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Is it POSSIBLE to buy LUNAR LAND?

X-PLAINED



WHAT IS THE OUTER SPACE TREATY?

WHAT: Recently, Dharmendra Arni, a resident from Ajmer, 'gifted' his wife three acres of land on the Moon on their eighth-wedding anniversary. In fact, ever since actors Sushant Singh Rajput, Shah Rukh Khan and other celebrities bought a part of the Moon, many people have started buying it for themselves.



Can I buy the Moon?

The answer is NO. According to analysts, people can't buy land on the Moon because of the Outer Space Treaty, an international agreement, which was signed by the US and the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1967 to prevent "a new form of colonial competition". 109 countries, including India, have signed the Outer Space Treaty.

➤ The Outer Space Treaty aims to prevent any possible damage on the Moon that self-seeking exploitation might cause
➤ According to Article II of the treaty, "Outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means." In other words, it states that no individual can purchase a piece of land on the lunar surface, and call it his/ her own. In short, private ownership of the Moon is impossible and illegal

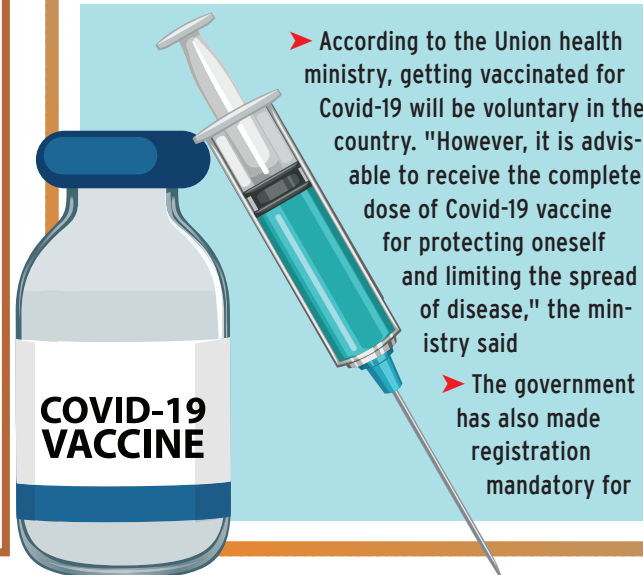
WHAT ABOUT THE CLAIMS THEN?

➤ Experts say individuals are buying land on the Moon, courtesy The Lunar Registry, which claims to sell people a piece of the Moon i.e. the landing site, such as 'Bay of Rainbows', 'Sea of Rains', 'Lake of Dreams', 'Sea of Serenity', and many others
➤ Any person, who claims to own land on the Moon through The Lunar Registry, is claiming so in compliance with the title IV of the Space Resource Exploration and Utilisation Act of 2015, Section 402 in the USA, which states that "a US citizen engaged in commercial recovery of an asteroid resource or a space resource shall be entitled to any asteroid resource or space resource obtained, including to possess, own, transport, use, and sell it, according to the applicable law, including the US international obligations". The non-US citizens may possess lunar property and resources by contracting a proxy (agent) having a US citizenship or commercial rights

'COVID-19 VACCINATION TO BE VOLUNTARY in INDIA'

India has approved two vaccines—AstraZeneca-Oxford (Covishield) and Bharat Biotech (Covaxin) — against the coronavirus for emergency use. According to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), the vaccines will be administered in two doses and can be stored at 2-8

degree Celsius. The DCGI has also granted permission to Cadila healthcare for phase 3 clinical trial in India. However, with speculations on the process of inoculation on the rise, the health ministry has come up with a series of frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the vaccine.

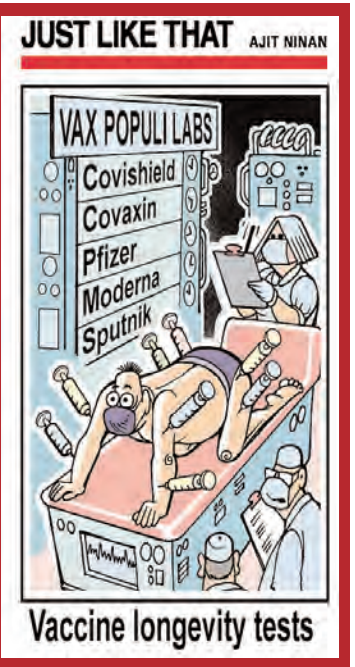


➤ According to the Union health ministry, getting vaccinated for Covid-19 will be voluntary in the country. "However, it is advisable to receive the complete dose of Covid-19 vaccine for protecting oneself and limiting the spread of disease," the ministry said
➤ The government has also made registration mandatory for

taking the vaccine. The Centre has announced a dedicated app — Co-Win app for real-time monitoring of the vaccine

➤ Once the registration is complete, the beneficiary will receive an SMS on his/her registered mobile number on the due date, place and time of vaccination

➤ After all the doses of the vaccine are administered, a QR code-based certificate will also be sent to the registered mobile number of the beneficiary, the ministry said



