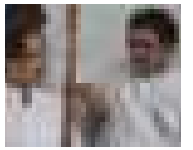




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WOMEN ARE MAJOR VICTIMS OF CYBER FRAUD



Cyber fraud cases are on rise in Mumbai. Many senior citizens and especially women across the country have become targets to online impostors and losing money after responding to SMS or messages received over mobile phones. In a recent case from Mumbai, a 65-year-old woman lost over 7 lakh to cyber fraud after responding to a fake SMS regarding an overdue electricity bill. Woman from the Andheri area received an SMS regarding an unpaid electricity bill on her husband's

phone. The SMS further warned that if the bill is not paid on time, the electricity connection of their house will be disconnected. Along with the SMS, there was also a phone number to contact for payment. The panic woman called the mentioned number. The call was picked up by an unknown person who introduced himself as an employee of the Adani Electricity office. The person further assured the victim that he would help her in bill payment and asked her to download the app "TeamViewer QuickSupport."

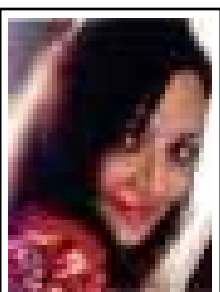
Following the instructions, the victim downloaded the app and shared the ID and passcode, giving the caller access to her mobile phone. After a while, the victim received back-to-back three SMS about the transactions of Rs 4,62,959, Rs 1,39,900, and Rs 89,000. A total of Rs 6, 91,859 was debited from her account.

In other case, the Parsi New Year did not begin on a good note for 75-year-old Thrity Dadabhoy, from Parel, who has been defrauded to the tune of ₹10 lakh by two members of two separate

cyber fraud groups with one posing as an employee of Provident Funds Organisation and the other as bank executive, according to an FIR registered by the Bhoiwada Police in Dadar. Under the pretext of sending some provident fund money to her account, the fraudsters tricked the elderly woman into downloading an app, enabling screen share option, sharing debit card details and then tricked her of her money. Dadabhoy filed a complaint with the police after which the FIR was registered.

60-year-old woman in search of a prospective husband was duped

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Senior citizen single women in metro cities these days are looking for companionship. Some are seeking someone to have dinner with, some are looking for someone to travel with them, and others are looking for someone to share their favourite activities. It's always fun to have attraction, romance, and being in a relationship. That gives a sense of security and belonging. A 60-year-old woman in Mumbai who recently retired from a private company was duped to the tune of Rs 24 lakh in a cryptocurrency fraud by a person whom she acquainted with on a matrimonial website. Early in 2022, the woman registered herself on a matrimonial website. Soon after, she came in contact with a person who claimed to be an engineer in the USA and

the two exchanged numbers and chatted often.

Engineer knew what this senior woman wanted and he tried to impress her by all means. Somehow the woman's life blossomed in thought of having a relationship. She was in search of a prospective husband. Gradually the engineer took charge over her emotions, and lured her into investing money in cryptocurrency. That engineer in March last year explained to the woman the huge returns she would be getting if she invested in a company that deals in cryptocurrency, and went on to coax her to invest in the company where he was getting heavy passive income.

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Most aging women seek someone with whom they can share daily lives, laughter, and adventures; a friend and a lover. Also, if a woman is 60 and up, you are most likely looking for a relationship based on honesty and fidelity, with no drama, addiction, or abuse. Senior women want men to be emotionally honest with them. A mature woman knows that in a relationship there needs to be honesty. It's not worth playing games with someone who twists the truth. A woman who has been down this road before will not bargain with childish behaviour such as dishonesty. An older woman will know what battles to pursue and which ones to let go of during a dispute. She knows to not react immediately, to choose the right time to talk and to not yell. Senior women's experience of life is their strength, but their emotional weakness makes it disastrous for them. Finding balance, love and commitment is part of a mature woman's mantra. She expects to find the same in her love relationships. She has been through the ropes and is certainly done with the mindless games she's experienced in the past. Is she perfect? No way. Still, she's honest enough to know what she wants in a man and how she wants to live her life.

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The woman then called the guide and between April 2022 and December 2022, and invested Rs 24 lakh, said an officer who added that a virtual account was created in her name and it showed that her investment had increased to \$62,000, which is equivalent to Rs 52 lakh over a period of time.

