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STUDENT EDITION

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The news has been packed in recent months with severe climate and weather events, record-high temperatures from the Pacific Northwest to Sicily, flooding in Germany and the eastern US, wildfires from Sacramento to Siberia to Greece. Events that seemed rare just a few decades ago are now a common phenomenon

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Jasprit 'boom'rah ALL THE WAY!

FASTEST INDIAN PACER TO PICK 100 TEST WICKETS

Jasprit Bumrah on Monday became the fastest Indian pacer to reach 100 wickets in the longest format of the game. Bumrah achieved the feat in the fourth Test against England when he removed Ollie Pope for 2 in the second session of the final day...

- 1 With Pope's wicket, Bumrah broke former Indian skipper Kapil Dev's record. Kapil Dev had taken 25 Tests to reach 100 wickets, while Bumrah achieved the milestone in his 24th game
- 2 Former India bowler Irfan Pathan is next on the list, having reached 100 wickets in 28 matches, while pacer Mohammed Shami occupies the fourth spot
- 3 Seasoned off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin is the fastest Indian bowler to reach 100 wickets. He had achieved the feat in just 18 games during the West Indies tour of India in 2013

THE RISE OF BUMRAH



■ Born in Ahmedabad on December 6, 1993, Jasprit Bumrah is the spearhead of India's bowling attack
■ Jasprit, who made his T20I debut against Australia in 2016, became the bowler with the most T20I wickets in a calendar year in just seven months. He surpassed Dirk Nannes' record of 28 wickets in the two-match series against the West Indies

MEANWHILE, A STANDING 'OVAL'ATION FOR INDIA: Jasprit Bumrah's brilliant reverse swing, Ravindra Jadeja's smooth use of the rough and key breakthroughs from Umesh Yadav and Shardul Thakur handed India a 2-1 series lead against England on the final day of the fourth Test. After conceding a 99-run lead, it was yet another signature comeback Test win for Virat Kohli & Co and one for the ages – their first Test victory at the Oval since their historic 1971 triumph, which marked their first-ever win in England and their first series win in the country.

Extreme sea levels, the new normal?

A recent study reveals that due to the Earth's rising temperature, extreme sea levels will soon become much more common worldwide. The findings of the study predicted that because of the rising temperatures, extreme sea levels along coastlines the world over, will become 100 times more frequent by the end of the century in about half of the 7,283 locations studied.


Environment

1 The study, which looked specifically at extreme sea levels – the occurrence of exceptionally high seas due to the combination of tide, waves and storm surge, stated that because of rising temperatures, an extreme sea-level event that would have been expected to occur once every 100 years currently, is expected to occur every year, on an average, by the end of this century

2 While the researchers said there is uncertainty as always about future climate, the most likely path is that these increased instances of sea-level rise will occur even with a global temperature increase of 1.5 or 2 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial temperatures

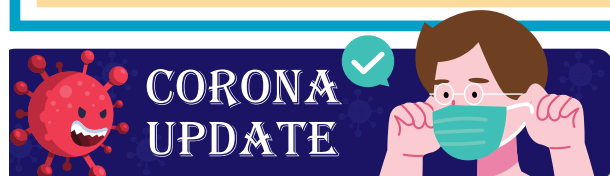
3 Scientists consider these temperatures the lower end of possible global warming. The changes are likely to come sooner than the end of the century, with many locations experiencing a 100-fold increase in extreme sea-level events by 2070

AREAS TO BE AFFECTED

■ The scientists found, not unexpectedly, that the effects of rising seas on extreme sea level frequency would be felt most acutely in the tropics and generally at lower latitudes compared to the northern locations

■ Locations likely to be affected most include the Southern Hemisphere, areas along the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Peninsula, the southern half of North America's Pacific coast, and areas including Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Philippines and Indonesia. In many of these regions, the sea level is expected to rise faster than at higher latitudes

■ Regions that will be less affected include the higher latitudes, the northern Pacific coast of North America, and the Pacific coast of Asia


**CORONA
UPDATE**

Only fully-vaccinated should attend mass gatherings: Government



The government has urged people to avoid mass gatherings, and added that if attending them is essential, then full vaccination should be a prerequisite, especially during the upcoming festive season. The Centre has also warned against lowering the guard amid reports of a continuous surge in Covid-19 cases in some districts.

