

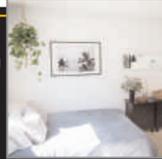


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STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

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Meet the first national online Spelling Bee champion

Arjun Narsimhan, a class VIII student from Gurugram's The Shri Ram School, is the winner of the first Collins National Online Spelling Bee competition. Arjun won the trophy by spelling out the word, 'excusable'. Suyash Manchali of class VI from MESKKPS, Bengaluru, was adjudged the first runners-up, while Marika Kiran, a class VI student of Villa Theresa High School, Mumbai, was declared the second runners-up.

YOUNG ACHIEVER

➤ The competition that took place on October 1 had three preliminary rounds of quizzes that tested the participants on their vocabulary, grammar and spelling skills. Nearly, 10,000 students participated in the competition

APPLE TO LAUNCH IPHONE 12 SERIES ON OCT 13

Ending a long wait, Apple is all set to lift off the curtains from its highly-anticipated and delayed iPhone 12 series during a digital event on October 13.

➤ Apple is expected to release four models of the iPhone 12 – the 5.4-inch iPhone 12 Mini, the 6.1-inch iPhone 12, the 6.1-inch iPhone 12 Pro and the 6.7-inch iPhone 12 Pro Max



TECH BUZZ

➤ Recently, it was revealed that the upcoming iPhone 12 could cost somewhere between \$699 to \$749, while the iPhone 12 Max could be priced around \$799-849 ➤ All the four iPhone models are expected to feature OLED displays and 5G support, according to foreign analysts

Astronomers have found a rogue planet, which has the same mass as our planet, Earth. It is currently adrift in the Milky Way, and is not a part of any star system

THE PLANET

➤ Called OGLE-2016-BLG-1928, it was discovered using the OGLE (Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment) collaboration and the KMTN (Korean Microlensing Telescope Network) collaboration.

➤ Microlensing is a kind of gravitational lensing, where the light originating from a background source like a star is bent by the gravitational field of a planet in the foreground or multiple images



Rogue Earth-like planet with similar mass found floating in Milky Way

WHAT ARE ROGUE PLANETS

➤ Rogue planets are homeless worlds. They have neither sunrises nor sunsets. These lonely worlds aren't tethered to a star. Instead, they travel in solitary arcs around the Milky Way's core

FEATURES

➤ Rogue planets are molten at the core, but frozen at the surface. There may also be oceans of liquid water in the zone between those extremes

HOW ARE THEY FORMED

➤ Planets are usually formed in protoplanetary

discs, which is a swirling flat disc of dust, rock, and gases that form around a star being born. However, according to astronomers, there are times when some low mass planets get ejected from their host star's gravitational control—very early in the planetary formation process—due to the high energy nature of planetary formation processes, leading them to float

in every galaxy. Scientists assume that there are many rogue planets in our Milky Way as well

SIGNIFICANCE

➤ According to astronomers, these planets could reveal more information about how planetary systems form and evolve over time. It is a challenge to spot rogue planets

(Source: NGC)

ENTERTAINMENT

James Bond film 'No Time To Die' release pushed again to 2021



The release of the James Bond film 'No Time To Die' has been delayed again, this time to 2021, because of the effects of Covid-19 on the theatrical business. MGM, Universal and Bond producers, Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said on Twitter that the 25th installment in the franchise will now open globally on April 2, 2021.

➤ 'No Time To Die' was originally supposed to open in April 2020 but was pushed back to Nov 12 in the UK and Nov 20 in the US. It was one of the first Hollywood films to abandon its release before cinemas in the US shut down in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic ➤ Some major releases are still planned for 2020. They include, 'Wonder Woman 1984', which was pushed back to Christmas after multiple delays, and Kenneth Branagh's mystery, 'Death on the Nile'. It is now set for December 18

NEWS IN CLUES

Which famous rock band was initially called the New Yardbirds?