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He also shared the contact number of a person "who shall guide her" in the investment process, they said. With utmost blind faith, she invested lakhs of rupees. One fine day her virtual account became dysfunctional when she expressed her wish to withdraw some money.

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These senior women are not only gullible but at times at life risk. The fear of living alone or loneliness of life drives them towards such traps. Being older than 65, single and looking for romance has never been easy, and for women, who outnumber single men, it's especially challenging. The Internet is making it easier for older women, who didn't grow up with the Web, to get outside their social circles for dating and romance, but it can make them more vulnerable to deception. People are a little generous about themselves in their profiles. When older women go looking online, they are more likely to be targets of Internet scams.

For most 60-year-old women, the whole concept of romance and love is different than in their 20s, 30s, or 40s. Mature single women primarily seek friendship, love, and stability. In addition, a 60-year-old woman wants to be appreciated and accepted for who she truly is. As there is no longer a goal of having children, a 60-year-old woman can relax in her new relationship, looking for a partner who shares similar interests, values, or passions. In addition, they seek emotional closeness, psychological bonding, and intimate connection with someone friendly, caring, and kind.

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Sharad Pawar unites opposition parties to attend a meeting on misuse of EVM



Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar has invited opposition parties to attend a meeting in Delhi on Thursday to discuss various issues, including the possibility of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) being susceptible to tampering.

"It is an acknowledged fact that any machine with a chip can

be hacked. Can we allow democracy to be hijacked by some unscrupulous elements? Therefore, in the interest of free and fair elections, we must sit together and listen to the views expressed by eminent IT professionals and cryptographers," Pawar said in the letter sent to Opposition parties. Pawar said the Chief Election Commissioner promised

to respond to the doubts raised about EVMs by some civil society activists and political parties.

"There are some very pertinent questions raised in the report by CCE (Citizens' Commission on Elections). The report contains views of eminent information technology professors, cryptographers and retired government officials. The civil society had submitted a letter to ECI in May 2022 and another reminder after two weeks. The ECI didn't even acknowledge their letter. The doubts regarding the possibility of manipulating EVMs are being raised even by the common man now," read the letter.

The meeting is likely to be attended by leaders of several opposition parties, and it is being seen as an attempt to bring together the opposition to take on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

Man booked for making and distributing fake food items of popular brands in Thane

Police have registered an offence against a man for allegedly making, stocking and distributing fake food products of various popular brands, including chocolate spread of a prominent company, at his godown in Thane city of Maharashtra, an official said on Thursday.

The case was registered after the police conducted a raid at the godown on March 8 and seized various fake food items worth Rs 10.5 lakh, the official of Narpoli police station in Bhiwandi division said. An offence under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 420 (cheating), the Copyright Act and the Trade Marks Act has been

registered against the stockist.

"The accused manufactured the food items and packed them in such a manner that it becomes difficult to differentiate between a fake and an original product. He distributed these food items in the market through dealers," the police official said, adding that probe into the case is on. PTI

Mazar-like structure coming up illegally off Mumbai coast removed



A 'mazar' like structure being constructed unauthorisedly off the coast of Mahim in Mumbai was on Thursday removed by district collectorate, civic and police personnel, an official said. Mumbai City Resident Collector Sadanand Jadhav

told PTI the "mazar" and the structure around it had come up illegally on revenue department land. A six-member team was formed for its demolition with the help of personnel from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and Mumbai police, he added.

After Raj Thackeray's ultimatum, BMC razes illegal 'dargah' in Mahim sea

A day after Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) President Raj Thackeray's dramatic revelations of an unauthorised 'dargah' coming up in the Arabian Sea off Mahim, the BMC rushed a team there and demolished it, here on Thursday morning. A team of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) along with heavy police bandobast, a JCB and other equipment, swooped onto the so-called 'mazaar' (grave) of an unknown person that had manifested on a tiny islet a few metres away from the Mahim sea-shore.

