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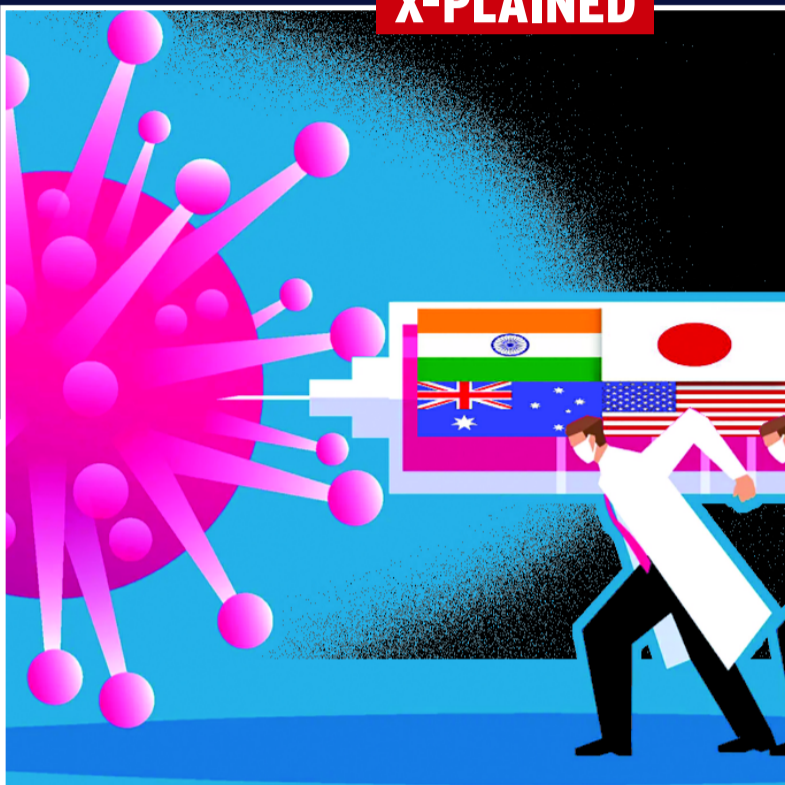


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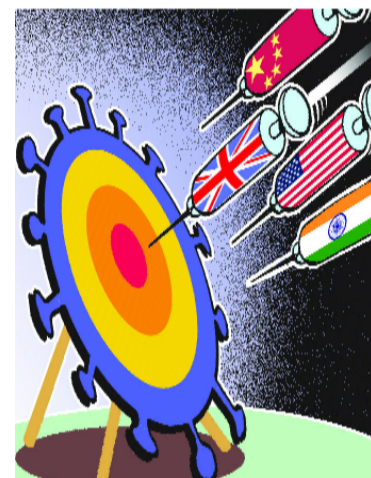
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**X-PLAINED**


## VACCINE NATIONALISM

**WHAT** Vaccine nationalism in countries, including the US, is likely to derail the efforts by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to deliver two billion doses to poorer and middle-income nations by the end of the year, feels Adar Poonawalla, the chief executive officer of the Serum Institute of India Ltd. Vaccine nationalism occurs when governments sign agreements with the pharmaceutical manufacturers to supply their



spreading the virus across the world, which in turn would affect the big economies as well. Besides, according to them, the more people the virus infects, the more likely it is that further mutations will occur, and it is inevitable that an 'escape' mutation—a mutation that allows the virus to evade the immune response set out by vaccinations, will eventually surface, which could mean that they become less effective in preventing serious illness.

**HOW** **VACCINE NATIONALISM IS SPREADING:** Even before many of the now-approved Covid-19 vaccinations had completed their clinical trials, wealthy countries such as Britain, the US, Japan and the European bloc had procured several million doses of the ones that seemed the most promising. On the other hand, few African nations received a single shipment of shots before March. Meanwhile, China's decision to allow some foreigners from 20 countries, including India, provided they take Chinese-made Covid vaccines, is yet another concern, and a glaring case of vaccine nationalism.

own population with vaccines, before it becomes available to other countries.

