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ON PAGE 2: Environment books by experts on the topic. For you and your parents. **Plus:** How to make ragi ladoos

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ON PAGE 4: Has MSD disappointed his fans for not 'showing intent'? **Plus:** Take our Landforms vocabulary Quiz!

Telling COVID's story: At UN, leaders spin virus storylines

THE SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS. THE STATUS: URGENT. THE SOLUTIONS: AS DIVERSE AS THE NATIONS THEY LEAD.

With the 75th annual UN General Assembly reduced to recorded speeches because of the pandemic, leaders are using this week as an opportunity to depict the pandemic from the vantage points of their nations and themselves — and present their visions of efforts to fight the virus and advocate what they believe must be done.

A SMATTERING OF MYRIAD IDEAS FROM SPEECHES ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE GENERAL DEBATE:

SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA called for a suspension of interest payments on African nations' debt and renewed focus on eradicating global poverty.

CHILEAN PRESIDENT SEBASTIAN PINERA called on powerful nations to work together and stop generating "a worrisome lack of leadership."

PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE echoed a call from many leaders when he said that once an effective vaccine is developed, it must be made available to all nations.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN went so far as to offer UN personnel a Covid vaccine

At the 75th United Nations General Assembly, world leaders came up with solutions 'virtually' to combat Covid-19; UN retorted, "go-it-alone approach won't help, collaborations would."

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI: We cannot fight today's challenges with outdated structures. Without comprehensive reforms, the UN faces a "crisis of confidence".

INDIA: India slammed Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for his remarks on Kashmir during the UNGA session, calling it "completely unacceptable".

FOUR TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Heads of state were presenting their own efforts in favourable light while sometimes harshly criticising other countries or taking jabs.
- 2 This year's theme — "reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism" — comes at a time of extreme physical isolation, adding urgency to the search for solutions.
- 3 At the virtual meet, the UN made a plea not to indulge in the 'great fracture' — largest economies splitting the globe, leading to Cold War.
- 4 Despite this year's theme, speeches by world's most-powerful nations were peppered with initiatives that sounded more go-it-alone than collaborative, though all gave nods to working together.

Q If you were to participate in the UN debate, what would have been your views as a leader?
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RIP DEAN JONES

FORMER CRICKETER DEAN JONES, 59, PASSES AWAY AFTER CARDIAC ARREST

Former Australian batsman and well-known commentator Dean Jones passed away on Thursday afternoon after a cardiac arrest. Jones was in Mumbai as part of the Indian Premier League (IPL) broadcast set-up, and was learnt to be absolutely fine before he suffered a sudden collapse. Jones was 59. His family, back in Australia, has been informed. TNN



'WE ARE SENDING NATURAL WORLD INTO A DECLINE'

Sir David Attenborough has urged countries to set aside "national interests" to beat climate change. New film *A Life On Our Planet* follows the 94-year-old broadcaster as he reflects on "the devastating changes he has seen" during his career. A trailer for the Netflix film includes black-and-white clips from Attenborough's early career as well as shots of ice caps melting and forests being felled. David Attenborough: *A Life On Our Planet* premieres in cinemas on September 28, featuring an exclusive conversation with Sir David and Sir Michael Palin. It launches on Netflix on October 4.



Ayushmann Khurrana on TIME's list of 100 Most-Influential People

Other Indians include PM Modi, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, UK-based Dr Ravindra Gupta and activist Bilkis Dadi



Quote unquote

"I'm truly humbled with the recognition that TIME has bestowed on me. As an artiste, I have only looked to contribute towards bringing a positive change in society through cinema and this moment is a huge validation...I have always believed that cinema has the power to bring about change by triggering the right conversations among people and society."



DECODING: JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICIAL LANGUAGES BILL

In the news for: Rajya Sabha passes Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020

The Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill 2020 was passed by a voice vote in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. The Bill gives official language status to Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi, English, and Urdu in the Union Territory.

"The Bill fulfills the decades-long wishes of the people of the region. It is a big step which will give official language status to Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi, English, and Urdu," said Minister of State (MoS) Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy.

DID YOU KNOW? From 1954 there were two official languages in J&K, Urdu and English, which were used for official work. In the 2011 Census, the number of Urdu speakers in the UT was a little above 19,000 which is 0.16 per cent of the population.



Get Booked With Iconic Judge RBG

For the millennials, US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—who passed away recently—is more than a legal voice, she is a feminist icon. The American jurist continues to inspire many young people, especially girls, to keep their dreams alive until it becomes a reality. A look into some books about her that'll keep you hooked: nitya.shukla@timesgroup.com

YOUNG READERS

WHEN RUTH BADER GINSBURG CHEWED 100 STICKS OF GUM BY MARK ANDREW WEAKLAND AND DANIELA VOLPARI: Focuses on Ruth's childhood, the strong role models and encouragement she received to assert herself, speak her mind and stand up for equality. This story narrated in a playful manner will inspire you to aim higher in life.

