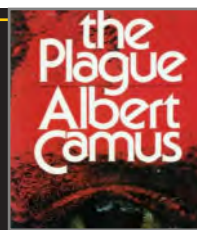




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NASA extracts breathable oxygen from thin Martian air

NASA has logged another extraterrestrial first on its latest mission to Mars: converting carbon dioxide from the Martian atmosphere into pure, breathable oxygen, the US space agency said. The unprecedented extraction of oxygen, literally out of thin air on Mars, was achieved by an experimental device aboard Perseverance, a six-wheeled science rover that landed on the Red Planet on Feb 18, after a seven-month journey from the Earth.

In its first activation, the toaster-sized instrument dubbed MOXIE, short for Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilisation Experiment, produced about five grams of oxygen, equivalent to roughly 10 minutes' worth of breathing for an astronaut, NASA said. Although the initial output was modest, the feat marked the first experimental extraction of a natural resource from the environment of another planet for direct use by humans

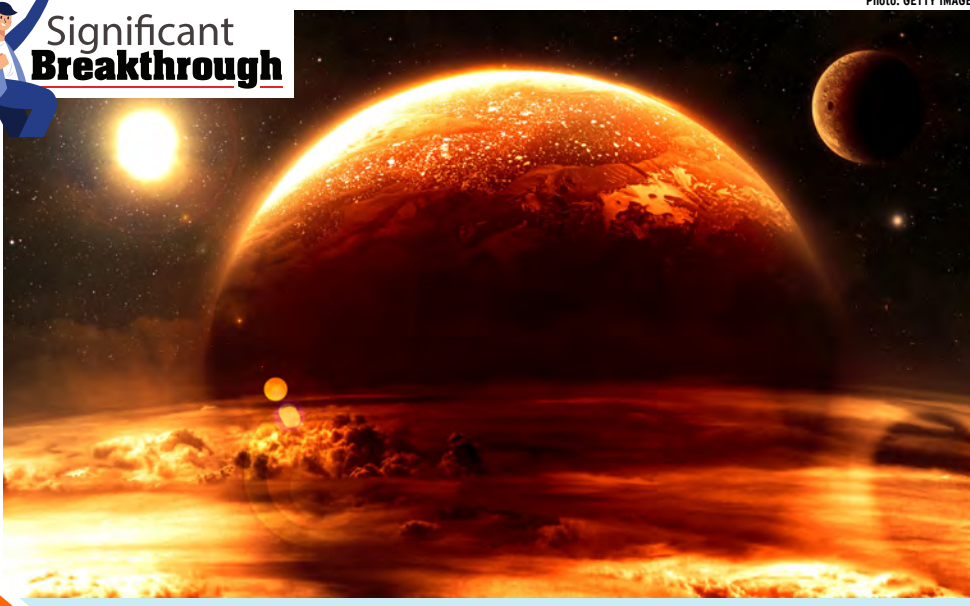
Significant Breakthrough


Photo: GETTY IMAGES

HOW IT WORKS

- According to astronauts, MOXIE is the first technology of its kind to help future missions 'live off the land' of another planet
- The instrument works through electrolysis, which uses extreme heat to separate oxygen atoms from molecules of carbon dioxide, which accounts for about 95% of the atmosphere on Mars

SIGNIFICANCE

- Oxygen exists on Mars in negligible trace amounts. But an abundant supply is considered critical to eventual human exploration of the Red Planet, both as a sustainable source of breathable air for astronauts, and as a necessary ingredient for rocket fuel to fly them home
- The volumes required for launching rockets into space from Mars are particularly daunting
- According to NASA, getting four astronauts off the Martian surface would take about seven metric tons of rocket fuel, combined with 25 metric tons of oxygen
- Transporting one-ton oxygen-conversion machine to Mars is more practical than trying to haul 25 tons of oxygen in tanks from Earth, say scientists
- Astronauts living and working on Mars would require perhaps one metric ton of oxygen between them to last an entire year
- MOXIE is designed to generate up to 10 grams per hour as a proof of concept, and scientists plan to run the machine at least another nine times over the next two years under different conditions and speeds, NASA said



Photo: AFP



CoWin platform to open for registrations for all 18+ citizens from April 28, appointments from May 1

The CoWin platform will open for registrations, along with the Aarogya Setu app, for all the 18+ citizens from April 28. The appointments will be issued from May 1 onwards, and no walk-ins will be allowed. The inoculation process and the documents to be submitted to get the jab remains the same.



➤ During the 76th episode of his 'Mann ki Baat' radio programme on Sunday, PM Modi urged people to seek information only through reliable sources regarding the prevailing situation. He added that now, even corporate sectors can participate in the vaccination drive by getting their employees vaccinated

TECHAWAY

INSTAGRAM'S new feature to combat hate speech, abuse

Facebook-owned Instagram has announced a new feature to protect people from seeing abusive direct messages (DMs), as well as the ability to prevent someone you've blocked from contacting you from a new account.

