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STUDENT EDITION
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PM Modi calls start-ups backbone of new India, declares Jan 16 as 'National Startup Day'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that startups are going to be the backbone of new India, and said that January 16 will be celebrated as 'National Startup Day'. "Start-ups are going to be the backbone of new India. When India completes 100 years of independence, startups will have an important role. Country's innovators are making the country proud globally," the Prime Minister said during his interaction with startups across different sectors.

India is continuously strengthening its image as the world's largest millennial market. Our needs and potential-right from a rural economy to Industry 4.0, are unlimited. The startup ecosystem liberates entrepreneurs, innovation from government processes, and bureaucratic silos. No wonder, this decade is being called the 'techade' of India
Narendra Modi, PM

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As 'Virat' innings end, A TEST FOR INDIA: SUCCESSOR SEARCH

Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul among favourites for Team India captain's hat

After Virat Kohli's sudden resignation, the spotlight turned to his likely successor as India's Test captain on Sunday, with white-ball skipper Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul favourites to take over the high-pressure job. Kohli, 33, shocked the cricket-crazy nation on Saturday by stepping down, following the team's 2-1 series loss in South Africa. Rohit, 34, took over the Twenty20 job from Kohli, following India's

World Cup exit, and later, replaced him as captain in the 50-over format as well. KL Rahul led India in the second South Africa Test after Kohli missed the match due to injury. The 29-year-old Rahul will also be named captain for the upcoming three one-day matches in South Africa after Rohit, who has had fitness issues, failed to recover from an injury. Other names in contention include, Rishabh Pant, who scored an unbeaten 100 – albeit for a losing cause – in the third Test in Cape Town.

'KING' KOHLI'S INNINGS AS INDIA CAPTAIN

1 The superstar batsman, who took over from Dhoni in 2015, walks away as India's most-successful Test leader, with 40 wins and 17 losses in 68 Tests as captain

2 Under him a team ranked seventh when he was appointed, rose to the top of the world Test rankings, notching a first-ever series win in Australia in 2019



3 Kohli holds the record for most-Test appearances as India Test captain (68) and he also holds the record for most Test wins by an Indian captain (40). Only Graeme Smith, Ricky Ponting, and Steve Waugh have won more matches than Kohli as captain in Test

4 Kohli has the most Test wins at home for India as captain. India's victory against New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium last year was Kohli's 24th Test win at home

CBSE set to conduct class X, XII phase-2 Board exams amid Covid surge



As exams across the country have been scrapped in view of the surging Covid-19 cases, the CBSE Board and the Union ministry of education are all set to conduct the Term 2 of the Xth and XIIth Board examinations, the first phase of which were held in November-December, 2021, and the second phase is scheduled to be conducted in March-April.

1 The chances of the second term of the board examination getting cancelled this year are very slim, as health experts had earlier mentioned that the third wave is under control

2 However, students who decide to skip the exams will be graded on the basis of their first term's test results

3 The duration of the second phase of exams will be of two hours and the questions will be subjective

Indian Army unveils new combat uniform

The Indian Army on Saturday unveiled a new combat uniform that is comfortable, climate-friendly and features a digital disruptive pattern. A contingent of commandos of Parachute regiment, wearing the new uniforms, took part in the Army Day parade that was conducted at the Cariappa ground in New Delhi.



Parachute regiment commandos in army's new uniform

■ The uniform, which features a mix of colours, including olive and earthen, has been designed taking into consideration aspects like areas of deployment of the troops and climatic conditions in which they operate

■ The new uniform has been designed after analysing combat uniforms of armies of various other countries, in association with the National Institute of Fashion Technology, sources said

■ This uniform is more comfortable and it would be worn in all types of terrains

■ The digital disruptive pattern is designed with the help of computer aid, sources said

■ The shirt in the new uniform does not have to be tucked in the trouser, the sources said. The shirt in the old uniform had to be tucked in.

■ The new uniforms would not be available in the open market

Yes, it's true. Even 30 mins of brisk walking can boost your mood

To better cope with all the disappointing news this winter about rising Covid-19 cases and so much else, you might want to get out and play, according to a new report. The large-scale study of almost 200,000 cross-country skiers in the US found that being physically-active halves the risk of developing clinical anxiety over time. Researchers said, almost any kind of aerobic activity likely helps in protecting us against excessive worry and dread – a cheering thought as we face yet another grim pandemic season.

Experiments show that when people start working out, they typically grow calmer, more resilient, happier and less apt to feel unduly sad, nervous or angry than before



LIFESTYLE

Budget Session of Parliament from January 31 to April 8

The Budget Session of Parliament will commence on January 31 with the address of the President to both the Houses and conclude on April 8, the Lok Sabha

Secretariat said on Friday. The Union Budget for 2022-23 will be presented on February 1. ■ The Economic Survey will be tabled on January 31 after the President's address, the Lok Sabha Secretariat said in a bulletin.

