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I firmly believe that in the next two decades, India will grow to be among the top three economies in the world. More importantly, it will become a premier digital society, with young people driving it. Our per capita income will increase from \$1,800-2,000 per capita to \$5,000 per capita. Therefore, companies and entrepreneurs in the world have a golden opportunity to be in India, to be part of this economic and social transformation that will accelerate in the coming decades

MUKESH AMBANI, chairman, Reliance Industries Ltd



NOW, CHECK CALORIE COUNT ON RESTAURANT MENU

Eat right

In a bid aimed at regulating the calorie count of food products, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has made it mandatory for the restaurant chains and on-line food aggregators to display the calorie count of food products on their menu cards. The new regulations would be applicable from 2022. As per the new regulations, restaurants having central licenses or out-

The FSSAI was in the process of overhauling the labelling regulations for packaged food products, which have now been notified

lets at 10 or more locations will need to display the "calorific value in kcal per serving and serving size" of food items on menu cards, booklets or boards. Additionally, reference information on calorie requirements shall also be displayed clearly and prominently as "an average active adult requires 2,000 kcal energy per day, however, calorie needs may vary", the notification said.



Significantly, through these regulations, the food regulator has for the first time defined children for the packaged food industry. It says, "children or child" means a person under the age of 18 years as defined in Juvenile Justice Act, 2015

THE NEW REGULATIONS

- According to the new regulations, e-commerce food business operators shall get the information on calorie requirements from respective food business operators and provide on their website, wherever applicable
- The regulation has, however, done

away with the proposed colour-coded labelling, which was intended to enable consumers to identify products that are high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) products

- The proposal had raised concerns that if implemented, it would require majority of products to display red-colour coding on their labels



Q IS IT A GOOD MOVE? SHARE YOUR VIEWS AT TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

JEE-Main to be held from February 23 to 26, 2021: Education minister



The JEE (Main) 2021 exam would be conducted 4 times - February, March, April and May in 2021, education minister has announced. Addressing live on Twitter, the minister said that the students can choose the examination as per their convenience. The minister further said that the first phase exam would be conducted from February 23, 2021 to February 26, 2021, adding that it would be conducted in 13 languages for the first time.

- JEE Main will also have a new exam pattern. The candidates have to attempt 75 questions out of 90
- Besides, there will be no negative marking in the 15 alternative questions.
- NTA to calculate best marks to assess ranking. Even if a student appears in the four session, the NTA will calculate his/her best marks out of the four exams

FACTOID



6.9 HOURS

Is the average usage of smartphones by Indians, according to CMR's latest reports, as people depend on these gadgets for work/study from home and entertainment amid the pandemic.

- According to CMR, the average time spent on smartphones in a day has been on the rise, with average usage growing 11 per cent to 5.5 hours in March 2020 (pre-Covid) from about 4.9 hours on average in 2019
- This has grown by another 25 per cent from April onwards (post-Covid)
- There has also been a 55 per cent increase in time spent on social media, and 45 per cent rise in time spent gaming on smartphones
- Interestingly, the average duration of clicking pictures and taking selfies has increased from 14 minutes to 18 minutes in a day

Empty vial of the world's first Covid vaccination to go on display at the Science Museum



ROLL OF HONOUR

Yes, you heard it right. The vial and syringe of the first-ever Covid-19 vaccination will go on display next year at the Science Museum. On December 8, a 90-year-old grandmother in Coventry became the first person in

the world to receive a Covid-19 vaccine outside of clinical trials. The eyes of the world were trained on Margaret Keenan as she got the jab, when a nurse injected her arm with the mRNA vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech.

- The vial will form a part of a special collection built to highlight the role scientists played in the Covid-19 pandemic
- Other items include prototype medical technology, NHS home swabs and ventilators
- Early in 2021, the vial will be exhibited in a display called 'Medicine: The Welcome Galleries' at the Museum in South Kensington, London

VIEWPOINT

WITH THE SALIVA BAN, BOWLERS ARE HANDICAPPED: TENDULKAR

Cricket in the post-coronavirus world has come with its share of restrictions. While limitations off the field include players having to stay inside bio-secure bubbles, the biggest challenge on the pitch has been the saliva ban. Pacer Jasprit Bumrah, had during the IPL, spoken about how it could be a big factor in Test cricket wherein reverse swing plays a major role. Former Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar has now echoed the sentiments.

