on their lives, increase in struggles of migrant workers, fall in GDP, increase in domestic violence

and messed up physical and mental health. Amidst all odds, one thing that kept the world going was 'HOPE'. Coldplay knew that their song 'Fix You' would stand as a guiding star of 'faith' and 'believe'. People learnt to start valuing everything they were 'GRATEFUL' to have. Many discovered 'new talents' within themselves while many revisited their long-lost talents. Celebrations became more of 'spending time with dear ones' than making it a grand event, celebration is now all about little things and more happiness. Hence, instead of matching dupattas, the 'new normal' is trending with matching 'masks', HOPING to get back to the beginning of the cycle of 'normal'!

## Today, Be A Better You

*Meghna Mitra*

- Greet the dawn, brew some strong coffee with a friend along, and remind yourself of all the chances that a new day holds.
- Start taking a different and pleasing route to work with giving yourself some extra time first.
- Make something interesting out of today. How about turning your TV off and awakening your inner Shakespeare and write down your own kind of sonnets?
- Since memories are like a box of sweets and it is impossible to be happy with just a single bite, why not wander down your memory lane and cherish them all, again?

## What a Year, 2020!

*Tanvi Sehgal*

Dear 2020, It's a wrap! You know, we all never spent so much time at home and online before we met you 2020. Everybody was quick to wave you off for all the twists and turns and the horrors you showed us. But you also provided us a

lot of time for self-reflection and improvement. 2020, you have been a wakeup call that things are always changing and evolving. People grow most when they are forced to leave their comfort zones. You made us desperate for some sense of normalcy but also taught us to get

used to a new normal. This year, as we are reminded that we live on the same planet and share common problems, we've seen humanity's compassion and passion for each other, which helped us to survive and believe to have "a better tomorrow" What a year!



*Rip 2020*

*-Crazy dog*







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## Kolkata International Film Festival 2021: A celebration of masterpieces

Sagnik Das Gupta

The world of cinema is as enigmatic and incredible as it can possibly get. Nothing describes it more than the Kolkata International Film Festival that takes place every year. KIFF is looked up to one of the biggest events for cinephiles in the city of joy. The festival celebrates a huge variety of films from across the globe. No one knew that this year would turn out to be probably one of the harshest that humanity has ever had to face. However, KIFF is still on and in a virtual platform and the inauguration day of the festival started off with the screening of Apur Sansar from the

legendary filmmaker, Satyajit Ray. What more, 45 countries are being screened at eight venues



Kolkata International Film Festival 2021

-NewsBrig

the King of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan himself inaugurated the beginning of the festival alongside the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mamta Banerjee. With 82 full-length feature films as well as 50 short films and documentaries from around

in the span of a week. Moreover, from amongst a total of 1,170 films, 132 have been selected for the screening at the different venues. This is not only an uber prestigious degree of recognition but a treat to the eyes of the big time cinephiles out there. More-

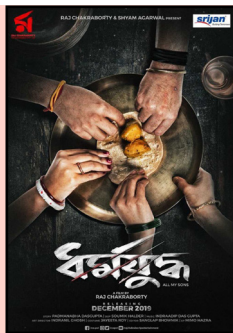
over, a very special tribute was paid to one of the most celebrated actors of Bengal, Soumitra Chatterjee, whose demise in November of 2020 took the entire state by storm. Also, what the holding of the popular festival in the midst of all odds shows is that, we as humans are capable of achieving anything and everything with will power. There is nothing in this world which can hold us back from doing what we love the most. The 26th Kolkata International Film Festival is the biggest evidence of how strong our hope for a better tomorrow is. The show must go on and it cannot get better than this!

## New year with more "Light, Camera and Action"



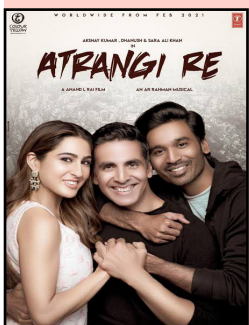
Black Widow

-Marvel.com



Dharmojuddho

-Cinestaan



Atrangi Re

-Twitter



No Time To Die

-Wikipedia

Anindini Sen

A number of movies arriving in 2021 are to bring back all cinephiles in the theatres. Blockbusters like "Black Widow", which was earlier delayed, will get a theatrical release in 2021 - to quench the thirst of all Mar-

vel fans. "Dune" is also set to release in 1st October 2021. The audience is getting another Daniel Craig starred 'James Bond' movie- "No Time to Die". Like Hollywood, both Bollywood and Tollywood are also ready with fistful of films to release in 2021. Anand L Rai and Dhanush are coming together for a romantic drama 'Atrangi Re' starring Akshay Kumar and Sara Ali Khan will hit the multiplexes on Valentine's Day. 'Maidan' based on the life of India's

football coach Syed Abdul Rahim played by Ajay Devgn will start its screening on October 15. Much awaited films like Amir Khan's 'Laal Singh Chaddha', Ranveer Singh's '83' fresh releasing dates are yet too announced. In Tollywood, Raj Chakraborty is ready with his movie "Dharmojuddho" whereas Srijit Mukherjee's "Kakababur Pratabortan" will also hit the theatre this year.





