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We are ultimately one world and we can only win together – that's what this virus has taught us. We will, as countries, have to work hard to boost consumption, bring in infrastructure development to create jobs, and find solutions to revive industries and sectors that are in deep depression. - **RATAN TATA**, chairman emeritus, Tata Sons



4 THINGS INDIA NEEDS TO KEEP IN MIND AS IT ENTERS 2021

The year 2020 will go down in history as the most-unprecedented year this planet has ever seen. Business magnate Ratan Tata shares his 4-point guide on how to handle 2021

Gender equality will be critical for progress. Women will rise up but we have to understand, if we have the ecosystem to allow them to flourish

2 THERE IS A LARGE POWER THAT GOVERNS US. LET'S LEARN TO LIVE WITH HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE, AS LIFE IS UNCERTAIN. We must do our best to keep ourselves safe by co-creating solutions that address all humankind. As we go through the economic cycle, it will be important for us to remind ourselves of the migrant labourers, who paid heavily with the loss of lives and livelihoods during the early days at the start of the pandemic. This is because they had no choice. The one thing they do have, which we as a country must recognise, protect and value, is their skills, which no one else could replace in their absence. If we build an ecosystem that can protect and grow this community based on their skills, we will emerge prosperous as a nation.

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3 TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFORMING THE WAY WE EAT, LIVE, LEARN AND PLAY – LET US BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO EMBRACE IT AND FIND SOLUTIONS COLLECTIVELY THROUGH COLLABORATION. Innovation and ideas to solve have always been intrinsic to India. However, we just don't have the capacity or intent to fund it from within the country. Most innovators had to look to the West or East for investment or acknowledgement. Dr. Amar Bose, who was renowned for the Bose brand of audio equipment, became a world phenomenon. He used his knowledge and tech expertise to create many solutions for different sectors. For 20 years, he worked hard to create one of the best suspension systems for cars. When most cars find it hard to navigate through Indian road conditions, here was a car invented by Dr. Bose that sailed through with utmost comfort to the passenger. This invention unfortunately never saw the light of day. Many such Amar Boses exist in India. We need to find them, support them and build them to grow into businesses of the future. That's when India will unlock its latent potential. We are on the threshold of innovation through technology. Artificial intelligence, machine learning and other such new-age technologies will change the way we operate today and forever.

4 To be part of this high world transformation that is happening around us, we need to foster a **CULTURE OF INNOVATION** that converges with the right investment without fear of failure.

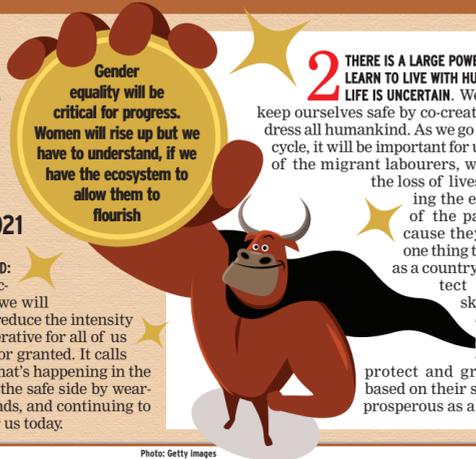


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2 OF 15 MOST-DESTRUCTIVE 2020 CLIMATE DISASTERS IMPACTED INDIA: REPORT

A new global report in its analysis of 15 most-destructive climate disasters of 2020 has found that nine of these extreme events, including two in India, caused damage worth at least \$5 billion. Though hurricanes in the US and central American countries turned out to be the most-expensive (\$41 billion), floods in India during June-October period caused the loss of highest number of human lives.

ENVIRONMENT



India's floods, which killed 2,067, caused loss of more human lives than casualties in all other 14 destructive climate disasters put together. Floods in Pakistan, which claimed 410 lives figured at the second spot, followed by the US and central American countries (400 lives lost in hurricanes) at the third position on the list of 15

Seven-year-old boy is a sensation on UGANDAN AVIATION SCENE

A 7-year-old Ugandan boy has become a sensation in his country with his precocious display of aircraft knowledge and budding flying skills. **Graham Shema** has flown as a trainee three times on a Cessna 172. He flew three times as co-pilot between January and March before the pandemic stopped him from flying. He has since been focusing on aviation theory, and immersing himself in videos about aviation and space exploration on his virtual reality viewer. A lover of math and science, Shema wants to be a pilot and an astronaut and someday travel to Mars.