With the saliva ban, bowlers are handicapped, if you do not have a substitute for saliva. Cricket was always like it - sweat and saliva were always there. But I would say saliva is more important than sweat. Bowlers rely more on saliva as compared to sweat. Today, we do not have any substitute for saliva. There should have been an alternative



Sachin Tendulkar

CURRENT RULE ON SALIVA BAN

- Owing to the pandemic, according to the ICC rules, players are not permitted to use saliva to shine the ball. If a player is caught applying saliva to the ball, the umpires will manage the situation with some leniency during an initial period of adjustment for the players, but subsequent instances will result in the team receiving a warning
- A team can be issued up to two



warnings per innings but repeated use of saliva on the ball will result in a 5-run penalty to the batting side

- Whenever saliva is applied to the ball, the umpires will clean the ball before play recommences

Q DO YOU ENDORSE TENDULKAR'S VIEWS? SHARE YOUR VIEWS AT TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

ENTERTAINMENT

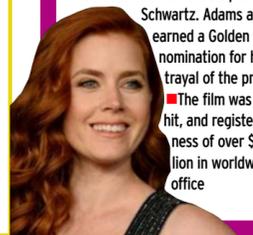
AMY ADAMS SET FOR A NEW 'ENCHANTED' OUTING

Actress Amy Adams will be reprising her role as Princess Giselle in the sequel of 'Enchanted'. The six-time Academy Award-nominated star will return to role in the sequel titled 'Disenchanted'. The series will stream on Disney+. The company shared the news during its Investor Day, reports variety.com.

A parody of Disney classics, the first film featured princess Giselle being catapulted into modern New York, where she rejects Prince Edward (James Marsden) and finds her true love in divorce-lawyer Robert Phillip (Patrick Dempsey)

'Enchanted' earned three Oscar nominations in the Best Original Song category for 'Happy working song', 'So close', and 'That's how you know' - all from Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz. Adams also earned a Golden Globe nomination for her portrayal of the princess

- The film was a global hit, and registered business of over \$340 million in worldwide box office



BAAHUBALI
The success of the magnum opus 'Baahubali' film franchise gave way to the opportunity to explore the story through a spin-off series titled 'Baahubali: Before The Beginning'. It will explore life on the streets of the fictional city of Mahishmati. Slated to release on Netflix

LEGACY OF HOLLYWOOD HITS GETS OTT REBIRTH

For many, the success of a film directly translates into a chance to cash on it by spinning a new series. It is in fact a win-win for the audience and the filmmakers, as while the fans get to live with their favourite characters, makers continue to reap on with the benefits of the box office hits, and create a multiverse franchise. As producers plan new series on their hits, we take a look at some big-ticket spin-offs, which are either winning fans all over the globe or are in works

THE BATMAN

The show will be set in the world that Matt Reeves is creating for 'The Batman' film. It will build upon the film's dissection of the anatomy of corruption in Gotham City, and go on to launch a new Batman universe across multiple platforms. It is being created for HBO Max



STAR WARS

The saga from a galaxy far, far away continues to live on through various films and spin-off series. The list of 'Star Wars' stories for Disney's streaming platform keeps on growing. It already includes 'The



ICE AGE

Titled 'The Ice Age Adventures Of Buck Wild', the spin-off will revolve around three characters: the prankster possum brothers Crash and Eddie, and the titular weasel, Buck. Simon Pegg will be returning to lend his voice to the role of Buck. It is slated to release in 2022.



The Princess and The Frog

The spin-off titled 'Tiana', which was released in 2009, is about an aspiring chef Tiana, who kisses a prince-turned frog, and turns into a frog. They then embark on a journey to defeat a witch to get back to their human form. It is one of the four animated spin-offs, which is expected to launch on Disney+ in 2022

Mandalorian', and two other previously-ordered series - one based on Cassian Andor prior to the events of 'Rogue One: A Star Wars Story', and another following the adventures of Obi-Wan Kenobi between 'Revenge Of The Sith' and 'A New Hope'

HAVE YOU READ THESE AWESOME NYT BESTSELLERS?

Watch out for our exclusive selection for Young Adults in the upcoming issue!

FOR THE TINY TOTTERS

5 MORE SLEEPS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

by Jimmy Fallon Illustrated by Rich Deas
A young boy anticipates the arrival of Christmas.

(Ages 3 to 6)

THE CRAYONS' CHRISTMAS

by Drew Daywalt Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
Duncan's crayons prepare for Christmas.