The government aims to cover majority of the adult population with at least one dose of Covid vaccine before October, when chances of spreading infection are to be higher amid festivities. Average daily vaccinations increased to more than 80 lakh doses in the last week of August with the help of improved supply of jabs, while over one crore doses were administered twice during the week

A MINISTRY ON CLIMATE CRISIS IN GREECE

The Greece government has created a new ministry to address the impact of climate change and has named former European Union commissioner Christos Stylianides as minister. Stylianides, 63, who served as commissioner for humanitarian aid and crisis management between 2014 and 2019, was appointed in the wake of massive wildfires that burned more than 1,000 square kilometres of forest on the island of Evia and in southern Greece. A Cypriot citizen, Stylianides will be awarded Greek citizenship before being sworn in. As a minister of climate crisis and civil protection, Stylianides will head fire-fighting, disaster relief and policies to adapt to rising temperatures resulting from climate change.


VIEWPOINT

■ Intense heat waves in southern Europe in July and August – described in Greece as the worst in decades – fuelled deadly wildfires in Turkey as well and blazes in Italy, France, and Balkan countries

■ Scientists say there is little doubt that climate change from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas is driving more extreme events

Q: SHOULD OTHER COUNTRIES FOLLOW SUIT? SHARE YOUR VIEWS AT TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

Rejoice, Marvel lovers: 'Eternals' is coming to India on November 5

Marvel Studios' much-awaited epic action-adventure film 'Eternals' is set to release in India on November 5, the makers announced on Monday. Directed by Academy Award winner Chloe Zhao, the superhero film is about the titular group, who has been living on Earth for the past 7,000 years.



■ Created by cosmic beings called the Celestials, the Eternals have been sent to the Earth to safeguard the planet from their evil counterparts Deviants
■ 'Eternals', the third film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe's Phase Four, will release in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

WhatsApp likely to allow users to hide online status soon

Facebook-owned WhatsApp will reportedly let users hide their online status from anyone who can't be trusted. As spotted by WABetaInfo, the new privacy tools are in development to allow control over exactly who can see parts of a user's profile.

Currently, 'Last Seen,' 'Profile Picture' and 'About' can either be seen by everyone, contacts, or no one at all. There are no customisable options, the report said. Those limitations will be lifted soon, as WhatsApp is currently testing the ability to exclude specific contacts from seeing your status, it added



■ With this option, the users will be able to hide their 'Last Seen' time from a handful of people without disabling it altogether
■ This option will also support profile photos and bios, providing much more control over privacy than previously offered
■ Disabling 'Last Seen' will remain a two-way street – if a user hides it from a group of people in their contacts list, WhatsApp will hide their information in return



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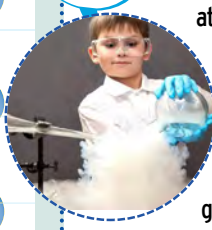
CHEMISTRY

LIQUID NITROGEN

Liquid nitrogen looks a lot like boiling water: It can be kept up to a few weeks in a special pressurised and vented container called a Dewar. Since it boils at a temperature of -320.4°F (-195.7°C), liquid nitrogen turns into nitrogen vapour very quickly when released into the atmosphere at room temperature.



Did you realise that a prevalent gas in Earth's atmosphere can be cooled to the point that it turns into a liquid so cold that it will instantly freeze a flower's petals? It's true. It's Liquid Nitrogen! At normal atmospheric temperatures, nitrogen exists as a gas in the atmosphere. To turn it into a liquid, it needs to be cooled to a temperature between -346°F and -320.44°F !



FUN WITH LIQUID NITROGEN

Liquid nitrogen is really great for getting kids excited about chemistry. Not only will everyone love you at the next birthday party, but you can use it to teach some basic chemistry in a cool way.

Clouds, clouds everywhere!

Sometimes "clouds" are needed as a special effect to move low across a set or a stage. This creates a dramatic effect for a dream sequence, a spooky scene, or someone flying. The special effects crew has a few tricks up their sleeves to pull it off, too. While it looks really cool, liquid nitrogen is really cool at about -320°F (-196°C). This effect takes training and uses equipment not usually kept at home, so leave it to the experts. DO not try it by yourself.



expand to vapour and the huge cloud that results blasts upward.

Frozen Flowers

Dip a carnation, rose, daisy, or other flower in liquid nitrogen. Remove the flower and shatter its petals in your hand.



WORD OF CAUTION: All experiments to be conducted under adult supervision with all safety gear. Experiments are fun, but with caution

LANGUAGE

NOSTALGIA

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Although not a concept by itself, 'nostalgia' is one of the most powerful tools or resources that any writer in any language has at his or her disposal.

Nostalgia evokes powerful memories, and in these memories are embedded plots, characters, twists, ideas, foundations, for wonderful, imaginative and deeply personal stories. Often, when we struggle to find a premise for our writing, the spark that inspires us, we feel that we have run out of creative juices. It is at this 'blind spot' taking a trip down memory lane will invariably devise a sumptuous plan for an immersive tale.