I DISSENT: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy and Elizabeth Baddeley: Through this picture book, one gets to understand the volume of Ginsburg's work. Throughout her life and career, Ginsburg raised her voice against inequality, unfair treatment and stood up for what's right.

NOTORIOUS RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik: An entertaining read, the authors offer a remarkable account of RBG through pop culture, humour and expert analysis of Ginsburg. Another NYT bestseller.



NEWS IN BRIEF

TECH BUZZ

APPLE IPHONE 12 SERIES IN OCT?

Apple that launched new Watch Series 6, Watch SE as well as new iPad Air at a special 'Time Flies' event is reportedly gearing up to hold a special event on October 13 to launch the much-awaited iPhone 12 series.

Eddy Cue, Apple's senior vice president, was seen speaking at presentations for a UK carrier about the upcoming iPhone and its 5G capabilities, reports AppleInsider.

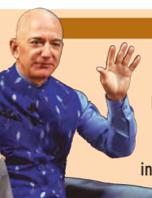


AMAZON ON A GREEN DRIVE

Amazon, the world's biggest online retailer, announced the launch of a climate-friendly programme to help customers shop for sustainable products, as part of its commitment to be net carbon neutral by 2040. Customers will now see more than 25,000 products ranging from grocery, household to electronics with a 'Climate Pledge Friendly' label.

BEZOS ACADEMY IS NEXT

Making its mark on the education sector, Amazon chief Jeff Bezos opened a preschool in the US. Bezos posted a photo of the classroom on Instagram, saying the first Bezos Academy is set to open on October 19.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT ONE IN 10 OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD COULD BE IN DANGER FROM ERUPTIONS

Just imagine how many people are in danger from eruptions. However, people living near volcanoes can benefit from them—heat from volcanoes can be turned into electricity and the soil is good for farming. Volcanic soil is good for farming: Soil is normally made up of broken-down rocks. Near volcanoes, soil is made up of eroded lava or ash and is rich in the minerals that plants need to grow.

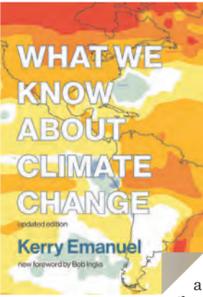
QUIZ YOURSELF: True or False?

1. What type of energy comes from the natural heat from the Earth?
2. What mineral is mined around volcanoes?
3. Why is volcanic soil good for growing crops?

Answers: 1. Geothermal energy 2. Sulphur 3. Because it is rich in minerals

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'WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE',
by Kerry Emanuel

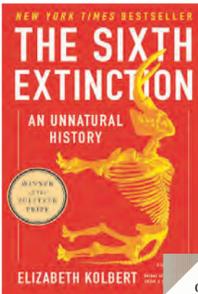
An MIT climatologist and a conservative, Emanuel sounds the alarm in a measured and scientific way, making clear what we know and what we don't. There is little panic in this slender book, which was updated in 2018, but there is a lot of troubling information. Emanuel specifically thought of his book as a way of offering ammunition to those trying to convince family members or friends who are skeptical or don't understand the science. "Young adults who are disputing this problem with their own parents or an uncle or something—they can hand the book to them and say, 'Will you at least read this?'"

'THE WATER WILL COME,'
by Jeff Goodell

"Sea-level rise is one of the central facts of our time, as real as gravity." Goodell writes at the start of his book, published in 2017. "It will reshape our world in ways most of us can only



dimly imagine." This book takes us there: Goodell travels the world to cities like Lagos, Nigeria; Rotterdam, the Netherlands; and Venice, Italy that are at risk of vanishing if the rise in water levels follows current projections. Maybe the most interesting element he explores is people's inability to see the rising tide. Talking to an influential developer in Miami, Goodell asks if he's worried about the future when the ocean takes over. He isn't, he says.

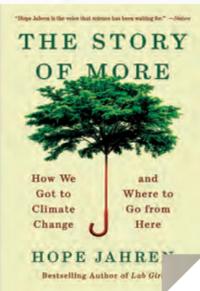


'THE SIXTH EXTINCTION,'
by Elizabeth Kolbert

Reporting from the Andes, the Amazon rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef and her own backyard, Kolbert registers the impact of climate change on the life of our planet. What emerges, in her 2014 book, is a picture of the sixth mass extinction. All the warnings are here, in Kolbert's elegant, accessible prose: sea levels rising, deforestation, the dispersion of disease-carrying species. But she also digs deep, offering an intellectual history of "extinction" and placing in context the catastrophes ahead by grappling with how life on Earth ended and was re-generated in the distant past.