**WHY** **IS IT A DANGEROUS TREND:** It will have serious repercussions on the poor and underdeveloped countries, who have less or no access to vaccines, feel experts. According to them, by leaving behind the poorer countries, we are at the risk of

### Meanwhile, India earns praise for its vaccine diplomacy

■ India has already sent 583.85 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccines to around 70 countries, including South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Mauritius, according to the ministry of external affairs  
■ India started exporting vaccines soon after the first phase of the mass immunisation

drive began on January 16. While some of the vaccines were sent as grants, most shipments were on a commercial basis  
■ India is exporting the Covishield vaccine, developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca, manufactured by Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII)

■ India has so far shipped 58 million doses to 72 countries  
■ New Delhi has also supplied vaccines to the United Nations (UN) under the Covax alliance for distribution to countries in Africa and other low and middle-income nations



### Indra Nooyi's memoir 'My Life in Full' to be released on September 28

**F**ormer PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi's memoir is set to hit the bookshelves soon. According to Portfolio Books, the publisher of the memoir, it is an "unvarnished take" on Nooyi's rise to becoming one of the world's most-powerful women. Titled 'My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future', the memoir will trace the life of Nooyi—from her childhood in India to her experiences as an immigrant at the Yale University's business school to many achievements as a rare woman and person of colour in the upper echelons of the corporate world.

Nooyi worked at PepsiCo for 24 years—12 of them as CEO, before stepping down in 2018. While she was the CEO, PepsiCo's revenues grew from \$35 billion to \$63.5 billion, and she became popular for promoting "good for you" snacks as Baked Lay's potato chips and Naked juices made of fruits and vegetables



### India's economy may grow at 12% in 2021: Moody's

**I**ndia's economy is likely to grow by 12 per cent in 2021, following a 7.1 per cent contraction last year, as near-term prospects have turned more favourable, Moody's Analytics said. A stronger than expected December quarter GDP growth of 0.4 per cent following a 7.5 per cent contraction in the previous three months has turned India's near-term prospects more favourable, it said.

However, Moody's Analytics said, a strengthening second wave of Covid-19 remains the key risk to recovery in 2021. Experts say, vaccinations hold the key to sustaining domestic recovery. It may be noted that the total vaccinations in India crossed the 35 million mark on March 16.



➤ Domestic and external demand has been on the mend since the easing of restrictions, which has led to improved manufacturing output in recent months  
➤ According to Moody's, the monetary and fiscal policy settings will remain conducive to growth  
➤ Core inflation is likely to see a more controlled rise in 2021, although food-price or fuel-driven inflation can become a recurring factor, weighing on the household disposable income

### Covid may become seasonal: UN

**COVID UPDATE**


**C**ovid-19 is likely to develop into a seasonal disease, the United Nations has said. In its first report, an expert team, after examining the potential meteorological and air quality influences on the spread of Covid-19, found some indications that the disease would develop into a seasonal menace. They pointed out that respiratory viral infections are often seasonal, "in particular the autumn-winter peak for influenza and cold-causing coronaviruses in temperate climates." This has fuelled expectations that if it persists for many years, Covid-19 will prove to be a strongly-seasonal disease," they added. However, the team cautioned against relaxing the pandemic-related measures, simply based on meteorological factors.

### Call of Duty among 12 finalists for video game hall of fame

**GAMING ZONE**

**V**oting is now open for the next inductees into the World Video Game Hall of Fame, with Call of Duty, Guitar Hero and Animal Crossing, among the 12 finalists. Also on the ballot are: FarmVille, FIFA International Soccer, Matel Football, Microsoft Flight Simulator, Pole Position, Portal, StarCraft, Tron and Where in the World is Carmen San Diego.

