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**MANN KI BAAT**

## Be a warrior, not worrier: PM TO STUDENTS

**W**ishing students ahead of their examination in the coming months, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, they must compete with themselves rather than others. "The coming months are of special importance in your life. My young friends, you will be appearing for your exams. But do remember you have to become a warrior, not a worrier; take the exams smiling and return home smiling. Also understand, you have to compete with yourself, not against anyone else," the PM said. Addressing his monthly Mann Ki Baat, the PM also dwelled on many other subjects of national importance...

### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS



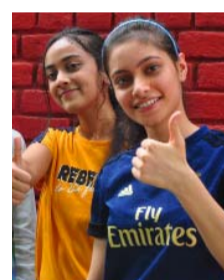
#### ON WATER CONSERVATION:

Water has been crucial for the development of humankind for centuries. Water is our life, our faith, and also the stream of development. We have to understand our collective responsibility towards water conservation. Monsoon will begin in many parts of the country by around May-June. So, this is the best time to think about water conservation. Let's begin a 100-day campaign to clean up all the water bodies and prepare them for rain water harvesting before the monsoon season starts. Be a part of the Union Jal Shakti ministry's 'Catch the rain' campaign.

#### ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF SCIENCE TOWARDS MAKING INDIA ATMANIRBHAR:

When we talk of science, many a time people restrict it to physics, chemistry or labs, but the spread of science is much more than that. We have to move science forward with the mantra of 'Lab to Land'. Science also contributes to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign. The first condition for the goal is to take pride in the things made by our people. Self-reliant India doesn't remain just an economic campaign but becomes a national spirit when we see our fighter plane 'Tejas' made in our country, doing acrobatics in the sky, when we see Made-in-India coaches in metro trains in advanced nations, when we see Made-in-India Covid vaccines reaching dozens of countries. And it is not that only bigger things will make India self-reliant—Indian-made textiles, handicraft goods made by talented artisans, electronic appliances, mobiles, etc., in every field, we have to increase this pride. When we move forward with this thought, only then will we become self-reliant in the true sense.

#### ON PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA



Just like every year, I will interact with students and teachers on how to beat exam stress during 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme. But before the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' begins, I request parents and teachers to share their experience and their tips. You can share them on MyGov and Narendra Modi app. Along with the youth, parents and teachers will also be invited this time during the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme. You will find information about how to participate, how to win prizes, how to get an opportunity to discuss with me on MyGov



The way we know of other scientists of the world, the same way, we should also know about the scientists of India

You have to get enough sleep and manage time well also. Don't stop playing, because those who play will blossom. You have to apply the techniques of revision and smart ways of memorisation to bring out your best in your exams

Narendra Modi, PM, addressing students



### Spotlight

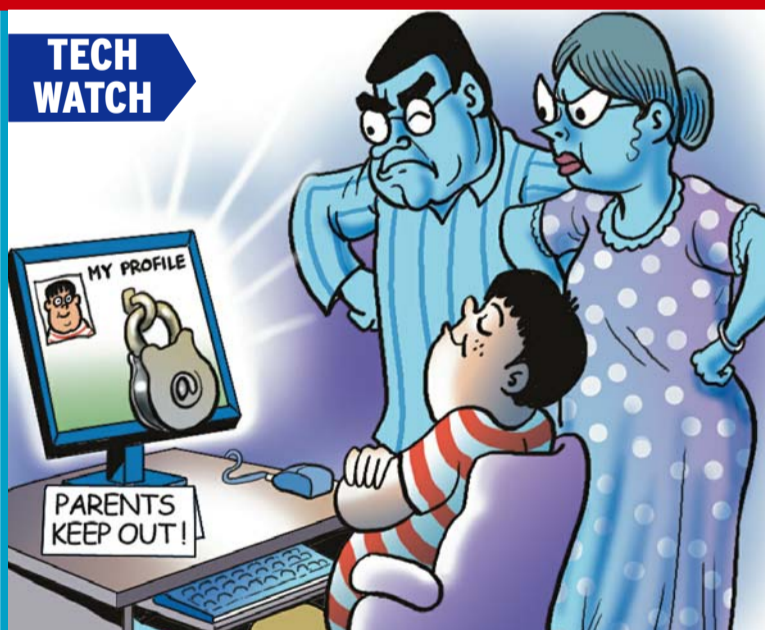
**SIX CITIES TO HOST IPL 2021; MUMBAI SAYS NO TO FANS**



Moving away from their initial plan to host the Indian Premier League's (IPL) 2021 edition between Mumbai and Pune — and part of the playoffs and final in Ahmedabad — the BCCI has now shortlisted six cities to conduct this year's tournament.

- Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Delhi have been shortlisted to host this year's IPL
- The IPL, which is scheduled to begin in the second week of April (tentatively April 11) and conclude in the opening week of June (tentatively June 6), may not find spectators being allowed at some centres, while other centres may allow fans up to only 50% of the stadium's capacity
- There won't be any spectators in Pune due to the sudden spike in Covid-19 cases in Maharashtra

### YOUTUBE BRINGS NEW FEATURE TO HELP PARENTS 'SUPERVISE' WHAT THEIR KIDS WATCH

**TECH WATCH**


YouTube is all set to introduce a new feature to help parents control what their children watch on their channel. This feature is aimed for those kids, who no longer will find the YouTube Kids app interesting, as they have grown up but are not adults yet to enjoy the entire YouTube catalogue of videos. In its latest announcement, YouTube has said that in the coming months, it will launch a new support for parents to allow their children to access YouTube through a supervised Google Account.

#### HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Parents will be given three different content settings on YouTube to choose from: explore, explore more, and most of YouTube
- 2 According to YouTube, the support has been designed for parents, who think their children are ready to explore the vast universe of

- 3 Besides choosing the content settings for their kids, parents will also be able to manage watch and search history from within their child's account settings
- 4 YouTube has also decided not to display personalised ads in "certain categories"

As a policy, people above 13 years are eligible to use YouTube. For people below 13, the company recommends the use of YouTube Kids, a dedicated app, built with simple curated content for kids

## NIAGARA THAWS



The deadly Arctic blast has frozen parts of the Niagara Falls, creating a breathtaking backdrop for the visitors. Temperatures fell to -18C in America to produce vista of ice and rainbows at the US border with Canada's famous attraction, with ice flowing along the river. As the water froze, it created a cascading layer of ice in the Falls. There were some impressive icicles too. Ice forms in the Niagara Falls every winter. But such a spectacle was seen in 2014 and 2015, when the Niagara Falls were partially frozen due to polar vortex events. However, the Falls ceased to flow completely, just once so far in March 1848 for 30 hours!

### FACTOID

**\$6 MILLION**

Price of a painting of a Paris street scene by Vincent Van Gogh, which is likely to fetch at an auction. All set to be shown to the public for the first time, after spending more than a century behind closed doors in the private collection of a French family, the work, painted by Van Gogh in 1887, while he was staying with his brother Theo in the French capital, the painting will be put on display by Sotheby's auction house in Amsterdam, Hong Kong, and Paris, prior to being auctioned off next month

- Titled 'A street scene in Montmartre,' the painting depicts a man and woman, strolling arm in arm past a ramshackle fence with a windmill in the background
- The painting is part of a series that Van Gogh produced of scenes in Montmartre, a hilly-district of Paris, now dominated by the Sacre Coeur church



### 'Tom & Jerry' are back. This time to disrupt a posh celebrity wedding in NY

'Tom & Jerry', the rambunctious cat and mouse duo that has entertained audiences since 1940, appeared in a new feature film, which finds the cartoon characters threatening to disrupt a celebrity wedding at a posh New York City hotel. The film, a hybrid of animation and live action, debuted on Friday in theatres and on the HBO Max streaming service. It stars Chloe Grace Moretz as a newly-hired hotel worker, who tries to curb the pair's long-standing behavioural problems.

Tom and Jerry, created in 1940 by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, starred in a series of animated short films, followed by various TV shows and feature films over eight decades

**ENTERTAINMENT**


Must Read

# Books to watch out for

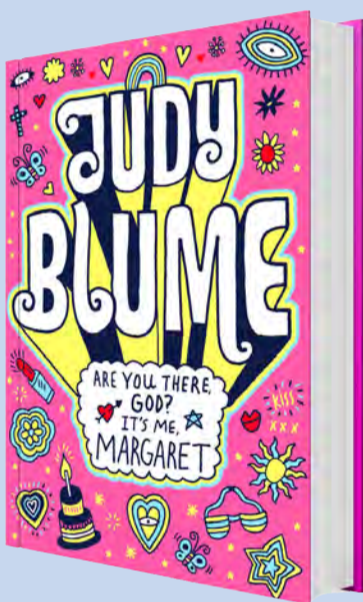
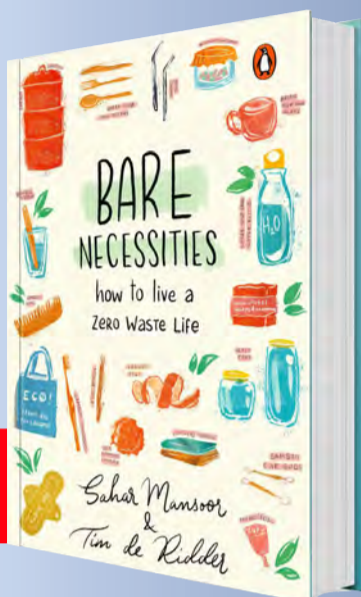
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## BARE NECESSITIES: HOW TO LIVE A ZERO WASTE LIFE