CLUE 1: Formed in 1968 in London, the band received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005

CLUE 2: 'Count Physical Graffiti', 'Houses of the Holy' and 'Presence' are some of the hit albums of this band

CLUE 3: The group disbanded in 1980 after the drummer John Bonham died of asphyxia

ANSWER: LED ZEPPELIN. The British rock band won a long-running legal battle over the claims that it stole the opening guitar riff from its signature 1971 song, 'Stairway to Heaven'. The band had been accused in the six-year long case of lifting the riff – one of the best-known openings in rock music – from a song called 'Taurus', written by the late Randy Wolfe of the American band, 'Spirit'

NEWS IN BRIEF

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New Zealand's passport is now the most powerful in world

New Zealand now has the most-powerful passport in the world, according to a latest ranking. The country has knocked off Japan from the joint top position. India ranks 58th on the list.



➤ New Zealand has visa-free access to fewer countries than before, owing to the pandemic, but the rankings show that Kiwi passport holders have not been affected as badly by travel restrictions as other nationalities.

➤ At present, 129 countries are offering visa-free access to the Kiwis

Flowers are changing colour to save pollen from global warming, ozone depletion

Just like the animal kingdom, plants too adapt to the changing climate of the Earth. According to a latest study, plants are altering ultraviolet (UV) pigments in their petals, and are essentially changing their colours in response to climate change.

NATURE-O-MAGIC

➤ The study that examined a total of 1,238 flowers from 42 different species from different locations, dating back to 1941, found that over the past 75 years, flowers have evolved to alter the UV pigments in their petals in response to the rising temperatures as well as the declining ozone layer of the Earth

➤ The scientists found that the pigment in flowers increased at an average of 2% per year from 1941 to 2017 at all the locations. These changes, however, were found to be different across different species



Spotlight

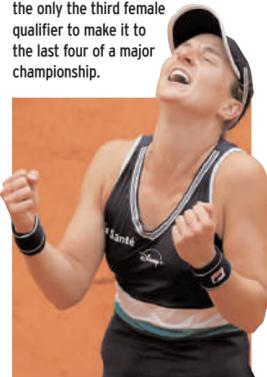
Charpentier and Doudna win 2020 Nobel Prize in chemistry



Scientists Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna have won the 2020 Nobel Prize for chemistry for the development of a method for genome editing. "This technology has had a revolutionary impact on the life sciences, is contributing to new cancer therapies, and may make the dream of curing inherited diseases come true," the award committee said.

NADIA PODOROSKA

Argentina's Nadia Podoroska became the first qualifier in the Open era to reach the women's singles semi-finals at Roland Garros after stunning third seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine 6-2, 6-4. The World No. 131 had never won a Grand Slam main draw match before the tournament, and is the only third female qualifier to make it to the last four of a major championship.



JUST LIKE THAT



Our new 'Quad Lock'

AN 'AWE WALK' might do wonders to your well-being

Consciously watching for small wonders in the world around you during an otherwise ordinary walk could amplify the mental health benefits of the stroll, according to a new psychological study, of what the study's authors call, "awe walks." In the study, people who took a fresh look at the objects, moments and vistas that surrounded them during brief, weekly walks, felt more upbeat and hopeful in general than the walkers, who did not. The findings are subjective but indicate that awe walks could be a simple way to combat malaise and worry. They also underscore that how we think and feel during exercise can actually change how the exercise alters us.



1 A somewhat nebulous emotion, awe is defined as the sense that you are in the presence of something larger and more consequential than yourself, and which is mysterious and ineffable

2 Feeling a sense of awe also seems to up our overall feelings of gladness and improve health, feel scientists

HAVE FUN, BE SENSITIVE: AAMIR

Aamir Khan, one of the top actors of India, has had his share of successes and failures as an actor. Sharing his journey as an actor in an address to the students of Bennett university recently, Aamir likened his career to being stuck in quicksand after his films flopped soon after the release of blockbuster 'Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak'. "After

'Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak', I signed about eight or nine films on the basis of stories, as the directors were all new and unknown at that time. These films started bombing and I was called a 'one film wonder' by the media. My career was sinking. It felt like I was in a quicksand. I was very unhappy. I used to come home and cry," he told the students.