One's own experiences don't just come in handy during fiction writing — where one can draw on one's personal journeys of love, loss, triumph, failure, memories — but one's own personal happenings can also serve as powerful opinion-makers in non-fiction writing for exemplifying any point that one is trying to persuade the reader of. So useful is nostalgia, that be it speech writing or even writing an admissions essay to a college abroad, recollecting and using incidents, anecdotes, and real-life learnings from one's own past will hugely bolster one's writing, lend it authenticity and gravitas, and make it much more meaningful, relevant, and relatable.

EXAMPLE: I am applying to a business school and share an example on how I started a pet shop in my garage when I was seven, and sold pet fish in the neighbourhood. My essay will reflect my flair for entrepreneurship. Nostalgia, therefore, plays a big role!

MATHS

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easy and fun



NEGATIVE

Negative numbers got wider acceptance in math only in the 19th century.

The genesis

The scope and application of the idea and practice of negative numbers has hugely expanded now, e.g., they're widely used for quickly expressing exact opposites (deposit versus withdrawal of money). Arithmetically, negative numbers and subtraction operation on a number are equivalent

Visualising negative numbers on number line

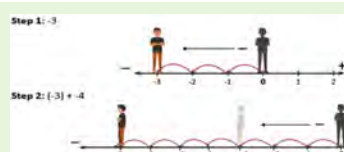
On a number line, 0 is the neutral position, the right on the line is considered positive, and the left negative. Numbers on the right are bigger than those on their immediate left, all along the number line.

8 is more than -8 ($8 > -8$), and $-1 > -3$. Subtraction implies we always look to the left of the position on a number line. Addition implies we always look to the right. Thus, $0 - 3$ is shown on a number line by facing left and taking 3 steps to reach -3, and $-2 + 3$ will be shown by facing right at -2 on number line and then walking 3 steps to reach 1.

A negative number is shown by change of direction - facing opposite direction to the position on the number line, e.g., $3 + -3$ implies turning left at 3, the initial position, facing right and walking 3 steps to 0 on number line. $3 - -3$ implies turning left at 3 due to the subtraction operation ($-$) and on encountering -3, turn again in the opposite direction and walking 3 steps to 6 on number line.

Visualising the six expressions involving addition and subtraction of negative numbers:

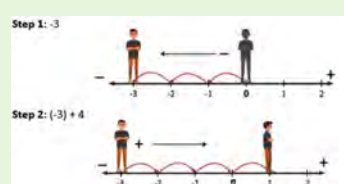
Case 1: $3 + -4 = ?$ (Sum of two negative numbers)
Example: I had 3 borrowed crayons, and I had to borrow again 4 more of crayons. To know how many crayons I have, their ownership not being relevant, the mathematical expres-



sion for it will be $-3 + -4$. There are 7 crayons, but all the crayons are borrowed so I have -7 crayons.

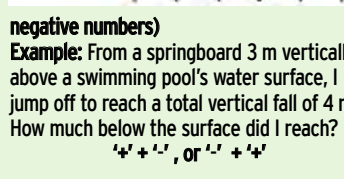
Case 2: $-3 + 4 = ?$ (Sum of negative and positive numbers)

Example: In an exam, I get 3 negative marks for 3 wrong answers and 4 positive marks

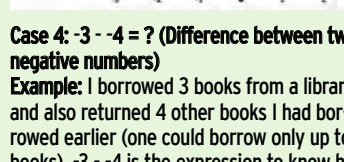


Case 3: $3 + -4 = ?$ (Sum of positive and negative numbers)

Example: From a springboard 3 m vertically above a swimming pool's water surface, I jump off to reach a total vertical fall of 4 m. How much below the surface did I reach?



Case 4: $-3 - 4 = ?$ (Difference between two negative numbers)
Example: I borrowed 3 books from a library and also returned 4 other books I had borrowed earlier (one could borrow only up to 4 books). $-3 - 4$ is the expression to know how many more book I can borrow. And we know that's 1, expressed as:



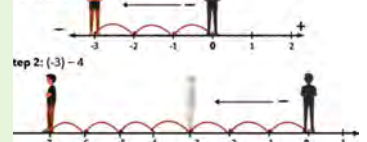
$-3 + 4 = 4 - 3 = 1$

The above situation can also be viewed as: I can borrow 4 books from a library and I've already borrowed 3 books. $4 - 3$ expresses one more book could be borrowed