■ To be inducted, the games have to have longevity, geographical reach, and the potential to leave a mark on the industry and pop culture

■ The winners will be inducted in the hall of fame on May 6, via a virtual ceremony. They will join 28 winners from the past that include Minecraft, Grand Theft Auto III, John Madden Football, Pac-Man and Microsoft Solitaire



### NASA rover captures sounds of driving on Mars

**Y**ou can now have a feel of how it would be like if you get a chance to drive on Mars, as NASA has released audio clips of its Perseverance rover crunching across the surface of the Red Planet, adding a whole new dimension to Mars exploration. As the Perseverance rover began to make tracks on the surface of Mars, a sensitive microphone it carries scored a first: the bangs, pings, and rattles of the robot's six wheels as they rolled over the Martian terrain.

**SPACE**


■ More than 16 minutes of sounds from Perseverance's 27.3-metre-drive on March 7 were captured by Perseverance's entry, descent, and landing

(EDL) microphone, which remains operational on the rover after its historic touchdown on February 18  
■ The off-the-shelf microphone was added to the

rover to help take the public along for the ride during the touchdown, but mission members have been eager to hear the sounds from the surface,

### Uma Thurman joins 'Stargirl' sequel at Disney

**H**ollywood star Uma Thurman has joined the cast of Disney's sequel to the young adult romantic drama 'Stargirl'. The Julia Hart-directed movie, which was a hit on streamer Disney Plus in March 2020, was adapted from the best-selling book of the same name by Jerry Spinelli.

■ The story follows Leo (Graham Verchere), a boy living in Mica, Arizona, who wishes nothing more than an anonymous existence, but whose life is turned upside down, when he meets and falls for an unusual and colourful girl named Stargirl, played by Grace VanderWaal

■ The follow-up will see Stargirl's (VanderWaal) journey out of Mica, and into a bigger world of music, dreams and possibility ■ Thurman will play Roxanne Martel, a musician, the Stargirl admires and encounters on her journey



## BOOKS WITH GREAT ADVICE

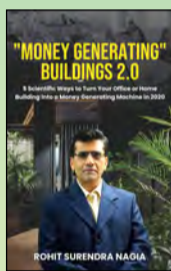
# Must Read BOOKS

Go through these self-help books that have tips to fight your fears, advice for making good money, along with ways to learn how to achieve financial empowerment

## Life Beyond Fears

by Peyush Bhatia

A unique self-help guide that unlocks the fountain of untapped courage and motivation within you. In this book, the author explains the origin of fear, its types, and its impact on our lives and suggests proven practices to take fear head-on and do away with its toxic presence. It serves as the transformational journey from pangs of pessimism to a life of love with the feeling of fearlessness.



## Money Generating Buildings 2.0

by Rohit Nagia

Contains five scientific ways to turn your office or home building into a money-generating machine. This book is a mandatory read for you if you ever want to build your building that contributes to your growth. The book gives a comprehensive understanding of how to approach your new next building so that it leads to future financial success.

## Financial Freedom with Financial Control

by Jagmohan Singh

Explores financial freedom with the means that are so effective, pragmatic and sure-fire. The book educates on



reasons why every business owner must learn the skills of Cash Flow Management. Another big benefit of this book is even a person without an accounts background can learn the intricacies of finance and win financial freedom by religiously implementing the tips and techniques provided in this book.

## TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOU MUST WRITE A BOOK

This book contains the latest and the greatest benefits of book writing, along with great technologies, such as MMM and several others devised by the author Dinesh Verma, an internationally-acclaimed book writing coach. Right from busting the myths associated with book writing, the WHY for publishing a book, to meeting with the coach who will help convert casual writ-



## WE SHALL OVERCOME

# How to break your phone addiction

Many people feel their phone is ruling their life. It's possible though to break free from this habit. Here's how...



## HERE ARE SOME TIPS THAT COULD HELP

### Turn off notifications

Push notifications pop up on your screen and, almost as a Pavlovian reflex, you reach for your phone. But if you turn these notifications off you can control how often you pick up your phone.

### Delete social media apps

How often do you check your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram account? How much time do you spend scrolling through them every day? If you find it hard to delete them all at once, try doing one at a time.

