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BIDEN-HARRIS TO LEAD US

BIDEN VOWS TO HEAL AMERICA

President-elect Joe Biden called on Americans to put aside the divisiveness of the past four years under Donald Trump with a victory speech that promised swift action against the coronavirus pandemic and an orderly transfer of power after a bitter election. "Let's give each other a chance," Biden told a cheering, honking crowd at a drive-in rally on Saturday night in Wilmington, Delaware, hours after he clinched the presidency. "It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric... To lower the temperature... To see each other again... To listen to each other again... To make progress, we must stop treating our opponents as our enemy. We are not enemies. We are Americans," he said, even as Trump claimed victory for himself. He also promised a new tone of cooperation within the government, calling it "an inflection point." Let this grim era of demonisation in America begin to end here and now, he added.

GLOBAL LEADERS REACT



■ The US is our most important ally; I look forward to working closely together on our shared priorities—from climate change to trade and security
BORIS JOHNSON, PM, Britain



■ Congratulations @JoeBiden on your spectacular victory! As the VP, your contribution to strengthening Indo-US relations was critical and invaluable. I look forward to working closely together once again to take India-US relations to greater heights
Narendra Modi, PM, India



■ Congratulations @JoeBiden and @KamalaHarris. Joe, we've had a long & warm personal relationship for nearly 40 years, and I know you as a great friend of Israel. I look forward to working with both of you to further strengthen the special alliance between the US and Israel!
BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, PM, Israel


US Elections 2020

KAMAL(A) BLOOMS AT WHITE HOUSE

Known as the "female Obama", first-time Senator Kamala Devi Harris has scripted history by becoming the first woman, Black and Indian-American vice president of the United States...

1 Harris is known for many firsts. She has been a county district attorney; the district attorney for San Francisco – the first woman and first African-American and Indian-origin to be elected to the position

2 She has several firsts in her role as vice president also: the first woman, the first African-American woman, the first Indian-American and the first Asian-American

3 Harris was born to two immigrant parents: a Black father and an Indian mother. Her father, Donald Harris, was from Jamaica, and mother, Shyamala Gopalan, a cancer researcher and civil rights

activist from Chennai. She, however, defines herself simply as an 'American'

4 In her victory speech, Harris said that while she may be the first woman to occupy the vice president's office, she would not be the last



WHAT BIDEN MEANS FOR INDIA?

Biden and Kamala Harris

Biden comes with Kamala Harris, who, as VP, may play a big role in policy making. As he has indicated that he may be only a one-term President, Harris is a shoo-in candidate for 2024

Common global challenges

Biden reached out to Indian-Americans in his campaign, and has a benign view of India. The US-India relationship having become institutionalised will be difficult to undo. Anthony Blinken, a top Biden strategist has said, we cannot solve common global challenges without India being part of the deal... strengthening and deepening the relationship with India is going to be a very high priority"

Defence and security

Defence, strategic and security relations between the Biden administration and India will largely stay on the path they have followed since 2000

Trade issues

India and the US will have trade problems, no matter, who is in power. During the Obama administration, too, trade friction between New Delhi and Washington was rampant. Biden administration is not going to be forgiving on trade. Besides, Biden has his own version of 'Make America Great Again'. Bill Burns, a top adviser to Biden, has said: "First and foremost, American foreign policy must support domestic revival"

SELENA GOMEZ-BACKED 'THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY' TO OPEN IN INDIA ON NOV 20

The Broken Hearts Gallery', a rom-com executive-produced by Selena Gomez, is scheduled to get a theatrical release in India on November 20. The film stars Geraldine Viswanathan, who traces her roots to India.

ENTERTAINMENT

The romantic comedy follows Lucy (Geraldine), a 20-something art gallery assistant living in New York City, who also happens to be an emotional hoarder. After she gets dumped by her boyfriend, Lucy is inspired to create The Broken Heart Gallery, a pop-up space for items from previous relationships



5-YEAR-OLD BAGS THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR IDENTIFYING 50 CARTOONS IN A MINUTE



IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Shrith Nirghav, a five-year-old boy from Chennai has created the world record for identifying around 50 cartoon characters in just a minute. The renowned record-counting organisation posted a video on Facebook, where Nirghav is seen naming the characters without even thinking twice or even blinking. The boy is sitting on the table and a person is putting the picture of the cartoon in front of him. In a matter of seconds, he names them. From Dexter in 'Dexter's Laboratory' to Jerry from 'Tom and Jerry' and Shaun the Sheep, he named them all effortlessly!