■ The first part of the session will conclude on February 11. After a month-long recess, the part two of the session would begin from March 14 and conclude on April 8

■ The month-long recess is for allowing department-related parliamentary committees to examine budgetary allocations made to their respective ministries and present their reports

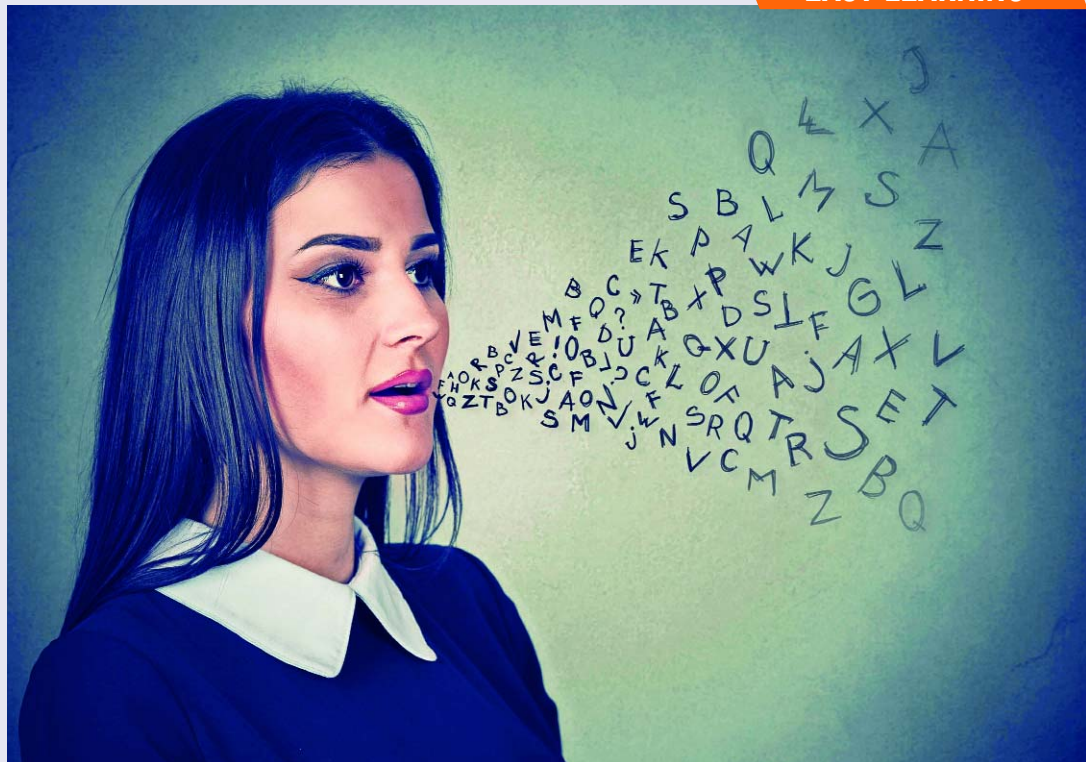


Scientists name new species of rainfrog after Greta Thunberg

A new species of rainfrog, discovered in the Panama jungle, has been named after the Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg. The species has been named as *Pristimantis gretathunbergae*, or popularly known as the Greta Thunberg Rainfrog. The frog was originally discovered in 2012, and was thought to be part of already categorised *Pristimantis* family. However, recent DNA analysis confirmed that the frog is a new species.

The Greta Thunberg Rainfrog, has distinctive features that helps it to be identifiable from rest by its "unusually prominent black eyes, a contrasting light upper lip, commonly a single conical to spine-like tubercle on the upper eyelid, and a larger head"

EASY LEARNING



BEST WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION

Pronunciation is the way of producing a spoken word, especially so that it is accepted or generally understood. Good pronunciation means being understood; not necessarily sounding like you were born in New York or London.

Good pronunciation is not just 'how words and letters sound'; there are other equally important features to consider, like intonation (how the tone of voice changes during a sentence, going up or down), stress (which words and syllables have more 'weight' when we

are speaking), and connected speech – how words can sound different when they are joined together in natural speech.

Here are six top tips for you to practice and perfect your pronunciation:

LEARN TO LISTEN

Before you learn how to speak, you'll need to learn how to listen. Some sounds can be hard to tell apart when you're listening. Listening to examples of authentic speech is the most obvious way to improve your own pronunciation. There are lots of ways to do this – watch a film in its original version, listen to podcasts about a topic that interests you in English.

FOCUS ON PHONEMES

What are phonemes? Well, you may have noticed that many letters are pronounced differently on their own than when they are used in words. Many letters contain more than one sound – "F" for instance is pronounced "eff". It can be helpful to go back to basics and examine the sounds used in English words. Think about the letters 'ough' in the words 'though', 'through', 'tough', 'ought'. It would be impossible to guess how to say those words without some help.

TRY SOME TONGUE TWISTERS

If you can't make the sounds you need to in order to pronounce English words, then you might need to give your mouth a tongue workout. One great way to improve your English skills is with pronunciation exercises like "tongue twisters"

— silly sentences that are extremely hard to pronounce on the first try.