Raj Thackeray blames cousin Uddhav for Shiv Sena split



MNS chief Raj Thackeray hurled an attack on his estranged cousin and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray by holding the latter responsible for the split in the Shiv Sena last year. Raj Thackeray also blamed his cousin for the evacuation of senior leaders, including him and Narayan Rane, from Sena. "Senior leader and former CM Narayan Rane was forced to exit from the party. He never wanted to quit Shiv Sena as he was loyal to Bal Thackeray. But he had to leave because there was a definite plot to forcibly ensure his exit. I was just being used for campaigns. I was denied an organisational role... there was meticulous planning to undermine my role. I was completely sidelined. Instructions were issued not to use my photos," Raj Thackeray said

at a Gudi Padwa rally in Mumbai.

Raj Thackeray also claimed that an illegal religious structure of minority is being constructed in the middle of the sea, near Mahim and giving an ultimatum to government, Raj said the government should take action on it within a month's time or the MNS will build a temple exactly besides it. He added that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde — who rebelled against Uddhav and formed the government with the BJP — left because of the Sena (UBT) chief. "Eknath Shinde, along with 40 MLAs, left Uddhav Thackeray because of his leadership. Even as the CM, Uddhav Thackeray never met MLAs. Suddenly now, he has started stepping out," he said. "Uddhav is travelling all over Maharashtra to gain sympathy but he is not introspecting," he added.

Daily Covid cases cross 300 in Maharashtra after 5 months

Even as the state's daily Covid-19 cases crossed 300 (334) after almost five months, the number of Covid deaths in March climbed to 10 with one in Solapur on Wednesday. The rise in Covid activity in Maharashtra can be gauged from the fact that only 32 cases were reported on March 1, and there were no deaths in February. A civic doctor from Mumbai said Covid cases are being increasingly detected in patients sched-

uled for procedures or brought to hospital due to high fever. "Covid is caused by a novel virus. We will see a rise in cases or outbreaks from time to time," said the doctor. Mumbai, which was the worst hotspot in India during most of the Covid waves in 2020 and 2021, has however only contributed to less than a third of the state's tally (71) on Wednesday. There have been no Covid deaths in the city in February and March so far.

Nation

Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhu says, "Water cess passed in the states does not violate water rights"



Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday clarified that "none of the provisions of the water Cess Act passed by the state violates the water rights of neighbouring states, adding that, "that Water cess has already been imposed by various state governments like Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir governments. "None of the provisions of this Act violates the water rights of neighbouring

states," CM Sukhu said. "I would like to inform the House that this Act in no way violates the provisions of the Inter-State River Dispute Act-1956 or any other MoU and I want to assure all the neighbouring states that this Ordinance will not affect Legitimate Rights," CM Sukhu assured. "On the same lines, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has set up various power generation agencies to increase the revenue of the state. The

cess is levied on water used by established hydropower projects and not on water flowing across neighbouring state borders," CM Sukhu informed.

CM Sukhu's remarks came after the Government of Punjab and Haryana raised an objection to the Water Cess Act - 2023 brought by the Government of Himachal Pradesh:- "Giving respect to its neighbouring states, Himachal Pradesh wants to say that the Water Cess on Hydro Power Generation Act 2023 implemented by the government in the state does not violate any kind of inter-state treaties, nor does it violate the provisions of the Indus water treaty," CM Sukhu clarified. CM Sukhu added that the assertion by Punjab and Haryana that the Himachal government's decision to impose water cess is against the Inter-State River Disputes Act, 1956 is not logical as it does not affect the water released to neighbouring states.

SC to set up five-judge bench to pleas challenging 'polygamy' and 'nikah halala'



The Supreme Court said Thursday it will set up a fresh five-judge Constitution bench at an "appropriate stage" to hear pleas challenging the constitutional validity of polygamy and 'nikah halala' among Muslims. A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala was urged by lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay, who has filed a PIL on the issue, that section 494 of the Indian Penal Code allows polygamy, halala etc. and needs to be struck down. "I will

consider it. At an appropriate stage, I will constitute a constitution bench," the CJI responded.

Upadhyay, in his PIL, has sought a direction to declare polygamy and 'nikah halala' unconstitutional and illegal.