(Ages 3 to 7)

THE WORLD NEEDS WHO YOU....

by Joanna Gaines Illustrated by Julianna Swaney
An inspirational message of acceptance and celebrating uniqueness.

(Ages 4 to 8)

HOW TO CATCH A UNICORN

by Adam Wallace Illustrated by Andy Elkerton
Children attempt to capture the mythical creature.

(Ages 4 to 8)

THE OFFICE: A DAY AT DUNDER....

by Robb Pearlman. Illustrated by Melanie Demmer
A kid-friendly adaptation of the workplace comedy.

(Ages 4 to 8)

PETE THE CAT'S 12 GROOVY DAYS....

by Kimberly and James Dean
Pete's spin on the holiday classic 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.

(Ages 4 to 8)

HOW TO CATCH A MERMAID

Adam Wallace Illustrated by Andy Elkerton
A young girl attempts to catch a mermaid and befriend her.

(Ages 4 to 8)

SHARE SOME KINDNESS, BRING SOME LIGHT

by Apryl Stott
Coco and Bear attempt to share kindness throughout the forest.

(Ages 4 to 8)

DASHER

by Matt Tavares
The origin story of Dasher, the first of Santa's flying reindeer.

(Ages 4 to 8)

HOW TO CATCH AN ELF

by Adam Wallace Illustrated by Andy Elkerton
A tiny narrator dodges traps while making the Christmas rounds.

(Ages 4 to 8)

FOR THE MIDDLE GRADERS

THE ICKABOG

by J K Rowling
A fearsome monster threatens the kingdom of Cornucopia.

(Ages 8 to 18)

THE COMPLETE COOKBOOK FOR YOUNG CHEFS

by America's Test Kitchen Kids
Over 100 kid-tested recipes.

(Ages 8 and up)

ROWLEY JEFFERSON'S AWESOME ADVENTURE

by Jeff Kinney
Roland and Garg embark on a quest to save Roland's mom from the White Warlock.

(Ages 8 to 12)

THE COMPLETE BAKING BOOK FOR YOUNG CHEFS

by America's Test Kitchen Kids
One hundred plus kid-tested baking recipes.

(Ages 8 to 12)

THE ONE AND ONLY BOB

by Katherine Applegate and Patricia Castelao
Bob sets out on a long journey in search of his lost sister.

(Ages 8 to 12)

THE BIG FUN KIDS COOKBOOK

by Food Network Magazine
Over 150 fun, easy recipes for young cooks.

(Ages 8 to 12)

ESSENTIALLY CHARLI

by Charli D'Amelio
The TikTok personality shares intimate details of her life.

(Ages 9 to 12)

MAX AND THE MIDNIGHTS: BATTLE...

by Lincoln Peirce
Bodkins, foes from another dimension, take on the form of Byjovian residents.

(Ages 8 to 12)

WONDER

by R.J. Palacio.
A boy with a facial deformity starts school.

(Ages 8 to 12)

BECOMING MUHAMMAD ALI

by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander
A biographical novel of the prolific boxing champion.

(Ages 8 to 12)

A MEMORY CHAMPION'S TIPS ON IMPROVING CONCENTRATION



ADITI SINGHAL
Memory champion

In a world full of distractions, concentrating on work at hand seems to be a daunting task. Especially so for the students. Distractions may not be your fault, but managing them is your responsibility. Here are a few tips that can help you to concentrate better in any given task or situation.

Ten minutes morning focus

In the morning, plan and visualise your day. See yourself concentrating on each task and completing them on time. This visualisation helps to give your brain a blueprint of your day and programs it accordingly to improve your focus while doing that task.

Aditi Singhal co-author of 'How to Improve Your Concentration' has featured in 'The Limca Book of Records' thrice for memory and fast calculation. Here, the memory expert shares some of her best tips on how you can improve your memory

Apply traffic control

Before starting any task, sit in silence for a minute and observe the traffic of thoughts coming in your mind. Acknowledge all the thoughts, including the ones which are not relevant to the present task and tell yourself that you will address them later.

Instruct your mind saying, "Now I am going to start this particular task and wish to finish at this particular time. So, I need to be present here with all my thoughts and energies focused on this task only." Show yourself completing the task with full focus. A clear and well thought goal helps us to focus better.

