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India of the 21st century has changed. Students should have self-confidence, self-awareness and selflessness. As an engineer, you have the ability to move things from patterns to patents. In this way, you have the vision to see subjects in a more detailed way. There is no scope for hurry in the field of science and technology and innovation. A technological failure always leads to new innovation. Have patience in everything you do and what you want to achieve. There is no place for quick success in your path. Failures are the pillars of success. Only failures can create the path of success in your life. Every scientist has learned a new way of experiencing failure. Failure can form new roads towards success. Now, IIT is not only the Indian Institute of Technology but also the Institute of indigenous technology

NARENDRA MODI, PM, addressing the 66th convocation of IIT, Kharagpur



Earth, its quietest in decades, as lockdowns reduce SEISMIC NOISE

Yes, you heard it right. Planet Earth had its quietest period in decades during 2020, as the Covid-19 pandemic significantly reduced human activity and its impact on the planet's crust, according to scientists working on a global study. Social distancing, fewer cars on roads and drops in tourism and travel resulted in the 'longest and the most-pronounced quiet period' of seismic noise in recorded history.

Seismic noise refers to the vibrations in the ground, caused by traffic or heavy machinery and natural phenomena, such as earthquakes and adverse weather

1 Global human-caused (anthropogenic) seismic noise dropped by as much as 50 per cent since March, as countries entered lockdown to halt the spread of SARS-CoV-2

2 This made it even quieter than a normal pre-pandemic Christmas, which is traditionally the quietest time of the year for human-caused seismic activity

3 The largest drops in seismic noise were recorded in the most densely-populated areas around the world, like Singapore and New York City

4 Drops in seismic noise were recorded in remote areas like Germany's Black Forest and Rundu in the African country of Namibia

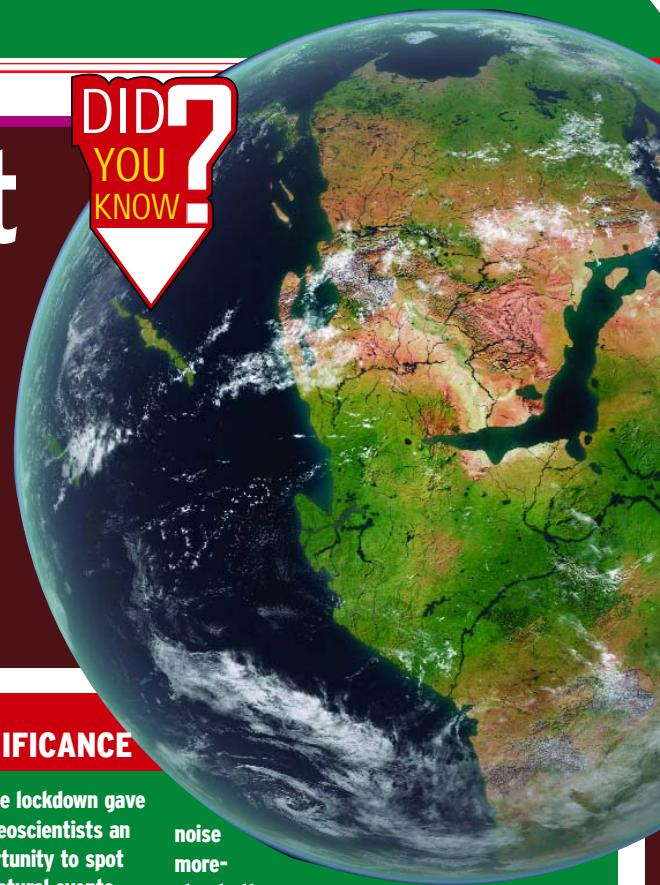
THE SIGNIFICANCE

The lockdown gave the geoscientists an opportunity to spot the natural events that may have otherwise remained undetected, especially during the daytime, when there is more human-made noise. This relative-quietness allowed the researchers to listen to the previously-concealed earthquake signals, and could help differentiate between human and the natural seismic

noise more-clearly than ever before. Their study provides the first evidence that the previously-concealed earthquake signals appeared clearer on seismometers in urban areas during the lockdown. This could help environmental scientists find ways to predict the upcoming natural disasters. According to

experts, with the increasing urbanisation and growing global populations, more people will be living in geologically-hazardous areas. It will, therefore, become more important to differentiate between the natural and human-caused noise to "listen in" and monitor the ground movements

HOW DID THEY DO IT: The researchers used devices called seismometers to measure the seismic noise, which travels like waves, and can also be triggered by earthquakes, volcanoes and bombs, as well as daily human activity like travel and industry

DID YOU KNOW?


Spotlight

Naomi Osaka becomes World No. 2 after Australian Open 2021 triumph

Naomi Osaka has moved up one spot to second in the WTA rankings, following her success at the Australian Open, as she won her fourth Grand Slam title. The Japanese star beat Jennifer Brady of the US in straight sets in the final to lift the trophy in Melbourne for the second time in three years.



