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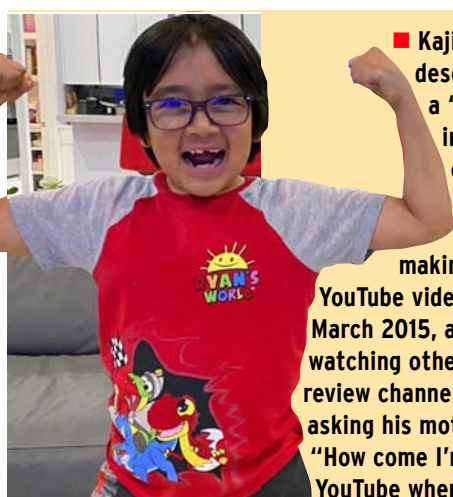
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WEB EDITION
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Meet Ryan Kaji, 9, this year's HIGHEST-PAID YOUTUBER

A nine-year-old boy has made nearly \$30mn in a year by reviewing toys and games on YouTube to hold the title of the highest-paid YouTuber for the third year running. **Ryan Kaji** from Texas made \$29.5mn from his YouTube channel Ryan's World, as well as from Ryan's World branded toys and clothing, including Marks & Spencer pyjamas. He has also signed an undisclosed, but a multi-million dollar deal for his own TV series on Nickelodeon.

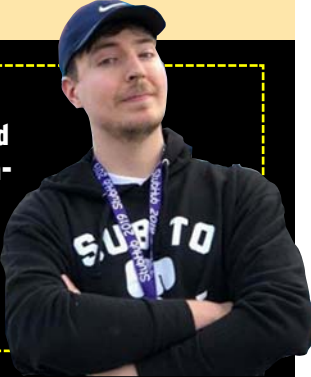


■ Kaji, who is described as a "child influencer", first began making YouTube videos in March 2015, after watching other toy review channels and asking his mother, "How come I'm not on YouTube when all the

other kids are?" ■ His family now run nine YouTube channels. Ryan's World is the most-popular with 41.7mn subscribers and 12.2bn views. Kaji's most-popular video, Huge Eggs Surprise Toys Challenge, has more than 2bn views, making it one of the 60 most-viewed videos ever on YouTube

In total, the top 10 biggest-earning YouTube stars took home a total of \$211mn, according to the Forbes magazine

In second place is Jimmy Donaldson, better known as Mr Beast, who earned an estimated \$24mn, and a new entry to the YouTube rich-list. Donaldson, 22, is known for his stunts, including freezing himself in ice and giving away huge sums of money to strangers, who compete in his challenges



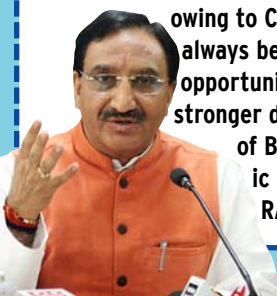
Schedule of CBSE Board exams 2021 for classes X, XII likely to be announced today

The schedule of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exams for classes X and XII proposed to be held next year through the paper-pen mode is likely to be announced on Tuesday, official sources said. Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, who will interact with teachers across the country on Tuesday, is expected to make the announcement regarding the CBSE examination dates. Authorities have been holding discussions this year with students, parents and teachers regarding the Board exams, even as schools and colleges across the country are in the process of resuming normal classroom teachings for various classes in December 2020 and

■ As part of the central government's initiative to conduct examinations on time amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the minister has planned a three-way dialogue with the students, parents and teachers across the country. The minister will interact with the stakeholders through webinars ■ CBSE officials have clarified that there is no proposal to hold the Board exams online

January 2021. Right from the registrations for the Board examinations to classroom operations, all work was being conducted in the virtual mode till now.

Online education has become a big challenge for students, who have not attended schools and colleges for the last nine months, owing to Covid-19 pandemic. But students should always be ready to turn this challenge into an opportunity. The biggest challenge is to study with stronger determination and will, and the declaration of Board results on time, so that a full academic year of students is not wasted

RAMESH POKHRIYAL


CORONA UPDATE

UK PETS WILL NEED CERTIFICATE TO ENTER EU AFTER BREXIT



British pet owners will need a new document to enter the European Union with their animals after the Brexit transition period ends on January 1 next year, the government said.

