



Never affirm, always allude:
allusions are made to test the spirit
and probe the heart.

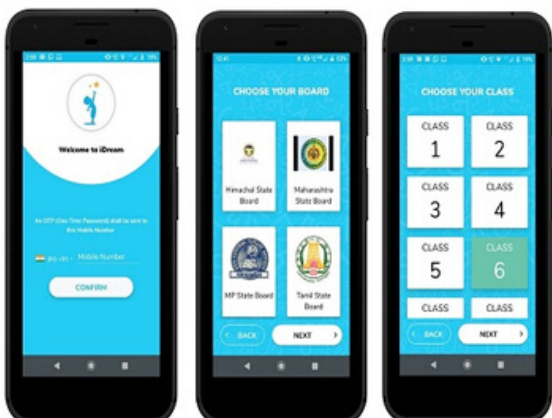
— Umberto Eco —

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NEWS I-DREAM EDUCATION LAUNCHES LEARNING APP

As all the educational institutes are closed including schools and colleges, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, all the education has shifted to online learning. The ed-tech firms are growing at a rapid pace in India. One of the country's leading ed-tech firm iDream Education has launched the iDream Learning App, a free app that offers in-home digital learning to students for all subjects and all classes from 1st to 12th. The app offers rich additional content like practice questions with feedback, including animated video lessons in all subjects. The learning app has been specially designed to equally serve English medium learners and the govt school students/rural learners as per their language preference, in their homes on any affordable android phone. **Source: Digital Learning**

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STARTLING DISPARITIES IN DIGITAL LEARNING EMERGE AS COVID-19 SPREADS

It has been found that half of all students currently out of the classroom – or nearly 830 million learners globally -- do not have access to a computer. Additionally, more than 40 per cent have no Internet access at home. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced school closures in 191 countries, affecting at least 1.5 billion students and 63 million primary and secondary teachers. Disparities in distance education are particularly evident in low-income countries. Nearly 90 per cent of students in sub-Saharan Africa do not have household computers while 82 per cent are unable to get online. And although having a mobile phone can support young learners, in accessing information or connecting with their teachers. Teachers also are struggling with the rapid transition to online learning, even those in countries with reliable infrastructure and household connectivity. They also need to be trained to deliver distance and online education... **Source: UN News**

COURSERA OFFERS UNEMPLOYED WORKERS THOUSANDS OF FREE COURSES

Education technology company Coursera is pulling down its paywall for unemployed workers to give people who have lost their jobs around the world free access to education, as well as the ability to earn credentials. The initiative will give unemployed workers free access to education focused on developing skills to help them fill jobs that are in high demand. And instead of having to pay to earn a professional certificate, which can bolster a resume, any unemployed individual can earn professional credentials, like the Google IT Support Professional Support Certificate, that lead to on-demand tech jobs. Coursera, which ranked No. 21 on the 2019 CNBC Disruptor 50 list, now has 56 million registered users around the world, up from 40 million a year ago.. **Source: CNBC**



THE HOTTEST JOB IN HIGHER EDUCATION: INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER

As the virus threat escalated, universities transformed their on-campus course schedules into virtual catalogs in a matter of days, and now they are settling into virtual office hours, virtual symposia and soon virtual graduations and alumni reunions. While everyone has been careful to call the overnight move online "remote teaching," that won't be good enough when universities have months to plan for fully online summer sessions and possibly even partially or fully online fall semesters. Professors may be experts in their fields, but they can't all be expected to be experts in the research supporting online teaching and learning. And so instructional designers have become the sherpas of online learning teams, experts in how to teach and design a course. The field of instructional design has exploded over the past few decades. Since 2004, demand has been on the rise -- up by more than 20 percent nationwide. Because of the black swan event that is COVID-19, this new field of academic labor has received a boost previously unimaginable. **Source: Inside Higher Ed**



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