➤ The list of cartoons also included 'Wilma' from The Flintstones, 'Dora the Explorer', 'Mickey Mouse', 'Bugs Bunny', and many others

NEWS IN BRIEF

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ICEBERG FLOATS TOWARDS SOUTH GEORGIA, PUTS WILDLIFE AT RISK

A giant iceberg the size of the US state of Delaware is floating towards the sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia, raising fears it could indirectly endanger young wildlife. According to The British Antarctic Survey, the iceberg may run aground near the island, preventing land-based marine predators from reaching food supplies and returning to their offspring. Researchers said, it is the time of year when seals and penguins tended to pups and chicks. The distance penguin and seal parents have to travel to find food is important. "If they have to do a big detour, it means they're not going to get back to their young in time to prevent them starving to death in the interim," they added.



The giant iceberg, named A68, has been floating since it broke off from the Larsen C ice shelf in July 2017, the Antarctic Survey said

■ South Georgia, located in the southern Atlantic Ocean, is a British overseas territory



SCIENTISTS DETECT POWERFUL RADIO WAVES IN OUR GALAXY FOR THE FIRST TIME

Astrophysicists have detected a burst of cosmic radio waves within our galaxy for the first time and identified its source that sheds new light on one of the mysteries of the Universe.

■ The origin of powerful fast radio bursts (FRBs) – intense flashes of radio emission that only last a few milliseconds, were traced to a magnetar about 30,000 light years from the Earth ■ Magnetar is a young neutron star left over after a large star explodes

SPACE

INTERNATIONAL KIDS FILM FESTIVAL GOES DIGITAL



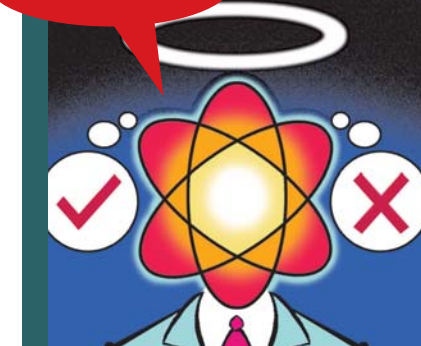
International Kids Film Festival (IKFF) will be hosted digitally from November 20. The month-long global event includes film screenings, filmmaking master classes and filmmaking competition with celebrities, including Sonali Bendre and Nandita Das as part of the jury. The fourth edition of the festival will feature over 150 films from 40 countries. Issues covered range from environment to conflict to childhood to space, and much more.

The festival aims to introduce children to the magic of films and utilise its power to educate and inspire. It is an attempt to break down virtual walls that exist between people, and to bring together children of various backgrounds on one forum, to watch hand-picked films with messages about positive values in life

NUCLEAR QUIZ for students in 11 languages by Russian atomic corporation

The Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation (Rosatom) is all set to conduct an online nuclear quiz contest for school and college students in India and across the world. The contest will be conducted on November 10, on the occasion of World Science Day and in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Russian Nuclear Industry, Rosatom in a statement said.

WATCH OUT



1 The goal of the project is to raise public awareness and curiosity in nuclear science, underline its importance in improv-

ing our daily lives, and highlight the role nuclear industry plays in making human presence on this fragile planet more sustainable

2 The quiz allows testing one's knowledge and learning something new about nuclear along the way. It consists of 25 questions ranging from how to obtain gold from mercury to comparing solar power and nuclear power

3 The quiz will be available in 11 languages, including Tamil, bringing together participants from all over the world

Space race to silver screen: Russia seeks actress to send into space

If reports are to go by, the Russian space agency Roscosmos is working with the country's largest TV channel – Channel One – to find a 'superwoman' to lead a space-based movie. The move, according to reports came, following news of the 'first movie shot on the ISS', with Hollywood actor Tom Cruise due to fly to the station in October 2021 as part of a deal with NASA and Elon Musk-owned SpaceX – he will fly on the Crew Dragon spaceship.



The International Space Station includes modules built by various nations, with the bulk of the orbiting laboratory built and managed by either NASA or Roscosmos

➤ According to Daily Mail, the lead actress in the Russian movie, provisionally dubbed, 'The Challenge' will be found through a series of gruelling open auditions on Channel One

➤ The woman should be aged between 25 and 45, and should have an ability to flawlessly recite the poem – Pushkin's letter from Tatiana to Eugene Onegin

➤ The lead actress needs to prove her sporting prowess, have a higher education and no criminal record to make it into the shortlist of 30 finalists

➤ Filming with the woman as lead character will be undertaken at the International Space Station next autumn at the same time the Musk movie is planned

Books on politics with a gripping and enlightening perspective



SEVEN DECADES OF INDEPENDENT INDIA

by Vinod Rai and Dr Amitendu Palit

The book reflects on the India of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, by gathering rare and candid insights from some of the most distinguished experts, practitioners and scholars on India. It seeks to answer some of the following questions: Has democracy in India fulfilled the aspirations of its people? Have institutions delivered?