“Touch people's hearts, make them happy... the moments that we have given to people is something that we can leave behind”
Aamir Khan's message to the students



EXPERT COLUMN

How to write spy fiction

by Dr Apeksha Rao



While you must include serious spy craft in your book, you can take the liberty of being as adventurous as you like with things like gadgets and missions...

Dr Apeksha Rao is the author of 'Along Came A Spyder'. The book, touted as India's first young adult spy fiction is about a teen spy, Samira Joshi, whose family of RAW agents want her to be a doctor. But she (obviously) wants to be a detective. In this column, she explains how she came to write in this genre and shares the best lessons that will help you write your own.

My biggest and most enduring teenage fantasy was to be a spy

The logistics of a teenager being an undercover covert operative didn't faze me, for I was wrapped up in a world of disguises, coded messages and secret doorways and passages, thanks to 'Nancy Drew' and 'The Hardy Boys'. When I grew up, I was drawn deeper into the world of international espionage through the books of spy fiction stalwarts such as Ken Follet, John le Carré, Frederick Forsyth and Stella Rimington. To my delight, I discovered a separate genre of young adult spy fiction, which successfully blended teenage sarcasm and angst with spy craft. Ally Carter, Robin Benway, Robert Muchamore and Anthony Horowitz took this genre to another level. After being on such a steady diet of spy fic-

tion, it was hardly surprising that my first foray into writing should be in the same genre. It took me two years to write my first book, and here's what I learned along the way.

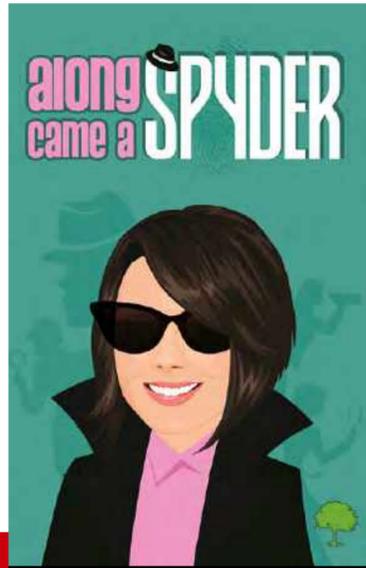
Three tips to write exciting spy fiction

READ: This one might seem like a doozy, but it needs to be stated. As regards writing in any genre, you need to read a lot of great spy fiction, before you start writing one. The adage, "Read a thousand books before you write one," certainly holds true for this genre. Not only do you get a feel of the genre, but you also know what standards you should aspire to.

RESEARCH: Do your homework. Read up on history as well as current affairs. Read as

READERS CAN

- 1) Write a work of spy-fiction under 300 words and send us on timesnie175@gmail.com. Subject line must be 'I wrote my spy fiction'. The best one will be featured on www.toistudent.com - Bookmark section.
- 2) Have a favourite literary crime solver/detective? Illustrate one and tell your folks to upload it on their social media on FB and/or Twitter and tag us with the line 'Hey @TOIstudent, I made art!' Include your name, class, school and email for sure.



THE ITSY BITSY SPYDER



many books as you can about the various Intelligence agencies, their relationships and politics. Read accounts by former spies. There are some excellent books that tell you all you need to know about RAW, MOSSAD, the CIA and so on. Read them all.

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD: This is the most important bit, like say, if you're writing about a secret sisterhood of teen spies, as I did in my debut novel, 'Along Came A Spyder'. Make it as fun, slick and exciting as you can.

As always, while writing any story, you're limited only by your imagination.

#trending

Beat the nip in the air by giving your home a hygge makeover



If your solution to the dropping temperature has been to layer up and look like an eskimo, how about making a few changes to your home decor for a warm and cosy feel?

Curtains and rugs can do the trick

Abhinayah Sundaramoorthy, co-founder of a Bengaluru-based home decor brand says, "With the weather changing, the demand for curtains, rugs and cushion covers has gone up. People are increasingly making changes to their homes according to the season. Adding different-shaped cushions and a throw, in addition to changing your curtains will instantly convert your living area. Similarly for your bedroom, you can use layers, by adding rugs and throws and have a side table with fairy lights or candles," says Abhinayah.