'THE STORY OF MORE,'
by Hope Jahren

Jahren, the author of the acclaimed memoir "Lab Girl," turns her attention to climate change and specifically the responsibility we each bear for contributing to the problem. The book, published in March, isn't scolding — Jahren approaches the problem from the perspective of her youth in the Midwest and her decision to move to Oslo, Norway, in 2016 because of the state of scientific research in America. She looks at the way our decisions about what we eat affect the planet. What concerns her is the divide between those who consume and waste more and those who live on much less. By looking at the global disparities, she comes to stark conclusions about who is the cause of the problem and what could be a solution. As she puts it, "What was only a faint drumbeat as I began to research this book now rings in my head like a mantra: Use Less and Share More."



Read about the future of the planet



Photo: GETTY IMAGES



'THE END OF NATURE,'
by Bill McKibben

McKibben wrote this book in 1989 when global warming was still referred to with the more innocuous-sounding phrase "the greenhouse effect." It was an abstract worry in the future even for environmentalists, who were still reeling from the fight to save the ozone layer. For McKibben the crises were connected and spoke to a bigger problem: a disregard for nature and how humans were capable of harming it. His book is a lament that nature has lost its independence. Even if everything could be done to stave off warming, McKibben writes, it would have to come from human ingenuity and depend on our intervention into natural processes. This is another sign that we have encroached too far — that nature itself is over; as McKibben puts it. The only solution, he says, is "to go no farther down the path we've been following."



DON'T MISS
WEEKEND NEWSPAPER
THIS
SATURDAY

If every Sunday night, you are left feeling: "did I do enough", Times NiE Weekender is here with ways to fill in your days with perspectives, productivity with a side order of popular trends.

Better days are coming. They are called Saturday and Sunday.



GRAB THE GRUB

Get to know the latest in food, health and nutrition in the new normal. Learn everything from new immunity foods to brain-boosting diets, - a new way to 'eat this and not that'. Add to this, new foods on the horizon with Food Spotting, Epicurious to know about new cuisines, brushing up on your table manners or simply knowing the best chefs in the business.

WATCH, READ OR LISTEN

Enjoy the motion pictures with a side of emotions as we give you a weekend watch list and notes on how to appreciate the nuances of a movie. It's a film appreciation 101. Get ready for weekend reads and music from lists and themes, and not to mention author/artist interactions.

TECH IT AWAY

If there's anything the year 2020 has taught us, it's that technology rules. From apps that help you to new courses for you or simply a product review - the latest from technology is here.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Run for the best in sports for the week, what tournament to watch, sidelights and more in a weekly sports section.

SKILL IT

Life skills, leadership skills, public speaking skills - it's time to hone your personality to be the best version of yourself.

That's not all: fashion, travel, quizzes, trivia, games, activities and trends that add an extra edge to your weekend. After all, haven't you heard: "A Sunday well spent brings a week of content."



HEALTHY FOOD

MAINTAIN WEIGHT WITH RAGI LADOOS

Can ladoos be healthy? Yes, if you choose the right ingredients. Ragi is a powerhouse of nutrients, especially calcium that is excellent for growing kids. So, parents try making ragi ladoos. Here's the recipe.



To make this healthy recipe, you just need 1 cup of ragi flour; dry roast the flour and keep stirring it. Once done, keep the flour aside. In the meantime, take a blender and add in 1 cup deseeded dates, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup peanuts and 1 cup dry roasted almonds, make a coarse mixture and then add in the ragi flour. Make a smooth mixture and grease your hands with some ghee, roll the ladoos and relish.

LOCKDOWN DIY

COCONUT OIL HAIR MASK



There are many things that can damage your hair from blow drying to pollution and a lot more. To combat environmental pollution, you need to make a hair mask that

consists of coconut oil, olive oil and some vitamin oils. All you need to do is, take one tablespoon of coconut oil and olive oil in a bowl. Add 3-4 drops of vitamins A and E oils into the same bowl and mix it all well. Once the mask is ready, apply it to the length of your hair while avoiding your scalp. Let it sit for another 30 minutes and then wash it off. Your hair will be naturally conditioned for days.

QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Nirmala Sheoran, banned for 4 years, is associated with which of the following sports?
A. Sprint
B. Wrestling
C. Shotgun
D. Weight lifting

Q.2) Exercise Dharma Guardian (joint military exercise) is between which of the following countries?
A. India-USA
B. India-Japan
C. India-China
D. India-Australia

Q.3) The first person to spacewalk in 1965 - he died recently - was...
A. Fyodor Gorbachov
B. Joseph Huston
C. Alexei Leonov
D. Mark Elliot

ANSWERS
1. A) Sprint 2. B) India-Japan 3. C) Alexei Leonov



Alexei Leonov was the first astronaut in the world who did a spacewalk for 12 minutes. This historic event took place on March 18, 1965

BE A DETECTIVE!

A MURDER WITH UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

THE SUSPECT LIST

A terrible crime has occurred... and this time it's not just a murder but a kidnapping too! As you read *A Spoonful of Murder*, take a look at the below suspect list and see if you can use your detective skills to solve the case!

Add notes next to each name and cross out the name once you've ruled them out. Remember, you can also add more suspects as you keep reading and detecting!

SUSPECT	DETECTIVE NOTES
Hazel	
Daisy	
Teddy	
China	
Mooncake	
Bunbreak	
Murder	

THE SUSPECT LIST

The List contains names of the suspects who were involved in the crime. The first name is the name of the person who was killed. The other names are the names of the suspects who were involved in the crime. Add notes next to each name and cross out the name once you've ruled them out. Remember, you can also add more suspects as you keep reading and detecting!

Mr. Fu, a businessman who owns the Wang Family's restaurant.

Mr. Wu, one of the staff members of the Wang Family's restaurant.

Ms. Li, a member of the Wang Family's restaurant.

Ms. Chen, a member of the Wang Family's restaurant.

Ms. Wang, Vice President and Secretary of the Detective Society.

A MURDER WITH UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

A SPOONFUL OF ACTIVITIES!

Hello, aspiring detectives! Do you have what it takes to join the Detective Society? Complete the activities below and join Daisy and Hazel in detecting crimes!

Word search:

L	E	B	D	Q	Z	C	T	R	K
O	D	K	P	A	H	V	E	B	A
S	B	J	A	I	D	D	V	E	
L	X	N	C	R	S	D	O	R	
O	T	A	F	U	N	J	Y	E	B
D	M	G	M	K	W	O	G	I	N
K	N	P	U	V	G	U	O	M	B
J	Y	W	Q	S	P	Y	S	M	B
U	R	E	T	W	F	L	Q	N	R
H	A	Z	E	L	B	Y	H	L	V

Create your own Detective Society Pledge!

Your pledge is a sort of promise. Here's part of Daisy and Hazel's in case it helps:

"I swear to be a good and clever member of the Detective Society, and to logically detect the crimes presented to me using all the cleverness I have, not placing reliance on guesswork, especially the police."

Fill in the lines below with your own pledge!

EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Develop a story based on the pictures in around 250 words. Send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at toiniel75@gmail.com



CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

Two persons, Ram & Lakshman, who are at a distance of 100 km from each other, move towards each other from two places P and Q at speeds of 20 kmph and 25 kmph respectively. Lakshman reaches P, returns immediately and meets Ram at R, who started on the return journey to P immediately after reaching Q. What is the distance between Q and R?

1. 33 1/3 km 2. 25 km 3. 30 km 4. 27 1/3 km

A boy runs 200 metres in 24 seconds. What is his speed?

1. 20 km/hr 2. 24 km/hr 3. 28.5 km/hr 4. 30 km/hr

What per cent is 2 minutes 24 seconds of an hour?
a) 6% b) 2%
c) 4% d) 8%

ANSWERS

1. 33 1/3 km 2. 30 km/hr 3. 4%

MAKING THE MOST OF ONLINE EDUCATION

The new normal in education has made it amply clear that the online mode is here to stay. So why not make the most of it. Educators and students from across India suggest ways to do so...

HELPS IN DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS

Gouthami Chandrasekar, teacher, Bethel MHSS, Chennai, says "Online education presents many platforms to acquire basic technical skills, communication skills, reading and writing skills."

Students get access to expertise, educational apps, YouTube videos from Cambridge University, Let's talk, Dr. Rengarajan's Infinite Thoughts and British Council offer unique benefits to learners with high degree of flexibility and convenience. "Students also have started making YouTube videos, inventing new apps and software, and making short films," adds Gouthami Chandrasekar.

MAKES IN-DEPTH LEARNING POSSIBLE

Observes Vivekanand Thallam, educator, Atkinson Sr Sec School, Vijayawada. "The more time students spend on the content, the more they learn. This gives them opportunity to engage with the content."