WHEN CRIME PAYS: MONEY AND MUSCLE IN INDIAN POLITICS

by Milan Vaishnav

The book is a thorough study of the co-existence of crime and democratic processes in Indian politics. As per the blurb of the book, "In this eye-opening book, political scientist Milan Vaishnav takes readers deep into the marketplace for criminal politicians by drawing on fieldwork on the campaign trail, large surveys, and an original database on politicians' backgrounds."



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT POLITICS...BUT DON'T

by Jessamyn Conrad

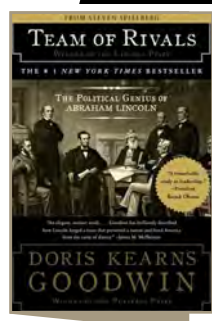
According to the blurb of the book "In a world of sound bites, deliberate misinformation, and a political scene coloured by the blue versus red partisan divide, how does the average educated American find a reliable source that's free of political spin?" This book helps readers gain a deeper understanding of American politics.



TEAM OF RIVALS: THE POLITICAL GENIUS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

by Doris Kearns Goodwin

The book is a study of one of the most legendary American Presidents in history—Abraham Lincoln. It gave Barack Obama the model for his presidency, showing how Lincoln saved America by appointing his fiercest rival to key cabinet positions.



Politics is a part and parcel of our daily lives. It is so imbedded in our psyche that all our actions are somewhat governed by the political and societal happenings around us. And since it is an integral part of our lives, it is very important to have knowledge and understanding of the same. This could be attained through various means including books, podcasts, resources available on various websites. However, for voracious readers, the best source to gain any kind of knowledge or understanding of anything is through books. Here is a look at some books on politics you must read.

WHY NATIONS FAIL: THE ORIGINS OF POWER, PROSPERITY, AND POVERTY

by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson

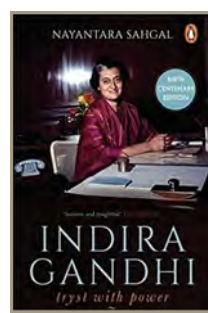
The book answers a very important question: Why are some nations rich and others poor, divided by wealth and poverty, health and sickness, food and famine? Based on fifteen years of original research, the authors try to build a new theory of political economy with relevance for the big questions of today.



INDIRA GANDHI - TRYST WITH POWER

by Nayantra Sahgal

The book focuses on the life of one of India's most popular politicians - Indira Gandhi who broke the conventional, democratic ruling method that her family had been using and adopted a somewhat authoritarian way of ruling the nation.



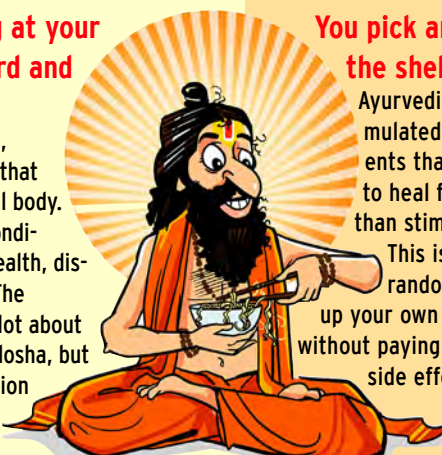
3 common mistakes you make when it comes to Ayurveda



With all the information available on the Internet about Ayurvedic beauty and wellness practices, it can be easy to start adding them to your routine. But it is very crucial to understand the Ayurveda-related mistakes that you could be making if you are a novice. Here are three common mistakes that you could be making if you're trying your Ayurveda for the first time.

You're looking at your dosha as a hard and fast rule

For the uninitiated, doshas are forces that create the physical body. They determine conditions of growth, health, disease and ageing. The Internet speaks a lot about figuring out your dosha, but a guided consultation will always work better.



You pick any product off the shelf

Ayurvedic products are formulated with active ingredients that can help your skin to heal from within rather than stimulate it superficially. This is why picking any random product or mixing up your own at-home (read DIY) without paying attention will have side effects. It can be a mistake that you could be making.

You're waiting way too long for the product to work:

Another mistake that you make while opting for Ayurvedic or natural skincare is that you believe it will take time to show results. This makes you carry on with the product that is not showing any results at all on your skin, since you believe that because the product is natural, the process will be slow. While Ayurvedic products may not have overnight effects like cosmetic ones, they are effective you should start to see the difference as soon as possible.