by Sahar Mansoor and Tim De Ridder

A one-stop guide on living a more sustainable lifestyle in India. Sahar Mansoor is the founder and CEO of Bare Necessities, a zero-waste social enterprise and Tim De Ridder is an environmentalist and sustainability consultant. The authors have based the book on their experiences while running workshops, events and interacting with communities across the country. The book has 80 tips and tricks to help readers move towards a zero-waste lifestyle.

Must read for explorers of zero-waste lifestyle



## ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET

by Judy Blume

It's time to read this book before its adaptation hits the screen. According to reports, author Judy Blume's classic coming-of-age story is getting adapted for a film starring actors Rachel McAdams and child star Abby Ryder Fortson. The epic is about Margaret Simon, a sixth grader, who is questioning everything about adolescence and puberty and is searching the universe for whatever answers she can find. With her mother and grandmother trying to guide her through a time when everything is changing, they too find that you never stop questioning your path and defining what is meaningful in your life.

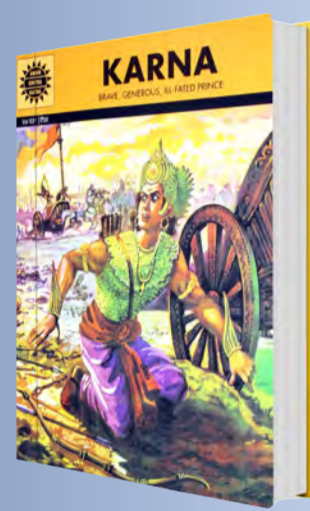
Read it before you watch it

## THEY FOUND WHAT/THEY MADE WHAT

by Shweta Taneja

A biologist who smashed cancer cells, "a space scientist who sent a rocket to Mars", or "an ecologist who stumbled on a rare species of frog!" An upcoming book will educate children about the daring discoveries and ingenious inventions of India's brightest scientists. Releasing on National Science Day, celebrated on February 28, it features stories of renowned scientists, including the likes of Sonam Wangchuk, owner of over 400 patents; Anil Bhardwaj, winner of the 'Outstanding Achievement Award' from ISRO; Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath, head of the Centre for Neuroscience, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Science it up!



## AMAR CHITRA KATHA COMICS

by the writers of Amar Chitra Katha

Publishing house HarperCollins India and Amar Chitra Katha have announced a new collaboration to publish adaptations of popular ACK comics into a narrative format for young children. This series, put together meticulously by the writers at Amar Chitra Katha, brings together some of the greatest folk tales in the ACK catalogue. Each book in the series is adapted from the original Amar Chitra Katha comics and aims to bring the reader closer to the thoughts and traditions that make up our country's identity, said a joint statement by HarperCollins India and ACK.

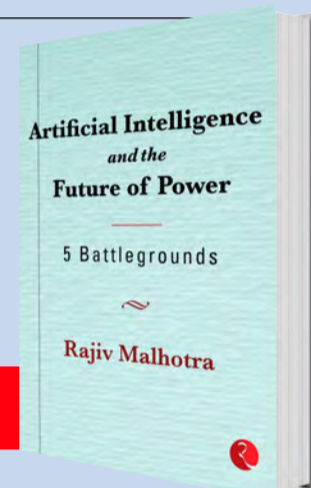
Back to the future

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF POWER

by Rajiv Malhotra

With Artificial Intelligence helping "biological materialism sneak in through the back door", the world is witnessing a real clash of civilisations with "the battle between algorithm and being." One of the most respected venture capitalists of Silicon Valley and a former chairman of the powerful TIE Global takes a deep dive into a phenomenon that is only partially visible, like an iceberg.

Ahoj technocrats



# Ritu Phogat shares her journey and how she learnt to lead from the front...

You can only achieve success if you are disciplined, focused and determined... says Ritu Phogat. She inspires students to have a foresight of their goals and passion. "To achieve those goals one must work hard" - is her message to all...