■ In February, the photo-sharing platform had shared an update on their work to combat abuse and hate speech on Instagram, which included stricter penalties for people, who send abusive DMs



- The new feature is designed to help protect the users from potentially-offensive or abusive DM requests
- The new tool focuses on DM requests, as this is where people usually receive abusive messages, unlike regular DM inbox, where you receive messages from friends
- Users can turn both comment and DM request filters on and off in a new dedicated section of your privacy settings, called hidden words

Quote unquote

The ongoing pandemic has made it clear that we have to change the way we live, produce, manufacture and consume. Today, the health of every single human being and our collective harmony is at risk, and is closely-linked with the well-being of nature. Awareness needs to be spread. We must join movements to protect nature/wildlife and demand laws that will ensure the change we need. We need every single earth citizen to work towards restoring the planet to its former glory. When political, business and environmental leaders work in synergy with people from all walks of life to protect the Earth, a better world will come into being

DIA MIRZA, actress



Sony inks deal with Disney to stream new 'SPIDER-MAN' films

Entertainment


Walt Disney Co has reached a deal with Sony Pictures to bring new 'Spider-Man' movies and other films to Disney's streaming services and TV networks in the United States, after they play on Netflix. Disney also secured rights to offer hundreds of older Sony films much sooner, including 'Jumanji' and 'Hotel Transylvania'. The company said, it will add a significant number of Sony titles to Hulu starting in June.

The arrangement means Disney will be able to offer new Sony movies, including any new installments in Marvel's 'Spider-Man' and 'Venom' series, starting in 2023. First, they will play in theatres and be offered on DVD and video-on-demand. Next, they will head to Netflix for an exclusive 18-month period, before going to Disney+ or other Disney platforms

Meet new-age digital Einstein!

Yes, you heard it right. Scientists have brought back the late theoretical physicist Albert Einstein to life, courtesy a digital human platform, which recreated the famous scientist's look and voice. According to scientists, the digital Einstein was developed to 'put a friendly and well-known face on digital human technology'—face between machines and humans.

- Digital human platforms are making waves in the tech world. As AI becomes more advanced and powerful, a number of firms are releasing different versions
- Epic Games, the maker of the video game 'Fortnite,' released a sneak peek of its browser-based software tool that lets developers create 'digital humans'

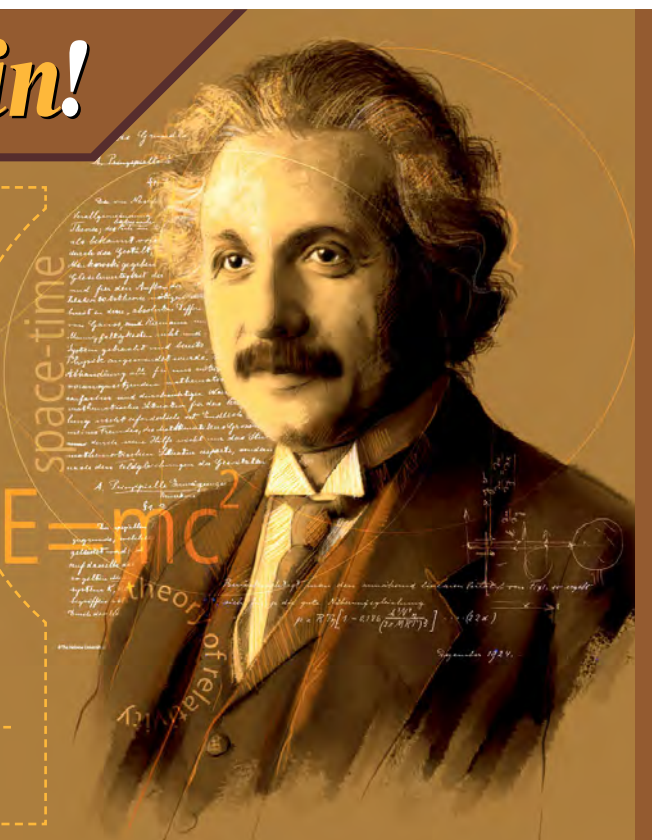
The innovation was created

- The innovation was created by UneeQ, a New Zealand and Austin-based company specialising in 'digital humans,' and the release coincides with the 100th anniversary of Einstein's Nobel Prize in Physics
- Complete with the German accent, the digital copy speaks in a soft, friendly tone and is programmed with the same dry sense of humour as real Einstein
- Users can participate in daily quiz and ask the AI-powered character questions about science, his life and work
- 'Digital Einstein, an example of Experiential AI, is the next evolution

of human-to-machine interaction, leveraging digital humans to drive personality-led engagements that move customers, patients, students, and end users beyond transactions and into meaningful, emotional interactions