If an irrelevant thought comes in between, acknowledge it and write it on a separate sheet of paper to address later. As your mind knows that the

thought will be attended to later, it will not bother you again.

Be very organised

Keep all necessary things required for the task available near you so that getting up for small things every now and then don't disturb your focus. But if you are using your computer to do your task or to study, then

keep your mobile phone out of the room. If you have to use your phone for your work then turn off all the notifications to avoid distractions of

being tempted to check the messages every now and then.

Visualise while learning

While studying something, do not just read or listen, visualise it in your mind. This helps mind to focus on what you are studying because mind understands the language of images.

What you read or listen, if you can visualise the same thing in our mind, that is concentration. But if you are listening one thing and some other images are coming in our mind not related to what we are listening, then that is distraction. Visualising while studying works as a great memory tool to register things properly in brain. Do follow this to improve your memory skills.

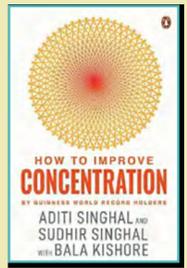
Mono-tasking

Switching your attention from one task to the other does not allow you to concentrate deeply on one thing. It divides your attention, which is required for deep learning, deep reflections and thus reduces your efficiency to come up with solutions to problems. Concentrate on only one task at a time as multitasking is a myth.

Electronic-Free Sleep

Sound sleep plays a very important role on your concentration levels of the next day. One very important habit that most of us need to change is of using your phone as an alarm clock.

Keep your phone out of your room, turn off all your gadgets, be it TV or laptop at least one hour before bedtime. This will increase the quality of your sleep manifold, which will further help in increased focus throughout the day.



WHAT'S NEW

When it comes to workouts, fix a time

It is important to do at least 30 minutes of exercise every day, but it is equally important to stick to a routine. Fixing your time for workout and punctually sticking to it can actually help you lose more weight.

In the afternoon or evening. In the study, researchers took a total of 375 healthy adults who were successful in maintaining their weight by engaging in regular moderate to vigorous physical activity.

FINDINGS

Those who worked out at the same time of the day logged 4.8 workouts per week on average, compared with 4.4 among people who varied their workout times. This meant that those who had a fixed time of working out were able to work out more than those had different times.

At least one-half of those exercising at the same time of day got 350 minutes of



physical activity a week, compared with 285 minutes being the median amount of exercise for those who varied workout times. This too meant that

those who exercised at a fixed time could stretch their workout timings more than those who exercised at different times.

It is believed that working out at the same time helps exercise become a habit, which further helps people automatically set aside time for working out.



QUIZ TIME (INDIA)

Q.1) Who declined the 1964 Nobel prize in literature because he had consistently declined all official honours?

A. Jean-Paul Sartre
B. Roald Dahl
C. Dan Brown
D. George Orwell

Q.2) In which 'Die Hard' movie does McLane barely survive when a helicopter gunship rams into the building?

A. Die Hard

B. Die Hard with a Vengeance
C. Die Hard 2: Die Harder
D. A Good Day to Die Hard

Q.3) Which Nobel Prize winner said, 'Peace begins with a smile'?

A. Malala Yousafzai
B. Mother Teresa
C. Nadia Murad
D. Barack Obama

Q.4) Name the only woman who won the Nobel prize twice in two different fields?

A. Marie Curie
B. Betty Williams
C. Mother Teresa
D. Betty Williams

ANSWERS

1. A) Jean-Paul Sartre 2. D) A Good Day to Die Hard 3. B) Mother Teresa 4. A) Marie Curie

KNOWLEDGE BANK

Screw pine craft

This traditional occupation in Kerala has got the GI tag. The craft made with screw pine leaves by artisans, especially women, is believed to be more than 800 years old. Visitors were invited to be seated on the mats

in traditional customs. Children used little bags to pluck flowers for Onam and the mats in weaves of varying sizes were used to pack things; finer varieties of these mats were used for sleeping. Today door mats, wall hangings, bed mats and prayer mats are in demand.

Distinctive DECEMBER

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher,
Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

Answer each question on the last month of the year by choosing correctly from the four options.