Ways to make wildlife welcome



As the seasons turn around us, wildlife habits change. But there is much you can do to support the wonderful creatures that love our gardens too. You don't need to be in the countryside or even have a large garden to encourage biodiversity. Here are a few ideas to help encourage wildlife:

FURRY INTERNET FRIENDS

Hosting a quiz online? Been there, got the fancy dress outfit and the random facts to prove it. How about a call with a bunch of farm animals? They'll take it! Florida's Mandalay Farms allows you to add animals to your next Zoom call and has more than 250 on offer, including monkeys, wallabies, emus, pot-bellied pigs and llamas. A great idea for a friend in quarantine who's in need of cheering up - cute animals will always do the trick!

Flying friends

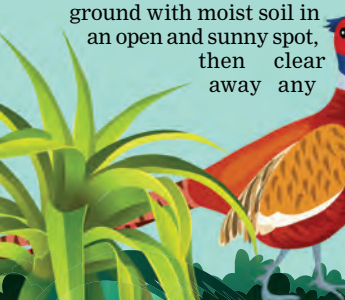
At this time of year, when we start to spend our evenings snuggled up indoors with a hot drink, the birds are still outside in the elements. They will need sufficient food to keep their bodies warm through winter. Shrubs in our gardens act as food as well as shelter for the birds.

Plant a feast

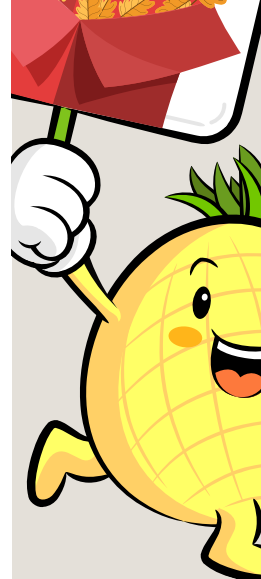
Don't just plant with aesthetics in mind, plant things wildlife will feast on. For example, holly (Ilex aquifolium) has bright red berries that birds love to eat. It also serves as shelter as well as protection for birds because the spiky leaves deter predators. Rather than removing dead stems, leaves and seed heads, leave them as extra structures for birds to nestle in. Compromise between plants you want to add style and those that will benefit wildlife.

Autumn is ideal to sow wildflower seeds

They will germinate in a few weeks and then settle for the winter while their roots establish so that in spring, they'll be ready to grow. Choose your patch of ground with moist soil in an open and sunny spot, then clear away any



Activities BOX



QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Who among the following was conferred with the title 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis'?

- A. Bunker Roy
B. Muhammad Yunus
C. Jeffrey Hollender
D. Ibrahim Abouleish

Q.2) The Indian Army will commission the 1st batch of women soldiers in 2021. It consists of how many soldiers?

- A. 350 B. 100
C. 500 D. 15

Q.3) Which Indian cricketer, broke the Indian record for the highest score by an Indian wicketkeeper in T20Is?

- A. Rishabh Pant
B. Virat Kohli
C. K L Rahul
D. Shikhar Dhawan

Q.4) Which country will host FIFA World Cup 2022?

- A. Spain B. Jordan
C. Qatar D. India

ANSWERS

1. B) Muhammad Yunus 2. B) 100 3. A) Rishabh Pant 4. C) Qatar

KNOWLEDGE BANK

CANINES

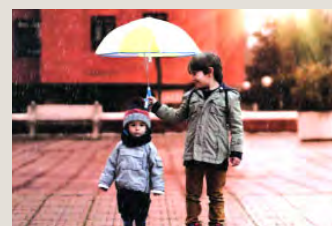
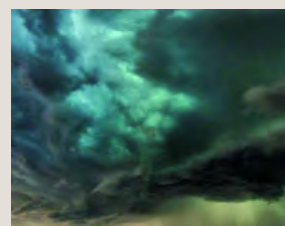


Welsh Corgi

These dogs are great pets; they have a strong association with Queen Elizabeth II because she is known to keep them as pets. Corgis have an outgoing personality and are playful. They require moderate amounts of exercise each day to remain fit. Corgis are generally known to bark a lot. They are herding dogs after all and barking is an important part of monitoring and rounding up animals.

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 In each question below, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts which are labelled P, Q, R and S to

produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence.

1. When he
P : did not know
Q : he was nervous and
R : heard the hue and

cry at midnight
S : what to do
The proper sequence should be?

A: RQPS B: QSPR
C: SQPR D: PQRS

ANSWER:
1. RQPS

CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF ONENESS

Pallavi School
Gandipet, Hyderabad

"An opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity, and security of our country"

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed in India on October 31 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He played an important role in uniting India. He is popularly known as the Iron Man of India and as one of the founding leaders of the Republic of India.