- The AI-powered scientist can test an individual's knowledge on a variety of topics through his daily quiz, or they can have a personal conversation about his life's work and research

(Source: Daily Mail)



WELLNESS



How to fall asleep faster

Constantly tossing and turning in bed without sleep coming your way? Well, if you do agree to this, you are not alone. Here are some science-backed tips and tricks you can follow to enter the sleep mode and rest, as much as you can

How to go to sleep in 10, 60 or 120 seconds

What we are trying to say here might sound questionable, but according to science, there are a lot of hacks and ways to fall asleep in as little as one or two minutes! Remember, if you are a beginner, it might take you a little more time for these methods to work.

The military method of falling asleep

This sleep hack was first designed by the US Navy Pre-Flight school to help pilots fall asleep in less than two minutes. It is also said to help put people to sleep even if they are sitting up. To do this, focus on relaxing your facial muscles. Drop your shoulders and release the tension, dropping your hands to the side. Now, deep exhale, relaxing your chest. Relax your thighs, legs and calves. Imagine a real calming visual imagery and with time, you will find yourself asleep. The more times you practice, the better you get.

The 4-7-8 method

This popular method of falling asleep focuses on muscle relaxation. It's also called a breathing method that combines the power of

meditation and visualisation. Begin by placing the tip of your tongue against the roof of your mouth. Purse your lips and the tongue should remain so. Now, gently part lips and begin to exhale through the mouth. Close your lips, inhaling through the mouth. Count to 4 and hold your breath for 7 seconds. Exhale again, doing so for a good 8 seconds. The aim is to try to be mindful of your actions and not remain too 'alert'. Complete this 4-7-8 cycle for at least four full breaths. You will find your body enter a relaxed state and willing to go to sleep. Those with respiratory issues should check with a doctor before trying this method.

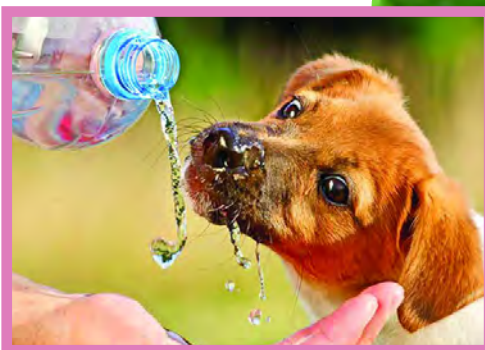
Progressive Muscle Relaxation (PMR)

To try this, arch your eyebrows high for 5 seconds. This will create some tension in your forehead. Relax the muscles immediately and wait for 10 seconds. Now, create some tension in your cheeks by smiling widely. Hold for a few seconds. Now pause. In the same manner, start progressing down downwards and create a tension-relaxing measure all over your body. This routine will help release stress and let your body fall asleep naturally. TNN



5 WAYS TO HELP pets beat SUMMER HEAT

Summer can be tough for dogs, especially in a country like India where most regions are warm at this time of the year. Beating the sweltering heat means air conditioning and tons of juices and ice cream for you, but what does it mean for your pooch? Your canine friend has only you to rely on to get through summer comfortably. Here are few tried and tested tips on keeping your dog cool, calm and happy as temperature rises...



PROVIDE CLEAN AND FRESH DRINKING WATER

Give your pooch access to fresh and clean drinking water every day. Just like you, your pooch is bound to need more water because of the heat. When you take them out for long walks, carry a bottle of water and a bowl in case they get thirsty along the way. On an extremely warm day, you could also treat your pooch to an ice cube or two. Dogs love playing with ice!



dows are open. Switch out their heavy and bulky bedding for something lighter. Dogs prefer laying on cool surfaces in the summer, so try to get your hands on a cooling mat/blanket. Another important tip is to keep the toilet lid down at all times.

SUMMER-PROOF YOUR DOG'S ENVIRONMENT

Make sure your furry friend has a shady spot in the house (or backyard) to rest and relax. Keep the most-visited room well ventilated. You need not keep the air conditioner on the whole time if the fan is on and the windows are open. Switch out their heavy and bulky bedding for something lighter. Dogs prefer laying on cool surfaces in the summer, so try to get your hands on a cooling mat/blanket. Another important tip is to keep the toilet lid down at all times.



If you find your furry friend salivating, panting heavily or foaming at the mouth, rush him/her to a cooler spot and give cool



TRIM DON'T SHAVE

While it is great to get a summer-inspired buzz cut yourself, refrain from doing the same for your pooch. Your dog's coat has insulating powers that can help keep them warm in winter, but also restrict excess heat from getting to their body in the summer. So don't shave your pooch, just give them a trim. But do consult your veterinarian first.



