

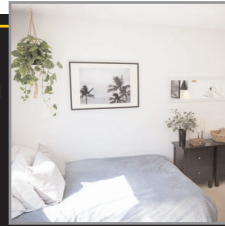


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STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

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Meet the first national online Spelling Bee champion

Arjun Narsimhan, a class VIII student from Gurugram's The Shri Ram School, is the winner of the first Collins National Online Spelling Bee competition. Arjun won the trophy by spelling out the word, 'excusable'. Suyash Manchali of class VI from MESKKPS, Bengaluru, was adjudged the first runners-up, while Marika Kiran, a class VI student of Villa Theresa High School, Mumbai, was declared the second runners-up.



■ The competition that took place on October 1 had three preliminary rounds of quizzes that tested the participants on their vocabulary, grammar and spelling skills. Nearly, 10,000 students participated in the competition

APPLE TO LAUNCH IPHONE 12 SERIES ON OCT 13

Ending a long wait, Apple is all set to lift off the curtains from its highly-anticipated and delayed iPhone 12 series during a digital event on October 13.

➤ Apple is expected to release four models of the iPhone 12 – the 5.4-inch iPhone 12 Mini, the 6.1-inch iPhone 12, the 6.1-inch iPhone 12 Pro and the 6.7-inch iPhone 12 Pro Max

➤ Recently, it was revealed that the upcoming iPhone 12 could cost somewhere between \$699 to \$749, while the iPhone 12 Max could be priced around \$799-849 ➤ All the four iPhone models are expected to feature OLED displays and 5G support, according to foreign analysts



TECH BUZZ

Astronomers have found a rogue planet, which has the same mass as our planet, Earth. It is currently adrift in the Milky Way, and is not a part of any star system

THE PLANET

■ Called OGLE-2016-BLG-1928, it was discovered using the OGLE (Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment) collaboration and the KMTN (Korean Microlensing Telescope Network) collaboration.

■ Microlensing is a kind of gravitational lensing, where the light originating from a background source like a star is bent by the gravitational field of a planet in the foreground or multiple images

Rogue Earth-like planet with similar mass found floating in Milky Way

WHAT ARE ROGUE PLANETS

➤ Rogue planets are homeless worlds. They have neither sunrises nor sunsets. These lonely worlds aren't tethered to a star. Instead, they travel in solitary arcs around the Milky Way's core

FEATURES

➤ Rogue planets are molten at the core, but frozen at the surface. There may also be oceans of liquid water in the zone between those extremes



HOW ARE THEY FORMED

➤ Planets are usually formed in protoplanetary

discs, which is a swirling flat disc of dust, rock, and gases that form around a star being born. However, according to astronomers, there are times when some low mass planets get ejected from their host star's gravitational control—very early in the planetary formation process—due to the high energy nature of planetary formation processes, leading them to float

in every galaxy. Scientists assume that there are many rogue planets in our Milky Way as well

SIGNIFICANCE

➤ According to astronomers, these planets could reveal more information about how planetary systems form and evolve over time. It is a challenge to spot rogue planets

(Source: NGC)

ENTERTAINMENT

James Bond film 'No Time To Die' release pushed again to 2021



The release of the James Bond film 'No Time To Die' has been delayed again, this time to 2021, because of the effects of Covid-19 on the theatrical business. MGM, Universal and Bond producers, Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said on Twitter that the 25th installment in the franchise will now open globally on April 2, 2021.

■ 'No Time To Die' was originally supposed to open in April 2020 but was pushed back to Nov 12 in the UK and Nov 20 in the US. It was one of the first Hollywood films to abandon its release before cinemas in the US shut down in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic ■ Some major releases are still planned for 2020. They include, 'Wonder Woman 1984,' which was pushed back to Christmas after multiple delays, and Kenneth Branagh's mystery, 'Death on the Nile.' It is now set for December 18



Which famous rock band was initially called the New Yardbirds?