$-3 + 4 = 4 - 3 = 4 - 3 = 1$

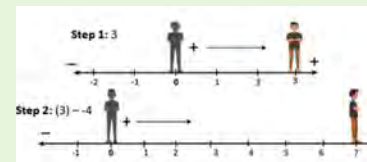
Therefore, two consecutive $-$ actually make a $+$

Example: If something is at -3°C and it is



cooled further by another 4°C . The resultant temperature will be -7°C . Mathematically, it would be expressed as:

$$-3^{\circ}\text{C} - 4^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ or } -3 - 4 = -7 = -3 + -4$$



Example: I have 3 crayons left after I returned 4 crayons I had borrowed. How many crayons were there before I returned the 4 crayons? 7 crayons. It depends what is to be quantified, e.g., for quantifying the crayons I still owe; the expression will be:

Multiplication of negative numbers
There are only three different multiplication possibilities with negative numbers.

Case 1: $3 \times -4 = -12$ (-Multiplier \times Multiplicand = -)
A machine drills 4m deep every day. Over 3 days it will drill $3 \times -4\text{m}$, or 12m deep, i.e., -12m.

Case 2: $-3 \times 4 = -12$ (-Multiplier \times Multiplicand = -)
The idea of negative multiplier is tricky, it's best seen as a change that naturally has direction, e.g., deceleration of a free body thrown up.

Case 3: $-3 \times -4 = 12$ (-Multiplier \times -Multiplicand = +)
Three consecutive credits of 4 to you from your telecom company (to reflect as reduction in monthly bill you are supposed to pay). Credits in Utility bills are negative because they are opposite of what communicate bills - demand to pay. A negative multiplier is symbolic too - shows a downward/opposite turn in direction.

ECONOMICS

NEW ECONOMY



New economy is a buzzword to describe new, high-growth industries that are on the cutting edge of technology and are believed to be the driving force of economic growth and productivity. A new economy was first declared in the late 1990s as hi-tech tools, particularly as the Internet and computer, made their way into the consumer and business marketplace.

THE TRANSFORMATION

The new economy was seen as a shift from a manufacturing and commodity-based economy to one that used technology to create new products and services at a rate that the traditional manufacturing economy could not match. To name a few: Google, Amazon, FB, Microsoft and Apple.



BUZZWORD OF 90S

New economy is a buzzword that was used to add to the hype of what tech companies in the 1990s were promising in terms of new ways of doing business and earning a living. As originally coined, the new economy is here, with more people using technology in their daily lives.

THE TECH BUBBLE

The new economy was variously heralded as the knowledge economy, the data economy, the e-commerce economy, and so on.

BURST AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGES



Although the tech bubble has long since burst, many of the remaining firms like Google (Alphabet), Amazon, and Facebook remain very innovative and at the forefront of technology. The tech sector grew to exciting sub-sectors forming the sharing economy, the streaming economy, the gig economy, cloud computing, big data, and artificial intelligence.

HISTORY

NIAMAT NAMAH

Mahia Bashir writes for Times NIE about interesting events and terms from History. The author is pursuing BA programme at St Stephen's College, and interning at the History Diaries - an initiative to revamp the current pedagogical system of History through tours, drama in schools

The 'Niamat Namah' (Book of Delights) is a medieval Indian cookbook that was commissioned by Ghiyasuddin Khalji, the Sultan of Malwa, in the late 15th century. Here are some interesting facts about the book.

1. TREASURE TROVE OF RECIPES: Enriched by gilded illustrations, the cookbook is a treasure of recipes of food and beverages, preparation of perfumes, and remedies for illnesses.



2. ENJOYING THE PLEASURES OF LIFE: It is very interesting that at his accession, Sultan Ghiyasuddin declared abstinence from warfare and expansion, and instead devoted himself to enjoying the pleasures of life, in which his subjects would partake too. He left his son Nasiruddin to the affairs of the state, while indulging himself in other pursuits.

3. RECIPES IN PERSIAN AND URDU: The recipes are written in Persian and Urdu. Strangely, the opening folio of the book reads "O king of Cockroaches"! It was superstitiously believed that if the king of cockroaches was invoked, they would not damage the book.

4. THE BETELNUT CONNECTION: One of the recurring themes in the illustrations of the 'Niamat Namah' is Sultan Ghiyas chewing paan (betel-nut). For instance, in the folio 103 of the book, the sultan is seated on a small stool while cooks are preparing paan in the background. A woman attendant offers the Sultan prepared betel.

Treasure Trove of recipes:

The manuscript was most likely taken from the Malwa capital of Mandu to the Mughal court after the Mughal Emperor Akbar defeated the last Sultan of Mandu, Baz Bahadur, in the 1560s.