1 WHO AMONG THESE DECEMBER-BORN PERSONALITIES WAS A MATHEMATICIAN?
A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
B. Srinivasa Ramanujan
C. Raj Kapoor
D. Dhruvrai Ambani



2 FROM THE RULE OF WHICH COLONIAL POWER WAS GOA LIBERATED ON DECEMBER 19, 1961?
A. British
B. Danish
C. French
D. Portuguese

3 WHICH OF THESE IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ARMED FORCES OBSERVANCE ON DECEMBER 7?
A. Flags B. Flowers C. Fields D. Firearms

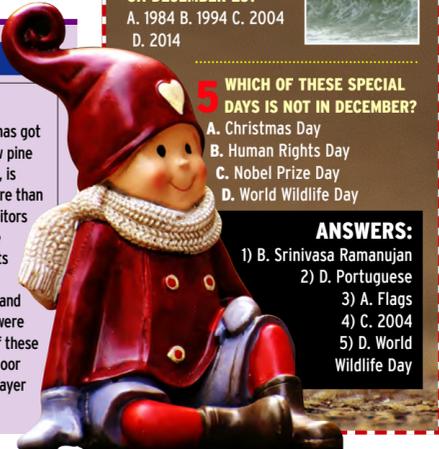
4 IN WHICH YEAR DID AN INDIAN OCEAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI OCCUR ON DECEMBER 26?
A. 1984 B. 1994 C. 2004
D. 2014



5 WHICH OF THESE SPECIAL DAYS IS NOT IN DECEMBER?
A. Christmas Day
B. Human Rights Day
C. Nobel Prize Day
D. World Wildlife Day

ANSWERS:

1) B. Srinivasa Ramanujan
2) D. Portuguese
3) A. Flags
4) C. 2004
5) D. World Wildlife Day



First Principals' Webinar promises to be different

The world has seen it all in this year the rise and fall of Covid19 cases, economic crises, the insufferable summer and being locked up within the confines one's house, being driven to the edge of anxiety arising from fear, insecurity and more.

The education fraternity has learnt to overcome all the difficulties step by step - managing with lesser resources: people, time, logistical constraints and going digital, and it has done well.

The Times of India Student Edition (NIE) in association with UABLE has been partnering with schools across the nation for various interesting and unique programmes that they conduct for students.

We have published the epaper in PDF format, posted regular updates on our website www.toistudent.com; along with constant updates on so-



cial media and given our very best to the education industry without battling an eyelid and totally free of cost. Times NIE is published five days a week including the special weekender edition. Students, teachers, principals and everyone else who has a stake in the education fraternity -- across India has been given the unique opportunity to express their views on all the digital fronts where Times NIE has now made its presence felt.

As everything else goes online - this time the Principals' Webinar where we have invited over 50 school

principals from across the city too is for the very first time brought to you in parts and over the Web. We will be organising more such webinars for all school principals in segments.

The first Principals' Webinar will be conducted on **December 23, from 4.30 pm to 6 pm**. We have put together an elite panel to discuss the theme: **How do we prepare our children to face an uncertain future?**

Moderated by a journalist from The Times of India this panel will discuss the aforementioned topic and present its views while addressing queries put forth by viewers as well. The webinar promises to bring together the city's best educationists and leaders in this field.

2021 is around the corner and promises to open up several opportunities for education to spring back in action. Be ready to ring in the New Year!

National Award for excellence in teaching

Shriram Sahebrao Mahajan is felicitated with the national level ideal teacher award 2020. Art teacher from Chembur Karnataka High school chembur Mumbai, Shriram sahebrao Mahajan has been felicitated with the national level ideal teacher award 2020.

Award is given every year by the INSTITUTE OF SCHOLARS KARNATAKA STATE to deserving candidates from the field of art and painting for their valuable contribution towards the enrichment of the field and also for rendering valuable humanitarian social service towards the society by serving as and CORONA WAR-



RIOR during testing times of the corona pandemic.

Till date sir has been felicitated with more than 50 - state, national, and international level re awards.

Shriram Mahajan has dedicated this award to his family, students, colleagues and all his well wishers.

The president of Chembur Karnataka Sangha, H K Sudhakara and principal of Chembur Karnataka High school, Dr. Gitanjali Salian congratulated and praised sir for his achievement.

Shriram Mahajan has been overwhelmed by the well wishes he has been receiving from all his well wishers.

Virtual Science Exhibition



Year 2020 was a very challenging year for each one of us. From corporates to educational institutions, almost everyone began working from home. The internet became an indispensable part of everyone's life. Schools and colleges started taking curricular and co-curricular activities virtually.

Infant Jesus School was no exception. It organised a Virtual Science Exhibition for the academic year 2020-21. The aim of conducting the exhibition was innovation for future generations. The school Management and teachers were invited for the exhibition.