FACTOID

250 MILLION

That's the number of Instagram followers of footballer CRISTIANO RONALDO — the first-person ever to reach the milestone. The Juventus ace has stamped his authority as the world's most-popular celebrity by retaining the No 1 spot on Instagram. Ronaldo is followed by pop star Ariana Grande (214 million followers) and Hollywood actor and wrestling icon Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson (209 million), who are ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively, in terms of followers on Instagram



REPUBLIC DAY PARADE TO BE SHORTER WITH SMALLER MARCHING CONTINGENTS

The Republic Day Parade will be of a shorter duration this year. Smaller marching contingents, fewer cultural performances as well as strict social distancing pro-

IN THE NEWS

ocols will be in place for a reduced number of spectators at the Rajpath ground on Jan 26. "The parade will begin from Vijay Chowk, as

■ A contingent of the Bangladesh armed forces will take part in the parade to commemorate the 50th anniversary celebrations of the 1971 war of liberation
■ UK PM Boris Johnson, who was expected as chief guest, cancelled his trip

usual, but will culminate at the National Stadium instead of the Red Fort, said an official, adding that it will cover a distance of 3.3 km as compared to the normal 8.2 km. Around 25,000 spectators will be allowed to witness the parade as compared to the average of 1.3 lakh people every year. Children below 15 years and the elderly with co-morbidities will not be permitted to attend the parade.

EDUCATION



PANDEMIC BOOST: IS THE MOST-ATTRACTIVE FIELD

For the first time perhaps, life sciences has emerged as the most-desirable field for talent, ahead of the usual favourites of information technology (IT) and consumer goods (FMCG), claims a pan-India survey of corporate executives, underlining the ways the pandemic has changed our behaviour, and industry prospects.

➤ In an Executive Access survey, 23% of 261 CXOs across the industries picked up life sciences as the most-attractive sector for talent. IT (22%) and FMCG (16%) followed, suggesting that the candidates are seeking jobs that are immune to the vagaries of the economy

2020 WAS 8TH-WARMEST YEAR SINCE 1901: IMD



ENVIRONMENT

The year 2020 was the eighth-warmest since 1901 but it was "substantially lower" than the highest-warming observed in 2016, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Monday. "During the year, the annual mean land surface air temperature across the country was 0.29 degree Celsius above normal (based on the data of 1981-2010)," the IMD said in a statement on Climate of India during 2020.

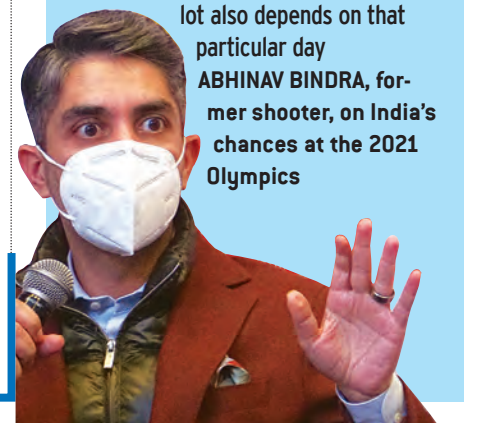
➤ The five warmest years on record in order were: 2016 (+ 0.71 degree C), 2009 (+0.55 degree C), 2017 (+0.541 degree C), 2010 (+0.539 degrees C), and 2015 (+0.42 degree C)

➤ 12 out of the 15 warmest years since 1901 were during the last 15 years — between 2006 and 2020, according to the IMD data

Quote unquote

I feel the Tokyo Olympics could end up with our best-ever medal haul, even though the times are challenging due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Sport is not scripted, but I do hope that we come back with our best medal haul and that means we will come back with 5-6 medals and better the London haul, which, if I am not wrong, remains our best. I think we have the ability to do the best; our athletes have proved themselves in the last two-three years. There are definite medal hopes not just in shooting but across other disciplines as well. We have many talented people, who can be considered as realistic medal hopes going into Tokyo. But a lot also depends on that particular day

ABHINAV BINDRA, former shooter, on India's chances at the 2021 Olympics



'COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY IN TODAY'S AGE'

TOPPER TALKS

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Bharat Goel, who has scored a 99.64 percentile in verbal, 99.99 percentile in data interpretation and logical reasoning and 99.88 in quantitative ability, in the Common Admission-Test (CAT) 2020, gives tips to students on how to score well and gear up for the IIMs, in a conversation with Times NIE...

ON SCORING 100 PERCENTILE: I had really prepared well and was expecting a good score, but a 100 per centile certainly came as a surprise to me.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MANAGEMENT SKILLS

I think communication is the key in today's age. If you can deliver your message well and be heard, you have succeeded in passing your idea across. This is, in fact, applicable to every aspect in life



ON HIS JOURNEY: I started preparing around June 2020. The test has three parts: Verbal, quantitative aptitude and logical reasoning, and data interpretation (LGDI). Since I had a good

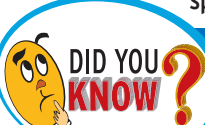
hold over quantitative aptitude and LGDI, I focussed more on strengthening the verbal section. This is also because most feel complacent about scoring well in the verbal section and lose

out. But remember, what sounds right, may not necessarily be grammatically-correct. Hence, always analyse your strengths and weaknesses, and then keep practising and sharpening the sections that are not your forte.