SHOULDERING MULTIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Gitanjali Senior School with students paying tribute to their mentors through an excellent online programme.

September 5 is also the birthday of founder director of Gitanjali Group of Schools, Gita Karan. The teachers of all the branches assembled virtually and celebrated the day and conveyed their wishes and acknowledging her immense contribution in making the school excel in almost every field. Presentation of a cultural show by students added to the special occasion.

Gitanjali Senior School Hyderabad



Teachers these days are multi-taskers, both in their personal and professional lives. In school, they not only take class but also do administrative work, set question paper, supervise exams, prepare timetables and guide projects and the list doesn't stop there.

They also study to move ahead in their career. They conduct research, present papers, arrange or attend seminars, conferences or training workshops. Their work has doubled ever since classes went online due to the pandemic. In spite of all this, they care for each and every student, they talk to all of us in a pleasing manner, they inspire us a lot. After knowing all this I respect them more.



Bhavya Naga Sree L, class IX, Sister Nivedita School Hyderabad

GROOVING WITH BUDDIES

Who wouldn't love to let their hair down and have fun with their friends? Class 1 Cambridge students of Gitanjali Vedika did just that! As part of the Buddy Bench initiative to help students overcome the loss of human connection in recent times, the school organised a virtual class party. This brought about nostalgia for

recess hours where students would have fun and trade secrets.

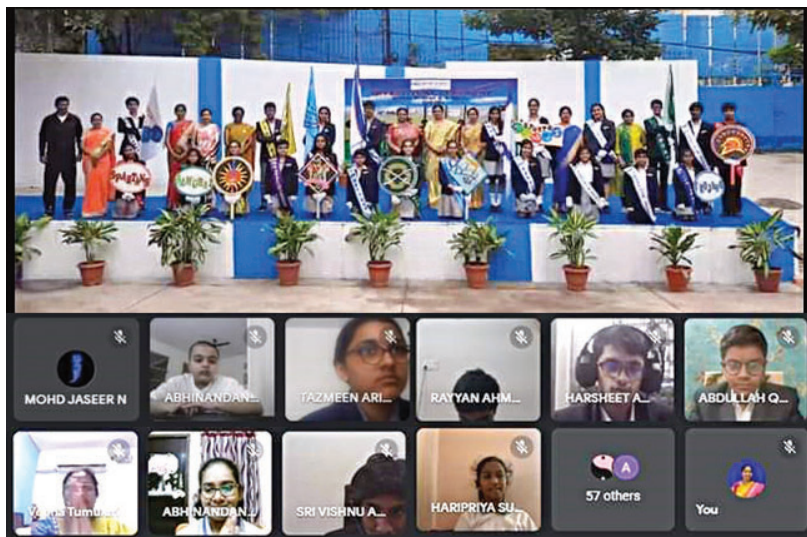
The party began with 'Shopping Bag', a merry game to test the children's agility and quick thinking.

The students had to gather fifteen food items that the teacher listed, into their shopping bags within a fixed time. Then it was time to enjoy lip-smacking refreshments and groove to catchy tunes. It was an entertaining day for the teacher too and it warmed her heart to see the children having so much fun.

Gitanjali Vedika



New Student Council takes charge



Delhi School of Excellence Banjara Hills

The Investiture Ceremony 2021-22 of Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills was held recently. Chief guest Dr A P Jayaraman, chairman of DSE Madhusudhan Rao, Rama Devi, Secretary DSE Group of Institutions, Shashikala, Academic Director, Principal Veena Murthy, Headmistress Anasuya and other dignitaries graced the occasion.

Principal Veena Murthy administered the oath of office to the newly elected Student Council members. The Council members pledged to fulfil their responsibilities to the best of their ability. The Head Boy and Head

Girl shared their thoughts on being entrusted with their responsibilities with faith.

The principal in her speech congratulated the newly elected members and urged them to embrace the spirit of oneness.

The proud parents of the Council Members were the special invitees on the occasion. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Cultural Secretary.

Keeping fit in body and mind with sports

"It is not my country's duty to push me ahead, it's my duty to push my country ahead"
- Dhyan Chand

Pallavi Model School Bowenpally

of sports and honouring the achievements of fellow Pallavians in the field of sports. A video was presented by the students depicting how the Pallavians can try to stay fit during the pandemic.

Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, celebrated the National Sports Day recently to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. Sport teaches us that every ending is a new beginning and that the journey is more important than the destination. This assembly was modelled to remind everyone about the importance of sports in a student's life.

