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SOCIALIST & SECULAR to be removed from the

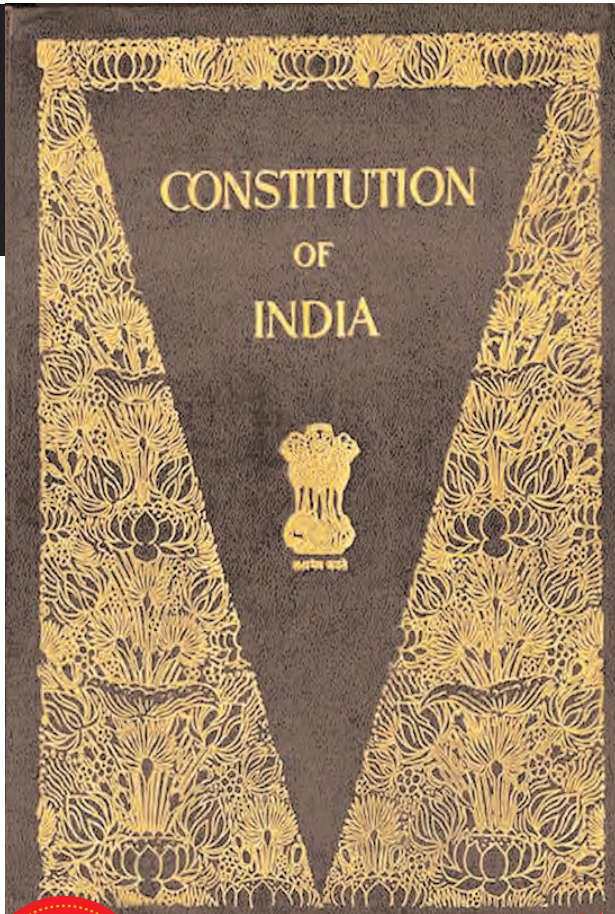
CONSTITUTION'S PREAMBLE?

VIEWPOINT

A plea has been filed before the apex court seeking to remove from the Constitution's Preamble, the words, 'socialist' and 'secular', which were added through the 42nd constitutional amendment. The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) said that the amendment made in 1976 was 'antithetical to the constitutional tenets as well as the historical and cultural theme of India.'

WHAT THE PIL SAYS

► The move to introduce the words, 'secular' and 'socialist' were "illegal for violating the concept of freedom of speech and expression enumerated in Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution and the right to freedom of religion guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution", the PIL said ► It said the amendment was also against the historical and cultural theme of the "great Republic of Bharat, the oldest civilisation of the world, having clear concept of 'Dharma' different from the concept of religion", and that the communist theory of State cannot be applied in Indian context, which was not in tune with the religious sentiments and socio-economic conditions of India ► It sought a direction from the Centre to declare that the concept of 'socialism' and 'secularism', referred to the nature of the Republic was limited to the working of the sovereign function of the State, and the same is not applicable to the citizens, the political parties, and the social organisations



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X-PLAINED

WHAT IS A PREAMBLE? The Preamble of the Constitution of India acts as the preface, highlighting the ethics of the Constitution

WHEN WAS IT ADOPTED? It was adopted on November 26, 1949 by the Constituent Assembly, and came into effect on January 26, 1950. The Preamble was made in 1947, but was adopted in 1949

IS IT ENFORCEABLE? NO. However, the Preamble states the objectives of the Constitution, and acts as a tool to interpret the Articles, when their language is found ambiguous **THE PREAMBLE** WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens: JUSTICE, social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation; IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, this twenty-sixth day of Nov, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE QUIZ

- 1) The language of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution is taken from the Constitution of.....
(A) America; (B) Canada; (C) Australia
- 2) Who among the following said that the Preamble of the Indian Constitution is "The Keynote of the Constitution"?
(A) Ernest Barker; (B) Jawaharlal Nehru; (C) Dr BR Ambedkar
- 3) Which of the following words has not been written in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution?
(A) Sovereign; (B) Socialist; (C) Indians

Answers: 1 (C); 2 (A); 3 (C)

I RECOMMEND

How to write a SHORT ESSAY

RESEARCH

Researching and gathering relevant sources is the first step towards writing. Gather sources from credible sites, like recognised journals and books. To acknowledge the credible site, check the author's information, website design, and the last updated date. Each source of information must contribute to your essay. The writing should revolve around a single topic. If you are writing about trending topics, gather information from credible news sites. Avoid information from unreliable sources.



CREATIVE IDEAS

For writing, you have to be creative and should possess brainstorming ideas. Every sentence must be relevant and to the point. Don't include unnecessary information, as this will misguide the audience. For this, you need to have a clear idea about your topic.