CLUE 1: Formed in 1968 in London, the band received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005

CLUE 2: 'Count Physical Graffiti', 'Houses of the Holy' and 'Presence' are some of the hit albums of this band

CLUE 3: The group disbanded in 1980 after the drummer John Bonham died of asphyxia

ANSWER: LED ZEPPELIN. The British rock band won a long-running legal battle over the claims that it stole the opening guitar riff from its signature 1971 song, 'Stairway to Heaven'. The band had been accused in the six-year long case of lifting the riff – one of the best-known openings in rock music – from a song called 'Taurus', written by the late Randy Wolfe of the American band, 'Spirit'

NEWS IN BRIEF



New Zealand now has the most-powerful passport in the world, according to a latest ranking. The country has knocked off Japan from the joint top position. India ranks 58th on the list.



New Zealand's passport is now the most powerful in world

■ New Zealand has visa-free access to fewer countries than before, owing to the pandemic, but the rankings show that Kiwi passport holders have not been affected as badly by travel restrictions as other nationalities.

■ At present, 129 countries are offering visa-free access to the Kiwis

Flowers are changing colour to save pollen from global warming, ozone depletion

Just like the animal kingdom, plants too adapt to the changing climate of the Earth. According to a latest study, plants are altering ultraviolet (UV) pigments in their petals, and are essentially changing their colours in response to climate change.

NATURE-O-MAGIC

■ The study that examined a total of 1,238 flowers from 42 different species from different locations, dating back to 1941, found that over the past 75 years, flowers have evolved to alter the UV pigments in their petals in response to the rising temperatures as well as the declining ozone layer of the Earth

■ The scientists found that the pigment in flowers increased at an average of 2% per year from 1941 to 2017 at all the locations. These changes, however, were found to be different across different species



Spotlight

Charpentier and Doudna win 2020 Nobel Prize in chemistry



Scientists Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna have won the 2020 Nobel Prize for chemistry for the development of a method for genome editing. "This technology has had a revolutionary impact on the life sciences, is contributing to new cancer therapies, and may make the dream of curing inherited diseases come true," the award committee said.

NADIA PODOROSKA

Argentina's Nadia Podoroska became the first qualifier in the Open era to reach the women's singles semi-finals at Roland Garros after stunning third seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine 6-2, 6-4. The World No. 131 had never won a Grand Slam main draw match before the tournament, and is the only the third female qualifier to make it to the last four of a major championship.



JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN



Our new 'Quad Lock'

AN 'AWE WALK' might do wonders to your well-being

Consciously watching for small wonders in the world around you during an otherwise ordinary walk could amplify the mental health benefits of the stroll, according to a new psychological study, of what the study's authors call, "awe walks." In the study, people who took a fresh look at the objects, moments and vistas that surrounded them during brief, weekly walks, felt more upbeat and hopeful in general than the walkers, who did not. The findings are subjective but indicate that awe walks could be a simple way to combat malaise and worry. They also underscore that how we think and feel during exercise can actually change how the exercise alters us.



1 A somewhat nebulous emotion, awe is defined as the sense that you are in the presence of something larger and more consequential than yourself, and which is mysterious and ineffable

2 Feeling a sense of awe also seems to up our overall feelings of gladness and improve health, feel scientists

HAVE FUN, BE SENSITIVE: AAMIR



Aamir Khan, one of the top actors of India, has had his share of successes and failures as an actor. Sharing his journey as an actor in an address to the students of Bennett university recently, Aamir likened his career to being stuck in quicksand after his films flopped soon after the release of blockbuster 'Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak'.

'Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak', I signed about eight or nine films on the basis of stories, as the directors were all new and unknown at that time. These films started bombing and I was called a 'one film wonder' by the media. My career was sinking. It felt like I was in a quicksand. I was very unhappy. I used to come home and cry," he told the students.

“Touch people's hearts, make them happy... the moments that we have given to people is something that we can leave behind
Aamir Khan's message to the students”

EXPERT COLUMN

How to write spy fiction

by Dr Apeksha Rao



While you must include serious spy craft in your book, you can take the liberty of being as adventurous as you like with things like gadgets and missions...

Dr Apeksha Rao is the author of 'Along Came A Spyder'. The book, touted as India's first young adult spy fiction is about a teen spy, Samira Joshi, whose family of RAW agents want her to be a doctor. But she (obviously) wants to be a detective. In this column, she explains how she came to write in this genre and shares the best lessons that will help you write your own.