SAVES TIME, LESS STRESSFUL

According to Jyotirmoy Chatterjee, student of class XII, Central Modern School, Kolkata, "Going through the usual 'getting-ready-for-school' procedure, which may otherwise seem silly, helps in setting in the serious study mode."

Online studies is less stressful and refreshing than the stereotypical classes as students are in

EFFECTIVE ONLINE STUDIES

- Figure out how you learn best
- Join a Study Team
- Keep eyes at a comfortable distance from screen
- Limit Social Media
- Ask questions, use the opportunity to connect effectively
- Keep work-station neat and clutter free, well lit
- Keep yourself hydrated
- Be regular and do not procrastinate

Ishita Basu, senior teacher, La Martiniere Girls College, Lucknow

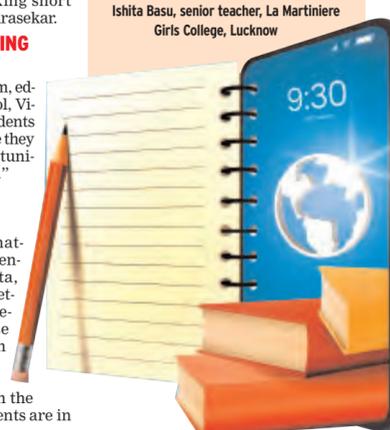
their comfort zones. "It's easy to take advantage of such a situation to be more productive as our routines are more flexible than usual," observes Oshin Pia Cutinho, class XII, Schoenstatt St. Mary's PU College, Bengaluru.

Suggests Khyaati Tapadia, class XII, DCIS, Ahmedabad, "Use apps like Google calendar for planning out your day, Evernote and Notebook to make virtual notes and numerous other apps to improve productivity, to-do lists and self-monitoring."

DEVELOPS DISCIPLINE

Says D. Purnima, class X, SBOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore, "One of the ways to make the most of online education is to browse the available plethora of resources on the internet and select the best ones. Sources like Khan Academy and Toppr are good." Apart from providing topical videos, badges, energy points and avatars further motivate the learners to maintain their learning streak. "One of the other more settling resources is YouTube," she adds.

To sum up, 'Pain that hurts the most, teaches a lot.' This pandemic has taught teachers to accept new e-challenges by exploring new techniques required for online teaching. "It has changed the face of education and has made us more adaptable to the changing trends," reiterates Padma Kumar, principal, SGVP, Ahmedabad.



TEACHERS' VIEWS

The more time the students spend on the content, the more they learn. Online education gives plenty of opportunities to the student to engage with the content. A teacher can ensure that the coursework caters to all learning types.



~ Vivekanand Thallam, Educator, Atkinson Sr Sec School, Vijayawada

There is always a challenge in a physical classroom, with each student learning at a different pace. But that's actually an advantage of online learning. Teachers should identify techniques for engaging the students online through interactive activities.



~ Padmapriya S, Teacher, SBOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore

Children are engaged in productive learning and online activities conducted by the school. Since everything is available online, accessing class materials, and submitting work, is convenient. It has changed the face of education and made us adaptable to the changing trends.



~ Padma Kumar, principal, SGVP, Ahmedabad

Online education offers access to expertise via educational apps, YouTube videos from Cambridge University, Let's talk, Dr. Rengarajan's Infinite thoughts and British Council which offer unique benefits to learners. On the optimistic side, students too have started making YouTube videos, are inventing new apps and software, and making short films.



~ Gouthami Chandrasekar, Teacher, Bethel MHSS, Chennai

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF HOPE AND GOOD CHEER

While the pandemic is casting its gloom across the world, educators are doing their best to spread the sunshine of hope....

HELP CHILDREN UNLEASH THEIR POTENTIAL

Life is a pursuit where each one of us takes up the journey to explore different avenues and in the process, self-revelation happens. Let children indulge in what they are most passionate about. Open the doors to the vast horizon. Their passion will ensure that they will make wonders happen and emerge successful. The uniqueness of each one of us makes this world a beautiful place. Comparisons stymie children's talents. Allow children to gather knowledge as they please and they will begin to enjoy whatever they do and even study with satisfaction and joy.



Suma Paul, Principal, Assisi Vidyaniketan Public School, Ernakulam

INDIVIDUALITY MAKES US UNIQUE

Comparison as a tool to mark excellence not only fails miserably, but also backfires badly, when applied to human beings. Yet, we often see it being put to use. Siblings, classmates, colleagues, neighbours all fall prey to unfair comparison. We need to stop subjecting young minds to this juxtaposition. Let us instead encourage children to be themselves, to revel in their uniqueness. If God wanted comparison, He would have made clones. His job would have been so much easier. But He has made us like snowflakes, each with a unique design. Comparison deprives us of the joy of being ourselves. There is only one ME, that's reason enough to celebrate. Though comparison with the self is encouraged, that too can be detrimental at times. You are not the same person you were, you keep evolving, changing. Remember your life is a unique story, you are the author. Let your script be original, there are enough duplicates already. Personality flourishes when comparison ends. You are not me and I am not you, I am happy for you, just as you are for me.