ON NEP: I am very optimistic about the changes that will follow once the National Education Policy (NEP) is executed. While students would want a complete revamp, logistically, it would take a while. I believe this is a process that goes step by step. One thing that the students are looking forward to is the independence to select the subjects of choice. Suppose you want to pick physics and maths, and skip chemistry. I think that's a great thing. You can stay focussed and don't have to labour through subjects that are not of your interest.

ON HOW TO SCORE HIGH IN CAT: Basically, the concepts of class X level need to be applied. So, in class X itself, if you introduce application-based sessions during the maths class, the probability of scoring well in CAT is higher.

Also, time management is a key to crack the exam. Therefore, practise the mock papers with a clock in hand.



The combined followers tally of all the 20 clubs in Premier League is far less than Ronaldo's total number of followers on Instagram. The 20 clubs combined have 159 million followers, which is 91 million followers less than Ronaldo's overall numbers

At 35, Ronaldo is also the most-followed person on the Facebook-owned platform. One of the greatest footballers to have played the game, Ronaldo continues to rule social media — he is also the most-followed person on Facebook and the most-followed sportsperson on Twitter



8 tips for starting

The New Year With a Positive Mindset

The upcoming year should be a celebration of your life and everything you want to achieve, but how can you switch your mindset after a year of challenges and loss? It's time to step away from traditional resolutions that we often give up on after only a few weeks and really focus on yourself. Here are tips...



1. PROCESS YOUR GRIEF

1 Even if you were one of the lucky ones who didn't lose anyone to COVID-19, you may still be grieving. You don't need to experience a death to feel loss. Maybe you got laid off from a part-time job, had to miss an important event, needed to cancel a trip, or distanced yourself from relationships that changed during quarantine. This year caused myriad types of grief, so try to identify and begin processing it all as the new year begins.



GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

2 Staying at home and only doing what you need to get by may have put your mental health in a stagnant state of depression – especially now during the winter when seasonal mood swings affect many people. Try generating joy by giving back to your community.

LIMIT YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA USE

4 When you check your social media feeds, does your heart race in anticipation for the next terrible breaking news story? Though this habit didn't exclusively start in 2020, it morphed into doomscrolling during pandemic-induced isolation.

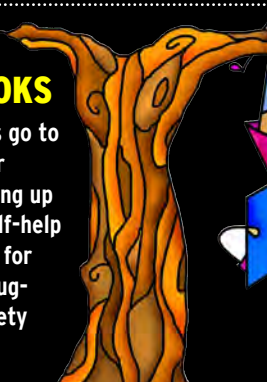


TRY TO BE MORE PRESENT

6 Being present is one of the best ways to have a positive mindset. When you are worried about the future or things outside of your control, bring yourself back to the immediate moment.

READ HELPFUL BOOKS

7 You can always go to the experts for advice by picking up a book. Plenty of self-help books are out there for readers who are struggling through a variety of situations.



PRACTICE GRATITUDE MORE

3 Positive New Year's resolutions become more manageable when you practice gratitude daily. Start small, like ruminating on how thankful you are for a roof over your head and food on your plate. Gratitude physically kick-starts the dopamine production in your body.

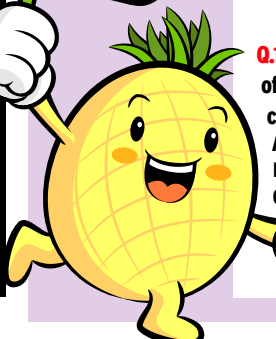


AVOID NEGATIVE PEOPLE

5 Your mental health will suffer if you surround yourself with negativity. Think about who you spend time with and what those relationships are like. After a little research, compare them to toxic relationships with classic traits like manipulation, etc.

FIND A NEW HOBBY

8 Succeeding at a new hobby is always something to celebrate. You'll feel happier in the process of expanding your skill set. Being positive for the new year is all about finding fulfilling and rewarding ways to spend your time. And with plenty of time there are a lot of mindful things you can do with your time.



When

#ASHTAGS

brought the world together in 2020!

The year 2020 was a year no one is likely to forget in a hurry. Most importantly for the COVID-19 pandemic and its catastrophic impact than anything else, but also for several other reasons. That year saw many 'firsts' – it was the first time that people worked from home for so long, the first time royalty from Britain exited their homeland to set up life outside, the first time for scores of people to take up cooking as they adjusted to a 24X7 life at home. And social media gave everything its own unique hashtag. Here's looking at what created a storm online and made 2020 so significant...

#COVID19

The term COVID-19 is always going to be synonymous with 2020. The virus that surfaced in the early part of the year wreaked havoc over the world and continues to do so. It was one of the most tweeted hashtags this year and is one of the most discussed topics. It also classified people into a statistic – most fatalities, highest cases, lowest risk groups, etc. and made healthcare one of the most valued sectors.



