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he rise in online

gaming, coupled

with the lockdown, courtesy the coron-

avirus pandemic

THE HOW CAN WE MAKE IT COMPETITIVE &

ame makers need to evolve and package the traditional games to compete with the virtual games, while still retaining their originality," feels Avani Pandit, a class IX student of Apeejay School, Navi Mumbai. This can be done by fusing the traditional games with some of the modern ones, she adds. In fact, Mana Shah, a

class IX student of St Xaviers, Gandhinagar says, games like, "Snakes and Ladders can be made more relevant by adding learning skills to it." Subjects on freedom struggle from our history books can be converted into a Snakes and Ladders game— a positive incident will take you up the ladder; a negative one will pull you down, she adds.

Played by two or more with seven stones, this game is about throwing one stone in the air and picking up the rest from the ground, and catching one in

Moksha Patam

the air. The rule is that stones

other during the game

cannot be dropped (Snakes and Ladders) was used Played by 2-4 peras a part of moral instrucsons, the goal of the game is to tion to children. Each ladbring all the six coins home der square was supposed before the opponent does. Cowries (dice) are used to to stand for virtue, and those of a snake move the six coins along the denoted vice board; players can cut each

Played by two people, in this game, one controls the tigers and the other the goats. The goats aim to prevent the tigers from moving into their territory

LAKHOTI: In this game, the players are supposed to hit the selected target 'kancha', using their marble ball

- ➤ Improves hand-eye coordination and motor skills, develop sensory skills
- > Helps in logical thinking, building strategy, concentration, basic mathematics and setting goals
- > Environment-friendly, impart knowledge about our culture and history
- > Suitable for all ages, so work as a bridge between generations (Inputs by senior citizens V P Bharadwaj, Mansukhlal Parikh, and Sivan Rao)

MARGOT TO STAR IN FEMALE-

'PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN'

Margot Robbie geared up to star in a new ver-

sion of one of Disney's biggest film franchis-

es. Robbie, the star of 'Suicide Squad' will head

a female-driven 'Pirates' movie, which is in

the early stages of development, said sources.

It marks the latest bid by Hollywood

to reimagine classic movies by casting

women in the lead roles, including the

ring Melissa McCarthy and 2018 come-

2016 reboot of 'Ghostbusters', star-

dy heist, 'Ocean's 8' that starred

Sandra Bullock and Cate Blanchett

Based on a ride at the Disney's

theme parks, the five 'Pirates of

the Caribbean' movies, starring

Johnny Depp as Jack Sparrow,

have taken some \$4.5 billion at

the global box office since 2003

he 'Pirates of the Caribbean' are get-

ting ready to set sail in a whole new

direction, with Australian actress

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Who's there? Find out with this funny app for kids. No reading is required with this. All jokes are read by a funny owl.

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Do you like jokes about Pirates?? Do you like stupid jokes?? Well, then gear up. This app has some really silly jokes about Pirates!! Press a button and hear a joke! It's that simple!

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eenage activist Greta Thunberg says the world needs to learn the lessons of the

coronavirus crisis, and treat climate

change with similar urgency. The Swedish

campaigner, 17, said this would mean leaders

acting "with necessary force". Any "green re-

covery plan" will not solve the crisis. We have

to act fast," she added. Speaking on a Swedish

radio show, Thunberg also dwelled on other

pet," she asserted.

FACEBOOK TO CENSOR HATE SPEECH

TECH BUZZ

Facebook said it would expand its policies around hate

speech and prohibit a wider category of hateful language.

Even if a politician or a government official says it, if we

people of their right to vote, we will take it down,"

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said.

determine that the content may lead to violence or deprive

n a major shift, Facebook

has announced measures

to address controversial

comments on its site, includ-

ing taking down posts that vi-

olate its hateful conduct pol-

icy. The social media giant

will also "label" some less

backlash from advertisers as

well as its own staff over its

failure to regulate provocative

content on the platform. Coca-

Cola, a major force in global

advertising, was the latest to

join brands that said they will

cease buying advertising on

problematic

speeches. The

 $move\,came\,amid$

ACTIVIST SPEAKS

issues, such as racial equality, as

championed by the Black Lives

Matter movement. "People are

starting to realise that we cannot

keep looking away from these

things. We cannot keep sweeping

these injustices under the car-

COVID IS CLIMATE LESSON: GRETA

We should present the traditional indoor games of India

in a new and attractive avatar. We have to

remember that our Indian sports are also local,

and we have already pledged

—Narendra Modi, PM, on the

need to promote tradi-

to be vocal for local

tional indoor

games

vive our traditional indoor games... Reduce the screen time

has forced children to stay indoors.