Commonwealth Wrestling Gold Medalist Ritu Phogat comes from a very famous wrestling family. Her father, Mahavir Singh Phogat, is a legendary coach, having trained several of her family members and leading them to the highest levels of the sport, inspiring the hit movie 'Dangal.' Phogat began her own training at the age of 8, and just a few years later, she dropped out of school to focus on her wrestling career. Since then, she has gone on to garner countless accolades in the sport. Ritu Phogat is a wrestling champion and a superstar from India. In a recent event, the champion emphasised time and again that the attributes (of self discipline and hard work) are of extreme importance for those who want to excel. "I don't want you to admire me, instead be inspired and learn to put your heart and soul to what you have set out to achieve," she declares.

HERE IS AN EXCERPT FROM AN INTERVIEW OF THE FEMALE ATOMWEIGHT STAR... SHE HAS LEADERSHIP LESSONS FOR ALL...

**1 How did you get the name 'Indian Tigress'?** During my wrestling days, many people used to say that the moment I put my mind to something whether it was in the wrestling ring or outside, I would go for it like a determined tigress! Hence, I got this name.. Today, Phogat is one of the fastest rising mixed martial arts (MMA) talents in the world, which combines different martial arts disciplines together in a seamless fighting style.



**2 There is this one particular advice your father gives you for a match, what is that advice?** My father always says to pack enough power in one punch so that the opponent is instantly knocked out and cannot get up at all. Basically, pack as much power in every punch! I have learnt to win the battle in my mind first. I prepare myself both

physically and mentally to apply my skills in the right manner.

**3 Apart from your sisters, which other sports personalities are your icons?** Virat Kohli is really inspiring; I like watching his training videos. Also Khabib (Russian martial arts champion) is very inspirational for me.

**4 What is the one lesson from your sports life that you use in your personal life?** Discipline. If we are not disciplined, we cannot achieve anything. Also remember; the stronger you are, the faster you are, and the more powerful you are, the better your chances of success. Building strength and conditioning is essential to every martial artist. That means developing strength in your muscles, learning how to use leverage, activating your fast-twitch muscle fibers, and enhancing your cardiovascular endurance.

These all work together to turn you into a fighting machine. What can lead you to this strength is self discipline. If you let go of that, you may miss on something.

**5 Do high expectations affect you?** No, not really. In fact, I get motivated due to high expectations and train harder. If people are rooting for me, I must not let them down! The mantra that keeps me going - Obviously, if you have to fight, then fight to win. A fight to the end matters quickly and decisively.

**6 Many women in India don't get enough encouragement to take up sports, what will you tell them?** I urge parents to support their daughters because they deserve the chance to represent their country and make everyone proud. With hard work and dedication, anyone can achieve greatness.

**7 If there is ever a biopic ad on your life, which Bollywood actor would you choose to play your character?** I would like to play the role myself in the film as no one knows the struggle and journey of my life better than me.

**8 Does family support have a huge role to play in the success of a sportstar?** I strongly believe so. Take my case for example; My family noticed that I have a keen interest in mixed martial arts, so they never questioned my decision and fully supported it. Geeta was a bit nervous initially but she trusted me to pursue it with 100-per cent dedication. Given that backing, I knew I only had to give my best and see what's in store!



## GARDENING GYAN



### CARROTS

They are not exactly a speedy vegetable, but if you choose a quick-growing finger-sized variety, you can expect the crunchy roots sprouting in six weeks. If sowing in pots, sow the seeds in pots of potting soil, spreading the seed thinly over the surface, then cover with a thin layer of potting soil.

# Veggies that grow quickly

At present, when the debates and discussions around adulteration in food are growing louder day by day, many of us have resorted to growing our produce in our gardens and terraces. If you are a beginner and want to grow vegetables fast, here is what you can do



### RADISHES

They are one of the fastest-growing vegetables, taking just three to four weeks to reach harvest time. They are also exceptionally easy to grow. Radishes can be grown in pots as well and sprout within just 3-4 days.



### SPINACH

This nutritious leafy green takes around 30 days from sowing to harvest. It can be sown at the beginning of every month to get fresh green spinach leaves by the end of the month.

### BOK CHOY

Bok choy is a great plant to grow because it can produce a mature harvest in around 30 days. The tender dark green leaves and crisp off-white-coloured stalks provide a nice fresh crunch.



### SALAD LEAVES

They take only 21 days from sowing to harvesting. You can choose to sow one single variety at a time or a mix of your choice. Some of the popular varieties include lettuce, mustard and kale.