My biggest and most enduring teenage fantasy was to be a spy

The logistics of a teenager being an undercover covert operative didn't faze me, for I was wrapped up in a world of disguises, coded messages and secret doorways and passages, thanks to 'Nancy Drew' and 'The Hardy Boys'. When I grew up, I was drawn deeper into the world of international espionage through the books of spy fiction stalwarts such as Ken Follet, John le Carré, Frederick Forsyth and Stella Rimington. To my delight, I discovered a separate genre of young adult spy fiction, which successfully blended teenage sarcasm and angst with spy craft. Ally Carter, Robin Benway, Robert Muchamore and Anthony Horowitz took this genre to another level. After being on such a steady diet of spy fiction,

it was hardly surprising that my first foray into writing should be in the same genre. It took me two years to write my first book, and here's what I learned along the way.

Three tips to write exciting spy fiction

READ: This one might seem like a doozy, but it needs to be stated. As regards writing in any genre, you need to read a lot of great spy fiction, before you start writing one. The adage, "Read a thousand books before you write one," certainly holds true for this genre. Not only do you get a feel of the genre, but you also know what standards you should aspire to.

RESEARCH: Do your homework. Read up on history as well as current affairs. Read as

READERS CAN

- 1) Write a work of spy-fiction under 300 words and send us on timesnie175@gmail.com. Subject line must be 'I wrote my spy fiction'. The best one will be featured on www.toistudent.com - Bookmark section.
- 2) Have a favourite literary crime solver/detective? Illustrate one and tell your folks to upload it on their social media on FB and/or Twitter and tag us with the line 'Hey @TOIstudent, I made art!' Include your name, class, school and email for sure.



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many books as you can about the various Intelligence agencies, their relationships and politics. Read accounts by former spies. There are some excellent books that tell you all you need to know about RAW, MOSSAD, the CIA and so on. Read them all.

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD: This is the most important bit, like say, if you're writing about a secret sisterhood of teen spies, as I did in my debut novel, 'Along Came A Spyder'. Make it as fun, slick and exciting as you can.

As always, while writing any story, you're limited only by your imagination.

#trending

Beat the nip in the air by giving your home a hygge makeover



If your solution to the dropping temperature has been to layer up and look like an eskimo, how about making a few changes to your home decor for a warm and cosy feel?

Curtains and rugs can do the trick

Abhinayah Sundaramoorthy, co-founder of a Bengaluru-based home decor brand says, "With the weather changing, the demand for curtains, rugs and cushion covers has gone up. People are increasingly making changes to their homes according to the season. Adding different-shaped cushions and a throw, in addition to changing your curtains will instantly convert your living area. Similarly for your bedroom, you can use layers, by adding rugs and throws and have a side table with fairy lights or candles," says Abhinayah.



Makeover with jugs, mugs

The key to get hygge right is to make small changes. "I place pine cones on my table or tie them on my plants with a jute rope," says Seema.

Bring out the candles

Interior decorator and decor blogger Preethi Prabhu says that the coming

TURN YOUR HOME INTO A HYGGE DEN

- Introduce warm lights like fairy lights and candles. Avoid tubelights at all cost
- Have autumn elements like twigs and pine cones
- Place rugs and throws around the house
- Include patterns like checks and aromas of cinnamon and vanilla through diffusers and candles
- Bring in colours like mustard, rust and ochre
- Add plants or even dry twigs or branches into your rooms

Have you watched



WHY YOU SHOULD WATCH IT ?

'Serious Men' is a subtle critique of the Indian education system and questions many deeply rooted vices of the Indian society. It shows the difference between haves and havenots and how education is the most unaffordable commodity if your means are limited.

REFLECT

- Understand the meaning of privilege and learn to respect it.
- Know that being a 'genius child' is not the solution to societal ills.
- Realise that lies can be harmful.
- Learn to respect one and all irrespective of their social status.

Send us your review of the film on timesnie175@gmail.com



QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Punjab and Haryana High Court started its first virtual court through video conferencing in _____.