So, in order to encourage youngsters

to go back to our traditional indoor

games, PM Narendra Modi in his re-

cent 'Maan ki Baat' urged local game

makers and start-ups to rethink and

repackage traditional Indian indoor

games, and make them interesting for

the youth. Here's why we need to re-

"It is imperative for us to innovate and provide options to unwind offline, as children are glued to their mobile or laptop screen for multiple reasons, including shopping, playing games, surfing the net or chatting with friends, points out Padma Kumar, principal, SGVP, Ahmedabad. Moreover, "online games that children play today are addictive. They not only harm eyesight but also lead to obesity," adds Sandeep Rathore, a physical education teacher.



ROCKETS TO NEW YOUTUBE RECORD

outh Korean girls group, Blackpink's newly-released, 'How You Like That' music video has blasted into the YouTube record books. The K-pop powerhouse group's new single had 82.4 million views in the first 24 hours

IN THE RECORD BOOK

of release on YouTube. It was the No 1 trending video on the platform as well. The view count topped the previous record-holders: BTS' 'Boy With Luv', featuring Halsey, which amassed 74.6 million views in the initial oneday period in April 2019.

➤ The 'How You Like That' video featuring Blackpink's Jisoo, Jennie, Rose and Lisa, is also on its way to become the fastest video in YouTube history to hit 100 million views, it had 94 million in the first 30 hours

➤The 3-minute track, crafted for the group's global fanbase, combines lyrics in both Korean and English

People have downloaded the Chingari app, at the time of going to print. Touted as the 'desi' choice to Tiktok, it has been developed by Bengaluru-based developers, Biswatma Nayak and Siddharth Gautam. Interestingly, Chingari has become a household name in less than 15 days of its launch. The app, which also took to the top of the trending charts on the Google Play Store, is available in nine languages—Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Kannada, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu, other than English

INDIA BANS 59 CHINESE APPS OVER NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

ne Centre has banned nearly 59 Chinese apps, including TikTok, WeChat and UC Browser over national security concerns as India-China bilateral relations remain strained after the death of 20 Indian soldiers in the Galwan Valley clash with Chinese PLA troops in eastern Ladakh. The ministry of electronics and information Technology (MeitY) has issued a list of 59 Chinese apps that are now banned in the country.



The ministry received complaints from various sources, including several reports about misuse of some mobile apps available on Android and iOS platforms for stealing users' data in an unauthorised manner to servers, which have locations outside India

US varsities start rolling out plans for international students

igher education in the US is in a state of flux, courtesy Covid-19. Most of the colleges are not sure what their campuses would look like when they reopen in August. According to Dhi-

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man Chattopadhyay, an asst professor at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, "Fall 2020' may be entirely online, or at best, hybrid". This uncertainty is problematic for 1.1 mn intl students, including 250,000-plus Indians, currently enrolled in US varsities, he adds.

HOW UNIVERSITIES ARE GEARING UP

Chattopadhyay says most of the highlyranked universities (where Indian students usually land up) are going all out to ensure that their international students feel welcome and safe. ➤The Ivy League giants, such as Harvard and public universities, like the Universities of Kentucky, Texas, Pennsylvania and the New York (SUNY) System, are providing housing, meals and other help to the students stuck on campus. > The University of



California System, University of Pennsylvania, etc, have said that international students will be allowed to take all courses remotely for Fall 2020.

Diet tips for kids taking online classes

elebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar recently shared a list of food that should be given to kids and teens schooling from home. Here are some

SEASONAL FRUITS FOR NOUR-ISHING BODY: Have a banana, mango and other seasonal fruits everyday. You can also have fruits in the form of fruit shakes, such as mango milkshake, fruit smoothie,



CURD AND RAISINS: Eating home-made curd with black raisins as a snack at any time of the day is a great idea. This combination is rich in Vitamin B12 and is also a great source of iron.

be enjoyed during class

etc. Fruit is a great filler to Dinner can consist of rotisabzi, paratha and stir-fried seasonal veggies, jowar and veggies with dal, and so on. Wholesome meals are good for everyone, but more so for children as they are working hard completing their home work and juggling online classes that stresses their brain. It is also advisable to have early dinner - by 7 to 7.30 pm.