The participants of the exhibition were from Std. I to Std. X. It was held from 28th November to 5th December, 2020. The participants were divided into different categories - Std I & II, STD. III, IV & V, STD. VI, VII & VIII and Std. IX & X.

A schedule was created online and the exhibition held was organised according to it. Participants selected topics as per the top-

ics in their Science text books. The students could either present their projects individually or in a group. There were working models as well. Some of the topics included drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting, water management systems, experiments on Green Energy, future transport and communication, technology of environment friendly electricity generation from available sources, smoke absorbers, UV Rays - Industrial development and agriculture through solar panels.

The best part of this exhibition was that everyone was connected online and able to participate from the comfort of their homes.

The students did extremely well and were congratulated for putting in their best for the exhibition. The Management appreciated the hard work of the participants, the teachers, organisers and everyone involved behind the success of the Virtual Science exhibition.

Nupur Sarai, Teacher, Infant Jesus School

ACADEMIC CULMINATION

Swami Vivekanand International School celebrated the Virtual Academic Culmination Event on 5th December, students from Grades I to V participated in this activity, here's a report

Swami Vivekanand International School has always aimed to provide the best possible learning experiences to students. With this vision, the school celebrated the Virtual Academic Culmination Event on 5th December. Culminating Activities play a significant role in every student's learning and development process.

Celebrating the Virtual Academic Culmination Event despite the current pandemic situation defines and reiterates the fact that 'Learning Does Not Stop'. The students of Grades I - V involved themselves in the celebration of this grand event titled 'Ekatra'.

Accomplishing the objective of the interdisciplinary approach, the students presented integrated glimpses of their learning with utmost confidence and exuberance. The event was an amalgamation of varied concepts across different subject disciplines.

The students showcased a rhythmic recitation of poems followed by varied concepts of Vocabulary in Language. Conservation of Nature is the need of the hour for our generation and the generations to come.

The students stressed on the moral responsibility of every individual to participate and come forward in working as a united force to protect Mother Nature.

Students also created an awareness about the magnitude of the Novel Covid 19 and the dangers posed by it.

They emphasised the importance of main-



taining social distance and hygiene thus shaping attitudes of the young and adults alike towards adopting certain precautionary protocols thereby ensuring that 'Safety' is the only choice that the entire human race across the globe needs to consciously make to fight with conviction against the dreadful Corona virus.

The Academic Culmination Event concluded with an essential focus on the national symbols of this great Motherland and above all symbolising 'Unity in Diversity' thereby accentuating the need that every citizen of the country should come together and live in harmony.

The Academic Culmination proved to be a successful presentation of the concepts acquired by the students through their journey of learning in Semester I.

WEEKEND PLAN

Online classes, homework, assignments. The weekends are two holy days when you can say goodbye to all these worries! The first thing that we think about on weekends is waking up late, but this weekend wake up a little bit early, make yourself a cup of a hot drink and go and sit by your window and watch the sun illuminate your surroundings. Use this time to just sit and think about everything and reflect on yourself. This will definitely revitalise you from within

and prepare you mentally for the upcoming week. Now, since going outdoors is out of the question, bring the outdoors to your home! How? Pick up



a pot, some mud, and some seeds and get planting! Gardening at home is one of the best ways to spend your time and is rewarding in more ways than one. It is not only therapeutic but also gives us the satisfaction of watching the plant grow and knowing that it was our hands that gave it life! So, this weekend, spend it with mother nature, right from your home!

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

MOVIE: TENET



'A FLAWED, BUT SATISFYING SCI-FI WATCH'

After being delayed twice for the global release, "Tenet" was the first major film to hit theatres in August. Since then, I, being a Christopher Nolan fan, was desperately waiting for its theatrical release in India. Finally, I witnessed it, although with partially-fogged glasses, on the 5th of December.

To be very frank, I had very high expectations from "Tenet", considering that it comes from the makers of some of the best sci-fi thrillers, "Inception". While we have had popular, bombastic but illogical action franchises like "Fast and the Furious", "Tenet" aims to engage the audience's brains not just satisfy their appetite of explosions or over-the-top dialogues. Firstly, "Tenet" features Mumbai as one of its major locations, and surprisingly portrays it as a modern city rather than showing slums or impoverished children. Secondly, the performances of the ensemble cast lead by John Washington and Robert Pattinson are solid and they perfectly express the depth of their characters.