Makeover with jugs, mugs

The key to get hygge right is to make small changes. "I place pine cones on my table or tie them on my plants with a jute rope," says Seema.

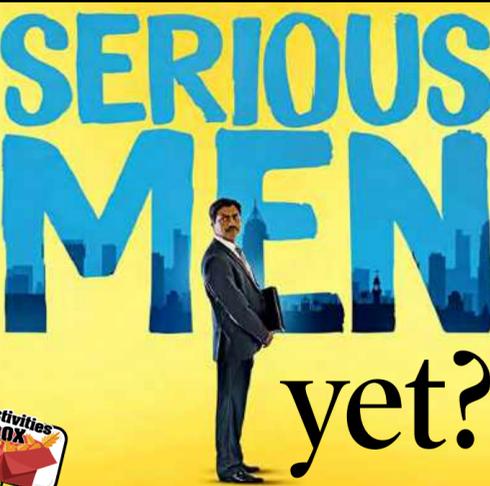
Bring out the candles

Interior decorator and decor blogger Preethi Prabhu says that the coming

TURN YOUR HOME INTO A HYGGE DEN

- Introduce warm lights like fairy lights and candles. Avoid tubelights at all cost
- Have autumn elements like twigs and pine cones
- Place rugs and throws around the house
- Include patterns like checks and aromas of cinnamon and vanilla through diffusers and candles
- Bring in colours like mustard, rust and ochre
- Add plants or even dry twigs or branches into your rooms

Have you watched



WHY YOU SHOULD WATCH IT ?

'Serious Men' is a subtle critique of the Indian education system and questions many deeply rooted vices of the Indian society. It shows the difference between haves and havenots and how education is the most unaffordable commodity if your means are limited.

REFLECT

- Understand the meaning of privilege and learn to respect it.
- Know that being a 'genius child' is not the solution to societal ills.
- Realise that lies can be harmful.
- Learn to respect one and all irrespective of their social status.

Send us your review of the film on timesnie175@gmail.com



QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Punjab and Haryana High Court started its first virtual court through video conferencing in _____.

- A. Panipat B. Rohtak C. Hisar D. Faridabad

Q.2) _____ has unveiled new missile defence system 'Bavar-373'.

- A. China B. Russia C. Iran D. Israel

Q.3) Who has been appointed as Cabinet Secretary recently?

- A. Rajiv Gauba B. Sachin Tanwar C. Arun Lal D. Vivek Bansa

Q.4) Who was appointed as the head coach of Bangladesh Cricket Team?

- A. Mashrafe Mortaza B. Russell Domingo C. Gary Kirsten D. Russell Domingo



ANSWERS

1. D) Faridabad 2. C) Iran 3. A) Rajiv Gauba 4. D) Russell Domingo

GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

DIDACTIC/PEDANTIC

THE RULES:

- "Didactic" teaches a lesson.
- "Pedantic" just shows off the facts.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- As a pedantic and elegiac poet, Stephen Kohari is much esteemed.
- Its touch on classical mythology is original, rarely imitative or didactic.

HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

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IDIOM OF THE DAY

ALL BARK AND NO BITE

Meaning: When someone is threatening and/or aggressive but not willing to engage in a fight.

KNOWLEDGE BANK (FUN FACTS)



The Space Needle

The Space Needle is an observation tower in Seattle, Washington, US. Once the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River, it is built to withstand winds of up to 200 mph (320 km/h) and earthquakes of up to 9.0 magnitude, as strong as the massive 1700 Cascadia earthquake. It also has 25 lightning rods. The Space Needle has an observation deck and the rotating SkyCity restaurant (currently closed).

WORD WISE

Assiduous: (adj) Constant in application or effort; working diligently at a task; persevering; industrious; attentive.

Synonymous words: Diligent, exacting, laborious, scrupulous, zealous, active, attentive, busy, constant, perseverance, steady, studious, etc.

Examples: Seema is considered to be a

very assiduous student. There has been some assiduous work of the political establishment too.