ROTI SABZI FOR DINNER:

HALDI-DOODH FOR SOUND SLEEP: It is ideal for children to have a cup of haldi-doodh or gulkand milk before bedtime. Don't opt for a packet of chips or fizzy drinks, if you feel

READ, LEARN, PLAY

MENTAL HEALTH

Contest Alert!

Win, Win, Win!

5 STUDENTS GET COPIES OF THE BOOK

COULD DO

Draw your monster. It could be a really spooky creature, an alien or just an idea that is disturbing you.

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KARMA MEETS

All his life, Karma has defended his village from monsters and creatures and forces of darkness. He's not the bravest or the smartest kid, but he always tries to do what's right. When one of his classmates shows up to school as a zomble, Karma knows that he must stop him. After all, no one else can. But is this zombie really bad? Is he dangerous, or is he just under the thrall of some horrible spell? Karma and his friends must work together to solve this mystery, discover the magical secrets of their town, and hope they find the answers before they too become victims of the undead.

Three yoga practices to

calm your mind



Pranayama

It refers to controlled breathing exercises like Kapalbhati, Anulom Vilom, Bhastrike, etc. Pranayama exercises help stimulate lungs and other organs, declutters mind, and induces calmness and restful sleep.

Surva Namaskar

From Ashtanga to Ivengar. there is not just one but many variations of surya namaskar. While surya namaskar is considered to be a great full body workout, it's also good for mental wellbeing as it eliminates negative thoughts.

Yoga is more than a fitness regimen. It is a philosophy and a way of life that is beneficial for mental health, too, and keeps conditions like depression, anxiety and other such problems at bay. Just be consistent with these practices and you will be able to beat negativity and stress

Hatha Yoga Kriyas

This form of yoga involves many cleansing practices that leads to a clean body and mind. These



Dhauti (purification of the oesophagus and stomach), Trataka (concentrating on a candle/point). All of these practices lead to better focus and concentration and more productivity - physically and mentally.

(You can find online videos of these popular yoga practices)

FUN WITH MATHS

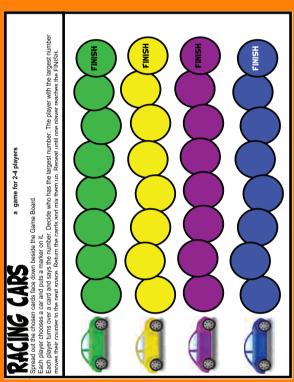
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ADD UP TILES					
1	7	9	2	6	8
4	6	5	4	3	1
8	2	3	7	9	2
3	7	6	1	7	4
5	1	4	8	5	9
6	9	3	6	2	8
ADD UP THES					

EVAN PURCELL

All tiles are placed face down beside the board Players take turns to choose a tile and cover two spaces on the board that add to the total on the tile. The tile can be laid vertically or horizontally.

Add Up Tiles – Cut along the dotted lines.						
8	4	10				
11	14	5				
10	6	14				
17	11	9				
7	12	9				
3	10	10				
10	15	6				
16	11	7				



26	81	30	64
56	47	72	17
33	91	27	55
63	71	97	38
84	49	13	77
21	68	41	52

Making Maths Fun: In this series, we will be sharing fun facts, puzzles and games that will help you practise your Maths! HERE ARE A FEW GAMES TO GET YOU STARTED. A Fun Maths Fact: Dice can be used in so many different ways when it comes to math. Whether you're practicing multiplication facts or fractions, try creating you own math problems with the roll of the dice. You can create fractions, simple multiplication problems or even word problems using dice. This can also be a fun way to put together a homework assignment...

LET'S TALK

5 Animated Versions of **Popular Movies That You** Could Watch...

nimated movies character personality, they a live-action film. However, kids and adults can relate to.

provide us with things both there are some animation series that have been inspired An average animated movie by popular films. Here are few has more screenwriters than of the animation spin-offs.