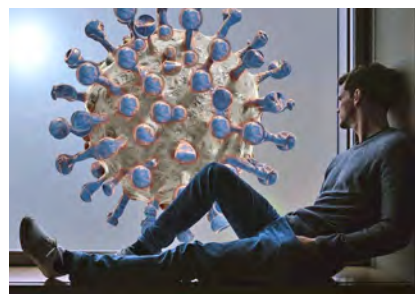
#MEGXIT

Like them, love them or loathe them, royalty is always going to be a much-read topic. And the hashtag #megxit absolutely dominated over all else as it saw the Duke and Duchess of Sussex – Prince Harry and Meghan Markle – move away from UK as they stepped back from their roles as members of the royal family. It was greeted with shock, disappointment, awe, etc...



#WFH

This was the first time the office came home...to stay that way. With coronavirus cases escalating, it seemed prudent to adjust to WFH (or #work-from-home). The situation had its pros and cons, and on social media, it also saw people sharing experiences of dealing with their makeshift work.



#LOCKDOWN

This pretty much defined our lives and still holds a sway over us, in case we go into lockdown mode again. It literally drew the boundaries on our lives, getting us to find a new way to live in the confines of our homes. For some, it made for more family time, for others who were solo in the city, it made for the hardest existence.



#CANCELEVERYTHING

The year 2020 was also the year of the 'cancel culture', courtesy the pandemic. With social distancing being seen as a key way to stay safe in these times, everything from education to sports events, fashion weeks, travel, social functions and more, got cancelled. The hashtag #CancelEverything gave rise to a bunch of memes as people everywhere saw their plans falling through.

#QUARANTINEBAKING

Cooking is said to be therapeutic, more so when it's a task that's leisurely like baking. So, whether it was to try something meditative or just pass time, the year saw an army of home bakers, who posted their creations online with the now popular hashtag #quarantinebaking.

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

If there is a case of inclusivity in the world today, then that was only highlighted even more with the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter this year. The resentment was brewing on this issue for quite some time, and on May 25, after the death of a black American man, George Floyd, allegedly by choking, it got re-ignited. #BlackLivesMatter grew to become one of the biggest anti-racist movements that the United States has seen, with protests everywhere calling out for justice.

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WAYS TO GET MORE FIBRE IN YOUR DIET

Everybody knows that fibre is good for us: it aids digestion and helps keep our bowel movements regular. However, most of us don't have enough fibre in our daily diet. Here are some tips to increase your intake.

- 1 Eat a variety of nuts and seeds every day. A handful of peanuts, hazelnuts, walnuts and cashews make for a great snack.
- 2 Have a variety of legumes, beans and lentils.
- 3 Have whole grain bread. Try recipes with brown or wild rice, wholewheat pasta or quinoa.



- 4 Fresh and even frozen vegetables are great. Spinach, broccoli, sweetcorn are all good additions to your diet.
- 5 For breakfast, have porridge or cereal, which is high in fibre, and have it with your favourite nuts, seeds and fruits. Daily Mirror

KNOWLEDGE BANK

Glaucus atlanticus

It is a species of small blue sea slug. It floats upside down by using the surface tension of the water to stay up. The blue side of the slug's body faces upwards, camouflaged with the water. It lives in the open ocean and can give a potentially dangerous sting. A mature sea slug can grow up to 3 centimetres in length. It is silvery grey on its dorsal side and dark and pale blue ventrally. It has dark blue stripes on its head.



GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

STATIONARY/STATIONERY

THE RULES:

- Stationary refers to being motionless.
- Stationery refers to pens, pencils and other office supplies.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- The car was stationary for a few minutes, and then it began to move.
- The boy told his mother about the stationary he needs tomorrow.

HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

- The car was stationary for a few minutes, and then it began to move.
- He told his mom about the stationery he needs.

QUIZ TIME (GK) (Siddharth Bhat, class X, St Paul's English School, Bengaluru)



Q.1) The pseudonym of the anonymous creator of Bitcoin is?
A. LuizSec B. Dorian Nakamoto C. Satoshi Nakamoto D. Gary McKinnon

Q.2) Where was the 2018 Commonwealth Games held?
A. India B. Australia C. Scotland D. Russia

Q.3) Brain Acton and Jan Koum are the original founders of which software/app?
A. Facebook B. Twitter C. Instagram D. WhatsApp

Q.4) What kind of software is WannaCry?
A. Virus B. Ransomware C. Bug D. Trojan Horse

Q.5) Who wrote the famous book 'The Origin of Species'?
A. Stephen Hawking B. Albert Einstein C. Charles Darwin D. Neil deGrasse Tyson

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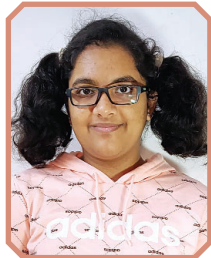


ANSWERS

1. C) Satoshi Nakamoto 2. B) Australia 3. D) WhatsApp 4. B) Ransomware 5. C) Charles Darwin

LOCKDOWN DIARY OF A BOOK IN SCHOOL LIBRARY

Nowadays, my favourite thing to do is to reminisce about my days as an emperor. My kingdom was none other than the library of BVB Public School (Vidyashram) (or at least that's what the label on my cover says). The moment you entered the library, you could easily tell it was me, because of my golden aura, and also the words "Calvin and Hobbes: Scientific Progress Goes Boink!" on my cover. Children crowded to catch a glimpse of the wonderful comic panels that constituted me. I remember dreaming about resting unbothered on my tranquil bookshelf. Too bad that my dreams came true. It's



been aeons since anybody even picked me up or passed by me. I feel increasingly lonely as the days pass. Dust keeps piling up on me and I, being a national treasure, dread the attack of the moth nation.