As an intern at The Nation in 1989, Ronald was amiable and assiduous in his work. The team members were assiduous in their search for all the latest facts and figures on the project.

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 toinie175@gmail.com



CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1. A salesman sold twice as much pears in the afternoon than in the morning. If he sold 360 kilograms of pears that day, how many kilograms did he sell in the morning and how many in the afternoon?
A. 267 kg B. 240 kg C. 440 kg D. 340 kg

2. Mary, Peter, and Lucy were picking chestnuts. Mary picked twice as much chestnuts than Peter. Lucy picked 2 kg more than Peter. Together the three of them picked 26 kg of chestnuts. How many kilograms did each of them pick?

A. 6, 12, and 8 kg
B. 6, 22, and 9 kg
C. 3, 13, and 1 kg
D. 5, 14, and 10 kg
3. A student chose a number, multiplied it by 2, then subtracted 138 from the result and got 102. What was the number he chose?
A. 160 B. 120 C. 190 D. 420

ANSWERS: 1. 240 kg 2. 6, 12, and 8 kg 3. 120

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION



Kendriya Vidyalaya, ONGC Panvel

KV ONGC celebrated the 151st Birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. On this auspicious of Gandhi Jayanti Senior (PGT, Hindi) Nirmala Singh pays the tribute to the father of the nation and the 2nd Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri by garlanding the portraits in the virtual presence of respected principal Sohan Lal and online cultural programme was on the theme 'Non-Violence' depicting the life

of the great man who lived on the principles of ahimsa and non-violence. An exceptionally amazing Fancy Dress competition was presented by the students of primary section. Later a speech was presented by a student as to why Gandhiji choose to follow the path of ahimsa and non-violence to fight against the British Empire by throwing light on the philosophical and pragmatic ideals of Gandhiji. In the end, principal Sohan Lal highlighted how Gandhiji and Shastri's teachings are still relevant. The school also organized virtual plogging run for 2km on this occasion under Fit India Campaign.

Guardian High School & Jr. College, Dombivli

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2nd October to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. From 2007 it is also celebrated as 'International non-violence day'. This year it is the 151st birth anniversary of the Father of the nation and 104th birthday of Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Students of Guardian High School & Jr. College are also the followers his principles and celebrate his birthday by implementing them. Last year, their students went out and raised their voice on social issues "the worst condition on Dombivli roads" through street play. And they have got a huge response. From street to virtual this year too their students blared on the issue on clean India "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan."

The event was started with a speech of their Sr. Counsellor, Usha Borse, "I am proud to take birth on the land where Gandhiji was born. His principles appears easy to follow but its implementation is very difficult." She said. She



pointed out at few of his principles like truth, non-violence, simplicity, equality and appealed that these are essential for current generation to follow. She also said that these principles really need valour to follow. She expressed how few of his ideologies can be instigated by all the student fraternity. Gandhian ideologies like decentralisation is still followed in the country. Skill India, Swachh Bharat came out

from his doctrines. His philosophies influenced mankind all over the world and hence Global Gandhi solar power was inaugurated by USA and July 4, Prime Minister of India inaugurated Gandhi solar park with 193 solar panels. She concluded by stating Gandhiji is a visionary and we are following him. And that is why Rabindranath Tagore called him a "Mahatma"

Headmistress, Jyothi Menon narrated his quotes "Be the change you want to see the world." She said that we should not only remind it but one should implement it and one must be role model.

A virtual street play was presented where student raised issues on the adverse effects of using plastic, throwing trash on public places ruining monuments etc. They also educated the onlookers to separate wet and dry waste so that wet waste can be used for making compost.

At the conclusion of the event the college coordinator Dr Sobhana Nair appreciated students' hard work in bringing success to the event and spoke few words about Gandhiji.

DAV Public School, Nerul

Gandhi Jayanti was virtually celebrated in numerous innovative ways by the students and teachers of DAV Public School, Nerul with fervour and enthusias. Through various presentations the teachers stressed on the Gandhian values of speak no evil, hear no evil and see no evil. The children were



told about the relevance of Gandhi Jayanti celebration and how Gandhiji played an important role in the Indian Independence struggle.