BE CAREFUL ON WALKS AND DRIVES

The hot summer sun tends to heat up pavements and footpaths, which can be painful for your pooch's delicate paw pads. You can avoid this by taking them for a walk early in the day or in the evening after the sun has set. You could also test the ground yourself with your foot to make sure it has cooled down. If you are taking your pooch out for a drive, do not leave them in the car alone even if you have parked in the shade or rolled the windows down a little.



SWITCH FROM DRY KIBBLE TO WET GRAVY MEALS

Many pet parents find that their dogs eat less food in the summer. While it is common behaviour, it becomes a concern when this behaviour is noticed for a few days at a time. If you give your dog kibble, you can switch to gravy meals or use a mixture of both. Wet gravy food is high on moisture content. Giving your dog wet food will help support hydration levels, which is especially beneficial in summer. TNN



Do keep in mind that the curry or gravy that's good for you, is not good for your dog. So, share your love, not your

These books might be oddly soothing in quarantine life

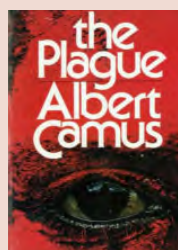
PANDEMIC BOOKS

As Covid-19 continues to affect our lives, experts are advising people to stay at home. In quarantine time, utilise your free time to binge read great books. As American author Charlaine Harris once said, "Books are the cheapest vacation you can buy"

Meanwhile, it is also noted that books on epidemics are seeking readers' attention across the world. For instance, people were quick to draw similarities between Dean Koontz's 1981 book 'The Eyes of Darkness' and the current coronavirus. So, here we list down some novels on fictional pandemics, which you can read while staying indoors in the times of coronavirus outbreak. While some readers might find these books to be strangely soothing, these stories will also help you gain new perspectives.

1. The plague by Albert Camus

Nobel laureate Albert Camus' 1947 novel 'The Plague' is very much relevant even today. When a deadly plague spreads in Oran, a coastal town in North Africa, people initially take it lightly till it graduates to become a grim reality of looming death. The story highlights upon destiny, the uncertainty of life and the absurdity of human existence.



3. The Stand by Stephen King

The King of Horror writing, Stephen King's iconic novel 'The Stand' is a post-apocalyptic horror novel. This 1978 book explores what happens when a strain of influenza, which is modified to be a bio-weapon, is accidentally released - the pandemic kills 99% of the human race and leads to a total breakdown of society. And with only a handful of survivors left, they now have to choose sides - or are they chosen?

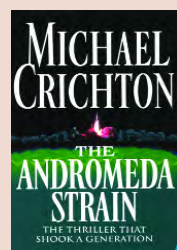


5. Severance by Ling Ma

Ling Ma's debut fiction 'Severance' is a moving story and a hilarious apocalyptic satire. The narrative follows Candace Chen, a self-isolated millennial who lives in Manhattan and is bound to a routine life after the demise of her Chinese immigrant parents. But when a plague spreads, Candace fails to notice. Left alone, she photographs the abandoned city and becomes an anonymous blogger!

2. The Andromeda Strain by Michael Crichton

'The Andromeda Strain' by the 'Jurassic Park' author catapulted Michael Crichton to fame. Set in Arizona, the story follows a team of scientists who are investigating a deadly microorganism that might have come from space and is now spreading! This 1969 techno-thriller novel was later adapted into a film and a mini-series.



4. 'Oryx and Crake' by Margaret Atwood

'Oryx and Crake' by literary genius Margaret Atwood, who won the Booker Prize twice, is a speculative fiction and adventure love story. The first book in the Maddaddam Trilogy, 'Oryx and Crake' follows the story of Snowman's struggles as the last surviving human on earth after an uncontrolled genetic engineering takes over humankind.



Tips to deal with anxiety

Anxiety is our body's natural response to stress. It's a feeling of fear or apprehension about what is to come. The first day of school, going to a job interview, or giving a speech may cause most people to feel nervous. A recent addition to these reasons is the pandemic, which has made anxiety and stress more common in people.

Dr Chandni Tugnait, psychotherapist and healer, and the founder-director of Gateway of Healing, shares a few tips to keep yourself anxiety-free during the pandemic scare:

Practice left nostril breathing for a couple of minutes daily to keep anxiety at bay. Simply take your right hand and, with your fingers outstretched, block off your right nostril by putting gentle pressure on it with your right thumb. Be sure to keep the rest of your fingers straight and pointing up towards the sky; the fingers act like antennas for the 'cosmic' energy that surrounds us all. With a long, slow, deep breath, gently inhale through your left nostril. Then, just as gen-

tly, exhale long, slowly and completely, again through the left nostril. Relax your body as you feel the relaxing, cooling breath bringing new life into your body. Relax even deeper with each exhale as you breathe out all tension and all disease.