### Leave your phone at home

It's annoying and rude when people put their phone on the table in restaurants and are constantly checking them. We can't go to restaurants and eateries (as often as in pre pandemic life), but if you go out for food shopping or for a walk, leave your phone at home or in your bag.



# Do you know about sushi etiquette?

It began as a mealtime staple in the paddy fields of southeast Asia, and today it's a part of menus across the world. To know more about sushi eating and its rules, read on...

## Most Instagrammed food? Yes!

Did you know sushi is among the first few of a list of the most Instagrammed foods in the world? With its form and size and the sheer variety of fillings it has, the stuffed roll absolutely lends itself to food photography. Culinary lovers have gone to create hybrids of it as well, for instance, the sushi burrito and sushi donut that went viral a few years ago.



## And the right sushi etiquette....

> Do not pass food around using chopsticks.

> It's also improper to rub chopsticks together.  
> Never dunk sushi in the dipping sauce. Instead, tip the chopstick lightly in it.  
> The pickled ginger is not had as a topping with the sushi, rather it's had

in between so as to refresh the palate.  
> Sushi is to be consumed in one bite.  
> It's best to place the narrow ends of the chopsticks in the ceramic resting holder, when you are not using them. And once you have had your meal, rest the chopsticks across your soy holder. Enjoy chomping!

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# SUPER SEVEN

Suryakumari Dennison, Teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

After a worldwide poll at the start of this millennium, the New Seven Wonders were announced on July 7, 2007. Answer these questions on them by choosing correctly

## 1 Which is the oldest of the New Seven Wonders?

- A. Chichen Itza  
B. Great Wall of China  
C. Machu Picchu D. Taj Mahal

## 2 What is the Colosseum?

- A. Aqueduct B. Armoury  
C. Amphitheatre  
D. Abattoir

## 3 Where is the statue of Christ - the Redeemer?

- A. Ravenna B. Reykjavik  
C. Rio de Janeiro D. Rotterdam

## 4 To which civilization does Chichen Itza belong?



- A. Harappan B. Sumerian  
C. Etruscan D. Mayan

## Petra?

- A. 'The Last Crusade'  
B. 'The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull'  
C. 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'  
D. 'The Temple of Doom'

## 5 In which Indiana Jones film do we see

Answers: 1) B. Great Wall of China 2) C. Amphitheatre 3) C. Rio de Janeiro 4) D. Mayan 5) A. 'The Last Crusade'

## QUIZ TIME (MIXED BAG)

### Q.1) Which is the world's smallest city?

- A. Vatican City B. Dubai C. Singapore  
D. Monaco

### Q.2) What is the tie-and-dye technique in textiles called?

- A. Phulkari B. Bandhani  
C. Kalamkari D. Chikankari

### Q.3) The rice dish paella originates from...

- A. India B. UK C. Spain D. Portugal

### Q.4) When did Ambassador cars begin production in India?

- A. 1957  
B. 1900  
C. 1947  
D. 1962

### Q.5) Which of the following has released new guidelines on 10 Ways to Use Digital Health Technology to boost people's health?

- A. United Nations Children's Fund  
B. World Meteorological Organisation  
C. World Health Organisation  
D. International Monetary Fund

### Q.6) Log cabin is the name of a species of...

- A. Flower B. River  
C. Hotel D. Moth

## ANSWERS

1. A) Vatican City; 2. B) Bandhani; 3. C) Spain; 4. A) 1957; 5. C) World Health Organization; 6. D) Moth

## KNOWLEDGE BANK

### MYTHOLOGY

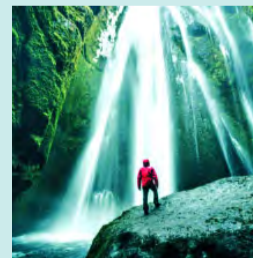


## Varuna

This is a Vedic deity associated initially with the sky and later on, also with the seas. Varuna is mentioned in the oldest layer of Vedic literature of Hinduism, like hymn 7.86 of the Rig Veda. In the Hindu Puranas, Varuna is the god of oceans, his vehicle is a Makara (part fish, part land creature), and his weapon is a Pasha (noose, rope loop).