In view of guidelines given by CBSE, Pallavi School, Gandipet, Hyderabad conducted activities like Essay Writing, Slo-



gan Writing and Poster Making on various topics. The virtual assembly was hosted by Ranya and Soha Sheikh of class IX with students giving speeches on the importance of the day, quotes on national integrity and speeches on early life and achievements of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Students presented a wonderful rendition of 'Mile Sur Mere Tumhara' in collaboration with music facilitator Leo. Dances on tunes of traditional music were also presented.

Principal Meetal Archit addressed the students and told them the importance of unity in diversity and how it enhances the quality of teamwork. She spoke on the importance of the title of 'Iron Man' conferred on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The glimpses of last year's celebration 'Run for Unity' made everyone nostalgic. The assembly ended with an interactive quiz, pledge by the school head girl and a rendition of the national anthem.

THE EDUCATIONIST

Significance of Social Science as a core subject

T Paripurna, TGT-Social Science, Delhi Public School Nacharam



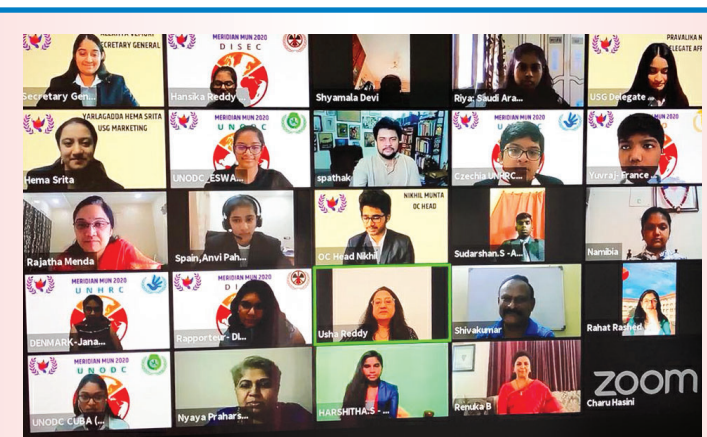
Today, I feel extremely proud to be a social teacher and opt social as my methodology in professional qualification. According to me "social is the only subject which makes man civilised" as it encourages to explore things to understand, comprehend, analyse, apply and create. I believe that social science subject has the intensity to make learning more interesting. Few people think and accept social as a dry subject but in fact it is very interesting.

Social science examines the relationships between individuals and societies rather than studying the physical world. It helps individuals to un-

derstand and engage with the key political and social institutions in order to benefit each other, themselves and the society as a whole.

Social studies has a combination of subjects in it like Civics, Geography, Sociology, Economics, History, and it is a school-based subject whereas social sciences are taught under a higher studies curriculum and is more stream oriented. It is the science of society that helps to arrive at a conclusion based on facts.

History helps you explore and know the origin of all factors and in fact every subject has its own history. Civics teaches you about your rights and duties. The social subject terminology has a unique role to develop child's vocabulary as every time they learn new terms. Finally, I would like to share this quote "The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future".



MUN on a virtual platform

Meridian School for Boys & Girls
Banjara Hills

Meridian School, Banjara Hills, organised its fifth edition and the first ever virtual edition of Meridian Model United Nations on October 30 and 31. The two-day conference started with a welcome note by principal and CEO of Meridian School, D Usha Reddy. The opening ceremony was graced by Samarth Pathak, communications officer and focal point-Education for Justice Initiative, regional office for South Asia, UNODC, whose message instilled a sense of pride and motivation for the next two days.

The students were also addressed by the former Member of Parliament and founder of Meridian group of Schools, Butta Renuka, who encouraged everyone to push their boundaries of learning and explore further. Secretary general of MUN Alekha Vemuri welcomed the delegates and declared the conference open. The virtual MUN was attended by over 150 delegates from across India and from the US and UAE.

The delegates entered into heated but healthy debates on many pressing problems. The

committees UNGA- DISEC, UNHRC, UNODC and WHO which were moderated by proficient executive board members saw unique solutions and ideas proposed by the delegates. The International Press Reporters did a phenomenal job by conducting press conferences and simulating the real life press in the committees.

On the first day, the delegates, organising committee and executive board members had the opportunity to interact with some of the top universities across the globe to explore career opportunities. The second day saw a fresh set of ideas and proposals put forward by the delegates in their committee sessions.

Vice principal Rashad congratulated the delegates for their commendable performance under the able guidance of Rajata Gora, coordinator programme and career counsellor and faculty advisors, M V Srinivas and Vijaya Ajay. This was followed by a vote of thanks extended by USG Delegate Affairs Pravalka to the whole team and the sponsors for bringing the MUN to this platform. Organising committee head Nikhil Munta commended the organising committee for its effort and deliberations throughout the event. The conference concluded with a closing note by the secretary general.

