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We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world.

— David Warlick —

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## Education News across the World



### BYJU'S FUNDRAISING AT \$10B VALUATION

Indian education app start up, Byju's has seen a surge in its popularity in recent weeks amid the coronavirus outbreak, is in talks to raise as much as \$400 million in fresh capital at a \$10 billion valuation, said three people familiar with the matter. If the deal goes through at this new term, Byju's would become the second most valuable startup in India, joining budget lodging startup Oyo, which is also valued at \$10 billion, and following financial services firm Paytm that raised \$1 billion at \$16 billion valuation late last year. Byju's, which has raised more than \$1.3 billion to date, has seen a sharp surge in both its free users and paying customers in recent weeks as it looks to court students who are stuck at home because of the nationwide lockdown New Delhi ordered in late March. Over the years, Byju's has invested in tweaking the English accents in its app and adapted to different education systems. **Source: Tech Crunch**

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## ZOHO LAUNCHES ONLINE EDUCATION APP

Zoho said it has launched one app for both teachers and students, which will ensure all things shared between them can be centrally-monitored by the school and students can join only via direct invite from the school. This platform replaces the need for educators to deploy multiple, disintegrated apps including video content delivery, classroom communication apps, assignment management tools, as well as video-lessons and project-creation applications, and instead build the class on one platform, Zoho said. Using Zoho Classes, teachers and institutions can upload courses, broadcast live classes, share assignments under set deadlines, and collect responses on one interface, it added. Zoho Classes, as with all Zoho products, runs on the company's own data centres that adhere to the highest global security standards, it said... **Source: UN News**

## CBSE CHAIRPERSON ANITA KARWAL APPOINTED SCHOOL EDUCATION SECRETARY

In a major shuffle in the bureaucracy, CBSE Chairperson Anita Karwal has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Secretary (School Education and Literacy), In August, 2017 Anita Karwal was appointed as the Chairperson of CBSE, which is one of the biggest school education boards of the country. As the Chairperson, she was the Chief Executive of the Board and was assisted by eight Heads of Departments: the Secretary, Professor & Director (Academics, Research, Training and Innovation), Controller of Examinations, Director (Edusat. & Vocational Education), Director (CTET & JNVST), Director (IT), Regional Directors and Executive Director (JAB). Prior to joining CBSE, Ms Karwal was posted as Additional Secretary in MHRD. **Source: The Hindu**



## COVID-19 PANDEMIC A FURTHER RISK TO REFUGEE CHILD EDUCATION

The UN refugee agency UNHCR, and children's agency UNICEF, which co-ordinate the refugee education response on the Greek islands - as well other services including safety, sanitation, health care and nutrition, in liaison with the Greek government - have appealed for emergency funds to extend remote learning for refugee children whose education has been severely disrupted by the coronavirus. The charity Theirworld, which helps to fund education programmes managed by UNHCR and UNICEF, has released a report stating that, without additional funding, vital education services for refugee children, many of whom are vulnerable children who have often fled conflict in Syria or Afghanistan, will end in June. Major donors are currently a long way from agreeing to a funding extension for the programmes operated by UNHCR, UNICEF and other aid groups, says the report. Theirworld estimates that some \$20 million is needed to keep the initiatives open for another two years.. **Source: UN News**



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