RECORD YOURSELF

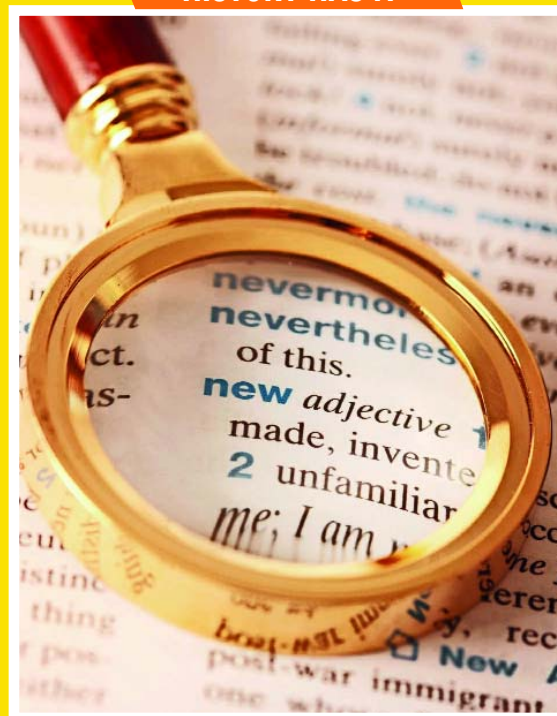
Listen to the pronunciation a few times, and then record yourself speaking it. Some people also find it helpful to practice in front of a mirror, where you can check to make sure the shape of your mouth and lips are correct. Play both back, listen carefully for what needs correcting, and try again.

DICTIONARIES ARE YOUR FRIENDS

When things get tough, dictionaries are there to help. It's always good to keep one handy, especially if you have a smartphone. The Merriam-Webster dictionary app is a great example that includes a simple but very effective pronunciation guide for every word.



HISTORY HAS IT



HOW ARE NEW WORDS BORN?

Most new words are actually old words in different forms or with fresh functions. We often think about word formation as something that happened centuries ago, but in fact, it's something that continues to this day.

Language is constantly evolving and expanding.

HERE ARE 5 WAYS MOST NEW WORDS ARE FORMED:

Affixation: Over half of the words in our language have been formed by adding prefixes and suffixes to root words. Recent coinages of this type include semi-celebrity, subprime, awesomeness, and Facebookable.

Blending: A blend or a portmanteau word is formed by merging the sounds and meanings of two or more other words. Examples might include Frankenfood (a combination of Frankenstein and food), pixel (picture and element), staycation (stay and vacation).

Compounding: A compound is a fresh word or expression made up of two or more independent words: office ghost, tramp stamp, breakup buddy, backseat driver. Phrases like these will create a new, specific image separate from their individual parts.

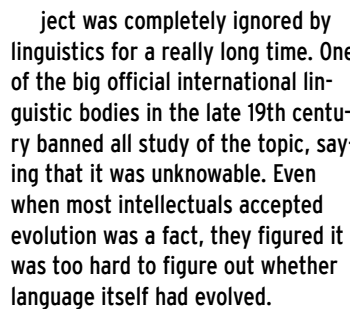
Truncation or Clipping: Clippings are shortened forms of words, such as blog (short for web log), zoo (from zoological garden), and flu (from influenza). In many instances, these clipped words will overtake their words of origin in popular usage, to the point where the original words or phrases become obsolete.

Back-formation: Back-formation occurs when a real or supposed affix (that is, a prefix or suffix) is removed from a word to create a new one. For example, the original name for a type of fruit was cherise, but some thought that word sounded plural, so they began to use what they believed to be a singular form, cherry, and a new word was born. The creation of the verb enthuse from the noun enthusiasm is also an example of a back-formation.

BOOKS TO HONE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS

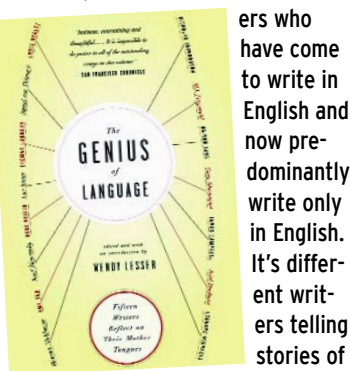
1. THE FIRST WORD: THE SEARCH FOR THE ORIGINS OF LANGUAGE

This is a book about words and language and evolution. Christine Kenneally, the author, starts off by describing how, surprisingly enough, this subject was completely ignored by linguistics for a really long time. One of the big official international linguistic bodies in the late 19th century banned all study of the topic, saying that it was unknowable. Even when most intellectuals accepted evolution was a fact, they figured it was too hard to figure out whether language itself had evolved.



2. THE GENIUS OF LANGUAGE

This is a series of essays by writers, mostly novelists. It's about the way they approach different languages. All the authors are non-English native speakers.



face between the two languages in their own minds, and in their own cultures.

3. SHORT STORIES FOR BEGINNERS BY OLLY

ers who have come to write in English and now predominantly write only in English. It's different writers telling stories of the inter-

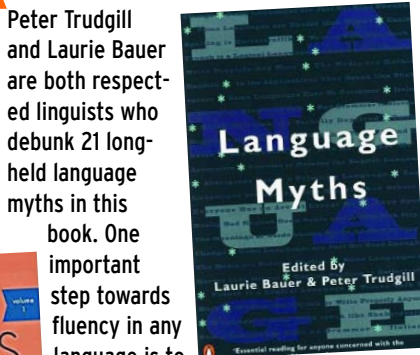
RICHARDS

Unlike all the books in this list, 'Short Stories for Beginners' focuses only on captivating stories especially designed for language learners from beginner to intermediate level. This book gives a good idea of what it's like to learn a foreign language by reading a book. The 'Short Stories' books are available in 15 languages. Some of them are French, Italian, English, German, Russian and Spanish. Each book has around eight stories from different genres, from science fiction to history and thriller.