- Owners will have to get an animal health certificate from a vet not earlier than 10 days before travel, the government said on its Brexit guidance page
- British pets required only a passport while their country was part of the EU
- Only vets officially allowed to inspect animals for export can issue the certificates
- The same rule will apply for taking animals from England, Scotland and Wales to Northern Ireland

YOGASANA FORMALLY RECOGNISED AS A COMPETITIVE SPORT

The Union sports ministry has formally recognised yogasana as a competitive sport, which will enable the ancient practice to avail government funding

- The move was made to encourage yoga; spread awareness about its benefits, and to help improve physical and mental well-being of the people
- Sports minister Kiren Rijiju has said that yogasana will also be inducted in the future Khelo India Games programme
- For competitions, 51 medals have been proposed

in four events and seven categories in the sport ■ Events proposed include traditional yogasana, artistic yogasana (single and pair), rhythmic yogasana (pair, free flow/group yogasana), individual all round-championship and team championship

WAY FORWARD


TWITTER TO REMOVE TWEETS THAT SPREAD LIES ABOUT COVID VACCINES

Twitter is all set to remove tweets that spread harmful misinformation, starting with the Covid-19 vaccine, the company has announced. In fact, from 2021, the company will begin to label tweets that push conspiracy theories. The move follows Facebook and YouTube in tightening up policies around the coronavirus vaccination as the rollout of the jab begins across the world.

- Examples of posts that may be removed include false claims "that suggest immunisations and vaccines that are used to intentionally cause harm to or control population", and claims that "Covid-19 is not real or not serious, and, therefore that vaccinations are unnecessary"
- Tweets that do not reach the level of potential harm will not be removed


TECH BUZZ

DELAYED AUSTRALIAN OPEN TO START FROM FEBRUARY 8: ATP


SPORTS

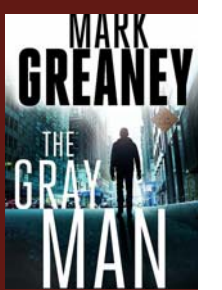
The Australian Open has been pushed back to February 8 due to coronavirus issues, with a series of lead-up events announced by the ATP Tour in Melbourne, after players complete 14 days of quarantine. Confirmation came after protracted negotiations with Tennis Australia and the Victorian state authorities in Melbourne that followed from a month's-long lockdown in October, following a second wave of Covid-19 cases

- Originally due to start on January 18, players will now arrive in Australia from January 15 to serve two weeks of quarantine

ENTERTAINMENT

DHANUSH JOINS RYAN GOSLING, CHRIS EVANS FOR 'THE GRAY MAN'

Tamil superstar Dhanush has been roped in to star alongside Hollywood stars Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans from the 'Avengers' franchise filmmaker duo Russo brothers for their upcoming Netflix film 'The Gray Man.' 'The Raanjhanaa' actor took to Twitter to share that he is joining the team of the much-awaited flick.



- The spy-thriller based on the best-selling book of the same name by Mark Greaney, comes with a budget of a whopping \$ 200 million

- Helmed by Joe and Anthony Russo, famously known as the Russo brothers, the cinematic hunk-off will be bankrolled by their new content company AGBO

- With 'The Gray Man', the director duo intends to create a new James Bond-level film franchise

- Besides Joe, the script has also been penned by the 'Captain America' and 'Avengers' screenwriters, Stephen McFeely and Christopher Markus

- 'The Gray Man' revolves around the story of an ex-CIA operative-turned-killer Gentry (Gosling). It follows Gentry as he is hunted across the world by Lyold Hansen (Evans), a former member of Gentry's CIA team



Heathrow Airport fungus and 'UGLIEST' orchid on Earth among new plant species found in 2020

Orchids are not often called ugly, but that is how the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, London, described a new species of the normally-vibrant and delicate flower discovered in the forests of Madagascar...

1 *Gastrodia agnicellus*, one of the 156 plants and fungal species named by Kew scientists and their partners around the world in 2020, has been crowned "the ugliest orchid in the world"

2 "The 11-mm flowers of this orchid are small, brown and rather ugly," Kew said on its list of the top 10 discoveries of the year. The orchid depends on fungi for nutrition and has no leaves or any other photosynthetic tissue



3 Other major finds in 2020 include six new species of fungus found in the UK - including one near Heathrow Airport - a scaly shrub from a completely

new family of plants, and two new species of aloes. They are among the top 10 species new to science, as chosen by the experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

4 The Heathrow Airport toadstool was discovered when field mycologist (mushroom expert) and author Andy Overall was walking along the river on the boundary of Heathrow airport

5 Other plants discovered this year include a Brazilian bromeliad - a relative of the pineapple, sporting bright red flowers and a shrub related to blueberries found growing on the edge of the world's largest goldmine in New Guinea, among others

YEAR IN REVIEW

Saving River GANGA

The Centre and state governments are taking measures to save river Ganga on a war-footing. With the Ganga Restoration Project, the Govt has said that stringent action will be taken against people and units found to be polluting the river and adjoining areas.