OUTLINE

Once you have collected all the information, the next step is to write them down. If you have chosen a broad topic, designing an outline is crucial. To not lose the direction, write down all the arguments and supportive facts. Make a final goal and determine what material you have to include within each paragraph.

CRAFTING

Now that you have all the information, crafted an outline, it's time to start writing. Cover all the points; be concise and brief for writing. Frame the sentences in active voice.

EDITING AND PROOFREADING

Proofreading is the final step of your essay. Read it again and again to make sure that the essay sounds clear, and explains the information. Clear writing and expressing your ideas clearly are the traits of a good writer. Check the grammatical errors, punctuation and syntax errors. Correct these errors—you can use online tools like Grammarly. Ask your friends and colleagues to read it.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Mahadev Desai was the personal secretary of which famous Indian?

- CLUE 1:** Born in 1869, he was the youngest among the six siblings. He had two brothers and three sisters.
CLUE 2: He remains the only Indian to be named on TIME magazine's Person of the Year.
CLUE 3: Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize five times, he was never awarded.

ANSWER: MAHATMA GANDHI. Britain is considering minting a coin to commemorate the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, amid a growing interest in recognising the contributions of people from the Black, Asian and other minority ethnic communities. As part of a global reassessment of history, colonialism and racism triggered by the death in May of a Black man, George Floyd, in the United States, after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes, some British institutions have begun re-examining their past. Floyd's death has led to global protests against racism, colonialism and police brutality

LOWLY FLIES GET SUPER NAMES

Australian scientists have given five fly species scientific names that pay tribute to the Marvel comic universe, including one named for wisecracking anti-hero, Deadpool, and another after the superhero creator, Stan Lee. The five flies were part of the

NAMESAKE

FACTOID \$16,000

Price of a magazine autographed by Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple that was auctioned recently. The magazine in question was Fortune's October edition of 1989. It had Jobs on the cover, and is signed as "To Terry, Steve Jobs". Terry, incidentally was one of Jobs' chauffeur drivers for many years, and later asked Jobs to sign him. Even though Jobs did sign the cover, he called the limousine company and complained about Terry's autograph request.

JOBS' AUTOGRAPH HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED A COLLECTOR'S ITEM, AND A LOT OF APPLE FANS HAVE BID FOR IT IN THE PAST AS WELL. IN DECEMBER 2018, IT WAS REVEALED THAT JOBS' AUTOGRAPH WAS WORTH MORE THAN \$50,000 (ROUGHLY ₹ 35 LAKH), AS PER 2018 PAUL FRASER COLLECTIBLES AUTOGRAPH INDEX. THE CO-FOUNDER OF APPLE WAS KNOWN TO BE A RELUCTANT SIGNER

165 discoveries named by the scientists over the past year, which included two fish, three sub-species of a bird, and even a mite that lives on a lizard, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) said in a report.

► The Stan Lee's fly was named for its characteristic markings that look like the comic titan's sunglasses and white moustache, while the Deadpool's fly has marks on its back that resemble the character's red-and-black mask, CSIRO said
► All five species are robber flies, which are assassins of the insect world, according to CSIRO. The other three are named after the Marvel characters, Loki, Thor and Black Widow



IPL final to be played on Nov 10, evening matches to start half-an-hour earlier than usual



The finals of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 will be played on November 10, the sources within the BCCI has confirmed. The

SPORTS

IPL's governing council, who met earlier, decided that the evening matches will start at 7:30 pm, half an hour earlier than usual.

- "The tournament will run for 51 days, usually the IPL go on for 49 days as per the constitution. However, in the meeting it was decided that we will go to the Supreme Court for conducting the IPL in 51 days," sources within the BCCI said
- As the tournament will run for 51 days, there will be fewer double-headers (two games are played in succession at the same venue)—just 10 double-headers. So, the evening matches will start at 7:30pm and the afternoon matches will start at 3:30 pm. The matches will be played across three venues at Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Sharjah, as travelling here by road is easier and a bio-secure environment can be maintained, the source added
- The IPL's governing council also confirmed that Women's IPL will also go on, and four teams would be participating in it

BRANDY BACK WITH NEW MUSIC ALBUM AFTER 8 YEARS

Singer Brandy has unveiled her seventh album, 'B7', after an eight-year break. The 15-track album, co-written and co-produced by Brandy, also has collaborations with Chance the Rapper, Daniel Caesar and her daughter, Sy'rai. 'B7' was released on July 31 via Brandy's record label, Brand Nu

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and eOne Urban. After a five-year legal battle with her former label, Chameleon Entertainment, Brandy told Rolling Stone that she has finally found freedom with this record's release.

ASTRONOMERS CAPTURE EXTREMELY RARE 'SPACE BUTTERFLY'

A stunning photo of NGC 2899, a bubble of gas that resembles a butterfly has been captured by the astronomers, using the European Southern Observatory's (ESO) Very Large Telescope (VLT). The bubble has never been captured before in such detail.