➤ Osaka, 23, pipped **Simona Halep**, the Romanian, who dropped down to third after losing to Serena Williams in the quarter-finals

➤ **Ashleigh Barty** remains the world number one in spite of losing in the last eight to Karolina Muchova, who gained five spots in rising to 22nd position

➤ **Williams** jumps up four places to the seventh spot, despite again falling short of a record-tying 24th major. The American was beaten by Osaka in the semi-finals

CAN'T READ YOUR CHATS WITH NEW PRIVACY POLICY: WHATSAPP


TECH BUZZ

Facing intense scrutiny over the alleged data sharing with Facebook via new privacy policy, WhatsApp has reiterated that personal messages will always be end-to-end encrypted and the company can't read or listen to them. In a new blog post, WhatsApp said that in the coming weeks, it will display a banner in its main platform providing more information that people can read at their own pace. "We've also included more information to try and address the concerns we're hearing. Eventually, we'll start reminding people to review and accept these updates to keep using WhatsApp," the company said.

➤ Last week, the Supreme Court said that people have grave apprehensions on the loss of privacy, making it clear that it is the court's duty to protect this right as it heard a plea against WhatsApp's new privacy policy, which has now been deferred till May 15

➤ The top court issued notice to WhatsApp and Facebook on this plea against its new privacy policy

➤ WhatsApp said that it believes people are looking for apps to be both reliable and safe, even if that requires WhatsApp having some limited data

➤ WhatsApp delayed the implementation of a new privacy policy by three months, after it faced backlash, with millions of its users moving from the platform to rivals like Telegram and Signal

➤ The policy change was originally-scheduled to come into effect on February 8

UNESCO, Bhumi Pednekar together to educate girls on menstrual hygiene

With an aim to raise awareness and educate girls on menstrual hygiene management, UNESCO has joined the #KeepGirlsInSchool mission. Actress Bhumi Pednekar has joined the campaign to make it a success.



According to studies, even today, 71 per cent of adolescent girls in India remain unaware of menstruation till they get their first period. This affects their confidence and self-esteem adversely, leading to around 2.3 crore adolescent

girls dropping out of school every year, at the onset of the puberty. In addition to this, the ongoing pandemic has also led to the closure of schools and lack of structured-learning process, making these girls even more vulnerable to dropping out. According to the UNESCO, the global pandemic has impacted 74 crore schoolgirls, and could severely-affect their return to school

FOR A CAUSE

MOVIES



JOHN ABRAHAM'S 'ATTACK' SET FOR AN INDEPENDENCE DAY RELEASE

Actor John Abraham's upcoming action-entertainer 'Attack' will release worldwide on August 13. The fictional story, said to be inspired by true events, is set against a hostage crisis. It also stars Jacqueline Fernandez and Rakul Preet Singh in key roles. 'Attack' is written and directed by debutant Lakshya Raj Anand, and is a story of rescue by an attack team, led by a lone ranger, played by John.

Comet strike 66 mn years ago killed dinosaurs: Study



While it is known that the devastating impact of something huge that crashed into the Earth 66 million years ago led to the extinction of dinosaurs, clarity on whether it was a comet or an asteroid strike and where it originated was lacking. Clearing the confusion, a new theory suggests that long-period comets originating from the Oort cloud, an icy sphere of debris at the edge of the solar system, could be behind the crash.

■ The Chicxulub impactor, as it is known, left behind a crater off the coast of Mexico that spans 93 miles and runs 12 miles deep

■ Its devastating impact brought the reign of the dinosaurs to an abrupt and calamitous end by triggering their sudden mass extinction, along with the end of almost three-quarters of the plant and animal species living on the Earth

■ Using statistical analysis and gravitational simulations, the researchers calculated that a

significant fraction of long-period comets originating from the Oort cloud can be bumped off-course by Jupiter's gravitational field during orbit

■ Jupiter, the most massive planet, kicks incoming long-period comets into orbits that bring them very close to the sun

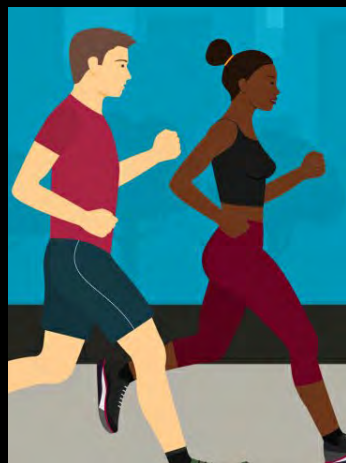
■ During such close passage to the sun, the comets, nicknamed "sungrazers", can experience powerful tidal forces that break apart pieces of the rock and ultimately, produce cometary shrapnel

Mental Health

Embrace these practices to increase productivity in pandemic

Last year taught us many lessons, one of the most important being to take our mental health more seriously amid the loneliness and anxiety. Experts recommend some wellness practices to make this year more productive and less stressful.