This excruciatingly long break has made me realise that the happiness my readers gained from me was what made me a good book. I long to feel wanted once again, but until then I can only cherish my memories (and look out for the moths). I've even penned down

a thought-provoking poem on how one can overcome being a neglected book:
*About a year ago, there was nothing I wanted more
But I ponder, Is this the stillness I truly longed for?*

My existence has become such a bore.

Out of the spotlight, I have a new outlook

I am but a humble book

Lying in a dusty nook.

Sad book

This is me at the pinnacle of my career

V KRISHNA SAI GAYATRI, class XI A, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School (Vidyashram), Jubilee Hills

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Amazing Dubai

I had been to Dubai in the beautiful Emirate. Deserts are converted into beautiful cities. It was my first experience in an aeroplane. I was really excited as I was visiting with my parents. It was an amazing trip. We went on top of Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. We went on a yacht ride. We also visited the different beaches in all the Emirates and all the malls such as Marina Mall, Dubai Mall and Deira City Centre. The cuisine was yummy. I just loved the shawarma and the falafel. Those are some of the unforgettable moments of my life. We enjoyed to the fullest.

TAUHQD MAHQMOOD KHAN, class VI, Springfields International School



THE QUARANTINE POEM

First, we thought it's not that big.
But we came to know once it started to dig.
Now we know what it can cause,
I feel sad whenever I floss.
Loving the world too much maybe,
Cutting up great many tree.
Perhaps someone was upset up there
But no one here would ever care.
Sooner or later, we had to repay,
And now we cannot even play.
And here grew a stopper for fun
As it applies it is boredom.
At first I thought I could always win
But now I feel like a dead shark's fin.
For those who think this is bluff,
Now their hands are under a cuff.
For ages it seems that I have been
Under this dreadful quarantine.
First it was a bear's attack.
Now I'm just in a closed backpack.

AMEEN SIDDIQUI, class IX C, The Hyderabad Public School, Ramanthapur

THE DARKNESS

I was all alone in the dark,
While I was returning from the park.
It was eight at the night, The darkness made a fright.
It seemed like someone was peeking through the jungle.
It seemed like I was just moving in a circle.
It looked like the area was deserted.
I was already feeling so frustrated.
I thought somebody was following me,
Oh, I guess it was my brain trolling with me.
I heard a dog bark, It was getting so dark.
I still thought someone was peeking.
A dim light was the only thing I was seeking.
The dog barked again.
I thought of never going back to that park again.
I thought I was on the wrong path,
But I had full faith in God.
Now I know it was my imagination.
I still don't have an explanation.
It's one of those mind games.
It feels like I was getting crazy.
Oh no, I felt so dizzy.
I reached my home, I felt so dum.
I ran upstairs and gave a knock.
And heard dad saying, I guess he is back.
Now I am not scared of the darkest,
Cause when I am with my family, I feel the safest.

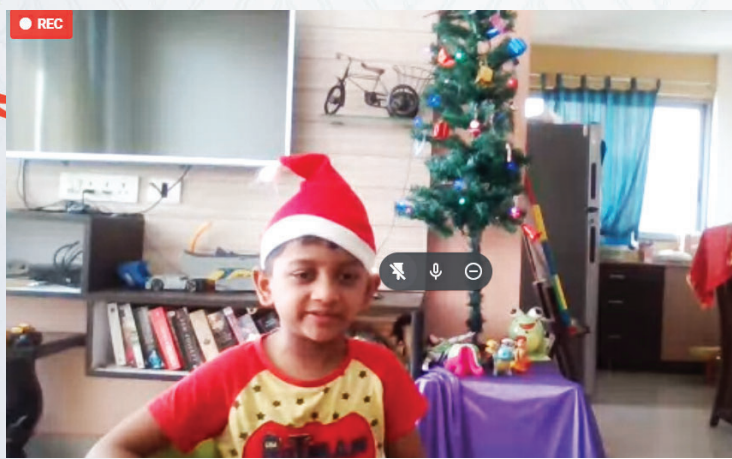
MOHAMMED IFTEKHAR AHMED, class X A, Literary Secretary, Madina Public School, Himayathnagar

OCEAN

Oh! Ocean you are full of emotion,
You share every portion with everyone in the ocean.
Ocean Ocean what makes you so blue?
As all of us admire you.
There is lot of place for us to play,
And for all the fishes and animals to stay.
We get to know you better while swimming in water,
For all the beauty and care underwater.
The fishes, plants underwater grow under your care,
Because you are so loving and humble enough to share.
We humans should be grateful to you,
To have a water body like you.
We need to thank you for all the water,
That you gave us since we grew up as sons and daughters.
You are the water of life throughout,
And we need to preserve you lifelong.
Oh! Ocean your water is blue,
As it has a dazzling and sparkling hue.
We need to preserve you for years together,
So that life on this planet remains forever.