While polygamy allows a Muslim man to have four wives, 'nikah halala' deals with the process in which a Muslim woman, who wants to re-marry her husband after divorce, has to first marry another person and get a divorce from him after consummation. PTI

MP: Lawyers go on 3-day strike in Gwalior against HC's new policy to resolve cases



A group of lawyers went on a three-day strike protesting against the Madhya Pradesh High Court's new policy for case resolutions in Gwalior district from Thursday. According to the protesting lawyers, Madhya Pradesh High Court has ordered all the district courts in the state to resolve at least 25 pending cases within three months. But the advocates say that there cannot be a decision in any case in this quick time frame.

President of Madhya Pradesh State Advocates Council, Prem

Singh Bhadauria told ANI, "The High Court has ordered that 25 cases should be resolved in three months which is not possible in the judicial process. We are protesting for the same. There are a total of 76901 pending cases in Gwalior."

"Our demand is that people should get proper justice. Opportunity should be given to both the parties to get justice, so that the advocate and the judge should not work under any pressure. The High Court should withdraw the policy of 25 cases to be resolved in three months. As soon as the policy gets withdrawn, we will also call off our protest," he added. All lawyers from tehsil level to high court have participated in the strike on Thursday. More than 1.5 lakh advocates across the state are on the strike. The strike will continue for three days and the doors are open for discussion, Bhadauria said. ANI

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren says, "non-BJP governments and leaders were being made victims of conspiracies"

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday said the two-year sentence awarded to Rahul Gandhi by a court in Surat is a matter of concern for democracy, and alleged that non-BJP governments and leaders were being made victims of conspiracies. Soren said though he has full faith in the judiciary, he is against the decision to sentence the Congress leader in a 2019 criminal defamation case filed against him over his "Modi surname" remarks.

"Despite having full faith in the judicial system, I disagree with the decision to punish Rahul Gandhi in the defamation case. Non-BJP governments and leaders are being made victims of conspiracies.

"This is a matter of concern for democracy and politics of the country... There is no value of democracy in front of 'dhan-



tantra," Soren tweeted. The issue was raised in the Jharkhand Assembly, too, and it was adjourned twice amid Congress legislators creating a ruckus. The court of Chief Judicial Magistrate H H Varma, which held Gandhi guilty on Thursday, also granted him bail and suspended the sentence for 30 days to allow him to appeal in a higher court, the Con-

gress leader's lawyer Babu Mangukhiya said. The Congress has said Gandhi will file an appeal against the Surat court's order. The case was filed against Gandhi for his alleged "how come all the thieves have Modi as the common surname?" remarks on a complaint lodged by BJP MLA and former Gujarat minister Purnesh Modi. PTI

World

Security beefed up around Indian Consulate in San Francisco after Khalistani supporters stage protest



More than 200 protesters waving Khalistan flags descended upon the Indian Consulate in San Francisco on Wednesday for a planned demonstration amid a heightened security presence of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). Unlike the violent disorder on Sunday when the Consulate came under attack, the protesters were heavily barricaded across the road with uniformed SFPD officers standing guard and patrolling the area.

The protesters included

turbaned men of all ages who chanted pro-Khalistan slogans. They came in from different parts of the Bay area. The organisers used mikes to make anti-India speeches both in English and Punjabi language and attack the Punjab Police for alleged human rights violations. When ANI tried to talk to one of the protestors, he made allegations of Indian media bias for calling them fringe elements and backed by Pakistan's spy agency ISI. "There have been flyers circulating on social media and it's the youth that's at the

forefront of protests like these," a pro-Khalistan youth told ANI. The Indian Consulate in San Francisco has been working with enforcement agencies to secure its premises and the diplomats working at the mission. "Thank you @SFPDChief for the assurances. Met Chief Scott to discuss the attack on @CGISFO Chancery building on March 19 and request to raise the level of protection to the Consulate premises and personnel," Consul General of India at San Francisco Ambassador Nagendra Prasad tweeted on Wednesday. Meanwhile, White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby has said vandalism at Indian Consulate in San Francisco is "absolutely unacceptable" and is condemned by the US. "We certainly condemn that vandalism, it's absolutely unacceptable. State Department's diplomatic security service is working with local authorities to properly investigate. The state Department will work on infrastructure perspective to repair the damage," Kirby said.