Decoding India's lifeline: River Ganga



1 The river Ganges, also known as the Ganga, flows 2,525 kilometres from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal through India and Bangladesh.

2 The Ganga begins in the Himalayas' Gangotri Glacier. The glacier sits at an elevation of 3,892 metres (12,769 feet).

3 The average depth of the river is 16 metres (52 feet), and the maximum depth, 30 metres (100 feet).

4 The major rivers which flow into the Ganga are: Ramganga, Gomti, Ghaghara, Gandaki, Burhi Gandak, Koshi, Mahananda, Tamsa, Yamuna, Son and Punpun.

5 The Ganges Basin with its fertile soil is instrumental to the agricultural economies of India and Bangladesh. The Ganges and its tributaries provide a year-round source of irrigation to a large area. Chief crops cultivated in the area include rice, sugarcane, lentils, oil seeds, potatoes, and wheat.

6 The Ganges basin extends over more than 1 million square kilometres. It has the highest population of any river basin in the world. It contains over 400 million people.

7 The Ganga Basin supports numerous diverse ecosystems, from the alpine forests near Gaumukh to the plains of northern India to the mangrove forests and saline mud flats of West Bengal.



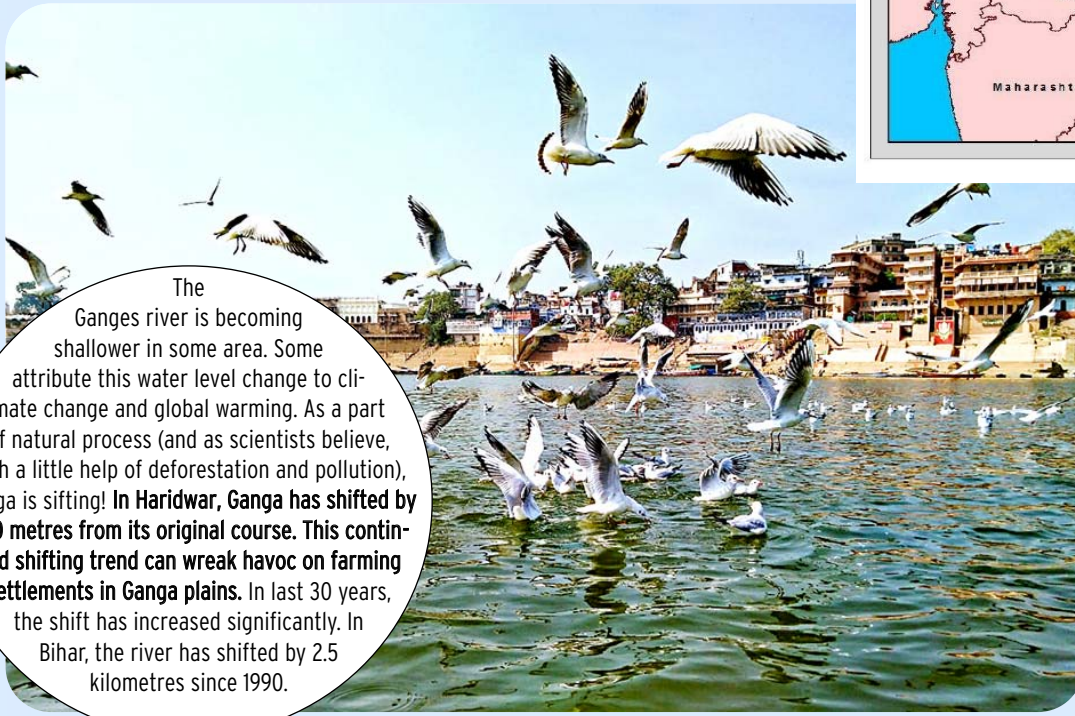
8 The mouth of River Ganga forms the world's largest delta, known as Sunderbans, and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997. It covers more than 105,000 square kilometres.

9 The river flows through 29 cities with population over 100,000, 23 cities with population between 50,000 and 100,000, and about 48 towns.