Maintain sleep hygiene by sticking to the same time for sleeping and waking up daily. Evaluate things that disrupt your sleep so they can be avoided. Block blue light 3-4 hours before you sleep; no TV, no cell phones or iPads please!



Use aromatic diffusers to enhance the mood and clear the energy around. Aromatherapy stimulates the limbic system of the brain that controls emotions and memory.

Sip water from a transparent green bottle daily to keep the lungs and nasal passage healthy. Using colour therapy with water is most effective as more than 75 per cent of our body is made of water. It's healthy too.

Follow a meditation and mindfulness practice for 5-10 minutes daily. You can meditate in silence, body scanning or follow a guided meditation. This

keeps the focus on the 'present' moment and helps heal. **Journal regularly.** Write your thoughts, experiences fears and ideas to process them in a better way. It's a great therapy tool for improving mental health and venting out your feelings too.

FESTIVE BEGINNINGS

K Advitha,
class V C,
Unicent School

Nagole

The students from classes III to V of Unicent School, Nagole welcomed the Telugu New Year 'Plava' with new hope and vision. They joined the virtual celebrations donning their traditional dresses. Children spoke about the importance of Ugadi in our culture and the rituals of the festival. They recited shlokas in Telugu. Viroopaksha of class V C read Telugu Panchangam and gave a brief prediction about the influence of each star for the coming year. The students prepared



the Ugadi Pachadi and explained the significance of this preparation which is to indicate that life is a mixture of good, bad, joy and sorrow and all of them have to be treated alike. Children had fun by dancing to festive songs.

UGADI

Ugadi is the Telugu and Kannada New Year. On this day many people celebrate and cheer. Sambhabakasura was a demon. There were countless people that he had eaten.

Lord Brahma gave him a boon
And then he hid underwater soon
Lord Vishnu turned into a fish
And then Sambhabakasura was strangled and squished
And many people were amazed
The Vedas were saved, The Vedas came back to bay
It happened Month Chaitra's 1st day
Hence Ugadi is celebrated
That was story of the year that was created.

VIJAYA KUMAR ARJUN, class X D, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School (Vidyashram)

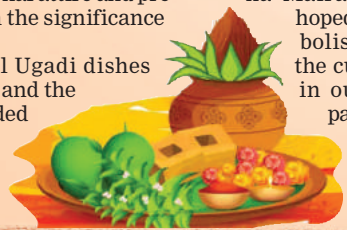
A virtual special assembly was conducted in Pallavi Aware International School to celebrate Ugadi, the Telugu New Year. Ugadi or 'Yugadi' means 'the beginning of a new age'.

Students joined the assembly in their traditional attire and presented a skit on the significance of the festival.

Traditional Ugadi dishes were displayed and the celebration ended with a song and dance present-

Pallavi Aware International School
Saroor Nagar

ed by students. Principal Sudeshna Mairal, in her address, hoped that as Ugadi symbolises mixed flavours, the current bitter phase in our lives shall also pass and soon we shall see the sweetness of life again.



THE EDUCATIONIST

Overcoming challenges in the pandemic

We are living in strange times. The spread of Covid-19 has resulted in a number of challenges. Not least of which are those created by the closure of schools, colleges and universities. These educational institutions have now moved their classes online. But crossing this chasm is no easy task. It requires learning new skills and adapting a new approach.

The first goal in an online classroom is to gain your student's attention and keep them engaged, which is always a daunting task for most teachers. It gets particularly tougher when you're teaching the elementary school learners.

I believe this to be a fallacy. If you have a rock-solid engagement plan, you'll win your learners' hearts and minds. With a fun-focused online teaching game plan, all this is possible.

Indeed, if you're willing to fully embrace this new medium, you'll be amazed by the flexibility



MALATHI R, Coordinator, Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur

ty and interactivity it affords you. We all would love to see our students active and engaged in class.

Technology is a great way to keep the lessons interesting. Students love electronics, so teachers incorporate that by way of PPTs, video lessons, thus increasing the interest level in the classroom by leaps and bounds.

The students have also been kept engaged by way of flipped teaching wherein they have taught their peers a concept and this has proved to be a great success.

Taking learning outdoors in the form of virtual field trips engages the students and serves two purposes, learning and entertainment or fun. The art integration project gave the students opportunities to work collaboratively and express themselves in different forms like art, music, dance, puppetry, drama, craft. Online teaching is highly beneficial as they're easily accessible and as a teacher we need to make it an enjoyable learning experience for them and how much ever a challenge it may seem it is not impossible.

Where there is a will, there is a way.