Express YOURSELF

NATURAL DISASTERS: Is nature the executioner or the victim?

"The truth is, the natural world is changing and we are totally dependent on that world. It provides us food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it." - SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

The human civilisation is no stranger to nature's inexorable expression of temper. However, the frequency of these seems to have been on a roller coaster that only goes up. There has been a dizzying rise in the number of these disasters and loss of lives that come with it. Each one, if not on par, is worse than its predecessor and each new one, with

Nature's Wrath

the arrogance of an unchallenged dominance. Let's take a quick look at what they are:

- **WHAT ARE NATURAL DISASTERS?** A natural disaster is a major adverse event resulting from natural processes of the Earth.
- **WHAT ARE THE TYPES?** Floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, and other geologic processes.
- **WHAT CAUSES THEM?** Natural disasters are caused due to different reasons like soil erosion, seismic activity, tectonic movements, air pressure and ocean currents.



Now the question is, who is to be blamed for these disasters?

We tend to blame nature and in most cases God, for having caused these disasters. We fail to see that we're bear-

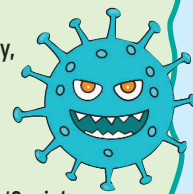
ing the consequences of our actions. Is God truly responsible for the fires in Australia that wiped out most of its animal diversity and sent the continent up in smoke? Or for the floods that washed away most of Bihar? It is time that we take responsibility for the harm that we have been causing, understand that the "Act of God" is in reality, an act of human ignorance and take steps towards correcting our mistakes. We are all an extension of the Earth and it is our duty to protect it for the future generations. Either we understand that natural disasters are nature's call for help, or for us, on this planet, it will be game, set and match.

RISHITH REDDY, class IX, The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet

A MESSAGE TO THE COVID VIRUS....

Corona virus dear, Why do you make our people disappear? You spread by coughing and sneezing. Regardless of the weather being warm, cold or freezing. You turn the blood in our vein into clots, And transform our lungs into empty plots. But, if we wear our masks on the road and subway, We'll keep our house sanitised, So that you can be finely sliced! We'll keep on advocating and announcing, Spreading the message of 'Sanitation' 'Mask' and 'Social Distancing'. Let's in our hearts start believing, That we can bid farewell to you, COVID-19, And wake up to a world where no corona will ever be seen.

ISHIKA PADHY, class IV C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad



CRICKET FEST

Here comes a man with a bat in hand, who is none other than the Ro-hit-man. He gives a look with his fierce eye and strikes the ball to 105. Next, comes the man committed playing in aggression King Kohli. He defends the ball but don't wink weak. He will strike the ball harder than you think. Now, will come the coolest of lions, either the bat or the glove, all players shall fear. MSD will fear players for a while, in that while, he'll finish in style.

N VISHWANATH, class VIII H, Bhavans Sriramakrishna Vidyalaya Sainikpuri, Hyderabad



YOU GIVE US ALL WE NEED

O plant , O plant, Kinder than humans
Giving everything away
You give us all we need

You are a home for animals ,
and give us shade .
Food to eat and paper to write
You give us all we need

But yet we fail you

Chopping you down for roads and cities
Yet you hold no grudge
You give us oxygen to breathe but we pollute it with our smoke
Yet you hold no grudge
You give us all we need

As a story that I know
A little boy played on you
Then you gave him wood to build
And at last when he was old,
and all that remained of you were roots

You gave him a place to sit
You give us all we need

You are the reason we are alive
So I'm sorry for all we did
I hope you forgive us

From now on let's help them
Don't pollute water,
Don't pollute air,
Let us save them and help them
For all they did for us

They give us all we need

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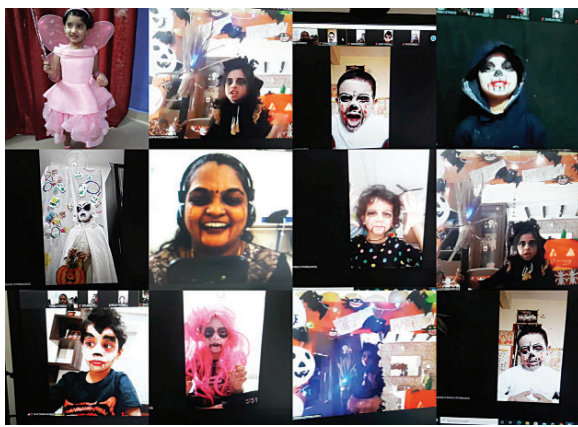
VIBHA NARAM, class VI A, The Global Edge School, Kokapet, Hyderabad

A SPOOKY AFFAIR

Delhi Public School
Mahendra Hills

The celebration of Halloween is associated with the idea of good fortune. To relieve the stress in children and to make the little ones aware about Halloween, the students from class I and II of Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills celebrated Halloween Day virtually.