► The space butterfly is located between 3,000 and 6,500 light years away, in the Southern constellation of Vela, also known as 'The Sails'. The temperature of this gas bubble can reach up to 10,000 degrees F. ► The symmetry of this 'space butterfly' is believed to be a result of its two central stars, interfering with the flow of the gas.

Apple dethrones Saudi Aramco to become world's most valuable company

Apple has surpassed oil giant Saudi Aramco to become the world's most valuable publicly-traded company, with a market valuation of \$1.84

trillion. Saudi Aramco, which had been the most valuable publicly-listed company since its market debut last year, now trails at \$1.76 trillion as of its last close.

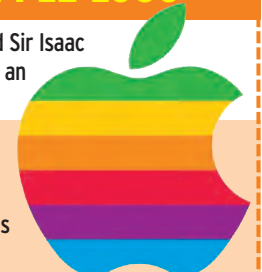
- Despite the pandemic that hit its supply chain and forced the iPhone maker to close retail stores worldwide, Apple shares are up more than 44 per cent this year
- Apple has posted \$59.7 billion in revenue for its fiscal 2020 third quarter that ended June 27, an increase of 11 per cent from the year-ago quarter, as iPhone sales beat the Wall Street estimates

STORY OF THE APPLE LOGO

The very first Apple logo featured Sir Isaac Newton sitting under a tree, with an apple about to hit his head

The Newton logo was designed by the lesser-known Apple founder Ronald Wayne (the guy who sold his stake to Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak for \$800)

The rainbow apple, designed by Rob Janoff, replaced Sir Isaac and remained the symbol of the company for many years, until the simpler monochromatic apple logo was introduced in 1998



The authors of lockdown2020

Meet super talented writers who realised their dream of writing and publishing a book when the world shut down due to Covid-19. Like you and me, they too know the fear of an empty page and self-doubt. The only difference is they kept writing. So can you!

We will feature more writers through the month of August!



Agamnoor Dhillon, Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, Batch 2020, published her poems in a book, 'The Celestial Stargazer', in the lockdown after writing it for over five years.

My book is a compilation of poems because...

I believe that everything is poetry. Every tree, every cat, every thunderstorm, every human being, is poetry – of the most beautiful kind. 'The Celestial Stargazer', though published now, is a compilation of poems that I wrote over the last five years. It is a mix of highs and lows, happy moments and not so happy ones, of lessons learnt and those forgotten.

IDEAS COME FROM: The best ideas come from the most profound of emotions – the deeper the emotion, the more spontaneous and moving the poem. Incidents, circumstances, people, successes, failures all contribute to poetry. And most importantly – Nature.

MY FAVOURITE AUTHOR: I am inspired by Markus Zusak ('The Book Thief'); and Vikram Seth, Cecelia Ahern, Jodi Picoult, Louisa May Alcott and Jane Austen.

<https://toistudent.timesofindia.india-times.com/news/times-nie-student-authors/meet-agamnoor-dhillon-the-celestial-stargazer/59674.html>

My advice

Don't give up. Never give up. Stay consistent and stay true to yourself – when you first start writing, don't think about what will be liked by people, instead, think about how you would feel if you read what you have written. Don't be too critical of your work, give yourself plenty of space and write.

Have you written something during the lockdown period and got it published? Let us know at timesnie175@gmail.com and we will have you featured in this space! Keep writing, keep engaging...

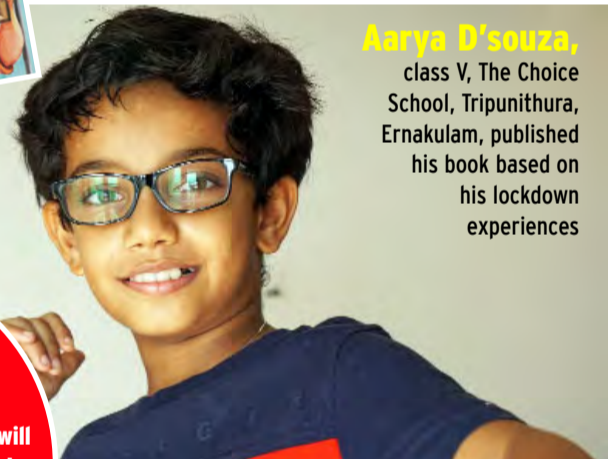
Lockdown Diaries

I wrote a book on my lockdown experience because... Initially, I was very excited that our school closed because of Covid-19 lockdown. But a few days in, and I was bored to death! I had not planned to write but when my article, a school assignment was published in Times of India Student Edition online, I was super thrilled. Seeing this, my mom gave me a diary to write down everything and said if it turned out well, we could make it a book and give it to the school library.