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## Snap-Shot

**East Bengal registers their second win of the season against Bengaluru FC**



East bengal beats bengaluru -Sportskeeda

Anikita Dey

It was not a promising start to the first ISL for SC East Bengal but quite successfully they regained after their win over Bengaluru FC at the Fatorda Stadium on January 9, 2021. The red and yellow brigade only goal came from Matti Steinman at the 20th minute.

## Messi sets a new record



Lionel Messi -Barca Blaugranes

Anikita Dey

Lionel Messi recently scored his 644th goal to lead the table of the most number of goals scored by a single player for a single club. At the age of 24, Messi is climbing the ladder of success like none other. The Argentine superstar went past the previous record of Pele's 643 goals after crashing Valladolid by 3-0. India handles to acknowledge his top notch skills.

## Welcome 2021: Major forthcoming tournaments for India



From IPL to T20 World to T20 World Cup

-DNA India

Disha Sinha

The sudden emergence of COVID-19 in 2020 left much impact on the world sports arena with missing thrill in the stadiums. Major tournaments are being played in empty/limited seating capacity while maintaining the protocols. Since 2021 is providing all the players with fresh goals

for a better tomorrow, how about awarding it 'The Best Sports Year'? After the current India-Australia series BCCI has set tentative schedules of some major cricket tournaments--- Women's Domestic Cricket from January 22 to January 28, IPL in April-May and ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 from October 18 to November 15.

## Rishabh Pant's will to fight steals the show



Rishabh Pant -Free press journal

Sagnik Das Gupta

What Rishabh Pant displayed today was nothing short of extraordinary. The one man army of a batsman turned the third

Test against Australia around. Pant went on to counter-attack 97 on day five of the Sydney Test. Not just that, Harbhajan Singh was in awe of the batsman's ability to turn a match around. Pant came in to bat with India chasing 407 runs to win. He was promoted at No. 5 in the order ahead of Hanuma Vihari. Pant showcased true spirit of master batsmanship which gave India an outside chance of a victory. Pant deserves all the praise that he has been re-

ceiving for his adrenaline pumping 97 off 118 balls today, with 12 fours and 3 sixes alongside a strike rate of 82.20. What is more commendable is the fact that he achieved this despite suffering from an elbow injury from a Pat Cummins short ball in the 1st innings of the Test. The match ended with India on 334/5, chasing a target of 407 runs. This brings the series to a 1-1. Now, India will take on Australia in Brisbane from January 15.







## Will the concept of online campus pave the way to a better tomorrow in the realm of education?

1.Yes, because of this online era we are getting the privilege of having these seminars and guest lectures from eminent people of the industry sitting in various horizons of the country which in normal routine I don't think would have been possible.

Poushali Das

2.Yes,With the concept of online campus, education has become more accessible which helps the students to balance their socio-cultural life and education better.

Victoria Banik

3.The Teacher-student, student-student relationship demands real-life interaction to influence and comprehend each other for the sole purpose of bestowing quality education which only an actual campus learning can provide.

Ibtisam Fayaz Khan

4.No.Campus cannot become an online space in my opinion. For the

few who cannot access it offline it can be an online medium but in general I think it is necessary to be in an environment where people

can inspire each other and communicate.

Pratyayaa Dev

5.Yes, definitely, online campus will guarantee a better tomorrow for the privileged few with a good net connection. However, the lack of face-to-face communication may increase misinterpretation of what is being taught in the class.

Dipshita Chaudhury

## Christmas of sharing and caring

Bhavika Maheswari

St. Xavier's University came up with an initiative of Blanket Donation Drive called Christmas

morning of 21st December 2020, Reverend Father Dr John Flix Raj S.J. and other dignitaries of St Xavier's University and Snegam inaugurated the event, followed by the commencement of the blanket donation to the University Campus Workers. Afterwards, the team of XIA alongside the volunteers, sisters and members of Snegam were taken to St. Francis Academy in Kathaberia where the blankets were donated to all the needy people of the village. The event concluded with the distribution of food packets to all the volunteers and members of XIA.



St. Xavier's University

-Telegraph India

of Sharing and Caring on 21st December 2020.

The donation drive was organized by the social service wing, Xavierians in Action (XIA) where 500 blankets, sponsored by Snegam and St. Xavier's University Alumni Association, were distributed to the workers in the campus and needy people in the village of Kathalberia. On the

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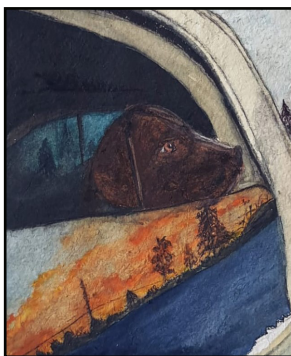
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