### BEANS

They are useful in warm weather. In addition to harvesting quickly, they are soil builders that benefit the crops by fixing atmospheric nitrogen in their roots, then releasing it when the plants die off. The fastest to produce are the bush types, which are ready to harvest in approximately 50 days.



### GREEN ONIONS

You can get green onion stalks in around 3-4 weeks. They taste delicious as a garnish for soups or can be added to stir-fry as well. They are planted as bulbs, which take around 6 months to produce full-size.

## THE EDUCATIONIST

### Learn to express yourself

**"YOUR ABILITY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF CONFIDENTLY WINS YOU THE RESPECT OF OTHERS."**

Expression is to say or show one's thoughts and feelings. It is very essential to express oneself honestly to get your way through. My opinion is to talk or express your feelings so that you can feel free to do what you wish to. It is not easy and correct to hold your feelings and to be suppressed always.

#### STEPS TO EXPRESS YOURSELF BETTER IN WRITING

- Planning your thoughts
- Write like you talk
- Mind your tone ■ Use imagery
- Share inner thoughts and voices
- Answer questions
- Change perspectives
- Practice strong words
- Edit, edit, ..... , edit again

The truth behind many not opening out is that we express only the parts of ourselves that gets approval and recognition.

An example, which I would like to share, is that you are rewarded for being hard-working, happy and compliant. That's the side you show to the world.



But then the lazy, sad and rebellious parts of you get suppressed.

If you do not act upon your dreams, what happens to your desires? If you do not say what you need to say, what happens to your words? If you do not cry when you need to, what happens to your tears? The unexpressed parts of you do not simply disappear. They remain within you.

**SHASHI KALA NAIDU, Principal, Indus Valley International School**

### Exams play a key role in life

Examinations are the tools to assess students. They develop confidence and make them aware of the importance of hard work, which moulds a student's personality. In each and every step of life, we face new situations and learn from them.

Students also need to understand that results do not determine their future or capabilities. But, that piece of paper

enriches good respect, experience, and good knowledge. That will help you grow and understand situations better. Remember, never panic, don't stress, take it easy, and be ready for your future challenges.

**FATHIMA AFROZE, Academic Coordinator, Springfields International School, Bandlaguda**



## BRINGING LAURELS TO SCHOOL

**Niraj Public School Hyderabad**

Niraj Public School firmly believes that diligence, determination and commitment bring success. Adding one more jewel to the school's bounty of achievements, Math genius Kranti Manaswi Karri of class II won a cash prize of Rs 10,000 and a trophy in SIP Arithmetic Genius, All India online competition held from October 2020 to January 2021.

Around 27,000 children participated across the country in the four-month selection process. Manaswi emerged as the topper from the two Telugu states and is all set to appear for the National level contest.



## IMBIBING THE HABIT OF BOOK READING

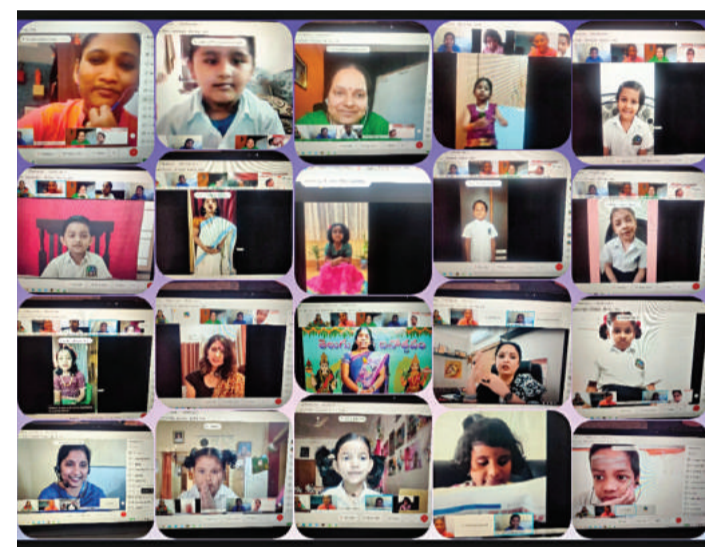
*"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers" - Charles W. Elia*

A reading competition 'Avid Readers' was held by Gitanjali Devashray on the virtual platform for the students of classes I and II. Reading helps build language skills on many levels. It also helps children feel more positive and confident. In this competition the students lent their voice to a wide range of short stories from the classic fairy tales, Panchatantra to the Jataka Tales.