EAT RIGHT, SLEEP WELL, EXERCISE

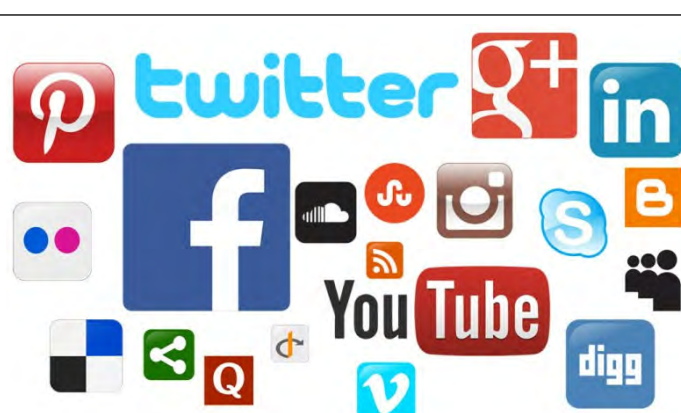


Good food, plentiful sleep and regular workouts is what experts prescribe. Taking care of your physical health and honouring the mind-body connection by getting some movement in, eating right and engaging in healthy sleep practices are crucial to staying healthy. Do not take these cycles for granted.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME IS NOT THE NEW NORMAL

The pandemic may have made us dependent on our gadgets, but it's time to snap out of it! 2020 has created a lot of new habits, which have been harmful – like social media and gaming addiction. We often scroll down and binge watch. It's time we break the habit. Time the usage of your apps, and figure out the least time you can spend on these. Do not scroll just before sleeping or right after getting up. Practice social distancing with your phone too.



DO NOT SEEK SOCIAL VALIDATION

The virtual world and the concept of being seen in a particular way has led many to splurge mindlessly and chase unrealistic expectations. So, save your pocket money instead of blowing it all on a pizza outing to impress friends or your followers on social media.

PRACTISE MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness coach Manish Behl lists out some easy mindfulness activities to maintain mental health and well-being. "The mantra of 3As – attention, acceptance and appreciation – will help you nail mindfulness," he says, adding, "Incorporate meditation to decompress from stress and sharpen focus. Declutter your mind to get rid of distractions. Give yourselves 'green time' i.e. spend time with nature – be it gardening or going for a walk. This will make you less judgemental and reduce negative self-talk. Also, practising gratitude and having empathy towards people is a good idea.



Top 6 Dragons in Fiction

From Smaug and Draco to Maleficent and Toothless, dragons range from the magnificent and terrifying to the tiny and adorable. Here are a few of our fictional favourites

Toothless from How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
Toothless needs little introduction. He is the world's most adorable dragon, and there are probably very few who would argue that. Fierce, protective, curious, silly, intelligent, brave, proud, lovable; Toothless is all of these things and more, which makes him our number two dragon of all time.

Mushu from Mulan Disney and Katherine Poindexter
Not all dragons are huge. Some are quite tiny, but their attitude makes up for their size. Mushu, the tiny oriental dragon from Mulan, didn't let his size get in the way of what he wanted. Even though his closest friend and helper was a lucky cricket, he still found a way to help Mulan win a war and save a country. And he brought some laughs to a rather sober Disney film.

Smaug from The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
There is no dragon who is more dragon-y than the king of dragons himself, Smaug. This one represents everything an ancient, legendary dragon should be: massive, intelligent, fickle, dangerous, with an insatiable love for gold and the destructive force of a lesser god. He brought an entire dwarven kingdom to ruin, terrorised a town just by sleeping next to it, and in the end, only a magic arrow could finally bring him down. He is the reason Bilbo's words ring true for anyone dealing with these fantastic, mysterious creatures.

Haku from Spirited Away
Have you discovered anime yet? They were cartoons, animated movies, but with a level of gore, violence and romance that you'd never experienced before. Spirited Away is one such! You will find an instant favourite in dragon Haku. He is the mysterious white dragon that appears near the middle to end of the film. At first, you aren't sure if he's a good guy or an enemy, but by the end of the movie, it's impossible not to love him.

Hungarian Horntail from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by JK Rowling
Everyone knows the Hungarian Horntail. It might not be the biggest dragon in the Harry Potter world, but from what we saw in the books and the show, it might very well be the meanest. Certainly, it gave Harry a run for his money in the Triwizard Tournament, encompassing all a dragon should be: a fast, agile, dangerous fire-breathing lizard with a nasty streak a mile wide.

Dragon, Rhaegal, and Viserion from Game of Thrones series George RR Martin
Daenerys Targaryon is one of our favourite female leads in Game of Thrones (the other being Arya Stark), and not just because of her dragons. She is a strong, determined and powerful woman in a world dominated by men. Her three dragons aren't the only cool thing about her, but let's face it, they are extremely fearsome and interesting.

Pets Corner

Does your dog need to shed holiday pounds?