4. LANGUAGE MYTHS EDITED BY LAURIE BAUER & PETER TRUDGILL

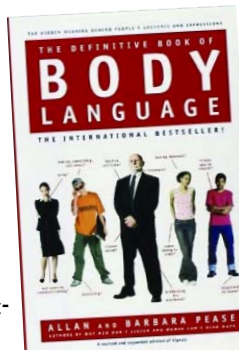
and Laurie Bauer are both respected linguists who debunk 21 long-held language myths in this book. One important step towards fluency in any language is to know what popular beliefs about language learning are either true or false.



how to receive compliments.

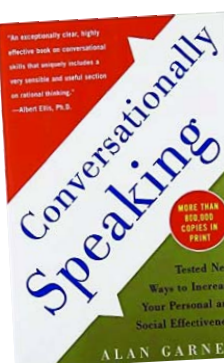
6. THE DEFINITIVE BOOK OF BODY LANGUAGE

'The Definitive Book of Body Language' is a guide to understanding and learning how to better manage non-verbal communication behaviours. Included are tips on how to read other's emotions and thoughts through their body language and how to ensure you are



5. CONVERSATIONALLY SPEAKING BY ALAN GARNER

This book offers tips for improving your conversation skills and reducing social anxiety. Advice covers areas such as the different types of questions that you can ask during a conversation, how to listen well, and



conversation, how to listen well, and

sending the right signals with your own body language. As most of what you say is transmitted through your body and tone of voice, mastering the art of body language should be top on your list when working on interpersonal skills.



Queries relating to language skills

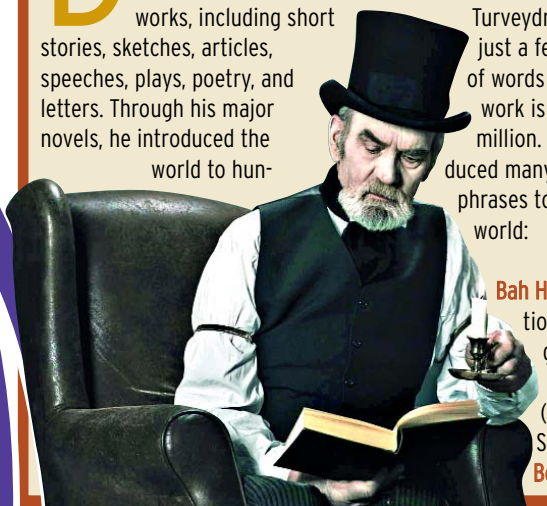
Do you find grammar confusing? Do you get stuck with words when writing a letter, an essay or a blog? Do you have a fear of public speaking? Or do you simply want to improve your communication skills? Times NIE is here to help you to master the intricacies of the English language. Just shoot us your queries on toiniel75@gmail.com



FAMOUS DICKENSIAN TERMS

We all know Charles Dickens is one of the most famous writers of all time – but did you know he also invented some of the words he used to write his classic novels? That's right!

Dickens was a prolific writer – during his career, he wrote 26 major works and hundreds of other minor works, including short stories, sketches, articles, speeches, plays, poetry, and letters. Through his major novels, he introduced the world to hun-



dreds of captivating characters with evocative names like Copperfield, Cratchit, Fezziwig, Havisham, Micawber, Pickwick, Scrooge, Squeers, Turveydrop and Twist to name just a few. The total number of words used in all of Dickens' work is an astounding 4.6 million. He certainly introduced many original words and phrases to readers around the world:

Bah Humbug: An exclamation of irritation or disgust. First appeared in *A Christmas Carol* (1843) – "Bah," said Scrooge, "Humbug."

Boredom: The state of

feeling disinterested. First appeared in *Bleak House* (1852).

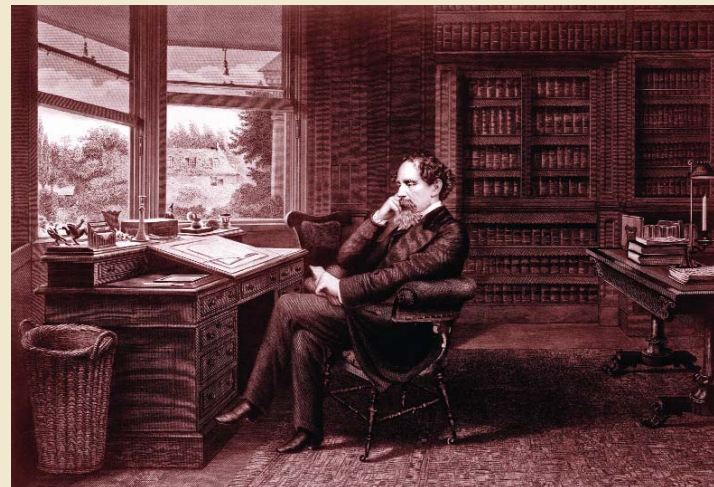
Doormat: Used metaphorically, a person who is treated poorly. First appears in *Great Expectations* (1861).

