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## TOP 4 TECHNOLOGY TRENDS



### LIFE IN POST-COVID WORLD

#### VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Thanks to lockdown, applications like Zoom and Google Meet have seen a sudden spurt in users. From meetings with only 4-5 participants, to huge international seminars and conferences with thousands of participants, most of us have already moved online. This trend is likely to continue in the post-Covid world, as people maintain social distancing etiquette.

universities and school education boards have recommended that schools and colleges should attempt to complete some portion of the curriculum online, even after the situation becomes normal.

#### 5G

With the increasing demand for faster and higher bandwidth networks due to remote working, 5G, the next generation network designed with "Service Based" architecture, might get adopted faster.

#### ONLINE EDUCATION

Dedicated education apps have witnessed a huge spurt in growth, as students are learning concepts on their mobile phones. A few colleges have also conducted tests online. It is expected that some of these trends will continue in the post-Covid period as well. Many

#### SHARED SPECTRUM

Technology trends make it clear that in a post-Covid world, more content will be watched and consumed on mobile devices— be it in form of video conferencing for a meeting, an online class, or video for entertainment.

## CO2 emission declines in India, after many yrs

**ENVIRONMENT**  
 For the first time in 40 years, there has been a drastic reduction in CO2 emissions in India, thanks to the arrival of clean energy and economic slowdown, exacerbated by the lockdown. The data was compiled by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CERA).



➤ CO2 emission fell by 30 million tons in the fiscal year 2019-20, compared to the last financial year. The analysts used the latest consumption data of oil, gas and coal to reach this conclusion. ➤ The study said that the transportation and power sector majorly contribute to the carbon emissions in the country. The fall in the consumption of fossil fuels has led to a decline in CO2 emissions.

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### WORDWATCH

#### SCOPE CREEP

Scope creep refers to a project that has seen its original goals expand while it's in the making

### VIRTUAL TOURS TO TAKE DURING LOCKDOWN

#### EL CAPITAN, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, US

Yosemite's most impressive sight, El Capitan, is a towering granite rock-face. It is a favourite with daredevil climbers from around the world. **WHERE TO ACCESS:** Thanks to Google's treks, you can join pro climbers, Alex Hannold, Lynn Hill and Tommy Caldwell as they make their hair-raising, stomach-churning ascent to the top. Google also provides profiles on the prolific climbers and a few notes about gear and processes to help you appreciate the experience.



#### INDONESIA

This Asian nation popular with tourists, is a feast for the eyes. In this lockdown time, travellers can go for virtual tours, courtesy AirPano. **WHERE TO ACCESS:** Via AirPano, the tour of Mount Bromo, an active volcano in Java, puts things into perspective with its massive scale. For a change of pace, dive around the Raja Ampat archipelago, and swim with manta rays and jellyfish. AirPano's website also features numerous 360-degree images that feature Indonesia's major attractions.

#### NAMIB DESERT, NAMIBIA

Travelling to a desert can be physically taxing. The intense heat, the freezing nights or the constant pelting by sand-filled gusts of wind. None of these problems, however, can affect you when you are viewing it through your computer screen. **WHERE TO ACCESS:** A stunning collection of images can put you at the heart of the Namib desert, where you can gaze at the vast expanses of golden sand or the Big Daddy dune and Dune 45

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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#### SPORTS



### IPL CANCELLATION LIKELY TO COST INDIAN CRICKET HALF A BILLION DOLLARS

If reports are to go by, scrapping the money-spinning Indian Premier League (IPL) this year, because of the coronavirus pandemic would cost more than half a billion dollars. The world's richest Twenty20 tournament is starting at a first wipeout in its 12-year history, after the original March 29 start date was postponed.

The IPL, which began in 2008, generates the bulk of BCCI revenue. Its brand value was estimated at \$6.7 billion last year by the Duff and Phelps financial consultancy

### TERRESTRIAL LIFE UNLIKELY TO CONTAMINATE MARS: STUDY

**SPACE** Exploring Mars may not pose risk of contaminating the Martian ecosystems, as the climate on the Red Planet is not suitable for terrestrial life as we know it, says a new study. The findings can help allay some planetary protection concerns, even as humans plan to land on Mars.