After the holiday season, what do you do if your pet has gained a few pounds? Most pet parents feel that just putting their dogs back to their old diet is enough. Unfortunately, it's not. The food items that the dog has consumed during the holiday season have to be neutralised. Here are a few things experts suggest:

- Cut down all food items that contain sugar, even products with low glycaemic index. No white bread, white rice, maida and such other items.
- Add fish to your dog's diet. Use white flaky fish like basa, pomfret, etc., for natural omega oils.
- A bowl of curd once a day for a week will help settle any disturbances in the digestive tract of your dog.
- Ensure you make your dog exercise a little more. It is easy for dogs to put on weight, and shedding those extra pounds is usually a nightmare.

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QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Who has presented Swachh Sarvekshsan-2019 Awards in New Delhi?
A. Rajnath Singh
B. Narendra Modi
C. Ram Nath Kovind
D. Venkaiah Naidu

**Q.2) The two-day 2019 North Korea-United States Hanoi Summit was held in _____.
A. Vietnam
B. Philippines
C. Thailand
D. Taiwan**

Q.3) Who was named the youngest self-made billionaire according to Forbes magazine?
A. Eduardo Saverin
B. Jeff Bezos
C. Mark Zuckerberg
D. Kylie Jenner

Q.4) 'Sampriti-2019' was a joint military exercise between which of these countries?
A. India and US
B. India and Bangladesh
C. India and Iran
D. India and Brazil

ANSWERS

1. C) Ram Nath Kovind 2. A) Vietnam 3. D) Kylie Jenner 4. B) India and Bangladesh

When the going gets tough, the tough get going

Augustine Thomas, Principal, Delhi School of Excellence

Attapur

The above famous quote by Billy Ocean holds true in the current scenario, which the world is facing at present. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought a set of challenges that the education system has never faced before, but changes ensue and it is inevitable. However, the challenge is how we change for the better and how we can strengthen from better to the best.

We chalked out a strategy of what would be the best for our students. It is a challenge for parents and the teachers to engage students meaningfully as social media and digital technology often distract them, which is also a progeny of change.

The first change was that our teachers welcomed the technology and embraced new methods to conduct on-



line classes. We have also successfully conducted virtual Inter House Competitions for the character development of our students. We feel proud to announce that our students participated in many competitions and brought home laurels. The pandemic has also not stopped our students to explore themselves through virtual Art, Dance and Music classes.

At our school, we foster skills in students so that they face the world with confidence and determination.

We always work towards instilling values of leadership, empathy and courage with the intent to see them grow into responsible citizens. Keeping these objectives in mind, webinars were organised for our students to broaden their skills as well as their understanding of their field of interest. Teachers also attended many webinars to hone their holistic teaching skills and methodologies.

I wholeheartedly appreciate our students, teachers, staff and administrators for their positivity and pliability during these challenging times.



VISIT TO MY DAD'S OFFICE

In 2019 I was invited to dad's office on Petit Infoscion Day. At the gate I was thrilled to receive an ID card with my name on it. I entered the office premises and was excited to see the whole office ground turn into a playground. There were trampolines, slides, game corners and food counters. I first found a huge bouncy castle and was overjoyed playing in it. I visited the balloon shot counter and was able to shoot balloons within three shots. I attended a clay modelling session and made a clay snowman while some other children made clay Ganeshas. I met a man selling bubble guns. I got one of them and started blowing bubbles. It was so much fun. I visited the food counter and had food of my choice. The day was exciting, and I had lots of fun with my dad.



SRIJATO BHATTACHARYA, class II C, The Global Edge School, Kokapet

Eleven months and counting...

It's going to be a year that I have not been to school. Initially, when the announcement was made for schools to be shut, I was happy. I had thought it would be a short break. The day became months and the months became almost a year! I was glad when our new academic session resumed, but yes, very differently. We came together online, seeing the faces of my friends as little thumbnails, seeing my teacher via screen, worksheets and ppts, it was strange but I got used to it gradually! I learnt to be thankful of getting to learn, getting to see and hear the voices of my teachers and classmates.



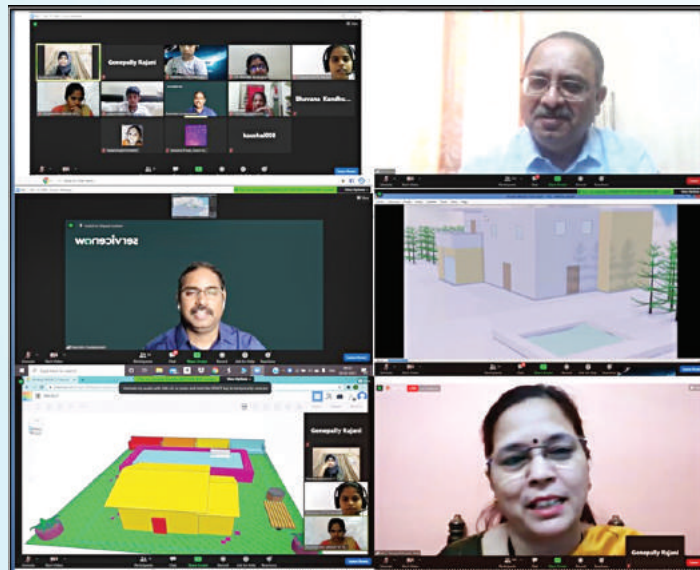
But I also wondered when I heard that many children across India had no access to online classes. What would have happened to them? Perhaps they got sad, they missed their friends, the play and the lunch break. They might have forgotten all the nice things they had learnt in their school. I really hope the Covid scare goes away soon. I am looking forward to being back in school- my classroom, the playground, the trees and our pet animals there. And I also wish all children go back to their schools - learn, play and be happy!