Children were dressed as superheroes, fairies, ghosts, witches, vampires, bats, pumpkins and other interesting characters. Evidently there was much excitement in the class as children were thrilled and happy to be a part of the celebrations. They spoke about "What, Why and How" Halloween is celebrated. Children enjoyed spooky dance and several enactments. Fun surrounding day piqued students' curiosity more.



The students from Kindergarten of TNR Excellencia Academy enthusiastically participated in the fancy dress competition organised virtually to celebrate Halloween Day, which marks the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark and cold winter. Children enthusiastically

TNR Excellencia Academy
Hyderabad

tically participated in the fancy dress competition and were seen in traditional Halloween costumes modelled after supernatural figures such as vampires, monsters, ghosts, skeletons, witches, devils and fairies.

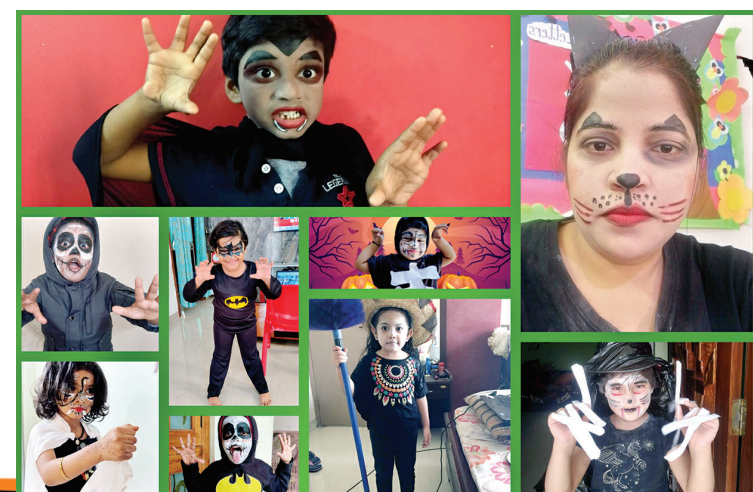
The students from primary wing of Delhi Public School Nadergul celebrated Halloween Day virtually.

Delhi Public School
Nadergul

The students, dressed as different spooky characters, participated in activities that involved scaring one another. Teachers shared the history of Halloween. This activity helped students to understand Halloween in detail while having a great time with their classmates.

Halloween had its origins in the festival of Samhain among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. On the day corresponding to November 1 on contemporary calendars, the new year was believed to

begin. That date was considered the beginning of the winter period, the date on which the herds were returned to pasture and land tenures were renewed. During the Samhain festival the souls of those who had died were believed to return to visit their homes, and those who had died during the year were believed to journey to the otherworld. People set bonfires on hilltops for relighting their hearth fires for the winter and to frighten away evil spirits, and they sometimes wore masks and other disguises to avoid being recognised by the ghosts thought to be present.



5 PLAYERS WHO HIT REFRESH BUTTON

There were some concerns about certain Team India players before the IPL began. But as the IPL draws to a close, these players with their performances seem to have laid these worries to rest – crucially ahead of India's tour of Oz, starting this month

SANJU SAMSON (RR)

The wicketkeeper-batsman, who replaced Rishabh Pant in India's T20 squad for the Australia tour, has had to dabble between his two roles, as batsman or wicketkeeper-batsman, and he adapted to the role without any reservations. He was the top-scorer for RR in spite of big names like Jos Buttler, Ben Stokes, and Steve Smith in the team. Despite not consistently getting the starts, he produced a few match-winning knocks.

RUNS IN IPL
375@28.85

SHIKHAR DHAWAN (DC)

The left-hand batsman, who is in the limited-overs squad for Australia, has gradually got back into team India with decent performances after an injury at last year's World Cup. He is second in the run-getters' list, just behind Rahul, with at least two more games to add to his aggregate. He made history by becoming the first batsman to score back-to-back centuries. He will be key in the shorter formats.

RUNS IN IPL
525@43.75

MOHAMMED SHAMI (KXIP)

The right-arm fast bowler, who like Bumrah finds a place in all three squads for the tour of Australia, has had a good IPL and is locked with Trent Boult, Jofra Archer, and Yuzvendra Chahal at the third spot in the wicket takers' list. Only a slight dip in average has pushed him below the other three bowlers. The fast bowler, known for hitting the seam, has been accurate and has picked wickets consistently in the IPL.