Devil-may-care: Reckless; careless or jovial and rakish in manner; seems to come from the saying, "The devil may care but I don't." – "Not that this would have worried him much, anyway – he was a mighty free and easy, roving, devil-may-care sort of person, was my uncle, gentlemen."

– *The Pickwick Papers*.

Abuzz: Characterised by excessive gossip or activity.

Rampage: Destructive or violent behaviour by person or group. First appeared in *Great Expectations* (1860).



Marplot: "A meddlesome, though well-meaning, person who unwittingly spoils the plans of others." This word, used in *Our Mutual Friend*, was based on the name of a character from an 18th century play who exemplified those "meddlesome" qualities.

Slangular: A perfect invention of Dickens' own, it shows up in *Bleak*

House in discussing one character's verbal "strength lying in a slangular direction" or leaning (at an angle) toward slang.

Chadband: An obsequious hypocrite. Based on Mr Chadband, a preacher. First appeared in *Bleak House* (1852).

Flummox: To bewilder. First appeared in *Pickwick Papers* (1836-37).



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YOURSELF

THEORIES REVOLVING AROUND THE MOON

Hey readers, let's look at the beginning of our natural satellite, the Moon

I am here with an interesting topic about the Moon! Let's float into the topic now... Around 4.5 billion years ago, the Solar System comprising the early sun and the early planets began to form. It took a hundred million years for the planets to come in orbit and our planet, the earth, began to get a spherical shape but it was just a baby and there were no life forms developed (yet). According to NASA, the solar system was a violent place and it took ages for the gas giants and the terrestrial planets to acquire their gravitational force, etc. Then, after all the planets (including earth) acquired their gravitational force, they had an ability to attract celestial bodies like asteroids and meteors in space. So, gravity is the main

reason why the solar system is like how it is today. So now, back to our main question: How was the moon formed? **ANSWER:** The most widely accepted theory is the giant-impact theory. It's a fitting name as this theory states that the moon formed because of the collision between the early earth and another small planet, about the size of Mars. The left-over pieces of the impact came together because of gravity and formed a big rock, the Moon, and started orbiting the Earth. That's how the moon was formed. Although,



we are still not sure about this as this happened long before the dinosaurs and I wasn't around then. But that's why it's called a "theory". By the way, do you remember I said a small planet smashed into early earth; a few lines ago? That planet's name was "Theia"; Hmm... kind of reminds me of someone (Thea Stilton) Anyway, back to the topic. Reminds me of a fun fact: the moon is actually called "Luna" in some places. Anyways, I hope you liked my article and learnt something new today! Stay tuned!! Yours truly, **SRINIDHI CHAVALI, class VI, The Global Edge School, Madhapur**

LET'S DO OUR PART TO SAVE EARTH

Our planet, the Earth, is the only planet with life on it and has the richest of habitats.

Nowadays, we see many species are endangered, and some are already extinct! Endangered species include desert elephants, low-land gorillas, desert lions, and wild tigers. Some of the extinct species include Dodo, Saber-toothed cat, and the Tasmanian tiger. Some went extinct because of natural disasters, but what about the others?

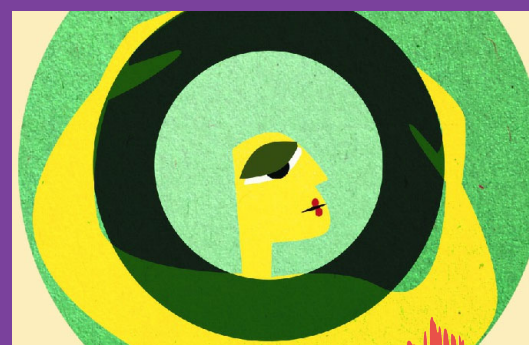
It is all because of human actions! Humans are becoming selfish day by day. Have

any of you ever seen a Dodo? Or any of the extinct species mentioned in the list? Many of us would have wished we could have seen these species. If we continue doing what we are doing, like deforestation and polluting the environment leading to the destruction of the animal habitat, surely, our future generation will not get to even see the animals that we see today. It is already too late.

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle. I have started recycling milk packets, using cloth bags, and stopped buying plastic articles. There are many simple ways to save the planet. Even if we do our small bit to save the planet, it is going to make a big difference! **SAHANA, class VII-B, The Global Edge School, Kokapet**



THOUSANDS OF DREAMS



Thousands of dreams, We see every day. So, wake up And try to achieve it. Keep on searching for knowledge because It is available everywhere. Books are like treasure for us Because it can make our dreams real. Become like a mountain, Fly like an eagle, Fly above the clouds. You need to face lot of problems And you need to search answers. So, you need to be always ready Because problems never tell and come. And try to make dreams true.



ARYA PANDEY, Shantiniketan Vidyalaya, Shamirpet, Thumkunta

STAIRCASE TO THE WORLD OF BIRTH AND DEATH



On the first step out of the heaven I stand. Out of nervousness, moving my hand. Dozens of questions in my mind, very excited to find. Can I be a part of good mankind.