Xi's Russia visit, bid for leadership of non-Western world: Chinese Media portrays



For audiences in China, Xi Jinping's visit to Russia this week was a show of strength and a testament to Beijing's bid for global leadership. On the second day of Xi's trip to Moscow, Chinese media was awash with coverage of the visit as evidence of China's mettle when it comes to standing up to Washington. Xi on Tuesday continued talks with senior Russian officials and invited his counterpart Vladimir Putin to visit China, even as the Russian leader comes under mounting criticism, including an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court,

Washington Post reported.

"This visit will clearly tell the Americans that China is not to be intimidated. As a major power, it is our right and freedom to visit any country we want to visit," wrote Feng Sheng, a researcher at a think tank affiliated with the Beijing-based consultancy Warming Hi-Tech, in an article popular on WeChat, Washington Post reported. "What other countries will see is that China is not afraid of American hegemony. ... What we Chinese see is that our head of state has such strategic courage and wisdom -- in a word -- strength!"

Uyghur rights group empowers activists, students to challenge China's cultural genocide

Campaign for Uyghurs hosted its first Uyghur Advocacy Training Workshop for young activists and students in Istanbul to challenge China's cultural genocide who are trying to choke the Uyghur nation's expectations. Marco Respinti, writing in Bitter Winter said that Campaign for Uyghurs on March 11-12 hosted the workshop to equip young Uyghur activists and students living in Turkey with the intellectual and practical tools and skills that may enable them to make their voice heard in the most effective way.

Campaign for Uyghurs (CfU) is a non-profit organization championing democratic liberties for battered people, which in 2022 was nominated for the



Nobel Peace Prize. Founded in 2017, it is chaired by Rushan Abbas, whose family's story of harassment is quite exemplary of the PRC's mischief and abuses. Presided by Rushan Abbas, and conducted by Sabrina Sohail, CfU Director of Advocacy and Communications, as well as Arslan Hidayat, CfU Program Director, the workshop featured several speakers of different nationalities, reported Bitter Winter.

China's Strategic Support Force combines elements of cyber, space, psychological warfare: Report

The Chinese spy balloon that flew over the United States earlier this year bore the earmarks of an operation carried out by China's Strategic Support Force (SSF), a little-known hybrid branch of the People's Liberation Army that combines elements of cyber, electronic, space, and psychological warfare, VOA reported. The SSF, established on the last day of 2015 as part of an armed forces restructuring introduced early in Chinese leader Xi Jinping's rule, has no exact counterpart in any other country, according to Dean Cheng, a senior adviser on China at the US Institute of Peace and longtime observer of China's military.

In a telephonic interview given to VOA, Dean Cheng

said, "The Strategic Support Force brought together China's electronic war forces, Chinese network war forces, which include but is not limited to cyber, and elements of China's space forces. These have been in different bins, if you will, within the PLA." He added, "Interestingly, it also brings in Base 311, which is responsible for political warfare." He also said, "Taken together what you have is a force dedicated to making sure that the enemy's information flow is obstructed, and, at the same time, China's own information flow is left relatively unimpeded." According to a report published in VOA, Larry Wortzel, a China expert, is a senior associate at the American Foreign Policy Council and a regular contributor to

the publications of the United States Army War College. Even before the SSF was established, he witnessed China's combined cyber and information warfare. While Wortzel believes the computer attack was meant to keep some Chinese capabilities hidden from public view, he claims this is not always the case. He said, "Sometimes they do want the outside world to know what they're doing," adding, "Because they want to either deter give a warning to the US and other countries: Look, this is what we're capable of, be careful." Wortzel compares the SSF to "sort of wrapped in[to] one organization" the US Cyber Command, National Security Agency, US Space Force, and US Strategic Command.

Column

Concept of E-Learning



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The concept of e-learning is not new to the education sector. However, the outbreak of COVID-19 has fueled schools' need to leverage the technology platforms to drive learning initiatives. There is heightened demand for schools to provide learning solutions to students using online platforms as the advantages far outweigh the demerits. In simple terms, e-learning is the act of learning or educating via digital resources such as software programmes, mobile devices and the internet.

The use of digital platforms for learning is vividly changing our education system. Traditional classroom training days are slowly coming to an end due to high-speed internet and technology advancement. The pandemic has grown the importance of e-learning globally.