Celebrating Shakespeare's legacy

Let's celebrate Shakespeare' was the theme of special assemblies conducted virtually at Pallavi Model School, Alwal. The school encouraged students to participate enthusiastically in various activities and competitions to mark the birth and death anniversary of William Shakespeare, the renowned English literary playwright, author and poet whose work consists of 39 plays, 154 sonnets, two narrative poems and many other unclassified works.

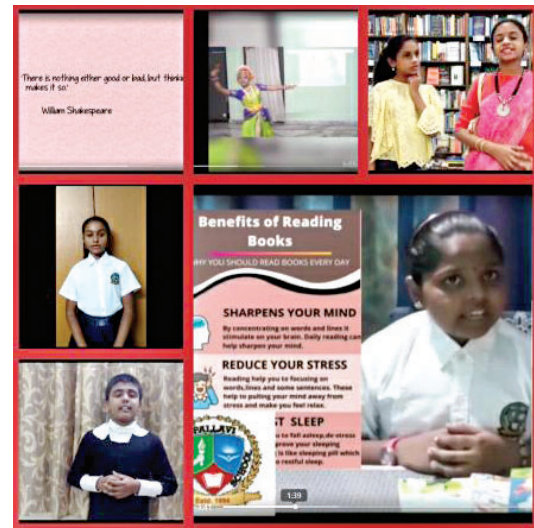
This 'Bard of Avon' undeniably remains the reason for all the young learners to relive the Elizabethan literary era.

Shirin Madhuri, senior wing HoD and Reena Saajan, junior wing HoD, Pallavi Model School Alwal

The programme began with a prayer song followed by senior wing English HoD Shirin Madhuri addressing the assembly, traversing into detailed work of Shakespeare and the reason to celebrate English day. A video on Shakespeare's biography caught the attention of the audience which was followed by a virtual trip to Stratford Upon Avon-

birthplace of Shakespeare, Sonnet recitation, One-act play, Show and Tell and Ramp walk. Students embraced the talk by principal Sunir Nagi, who revered the excellent legacy of this all-time prestigious influential dramatist.

Other events like Book-reading, English quizzes, Rebus poetry, Word chain, Poetry and literature exchanges were held to promote English language. The Department of English takes pride in hosting events which inspire students to take up art and literature while crossing milestones in a journey to promote creativity and to reach out to the audience.



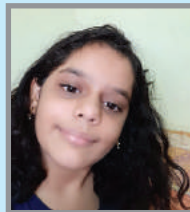
Express YOURSELF

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

India's rich cultural heritage has an intense power to help build our nation. But do you think that the heritage sites are being conserved? Will they be saved from complete devastation?

The actions of humanity have created a dent in the beauty of the monuments. World Heritage Day is celebrated on April 18 every year. Observation of this day helps us to revisit the past and appreciate the importance of preserving our monuments. It is essential to create and safeguard the feeling of pride in our

national heritage as it is the property of our nation. It has a great significance and symbolises emotions. It spreads consciousness among the young generation to uphold worth and value. A nation's development is seen in the souls of its people and its monuments. The famous monuments like the Taj Mahal, the Jantar Mantar, were built hundreds of years ago with precious stones and hard work. It is important to preserve



these monuments as each of the historic monuments tell us about the past of our country and also give us information about the king or queen who built it. Each monument has a reason for its existence and tells us about the interests of the ruler and his/her reign. Hence, it is imperative that we protect the heritage of our nation.

ANJALI PATWARI, class VIII, FIIT-JEE World School

Painters' Gallery



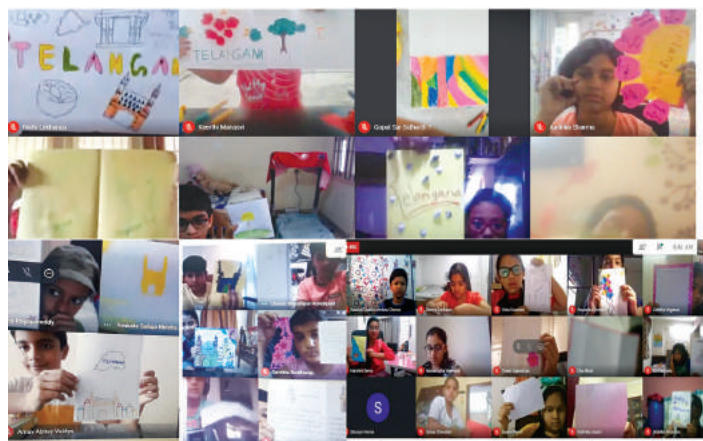
SCENIC:
RUSHDA ABDUL RAHEEM,
class IX B, Madina Public School, Hyderabad

WARM EMBRACE:
RANGU SAANVI,
class V D, Little Flower High School, Hyderabad



SAFETY FIRST:
SWARNA MARAGONI,
class IX, Gitanjali Devakul, Hyderabad

CARD MAKING COMPETITION



Ganges Valley School
Hyderabad

A blend of exceptional creativity and imagination was displayed by the students of class V during the 'Card Making Competition' held recently. The theme was to showcase the culture of Telangana and Haryana, the partnering states under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme. The students participated with great enthusiasm and came up with cre-

ative ideas. It was a wonderful sight to witness the works of children who with their nimble fingers weaved magic on sheets of paper. The competition aimed at promoting creativity and self-expression among students.