Modelling the atmosphere of Mars, the researchers found that due to Mars' low temperatures and dry conditions, a droplet of liquid water on its surface would freeze, boil or evaporate, unless the droplet had dissolved salts in it

### CAN YOU SAVE THE WORLD? THE GAME IS ON..

Well, it's not a campaign initiated by any political leader. 'Can You Save the World' is an online game that aims at helping kids realise the importance of social distancing, during the pandemic. Co-developed by a UK-based professor of psychology, 'Can You Save the World', according to 'Daily Mail', is a vertically-scrolling video game, where players are tasked with walking through a virtual city while social distancing. Players are tasked with collecting and depositing personal protective equipment (PPE) for NHS workers while avoiding other people and saving lives.

The family-friendly educational game, which was released recently, helps players of all ages become better at social distancing in the real world

#### GAMING ZONE



### MCDONALD'S HAS CREATED A 'VIRUS-PROOF' RESTAURANT IN EUROPE

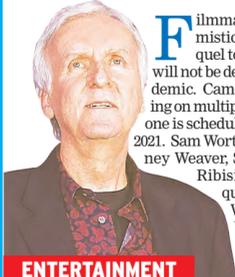
**DID YOU KNOW?** As McDonald's prepares to reopen dining rooms in the US, the company is trying to craft a "virus-proof" design. The company recently tested new features at a location in the Dutch city of Arnhem, including meal trays and designated waiting spots to separate customers. It has already changed nearly 50 processes, including wellness checks, installing protective barriers, social distancing floor decals, and providing thermometers to restaurants.



## ₹ 10 CRORE

**FACTOID** The amount Indian Railways earned by selling tickets to 54,000 passengers, within hours of bookings that resumed for passenger trains from May 12. The booking site run by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp. (IRCTC) delayed reopening by two hours to 6 pm and crashed due to the rush for tickets.

### JAMES CAMERON HOPEFUL 'AVATAR 2' WILL RELEASE ON TIME



Filmmaker James Cameron is optimistic that his much-anticipated sequel to his 2009 blockbuster, 'Avatar' will not be delayed by the coronavirus pandemic. Cameron is simultaneously working on multiple sequels to the film. The first one is scheduled to release on December 17, 2021. Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang and Giovanni Ribisi are all returning for the sequel. They will be joined by Kate Winslet, Cliff Curtis, Michelle Yeoh, Jemaine Clement, Oona Chaplin, David Thewlis and Vin Diesel.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

### 'THE TWILIGHT ZONE 2' TO ARRIVE IN JUNE

The second season of 'The Twilight Zone', hosted and narrated by writer-filmmaker Jordan Peele, will air on June 25, CBS All Access has announced. The show, which is a reboot of the timeless anthology series created by Rod Serling, has Peele and Simon Kinberg as executive producers. The original 'Twilight Zone' premiered in 1959.



The new chapter of the anthology will dig further into socially-conscious storytelling, with 10 introspective episodes

### FAMILY TIME WELLNESS MANTRA

# FIGHT NEGATIVE THOUGHTS WITH BASIL OIL

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 Fear of an uncertain future can lead to stress. So, how about temporarily transforming your home into a spa? Relax and try some homemade therapies, along with your family...

#### Aromatherapy heals...

While trying to stay positive in difficult times, take the help of aromatherapy to feel better and confident. "Basil essential oil is ideal to fight the effects of negativity, burnout and intellectual fatigue. Regular use of this oil ensures better focus, clarity of thoughts and a bounce back

towards enthusiasm," says aromatherapist Blossom Kochhar. She gives tips on how to use this powerful oil to bring positivity in your life.

➤ Take a bowl of water and put one drop of basil oil in it. Now, soak a towel in this water and use it to wipe off your body, especially the exposed parts like hands and feet before going to sleep. You will wake up fresh and energetic.

➤ Alternatively, you can put one tenth of a drop of this oil behind your ear and feel the fragrance. It will calm down your nervousness and anxiety.



## Twitter India launches gratitude emoji

Micro-blogging platform Twitter India has launched a new gratitude emoji that can be triggered with '#thankful', '#gratitude' and other variations of the words. Since March 15, there have been over 250 million tweets worldwide expressing gratitude and thanks—a 26 per cent increase from February's average. "Who do we see people expressing that gratitude for? The most common word is 'everyone'. Everyone who is

On World Health Day, Twitter had carried a token of appreciation for healthcare workers by tweeting with 'clap'

an essential worker. Everyone who has helped. Everyone in healthcare. Everyone who has reached out. Everyone," the company tweeted.