## 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 toinle175@gmail.com



## CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1 A man wants to buy 62 shares available at ₹132 of par value ₹100. If he wants to increase his annual income by ₹150, how many

extra shares should he buy at 7.5% of dividend?  
(a) 18 (b) 19  
(c) 20 (d) 24

2 A two digit number is such that the product of its

digits is 6. When 9 is added to this number, the digits interchange their places. Find the number.  
(a) 23 (b) 32  
(c) 62 (d) 26

ANSWER: 1. (c) 20 2. (a) 23



## THE EDUCATIONIST

### Evolution of an educator from being a teacher

As a teacher I have learnt that we should be always ready to grow and adapt to the changes happening around us which will bring about a paradigm shift in our style of reaching out to our students.

As an educator for the past 32 years, I have tried my best to amalgamate what I have learnt over my journey, where our most important sources of information were either books, newspapers, magazines or encyclopaedias. To evolve with the ever-changing world around us, we need to understand that we have to approach this generation in a way they best understand which would require us to leave behind our obsolete ways of teaching and thinking.

Having understood this issue, the only solution was to adapt to the shift in how things worked from then to now. Now, where the students heavily depend on the usage of internet to get every information they need. This knowledge is of utmost importance to us for understanding the fast wave of change only those who quickly embraced change and the others perished.



**SUNIR NAGI, Principal,**  
Pallavi Model School, Alwal

find easy to comprehend.

A teacher is no more just a teacher. She is now a mentor, a guide, an innovator who is constantly looking to develop competency skills in the 21st century learner.

While the pandemic might have hit us hard, we worked tirelessly to establish new ways of teaching and adapted ourselves to remote teaching. Blended learning became the need of the hour, and very quickly the teachers who previously didn't know a thing about technology are running successful online classes now. With this fast wave of change only those who quickly embraced change and the others perished.



### Getting back to normal

**Ch Poojitha, class X,**  
Delhi World School  
Chintal

One year into the Covid-19 pandemic, we have gone backward across all the key measures of living physically. But there is a reason for hope. Throughout the crisis, our country and entire world have been working with life-saving vaccines; only together

can we reimagine a better future for everyone. I believe the vaccine will help us to get rid of the fear, learn together, explore together, share moments that we missed out on the entire year.

Let's make sure everyone gets vaccinated and we can all get back to normal.

*"I would rather have a vaccine than having a virus"*

Stay Immune  
Stay Healthy Stay vaccinated



### THAT'S ME! STUDENTS SHINE WITH CONFIDENCE



**Delhi Public School**  
Nacharam

A self-introduction reflects the ability and confidence in a child. Ushering in the new academic year, the pre-primary wing of Delhi Public School, Nacharam, introduced the concept of 'Myself' in a creative way. The students enjoyed the activity of making craft work which was used as a prop to introduce themselves.

They used several ideas and images and spoke about themselves and their favourite things.

It was undoubtedly a creative, colourful and fun filled activity which created enthusiasm among the tiny tots and enhanced their linguistic, visual, fine motor and intra-personal skills.

# Express YOURSELF

### BONDING WITH FAMILY ON PICNICS

It was an exciting night as the family geared up for the much awaited picnic near the Qutb Minar next day. It was chaos earlier in the day. Children searching for shoes, elders busy with the packing of food and ironing the clothes for the next day.

The day dawned with the beautiful sun lighting up the whole of Delhi. Children woke up first, waking up the rest with noise and excitement. Fathers hurried to wipe wash their cars while mothers dressed up their young.

The grandpas got ready first, then the young, the men next and lastly the moms and grandmas. It was then time to load the car boots with stuff - carpets, and baskets full of delights. Once everyone got in, the journey started. Once settled, children started singing in chorus and others joined in, clapping. The granddads were the ones who longed to share the history and experiences and about the times they were young and went on picnics like these.