The students enthralled the listeners with flawless reading while also displaying their skills at perfect pronunciation, proper intonation and

voice modulation. These time-tested attributes of good reading that the children effortlessly showcased enhanced the beauty of the competition. The confidence level of the tiny tots was laudable.

In these trying times of the pandemic, the connect with physical books was also an attempt by the school to ensure children got to enjoy reading in the conventional sense without the interface of the digital medium.



## Mother tongue key to personality development

International Mother Language Day is held worldwide on February 21 to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism.

To mark this day, a special assembly was conducted for the students of class I. The programme started with a prayer, followed by principal Sunir Nagi's speech. She spoke about the significance of the day and stressed that it was crucial to speak in the mother tongue at

**K Srujana Sri, Teacher, Pallavi Model School Alwal**



home with family members. Videos were also shown in which students introduced themselves in Marathi, Odia, Telugu, Hindi and other languages. Telugu and Hindi teachers also spoke about the importance of this day.

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF KBR PARK

DDMS P Obul Reddy School organised a virtual tour for classes VI and VII. It was conducted by Madhuri, an educational officer in KBR park. In her one-hour presentation she sensitized the children about the flora and fauna found in KBR park and the importance of conservation of nature. She also emphasised the role of the children, as future citizens, in preserving the environment. The sessions were very informative and children got an opportunity to see the various species of plants and animals found in the park.

**DDMS P Obul Reddy School Hyderabad**



# Express YOURSELF

You may think that living in an automated home would be full of luxury and everything will be made easier, but let me describe to you the day I got rid of those metal-hearted demons.

I woke up in the morning and brushed my teeth with the Brushatron 960, then my automated bed pulled out an empty breakfast tray for me and the arm that pops out from the ceiling shoved a book into my face to encourage my reading habits, but little did the machine know that the book was upside down.

Clearly, disappointed at the empty breakfast tray and the upside down book, I walked out of my bed and went straight to

## PAWTOMATE YOUR HOME!

the kitchen to fix myself some royal tea and drink it like a king. But the machine I had made to restrict me from making unhealthy beverages slapped me straight across my face. The blow hit me hard, by now I was clearly enraged and I started wrestling with the robot, but the machine defeated me in an instant. Broken both inside and outside, I went to the study and sat down to work. A few hours later I had to attend a conference call but my internet gave away so I used the option to pin the speaker to the screen. By now Securebot, a machine built to secure my



house, saw the screen and rushed at my expensive setup in full swing because it thought the speaker on my 3D screen was a

real intruder. As he went about wrecking my computer, I plopped down on the floor with my face between my palms, utterly

defeated by myself. At that low point in my life, my dog came, the one with the real heart and erased the defeat off my face with a lick of victory.

Then and there I made a decision to get rid of them bots and automatons and instead fill my house with some real love, loyalty and affection a.k.a dogs. Now I live in a fully pawtomated home. My house is now not as clean but my heart isn't as empty.

**SURYA ADUSUMILLI, class VIII C, Delhi Public School, Secunderabad**

## IF NATURE COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD IT SAY?

If a tree could talk, what would it say?  
"Don't chop me down, just walk away."  
If a river could talk, what would it say?  
"Don't dump in trash, throw it away."  
If the air could talk, what would it say?  
"The factories must learn to keep smoke away."  
If the animals could talk, what would they say?  
"Help us to live in, we wish to stay."  
If the Earth could talk, what would it say?  
"Protect me by making every day Earth Day!"

If the nature could talk, what would it say?  
I clean the air that you breathe,  
I can give the air to your future too,  
"If you let me live!"  
Stop polluting  
Save nature  
Save your mother land  
Care for earth, is the care for the coming birth  
Don't destroy greenery and don't spoil scenery  
Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs,  
But not every man's greed



**ASHRITH ATTALURI, class VI D, Little Flower High School, Abids, Hyderabad**

## LOVE YOURSELF

Love yourself, and believe,  
So that success you will achieve.  
You are strong, but only if you think.  
Trust yourself and never blink.

Stay with hope and stay strong,  
If you do, nothing will go wrong.  
Never give up, always fight.  
Keep trying, take failure light.

Believing in yourself is the only key,  
In your outcomes you shall see.  
Love your work and believe,  
So, success you will achieve.