YOUNG SENSATION



Shema recently impressed his instructor at the Uganda's Entebbe International Airport, when he was asked to explain how the engines worked on a Bombardier CRJ9000 plane parked on the tarmac. His curiosity for flight was piqued by a freak incident. When

he was 3 years old, a police helicopter flew so low to the ground that it blew off the roof of his grandmother's house on the outskirts of the Ugandan capital Kampala, while he was playing outside. "It triggered a curiosity on his mind about aeroplanes," said his mother.



SOLAR ORBITER MAKES ITS FIRST VENUS FLYBY

The joint US-European Solar Orbiter spacecraft has completed its first of the many gravity assist flybys of Venus to get closer to the sun. It also tilted its orbit to observe our star from different perspectives. The probe, launched in February to study the sun, aims to perform unprecedented close-up observations of the sun and investigate the sun-Earth connection.

Initially, the spacecraft, which will be confined to the same plane as the planets, will make its first solar pass at 17 degree of inclination by 2025, increasing to 33 degree by the end of the decade

CHRISTMAS TREES STAY GREEN BECAUSE OF PHOTOSYNTHETIC SHORTCUT



Scientists have deciphered that a shortcut in the photosynthetic machinery allows the needles of Christmas trees to stay green. According to them, the photosynthetic apparatus is wired in a special way which allows pine needles to stay green all year long. The study was done with pine trees, but the researchers believe that the mechanism is probably similar for other conifer species, like the typical Christmas trees spruces and firs, because their photosynthetic apparatus is similar.

DID YOU KNOW?

In winter, the light energy is absorbed by the green chlorophyll molecules but cannot be utilised by the downstream reactions in the photosynthetic machinery, as freezing temperatures stop most of the biochemical reactions. In spring, the temp can still be very low, but sunlight is already strong, which can damage the photosynthetic machinery

VIRAT KOHLI: ICC CRICKETER OF THE DECADE

The Indian captain has grabbed the International Cricket Council's (ICC) top honours for the decade, winning the Sir Garfield Sobers award for the best male cricketer of the decade, beating the likes of R Ashwin, Joe Root, Kumar Sangakkara, Steve Smith, Ab de Villiers and Kane Williamson. The 32-year-old was also named the ODI Cricketer of the Decade. He is the only player with 10,000-plus ODI runs in the ICC Awards period-39 centuries, 48 fifties, 61.83 average and 112 catches, the ICC tweeted.



Australian batting mainstay Steve Smith and Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan were named the Test Cricketer of the Decade and T20 Cricketer of the Decade, respectively. Australia's Elysse Perry swept the women's awards, securing the ICC Female Cricketer of the Decade honours alongside ODI and T20 Cricketers of the Decade awards

FACTOID

\$16.7 MN

The box office collection of 'Wonder Woman 1984' over the Christmas weekend- the best box office debut of the pandemic, according to studio estimates Sunday. Last year, 'Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker' exceeded \$32 million on Christmas Day alone. According to data firm Comscore, 35% of North American theatres are currently open

WORK THAT BAFTA PLANS TO DO IN INDIA FAR BEYOND BOLLYWOOD: AR Rahman



Oscar and Grammy-winning composer AR Rahman said, the work that BAFTA plans to do in India with the Breakthrough Initiative will have a wide impact far beyond Bollywood. "BAFTA and I share the passion for discovering and nurturing new talent and this association with them is a natural fit because of this shared vision," Rahman said. Rahman has been roped in as the ambassador of the BAFTA Breakthrough initiative in India.

ENTERTAINMENT

The beauty of Indian cinema lies in the diversity of its various film industries. This initiative will be looking for talent across every corner of the Indian film, games and television industries that we can showcase to the world -AR RAHMAN

COVID-19: OXFORD VACCINE MAY GET NOD IN A FEW DAYS

India is likely to see the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine being approved for emergency use in the next few days, as the updated data submitted by Serum Institute of India (SII) appears "satisfactory", top government sources said.

Once evaluation of data is complete, the regulator may not wait for the vaccine to get approval from the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).