WICKETS IN IPL
20@23.00

JASPRIT BUMRAH (MI)

The right-arm pace bowler, who is in all the three Indian squads for the Australia tour, had come off an injury late last year and was looking rusty in the few games he played earlier this year. The Covid-19 break didn't let him get much practice. However, he seems to have got his rhythm, pace, and zing back. He reached his peak as the IPL progressed, troubling batsmen not just with yorkers but with short-pitched deliveries as well. He should be raring to go in Australia.



WICKETS SO FAR IN IPL
27@13.92

YUZVENDRA CHAHAL (RCB)

The wiry leg-spinner, who is in India's limited-overs squads and had been off-colour in T20s before Covid-19, ended as RCB's top wicket-taker. His strike rate, with a wicket almost every 16th ball, was impressive too. He picked at least a wicket in every game, except two. Chahal got a lot of wickets by bowling intelligently, like tempting batsmen with flight and bowling wide outside the off-stump.



WICKETS IN IPL
21@19.28

Gambhir calls for Kohli's removal from Bangalore captaincy

Former India batsman Gautam Gambhir feels Virat Kohli should be replaced as captain of the Royal Challengers Bangalore after the team ended yet another Indian Premier League campaign without the trophy. India captain Kohli has led the Bangalore side for the last eight editions, during which they have just made the final once in 2016, when they went down to Sunrisers Hyderabad. REUTERS

Tell me any other captain ... forget about captain, tell me any other player who would have got eight years and wouldn't have won the title and would have still continued with it.

Gautam Gambhir, former India opener



Alexander Zverev ousts Nadal, to face Medvedev in Paris Masters final



Lionel Messi at the double against Betis after starting on bench

Lionel Messi responded to being benched by scoring twice as substitute and leading Barcelona to a 5-2 home victory over Real Betis, snapping a four-game winless streak in La Liga for the Catalans. Barca's captain was surprisingly left out at start by coach Ronald Koeman and they found themselves drawing 1-1 when Antonio Sanabria cancelled out Ousmane Dembele's superb opening strike at halftime. REUTERS

MESSI MAKES UP FOR LOST TIME

Leaving players out for fitness reasons is nothing new, of course, but it still came as a big surprise to see Messi out of the starting line-up.

He had failed to score from his last 31 shots from open play in all competitions before today, but put an end to that run with an 82nd-minute drive.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

FOOTBALL QUIZ | Gareth Bale

Q1: In Real Madrid, how many goals has Gareth Bale scored?

- a) 103 ☐ b) 104 ☐ c) 105 ☐ d) 106 ☐

Q2: How many appearances has Gareth Bale made for Real Madrid?

- a) 251 ☐ b) 254 ☐ c) 255 ☐ d) 257 ☐

Q3: During his time at Real Madrid, how many Champions League titles did Bale win?

- a) Four ☐ b) Five ☐ c) Six ☐ d) Three ☐

Q4: On returning to Tottenham Hotspur, Gareth Bale came off the bench to head the winner in a 2-1 victory in the Premier League. Against which team was he playing?

- a) Southampton ☐ b) Arsenal ☐ c) Brighton & Hove Albion ☐ d) Aston Villa ☐

Q5: With which football club did Gareth Bale kick off his professional career?

- a) Tottenham Hotspur ☐ b) FC Barcelona ☐ c) Real Madrid ☐ d) Southampton FC ☐

Q6: Bale scored one of the all-time great Champions League Final goals, a flying overhead kick in a 3-1 win against which club in 2018?

- a) Valencia football club ☐ b) FC Barcelona ☐ c) Real Madrid ☐ d) Liverpool ☐

Q7: Bale won a host of trophies during his time in Spain. How many La Liga titles has he won?



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

Q8: During his time in Spain, how many times has Bale won UEFA Super Cups?

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

Q9: A talisman for Wales, Gareth is his country's all-time top goal scorer. He overtook which player (28 goals) as his country's leading marksman with goal number 29 in March 2018.

- a) John Barnes ☐ b) Ian Rush ☐ c) Kenny Dalglish ☐ d) John Aldridge ☐

Q10: Bale was named in the PFA Team of the Year three times in a row from ____, ____, and ____.

- a) 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 ☐ b) 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 ☐ c) 2012/13, 2014/15 and 2015/16 ☐ d) None of the above ☐

Q11: How many times has Gareth Bale been named Welsh Footballer of the Year?

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

Q12: Gareth Bale became only the third player to win both the PFA Player of the Year and The Young Player of the Year awards in the same season? In which football season did he accomplish this?

- a) 2014-15 ☐ b) 2012-13 ☐ c) 2016-17 ☐ d) 2013-14 ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) 105 2 a) 251 3 a) Four 4 c) Brighton & Hove Albion 5 d) Southampton FC 6 d) Liverpool 7 b) Two 8 b) Two 9 b) Ian Rush 10 a) 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 11 d) Six 12 b) 2012-13