Any crisis makes room for experimentation, and it is time to realise the full potential of technology for learning. In the wake of the medical emergency, school stakeholders are endorsing online learning for student's safety and enhancing the quality of education.

As part of the coordinated worldwide education response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF, UNESCO, and the World Bank had surveyed National Education Responses to school closures. The first round of the survey conducted in 118 countries and the second in 149 countries revealed that almost every country included online learning in its education response to the ongoing crisis. 89% of the countries introduced at least one measure to enhance access to online learning devices and connectivity.

The survey is enough to indicate the significance of e-learning, specifically after 2020. As per a World Bank study, the school closure has led to a shift to e-learning, with about 700 million students still studying from home. E-learning is so ubiquitous and massive that it is difficult to articulate a brief outline that indeed does justice to it. Unlike the conventional chalk



and board teaching method, online learning makes learning convenient, where lessons can be accessed remotely from anywhere.

"Technology is not a silver bullet. It's only as good as the teachers... using it as one more tool to help inspire, and teach, and work through problems."

How is LEAD making E-Learning effective?

The Purpose of E-Learning redefined

The word e-learning is used as a synonym for online education. It is revamping the style of providing and receiving education. With a year of COVID-19 outbreak, e-learning has made its place firmly in the sector, transforming the education sector. The idea behind electronic learning is to empower learners to study without attending the school with better organisation and quality curricula.

Psychologists also believe that this audio-visual form of learning is effective in engaging students. It is versatile and plenty to suit all learning methods. The Global Education Monitoring Report of 2020 by UNESCO indicates the significance of technology. The study shows that technology has considerable but largely unused potential to support inclusive education. E-learning is accessible to all and can reach even the remotest areas.

A drastic shift to electronic learning after the pandemic has

brought limitless advantages to students. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology identifies online learning as an essential tool for imparting education. The advancement of technology has made access to information quicker.

Let's decode how e-learning is creating an impact in the education sector:

Accommodates the needs of every student

Online learning caters to the needs of each student. The digital revolution has led to remarkable changes in how we access content. Students can learn on the go irrespective of their location.

Access to lectures any number of times

Unlike classroom teaching, students can access the e-learning content any number of times. It is beneficial when preparing for the exam. Through online learning, you can access the lecture whenever you want as per your convenience and revisit lessons any number of times.

Updated Content

The e-learning platforms provide access to updated content. It makes sure that you are in synchrony with the modern learners.

Quick Delivery of Lessons

Post-2020, students have adapted the e-learning concept completely. One of the reasons for it is quick access to lessons. In comparison to

the traditional teaching mode, online learning has relatively faster delivery access. The time required to learn through online lessons is reduced to 25% to 60% of what is the need in traditional learning.

Scalability

Online learning helps students to create and communicate new ideas. You get the chance to uplift your skills and gain knowledge apart from school education. One of the prime importance of e-learning is that it helps students and teachers develop advanced skills.

As per the KPMG report, India's online education industry will see a growth of about 6 times by 2021. Surprisingly, the number of users enrolling in e-learning may touch 9.6 million users by 2021, from 1.6 million users in 2016. Estimates indicate that the eLearning market worldwide will grow immensely to the tune of more than 243 billion U.S. dollars by 2022. These forecasts indicate that eLearning is all set to become a global trend, and more and more people may go for it over traditional classroom settings.

LEAD Teacher

How is LEAD making E-Learning effective?

LEAD is the only platform in India that makes learning interactive and fun for young minds. LEAD-powered schools impart lessons via world-class teachers through an app with detailed audio-visual resources. Being not just 'smart' but the 'best', LEAD ensures perfect sync between teachers, students and parents to reach the unified goal of a child's academic excellence.

In the LEAD system, students get to learn via three modes of teaching:

Through videos and slides that teachers show from their teacher app

Through activities, they do use material from the School Excellence Kit

And through books and workbooks they get from LEAD

The education space was considered to be the most stable sector for decades. However, it screeched to a halt recently, giving way to reliable education modes such as an integrated academic system.

Entertainment

Telugu actor Nani says he has warmed up to the tag of "natural star" given to him by fans as he believes his "relatability" with the audience is his USP as an artist.