10 On the Ganges banks are India's greatest pilgrimage sites like Rishikesh, Haridwar, Varanasi, Allahabad and Kolkata, which are visited by millions of people from every corner of the world to quench their thirst for knowledge and liberation.



The Himalayas are the source of three major Indian rivers namely the Indus, the Ganga and the Brahmaputra.



The Ganges river is becoming shallower in some area. Some attribute this water level change to climate change and global warming. As a part of natural process (and as scientists believe, with a little help of deforestation and pollution), Ganga is sifting! In Haridwar, Ganga has shifted by 500 metres from its original course. This continued shifting trend can wreak havoc on farming settlements in Ganga plains. In last 30 years, the shift has increased significantly. In Bihar, the river has shifted by 2.5 kilometres since 1990.

Ganga River Basin Management Plan

A comprehensive River Basin Management Plan for Ganga is being prepared by the consortium of seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) Kanpur, Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Kharagpur, Guwahati and Roorkee). The plan is being prepared with the objectives of taking comprehensive measures for restoration of the wholesomeness of the Ganga ecosystem and improvement of its ecological health, with due regard to the issue of competing water uses in the river basin. The wholesomeness of the river can be grasped in terms of four defining concepts: 'Aviral Dhara' (continuous flow), 'Nirmal Dhara' (unpolluted flow), geologic entity, and ecological Entity. Source: National Mission for Clean Ganga and Gangaaction.org



UP GOVT TAKES LEAD IN FAITH TOURISM

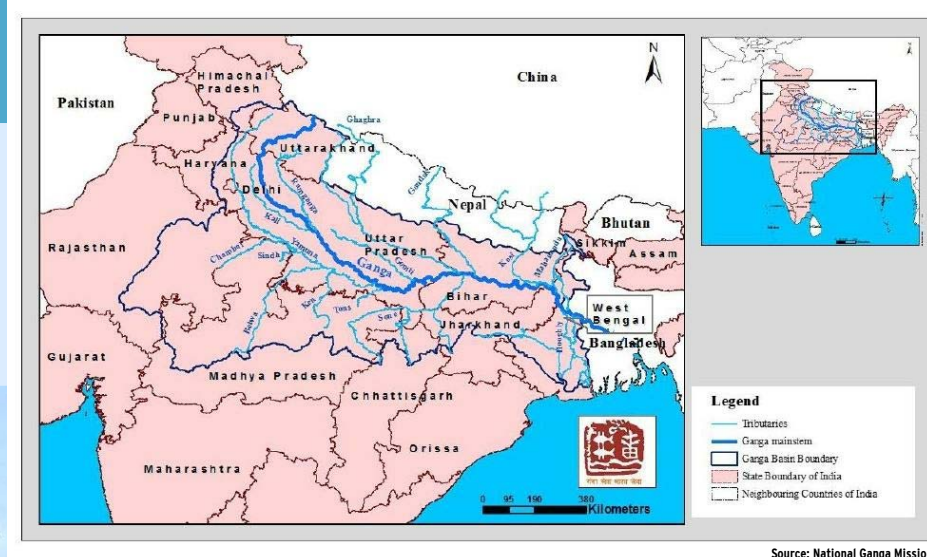
Recently, the UP government said that it is working on reviving as many as 19 rivers that were almost dead and could have been termed endangered.

Two of the rivers, Mandakini and Tamsa, that have mythological significance, have already been revived while work is under progress on the remaining 17 rivers.

These rivers include Tedhi, Manorama, Pandu, Varuna, Sasur Khadedi, Sai, Aril, Morva, Naad, Karnawati, Baan, Sot, Kaali Poorvi, Dadhi, Eshan, Boodhi Ganga and Gomti.



Want to catch the famous Ganga Aarti on the ghats of Varanasi without the hassle of wading through an uproarious crowd? Or are you keen to view the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna rivers at the Triveni Sangam in Allahabad- from the sky? FAITH TOURISM just got a leg up in UP, with the state's tourism department planing to launch two projects, the "Heli-Ganga-Aarti" and "Triveni Darshan" under the first phase of its spiritual tourism project.



Source: National Ganga Mission

Purifying Mystery

In 1896, a British bacteriologist Ernest Hanbury Hankin tested the bacterium *Vibrio Cholerae* that causes the deadly disease cholera, and found that this bacterium died within three hours when put into the waters of Ganga.

Studies have shown that the Ganges River decomposes organic waste at a rate 15 to 25 times faster compared to other rivers in the world.