Now I ask the angels of the heaven. I am eager to find. What is the name of the world where I live and develop my mind? The angels answered, you will know when you reach there just don't get scared. Now it's time for you to go.

When I reached the planet. The first thing I got to know, were my parents and their hopes. Then when I turned 5, I learned my planet's name it was called "Mother Earth" for it cared for us like we were her own kids.

Now I am 12 and I know that our earth is just a name given by humans but this is "The planet of birth and death", I have now figured out what the angels of the fate meant "When you get there and have the name just don't get scared".

I figured the real name out because whoever is born, has to die no one is immortal, no one can be, "This is the world of birth and death not just for me."

BHAAVYA GARG, class VII-D, Delhi Public School, Miyapur, Hyderabad



OUT FOR A DUCK!

It was a bright Sunday morning. My friends and I were playing cricket in the nets. We were enjoying our test match. So I was batting as Rohit Sharma, and the bowler picked his name as Shaheen Afridi. I thought to myself that yeah, it is fine! But soon it struck me that in the 2021 T20 Championship, Rohit had got out for a duck against Shaheen Afridi.

So I asked the fielder if history would repeat itself. He asked, "Which history?" I said, "Remember, the World Cup?"

He said, "Yes, yes it could happen."

And when the bowler bowled, I got clean bowled! It was the 1st ball and history had repeated itself. So next, I chose the name Dhoni as he didn't have a history against Afridi. But alas, that made history too. Dhoni also got out for a duck! It was too sad for me and just like that, history was repeated and made in just 2 balls.

ABHIRAJ CHAUHAN, class VII-C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Jubilee Hills, Vidyashram



REGAINING LOST GLORY

If a nation is to be respected, it has to be developed. India was once a highly developed nation but invaders over the centuries plundered and looted its riches. After years of struggle for independence, India is firmly on its way to regain its lost glory.

Indians have done wonders in the IT field over the past decades, being among the most preferred employees in the Silicon Valley. Indians occupy the top positions of companies like Google, Microsoft and also own Jaguar and Land

Rover. In the development scale, medical allowances are very important for which new medical colleges are sanctioned regularly. The country is among the top 10 in the field of cyber security.

Electricity and tap water connections to all houses are becoming a reality. Vijayawada railway station has become the first to provide electricity through solar panels. Railways has spread its network to remote corners of the nation. A railway station which looks like an airport was inaugurated in Bhopal. Nearly 19 Siachen villages are reaping the benefits of renewable energy.

These developments are indeed amazing making it sure that India will earn its respect again in the world forum.

AISHWARIYA, class VIII-E, Delhi Public School, Nacharam

E-CARNIVAL FUN!

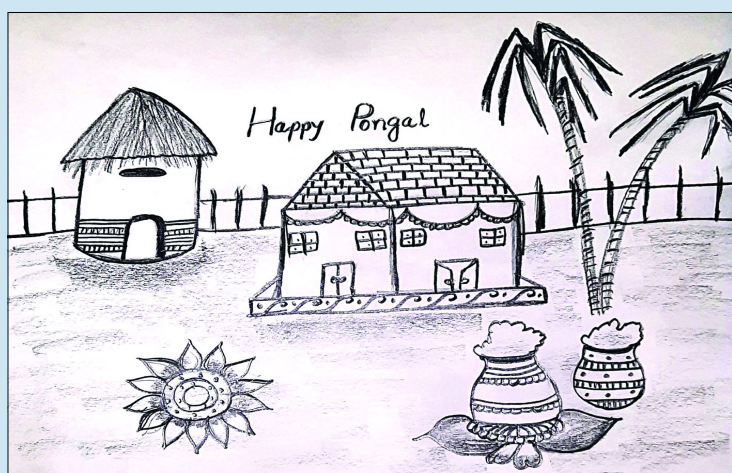
I was waiting for the carnival to start as my parents had told me that my name was registered for an virtual carnival organized by an NGO, Athma foundation, with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Government of Telangana. The event started at 9 am with an amazing craft session. I quickly made paper crafts of a dog, cat, fox and fish as per the directions given. It was followed by a visual treat, a space show. I enjoyed the next event in the carnival, the Scavenger Hunt. I was one of the first to collect the items we were asked to fetch and show on the screen, like socks, brush, fruit, sports item, etc. The list went on and it was fun to hunt around for the required things at

home. They also insisted that we keep the things back in place and not to throw it here or there. A wonderful magic show followed. I was so excited to see it and started to watch and learn more magic on my own. There was a virtual field trip after which we had a lunch break for an hour. Then came a movie which we watched together. The whole day was great and we were allowed to interact and share what we felt about the carnival. A day well spent!

ELUPARAMBIL RANJIT EESHWAR NAIR, class IV, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet



Painters' Gallery



EARTHY: SOM MUKHERJEE, class VIII-Tulip, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad

FEST ART: UDAYANJALI, class VII-M, Delhi Public School, Nacharam, Hyderabad

THE EDUCATIONIST

APPLAUSE FOR THE LITTLE HEROES

Everybody speaks about changes, adaptation and adjustments in these grave times. It is important to be adaptive by nature otherwise the loss would be ours. However, the most significant section of the society who do not even understand what adjustment or loss is, has turned out to be the most adaptive section of the society by nature. This section has the responsibility of moulding and shaping the future of the nation.