THOUGHTS



My Thoughts, a black abyss,
deep; Just like a bottomless pit.
My thoughts, on fire; Consuming me.
Confused, scattered, botched; Yet they still emerge like the waves in the sea.
The palpitations, Evident;
For my actions are so improvident.
Feelings, so indifferent; As if they're distant.
My thoughts, Sound something condescending;
But are whispers of a soul that never came to be.
My thoughts, Like an idea that's almost impending;
But never does.
So contradictory, but I continue to let them consume me.
So Paradoxical, yet I continue to let them crash my ship of sanity.
Cause at the end of the day even if they are
Catastrophic, they are my thoughts, a part of me.

MARYAM BAIG, class VII B, Madina Public School, Himayatnagar

MISS MY SPLENDID SCHOOL

Oh! I miss my lovely school... How can I be so cool?
I miss my talented teacher!
I miss my safe teacher.
I miss my playground!
Where I play round and around.
I miss my boon companion!
Our friendship was as strong as a banyan.
I miss my colourful classroom!
Where we like flowers bloom.
Oh my lovely school, I miss you!
It is making me feel blue.

V DEEPIKA, class VII, Pragathi Central School, Hyderabad



BOTTOM PLACED **KKR** WILL LOOK TO IMPROVE CHANCES

Punjab Kings (PBKS), who are placed fifth in the points table, will take on bottom-placed Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at the Narendra Modi Stadium at Ahmedabad on Monday. This will be the first Indian Premier League (IPL) match in Ahmedabad after the initial 20 matches of the tournament were played in Mumbai and Chennai

KKR top order in disarray

➤ The biggest concern for KKR will be their top-order batting that has been failing to put up big scores. KKR skipper Eoin Morgan has been failing miserably. He aggregates just 45 in five matches and averages nine in the tournament so far. He was a bit unfortunate on Saturday as he fell to a duck without facing even a single ball. Morgan said after Saturday's game that KKR's batting has failed to show intent. Team head coach Brendon McCullum concurred with Morgan. "We were sort of behind the eight ball probably from the get-go," England's World Cup winning captain Morgan told reporters after the loss. "We know the capabilities of our side. There is an element of playing smart cricket and building partnerships with-in that, but ultimately we want guys to play some free-flowing cricket."

Bowlers need to step up

➤ KKR's bowling too is a worry for the team. Australia pacer Pat Cummins has failed to do anything of note and he could be replaced by New Zealander Lockie Ferguson in Monday's game. "Rajasthan adapted to the wicket really well and we didn't. (Kolkata were) about

PUNJAB LOOKING FORMIDABLE

Captain KL Rahul has been one of the few consistent performers in the formidable-looking Punjab batting unit and he once again led by example against MI with an unbeaten 60, his third fifty in five games. Mayank Agarwal has been the other main performer and the return to form of 'Universe Boss' Chris Gayle should be good news for Punjab. But Deepak Hooda, who has not done much after one impressive innings, will have to step up if Punjab want to perform consistently. The Punjab bowlers, who have been pedestrian in earlier matches, came good in their last match with the talented Ravi Bishnoi (2/21) and senior India pacer Mohammad Shami (2/21) leading the charge. Young Arshdeep Singh has been a consistent bowler with six wickets from five matches.

40 runs short, which is a lot in a T20 game. Too much for our bowlers."

MATCH 21

PBKS VS **KKR**
Monday, April 26, 2021
7:30 pm ■ Ahmedabad

Pinning hopes on new venue

➤ Eoin Morgan hopes change of venue will bring a change in fortune for his side. Kolkata will play their next four games in Ahmedabad and Morgan is optimistic the two-time champions could stage a turnaround. "Moving forward, and changing venue, we look to Ahmedabad where we have a number of games. Hopefully a better venue that suits us."

Punjab back to winning ways

➤ The Punjab franchise, however, seems to have got back to winning ways. While their bowling has been good throughout the tournament, their batting performance has been a bit inconsistent. The inclusion of leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi has helped. His spell of two for 21 in four overs helped them restrict Mumbai Indians on Friday Mohammed Shami bowled well, including in death overs, returning with figures of 2/21 in his four overs.

➤ The biggest positive for PBKS, however, has been the return to form of Chris Gayle and Mayank Agarwal. Skipper Rahul too has been among the runs.