In a study conducted by the Malaria Research Centre in New Delhi, it was observed that water from the upper ambits of Ganga did not host mosquito breeding, and also prevented mosquito breeding if added to other water sources.

DS Bhargava, an environmental engineer of hydrology, has spent a lifetime studying the amazing properties of Ganga. He measured the remarkable self-cleansing ability of the river in an exhaustive three-year study which showed that Ganga is able to reduce its biochemical oxygen demand levels much faster than other rivers!

Bhargava says that the self-purifying quality of this river leads to oxygen levels that are 25 times higher than any other river in the world. The Ganges cleans up suspended wastes 15 to 20 times faster when compared to other rivers!

Why? The presence of Bacteriophages which gives it the anti-bacterial nature. Bacteriophage are those viruses which kill bacteria. What a cat is to a mouse, the bacteriophage is to a bacterium. In fact what Hankin reported in 1896 about the antibacterial nature of Ganges was the first modern observation/documentation of a Bacteriophage! It was Herelle (who again observed the anti-bacterial nature of Ganges) who coined the term Bacteriophage (meaning bacteria eater) for these viruses.

The high levels of oxygen in the waters of Ganga gives it the unique ability to remain fresh over a prolonged period of time. The waters of Ganga when added to other water resources in adequate amount, causes the bacteriophage in it to quickly multiply cleaning the new water resource of any bacteria present in it. Which is why the ancient Indians used to take Ganga jal back home to clean their local water resources!

Source: National Mission for Clean Ganga and Gangaaction.org

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the rejuvenated rivers is Mandakini that also finds a mention in the epic Ramayana where it is also said that Lord Ram, Sita and Lakshman spent a majority of time of their exile on the banks of Chitrakoot.

Tulsidas also wrote the Ramayana on the banks of this holy place that was known as the lifeline of the city. The river had almost disappeared and was lying dry for over four decades.

The Mandakini is now filled with water. The other river that has the water flowing is the Tamsa river, that was once identified with the Avadh region.

According to the Hindu beliefs, Lord Ram, Sita and Lakshman took their first night halt on the banks of Tamsa when they left Ayodhya on their exile.

2020: What a funny old year it was...



1 A mysterious shiny monolith found in the Utah desert that sparked wild rumours of alien visitations disappeared a week later. Days later a spookily similar monolith popped up in the Carpathian mountains in Romania. It too disappeared mysteriously as it had appeared only for other monoliths to appear in Warsaw, the Netherlands and the Isle of Wight in England.



3 A school in Avignon, France, put a sign asking parents to stop throwing their children over a six-foot (1.8-metre) gate when they were late in the morning. "I do not throw my children over the gate," it warned.



2 Japan - famous for its heated musical thrones - made another major leap in toilet technology when it unveiled see-through public lavatories in a Tokyo park. The loos allow people to inspect their cleanliness from the outside before using them. The smart glass then goes opaque.

The coronavirus has not given us much to laugh about in 2020. Yet the year had its fair share of the weird and the wonderful. Here is our pick of some of its wackiest stories



4 Police were called to a supermarket in Sydney, Australia to separate three women fighting over toilet rolls as the country went into lockdown in March. A knife was pulled over the last maxi-pack in another shop. A week earlier, robbers held up a lorry loaded with toilet paper in Hong Kong, and made off with its precious cargo worth \$150 (120 euros) in normal times. The lack of something to wipe with was a real emergency.



7 A Swiss couple named their baby daughter after an internet provider because it offered free wifi for 18 years to anyone who named their child Twifia. And in India a little boy was named 'Lockdown' by his parents while another child born in the southwest of the country - Corona Kumar - will forever bear the mark of the pandemic.



8 Two tame emus were banned from a pub in the Australian outback town of Yaraka after they learned how to climb the stairs, get behind the bars and steal sandwiches as soon as they popped out of a toaster. "We put a sign up, but we're not sure whether they're able to read," says hotel owner Gerry Gimblett.



9 While astronauts can pee and poo in their space suits (yes, they can!), NASA has asked inventors to come up with a proper toilet for their next moon mission, with waste being stored or flushed out into space in "a shower of sparkling frozen crystals".



10 A French man caught outside by police during a lockdown curfew had written that he was going out to "smash a guy's face in" on his official exemption form. "He had put his real name and the time he had left home," police who fined him told AFP. "We told him it wasn't a valid reason for going out."