The government plans to inoculate around 30 crore "priority" population in the first phase of the vaccination drive that is expected to roll out in the first week of January and end latest by July. This will include healthcare and frontline workers and those at higher risk of infection, such as people over 50 years of age and others below 50 years but with severe comorbidities that can lower immunity and increase chances of death due to Covid-19 infection

History tells us that this will not be the last pandemic, and epidemics are a fact of life. But with investments in public health, supported by an all-of-government, all-of-society, one health approach, we can ensure that our children and their children inherit a safer, more-resilient and a more-sustainable world. As we strive to control and recover from the current pandemic, we must think about the next. Unfortunately, it is easy to imagine a virus just as infectious but even more lethal. Preparedness is a sound investment, costing far less than emergency expenditures. Societies need stronger health systems, including universal health coverage. People and families need more social protection.

ANTONIO GUTERRES, secretary general, UN

Quote unquote



Plan your stay-at-home NEW YEAR PARTY

With the on-going pandemic and night curfew imposed in several cities, an intimate gathering at home seems like the ideal way to ring in the New Year. Even if it's a small get-together, create a customised e-invite, add some glitz to it and we are set to rock and roll...

CREATE CURIOSITY
Let your friends know that your place is the place to be! Even if it's a small get-together, create a customised e-invite with some fun pictures and creative lines.

BUILD YOUR MINI HOSPITALITY TEAM
Some friends might like to play an active role at the party. Harness this impulse to your advantage and create a mini hospitality team. This idea is great when you have more guests. Give each friend someone to meet or to take care of. Friends who are shy or find it difficult to mingle easily can help prep for the party, clear plates, help you serve, decorate home, or be in charge of distributing props.

BE A ROCKING DJ
An infectious playlist is an express ticket to a stellar party. Start off with tracks you can sing along to. Next, you need some songs that will make you dance. Thirdly, mix in a few mellow tracks - everyone needs a breather and you don't want to spend the entire night singing and dancing your heart out.




Should you wear a FACE MASK at home?



Mask can cut down the risk of infection by 50%
Living in a pandemic has taught us two great lessons - wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing are the only things that can protect us from the highly contagious coronavirus. Whenever we are outdoors, it is recommended to put on the mask. This can actually help to cut down the risk of infection by almost 50 per cent. But what about when you are at home surrounded by friends and family? Is it equally important to don a mask at home in such circumstances?

That's because you and your family members might have been taking all the necessary precautions to stay safe, but you cannot be sure about every relative or any other person who shows up at your door. Instead of assuming anything, it is best to take your safety in your hand. It is important to wear a mask when someone who doesn't live with you enters your home. You should even ask the other person politely to do the same.

WEAR IT WHEN TAKING CARE OF A SICK PERSON
If someone in your home is infected with the coronavirus, even then it is important to wear a mask all the time. They might not be sharing the same space and might be confined in their room, but you must take care of your part. The risk of infection is high in the closed space, especially in case of poor ventilation. The virus can linger in the air for hours and increase the risk of contagion.

2 OTHER TIMES YOU MUST WEAR A MASK
We have entered a season when cold and flu is common in every household. The problem is that the symptoms of cold and flu are overlapping with that of coronavirus. So, to distinguish between them can be quite difficult in the beginning. If you witness any symptoms related to these health concerns and are not sure if it is cold or coronavirus, it is best to wear a mask to protect yourself. It is also recommended to self-isolate for a few days till the time you are not clear what you are dealing with.

When should you wear a mask?
As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation any person who is 2 years of age and older should wear a mask in the following situations:
 > In public or crowded places.
 > Around people who do not live in your household.
 > When caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19.
 > If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you may have COVID-19.

Children's books adults should read once again

Even if you have read these books as a child, re-reading them from an adult's perspective is a unique experience.

Here are some books you should read:

MALGUDI DAYS by R.K. Narayan	THE LITTLE PRINCE by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry	BLACK BEAUTY by Anne Sewell	LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott
RUSTY SERIES by Ruskin Bond	MATILDA by Roald Dahl	ALICE IN WONDERLAND by Lewis Carroll	THE JUNGLE BOOK by Rudyard Kipling
GEORGE by Alex Gino	RUSTY by Ruskin Bond	BLACK BEAUTY by Anne Sewell	LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott

CALLING IT A YEAR: The Artists We Lost in 2020, in Their Words

It's always difficult to lose a favourite actor or a beloved musician. But in 2020, some of those losses were especially painful, brought on by a pandemic that killed hundreds of thousands of people. The artists on this list could help us better understand the time we're living through, or at least help us get through it with a smile.