Yes, I am talking about the children, espe-



cially the pre-primary children. Being a pre-primary teacher, I am habituated seeing children crying not wanting to come to school, leaving their parents in the initial phase of their schooling,

then gradually getting fond of their teachers and equating them with their mother. That's why pre-primary teachers are called 'Mother Teachers'. This is the beauty of pre-primary school and today this beauty is lost. Teacher's motherly touch has turned into screen touch, colourful blocks have changed into keypad, crayons have changed into fill in colours and friends have changed into gadgets.

It was difficult initially for teachers, students and parents to adjust to this new norm. But children are naturally the most adaptive, receptive and productive section of the society. There are heaps of appreciation for the doctors, for schools and teachers. But where is the appreciation for the children? We only speak about the impact of today's scenario on them, but we are not seeing how well they are adjusting with online learning away from the beautiful

and colourful walls of a pre-primary classroom.

I think it's never too late. So a huge round of applause to all the young learners. If you had not been easily receptive, it wouldn't have been feasible for schools and teachers to make school possible during this pandemic. We hope to see our schools brimming with these budding geniuses once again..

ANIMA SAHA BEARDER, Pre-Primary teacher, Douglas Memorial Higher Secondary School, Barrackpore



COUTINHO CAPS VILLA REVIVAL

Frustrates Man Utd with a late goal to draw 2-2

Philippe Coutinho came off the bench to score a late equalizer on his debut for Aston Villa in a 2-2 draw against Manchester United in the English Premier League. United had just taken a 2-0 lead, thanks to Bruno Fernandes' second goal of the game, when Coutinho entered as a substitute to loud cheers at Villa Park. The Brazil playmaker played a part in Jacob Ramsey's 77th-minute goal that gave Villa hope, then turned in a low cross from Ramsey at the far post five minutes later in front of the Holte End. Four years after he last played in the Premier League with Liverpool, Coutinho made an instant impact on his return to England following his loan move from Barcelona this week.

It was a second match in six days between the teams, with United having edged a somewhat fortuitous 1-0 win in the FA Cup on Monday.

Ralf Rangnick's side looked on course for another hard-fought victory against Villa after Emiliano Martinez let a long-range shot from Fernandes squirm through his grasp and through his legs in the sixth minute. Fernandes, the stand-

in captain with Harry Maguire and Cristiano Ronaldo still missing because of injuries, added a brilliant second in the 67th from a shot in off the crossbar after Villa lost possession in its own half.

WILD END TO ENCOUNTER

Coutinho provided a wild end to a thrilling encounter that United started impressively without Ronaldo for a second straight game. United stayed seventh, a point behind Tottenham having played two games more. Spurs were due to play Arsenal on Sunday but the game was called off on Saturday.

Coutinho suffered a disappointing time at Barcelona, but Gerrard is confident he can bring the forward back to his best after playing with him at Liverpool. "It was a good start. We've brought a quality footballer to the club. We need to get him up to speed in terms of his match sharpness," Gerrard said.

DIFFICULT RESULT

"It is difficult to accept this result after being 2-0 up and in quite a few spells of the game, I think it was the best performance since I arrived," Rangnick said. "In the first half an hour, we completely dominated and controlled the game on

the ball. But again, when you are 2-0 up and throw away two valuable points, it almost feels like a defeat."

Cristiano Ronaldo was absent from the United squad after the Portugal star was unable to train on Friday due to the hip flexor injury that also forced him to miss Monday's FA Cup tie. United made the perfect start thanks to Martinez's blunder in the sixth minute. Fernandes' 25-yard free-kick left Martinez red-faced as the Villa keeper got both hands on the ball, only to let it drop through his legs and trickle over the line.

With Villa Park rocking and United suddenly in disarray, Coutinho raised the roof five minutes later. Ramsey returned the favour with a perfectly-weighted cross that evaded the United defence and gave Coutinho a simple tap-in.

FRESH QUESTIONS

United have now gone two league matches without victory after losing to Wolves in previous game. With United languishing in seventh, there will be fresh questions about Rangnick. He has already endured reports that players were unimpressed with his coaching methods and his backroom staff. AGENCIES

LEWANDOWSKI REACHES 300 BUNDESLIGA GOALS

Robert Lewandowski added another feather to his illustrious cap after the Polish striker smashed a hat-trick in Bayern Munich's 4-0 win against Cologne, bringing the 33-year-old to 300 goals in Germany's top division. He is only the second player to reach that milestone after Gerd Muller did so against Hertha Berlin in 1976. Lewandowski is continuing to make inroads on the German legend's all-time Bundesliga record of 365 goals. With 23 strikes to his name, Lewy has a clear lead



Photo: AFP

at the top of the scoring charts in this season. "For me it's something special," Lewandowski told bundesliga.com after Bayern's 15th top-flight win this season. "Before the game, I don't think about records or how many goals I have already scored or how many I have to score." "I do my job - I do my best. For sure it's a very nice number. I didn't expect I'd score so many goals in Bundesliga if you'd asked me ten years ago. Now I am here with 300 goals, and it means a lot."

