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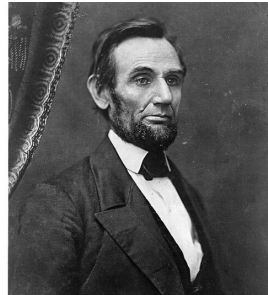
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## LEGENDS NEVER DIE

- Abraham Lincoln:** His mother died when he was nine. Some years later, he lost his sister. His business venture failed and he also lost his job. He was bankrupt. He wanted to go to law school but could not get in. As he was engaged to be married, his fiancé died. He lost 8 different elections. After his marriage, he had 4 boys but only one lived to maturity. He had a total nervous breakdown and was bedridden for 6 months, but he did not give up. Finally, in 1860, he was elected as the President of the United States and the rest is history.
- Chuni Goswami:** The gem of Indian football, the man who inspired India to the pinnacle of its footballing – gold at the 1962 Asian Games in Jakarta – is no more. It was under his captaincy when India witnessed its golden era of football. Few know that he received an invitation from the prominent English club Tottenham Hotspur, which he refused as he was not too keen on leaving Mohun Bagan, where he enjoyed immense popularity as captain. He was a complete cricketer too, who led Bengal to the final of Ranji Trophy in 1971-72 season.



Lincoln grew his first beard because of an 11-year-old girl's letter



Lincoln giving the Gettysburg Address



Indian football legends Chuni Goswami, PK Banerjee and Tulsidas Baram



Goswami being greeted by President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan before a Durand Cup match



Statue of Donald Trump



Elon Musk



Ramayan



Sonam Wangchuk



Kolkata airport after cyclon Amphan



George Floyd

## NEWS HEADLINES

- A man in Telangana worships Donald Trump, erects statue.
- Elon Musk's SpaceX launches two NASA astronauts, Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken, to space on a historic mission.
- At least 97 dead in Pakistan as the PIA plane crashes into a residential area in Karachi due to engine failure.
- Rebroadcast of Ramanand Sagar's Ramayan on Doordarshan smashes viewership records worldwide, beats Game of Thrones.
- Uber fires 3,500 employees over a 3-minute Zoom call.
- Ladakh-based engineer Sonam Wangchuk urges Indians to "give up all Chinese software in a week and Chinese hardware in a year".
- Many killed as Cyclone Amphan tears into India, Bangladesh coasts.
- An unarmed black man, George Floyd, dies in Custody after a white policeman kneels on his neck in Minneapolis.

## COVID-19: BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

- One of the first victims: A 57-year-old female shrimp seller in China's Wuhan city, Wei Guixian.
- There is currently **no available vaccine** for COVID-19.
- **Myths:** the coronavirus can be transmitted through mosquitoes, if you can hold your breath for more than 10 seconds, you are healthy, the virus does not survive in warm weather or drinking silver can kill the virus are all myths and have no validity.
- **No symptoms:** According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, "Of 100 people with infection, 80 do not have symptoms".
- Trump announced a temporary hold on U.S. funding to WHO after accusing it of being 'China-centric'.
- More than **6.3 million infections** confirmed in 188 countries and territories, including at least 380,000 deaths.



ELBOW- Cough into it



HANDS- Wash them often



Maintain social distancing



FACE- Do not touch



Don't PANIC, be AWARE

## Did you know?

- **Calvin Klein's obsession for men** (perfume) is used by researchers to attract animals to cameras in the wilderness.
- If **Facebook** was a country, it would have 1 billion more people than China.
- **Nutella** was invented during WWII when an Italian pastry maker mixed hazelnuts into chocolate to extend his chocolate ration.
- The national animal of Scotland is the **Unicorn**.
- **Tea-bag** was an accidental invention when a tea merchant distributed his tea samples in small, silken bags. His customers, not understanding that these were samples, dunked them and suddenly he was swamped with orders for his 'teabags'!

Check  
YOUR  
RECALL



**Across:**

3. Missile Man of India
5. The man who inspired Aamir Khan's role in '3 Idiots'
6. Highest-paid Instagram influencer of 2019

**Down:**

1. The drug which Trump wanted India to export
2. World's largest cricket stadium
4. Special trains running for migrants.

(Answers will be given in the next edition).

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