Chadwick Boseman, actor "When I dared to challenge the system that would relegate us to victims and stereotypes with no clear historical backgrounds, no hopes or talents, when I questioned that method of portrayal, a different path opened up for me, the path to my destiny."	John le Carré, author, born 1931 "I'm horrified at the notion of autobiography because I'm already constructing the lies I'm going to tell."	Mary Higgins Clark, author, born 1927 "Let others decide whether or not I'm a good writer. I know I'm a good Irish storyteller."	Sean Connery, actor, born 1930 "If you start thinking of your image, or what the mysterious 'they' out there are thinking of you, you're in a trap. What's important is that you're doing the work that's best for you."
Betty Wright, singer, born 1953 "As long as you keep yourself in love with people, you can transcend time."	Irrfan Khan, actor, born 1967 "No one could have imagined I would be an actor, I was so shy. So thin. But the desire was so intense."	Ann Reinking, dancer, born 1949 "It's crucial to know where the work stops and your life begins."	Luchita Hurtado, artist, born 1920 "When that first photograph was taken of Earth from space and you saw this little ball in blackness... I became aware of what I felt I was. I feel very much that a tree is a relative, a cousin. Everything in this world, I find, I'm related to."
Kirk Douglas, actor, born 1916 "If I thought a man had never committed a sin in his life, I don't think I'd want to talk with him. A man with flaws is more interesting."	Larry Kramer, writer, born 1935 "I don't consider myself an artist. I consider myself a very opinionated man who uses words as fighting tools."		

QUIZ TIME

PRAVALLIKA BHAT, class VIII, Baldwin Girls' High School, Bengaluru

Q.1) The power of a lens is measured in.....
A. Dioptre B. Aeon C. Lumen D. Candela

Q.2) Two flat mirrors are placed at an angle of 60 degrees from each other. How many images will be formed if a candle is placed between them?
A. 3 B. 14 C. 5 D. 10

Q.3) If an egg with its shell is placed in a microwave oven, what among the following would happen?
A. The egg will not get warmed B. The egg will get cooked slowly similarly to a boiled egg C. The egg shell will explode D. The egg shell becomes yellow

Q.4) Amalgam is a term used for an alloy of which metal?
A. Copper B. Mercury C. Lead D. Zinc

Q.5) Which organ of the body produces the fluid known as bile?
A. Liver B. Pancreas C. Gall bladder D. Kidney

ANSWERS
1. A) Dioptre 2. C) 5 3. C) The egg shell will explode 4. B) Mercury 5. A) Liver

KNOWLEDGE BANK (NATURE)

Atomium
Atomium is an important building in Brussels, the capital of Belgium. This building is around 102 metres tall. This building depicts nine iron atoms in the shape of a sphere. These spheres enclose staircases, escalators, elevators and a restaurant, which gives a panoramic view of Belgium.

Pravalika Bhat, class VIII, Baldwin Girls' High School, Bengaluru

WORD WISE

Preposterous: (adj) contrary to reason or common sense.
Synonymous words: outrageous, absurd, ridiculous, ludicrous, unbelievable.
Examples: ■ That is a preposterous idea. ■ This is an outrageous act of burglary. ■ The incidents are downright absurd. ■ The teacher found the student's answer absolutely ridiculous but could not laugh out loud in the class.

GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

ASCENT/ASSENT
THE RULES:
■ **Ascent:** To climb upwards to the summit of a mountain or a hill.
■ **Assent:** The expression of approval or agreement.
HOW NOT TO DO IT:
■ I see no reason to **ascent** to this contract. ❌
■ **The assent** of Fuji presents no difficulties. ❌
HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:
■ Since this contract is in your favour, I see no reason to **assent** to the terminal. ✓
■ **The ascent** of Fuji presents no difficulties. ✓

SPECTRUM 2020

A Journey of Wisdom to be Humble

'There is always a way. Where there is a will there is a way. You have to believe.'