Pat Cummins

Photo: ANI



Chris Gayle

Photo: PTI

SHUBMAN WILL BE AMONG HIGHEST SCORING IN IPL: HUSSEY

Backing the out-of form Shubman Gill, Kolkata Knight Riders team mentor David Hussey said the opener is a "class act" who will be among the highest-scoring batsman by the end of the IPL. The highly talented 21-year-old has not been at his best this season, managing 80 runs from five matches

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“S hubman Gill is a star player, he took the Test match arena by storm in Australia. He is very specific and he has a great work ethic,” said Hussey. “All I can say is that form will come and go, class is always permanent. He is one class individual, both on and off the field. Mark my words, he will be one of the highest-scoring batsmen by the end of the tournament. He is an absolute class act,” Hussey added.

Team redrawing strategies

KKR, who started the tournament with a win, slumped to their fourth consecutive

defeat of the season on Saturday and are languishing at the bottom of the points table.

Asked why New Zealand speedster Lockie Ferguson, who has express pace to offer, has not got a game yet, Hussey said the team management will be going back to the drawing board in terms of strategies. “Lockie Ferguson is at the peak of his powers, he is a class act and he is an excellent player for New Zealand. He bowled well for KKR last year in UAE. “He is going to push for selection for the next games. We will look at all strategies going ahead, everything is on the table in terms of selection.”

ZIDANE NOT GIVING UP ON LA LIGA TITLE

R eal Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has said that his side can still win La Liga 2020-21 even after playing out a goalless draw against Real Betis. Zidane's side is currently in second position with 71 points from 33 matches and the side is two points behind table-toppers Atletico Madrid. Goal.com quoted Zidane as saying, "I think we have to continue, we've tried, we've missed something offensively, with the ball, but I don't think the league is decided," he added. Real Madrid also saw Eden Hazard returning to the field as substitution in the 77th minute of the game against Real Betis.

Commenting on Hazard, Zidane said: "Well, it's just a few minutes. He's been out for almost three months, but I see him fine. He can contribute. I think he played 15-20 minutes with spark, with energy. Real Madrid will now take on Chelsea CL semi-final on Tuesday."



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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of the following places is known as the 'Mecca of Indian Football'?

- a) Ambala ☐ b) Kolkata ☐
c) Delhi ☐ d) Kerala ☐

Q2: In which Indian state did the game of Polo originate?

- a) Manipur ☐ b) West Bengal ☐
c) Rajasthan ☐ d) Meghalaya ☐

Q3: Who holds the record for the highest individual score in a test cricket innings?

- a) Rohit Sharma ☐ b) Sachin Tendulkar ☐
c) AB de Villiers ☐ d) Brian Lara ☐

Q4: K L Rahul scored an amazing 80 runs off 52 balls in an ODI at home in 2020. Against whom was the team playing?

- a) New Zealand ☐ b) England ☐
c) Australia ☐ d) Sri Lanka ☐

Q5: The ban on which Indian sports federation has been lifted recently by its International Regulator, ahead of the Tokyo Olympics?

- a) Athletic Federation of India ☐
b) All India Tennis Association ☐
c) Archery Association of India ☐
d) All India Football Federation ☐

Q6: Kento Momota recently won the Malaysian Masters 2020 title. Whom did he defeat?

- a) Viktor Axelsen ☐ b) Chen Long ☐
c) Sai Praneeth ☐ d) Kidambi Srikanth ☐



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Q7: Which of these IPL players have never played for India?

- a) Deepak Hooda ☐ b) Ishan Kishan ☐
c) T Natarajan ☐ d) Kedar Jadhav ☐

Q8: Who has become the second fastest all-rounder to score 4000 runs and take 150 wickets?

- a) Ben Stokes ☐ b) Eoin Morgan ☐
c) Jason Holder ☐ d) Kemar Roach ☐

Q9: Bayern Munich, which won the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in Qatar, is the football club of which country?

- a) UK ☐ b) France ☐
c) Germany ☐ d) Italy ☐

Q10: Which Indian star wrestler won the Gold medal at the Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament?

- a) Bajrang Punia ☐ b) Babita Kumari ☐
c) Gita Phogat ☐ d) Vinesh Phogat ☐

Q11: Who was the first Indian captain to win an IPL?

- a) Rohit Sharma ☐ b) MS Dhoni ☐
c) Gautam Gambhir ☐ d) Rishabh Pant ☐

ANSWERS: 1. b. Kolkata 2. a. Manipur
3. d. Brian Lara 4. c. Australia
5. c. Archery Association of India
6. a. Viktor Axelsen 7. a. Deepak Hooda
8. a. Ben Stokes 9. c. Germany
10. d. Vinesh Phogat 11. b. MS Dhoni