Padmaja Limaye, teacher, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi, Navi Mumbai

EVERY ADVERSITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY

'Sweet are the uses of adversity,' wrote Shakespeare. Indeed, students must use this difficult time to upgrade their knowledge and skills. They may inculcate the habit of self-learning. Remember there is no 'lockdown' on imagination, creativity or innovation. It is only in such solitude that one can discover one's hidden potential. This is the time students must embark on developing their skills in whatever they are good at. And many have done that. This is also an opportunity to spend time with family members. Whether we do anything or not, time will pass. Days will turn into months and months to years. So, let us not waste any time. Let us accept the situation now and learn lessons of working and waiting.



Radhika Iyer, Director, Udgam School for Children, Ahmedabad

'Believe in yourself and success will be all yours'

■ Vidhi Chheda, Class X, Sister Nivedita School, Dombivli (East)

Understand, don't rote-learn

Read the textbooks thoroughly and highlight important points. Prepare flow charts and abbreviations for long answers. Focus on textbooks and not reference books.

Maintain consistency and stay motivated

Revise every day and take breaks when needed. For motivation, I always found strength in my past victories and learnt lessons from my failures.

Learn to work under pressure

Avoid thinking of Board exams as a burden. Don't get overwhelmed by expecta-



Vidhi Chheda



tions. Set daily targets and try to achieve them. Prioritise

Prioritise between tasks. Balance extracurricular activities with academics. Learn to manage time effectively.

Message to students

SCORE CARD

Sanskrit 99
Marathi 95
English 91
Science 98
Social Science 97
Maths 95
Total 485 + 15 marks for Kathak exams = 500
Percentage: 100

There is no substitute for hardwork. Work hard and you'll reap the sweet fruits of success. Don't be stressed by your problems. Instead, be led by your dreams.

Interview by Tejashree Sonawane, class XII, St Xavier's College, Mumbai

POSITIVE IMPACT OF BEING AT HOME

During these difficult times, we need to stay at home. Most governments globally have implemented lockdown, which is a great preventive measure. Most of the people are finding 'staying at home' unbearable, but there are many positive impacts of staying home that we tend to ignore. Staying at home has many unseen advantages that we could not have thought

of in our busy lives. First, we are getting ample family time. Second, we can focus on various tasks that we haven't looked at for a long time. Further, we can get in contact with our old friends and distant relatives over video and audio calls. Also, we can watch and enjoy movies, wedding albums, videos etc with our family. We can also focus on our physical and mental health by doing exercise and yoga.



SIDDHI CHOPRA, class VI, Cambridge International, DAV Pushpanjali, New Delhi

Express YOURSELF

LOVE THYSELF BECAUSE YOU'RE WORTH IT

Being bullied is, at times, really hard to handle. I have been bullied for many things in my life, such as for being weak in Maths, for being thin to the extent of being called skeleton or bamboo stick, but mostly I have been bullied for my hair: Just because the texture is not like the desired silky straight type as most of the girls have, many people used to make fun of my hair calling it a bird's nest, spider's web etc. I've even had someone say to me, "Your hair is blocking my view. I can't see what's behind you". My hair used to become a topic of discussion every time at parties, school and even functions. At one point of time I hesitated

to leave my hair open. I started straightening my hair regularly, used expensive strong serums and shampoos and in fact this damaged my hair more and made it look dull. Also, once out of anger, I cut my hair short but soon afterwards I realised that my hair is something which actually makes me unique. Even people on social media have been promoting natural looking hair in comparison to those

following the chemically-treated trend. When I stopped burning my hair with electric straighteners and started loving my natural hair texture, I felt the attitude of people around me change. They stopped criticising and even if some do, I have stopped caring as to what others think. I love myself the way I am, and that is what really matters.

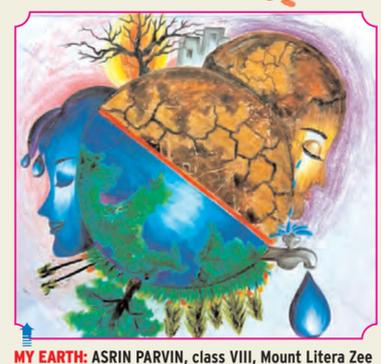
BHAVYA GULATI, class XII, Bhavana Vidyalaya, Panchkula

WISE SCIENTIST

You are wise and intelligent, You do a lot of research to find many medicines. To keep us safe and healthy and to help us live peacefully I will never forget the time and hours that you have spent for us You have inspired me to be wise today, tomorrow and forever I want to thank all of you For your sincere help during this tumultuous time Thank you for working hard during this quarantine.