7 Superfoods that ruled 2020

The year 2020 has been no less than a roller coaster ride for all of us. We came across situations we had never even imagined. But one good thing that the COVID-19 pandemic taught us is taking care of our health before anything else. It has taught the importance of hygiene and health. Through the tough times, we also discovered the power of natural foods and Ayurveda. Here is a list of superfoods that rocked the year:

Giloy: When it comes to boosting immunity, the food that tops the list is giloy. It is full of antioxidants, which help the body fight off free radicals and disease-causing germs. Giloy also aids the healing process.



Amla: As per Ayurveda, amla is one of the most powerful food items that helps in preventing various diseases. Amla is rich in vitamins C and A, polyphenols and flavonoids.



Tulsi: The only thing that remained constant this year was stress. It is said that tulsi leaves can help relieve stress due to the presence of adaptogens that help in relaxing your nervous system.



Chia Seeds: The tiny chia seeds are a powerhouse of nutrients. From salads to oatmeal, chia seeds can be added everywhere. Rich in protein and fibre, chia seeds must be included in your daily diet.



Mosambi: Mosambi and oranges are good sources of vitamin C and flavonoids. It has antibacterial, antioxidants and detoxifying properties. These fruits help in keeping you hydrated.



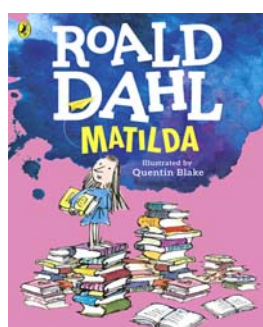
Black Pepper: It is one of the most important ingredients of the most consumed drink of the year - kadha.



Ashwagandha: The root herb has become popular because of its immunity boosting and antibacterial properties. It helps soothe anxiety and stress and works by suppressing cortisol hormones.



Book lovers from literature



Matilda from 'Matilda'

This little reader is one of the first literary bookworms most children are introduced to. She is the protagonist of the famous Roald Dahl children's book who teaches herself to read and then develops a voracious appetite for books. She's not quiet and restrained as book lovers are often portrayed but outgoing and intelligent. She isn't just lost in the world of books but uses her intelligence to shape the world in a way she finds just.

Most authors are great readers and it's no surprise that they manage to write complex book-

Charlie from 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower'

The quiet protagonist from the cult classic 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' was always a reader and his passion truly blossomed under the guidance of his teacher. He was a complex character, very loving and caring, but incredibly socially awkward.

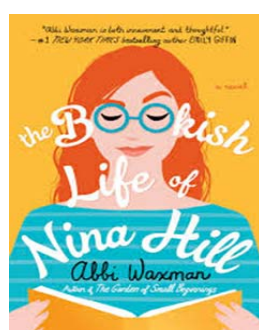


Hermione Granger from the 'Harry Potter series'

Our favourite magical reader is based on the author who wrote her. Hermione is Harry Potter's best friend from the famous Harry Potter series and she has a hunger for knowledge that proves itself quite useful throughout the series. She's also the most sensible of the trio...

Tyrion Lannister from 'A Song of Ice and Fire Series'

Tyrion from the 'A Song of Ice and Fire Series' is someone who found solace in the company of books. He was born a dwarf so he couldn't follow in the physical aspect of the martial tradition of his family, but his intelligence and cunning were enough to make up for it.



Nina from 'The Bookish Life' of Nina Hill

Nina Hill is calm and content with a peaceful life. She has a small social circle, enjoys trivia and works at a bookstore. She always loved reading and despite all the suggestions of her friends to be more social, she stuck to her slightly reclusive ways.

Mortimer Mo Folchart from 'The Inkheart Series'

Mo loves reading so much he grew to be a bookbinder. Though the 'Inkheart Series' is mostly told through his daughter's perspective, we see how he loves books from the way he handles them and how he raised her to be a reader. His understanding of the anatomy of a book is unparalleled and the way he can rescue a book in any state of harm, no matter how old it is.