The assembly began with a devotional prayer. This was followed by screening of videos highlighting the importance

The assembly came to an end on a positive note, motivating the students to embrace the ebullience of playing outdoor sports.

Fun at the beach



"If the world is a book, people who don't travel read only a page"

In 2018, I went to the port city of Visakhapatnam along with my parents in our car, so it was a fun drive.

Vizag is famous for its beaches. We stayed in a hotel which had a beach view, and this made the stay even more wonderful. We went to the beach and frolicked in the waves. We had some channa, the road-side snack which is very common in beaches. We collected some exquisite shells from the beach and also bought some from the stalls there.

We even found a shell on the beach which had a fascinating half spun pearl! The time spent on the beach and the long drive made this trip truly memorable!

SAHANA SUKUMAR, class VII-B, The Global Edge School, Kokapet



Fitness, the key to success

Fitness is the only mantra for a happy and healthy wellbeing. Our mental and physical growth is directly related to our fitness. Fitness does not merely mean our appearance but physical fitness.

The Covid-19 pandemic has posed a challenge as we are forced to stay indoors attending online classes. In the absence of normal daily life, it is pertinent that we engage ourselves in any physical sports, be it yoga, cycling,

Ayushi Chauhan, class VIII-O, Delhi Public School Nacharam

walking or running.

The day should begin with any of the physical activities early in the morning which will energise us to keep our spirits high to meet the daily challenges in school or

office. Physical fitness helps ingestion of the food we eat and promotes our overall growth.

The exposure to sunlight also boosts our immune system.

Fitness should be a part of our daily regimen. Let's start from today not tomorrow our only mantra 'Fitness & only Fitness'.

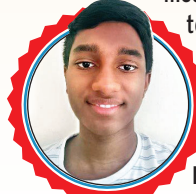


SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON YOUTH

Technology has become an intrinsic part of our lives than ever before, and this is more so for the youth. The majority of this time with technology is spent on social media.

The influencers on social media play a major role in molding the youth's minds. Many of these social media influencers encourage the youth to step forward and make a positive change, to make their presence be known. Influencers share their vast ideas and experiences from all around the globe, as from different spheres of life. This gives the much needed space that the youth need to explore their ideas.

Influencers also help the youth to locate their community, a group where they aren't judged, a group where they are perceived as one family. Influencers contribute to inspiring and stimulating the youth in times of dire need, especially when something terrible has happened to them. Social media influencers are propelling the youth to gain immense opportunities in a digital era and assist them to adjust to this ever-growing world.



LALITH, class IX B, Meridian School, Kukatpally, Hyderabad



Social media can be a really addictive platform.

Youngsters tend to spend the most amount of time on social media hence social media influencers have the most impact on youngsters. But is all of this good influence is debatable.

Invariably, popular influencers grow in fame.

The number of followers increase. Then these everyday influencers almost

become celebrities. Brands approach them to promote their products. Since these are blended in with the other content that they share, followers never realise that the influencer is promoting a brand or a product.

There is just no way of knowing the difference between sponsored content and other content.

It is true that

social media influencers are more relatable, since they are ordinary people from society. But a lot of them present fake content about their perfect lives, or even perfect bodies. Youngsters tend to be influenced by it and may end up with low self-esteem or other mental health issues. To live up to the standards set by the influencers, they tend to resort to some extreme life styles like dieting or unhealthy eating, which can be very detrimental to their health.

Social media makes one lazy. Since influencers present content in a eye-grabbing manner, many youth tend to get addicted to it.

Hence social influencer are best not followed.

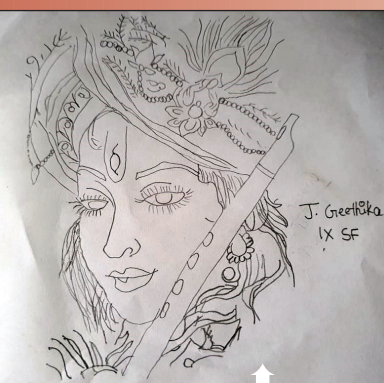
PRACHI AGARWAL, class IX, Delhi Public School, Bangalore East



DEBATE

Painters' Gallery

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DIVINE: J GEETHIKA, class IX, Sister Nivedita School

ICONIC GURU: PRITAM SAGI, class VI D, P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad



ARMY OF FRIENDS: KOTGIRE VEDAPRIYA, class VII B, Fiitjee World School, Secunderabad

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'LORD' THAKUR PROVES HIS WORTH

Gave team the crucial breakthrough to help in India's Oval triumph

Rohit Sharma took the player-of-the-match award and Jasprit Bumrah produced what pundits called the "spell of the summer" but Shardul Thakur's role was no less important in fashioning India's victory in the fourth test against England on Monday.