RENATTA JOSEPH, class IX, Fiitjee World School, Marredpally

CHRISTMAS JUBILATIONS



DDMS(AMS) P Obul Reddy Public School Hyderabad

The students from pre-primary wing of DDMS (AMS) P. Obul Reddy Public School had a virtual Christmas celebration. The virtual classrooms were magnificently decorated with Christmas trees, stars and Santa Claus.

A manger crib was set up by teachers. Boundless joy of celebrating the festival was visible on the faces of all the children. Children came in their colourful attires. There was the Christmas spirit and merriment throughout the programme. Santa, with bags full of goodies and festive cheer was present to make the celebration memorable for the students. Children sang melodious carols and 'Jingle Bells' in a very festive

mood and danced to the song 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. They also made different art & craft activities like Xmas trees, stars, snowman and Santa.

The significance of the festival was explained by the teachers through a Christmas story. They emphasised on the importance of caring and sharing. Students who come from different culture and backgrounds got an opportunity to learn about history while celebrating this occasion in a wonderful way.

Christmas is celebrated every year to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course waiting for Santa Claus to arrive.

There was a lot of hustle and bustle in Johnson Grammar School to celebrate the festival. The UKG coordinator played a vital role in the preparation of the celebration. She guided the teachers in arranging the things required for the celebration. She also monitored everything done by the teachers. Teachers worked hard to make this event an enjoyable experience for children, who enjoyed the carols sung by some of the teachers.

The celebrations were held with a lot of pomp and gaiety. Children were dressed for the occasion in white, red and green colours, some of them even sported Santa caps. The coordinator and teachers were dressed in the same



colours. The essence of Christmas was recalled through colourful PPTs prepared by UKG teachers, Caroline and Austin.

The entry of Santa (Miss Priscilla, a teacher) triggered a lot of fun and excitement in children. Santa danced to the tune of Jingle Bells song, conveyed his wishes and waved them goodbye to which children reciprocated enthusiastically. Teachers then direct-

Hilda, pre-primary teacher, Johnson Grammar School, ICSE

Habsiguda

ed children to make a paper snowman, an activity that was thoroughly enjoyed.

The teachers made them play three games; 'Straw and Bottle' game, 'Transferring of Colourful Balls into a Plate' and 'Cookie Face' game. They thoroughly enjoyed playing these games. The Jingle Bells song was played and children danced to it. The event ended with teachers playing the Christmas greeting video. Children posed for photographs happily, as they knew that their photos would be uploaded on various virtual platforms.

Teachers recorded the complete session as a memory to remember for a long period of time. Before leaving children expressed how happy they were by displaying reaction symbols.

Teachers thanked parents for supporting their children. They also thanked children for their active participation.

Making his school proud



Gitanjali Devshala Hyderabad

AS Hariharan Naidu, a class VIII C student of Gitanjali Devshala, brought glory to the school as he has set up a stupendous international record in Wonder Book of Records by playing the keyboard for 30 minutes with blindfold, covering 20 songs in three different languages.

He has been awarded by Venugopala Chari and Anup Rubens, renowned music directors. He also performed in the presence of various

dignitaries and luminary judges from WBR. The 13-year-old keyboard player has been learning to play since class III from a renowned music institute. To utilize his time during the lockdown, he started a YouTube channel "Chill with Hariharan" about four months ago.

His channel now has garnered over 3000 subscribers and an audience of about 57,000 views. Apart from keyboard, Hariharan is also a chess player and has won many matches.

This is truly a mark of accomplishment. His hard work and diligence have earned him this high honour which is a symbol of his dedication towards music.

A 'CAKELICIOUS' ACTIVITY

Delhi Public School Nacharam

A home-made and hand-crafted cake makes any occasion feel more joyful. To celebrate the essence of Christmas and joy of giving, the students from pre-primary wing of Delhi Public School, Nacharam, organised a 'Cakelicious' activity. Children were guided during the online session to make a no bake handcrafted cake and decorate it with simple ingredients available at home. This activity enhanced their creativity and culinary skills, and also helped to imbibe the value of 'sharing is car-



ing' as, children shared their hand-made cake with their family members. Children were also excited to

dress up as bakers with the chef cap and apron and enjoyed the activity to the fullest.

SALAD MAKING ACTIVITY

Delhi Public School, Secunderabad, always aim at providing opportunities to the students to engage in hands-on activities to foster the love for knowledge and creativity within them.

In this regard, the students of class II took part in a vegetable and fruit salad making activity to showcase their creative talent.