It was not farther than a mile away when the sun rays fell on the enormous, beautiful structure that appeared. The smell of grass and the breeze through the trees, birds chirping and sparrows and pigeons circling the top, seemed to



awake the innate senses in us.

As the doors opened, the children got down longing to run around. Minutes later everyone got ready for the steaming and appetising lunch. With their stomachs filled, everyone headed to look for the perfect, cold, and ant-free grass to sit or lie on. Once everyone had relaxed, they got up and walked around to digest the heavy meal of the day. Hours later, the sky got darker and a cool breeze began to flow. This was the

time when the family got to the cars and loaded up again.

On the way back the elders showed the photographs and videos of the day to the sleepy children in the car. They finally reached home, tired and sleepy and fell on their beds, waiting for the sun to rise again.

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

### Failure is the stepping stone to success!

Failure is a word that scares a lot of people. Many people think it is the word for losers, but that isn't true. Failure is one of those things that is like a crash course for success. When you fail, you learn many life lessons that help you achieve your dreams! Never be afraid of failure. Failure isn't the opposite of success; it is a part of success. A person cannot achieve anything without trying and failing. Someone said "Losers quit when they fail. Winners fail until they succeed." You never win until you fail. "It's impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all, in which case you have failed by default," had said JK Rowling. When you fail, you learn lessons and know about shortcomings of yours that can be used to improve your next try. Never give up due to failure. Take it as an advice and move on!

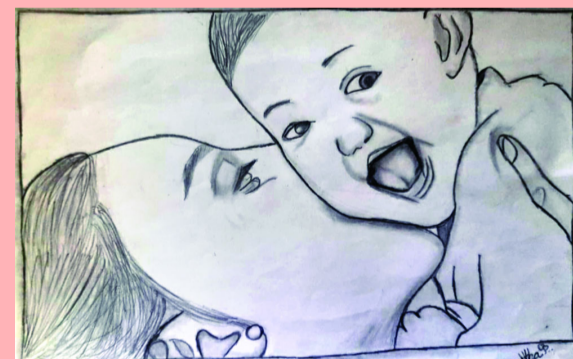


**PRANAVI NAGAVOLU,**  
class VII C, Delhi School  
of Excellence, Attapur

### Painters' Gallery



**WINGS OF COLOURS: P SAI SREE, class III D, Little**  
Flower High School, Abids



**IN SAFE HANDS: ASRITHA, class VI C, Bharatiya Vidya**  
Bhavans Jubilee hills (Vidyashram) Hyderabad



**HAPPY NOTES: SAANVI BALUSU, class V B, Gitanjali**  
Devashray, Hyderabad

### WHAT IS HOME TO ME?

I want to go home with my shattered heart  
Where I can be myself  
Where my soul is comfortable  
Where my heart is healed  
Where I am besieged by real people  
Where I am me, completely whole  
In the warmth of the embrace  
Of such an amazing place  
A place where I am not fake  
A place where I am free  
Without the fear of embarrassing myself, And that place is my home.



**AMENA SAFA, class X B, Madina High School, Himayatnagar**

### IMAGINE IF I HAVE A MAGIC WAND

I wish I have a magic wand, which I can use to change the weather  
If I am playing down and it rains  
I will change the weather into cloudy so that I can play happily.  
I like to play with my baby sister, but she is in my home town, wait I have a magic wand  
let me do some magic and I will go to my home town and play happily with my baby sister.  
I like to go to the moon but I can't go to the moon, wait I have a magic wand so let me do some magic and take my friends to the moon  
There are some many poor people we need to help them what can we do, wait I have a magic wand  
So let me do some magic and get some money and help the poor people with money  
Because of this Corona, people can't go down what can we do? Wait, I have a magic wand  
So let me do some magic and all the Corona will go away and people can enjoy once again.

