

Editorial

As we go to press, WHO has announced that globally the Covid pandemic seems to be on the way out but not gone yet. Many countries have started opening their systems in a graded manner; another important announcement by WHO refers to malaria. A new vaccine has been developed and under trial in many African nations and WHO now permits use of this vaccine immediately so that it may also have some side improvements in Covid fight in those regions where Covid specific vaccination have been very slow due to non availability from international vaccine alliance. May be we can all see the birth of a new year with a little more positive energy. Let us all hope so.

On another front, those of us who believe in evolutionary trends in the past, tend to view plants and then high order animals and finally humans in the sequences. Now scientists have concluded that plants themselves evolved in two separate bursts by a few million years apart!

On climate change, there seems to be no going away from the fact that the present rate is too high so that +1.5 degree C for the millennium may not be avoidable. This means the next generation will definitely see more like a +2 degree in a few decades from now itself. Not a good news at all.

It is nice to see young children around the world starting to go to school again for physical classes rather than the virtual one. Virtual classes also sometime means virtual ignorance! Hope Covid will fade into memory as a bad past reality.



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