**PRANAVI NAGAVOLU, class VII C, Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur**

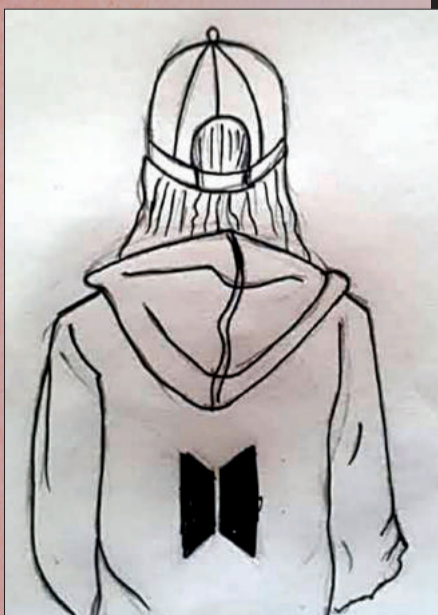
## Painters' Gallery

**OUTDOORSY:**  
AYESHA SIDDIQUA, class VI, Scholars International School, Alkapur

**COLOUR ZONE:**  
SYEDA SIDDIQUA FATIMA, class X B, Madina High School, Hyderabad



**CROWNING GLORY: D SRI KRISHNA SRIHAN, class VII C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills**



# POOR BATTING OR BAD PITCHES?

When the four-match series between India and England started, cricket fans were expecting to be enthralled by the quality of cricket on display. While the contests have been entertaining, the pitches on offer have also hogged quite a bit of limelight



Regarded as one of the best all-rounders in the game currently, Ben Stokes has been dismissed 11 times by R Ashwin

## UNSURE FOOTWORK AGAINST SPIN

Most of the former English cricketers like Alistair Cook, Michael Vaughan and Andrew Strauss have questioned India's need to produce such rank turners. But again the question remains if rank turners really reduce the contest between bat and ball or is it the batsmen who are losing their ability to play the turning ball and making spinning tracks look unplayable?

If green tops require a certain skill set, then the rank-turners also require the same. Which ball turns and which one goes straight is a simple question in cricketing books and all the batters prepare for it from the very start when they go to coaching schools or academies. But it is about putting those hours of training into play at the crease.

When playing on turning tracks, batters are required to be confident about their footwork. But looking at all the dismissals in the third Test, most of them

saw batters in two minds on whether they should stay on the front foot or go back to the balls which mostly skidded through after pitching.

This is a fact that even Sunil Gavaskar spoke about during his commentary stint. Most of the English batsmen were caught pressing forward and as a result, they were either bowled or caught plumb in front of the wicket.

When one looks at the third Test once again, they will notice that only a handful of the deliveries were turning sharply and there was nothing that kicked up at an alarming rate. The pitch also did not offer invariable bounce and the batters were able to leave the ball on length.

If anything, the pink-ball has extra lacquer on it, and that may have made the ball skid more. And this is a point which was highlighted by Rohit Sharma and Joe Root after the third Test came to an end.

## Seaming tracks are accepted, not turning ones

One needs to ask why does it seem like the world comes to an end when there is a little bit of assistance for the spinners from day one of a Test match? Nothing in the rule book restricts the degree of turn that a pitch is allowed to take. But no sooner does a sub-continent wicket take a bit of turn, eyebrows are raised, mostly unnecessary.

England skipper Joe Root did not openly criticise the pitch, but he did say, "If I am getting a fiver, it pretty much sums up the pitch".

One doesn't need to be a genius to read between the lines and understand what Root truly opines about the pitch. But credit to the current England management that none have come out openly to use the pitch as an excuse for the loss.

Kohli suggested that the batting from both sides was not up to the mark in the third Test and he went on to give a clean hit to the 22 yards on offer. It is safe to say that Kohli is not entirely wrong.

Even, Rohit Sharma suggested that the pitch was good to bat on and there were no demons. The right-handed opener hit 66 runs in the first innings and he did not look in any sort of trouble in the second as he smashed boundaries at will to take India home in style while chasing 49.

In fact, England opening batsman Zak Crawley also scored a fifty in the first innings and he looked quite comfortable at the crease. Man of the Match Axar Patel has made it clear that he wouldn't mind the same wicket for the fourth Test.

## THIS (MOTERA) MIGHT NOT BE A 350-400 RUN PITCH BUT IT SURELY WASN'T A 200-250-RUN PITCH

I somehow find it funny that when they speak about the surface, it immediately gets quoted all over in our press and this is the issue here. There have been instances, we have been to New Zealand, where both the Tests got over in a total of five days. There is a video doing the rounds where Virat Kohli is talking in South Africa and he says I am not here to talk about the pitch. That is how we have been taught to play cricket, that's why I say let them sell thoughts, buying is our choice.