However, one of the key flaws of the film is that it demands the complete attention of the audience owing to its complex and layered plot. Also, the characters have so much work to do, we never get to know their aspirations or motives, which may be a major dampener if you are already troubled by the plot.

Nevertheless, "Tenet" has some breathtaking locations and time-bending action scenes which may enthrall you even if you can't understand it. So, for the love of good cinema, go for it.

Pranav Deshpande, Class XI, Ex-Star Correspondent



MY FAVOURITE PINK

My favourite was pink,
And my pink locket was in sink.
I had pink paint on my nail,
And a postman gave me a pink mail.
I saw a beautiful pink rose,

And I smelled pink pie with my nose,
We were going to shift to a pink house, And I am going to be free from a mouse. I saw a pink flower pot,

After few seconds the flower pot was caught. Later I bought a pink dress,
And then I took pink paint and made it a mess.

SAUMYA DODDMANI, class VI, Bunts Sangha's S.M.Shetty High School, Powai

Children's Day 2020 With A Difference

The greatest gift of all is the ability to share blessings; it's what makes life meaningful. The children of Greenlawns are the best example of this. The children of Greenlawns celebrated this 'Children's Day' in the most unique way.

Under the guidance of the school management and principal Caroline Vaz, the teachers, children and staff follow the COVID-19 pledge daily. The teachers conduct weekly meetings with the parents to enforce the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. The protocols suggested by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Government of India) are followed by every member of the school. The school also conducts various

activities with the students, like poster making, mask making and making of greeting cards. During the parent meetings, the parents share their personal experiences.

Greenlawns always encourages such community services and development activities as it fits our mission statement which says 'Creating an Institutional culture of value-based growth and excellence'. The school trustees and the principal Caroline are of the firm be-

lieve that children are the most important aspect, for education etches out good character and each educated student is the building block of this country.

Keeping in mind the current COVID-19 scenario, Greenlawns decided to celebrate Children's Day with a Difference. The students of Greenlawns have donated a few items that can be useful and required to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The children of the pre-primary and primary section donated Multivitamins with Zinc, Vitamin C, Dolo 650. The Middle School section donated face masks and soaps; the Senior School section donated sanitizers. The teachers Mariette Dias, Yolanda Creado, Rinku Rajpurohit, Geeta Trasy and Sonal Jalan were in charge of this entire COVID-19 Campaign.



Ind vs Aus, 1st Test

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Australia and India renew their fierce rivalry in a four-Test series that begins with a day-night game in Adelaide on Thursday. India won a Test series for the first time Down Under when the sides clashed two years ago and Australia are determined to regain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Here are five things to watch out for in the highly anticipated series

1 Kohli's lone shot

India captain Virat Kohli will be desperate to make a winning contribution in his only chance of a Test victory against Australia this series, having decided to return home after Adelaide to be with his Bollywood actress wife, Anushka Sharma, who is expecting their first child. After India lost 2-1 in the recent one-dayers, Kohli showed his importance to the side during the Twenty20 series victory. And pundits, including Indian batting great Sachin Tendulkar, believe his departure will leave a "void" in the batting line-up. But other India veterans have suggested Kohli's absence could enable a new star to emerge in the side, which will be led by vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane once Kohli leaves.

2 Smith returns

Steve Smith is playing down calls for him to become Australia's captain again, insisting he is just "excited" to feature in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy clashes after missing out two years ago. The prolific 31-year-old batsman was left powerless on the sidelines as India won their first series in Australia in 2018-19 while he and David Warner served out bans for ball-tampering. Smith, who amassed 774 runs, including three centuries as Australia retained the Ashes in England last year, said "I will do what is best for the team" despite former players such as Adam Gilchrist calling for him to step up for a second crack at the captaincy.

3 Hard day's night

Australia start as overwhelming favourites in the opening Test, having never been beaten in their seven day-night matches to date, while Virat Kohli's India play their first overseas game under lights after their maiden pink-ball outing in Kolkata last year against Bangladesh. India long resisted twilight encounters, but Tendulkar told AFP he believed their players would be ready, having played warm-up games and having had intensive net sessions with the pink ball this week.