In a situation where every activity pertaining to teaching-learning has got restricted to SCREEN, it is almost impossible to think of organising an Inter-School Competition. But strong determination and meticulous planning of the teaching staff of Pawar Public School, Dombivli, headed by Mrs. Ishita Chowdhury, a great visionary, carved the way for Possible in the midst of Impossible. The virtual initiative, Spectrum 2020, conducted on Saturday, 12th December 2020, had an astounding count

everyone with their creativity and zeal.

The Literary Arts events witnessed impactful debate, storytelling and elocution in the Hindi, Marathi and English departments. The contenders displayed their command over the languages and awed the audience with their wonderful performances. The Fine Arts events saw participants giving wing to their imagination and creating wonders in art and craft. The activities which required on the spot artistic creation were well executed by the pupils.

The Performing Arts events witnessed some graceful moves of Indian Classical dance form besides the sooth-



The blooming buddies in action

of 36 ICSE schools participating, across the city. Being a host school, PPSD and its sister concerns did not compete in the event. The winner's trophy was bagged by The Children's Academy Group of Schools, Malad and the runner's-up trophy was bagged by Lodha World School, Palava.

Just like the multi-colour in a Spectrum, team PPSD with its multiple creativities provided a platform to showcase and develop innate potential among young buds of different age groups from Grade 3 to Grade 10. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of contending pupils, principals and facilitators of the participating schools. The events were meticulously planned and executed impeccably enabling the participants to show their talents in different spheres like Literary Arts, Fine Arts, Performing Arts and Sports. The participants mesmerised

ing rhythm of percussion instrument. The participants with their mesmerising performances transformed the event into a spectacle. The Sports events saw the commendable strength, stamina and flexibility of the participants displayed through 'planks' and various yoga postures.

**Rightly stated by Mark Twain:
With courage you dare to take risks,
Have the strength to be compassionate,
and the wisdom to be humble.**

The diligent planning of team PPSD became the courage; the co-operative and courteous attitude of the participating institutions became the compassion. Together they amalgamated into the overwhelming success of Spectrum 2020, thus making wisdom more humble.

Language teaching is an art

Jonathan Culver had rightly said, "The English language is a work in progress. Have fun with it."

Teaching languages helps to gauge the students' creativity through their compositions but what students unmistakably look forward to are the spoken activities.

To ensure that the students did not miss out on putting their speaking skills to the test, the English Department of Jasudben ML School Khar organised an intra-grade Elocution Competition for Grade 5 to 8, under the able guidance of Roger D'Costa, HOD.

The English teachers started the process of elimination in the months of August and September, by having each and every student in their class participate. Through several elimination rounds, each grade had six participants who ultimately competed amongst one another.

Grades 5 and 6 had their final round on December 15, while Grades 7 and 8 had theirs on December 16, 2020.

Two winners from each grade were declared by judges, who were invited from outside of the JML School's faculty to keep the scoring unbiased.

All the finalists had written their speeches by themselves on themes like "When I count my blessings, I remember...", "The harder you work, the luckier you get," "A world without fantasy



books would be...", "What if school homework is kept optional?", etc. The speeches gave fresh, thought-provoking perspectives to the audience and left them wonderstruck.

LESSONS I'VE LEARNED IN 2020

The year 2020 was a roller coaster ride. Happiness followed by sorrow! Ups and downs, twists and turns – there were a lot of life lessons the year 2020 taught us. People became innovative. The value of relationships was well understood by everyone. It also taught us to give and help without expecting anything in return. It was nice that people helped each other and supported small businesses. Learning from each other was truly amaz-



ing! Staying organised, well-planned and focused helped us survive the uncertainties. The biggest thing is it has taught us to adapt ourselves in any condition. Just like we are habituated to sanitizers, masks, social distancing. Lastly, the year 2020 taught us to see the good in really trying times.

Ashu Mamotra, class X, Chandresh Lodha Memorial School, Dombivli East



WHY BOOKS AREN'T BORING?

A book is a journey", "Book is a best friend", "A book is like the soul in a body" and million other such metaphors have been used to describe books throughout history. We hear people say that books are boring but clearly the only 'book' they must have read is a school text book which is boring by virtue.