- A. Panipat B. Rohtak C. Hisar D. Faridabad

Q.2) _____ has unveiled new missile defence system 'Bavar-373'.

- A. China B. Russia C. Iran D. Israel

Q.3) Who has been appointed as Cabinet Secretary recently?

- A. Rajiv Gauba B. Sachin Tanwar C. Arun Lal D. Vivek Bansa

Q.4) Who was appointed as the head coach of Bangladesh Cricket Team?

- A. Mashrafe Mortaza B. Russell Domingo C. Gary Kirsten D. Russell Domingo



ANSWERS

1. D) Faridabad 2. C) Iran 3. A) Rajiv Gauba 4. D) Russell Domingo

GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

DIDACTIC/PEDANTIC

THE RULES:

- "Didactic" teaches a lesson.
- "Pedantic" just shows off the facts.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- As a pedantic and elegiac poet, Stephen Kohari is much esteemed.

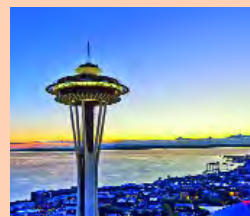
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HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

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KNOWLEDGE BANK (FUN FACTS)



The Space Needle

The Space Needle is an observation tower in Seattle, Washington, US. Once the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River, it is built to withstand winds of up to 200 mph (320 km/h) and earthquakes of up to 9.0 magnitude, as strong as the massive 1700 Cascadia earthquake. It also has 25 lightning rods. The Space Needle has an observation deck and the rotating SkyCity restaurant (currently closed).

WORD WISE

Assiduous: (adj) Constant in application or effort; working diligently at a task; persevering; industrious; attentive.

Synonymous words: Diligent, exacting, laborious, scrupulous, zealous, active, attentive, busy, constant, perseverance, steady, studious, etc.

Examples: ■ Seema is considered to be a

very assiduous student.

■ There has been some assiduous work of the political establishment too.

■ As an intern at The Nation in 1989, Ronald was amiable and assiduous in his work.

■ The team members were assiduous in their search for all the latest facts and figures on the project.

EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Develop a story based on the pictures in around 250 words. Send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at toinie175@gmail.com



CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1. A salesman sold twice as much pears in the afternoon than in the morning. If he sold 360 kilograms of pears that day, how many kilograms did he sell in the morning and how many in the afternoon?

- A. 267 kg B. 240 kg C. 440

2. Mary, Peter, and Lucy were picking chestnuts. Mary picked twice as much chestnuts than Peter. Lucy picked 2 kg more than Peter. Together the three of them picked 26 kg of chestnuts. How many kilograms did each of them pick?

- A. 6, 12, and 8 kg
B. 6, 22, and 9 kg
C. 3, 13, and 1 kg
D. 5, 14, and 10 kg
3. A student chose a number, multiplied it by 2, then subtracted 138 from the result and got 102. What was the number he chose?

- A. 160 B. 120 C. 190 D. 420

ANSWERS: 1. 240 kg 2. 6, 12, and 8 kg 3. 3.

SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE IS BACK!



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In the biggest inter-school quiz contest

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Please find below the link for Schools to Register in Discovery School Super League season 3:

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REWARDS

■ Every class topper will get a One Year online subscription to Premium BYJU's - The Learning App worth Rs 25,000 each and get a chance to take part in the state finals.

■ The national round, scheduled to be held in Mumbai, will be aired on television.

■ The national level winning teams (winners, 1st runners up, 2nd runners up) will get an all-sponsored trip to NASA along with their school principals.

■ Every participant will receive an 'E-Certificate of Participation', a 60-day free subscription to BYJU's The Learning App worth Rs 6,000, besides Rs 5,000 in their BYJU's wallets, which can be redeemed to purchase any BYJU's course from classes I to XII.

To participate, please contact your Times NIE Teacher Coordinator

WEEKEND PLAN

OUTDOOR FUN ALL DAY!



If a holiday comes close to a weekend, short trips can be planned well in advance. I like going on such weekend vacations with my family and friends. The idea of a fun weekend can differ from person to person. Well according to me, the idea of a fun weekend would be something like spending quality time with family and friends and enjoy every single moment of it.