TABLE TOPS

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

All these words, which you have to complete, end with the letters T-A-B-L-E. Fill in the blanks with the first part of each, to get words that match their meanings

1. Certain to occur _____ TABLE

A. inimitable B. inflatable
C. inevitable D. indictable

2. Capable of, or tending to change in form _____ TABLE

A. datable B. notable
C. potable D. mutable

3. Highly pleasing or delicious _____ TABLE

A. detestable B. delectable
C. detectable D. depletable

4. Characterised by fairness _____ TABLE

_____ TABLE

A. habitable B. palatable
C. tractable D. equitable

5. Held in esteem _____ TABLE

A. reputable B. refutable C. adaptable
D. avertable

6. Fit to be seen _____ TABLE

A. accountable B. presentable
C. regrettable D. preventable

7. Worthy of belief _____ TABLE

A. commutable B. charitable
C. creditable D. computable

Answers:
(1) C. inevitable
(2) D. mutable
(3) B. delectable
(4) D. equitable
(5) A. reputable
(6) B. presentable
(7) C. creditable

QUIZ TIME

(CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Who among the following has been conferred with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2019?
A. Neeraj Chopra
B. Hima Das
C. Vinesh Phogat
D. Bajrang Punia

Q.2) The chief minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik, inaugurated a high-performance hockey centre Naval

Tata Hockey Academy in _____.
A. Cuttack B. Bhubaneswar
C. Chandipur D. Puri
Q.3) Along with which ministry did the ministry of railways launch Commando for Railway Security

(CORAS) of Indian Railways?
A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
C. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
D. Ministry of Home Affairs

ANSWERS

1. D) Bajrang Punia 2. B) Bhubaneswar 3. A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

WILL RAHANE RISE TO THE OCCASION?



Rahane has earlier led India twice in Test cricket - once against Australia in Dharamsala and other against Afghanistan in Bengaluru. On both the occasions, India had emerged victorious.

With captain Virat Kohli leaving to be home for the birth of his first child, India will be captained by Ajinkya Rahane for the remainder of the series. It won't be a cake walk though. The embarrassing defeat at the hands of Australia in the first test will leave mental scars. It would be a herculean task for Rahane to up his game and marshall his troops to take on a confident Australian unit in the Boxing Day Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground starting on December 26. Can Rahane create history?

WHY KOHLI IS MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN RAHANE DOWN UNDER

Ajinkya Rahane is interesting. Look at Rahane's front foot. He wants to get forward, the confusion is in the length. Virat Kohli commits himself forward, and Rahane wants to get forward. You are sort of putting your bat there and hoping the ball touches the bat. Having said that, Ajinkya Rahane has 80 (65) Tests now under his belt. If at all, there is a batsman that India want (to step up) in a situation like this..., you have got to expect more from Rahane in situations like this. More than people like Hanuma Vihari, for example.

Rahane has been averaging more than 50 in his last nine Tests (excluding Adelaide), we will have to wait and see whether Rahane steps up, in fact, it's a question of the entire batting line-up stepping up, we have only seen them in white-ball cricket, Kohli not being there, after the first Test is a massive setback. **Sanjay Manjrekar, former India batsman**

RAHANE NEEDS TO STAMP HIS LEADERSHIP GOING FORWARD

Switch off the phones, shut out the noise, stick together as a group and look ahead, that is the only way to get out of this right now for India. @ajinkyarahane88 needs to gather the group together and stamp his leadership going forward.

Mohammed Kaif, former India cricketer

DON'T TRY TO BE LIKE KOHLI

I do not have any insight into Rahane as a leader and a captain. He will not be Kohli, nor should he try to be. His first job will be to score runs, and lead by example this way.

John Buchanan, former WC winning coach of the Australia team

RAHANE RAN OUT VIRAT

The way in which Ajinkya Rahane ran out Virat Kohli; he literally killed Virat Kohli. If Kohli would have gone on to make 150 or 200 and the lead would have been better, India would have had a chance of making a comeback.

Shoaib Akhtar, former Pakistan pacer

BLESSED WITH A SMART BRAIN

Having interacted with Ajinkya Rahane, I know he has a very smart brain and he is balanced. He is aggressive but it's controlled aggression. Whatever time I have spent with him, I know he is a hard-working player, he takes nothing for granted, and if you're working hard, if you're sincere and honest in your preparation, the result will invariably follow.

Sachin Tendulkar, former India captain

5 changes India might consider post Adelaide humiliation

KL Rahul in, debut for Mohammed Siraj

1 As per a report in India Today, India will make a few changes in the playing XI, the first of which will be **KL Rahul** replacing Kohli in the middle-order. Rahul, who last played a Test match for India back in August last year, will be making his comeback after Indian batsmen's disappointing show in Adelaide. However, it is not confirmed if Rahul will bat at no.4.

2 In Shami's absence, **Mohammed Siraj** will be making his Test debut for India. Siraj was included in the Test squad as a back-up and is now all

set to be given a chance to showcase his skills Down Under.