Delhi Public School Secunderabad

The students of class I and II enjoyed the activity. Various designs were displayed, from a flower made of beetroot to beautiful scenery created from a combination of fruits and vegetables. They also spoke about the nutritional value of the ingredients in the salad. Later on, they enjoyed having their delicious salads with their peers and teachers. It was a fruitful day for the young ones!

JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE

The Shri Ram Universal School Hyderabad

Hyderabad



Cheer, joy and pride filled the Talk Hall of The Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad (TSUS) as their first Physical Event was held at school with all safety protocols in place. Charter presentation and Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of TSUS, Hyderabad was a sight to behold. The students of class VIII were installed as office bearers in the following capacity: Sri Ishita as President, Shreyan Nawagekar as Vice-President, Chann Gwari as Secretary, Dhriti Madan as Treasurer, Ritish Reddy as Director and Ritwik M as Director.

Principal Jyothi Reddy, who has inspired the students and always led them by example, was instrumental and paved the path for yet another virtuous

endeavour for the school.

Every student of class VIII is now an Interactor and shall work towards making a difference. Key activity coordinator Sudha Bonsor and Interact Club coordinator Ruchi Mundra shall facilitate this programme going forward.

The event was witnessed by district Governor RID 3150- Rtn. Hanmanth Reddy, chief guest, assistant Governor Rtn. Dr. Raam Prasad, President RCJH Rtn. Raja Krishna and other members of the Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills.

The Interact Club of the school under the Aegis of Rotary Club of Jubilee hills is all set to embark on a journey of leadership, responsibility, fellowship and service.

IND vs AUS, 3RD TEST PREVIEW

WHO WILL TAKE THE LEAD?

Australia and India resume their "arm-wrestle" Test series at 1-1 on Thursday after a build-up marred by a coronavirus outbreak in Sydney and concerns over a potential biosecurity breach by the Indian team

It's obvious that once you're bowled out for 36, various cricket experts will think that with Virat Kohli leaving the series and Shami being ruled out, the Indian team could sort off disintegrate but credit to the team, support staff, the way they bounced back positively. I would say to my viewer friends and experts, never rule out anything, especially not the Indian Cricket Team.

VVS Laxman,
former India batsman



India is waiting for Cheteshwar Pujara to 'arrive'. In the last 18 Test innings, he has scored 477 runs at 26.5 with no hundreds

WARNER'S INCLUSION - WILL IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

1 "The first two Tests have been tough cricket, it's 1-1 and that probably shows how close the series is," said Australia coach Justin Langer, describing the series as an "arm-wrestle". "We are very, very determined to get out of the blocks hard on Thursday."

2 The series has also been eventful off the field with Sydney, which has raced to contain a new Covid-19 cluster, only confirmed as host of the third Test after the Melbourne game. The Sydney Cricket Ground has slashed its available capacity from 50 to 25 percent, about 10,000 fans, after a public backlash over potential health risks. Separately, five Indian players were spotted dining inside a Melbourne restaurant, in apparent contravention of biosecurity protocols.

3 Australian officials have played down reports of India not keen on the final Test in Brisbane, due to stricter quarantine arrangements. The weather could affect plans for both teams, with showers forecast for Thursday and Friday. David Warner is expected to return after missing the first two Tests, while fellow opener Joe Burns has been dumped.

4 Warner's opening partner is still unknown. Will Pucovski could make his debut, Marcus Harris is waiting in the wings. If either play, Matthew Wade would drop back to number five with Travis Head facing the axe. "There's loyalty to all our players. It's so hard to fit seven or eight into six," said Langer, when asked about Head. But he stressed his batsmen must start putting more runs on the board, with the team failing to go past 200 during the series.

INDIA TO STICK WITH FIVE-BOWLER STRATEGY

1 After Melbourne, India coach Ravi Shastri hailed the team's turnaround as one of the great comebacks of all time, but the euphoria was short-lived. Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill, Prithvi Shaw and Navdeep Saini were all seen dining in a Melbourne restaurant, in what looked like a biosecurity breach. But India's cricket board has taken no action so far, and after the entire touring party tested negative for the coronavirus on Sunday, the five seem to be clear to play.

2 That would see Gill, who was highly impressive on debut in Melbourne, pad up again, while the explosive Pant will once more keep wicket. Sharma only joined the team last week after a late injury-enforced arrival. But he was immediately made vice-captain, suggesting he too will play, potentially in place of the under-performing Mayank Agarwal.

3 There will be a new-look attack with Umesh Yadav out of the series after hurting his calf and T Natarajan called up as a replacement. India were already without regulars Mohammed Shami and Ishant Sharma.

4 Despite this, Shastri said last week they planned to stick with a five-bowler strategy. He added that the key to their comeback in Melbourne was forgetting what happened in Adelaide, a trait they will take into Sydney. "To beat a team like Australia, especially in Australia, there is no point having one good day or two good days," he said. "You have got to have five good days if you have to beat them, as simple as that."

TRULY NO. 1!



In 82 Test matches, Williamson has amassed 6980 runs with 24 centuries

Kane Williamson scored 238, the fourth double-century of his career and his second of the summer, as New Zealand declared with a 362-run lead over Pakistan on the third day of the second test. In the process, Williamson went on to achieve several new milestones in the longest format of the game. Here are some of them...