Since we have two days off every week, I have plenty of time to enjoy and have fun. Ideally, I would love to play outdoor games with my friends all day. By evening, maybe I could spend some time with my family, go out with them and enjoy a good dinner. Such perfect weekends would indeed make me refreshed enough to face Mondays!

MANVITH, class IV F, Pallavi Model School, Alwal

ARE OUR PROBLEMS REAL?



We think that our problems are real. We think that they are problems that no one has. We think that we can never solve them.

We think that we don't have any clothes. We think that we cannot enjoy life without spending a fortune. We think that we don't have any food. We think we don't have a big house. We think we don't have enough money. We think we aren't living a good life.

In reality, We have plenty, Much more than we need.

Are our problems real? These are not real problems.

These are the real problems: People are dying, People are starving. Mothers are crying that they cannot feed their children. People don't even have proper clothes to keep warm during this time. People don't have shelters and live on the streets. People don't have money to buy anything.

But they do have one thing that we don't have that is Love, Kindness, Joy Now do you think that, Our problems are real?

KAVYASRI VARRE, class IX A, Delhi School of Excellence, Manikonda

A RAY OF HOPE

When there was darkness all around, I got a Ray of hope, To illuminate my present, And brighten up my future. When all the doors were locked, I got a key to unlock my bright future. When there was nobody to guide me, I trusted upon myself and got where I am. When I was surrounded by dilemma, I listened to my heart and got the correct solution. At times when I felt demotivated, This little hope inside me screamed with liveliness, That I can do wonders, And cross all hurdles

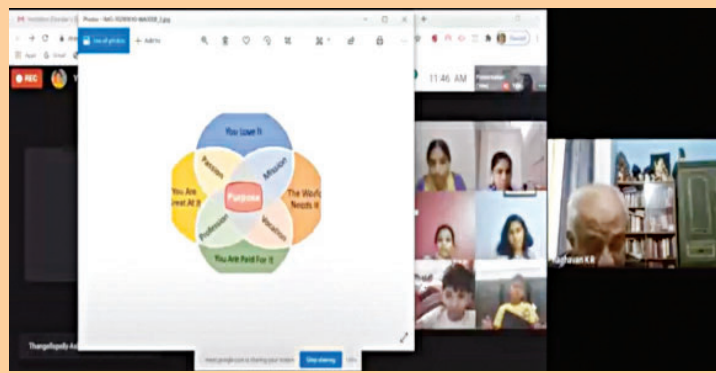
RAJVI GUPTA, class IX B, Pallavi Model School, Boduppal

CELEBRATING FOUNDER'S DAY

G Sahasra, class IX B, Unicent School

Vanasthali Hills, Nagole

Unicent School, Nagole celebrated its Founder's Day on a virtual platform in the memory of Kantheti Ravindra Babu. The day commenced with a special assembly by the students of class IX. Sometimes it only takes one good song to bring back thousands of good old memories. To bring back some of our memories about school, Vaishnavi from class VIII 'A' sang a melodious song. Sharanya from class IX 'A' shared her opinion about Founder's Day and



some of her good memories with the school.

'Dance is the joy of

movement and heart of life.' To prove this statement, Hansika and

Aatreyee of class IX put up a mesmerising presentation which the audience enjoyed. School days are an indelible memory and a glorious journey in one's life. Most of us miss our school in this pandemic, so a short video was presented to bring back all our recollections.

A decade may sound like a small word, but it is a long journey of 10 years. It has been a tradition for Unicent School to thank the teachers who have completed their 10 years of service in the Unicent family. So, a few minutes were dedicated to thanking the teachers who have been working in the school for the past 10

years. 'A black board is blank without anything written on it; in the same way a student's life is black without the teacher.' Teacher is the one who brings all the colour and joy to a student's life. To inspire us, teacher Shakila expressed a few words. Raghavan, our guest of honour of the day is a great mentor, facilitator, passionate trainer with expertise across spectrums with special focus on IT, PSU and healthcare sectors. He inspired us with his speech. Principal Rachna Bhat-acharjee spoke a few words which inspired us to carry on the legacy of our school.