The way I see it, books are thoughts, only written down. The author recalls or invents ideas and these are printed upon paper. If we were to choose a

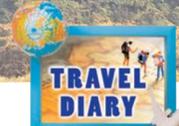
super power we wish we had, one might say reading minds. But reading a book is just like reading the mind of the writer. Each person has their own way of interpreting stories and reading keeps a thought alive not just in print but also in the minds of people.

Not every book exists for everyone, so if you don't like one, you just haven't come across 'the right one' for you. And we no longer live in a world where reading is 'not cool'. So I request all those who are prejudiced, to be open minded to the wondrous world that books open for us. A change in opinion is only a matter of change in perspective.

Avani Pandit, class IX, Apeejay School, Nerul, Navi Mumbai



Destination Lonavala



Amongst this sphere of tension and stress, my family and I took out time for a short vacation during the weekend. We decided to have a nice road trip to Lonavala, a few days of sightseeing and then return home. We were accompanied by another family. The first day we checked into the hotel room, had some lunch and settled in. Soon, we started exploring the facilities provide to us.

Well, everyone was excited about the cricket area, so we started playing then and there. It is so much fun when you have fun with your loved ones. The next day was a fresh start. We had some wholesome breakfast and then we headed off to see the newly opened Narayani Dham, a huge temple of Goddess

Narayani. It was fascinating. Later that day, we visited the famous Bushi dam. There was scorching heat that day and it was like standing in an oven. But the view was worth it. We returned to the hotel and had lunch. We ended the day at the hotel, chit chatting and playing. It felt good to get out of the same boring lockdown life in the last 8-9 months.

Radhika Chopra, class IX, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi



MY SCHOOL, MY HOME

School is a kind of a tiny world, which gives us all the experiences, the good, better and the best

The walls that echoed our laughter; the tables still strong after generations of inscriptions, the blackboards with residual chalk dust. The lunches that turned into a free-for-all picnic, the last page of the notebook full of doodles, the scramble before the arrival of the teacher. This pandemic reminded us of the importance of our schools, it helped us understand how school wasn't

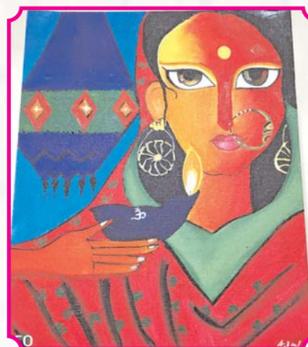
just a temple of education, but an institution of memories. We learned, we made mistakes but most importantly we grew into better people. That's why schools and

physical learning are so important. Our schools are a simulation of the real society where children from different walks of life come together to learn and become productive citizens of tomorrow. School may use to seem like a place that wasn't fun, but it was the one place where we as children and adolescents had loads of fun! So, cherish every day that you are in school because before you know it, you will be lamenting their end!

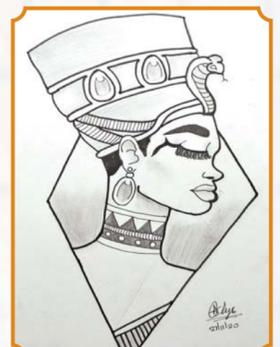
Samyukta Sivakumar, class XI, Ryan International School, Kandivoli East



Painters' Gallery



ETHNIC CALLING: ISHITA KARKHANIS, class X, Carmel Convent High School, Badlapur



BRAZEN BEAUTY: NIHARIKA PAWAR, Class IX, Holy Angel's School

EXPLAINED

WHY INDIA'S VICTORY AT MELBOURNE IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT 'AWAY WIN' YET

Photo: AP



Rahane, Gill applied the finishing touches to a resounding win at MCG

India staged a once-in-a-generation turnaround to level the four match Test series against Australia 1-1

WHAT WERE THE ODDS?

