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No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community •and the future of every economy.

– Brad Henry —

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### Education News across the World



#### 10 ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES BY HRD MINISTRY YOU CAN USE

To combat against the coronavirus outbreak, the University Grant Commission (UGC) said students and teachers in its address to take preventive measures, maintain social distancing and encouraged to utilise this time productively by engaging in online learning. These ICT initiatives, which cover a broad range of subjects and courses, have been prepared by experts for providing an excellent learning experience to all. There are several ICT initiatives of the MHRD, UGC and its Inter-University Centres (IUCs) - Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) and Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), in the form of digital platforms. These free for all materials can be found in the following websites: SWAYAM Online Courses; UG/PG MOOCs; e-PG Pathshala; e-Content courseware in UG subjects; SWAYAMPRABHA; CEC-UGC YouTube channel; National Digital Library; Shodhganga; e-Shodh Sindhu; Vidwan. Source: India Today

### Education News across the World



#### GULF DISTRICT SCHOOL OFFICIALS RELEASE UPDATED EDUCATION PLAN

Gulf District School officials released their updated education plans while schools are closed during the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak.Superintendent Jim Norton says the Instructional Continuity Plan, or ICP, goes into effect on Monday, March 30th. The ICP will give students access to paper instructional activities and/or digital materials so that they remain engaged in homelearning while school campuses remain based closed.Norton said teachers are reaching out to their students with specific instructions on how to obtain instructional packets. He says if you have not yet heard from your child's teacher regarding this matter, please call your child's school.Educational packets are being made available at each school. The ICP may also be found online, by accessing the district website at gulfcoschools.com.. Source: Local Community Matters



#### GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION ANNOUNCES US \$8.8 MILLION IN FUNDING TO HELP UNICEF

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) announced today a US \$8.8 million contribution to UNICEF to help children and young people in 87 developing countries access learning opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nationwide school closures in 156 countries have already disrupted learning and access to vital services for more than eight out of ten children and young people.To ensure resources are quickly available to the countries that need them most, GPE has partnered with UNICEF to implement the grant. The funds will help governments and local education partners reduce the impact of COVID-19 on children's education by ensuring the continuity of learning and supporting safe practices in schools. These funds will support children's many needs at this challenging time. From preparing alternative learning programs, to providing vital information on handwashing and other measures to keep them safe, this generous contribution will go a long way. Source: UNICEF



#### LEEDS UNITED, SHEFFIELD FC TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS EDUCATION IN INDIA

A new partnership has been announced between Sportifan Ventures Limited and Leeds United College along with Sheffield FC Foundation in which the main objective will be to develop and market football and sports related educational courses in India.As per a statement, Sportifan Ventures will work as a business intelligence partner to support both clubs with education opportunities in India. The organisation operates a sport business management consultancy, with expertise in management consultancy, procurement, portfolio management and sports tourism. This new relationship will enable the delivery of quality education to sport-enthusiasts in the Indian subcontinent. Through the Distance Education programme students will be able to take part in a threemonth course to achieve a certificate in Football Management and Coaching. **Source: The Bridge** 

## AIMRI TIP



#### ASK THE EXPERT

How do I explain my kids regarding the current situation? - Arti Singh, Homemaker

Hi Arti,

It feels so good to hear from parents sometimes, and guess what we are all in the same boat. With the recent pandemic, it has really become very tough to make our children understand especially small children who have no clue whats going around them, When you are ready to talk to your children, make sure that the information you provide is precise, easy to comprehend and not SCARY! Here are the few tips which I am sure will help you make your Pandemic talk easier:

- 1. Be to the Point: When talking about the current situation be to the point and use age appropriate facts, since if your kid is a 5 year old he will not understand the climate change models or politics. Place the facts in an easy way and maintain your calm, since they might drive you crazy with their questions.
- 2. Be Positive: Its hard to maintain sanity when you are struck in the 4 walls of your home, but when you talk to your kids maintain that upbeat vibe and explain how the world is working together beating the virus. Also, help them understand how important it is to maintain proper hygiene. Make it a informative and fun talk.
- 3. Be a Role Model: When explaining your kids about proper hygiene make sure that you follow it to too, because action speaks louder than words indeed.
- 4. Stay Alert: For older children, there is a lot of information available on the net so make sure you keep an eye on them and help them understand what actually is correct and whats fake.

It may look like our children are vulnerable, but trust me they are tougher than you think. So go have that talj today!

This specific corner has been introduced for those who seek advice on education and related matters. If you have a feel free to submit your questions to aimri@ariesgroup.ae