Green India Challenge

On the occasion of the birthday of Malka Komaraiah, Santosh Kumar, MP, Rajya Sabha, challenged the chairman of Delhi Public School and Pallavi Model group of Schools & Pallavi Engineering College to plant a sapling as part of Green India Challenge. Komaraiah took up the challenge and planted a sapling at his residence.

Every town, city and rural area has taken up the Haritha Haram initiative of Chief Minister of Telangana

Delhi Public School

Nacharam

K Chandrashekar Rao to transform the state into a beautiful green abode.

Chairman Komaraiah promised to take this forward by encouraging all the students to plant saplings in the presence of their parents. Green campaigns have been regularly taken up by the group of schools and numerous saplings have been planted over the years.



Council leaders take charge

Delhi School of Excellence

Banjara Hills

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality" - Warren Bennis

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2020-21 was held at Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills on a virtual platform. The prefects took over the mantle of leadership and responsibilities. The programme began with welcoming of the dignitaries including the management members, principals, headmistresses and parents of the Student Council members.

The programme commenced with a rendition of the school song followed by a graceful invocation dance and an energetic rhythmic mass drill by students. The sashes and badges to the Council



members were conferred by their parents. DSE secretary Rama Devi conferred the sashes and badges to the mentors of the houses of Spartans, Knights, Samurais and Trojans.

The prefects thanked everyone for electing them and promised to carry out their responsibilities to the best of their abilities. Principal Veena

Murthy administered the oath to the Student Council members. She called the ceremony memorable for it was the first on the virtual platform with parents' participation.

The cultural secretary proposed the vote of thanks and the programme ended with a rendition of the national anthem.

Showering love for the elderly

TNR Excellencia Academy celebrated the International Day for the Elderly with students and

TNR Excellencia Academy

Hyderabad

their grandparents. The event was a memorable one as grandparents and their grandchildren joined in the programme on an online platform from different parts of the country.

The grandparents shared their own childhood experiences. The group of trainers, Srinivas, Madhujit Singh, Yogesh Agarwal and Shalaka Gundi, made the session en-

gaging and enriching. The lockdown also proved to be a great bonding time between the children and their grandparents.



Showcasing their talent

"Use what talents you possess; the words would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best." - Henry Van Dyke

Gitanjali Devashray

Hyderabad

No pandemic can stop the storm of talent. To make a way for this storm, Gitanjali Devashray conducted a special talent show competition 'Show and Tell' for the students of class II on a virtual platform. The students were judged on content, presentation and confidence. With their exceptional exhibits, costumes and flawless speeches, the participants left the audience mesmerised. They spoke on a wide spectrum of topics from Yoga, ATM,



Flower, Rivers, Mountains, Trees, Clock, Globe to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

BOOK: HOW I TAUGHT MY GRANDMOTHER TO READ

One day, in Sudha's class, students got into a fight on who is the best, girl or boy. Sudha told a story to calm them down, after which she said they could decide who is great.

A long time ago, there were two kings. One ruled over Kashi and one over Kosala. They did not like each other. One day, both the kings met. They were on their chariots, and as the road was narrow, only one chariot could pass through it at a time. The charioteers argued who would pass first, extolling the

virtues of their kings. It was surprising that both the kings were equal in all respects. The kings, hearing the arguments, got down and embraced each other and thus their enmity ended. Sudha said, "Today I will tell you a secret. In real life,

men and women are opponents; they are two wheels of a chariot. There is nothing good about one and bad about another. A person is known by the qualities he or she possesses, not by gender. I am teaching you computer science today, but you will learn more in real life. Technology changes every day and good books are always there in the market." All the students broke into applause and said that they would never ever fight on who is great. I like Sudha Murthy books as they have very motivational quotes at the end.

LAKSHYA CHILUMURI, class VI A, The Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad



BOOK: HARRY POTTER SERIES

If you don't believe in magic you will never find it," said Roald Dahl. Well, I believe in magic and found the Harry Potter series, truly a gateway to the magical society. The series was the road to fame for the now well-known writer JK Rowling. Needless to say, a piece of art.