TASNIM MIR EYES OLYMPICS BERTH

I don't like losing. In last 2-3 years I have been winning and I am performing well but as I step into seniors circuit, I am facing losses. So I feel it is very difficult. So I used to think about giving up earlier but then I feel from these failures I will improve more.

TASNIM MIR

Newly-crowned junior world No. 1, Tasnim Mir knows she has to take defeats in her strides on the senior circuit, which is full of challenges, as she is determined to realise her long term goal of representing India at the Olympics.

On Wednesday, the 16-year-old from Gujarat had become the first Indian to grab the top rank in the under-19 girls singles.

"It is a big confidence boost for me. Just like I became world number one in U-19, I want to continue that performance in seniors too," Tasnim, currently ranked 602 in seniors, said in a virtual press-conference on Sunday. "My long term goal is to improve my ranking in seniors as well, so that I can participate in Olympics and represent India. So my main aim is to play as many senior tournaments as possible and perform well in them so that my ranking can improve."

Tasnim's ascent to the top in the junior circuit has fuelled hopes that India may have finally found a successor to the likes of Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu. "There is a lot of competition at India level. In the India open, we have seen Malvika (Bansod) and Ashmita (Chaliha), Aakarshi (Kashyap), they are giving good performance." "I do feel the pressure and responsibility that the entire nation has high hopes from me. Of course I would try to improve myself and live up to the expectations."

Korea's An Seyoung has emerged as one

of the most sensational talents in the senior circuit in the last couple of years. Asked if she too would like to have a similar start like the 19-year-old Korean, Tasnim said: "An Seyoung's performance is unbelievable and it is going to be tough to emulate that and I want to perform like her, but it will take time..."

Tasnim has been simply sensational last year as she secured titles in three junior international tournaments to jump three places to grab the top position in the junior world rankings. However, she says she will have to learn to deal with failures as she graduates to the senior circuit. "When I would lose matches, I used to think that I won't be able to do it. If I would have given up then, I wouldn't have reached this stage," she said.

Talking about her training stints, Tasnim said: "I have been training under Edwin Iriawan for last four years. He has trained Saina and Sindhu, he is very experienced. So his training regime has helped me a lot. I have evolved as a player." **PM**

Wants to improve senior ranking, learn to accept failures

DJOKOVIC FACES DEPORTATION AFTER LOSING COURT APPEAL

Novak Djokovic was set to be deported from Australia after a court on Sunday dismissed his appeal against the government's cancellation of his Australian visa on the grounds that his

amidst Australia's worst outbreak of the virus.

Chief Justice James Allsop said the Federal Court ruling was based on the lawfulness and legality of the minister's decision in the context of the three grounds of appeal Djokovic's team lodged.

"It is no part of the function of the court to decide upon the merits or wisdom of the decision," Allsop said, adding the decision was unanimous among the three judges. Full reasoning behind the decision would be released in coming days, he said.

It was not immediately clear when the government would seek to remove Djokovic. The verdict brings to a climax a rollercoaster 10 days during the world's top tennis player was detained by immigration authorities, released and then detained again ahead on Monday. The Serbian champion was escorted to his lawyers office by immigration officials for the hearing. **REUTERS**



Photo: AFP

decision not to be vaccinated posed a risk to the country.

Djokovic had appealed immigration minister Alex Hawke's use of discretionary powers to cancel his visa on the grounds that he was a threat to public order because his presence would encourage anti-vaccination sentiment

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: The word "Agricultural shot" is used sometimes in which of the following sports?

- a) Cricket
- b) Hockey
- c) Golf
- d) Polo

Q2: In which year did Paula Radcliffe establish her women's marathon world record?

- a) 2001
- b) 2005
- c) 2004
- d) 2003

Q3: In Kho-Kho, what are the players that occupy squares known as?

- a) Lobby
- b) Raiders
- c) Chasers
- d) Chukker

Q4: When was the Flag of the Commonwealth Games Federation adopted?

- a) 1990
- b) 1998
- c) 2000
- d) 2002

Q5: How many years did Virat Kohli serve as the Indian

Test captain?

- a) 4 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 7 years
- d) 5 years



Photo: AP

Q6: How many Olympic Gold Medals has Usain Bolt won?

- a) 14
- b) 11
- c) 8
- d) 5

Q7: When was the Olympic flag first hoisted?

- a) 1914
- b) 1926
- c) 1920
- d) 1928

Q8: In which year were the first Commonwealth Games held?

- a) 1926
- b) 1930
- c) 1934
- d) 1938

Q9: Which country's national football team is nicknamed "La Furia Roja"?

- a) Spain
- b) Brazil
- c) Argentina
- d) Uruguay

Q10: Who is the only tennis player who has completed a "Golden Slam"?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Steffi Graf
- c) Serena Williams
- d) Rafael Nadal

ANSWERS: 1. a) Cricket 2. d) 2003
3. c) Chasers 4. d) 2002 5. c) 7 years
6. c) 8 7. c) 1920 8. b) 1930
9. a) Spain 10. b) Steffi Graf