MAHIMANITA, class X, Michael Job Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore

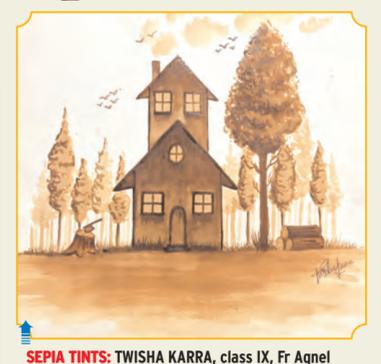
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MY EARTH: ASRIN PARVIN, class VIII, Mount Litera Zee School, Kolkata



COLOURS OF UNICORN: SAMADRITA MAITY, class VII, St Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore



SEPIA TINTS: TWISHA KARRA, class IX, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr College, Ambarnath (W)

Is Dhoni showing 'lack of intent'?

Former Indian opener Gautam Gambhir believes MS Dhoni should have batted at the top of the order during Chennai Super Kings' 16-run loss to Rajasthan Royals in their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 clash. Chasing 217 for the highest total chased in IPL history, Dhoni on Tuesday came to the

middle in the 14th over when CSK needed 103 off 38 balls. Faf du Plessis at the other end was struggling at that point. Sam Curran, Rituraj Gaikwad and Kedar Jadhav were sent ahead of Dhoni, who himself came in at number seven. "I was a bit surprised, to be honest. MS Dhoni batting at number seven? And sending Gaikwad before him, Sam Curran before him.

(It) makes no sense to me. In fact, you should be leading from the front. And this is not what you call leading from the front. Batting at number seven when you're chasing what 217? The game was over. Faf was probably the lone warrior," ESPNcricinfo quoted Gambhir as saying. **IANS**

It is MS Dhoni - probably (that's) why people don't talk about it. When you don't have Suresh Raina, you're making people believe that Sam Curran is better than you. You're making people believe that Rituraj Gaikwad, Curran, Kedar Jadhav, Faf du Plessis, M Vijay, all these guys are better than you.

Gautam Gambhir, former Indian opener

The three sixes that MS Dhoni hit in the last over made it feel like CSK came close to the target, but the reality was something different. In the middle, it looked like Dhoni wasn't even trying to chase the target, considering the number of dot balls he played.

Virender Sehwag, former India captain

It's not about experiments, saying 'oh it's early on in the tournament'. Let me tell you, T20 cricket can bite you very, very quickly. You can end up losing five games on the go very quickly and then you can end up thinking 'oh my goodness, are we actually going to get into the finals?'. I am not buying into this nonsense.

Kevin Pietersen, former England batsman

Relaxed Simona Halep heads into French Open as clear favourite



Simona Halep

Former champion Simona Halep arrives at the rescheduled French Open as the player to beat in a women's draw missing title holder Ashleigh Barty and recent US Open winner Naomi Osaka, two of the world's top three. Serena Williams can never be discounted as she launches another bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam singles crown, but Roland Garros is her least successful major despite her wins in 2002, 2013 and 2015. Garbine Muguruza is another contender while former world number one Victoria Azarenka is relying on her US Open final momentum. Last year's runner-up Marketa Vondrousova will again target a deep run in Paris.

I think she's going to be the (top) favourite in the women's tournament, because I think also the way she played, she already played (won) Prague on clay. She won this tournament. So I feel like she's confident. For sure she's going to be dangerous.

Karolina Pliskova, Czech tennis player

Luis Suarez joins Atletico Madrid from Barcelona

Atletico Madrid have signed striker Luis Suarez from Barcelona, the Spanish clubs said, bringing to an end his six-year stint at the Camp Nou. Barca's statement said Atletico will pay the Catalans six million euros (\$7 million) in bonus payments to sign the 33-year-old. The Uruguay striker, who is Barca's third all-time top scorer with 198 goals in all competitions, had a year left on his contract with the club.