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ANAHITA CHOUDHARY, class IV, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan's Public School, Jubilee Hills

Innovation, creativity on display



Pallavi Model School, Boduppal organised an inter-school Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math competition based on the theme 'Sustainable Development'. The students from classes VI to IX exhibited their technical acumen in a very creative manner. Students from different schools came up with innovative projects based on the given theme.

Chief guest PVM Rao, Professor, IIT Delhi, showed the students how art can be incorporated into their academics and how they have to think differently to understand the problems existing in society and address the issues using their technical know-how. The students, he said, irrespective of their age, can contribute to the development of the country if they utilise such platforms to improve their 21st century skills.

Pallavi Model School Boduppal

He reiterated that learning and innovation should go hand in hand.

The judges for the competition, who were from different fields of expertise, were impressed with the models presented by the students. They found it difficult to arrive at a decision as every child exhibited a unique model. Children addressed some of the issues relating to sustainable development through their models.

Speaking on the occasion, principal T Tanuja lauded the efforts of the teachers and the students who worked as a great team and collaborated with one another to make the virtual event successful.

Saluting martyrs and their fight for freedom

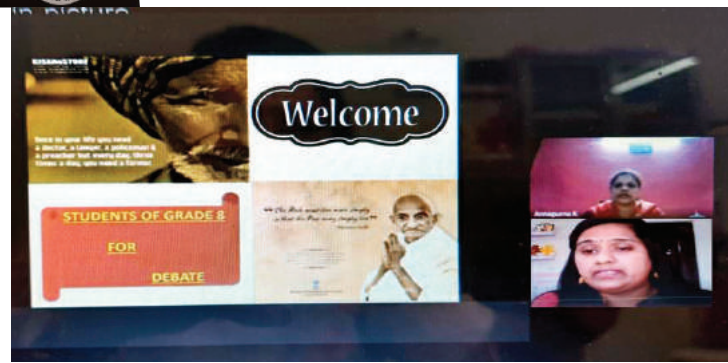


Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Divas is observed to salute the martyrdom of freedom fighters and soldiers who laid down their lives defending the sovereignty of the nation. The nation will never forget the sacrifices made by these leaders to earn our freedom.

The day was observed in Johnson Grammar School where students gathered information and learned about the life of great leaders. The students of classes VII and VIII took part in a session in which they spoke about many unsung heroes of the freedom struggle.

Y Shailaja, History Faculty of Middle School, Johnson Grammar School, ICSE Habsiguda

Students spoke about leaders who joined the freedom movement at a young age. Age does not matter, what matters is the dedication towards a cause. Students were truly inspired by the story of these leaders and personalities who are the true role models to achieve anything in life. We wish the future citizens of the country are more focussed and dedicated towards whatever they want to achieve in life.



Awards galore for school

Ganges Valley School celebrated a glorious moment when its students won three coveted awards under different categories in the 'Intach Filmit' National Contest, sponsored by the Helen Hamlyn Trust, UK. Also, in the same contest, Ganges Valley bagged 'Maximum Number of Films' trophy. The school had sent 11 entries. The entries were the efforts of 20 movie wizards from classes VIII to X. They creatively made these 11 films by using various digital devices and edited them using Windows Movie Maker and other video and photo editing tools and software. Moviemaking stands out as a unique and trendy Work Experience Activity in the school. Exploring the new paths and techniques of movie making, the students were able to learn more about the activity and successfully create these theme-based films. "When we make movies on contemporary themes and issues, the effort turns out to be a responsibility, the responsibility to revive society," expressed the students.

Ganges Valley School Hyderabad



RADIO DAY

A special assembly was held to mark World Radio Day. The celebrations began with a small conversation between two friends following which principal Sunir Nagi spoke briefly about the significance of the day. Thereafter, we came to know about the history of radio through a video presentation. We continued the assembly by talking to some of our own RJs from the school who conveyed the thought and news of the day. We enjoyed listening to some songs and stories presented by the RJs. The assembly concluded by discussing the theme of the Radio Day in 2021.

Diya Kaushik, class VII A, Pallavi Model School Alwal

WHEN NATURE BRINGS NOSTALGIA...

A hailstorm and a shower,
A confidential communication between
The holy heaven and earth for an hour
Was reminiscent of the thoughts that intervene
In a communication with my conscience.
A somberness that takes me to my past in regret.