**SUNIL GAVASKAR, FORMER INDIA CAPTAIN**

We play on seaming wickets around the world and get bowled out for 47, 60. Nobody ever says a thing. But as soon as it starts spinning, everyone in the world seems to start crying about it. I don't get it. I'm all for it, it was entertaining. I was up all night watching it. It was absolutely brilliant. I'm thinking about bringing that curator out to the SCG.

**R ASHWIN, INDIAN SPINNER**

It was not a pitch where the ball was misbehaving constantly. Nothing was kicking up alarmingly. Neither was there any great invariable bounce that the ball would shoot. Here, the bounce was actually true, almost. Yes, there was spin but Test match batsmen should be able to handle the

turn or the straighter ones. Challenging, but not treacherously challenging. If you look at the dismissals, the batsmen have contributed to their own downfall. More than the pitch, it was about the mindset which did them in. Rohit Sharma's batting in both innings showed you could score runs on this pitch.

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**NATHAN LYON, AUSTRALIAN SPINNER**

Was it a good pitch for batting, NO. It was difficult, challenging for any batsmen irrespective of how good you are. But is it a bad pitch? No, I don't

think so. This might not be a 350-400 run pitch but it surely wasn't a 200-250-run pitch. What was disappointing for me was, the scores were also a reflection of your batting skills against a turning pitch, whether it was the Indian batsmen or English batsmen. Both set of batsmen should have applied themselves better on a pitch like that.

**DEEP DASGUPTA, FORMER INDIA WICKETKEEPER**

England looked like startled rabbits in that second innings. I don't think it was an 81 all out pitch but this was a much tougher pitch than Chennai. Especially on this pitch, where one spins prodigiously and the other skids on, you lose all kind of rhythm. That's what successive Test matches on these sorts of pitches do for your mindset.

**NASSER HUSSAIN, FORMER ENGLAND CAPTAIN**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** In the 2018 US Open women's singles final, who derailed Serena Williams to become the first player from Japan to win a Grand Slam singles title?

- a) Yurika Sema ☐ b) Aiko Nakamura ☐  
c) Ayumi Morita ☐ d) Naomi Osaka ☐

**Q2:** Who holds the record of most catches in ICC Men's T20 World Cup?

- a) AB de Villiers ☐ b) Dwayne Bravo ☐  
c) David Warner ☐ d) Martin Guptill ☐

**Q3:** Who won the 2019 Davis Cup Award of Excellence?

- a) Emilio Sánchez ☐ b) David Ferrer ☐  
c) Ivan Lendl ☐ d) Yannick Noah ☐

**Q4:** Which Indian cricketer has played most matches as captain in Men's World Cup?

- a) Sourav Ganguly ☐ b) Kapil Dev ☐  
c) MS Dhoni ☐ d) Mohammad Azharuddin ☐

**Q5:** In the history of Wimbledon, who was the first overseas Champion?

- a) Dorothea Lambert ☐ b) Josiah Ritchie ☐  
c) May Sutton ☐ d) Norman Brookes ☐

**Q6:** After Mithali Raj, which Indian has played most matches as captain in Women's World Cup?

- a) Anju Jain ☐ b) Jhulan Goswami ☐  
c) Diana Edulji ☐ d) Shantha Rangaswamy ☐



Mithali Raj

**Q7:** Which of the following countries won the 2019 Davis Cup tournament?

- a) Australia ☐ b) Spain ☐  
c) the United States ☐ d) the United Kingdom ☐

**Q8:** Who is the youngest hat-trick scorer in the history of UEFA Champions League?

- a) Raheem Sterling ☐ b) Luiz Adriano ☐  
c) Raúl González ☐ d) Olivier Giroud ☐

**Q9:** Messi and Ronaldo apart, who become the first attacker to win the Best FIFA Men's Player award since

Ronaldinho in 2005?

- a) Robert Lewandowski ☐ b) Raúl González ☐  
c) Luis Suárez ☐ d) Sergio Agüero ☐

**Q10:** Who won the 2015 US Open men's doubles title?

- a) Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut ☐ b) Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah ☐  
c) Mike Bryan and Jack Sock ☐ d) Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 d) Naomi Osaka 2 a) AB de Villiers  
3 b) David Ferrer 4 d) Mohammad Azharuddin  
5 c) May Sutton 6 d) Shantha Rangaswamy  
7 b) Spain 8 c) Raúl González  
9 a) Robert Lewandowski  
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