The students of the Pre-Primary Section participated in a variety of interesting activities. The little ones of the Nursery Section made spinning wheels using sticks, buttons and cotton. Cutouts of Gandhiji were crafted by the students of Junior KG. and the students of Senior KG created their own pen stands with a message that reflected the values embodied by Gandhiji's 3 monkeys, students of primary and secondary section had poster making on Gandhian principles and his life.



Winners of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (poster making competition) on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Mary Immaculate Girls High School, Kalina, Santa Cruz

Harmony International School, Kharghar

Virtual 151st Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated by Harmony International School, Kharghar on 2nd October. The programme started with a meaningful prayer in the form of Sarva Dharma Prathna. As the pioneer of truth and non violence Gandhiji said "The need of the moment is not one religion but mutual respect and tolerance of different religions" was depicted by the beautiful song sung by the students to dedicate the value of non-violence followed by the reflection of Gandhiji ji's portrayal in a skit. The



very positive impact on the students. The entire school seemed to feel the essence of Gandhiji ji's presence.

Vivekanand English High School, Kurla

"Peace is the most powerful weapon of mankind. It takes more courage to take a blow than to give one."

~ Mahatma Gandhi.

To commemorate the 151 birth anniversary of the father of our nation - Mahatma Gandhi and to inculcate the nobles task of worshipping beauty in the form of cleanliness, Vivekanand English High School, Kurla celebrated 'Cleanliness Drive', on account of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday in school on 1st October through Virtual This day is celebrated to remember his teaching and values which he contributed to the society, and to understand the sacrifices he made for the freedom of our country by arranging different struggle movements.

The spirit of celebration was high and this pandemic did not dampen the enthusiasm of students. A special speech with Gandhiji's quotes and messages left everyone in awe.

To make the celebration more interesting different activities were organised for students; class V - VI participated in Drawing Competition with

theme: Swach Bharat Abhiyan, class VII - VIII students had the activity of Poster making with Slogan Writing and the students of IX - X participated in Digital Slogan writing and Declamation Competition. The day was filled with an array of activities



for students. All the activities were designed keeping in mind Gandhiji and his teachings.

The school principal Dr. Asha Binukumar spread the message of endurance, peace, harmony and expressed her gratitude to Gandhiji for giving us the powerful tool of non-violence. Students also promised to abide by the campaign- 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' with the pledge to keep School, home and city clean.

Guru Nanak Mission High School, Andheri East

The students of Guru Nanak Mission High School celebrated the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi online with great zeal and enthusiasm. To commemorate the occasion the school

held various activities for the students class wise. Different topics were given to the classes which included essay writing, slogan writing drawing, sketching, and online speeches based on the ideologies of Gandhiji. The students had a splendid time and showed their talents to make the celebration a success.



Smt R N Sheth Vidyamandir, Andheri East

2nd October, an auspicious day that commemorates the birth anniversary of two great leaders, Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri was celebrated with same devotion and fervour as any other year. Celebrating the occasion virtually did not deter the enthusiasm of the students. In fact, students participated in the celebration in large numbers.

To revere the day and the doctrines of the great leaders, a series of programmes according to the grade of students were arranged by the school. Students presented speeches and one-acts on theme "My life is my message" and "Jai jawan; Jai kissan". Students rendition of Gandhiji's favourite bhajans were mesmerising. Gandhiji's and Shastriji's ideals were depicted through Slogan-making, Poster-making and Drawing activities. Students of grade 5 and 6 in DIY activities made Gandhiji's specs, stick, charkha, three monkeys, etc. A number of PPTs



were also made highlighting the work of these two great heroes.