The team led by Virat Kohli produced a bowling masterclass on a flat deck at The Oval to prevail by 157 runs and go 2-1 up in the five-test series. India conceded a 99-run first innings lead but Rohit's century powered them to 466 in their second innings before Bumrah and company dismantled England on the final day.

Unlike Rohit and Bumrah, Thakur's contribution – two fifties and three crucial wickets – was more spread out and with both the ball and the bat. "I thought Shardul's was a match-winning effort. To be honest, he deserved the Man of the Match as well for the performance he put," Rohit said after collecting his award. "A crucial breakthrough for the team when England was 100 without loss, getting that crucial breakthrough was very important and then getting the wicket of Joe Root as well, he came in and got the wicket. How can we forget his batting, to come in and score 50 off just 31 balls in the first innings says a lot, he loves his batting and he has worked hard on it, I have seen him over the years. He wants to prove a point that he can bat and can give us momentum-changing innings as well. Yes, I got the Man of the Match, but I really feel he should have been part of that as well," he added.

HIGHEST TEST WINS AS ASIAN CAPTAIN

With the win in the Oval Test against England on Monday, India skipper Virat Kohli has become the Asian captain with the most number of wins (6) in SENA countries. SENA comprises South Africa, England, New Zealand and Australia. Over the course of his captaincy career, Kohli has recorded three Test wins in the UK, two in Australia and one in South Africa. Kohli is already the most successful Indian Test captain, having surpassed MS Dhoni in 2019.

Morale-boosting performance

Put into bat, India were 127-7 when number eight batsman Thakur launched a spectacular counter-attack to top-score for his side with 57. The 36-ball blitz not only lent respectability to the Indian total but also lifted the morale of a team, who had been let down by their frontline batsmen.

With the ball in hand, the right-arm bowler dismissed Ollie Pope, whose 81 was the highest score in England's first innings. Thakur made a breezy 60 in the second innings and claimed two crucial wickets to clear the path for India's victory.

Chasing 368, England were cruising at 100 for no loss when Thakur dismissed Rory Burns to break the stand. The 29-year-old, dubbed "Lord Shardul" by fans on social media, effectively sealed the match when he dismissed England's in-form captain Joe Root for 36.

"If you look at the impact performance we were looking for from the lower middle order, I think what Shardul has done in this game has to be remembered for a long time," Kohli said.

"It is massive. Shardul Thakur played two crucial knocks that really helped us to gain momentum. Even in the first innings, he changed the momentum and it shifted towards us. We created a lot of pressure and we got two wickets in the evening session on the first day. And in the second innings, we had gotten to a reasonable score but he took the team to safety, and with the ball, he took the crucial wickets. His impact was massive, it is always necessary to have that fifth bowler who gives you that comfort and does the job for the team. Hopefully, he carries on," said pacer Jasprit Bumrah during a virtual press conference after the match concluded. AGENCIES



India's Shardul Thakur (L) celebrates taking the wicket of England captain Joe Root (R) on the fifth day of the fourth Test match between England and India at the Oval cricket ground in London

DJOKOVIC HOPES TO PUT THE "HAMMER" DOWN

Prepares to take down his tough US Open quarter-finals opponent in his Grand Slam quest

Novak Djokovic warns his Grand Slam quest faces a tough challenge from Italian sixth seed Marco Berrettini in the US Open quarter-finals as they meet in a third consecutive Slam.

The 34-year-old Serbian advanced within three matches of completing the first calendar-year Grand Slam in 52 years on Monday by fending off 99th-ranked American Jenson Brooksby 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Not since Rod Laver in 1969 has a man swept all four major titles in the same year. If top-ranked Djokovic wins his fourth career US Open crown, he will have a men's all-time record 21 Slam titles, breaking the deadlock 21 Slam titles, breaking the deadlock he now has with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, both absent with injuries.

Tough opponent

Next up for the world number one is a Wimbledon final rematch against Berrettini, whom Djokovic called the "Hammer of Tennis" as "probably the

hardest hitter of serve and forehand" next to 2009 US Open winner Juan Martin del Potro. "He's got the lethal-serve-plus-one game. He's already established as a top player," Djokovic said. "If he serves well, which is his biggest weapon, he's tough. He's tough on any surface to play against."