Indian animated shows such as 'Golmaal Junior', 'Fukrey Boyz', 'Kid Krissh' and 'Little Singham' are a huge hit. Can you give us three reasons why animation is so popular.



Goodzilla!

'Godzilla' the series was a sequel to the 1998 Godzilla film, focusing on the last surviving member of the OG G's offspring, and was accepted by Godzilla fans with more warmth than the movie. The makers had to take their inspirations from previous TOHO films, which worked in its favour.

Adventure all right 'Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure' series based on the movie of the same name, was a hit from the very start! Why? Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter, Bernie Casey, and George Carlin each lent their vocal talents to the show.

Law and behold 'Police Academy', the movie about bumbling law enforcement cadets was popular enough to spawn off 7 sequels, a liveaction TV show, and this animated series called 'Police Academy the Cartoon Series'. Must watch.

Krrish to the rescue... The animated 'Krrish' franchise are fun films that are guaranteed to be a visual treat. The animated version begins with the childhood adventures of Krishna. who discovers that he can help people save the world.

Busted! Despite a few barriers, the 'Real Ghostbusters' series in 1988 was a success, with animation lending itself incredibly well to the universe. It ran for seven seasons and even had a sequel/spinoff series with 'Extreme Ghostbusters'.

> your favourite animated version of a film. Write to us at timesnie175@ gmail.com

Grammar mistakes it is okay to make

'Since' no more only refers to time; it is also used to indicate a cause, just the way 'because' is used. So, use it if that's the word you prefer. Another way to keep things clear is by putting a comma before you introduce your cause that starts with a 'since'. Take, for example, "I could not attend your wedding reception, since I had to go to my brother's anniversary celebration." 'WHILE' OR 'ALTHOUGH'

Though these two words mean different things, they are being used interchangeably. Let's take example for both cases, when you cannot swap the two and when you can. Take, for example, "While I was always good at badminton, my brother wasn't." In this case, 'while' can easily be

replaced with an 'although' to become, "Although I was always good at badminton, my brother wasn't." Let's take another example, "While I was busy with my work, he entered through the door." In this case, if you use 'although' instead of 'while', it will change the meaning.

3. 'OVER' OR 'MORE THAN' Historically, the usage of 'over' has been meant to indicate distance. However, recently, 'over' has come to be used to indicate numerical compar-

isons as well, just the way 'more than' is used. Take, for example, "I waited for over three hours for her to finish her work." 4. 'LIKE' OR 'AS'

Today, many are replacing 'like' with 'as'. Take, for example, "I did like you said." It can be easily written as, "I did as you said." Though traditional usage may

Q.3) Where are the

Elephanta Caves

situated in India?

C. Maharashtra

D. Madhva Pradesh

A. West Bengal B. Sikkim

Q.4) Which heritage

site is famous for its

Chalukya style of

architecture?

advice against it, it is being done today and is

5. ENDING A SENTENCE WITH **PREPOSITIONS**

Prepositions mean 'to place before'. So, experts argue that words like 'off', 'on', and 'with' cannot be placed at the end of a sentence. However, grammarian Charles Allen Lloyd has called it a "groundless notion" which is not supported by textbooks. Take, for example, "Who are you going with?" It still makes as much sense as, "With whom are you going?"





well known for their Nagara style of symbolism and erotic figures and sculptures?

A. Aksardham B. Khaiuraho C. Hampi D. Ajanta Q.2) Which railway station was built by

Frederick William Stevens with inspiration from **Victorian Italianate Gothic Revival architec**ture and traditional

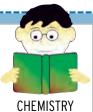
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Mughal buildings? A. Mountain Railways of India

A. Buland Darwaza B. Rani Ki Vav C. Pattadakal B. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus D. Sun Temple C. Delhi railway station D. None

ANSWERS

1. B) Khajuraho 2. B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus 3. C) Maharashtra 4. C) Pattadakal



KNOWLEDGE BANK

Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN), also known as PENT, PENTA, TEN, corpent, or penthrite is an explosive material. It is the

nitrate ester of pentaerythritol and is structurally very similar to nitroglycerin. Penta refers to the five carbon atoms of the neopentane skeleton. PETN is a powerful explosive material with a relative effectiveness factor

of 1.66. When mixed with a plasticiser, it forms a plastic explosive. It is also used as a vasodilator drug to treat certain heart conditions.