Silhouette formed on a scorching day
By an anonymous artist reminds me,
Of the Summer Vacation in May
Near the silently snoring sea
And the way I had captured rays
To ignite and glow with glory.

The blanket of mist on a frozen day,
Covering the warm earth was evocative
Of the winter barbeque and the way
Siblings snuggle cosily under a blanket.
The blushing blossoms reminding me,
Of every beginning and milestone in my life.

On an uncertain day, I am perplexed.
Turning over the pages of albums;
Mourning, laughing, surprised and vexed.
The stream of emotions originate from
The springs of nostalgia caused by nature,
Signalling, that I am not alone when the memories persist.

VAISHNAVI A DAS, class X A, Army Public School Bolarum, Hyderabad

POISE

They think I'm a soldier, someone who always keeps his composure.
They think I can't be sad and I never feel anger.
I can and I do, I just don't want to show it,
'Cause I have to keep an image and I don't want to blow it.
I've had a lot of problems I'm still not accustomed to be with,
They still get me bad, like a man versus behemoth.
I try to hide my problems, like inside a bottle,
but this bottle is becoming see through, I'm not a real role model.
But it's what I'm supposed to be, I'm sure I have it inside of me,
No, I don't, all I have is just a void and insecurity.

Now I just sit and pretend to be happy,
smile,
While I watch the snappy comments pile,
that I'm not what I used to be like,
You want the old me? that's exactly what I feel like.

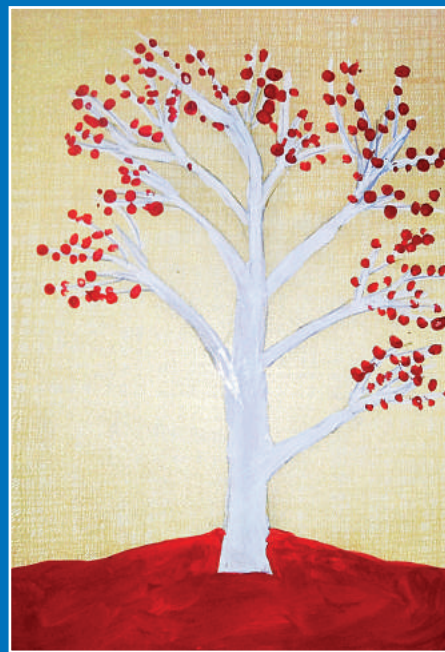
So, I'll be looking 'round, searching where old me is,
Don't see him, let me ask around the people where he is,
Hope all of you feel me now, where I find myself every night,
it's crazy, why do I care to fight a losing fight.

I'm not a soldier, someone who always keeps his poise.
I do feel sadness and anger, just without any noise.

MOHAMMED AFNAAN AHMED, class X, Head Boy (CBSE), Madina Public School, Himayatnagar



Painters' Gallery



CHERRY RED: MOHD AYAAN, class VII A, DDMS P.O. Bul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad



TOILING AWAY: KARTHI NAIK BHUKYA, class VI, TNR Excellencia Academy

CELESTIAL SEA: SAYADA RUQQAIIYA, class VI, Springfields International School, Bandlaguda



BEAUTIFUL & INCREDIBLE

From Hardik Pandya to Kevin Pietersen, a host of cricketers have hailed the revamped Sardar Patel Stadium, aka the new Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad, ahead of the pink-ball Test match between Virat Kohli's team India and England. Apart from the pink ball Test, Motera will also host the fourth and final Test as well as the five-match T20I series