1. Williamson now has the highest average in Test cricket in the last three years when it comes to batters who have scored a minimum of 1000 runs. He stands head and shoulders above modern greats like Virat Kohli, Steve Smith and others.

- 65.74 Kane Williamson (and counting)
- 62.80 Babar Azam
- 58.81 Marnus Labuschagne
- 53.53 Henry Nicholls
- 52.62 Steve Smith
- 52.56 Virat Kohli

2. Only 12 players have reached the milestone of 7000 runs in Tests in fewer number of innings

than Williamson, who reached the landmark in 144 innings.

3. Williamson is only the fourth batsman to score a century in three straight Test matches for the Kiwis, with the other three being Mark Burgess (1969-72), Ross Taylor (2013) and Tom Latham (2018-19).

4. Since 2016, Williamson is only the second captain to score more than 10 Test hundreds. He presently sits on 11, behind Kohli who has 16 Test tons to his name in the period.

5. With his 32nd half-century, the 30-year-

old now has the most fifty-plus scores (which included both fifties and hundreds) for New Zealand in Test matches. Having crossed the coveted figure 56 times, the cricketer has gone past former New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, who has achieved the feat 55 times.

6. Williamson and Henry Nicholls' partnership of 369 runs against Pakistan is the highest 4th wicket stand for the Kiwis in Tests. The previous best was between Ross Taylor and Jesse Ryder at 271 runs. In the overall list for New Zealand, it stands at the third spot.

Danny Ings lobs Southampton to 1-0 win over Liverpool

A superb second-minute lob by Danny Ings gave Southampton a surprise 1-0 home win over Premier League leaders Liverpool, with the Reds' attack looking rudderless as they were held scoreless for the second game in a row. The victory lifted Southampton to sixth in the table on 29 points, behind Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City on goal difference. Liverpool stay top on 33 points ahead of Manchester United, who have a game in hand, on goal difference. REUTERS



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Who is the all-time record holder for most goals in Premier League?

- a) Sergio Agüero ☐ b) Andrew Cole ☐
c) Wayne Rooney ☐ d) Alan Shearer ☐

Q2: The youngest boxer to win an Olympic gold medal was _____

- a) Riddick Bowe ☐ b) Jackie Fields ☐
c) Joseph Salas ☐ d) Pedro Quartucci ☐

Q3: In Women's One Day International, who was the youngest player to have scored a hundred?

- a) Charlotte Edwards ☐ b) Laura Wolvaardt ☐

- c) Mithali Raj ☐ d) Amelia Kerr ☐

Q4: Name the youngest footballer to appear in a FIFA World Cup Final?

- a) Pelé ☐ b) Johan Cruyff ☐
c) Cristiano Ronaldo ☐ d) Lionel Messi ☐

Q5: The partnership between _____ which two players led to the highest number of runs in ICC Men's World Cup?

- a) Upul Tharanga and Tillakaratne Dilshan ☐
b) David Warner and Steve Smith ☐
c) Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid ☐
d) Chris Gayle and Marlon Samuels ☐

Q6: During which Olympics did Mima Ito became the youngest table tennis player to win a medal?

- a) 2004 Athens Games ☐
b) 2008 Beijing Games ☐
c) 2016 Rio Games ☐ d) 2012 London Games ☐



Mima

Q7: Which of these players has scored the most goals in FIFA Club World Cup?

- a) Lionel Messi ☐ b) Luis Suárez ☐
c) Cristiano Ronaldo ☐ d) Gareth Bale ☐

Q8: Who is the first female tennis player to have achieved the 'golden' Grand Slam?

- a) Monica Seles ☐ b) Martina Hingis ☐
c) Gabriela Sabatini ☐ d) Steffi Graf ☐

Q9: Sonja Henie, Irina Rodnina and Tessa Virtue hold the record for most Olympic gold medals won by women in figure skating. How many medals have each won?

- a) One ☐ b) Two ☐ c) Three ☐ d) Four ☐

Q10: The record for umpiring the most matches in ICC Men's World Cup is held by _____

- a) David Shepherd ☐ b) Steve Bucknor ☐
c) Aleem Dar ☐ d) Billy Bowden ☐

Q11: Which of the following clubs has the all-time record of most wins in Premier League?

- a) Manchester United ☐ b) Chelsea ☐
c) Liverpool ☐ d) Arsenal ☐

Q12: Which athlete has won gold medals in discus throw at four consecutively Olympic games?

- a) Ludvik Danek ☐ b) Fortune Gordien ☐
c) Lothar Milde ☐ d) Alfred Oerter, Jr ☐

ANSWERS: 1 d) Alan Shearer 2 b) Jackie Fields
3 c) Mithali Raj 4 a) Pelé
5 d) Chris Gayle and Marlon Samuels
6 c) 2016 Rio Games 7 c) Cristiano Ronaldo
8 d) Steffi Graf 9 c) Three
10 a) David Shepherd 11 a) Manchester United
12 d) Alfred Oerter, Jr