- 1 "To win a Test match without Virat, Rohit, Ishant & Shami is terrific," tweeted Sachin Tendulkar. The Indian teams of yore used to lose stomach for a good scrap after humiliating defeats but not this one. It stood out for the manner of its comeback in the absence of a genius called Virat Kohli and a magician in Mohammed Shami. India were already missing Rohit Sharma and Ishant Sharma.
- 2 Australia captain Tim Paine had nothing to offer as an explanation for why his side could not capitalise on the big absences. "Very disappointed, played poor cricket, sloppy cricket. Let's not take anything away from India, they forced us to make mistakes," he said.
- 3 India were also hamstrung by Umesh Yadav's calf muscle injury mid-match which reduced a five-pronged bowling attack to four men. But in the last three and half days, Rahane, first with his hundred and then with solid leadership, showed what Kohli meant when he spoke about 'New India'.
- 4 Along with skills, it was the mental fortitude that shone through as the team didn't take too much time to bury the ghosts of Adelaide and clear the cobwebs in their minds getting Australia all-out for 195 and 200 in two innings.

HOW SIGNIFICANT HAS BEEN RAHANE'S CONTRIBUTION?

- 1 For someone whose Test match place was being questioned during the last 18 months, Ajinkya Rahane was certainly 'Captain Cool' in a new avatar, bamboozling the opposition with his tactical acumen and marshalling of resources. On the first day, it was about assessing the moisture on the surface and giving Ashwin a go before debutant Siraj in the first hour of the match, all the while keeping that leg gully in business for Steve Smith. It worked wonderfully well and then he understood pretty quickly that Siraj, with his hit-the-deck bowling, could work wonders with the semi-new or old kookaburra when the seam would flatten.
- 2 On the fourth morning, Rahane, after giving a three-over spell to Bumrah, understood instantly that the old ball is not doing anything and took him off the attack to keep him fresh for the second new ball. It was another great tactical decision as Bumrah bounced Cummins to end the stand that consumed more than 36 overs.
- 3 While batting, he was like that bandmaster, who knew how to conduct his orchestra whether it was young Gill or the seasoned Ravindra Jadeja. Rahane rates his hundred in a winning cause at Lord's six years back as his best effort but for fans, the innings at Melbourne will always be way more precious. 'Jinks' calmness in the dressing room really provided us that stability to go out there and express ourselves in this game," spinner Ravichandran Ashwin said after the match.

ONE OF THE GREATEST COMEBACKS IN TEST HISTORY

I think this will go down in the annals of Indian cricket, world cricket as one of the 'Great Comebacks' in the history of the game. To be rolled over for 36 and three days later to get up and be ready to punch back was outstanding. I think the boys showed real character.

Ravi Shastri, India coach

THE AREAS OF CONCERN FOR TEAM INDIA

- Cheteshwar Pujara's form (17 & 3 in second Test)
- Mayank Agarwal's form (0 & 5 in second Test)
- Hanuma Vihari needs more runs (21 in first innings of second Test)
- Going for the kill against tallenders (Aus went from 99/6 to 200)

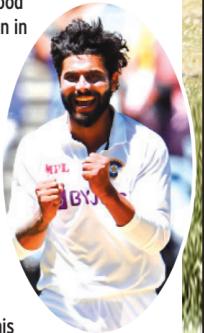
GILL AND SIRAJ SHOWED CHARACTER: RAHANE



India skipper Ajinkya Rahane singled out the debutant duo of Shubman Gill and Mohammed Siraj while commending the tremendous character shown by his side to turn it around in the second Test. Gill scored 45 and 35 not out in the game here while Siraj returned with five wickets, including three in Australia's second innings. "I am really proud of all the players. I want to give credit to the debutants Siraj and Gill, the character they showed after the Adelaide loss was great to see," Rahane said at the post match presentation ceremony. Rahane said it is never easy for debutants to be consistently disciplined in their game but Gill and Siraj showed how it is done. m

JADEJA LENDS BALANCE TO THE TEAM: SHASTRI

Ravindra Jadeja is certainly good enough as a specialist batsman in Test cricket but it is his pure all-round skills that gives the Indian team much-needed balance in the traditional format, feels head coach Ravi Shastri. Jadeja's contribution in India's eight-wicket victory against Australia at the MCG can't be ignored as he scored an important half-century, picked three wickets and also took two catches in his 50th Test. For someone who has 216 Test wickets apart from 1926 runs, Jadeja's restrictive left-arm spin and ability to quickly get through his overs gives respite to the team's fast bowlers. m