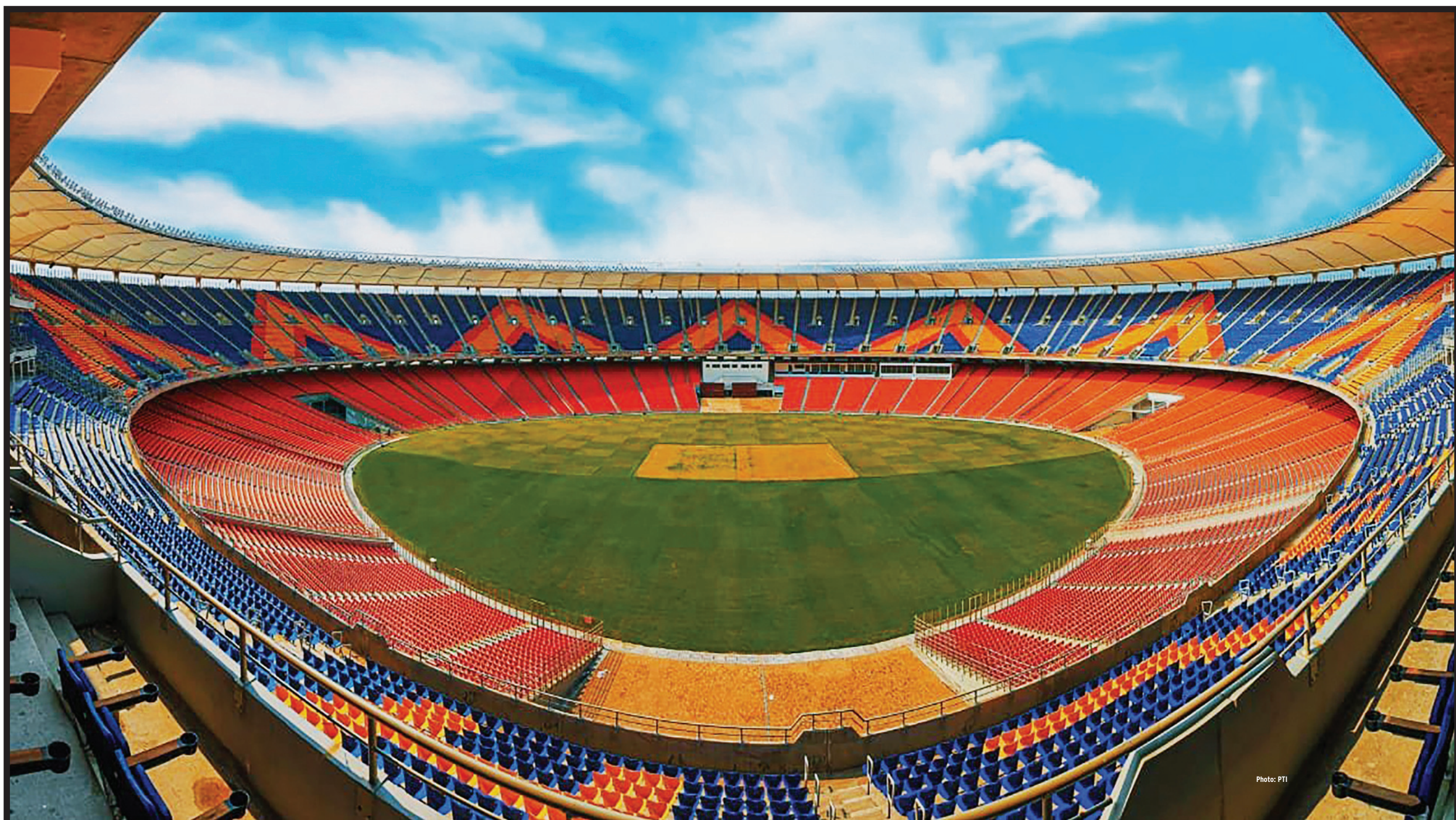


Photo: PTI

'PROUD THAT IT'S IN INDIA'

Indian all-rounder Hardik Pandya revealed that it took the players almost an hour to get used to the massive size of the new Motera aka the world's largest cricket arena. Pandya also asserted that a gym is attached to the dressing room at the Motera, something he has never seen before. "All the boys loved it, I think, for us, it took almost one hour to get used to the size of the ground, the kind of facilities it has provided us, I feel really, really proud that we have this in India," Pandya said. The only official matches to be played in Motera were the seven T20 games of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy this January.



Photo: TWITTER

'SOME STADIUM THIS IS'

England all-rounder Ben Stokes shared a short video originally posted by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) ahead of the 3rd Test match. "Some stadium this is and a bit of local music to help get through to the end," wrote Stokes as the Englishman was impressed with the reconstruction of the new stadium.



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

'IT CAN OUTDO THE ICONIC MCG'

England pacer Stuart Broad claimed that the world's largest stadium has the potential to outdo the iconic MCG in terms of crowd noise. "The loudest I've ever heard a crowd was at the MCG in the 2017-18 Ashes when I caught David Warner on 99, only for us to discover Tom Curran had bowled a no ball. When he got to his hundred next ball the noise was incredible but I think this ground has the potential to outdo it," Broad told the Daily Mail. Despite the pitch being said to be spinner-friendly, the pink ball is likely to help seam bowlers. It is expected to do more, especially in the twilight period, when it becomes difficult for the batsmen to sight the ball against pace bowlers.



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

10 MESMERISING FACTS & FEATURES

1 Motera stadium has a capacity of **1,10,000 SPECTATORS**, making it the biggest cricketing venue in the world, surpassing Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia.

2 A total of **₹800 CRORE** was spent to revamp this grand stadium in Ahmedabad. It hosted its first ODI back in 1984.

3 There are a total of **76 CORPORATE BOXES** in the stadium with a capacity of 25 each. All of these corporate boxes are air-conditioned.

4 A total of **3,000 CARS** can be parked at the venue besides **10,000 TWO-WHEELERS**. Not just the seating capacity inside the stadium, but the parking space is also the biggest across the world.

5 The ground is mesmerising but the venue also features a full-fledged **CRICKET ACADEMY**, numerous indoor pitches and a number of facilities for other

sports like football, hockey, basketball etc.

6 For the ease of commute, the stadium has also been linked with the **AHMEDABAD METRO**, making it extremely easy for fans to witness cricketing action at the venue without being stuck in traffic jams.