3 The third change will be **Shubman Gill** replacing out-of-form Prithvi Shaw as an opener. Shaw's weakness against the moving was left exposed in the first Test as the opener was dismissed on scores of 0 and 4 in the two innings respectively. He is unlikely to be picked for the Boxing Day Test and Gill might make his Test debut. Gill will open the batting with Mayank Agarwal at the MCG.

4 The fourth change for India will be **Rishabh Pant** coming on for Wriddhiman Saha,

who hasn't quite managed to impress with the bat for a while now. Saha scored 9 and 4 runs respectively in the two innings in the first Test and is all set to be left out of the eleven for the upcoming encounter, which will be a crucial one for India.

5 The unimpressive Hanuma Vihari, who managed just 16 and 8 in Adelaide, will make way for **Ravindra Jadeja**. "This way, we get an all-rounder at No 6. We can then enjoy the luxury of five specialist bowlers - two spinners and three pacers. It helps that Jadeja is a 'gun fielder,' and will help lift India's fielding standards," a BCCI source told the Times of India.

Jadeja might replace Hanuma Vihari in the middle-order

Benzema brilliance helps Madrid win fifth game in a row



Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema kept up his impressive run of form by scoring and providing two assists in a 3-1 win away to Eibar, taking the champions level on points with La Liga leaders Atletico Madrid. The French forward got Real off to a flying start by scoring in the sixth minute, trapping a chipped pass from Rodrygo with his right foot and calmly finishing into the net with his left for a fifth goal in his last four matches in all competitions. **REUTERS**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Which of the following players holds the record of fastest hundred in One Day Internationals?

- a) Mark Boucher ☐ b) Shahid Afridi ☐
c) AB de Villiers ☐ d) Corey Anderson ☐

Q2: Who is Manchester United's all-time leading scorer and the only player to have scored 250 goals for the club?

- a) David Beckham ☐ b) Wayne Rooney ☐
c) Andy Cole ☐ d) David Hero ☐

Q3: In which year did Muhammad Ali aka Cassius

Clay win the heavyweight World Championship for the first time?

- a) 1962 ☐ b) 1964 ☐ c) 1966 ☐ d) 1968 ☐

Q4: Which of the following players holds the record for fastest 800 wickets in Test matches?

- a) Lasith Malinga ☐ b) Muttiah Muralitharan ☐
c) Anil Kumble ☐ d) Shane Warne ☐

Q5: Who holds the record of being the youngest ever heavyweight boxing champ?

- a) Mike Tyson ☐ b) Sugar Ray Robinson ☐
c) Rocky Marciano ☐ d) Joe Louis ☐

Q6: Which of the following players has played the most number of Test matches as captain?

- a) Graeme Smith ☐ b) Ricky Ponting ☐
c) Stephen Fleming ☐ d) Allan Border ☐

Q7: Luis Suarez made his official debut as a Barca player on October 25, 2014. Against which club was the game played?



- a) Manchester United ☐ b) Paris Saint-Germain ☐
c) AC Milan ☐ d) Real Madrid ☐

Q8: Which of the following players has won the most player-of-the-match awards in Test format?

- a) Jacques Kallis ☐ b) Muttiah Muralitharan ☐
c) Wasim Akram ☐ d) Shane Warne ☐

Q9: Which club did David Beckham switch to in the summer of 2003?

- a) Manchester United ☐ b) Paris Saint-Germain ☐
c) AC Milan ☐ d) Real Madrid ☐

Q10: Who is the only heavyweight champion in boxing history to have retired with an undefeated record?

- a) Muhammad Ali ☐ b) Sugar Ray Robinson ☐

- c) Rocky Marciano ☐ d) Joe Louis ☐

Q11: Which player has made the fastest 2000 runs in T20 Internationals?

- a) Aaron Finch ☐ b) Martin Guptill ☐
c) Brendon McCullum ☐ d) Virat Kohli ☐

Q12: At the 2019 World Championships in Stuttgart, which American gymnast won five golds, including the all-around title?

- a) Aly Raisman ☐ b) Shannon Miller ☐
c) Simone Biles ☐ d) Shawn Johnson ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) AB de Villiers
2 b) Wayne Rooney 3 b) 1964
4 b) Muttiah Muralitharan 5 a) Mike Tyson
6 a) Graeme Smith 7 d) Real Madrid
8 a) Jacques Kallis 9 d) Real Madrid
10 c) Rocky Marciano 11 d) Virat Kohli
12 c) Simone Biles