Photo: REUTERS

Pollard only cricketer who might play 200 games for MI: Pandya



Photo: ANI

Don't judge Cummins just after one game, says KKR skipper Karthik

Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Dinesh Karthik finds it extremely "unfair" that his premier pacer Pat Cummins is being criticised after just one bad performance, that too when he played straight after completing his quarantine. The KKR skipper termed Cummins as a champion bowler who will eventually come good. "Just the fact that he is a world cham-

is looking forward to this competition and he is shaping up well and that's a good sign for KKR," he added. While someone like Andre Russell once again batted down the order at No 6, Karthik defended the decision, saying that it was more to do with keeping a left-right combination going. "I think it is a strategy because it is done universally only simply because it is not easy for a bowler



Pat Cummins

Photo: ANI

All eyes were on Cummins, this edition's highest paid overseas recruit and he was taken apart by Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma as he went for 49 runs in 3 overs during KKR's 49-run IPL defeat.

pion bowler, from whatever I have heard and seen he is one of the best going around in the world. I trust him and I'm sure, he will come good," said Karthik. Karthik also had a word of praise for young Shivam Mavi, who returned with figures of 2/32, with wickets of Rohit and Quinton de Kock. "Upfront he (Mavi) was very good. The poor guy missed out due to an injury last year and he

to bowl consistently to a left-hander and a right-hander (and) even if they get their line a little wrong, it could go for runs. Because we have the advantage of doing that, sometimes we tend to do that," he said. **PTI**

It is very unfair to judge him (Cummins) right now. He is just off quarantine, (it is) at 3.30/4.00 pm when he got permission to come and play the match itself. We are just happy to have him and I don't think this is a game where we need to judge him at all.

Dinesh Karthik, KKR skipper

I wish I had a go at bro: Tom

Tom Curran got his 2020 IPL adventure off to a flier, but bitterly regrets failing to smash brother Sam's bowling out of the ground. Normally team-mates, the Surrey and England duo became the first of siblings from these shores to face each other in the biggest T20 tournament in the world. Sam is turning out for Rajasthan Royals, while Tom has joined the three-time champions Chennai Super Kings for a tournament being played in



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

L-R: Sam Curran and Tom Curran

It was a strange feeling facing up against him. We've always just played together. The last ball I faced, he tried to bounce me, which was surprising.

Tom Curran

the UAE due to coronavirus. Tom, the older of the two by three years, came out on top in a 16-run win. "It was a strange feeling facing up against him," said Tom, 25. "We've always played together. The last ball I faced, he tried to bounce me, which was surprising. I wish I'd stood still because that was I reckon my chance to put him into the stands. I'd have liked to put him into the stands." **DAILY MIRROR**

Ambati Rayudu will miss one more game at worst: CSK CEO

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) skipper MS Dhoni badly missed the star player Ambati Rayudu during their second game against Rajasthan Royals at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium due to the latter's hamstring injury. But the batsman has been

recovering well and will miss probably one more game. Speaking to ANI, CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan said that there was no reason to worry as the batsman is recovering well and will need just one more game to be back in the playing XI.

Tiger Woods commits to defend title at Zozo Championship

Former world number one golfer Tiger Woods will defend his title at the Zozo Championship scheduled from October 22-25 at the Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, California. Earlier this month, PGA Tour and Zozo Inc. officials announced that the championship would not be played in Japan due to logistical issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

GEOGRAPHY QUIZ | Theme: Landforms

Write the name for each landform next to its description.

Peninsula, Basin, Channel, Coast, Continent, Fault, Glacier, Reef, Delta, Continental Shelf, Bay, Canyon, Mesa, Archipelago, Lake

Q1: A group of islands or a cluster of islands usually found in the open sea.

Q2: An area of land surrounded by higher portions of land

which drain into the center shallower part.

Q3: Usually smaller than a gulf, a bay is a body of water partly enclosed by land.

Q4: A narrow or deep valley with very steep sides.

Q5: A body of water that connects two larger bodies of water.

Q6: The area of land beside an ocean or sea.

Q7: The seven largest land masses on Earth.

Q8: Land formed by layers of sand, silts and small



rocks which flow downstream and are deposited at the mouth of the river.

Q9: The seabed that surrounds a continent.

Q10: A separation or crack in the layers of the Earth's crust caused by stress and movement of Earth's tectonic plates.

Q11: A large, long-lasting river of slow-moving ice on land.

Q12: A large body of water surrounded by land.

Q13: A land formation usually occurring in dry areas with a relatively flat top and steep rock walls.

Q14: A strip of land connected to a larger land mass and extends into a body of water.

Q15: A ridge of coral, rock, or sand at or near the surface of the water.

12. Lake, 13. Mesa, 14. Peninsula, 15. Reef, Delta, 9. Continental Shelf, 10. Fault, 11. Glacier, Canyon, 5. Channel, 6. Coast, 7. Continent, 8.

ANSWERS: 1. Archipelago, 2. Basin, 3. Bay, 4.