LOTS OF POSITIVES FROM THIS WIN

What a win this is, absolutely amazing effort by the whole team. Couldn't be happier for the boys and specially Jinks, who led the team to victory amazingly. Onwards and upwards from here. Virat Kohli, India skipper	in every sense. Well played Jadeja, Rahane, Ashwin, Gill, Bumrah and Siraj and everyone in that dressing room for showing such resilience. Jay Shah, BCCI secretary	front flag of India 4 excellent days of test match cricket. Mithali Raj, Indian women's cricketer	Lots of positives from this win. Rahane led the side brilliantly, bowlers were relentless but the biggest positive is the performance of two debutants. Both of them were confident and not overawed by the big occasion. Strength of Indian cricket is their strong bench strength. VVS Laxman, former India cricketer
Congratulations #TeamIndia! What a victory at Melbourne to level the series. Historic	Great win for India. New star on the horizon @RealShubmanGill. Wonderful captain's knock from @ajinkyarahane88 leading from the	A really special win at the MCG. Great Determination and great character. Rahane led from the front, the bowlers were terrific and Gill is chill. Virender Sehwag, former India cricketer	

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Which hoopster was named in the 2019-20 season?

- a) Rudy Gobert b) Brandon Ingram
c) Bam Adebayo d) Luka Doncic

Q2: Who won the men's singles title at Wimbledon in 2015?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Roger Federer
c) Andy Murray d) Rafael Nadal

Q3: Which was the first winter sport to be included in the Olympics, in 1908?

- a) Speed skating b) Figure skating
c) Curling d) Ice Hockey

Q4: In which year was Abdul-Jabbar elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame?

- a) 1999 b) 1997 c) 1993 d) 1995

Q5: Name the sportswoman who has won the most number of Olympic medals?

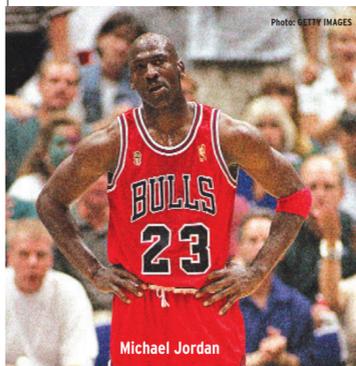
- a) Serena Williams b) Larisa Latynina
c) Polina Astakhova d) Agnes Keleti

Q6: Tillakaratne Dilshan has 5 ducks in ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Which other player has as many?

- a) Ashish Nehra b) Lendl Simmons
c) Shahid Afridi d) Kevin O'Brien

Q7: Michael Jordan was a member of Olympic gold medal-winning USA basketball teams in which years?

- a) 1982 and 1995 b) 1986 and 1999
c) 1984 and 1992 d) 1987 and 1997



Q8: She has won four Olympic gold medals, a record 22 singles and 14 doubles titles in Grand Slam events. Who is this player?

- a) Victoria Azarenka b) Serena Williams
c) Maria Sharapova d) Venus Williams

Q9: After Lasith Malinga, which players has claimed most wickets in the Indian Premier League?

- a) Amit Mishra b) Piyush Chawla
c) Dwayne Bravo d) Harbhajan Singh

Q10: How many Grand Slam titles does Naomi Osaka have under her belt?

- a) One b) Two c) Three d) Four

Q11: Which of the following players won NBA Rookie of

the Year Award in the 2018-19 season?

- a) Malcolm Brogdon b) Damian Lillard
c) Ben Simmons d) Luka Doncic

Q12: After MS Dhoni, which wicketkeeper has the second-highest dismissals in Indian Premier League?

- a) Dinesh Karthik b) Parthiv Patel
c) Wriddhiman Saha d) Robin Uthappa

Q13: Who holds the Guinness World Record of most coach qualifications (multiple sports)?

- a) Gerald Meerschaert b) Anthony Kelly
c) Demian Maia d) Colby Covington

ANSWERS: 1- b) Brandon Ingram 2- a) Novak Djokovic 3- b) Figure skating 4- d) 1995 5- b) Larisa Latynina 6- c) Shahid Afridi 7- c) 1984 and 1992 8- b) Serena Williams 9- a) Amit Mishra 10- c) Three 11- d) Luka Doncic 12- a) Dinesh Karthik 13- b) Anthony Kelly