The 39-year-old actor is busy promoting his first pan-India movie "Dasara", but he has been hugely popular with the viewers in the Hindi-speaking belt for his work in movies such as "Eega", "Jersey" and "Shyam Singha Roy". "(It's) a tag given by the audience and they lovingly call me that, even though I am not in full favour of it. I'm kind of used to it now and I like it because it is coming from a space of love, and it is not just some tag that you put on yourself," Nani told Agency in an interview.

"My USP as an actor is the relatability... that I look like a person who they know in their life, he could be someone in their family or is a friend, and doesn't look from screen or somebody from another world. I also look like one of them and that is my USP." PTI



Telugu actor Nani says, "My relatability is my USP as an actor"

Actor Anupam Kher shares video on social media with late actor Amrish Puri



Veteran actor Anupam Kher shared a fun video remembering the golden period of relationships in movies with late actor Amrish Puri. On Wednesday, Anupam dropped a video featuring himself and Amrish from an old award function. In this throwback video, Kher started singing a funny song about a bald head that Amrish sang this song in front of the mirror while shooting earlier.

The duo can be seen at an award function and sharing their stories. Sharing the video, "From memories: this song was sung at a stage show many years ago!! Made fun of bald people. How innocence was there in Amrish smile!!! This was the golden period of relationships in movies! Relationships were easily made. And went on for a lifetime!!" Anupam and Amrish have worked in films like 'Saudagar', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', 'Ram Lakhan', 'Jaal: The Trap', 'Tridev', 'Trinetra' and 'Jhooth Bole Kauwa Kaate', among others.

Amrish Puri was undoubtedly one of the finest actors in the Indian film industry. He was so prolific that no Hindi film was complete without his presence. With his intense baritone and imposing presence, Puri always managed to bring magic to the characters. ANI

Actress Shabana Azmi says, "What's Love Got to Do with It?" over romantic comedy movie

It was the lightness of "What's Love Got to Do with It?" that drew her to the romantic comedy, says Shabana Azmi, who believes cinegoers don't often associate her with humorous characters. Azmi reunited with Shekhar Kapur, the director of her 1983 family drama "Masoom", for his British feature project, which also stars Lily James, Shazad Latif, Emma Thompson and Sajal Aly. "People forget that I have done humour. I mean, as far back as Shyam Benegal's 'Mandi', with the monkey running after me and stuff like that. I did it also in 'Honeymoon Travels' and films like that. But yes, people don't really associate humour with me although I've done it," the 72-year-old actor told Agency in an interview.

Light-hearted movies like "What's Love Got To Do With It?", Azmi believes, are the need of the hour. "For me, the lightness of the film attracted me to do it strongly. In today's times, I think to have something that is all heart and that is light and that makes you feel warm and lovely, I think that's an emotion we really need to hold on to," she added. "What's Love Got to Do with It" is about Zoe (James), a modern British woman living in the messy world of 'right swipes' and 'online dating'.

Having constantly tried and failed to find 'Mr. Right', Zoe is intrigued when her childhood buddy Kazim (Latif) decides to tie the knot in traditional 'desi' arranged marriage style. As Zoe decides to film her friend's journey of turning a stranger into his soul mate, a hilarious adventure ensues. PTI



Bollywood celebs pays heartfelt tribute to freedom fighters

On Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Diwas) on Thursday, several Bollywood celebs including Sonu Sood, Abhishek Bachchan and others paid their heartfelt tributes to freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev on social media. Sonu Sood took to Instagram and shared pictures from his debut film 'Shaheed-E-Azam' in which he portrayed the character of Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

Sharing the pictures, he wrote, "23rd March. martyrsday Remembering the sacrifices made by Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. I was fortunate to play the role of Bhagat Singh in my debut film Shaheed-E-Azam." Rajkumar Rao dropped a portrait of freedom fighters and captioned it, "Their bravery and valor will never be forgotten."

Abhishek Bachchan posted a motion picture along with a message. He wrote, "HONOURING THE SACRIFICE OF THE BRAVEHEARTS! Shaheed Diwas." Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh also shared a picture.

Randeep Hooda also paid tribute and wrote, "Remembering our real heroes & the revolutionary leaders Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar & Shivaram Rajguru. Martyrdom was a price they paid to ensure the freedom of our nation. Their ideologies & heroic spirit will inspire generations to come."