MY FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Jeff Kinney, the author of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series. I was not a reader before but after my best friend introduced me to this series, I really took to reading.

GOOD PART ABOUT WRITING:

If you have a good idea, be it funny or fiction, you can write and make a book of it. I was scared in the beginning thinking of how I could write something because my language and vocabulary needed to be strong. But I realised, if you have an idea and learn how to be a storyteller, then with the help of a mentor and editor, writing is not that difficult.



My advice

Whenever you think of something, a random idea or related to something that you might be writing about, always write it down somewhere immediately. <https://toistudent.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/times-nie-student-authors/aarya-d-souza-author-of-lockdown-diaries/59678.html>

Aarya D'souza, class V, The Choice School, Tripunithura, Ernakulam, published his book based on his lockdown experiences

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GETTING BACK ON TRACK

SLOMO IS THE NEW FOMO

The future of travel lies in the hands of those who really care



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Ironically, 2019 was the year of slow tourism in Italy. Venice was reeling under the pressure of mass tourists and the country decided to reject travellers and adopt a more mindful approach towards travel. Alas, 2020 had something else in store. What has happened in Italy today is a glaring example of reckless travel, something that's destined to change henceforth.

Amit Sankhala, owner of a wilderness camp in Kanha National Park and a well-known safari expert says, "Overtourism is seen as an important factor behind the spread of the coronavirus in popular tourist destinations like Italy and Spain. The concept of ecotourism is the need of the hour. We must work together to sustain a movement towards protection of nature."

hand in hand with other slow movements such as Slow Cities, Slow Money, Slow Education, Slow Schools, Slow Books, Slow Living. The idea which underlies all of these movements is to slow down and reduce the speed of modern life and consumption. Slow tourism offers the possibility to use a variety of forms of transport, from horsecarts to houseboats.

SLOMO travel encourages you to get involved in educational experiences that gives you a fresh perspective on the world. Rather than stopping for a selfie at the Berlin wall, a walking tour with a war hero can let you see the city through completely different eyes.

Future is here

Taking the slow lane, the not-so-obvious routes and unhurried means of transport will be the way the world will travel now, say experts. When travel restrictions are eventually relaxed – there will be heightened precautions as countries try to prevent Covid-19 and other infectious diseases crossing their borders. Read more at www.toistudent.com

What is slow travel?

The long winding train journeys, school mountain treks or road trips in dad's rickety Fiat. By definition, slow travel comes

Laughter is the best medicine

A new study has suggested that people who laugh frequently in their every day lives may be better equipped to deal with stressful events...

The findings of the new research by the University of Basel was published in the journal 'PLOS ONE'. It is estimated that people typically laugh 18 times a day – generally during interactions with other people and depending on the degree of pleasure they experience. Researchers have also reported differences related to the time of day, age, and gender for example, it is known that women smile more than men on average. Now, researchers from the Division of Clinical Psychology and Epidemiology of the Department of Psychology at the University of Basel have conducted a study on the relationship between stressful events and laughter in terms of perceived stress in everyday life.

ter and the reason for laughing as well as any stressful events or stress symptoms experienced in the time since the last signal.

Using this method, the researchers were able to study the relationship between laughter, stressful events, and physical and psychological symptoms of stress ("I had a headache" or "I felt restless") as part of everyday life. The newly published analysis was based on the data from 41 psychology students, 33 of whom were women, with an average age of just under 22.

The final findings

It was seen that when the subjects laughed frequently, stressful events were associated with more minor symptoms of subjective stress. But when it came to the interplay between stressful events and intensity of laughter (strong, medium, weak), there was no statistical correlation with stress symptoms. "This could be because people are better at estimating the frequency of their laughter, rather than its intensity, over the last few hours," as per the research team.

Questions asked

In the intensive longitudinal study, an acoustic signal from a mobile phone app prompted participants to answer questions eight times a day at irregular intervals for a period of 14 days. The questions related to the frequency and intensity of laugh-



GEOGRAPHY

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Black Hole

A black hole is a region in space where the pulling force of gravity is so strong that light is not able to escape. Because no light can escape, black holes are invisible. On April 10, 2019, the first ever direct image of the supermassive black hole in Messier 87's galactic centre was captured by the Event Horizon Telescope.



- Devang Ajmera, Class XI, The Heritage School, Kolkata

The August Planner

Watch this space for

The winners of the **Draw Your Monster contest:** We got over 1000 entries and our team has been sorting through all of them. **WE are going to announce the results and publish most of your drawings** here through August and September. Keep watching this space!

Our New Contest! Yes, we have a new contest announcement on Friday. **The Awesome Friendly Adventure contest...** That's something you are not going to miss out on! Check out the cover here...

The lockdown authors series: We plan to interview and feature our budding authors - all through this month

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