7 There are three entry points to the stadium which is spread across **63 ACRES** of land.

8 It is the first time that the field of an Indian cricket stadium has been fitted with **LED LIGHTS**. No other stadium has this feature.

9 A built-in clubhouse with **55 ROOMS** further adds to the stadium's glory. The clubhouse features both indoor & outdoor games, restaurants, an Olympic size swimming pool, gym as well as a 3D projector theatre.

10 Unlike some other venues, the Motera stadium has a **FOOD COURT** at every stand.

'THEATRE OF DREAMS'

Kevin Pietersen summed up the new Motera as the Theatre Of Dreams. Originally, Manchester United's home ground Old Trafford is referred to as the Theatre Of Dreams. However, the Englishman has opined that the game of cricket has its own Theatre Of Dreams in the form of the new Sardar Patel Stadium. "My goodness! How spectacular does this stadium look for the next Test match in Ahmedabad?! 110K capacity," the former England skipper wrote.



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

'BEAUTIFUL STADIUM, BEAUTIFUL SEATS'

England pacer Jofra Archer opined that the Motera is one of the best stadiums he has ever been to. "The stadium is beautiful, the seats are beautiful. The ground is probably one of the best. Half of 1,10,000 would be present at the stadium, this is the most we get at most places anyway," Archer said.

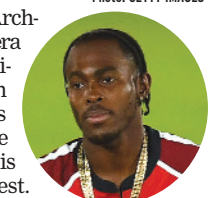


Photo: GETTY IMAGES

'BIG DRESSING ROOMS'

Looking forward to playing the third pink-ball Test at the Motera, India's numero uno Cheteshwar Pujara said players are enjoying the facilities available at the new arena in Ahmedabad. "The gym is next to the dressing room so you know it's very useful for guys who want to train in between the game or whenever there is time. Gym is excellent, it's quite spacious and we did our first gym session here and we had a good time," Pujara told news agency PTI.



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QUIZ TIME!



Q1: During which Olympics did Usain Bolt win his first Olympic Gold medal?

- a) 2016 Rio Oly ☐ b) 2012 London Oly ☐
c) 2008 Beijing Oly ☐ d) 2004 Athens Oly ☐

Q2: In which year did Manchester United win the Football League Cup, beating Nottingham Forest?

- a) 1992 ☐ b) 1994 ☐ c) 1996 ☐ d) 1998 ☐

Q3: Which of these cricketers has smashed most centuries in ODI career?

- a) Rohit Sharma ☐ b) Ricky Ponting ☐

- c) Virat Kohli ☐ d) Sachin Tendulkar ☐

Q4: In which year was Barcelona FC founded?

- a) 1898 ☐ b) 1899 ☐ c) 1900 ☐ d) 1901 ☐

Q5: During which Olympics did Michael Phelps make his Olympic debut, when he finished fifth in the 200m butterfly final?

- a) 2012 London Oly ☐ b) 2008 Beijing Oly ☐
c) 2004 Athens Oly ☐ d) 2000 Sydney Oly ☐

Q6: Who holds the record of fastest fifty in One Day Internationals?

- a) AB de Villiers ☐ b) Martin Gupthill ☐
c) Kusal Perera ☐ d) Sanath Jayasuriya ☐

Q7: Serena Williams won the 2014 Women's US Open. Which tennis player did she defeat?

- a) Eugenie Bouchard ☐ b) Garbine Muguruza ☐
c) Maria Sharapova ☐ d) Caroline Wozniacki ☐



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Serena Williams

Q8: Who won the 2015 French Open singles title?

- a) Andy Murray ☐ b) Marin Cilic ☐
c) Novak Djokovic ☐ d) Stan Wawrinka ☐

Q9: Who won the 2014 Women's French Open title?

- a) Eugenie Bouchard ☐ b) Garbine Muguruza ☐
c) Maria Sharapova ☐ d) Caroline Wozniacki ☐

Q10: In which year did Larisa Latynina make her Olympic debut?

- a) 1956 ☐ b) 1960 ☐ c) 1964 ☐ d) 1968 ☐

Q11: In which year was Bayern Munich founded?

- a) 1898 ☐ b) 1899 ☐ c) 1900 ☐ d) 1901 ☐

Q12: Who won the 2004 NBA Rookie of the Year award?

- a) LeBron James ☐ b) Kevin Durant ☐
c) Brandon Roy ☐ d) Emeka Okafor ☐

Q13: The Major League Baseball (MLB) record for most consecutive games played as a first baseman without making an error is 274. Which of these players achieved it?

- a) Casey Kotchman ☐ b) Mark Kotsay ☐
c) Reid Cornelius ☐ d) Barry Bonds ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) 2008 Beijing Olympics 2 a) 1992 3 d) Sachin Tendulkar 4 b) 1899 5 d) 2000 Sydney Olympics 6 a) AB de Villiers 7 d) Caroline Wozniacki 8 d) Stan Wawrinka 9 c) Maria Sharapova 10 a) 1956 11 c) 1900 12 a) LeBron James 13 a) Casey Kotchman