Djokovic beat Berrettini in four sets in both a French Open quarter-final and July's Wimbledon final, and won their only other meeting at the 2019 ATP Finals. He hopes to put the Hammer down once more. "We're going to play the third Grand Slam in a row against each other," he said. "Hopefully the result will be the same like the previous two."

Djokovic had a tussle with Brooksby until fitness factored in and the 20-year-old wildcard could not move around the court. "Expected the battle, and I got one," Djokovic said. "I'm pleased to overcome it." A tweet by 2003 US Open winner Andy Roddick during the match noted of Djokovic, "First he takes your legs... Then he takes your soul." "Thanks

Andy," Djokovic said. "I'll take that as a compliment, the first part. "The second part, I don't take anybody's souls... But I'll take your legs out, for sure."

Delighted to have fans

Djokovic was delighted to play before a full crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium in the wake of limited crowds at prior Slams due to the Covid-19 pandemic. "People missed the action, missed the entertainment, being locked up for more than a year," he said. "Now under certain conditions you are able to go and watch sports live, which is nice. "Last year and a half was tough for everyone, so it's really refreshing and it's really beautiful to see a full stadium."

As his potential date with history moved nearer, Djokovic recalled dyeing his hair for his first Slam match as a 17-year-old at the 2005 Australian Open. "That seems like ages ago, and it is. I mean, it has been now 16 years since my first center court Grand Slam match. But what a great ride." AGENCIES

VISHY EXCITED TO LEAD STAR-STUDDED TEAM AT OLYMPIAD

The star-studded Indian team, led by captain Viswanathan Anand, will aim to defend its Online Chess Olympiad crown, which got underway worldwide late on Monday. "We have a good mix of experience and youth. We hope to do well and are fairly confident of our prospects," said Anand in a release.

A victory will ensure the country its second gold medal, back to back, in the prestigious tournament. Unlike the last time, when the players played from their respective homes, the AICF has ensured that the team will be together for the 2021 edition. They are being put up in a five-star hotel in Chennai with top of the line facilities, including a dedicated The Indian squad will launch its campaign on Wednesday. It boasts of Grandmasters Vidit Gujrathi, P Harikrishna and Adhiban B in the Open category, Grandmasters Koneru Humpy and D Harika and Woman Grand-



masters Tania Sachdev and R Vaishali in the Women's category, Grandmasters Nihal Sarin and R Praggnanandhaa in the Juniors Open and Woman Grandmaster Vaishali R and Woman Fide Master Savitha Shri in the Junior Girls.

Over 150 countries will be competing for honours over a thrilling week. India has nine other teams in its pool and will play three matches a day from September 8 to 10. Then, after a two-day rest, the knockout stages will begin. ANI

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which Indian athlete became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympics?

- a) Avani Lekhara
b) Deepa Malik
c) Sakina Khatun
d) Bhavina Patel

Q2: Which of the following is the oldest Grand Slam tournament?

- a) US Open
b) Australian Open
c) French Open
d) Wimbledon

Q3: In which sporting event did India win a gold medal at both the Paralympics and the Olympics?

- a) 10m Air Rifle
b) Javelin throwing
c) Table Tennis
d) Archery

Q4: How many disciplines are at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics?

- a) 5 b) 10 c) 6 d) 8

Q5: Who is the captain of Chelsea F.C.?

- a) Romelu Lukaku
b) César Azpilicueta Tanco
c) Kai Havertz
d) Mason Mount

Q6: Michael Phelps holds the record for the most number of Olympic medals. How many does he have?

- a) 20 b) 24 c) 28 d) 17



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Q7: Which cricketer achieved the double milestone of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in ODIs?

- a) Ian Botham
b) Ravindra Jadeja
c) George Giffen
d) Jacques Kallis

Q8: Who was the mascot of the 2018 Hockey World Cup?

- a) Perky b) Olly c) Stumpy d) Stockey

Q9: Which type of oil is used to treat a cricket bat as a protective layer?

- a) Coconut Oil
b) Sesame Oil
c) Mustard Oil
d) Linseed Oil

Q10: Where did lawn tennis originate?

- a) Coconut Oil
b) Sesame Oil
c) Mustard Oil
d) Linseed Oil

Q11: How many goals were scored in the EPL after All Whites and Burnley striker Chris Wood slotted one against Leeds last weekend?

- a. 30,000 b. 10,000 c. 50,000 d. 25,000

ANSWERS: 1) a. Avani Lekhara 2) d. Wimbledon
3) b. Javelin throwing 4) c. 6
5) b. Cesar Azpilicueta Tanco 6) c. 28
7) a. Ian Botham 8) b. Olly 9) d. Linseed Oil
10) c. Birmingham 11) a. 30,000