The story revolves around the protagonist that is Harry Potter starting his adventure as a newbie in the world of wizardry and witchcraft. Unknown to the fact that his parents were great wizards he is brought up by his

not-so caring aunt, uncle and his cousin popularly known as the Dursleys. The first scene that we witness is new-born Harry Potter nearly killing the main antagonist of the story, Voldemort or the one who must not be named, thrilling, isn't it? The story comes with great character development of not only Harry but his best friends, professors, classmates and even rivals. As the story begins to progress Harry

faces the reality of his past, of how his parents were killed and the secret of the scar on his forehead. After learning the truth Harry decides to bring an end to all the sufferings of the magical world, no matter what it takes. Though the path isn't as easy as it seems, Harry finally accomplishes his mission to bring about peace. Words cannot describe how well-written the storyline is. I strongly recommend the books as well as the movies to everyone above the age of 10 as it is a fantasy we all wish to live by.

ADITI BHADAURIA, class VIII, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad



A look at the statistics of the previous IPL seasons show that two of the top three all-time wicket-takers are leg-spinners. So, it should not come as a surprise that leggies have become the most trusted lot in the T20 format, and IPL in particular

LEGGIES are ruling the ROOST

YUZVENDRA CHAHAL (RCB)

Attacking leg spinner Chahal has the knack of picking wickets at regular intervals. With 8 wickets in 5 matches backed by economy rate of 7.57, he leads the leggie race in IPL 2020. "Not many other spinners got too much out of the pitch, but Chahal has showed that if you have skill in the wrist, you can get purchase on any track," said Virat Kohli.

Mat-5 Wkts-8
Econ 7.57
BF 3/18

RASHID KHAN (SRH)

He enjoys the best bowling economy of 6.55 at an average of 21.69 in IPL. "My focus is on bowling economically. It helps bowlers on the other end take wickets," Rashid said. Former cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra says, "His (Rashid) biggest strength lies in bowling quickly through the air and accurate googly."

Mat 5 Wkts 5
Econ 5.20
BF 3/14

RAHUL CHAHAR (MI)

The youngster has loads of talent and has been used by MI captain Rohit Sharma to great effect in powerplays. His 2/26 against KingsXI Punjab deserves a special mention as he uprooted crucial wickets of KL Rahul and Glenn Maxwell. His leg break googly has come in handy for MI's spin attack. Rahul grabbed 22 wickets in as many matches in IPL so far.

Mat-6 Wkts-7
Econ 7.95
BF 2/26

PIYUSH CHAWLA (CSK)

Piyush Chawla's crafty control over the ball gives him an edge over batsmen. His vast IPL career is laced with 156 wickets in 162 matches with an economy rate of 7.85, proving his potential as a leg spinner. Chawla, roped in by CSK for a whopping ₹6 crore, has a unique record of bowling more than 1000 dot balls in his KKR career.

Mat 5 Wkts 6
Econ 8.88
BF 2/33

It is simple. If the ground is big, the bowler tends to take more risks. If I am bowling knowing the boundaries are bigger, then I will try to tempt the batsman more and use variations in pace with confidence. When the batsman sees the flight and variation in pace, he gets confused and commits a mistake. Narendra Hirwani, former leg-spinner

On certain grounds, the role of spinners will be really big. In a place like Abu Dhabi, spinners have traditionally played a big role, it is a bigger ground and spinners come into equation. But it probably doesn't spin as much as it does in Dubai and Sharjah. Mike Hesson, RCB's Director of Cricket

Ponting terms Rabada 'one of the best T20 bowlers in the world'



Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting praised team's Kagiso Rabada saying that the South African pacer is "one of the best T20 bowlers in the world". Rabada put out an impressive show during Delhi Capitals' 59-run win against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Monday. The pacer picked four wickets to help his side defend a target of 197 runs.

@KagisoRabada25's start this season is great reward for his work, one of the best T20 bowlers in the world. Holding RCB to 137 given their power was pleasing, building off the work of our batsmen who set things up. Couple of days now to reset before looking ahead to Rajasthan.