Narayana- E- Techno school, Andheri East

Today on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, we at Narayana gathered a huge number of students from grade 1-5 for the celebrations. Children were busy in poster making of Mahatma Gandhi, Charaka making using popsicles, paintings of India's situation during Independence day, famous quotes of Gandhiji, Swachh Bharat creative arts and many more to pen. The most eye catching activity of the day was creating a broom out of coconut leaves. As the teacher taught them how

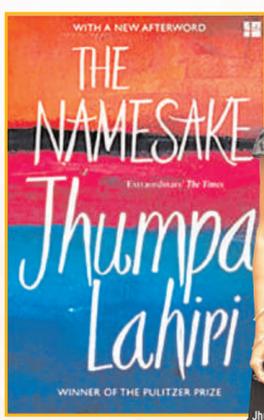


upcoming youth to create a broom out of waste. This made the children learn how important it is to use our minds and keep our country clean and safe. Activities conducted in e-champs grade 1-5

Celebrating Gandhi Jayanti By making charkha model, posters, broom making out of coconut leaves and the significance of bura mat bolo, bura mat suno, bura maat dekho was displayed through their posters.

On the whole, it was an amazing day for all the young minds to showcase their creativity and indulge themselves into showing of oneness together.

BOOK REVIEW: THE NAMESAKE BY JHUMPA LAHIRI



Gogol, a boy with a peculiar name is named after his father's favourite author. Gogol wants to be free from the awkwardness of his name, start afresh and live a life as different from those

of his parents as possible. He wants to start afresh and detach from his roots. On his journey, he sets out to carve a new identity for himself. But one's identity depends on much more than a name. The story is poignant and emphatic. The author has an eye for detail. This beautiful novel is at once cathartic and reminds one of home.

Tejashree Sonawane, class XII, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai

W E E K E N D P L A N

After a hectic week of online classes and assignments, weekends are two days of pure bliss. To enjoy these precious days of relaxation, the first thing that you can do is a digital detox. Close your laptops, leave your phones on silent, and maintain a "safe distance" from your TV. Go read a book, watch the sunset, play indoor games with your family and maybe even learn to cook up a feast! The best thing that will help rejuvenate and prepare you for the next week is sufficient rest, both for your mind and body! One way you can do this is through baking. Baking is not only a recreational activity that fills your kitchen with the smells of warm cinnamon and flour, but it also leaves you with a satisfying and yummy treat to enjoy! So get those pots and pans and bake your way through the weekend!

Samyukta Sivakumar, class XI,
Ryan International School, Kandivali (East)

A look at the statistics of the previous IPL seasons show that two of the top three all-time wicket-takers are leg-spinners. So, it should not come as a surprise that leggies have become the most trusted lot in the T20 format, and IPL in particular

LEGGIES are ruling the ROOST

YUZVENDRA CHAHAL (RCB)

Attacking leg spinner Chahal has the knack of picking wickets at regular intervals. With 8 wickets in 5 matches backed by economy rate of 7.57, he leads the leggie race in IPL 2020. "Not many other spinners got too much out of the pitch, but Chahal has showed that if you have skill in the wrist, you can get purchase on any track," said Virat Kohli.

Mat-5 Wkts-8
Econ 7.57
BF 3/18



It is simple. If the ground is big, the bowler tends to take more risks. If I am bowling knowing the boundaries are bigger, then I will try to tempt the batsman more and use variations in pace with confidence. When the batsman sees the flight and variation in pace, he gets confused and commits a mistake. Narendra Hirwani, former leg-spinner

RASHID KHAN (SRH)

He enjoys the best bowling economy of 6.55 at an average of 21.69 in IPL. "My focus is on bowling economically. It helps bowlers on the other end take wickets," Rashid said. Former cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra says, "His (Rashid) biggest strength lies in bowling quickly through the air and accurate googly."

Mat 5 Wkts 5
Econ 5.20
BF 3/14



RAHUL CHAHAR (MI)

The youngster has loads of talent and has been used by MI captain Rohit Sharma to great effect in powerplays. His 2/26 against Kings XI Punjab deserves a special mention as he uprooted crucial wickets of KL Rahul and Glenn Maxwell. His leg break googly has come in handy for MI's spin attack. Rahul grabbed 22 wickets in as many matches in IPL so far.