**LAKSHMI ANANYA, class II C, The Global Edge School, Kokapet**

# SKY IS THE LIMIT

With the ability to hit the ball like AB de Villiers and the mental strength for a prolonged career like Michael Hussey, Suryakumar Yadav looks destined for greatness

Suryakumar Yadav chipped in with 32 runs off 17 balls in the decider against England

**S**uryakumar Yadav might have earned his debut a little late in his career but looks destined for a long haul. With skills like that of AB de Villiers, Suryakumar Yadav has taken the Indian cricketing spectrum by storm. There isn't a shot in the cricket book that isn't in his arsenal. In fact, the 30-year-old is the perfect blend of a player with the mindset of an old-school cricketer and the skillset of a modern T20 batsman.

The Indian team possesses a variety of talented batsmen, ranging from an effortless batsman like Rohit Sharma to a true power-hitter like Hardik Pandya. The likes of Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, etc. offer different skills in the middle of the batting-order but it's a player like Suryakumar that the team has probably never had.

## The Indian Mr. 360

➤ AB de Villiers had earned the nickname of Mr. 360 for his ability to hit the ball in practically all areas of the pitch. The former South Africa skipper would even have the audacity to sweep pace bowlers or play those against-the-spin lofted shots to clear the boundary with ease.

➤ Suryakumar is not different. In only his first two innings for India, the right-handed batsman has hit a bowler like Jofra

**What IPL has done is it has given exposure to players to play against the leading players in the world. Even before you've played for the country, you have the chance to play against them. During our time, it was for the first time ... Now with so many leagues across the globe, it's never the first time.**



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Archer for a 'Nataraja' six and guided yorker-length deliveries to fours by just opening the face of the bat. It's his ability to target virtually all areas of the pitch. This incredible skill is what makes setting a field difficult for the opposition and a true blessing for the Indian team.

## Target Michael Hussey

➤ Suryakumar Yadav isn't the first player who is making all the right noises in the cricketing spectrum despite his late arrival. Probably the most famous example of a latecomer going on to become an icon of the game would be Australia's Michael Hussey. Another player who toyed with the bowlers at will,

Hussey made his ODI debut at the age of 28 and Test debut at the age of 30.

➤ Though time was against him, the left-hander went on to become one of the most loved cricketers in the world, earning the nickname of Mr. Cricket. Over the years, Hussey played a whopping 79 Tests, 185 ODIs, and 38 T20Is for Australia. He was one of the pillars of the team in the Ricky Ponting and Michael Clarke eras. Not the most elegant of southpaws but his reliability factor was second to none.

➤ Yes, Suryakumar Yadav is only two innings old in his international career but his record in the IPL and domestic cricket over the last couple of years has been hugely impressive. Suryakumar has consistently been among the top-scoring batters for Mumbai Indians in the IPL. In fact, many categorise him as the second-most important batsman after skipper Rohit Sharma.

➤ With the mentality he has shown in the last two years, patiently waiting for his time in the national team, there's no doubting that Suryakumar could play for 6 or 7 years for India. Considering the amount of cricket India have been playing these days, it wouldn't be a surprise if Surya goes on to produce a Hussey-like career.

## 3 POSITIVES FOR TEAM INDIA

With the ICC event in late 2021, here are 3 positives for Team India after their 3-2 series win over the No. 1 ranked side

**W**hile Eoin Morgan & Co. came with a plan to acclimatise to the conditions in India before the T20 World Cup, in late 2021, the home side experimented a lot in terms of their team combinations and selection with an eye on the marquee event. Hence, while winning was of utmost importance for both sides, the two powerhouses kept the T20 World Cup in mind right throughout the course of the series. Here are three positives for Virat Kohli & Co. after their T20I series triumph:

### 1 Bhuvneshwar Kumar — a force to reckon with

Bhuvneshwar Kumar last represented India in late 2019 before an injury ruled him out and the COVID-19 pandemic delayed his comeback. During mid-IPL 2020, Bhuvni once again got injured and finally joined the

squad prior to the England T20Is. With limited matches in hand for India ahead of the T20 World Cup, Bhuvni rose to the occasion with the ball with 4 wickets in total.

More than his wickets, Bhuvni impressed with an economy rate of 6.38 - best in the entire series — as he strangled the big-hitters with his pace, change of lengths, and slight movement on offer.