Ricky Ponting, DC head coach



KL Rahul shouldn't be bothered with wicketkeeping in Indian squad: Lara



Diego Schwartzman grinds down Dominic Thiem



Argentina's Diego Schwartzman outlasted Dominic Thiem in a 5 set thriller of 7-6(1) 5-7 6-7(6) 7-6(5) 6-2 to reach his first Grand Slam semi-final.

HIGHLIGHTS

Nadia Podoroska entered semi-finals by beating Elina Svitolina 6-2, 6-4.

Rafael Nadal entered semifinals as he overpowered Jannik Sinner 7-6(4) 6-4 6-1.

Polish teenager Iga Swiatek humbled Martina Trevisan 6-3 6-1 to enter semis.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

GK QUIZ | Theme: Mountains, peaks and waterfalls

Q1. Which one of the following is the second tallest mountain in the world?

- a) K2 ☐ b) Lhotse ☐
c) Kangchenjunga ☐ d) Mount Everest ☐

Q2. Which one of these mountains is also known as Sagarmatha in its home country?

- a) Mount Everest ☐ b) K2 ☐
c) Manaslu ☐ d) Dhaulagiri ☐

Q3. Which one of the following mountains is also known as Mount Godwin-Austen?

- a) Himalchuli ☐ b) Mount Everest ☐
c) Nanga Parbat ☐ d) Mount K2 ☐

Q4. The ninth highest mountain in the world, Nanga Parbat is located in which country?

- a) Pakistan ☐ b) India ☐ c) Nepal ☐
d) Afghanistan ☐

Q5. The name of the world's third tallest mountain is...

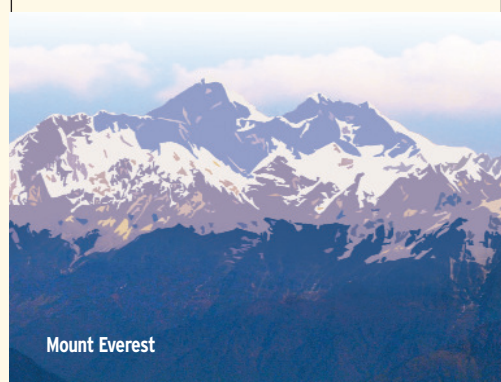
- a) Kangchenjunga ☐ b) Lhotse ☐
c) Cho Oyu ☐ d) Makalu ☐

Q6. Which of these mountains has the highest altitude, above mean sea level?

- a) Kangchenjunga ☐ b) Mount Everest ☐
c) K2 ☐ d) Lhotse ☐

Q7. Mount Everest is located in which country?

- a) On border between Nepal and China ☐
b) On border between Nepal and India ☐
c) On border between India and China ☐
d) None of these ☐



Mount Everest

Q8. Dudhsagar falls is located in which of the following states in India?

- a) Kerala ☐ b) Goa ☐
c) Karnataka ☐ d) Madhya Pradesh ☐

Q9. Which continent hosts the Atlas Mountains?

- a) Africa ☐ b) Europe ☐ c) Asia ☐
d) Australia ☐

Q10. The highest waterfall in the world is?

- a) Tugela ☐ b) Angel ☐
c) Cuquenán ☐ d) Takkakaw ☐

Q11. Virginia Falls is located in which country?

- a) Norway ☐ b) Italy ☐
c) Canada ☐ d) Mexico ☐

Q12. Nevada Falls is located in which country?

- a) Guyana ☐ b) India ☐ c) the USA ☐
d) Italy ☐

Q13. Jog Falls are located in which of the following states in India?

- a) Kerala ☐ b) Manipur ☐ c) Meghalaya ☐
d) Karnataka ☐

Q14. Where is Niagara Falls located?

- a) On the border between Canada and the USA ☐
b) On the border between India and China ☐
c) On the border between India and Pakistan ☐
d) On the border between India and Nepal ☐

ANSWERS: 1 a) K2 2 a) Mount Everest 3 d) Mount K2 4 a) Pakistan 5 a) Kangchenjunga 6 b) Mount Everest 7 a) On border between Nepal and China 8 b) Goa 9 a) Africa 10 b) Angel 11 c) Canada 12 c) the USA 13 d) Karnataka 14 a) On the border between Canada and the USA