Mat-6 Wkts-7
Econ 7.95
BF 2/26

PIYUSH CHAWLA (CSK)

Piyush Chawla's crafty control over the ball gives him an edge over batsmen. His vast IPL career is laced with 156 wickets in 162 matches with an economy rate of 7.85, proving his potential as a leg spinner. Chawla, roped in by CSK for a whopping ₹6 crore, has a unique record of bowling more than 1000 dot balls in his KKR career.

Mat 5 Wkts 6
Econ 8.88
BF 2/33



On certain grounds, the role of spinners will be really big. In a place like Abu Dhabi, spinners have traditionally played a big role, it is a bigger ground and spinners come into equation. But it probably doesn't spin as much as it does in Dubai and Sharjah.

Mike Hesson, RCB's Director of Cricket

Ponting terms Rabada 'one of the best T20 bowlers in the world'



Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting praised team's Kagiso Rabada saying that the South African pacer is "one of the best T20 bowlers in the world". Rabada put out an impressive show during Delhi Capitals' 59-run win against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Monday. The pacer picked four wickets to help his side defend a target of 197 runs.

@KagisoRabada25's start this season is great reward for his work, one of the best T20 bowlers in the world. Holding RCB to 137 given their power was pleasing, building off the work of our batsmen who set things up. Couple of days now to reset before looking ahead to Rajasthan.

Ricky Ponting, DC head coach



KL Rahul shouldn't be bothered with wicketkeeping in Indian squad: Lara



Diego Schwartzman grinds down Dominic Thiem



HIGHLIGHTS

Nadia Podoroska entered semi-finals by beating Elina Svitolina 6-2, 6-4.

Rafael Nadal entered semifinals as he overpowered Jannik Sinner 7-6(4) 6-4 6-1.

Polish teenager Iga Swiatek humbled Martina Trevisan 6-3 6-1 to enter semis.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

GK QUIZ | Theme: Mountains, peaks and waterfalls

Q1. Which one of the following is the second tallest mountain in the world?

- a) K2 b) Lhotse
c) Kangchenjunga d) Mount Everest

Q2. Which one of these mountains is also known as Sagarmatha in its home country?

- a) Mount Everest b) K2
c) Manaslu d) Dhaulagiri

Q3. Which one of the following mountains is also known as Mount Godwin-Austen?

- a) Himalchuli b) Mount Everest
c) Nanga Parbat d) Mount K2

Q4. The ninth highest mountain in the world, Nanga Parbat is located in which country?

- a) Pakistan b) India c) Nepal
d) Afghanistan

Q5. The name of the world's third tallest mountain is...

- a) Kangchenjunga b) Lhotse
c) Cho Oyu d) Makalu

Q6. Which of these mountains has the highest altitude, above mean sea level?

- a) Kangchenjunga b) Mount Everest
c) K2 d) Lhotse

Q7. Mount Everest is located in which country?

- a) On border between Nepal and China
b) On border between Nepal and India
c) On border between India and China
d) None of these



Q8. Dudhsagar falls is located in which of the following states in India?

- a) Kerala b) Goa
c) Karnataka d) Madhya Pradesh

Q9. Which continent hosts the Atlas Mountains?

- a) Africa b) Europe c) Asia
d) Australia

Q10. The highest waterfall in the world is?

- a) Tugela b) Angel
c) Cuquenan d) Takkakaw

Q11. Virginia Falls is located in which country?

- a) Norway b) Italy
c) Canada d) Mexico

Q12. Nevada Falls is located in which country?

- a) Guyana b) India c) the USA
d) Italy

Q13. Jog Falls are located in which of the following states in India?

- a) Kerala b) Manipur c) Meghalaya
d) Karnataka

Q14. Where is Niagara Falls located?

- a) On the border between Canada and the USA
b) On the border between India and China
c) On the border between India and Pakistan
d) On the border between India and Nepal

ANSWERS: 1 a) K2 2 a) Mount Everest 3 d) Mount K2 4 a) Pakistan 5 a) Kangchenjunga 6 b) Mount Everest 7 a) On border between Nepal and China 8 b) Goa 9 a) Africa 10 b) Angel 11 c) Canada 12 c) the USA 13 d) Karnataka 14 a) On the border between Canada and the USA