### 2 Death-bowling masterclass

Over the years, India's death-bowling was often one of their main issues heading into an ICC event. However, the script seems to have changed this time around. The likes of Shardul Thakur, Hardik, and even Rahul Chahar — especially bowling a few handy overs in the series finale — have given plenty to cheer for Kohli & Co. with their skills, execution under pressure, and subtle variations. With Jasprit Bumrah's inclusion, India's death bowling will only improve further.

### 3 Plethora of options in the middle

India took a leaf out of England's batting-heavy approach in the T20Is. Right throughout the series, Kohli-led India experimented with the batting order due to the presence of the likes of Shreyas Iyer, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant and the versatile duo of Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav among others. While surely India still need to finalise a lot of things in terms of their batting line-up, they now have a packed middle and lower order with Iyer, Pandya, Pant, Surya, Ishan, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel with Ravindra Jadeja also in the pipeline.

A fixed combination, with clarity of roles, will keep India in good stead in the T20 World Cup at home. India's middle-order came in handy on several occasions in the just-concluded series, with the likes of Iyer, Pant, Pandya, and Surya finishing in the top ten run-scorers list.



## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Against which country did Chris Gayle smash his first century in Twenty20 internationals?

- a) India ☐ b) Bangladesh ☐  
c) South Africa ☐ d) Pakistan ☐

**Q2:** At the 2020 US Open, Sumit Nagal became the first Indian in seven years to win a main draw match in a singles event at a Grand Slam. Whom did he defeat in his opening-round win?

- a) Dominic Thiem ☐ b) Bradley Klahn ☐  
c) David Goffin ☐ d) Alexander Zverev ☐

**Q3:** Who is the first Norwegian ATP tour title?

- a) Jan Frode Andersen ☐ b) Viktor Durasovic ☐  
c) Casper Ruud ☐ d) Jack Nielsen ☐

**Q4:** After Muralitharan, who took the fastest 500 Test wickets?

- a) Courtney Walsh ☐ b) Anil Kumble ☐  
c) Shane Warne ☐ d) Glenn McGrath ☐

**Q5:** Who is the longest-serving captain in FC Barcelona's history?

- a) Lionel Messi ☐ b) Andrés Iniesta ☐  
c) Luis Enrique ☐ d) Carles Puyol ☐

**Q6:** To whom did PV Sindhu lose in the final of the World Badminton Championships 2017?

- a) Nozomi Okuhara ☐ b) Tai Tzu-ying ☐  
c) Li Xuerui ☐ d) Carolina Marin ☐

**Q7:** In the Premier League, how many goals has Gareth Bale



scored in all?

- a) 42 ☐ b) 43 ☐ c) 46 ☐ d) 47 ☐

**Q8:** Glenn McGrath holds the record for most wickets in World Cups. How many wickets has he taken?

- a) 68 ☐ b) 53 ☐ c) 71 ☐ d) 56 ☐

**Q9:** Which Indian hockey player holds the unbroken record of scoring five goals in an Olympic final?

- a) Balbir Singh ☐ b) Ashok Kumar ☐  
c) Dhyhan Chand ☐ d) Balkishen Singh Grewal ☐

**Q10:** Who is the youngest player to take five

wickets in an innings in ODI?

- a) Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Mujeeb Zadran) ☐  
b) Rashid Khan ☐ c) Mustafizur Rahman ☐  
d) Irfan Pathan ☐

**Q11:** In ODIs, who is the oldest five-wickets-in-an-innings?

- a) Harbhajan Singh ☐ b) Robin Singh ☐  
c) Kapil Dev ☐ d) Ravichandran Ashwin ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 c) South Africa 2 b) Bradley Klahn  
3 c) Casper Ruud 4 b) Anil Kumble  
5 d) Carles Puyol 6 a) Nozomi Okuhara  
7 d) 47 8 c) 71 9 a) Balbir Singh  
10 a) Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Mujeeb Zadran)  
11 b) Robin Singh