4 Pitch battles

India's fast-bowling attack, led by Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah, are ready to fight fire with fire in Australia's own den. The pacy pair shared five wickets as they bundled out Australia A for 108 and signalled their intent to enjoy bowling on wickets Down Under that are renowned for providing extra pace and bounce. Australia's three-pronged attack of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood "can surpass any era" of quicks, according to former paceman Brett Lee, but India coach Anil Kumble countered that his attack was their equal. "We probably match our fast bowling to their fast bowling," he said.

5 Send in the crowds

Australia and New Zealand have been the first countries to welcome back spectators to cricket since the pandemic - the Adelaide Oval will be half full for the first Test while 30,000 should be allowed into the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the Boxing Day. Indian cricket chief Sourav Ganguly tweeted a picture of a full house as New Zealand played a Test last week against the West Indies at Basin Reserve, Wellington, writing "the game needs this". But players, with a lucrative series on the line, will be wary of sticking to coronavirus prevention protocols after other tours were disrupted this month.

Laxman questions Kohli's constant chop and change policy

Couple of things I think Virat Kohli can improve. There were certain times when I felt that he becomes little defensive, especially with his field changes. The second thing is chopping and changing the playing 11. With experience, I can say that any player, whether experienced or a newcomer, wants that stability, security, so that he can focus on performing to the best of his abilities for the team. That's something which Virat Kohli can definitely improve on.

VVS Laxman, former Indian cricketer



Jasprit Bumrah is all set to play a pink-ball Test for the first time

Lionel Messi's salary at Barca 'unsustainable': prez candidate

Messi was named the top-earning footballer in the world by French newspaper L'Equipe earlier this year, claiming an estimated 8.2 million euros (\$9.97 million) per month from Barca



Lionel Messi's salary is too big for Barcelona due to their financial predicament, presidential candidate Emili Rousaud has said, adding that he wishes to keep the club's all-time top scorer on a reduced contract. Messi, who sought an exit from Barca in the close season, has less than seven months remaining on his deal with the club where he has spent his entire career. He is free to negotiate with rival clubs from January. REUTERS

If India bowl short at Steve Smith, they'll play into his hands



Ian Chappell

Chelsea could be suffering from fatigue, admits Lampard



Olivier Giroud of Chelsea

After suffering a 2-1 defeat against Wolves in the Premier League, Chelsea manager Frank Lampard said that his side is suffering from fatigue. In the match against Wolves, Chelsea got the first goal as Olivier Giroud got among the scoring charts but Daniel Podence first scored the equaliser for Wolves before Pedro Neto netted the winner. Chelsea are currently at the fifth position in the Premier League 2020-21 standings with 22 points from 13 games. ANI

There could be some fatigue. I hate to say it after a defeat because it could sound like an excuse but even the first 60 minutes when we were the better team we didn't have a zip about us.

Frank Lampard, manager Chelsea

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Who became the first male skier born in the new millennium to win a World Cup race?

- a) Gino Caviezel b) Henrik Kristoffersen
c) Marco Odermatt d) Lucas Braathen

Q2: Which country has qualified for the Football World Cup the most times, without winning it?

- a) Cuba b) Pakistan c) India
d) Mexico

Q3: In which year was the inaugural match of the ICC T20 World Cup played?

- a) 2003 b) 2005 c) 2007 d) 2009

Q4: Who is the current holder of ICC Champions Trophy?

- a) Bangladesh b) Australia
c) Pakistan d) India

Q5: In which year was the Badminton Association of India formed?

- a) 1934 b) 1935 c) 1936 d) 1937

Q6: Against which country did India first win a Test series abroad, in 1967-68?

- a) Australia b) England

- c) New Zealand d) Pakistan

Q7: Which player holds the record of most appearances as captain in FIFA World Cup?

- a) Iker Casillas b) Pele c) Diego Maradona d) Zinedine Zidane



Zinedine Zidane

Q8: In which year did London host the Olympics, commemorating the 30th Olympic Games?

- a) 2016 b) 2000 c) 2010 d) 2012

Q9: Who is the first Indian woman to win a WTA title?

- a) Rituja Bhosale b) Sania Mirza
c) Karman Kaur Thandi d) Ankita Raina

Q10: Which Indian pair became the first to win a Grand Slam doubles title?

- a) Yuki Bhambhani and Saketh Myneni
b) Leander Paes and Sania Mirza c) Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi d) Mahesh Bhupathi and Sania Mirza

Q11: Who is the youngest to score a goal in the history of FIFA World Cup?

- a) Salomon Olembe b) Pele
c) Norman Whiteside d) Samuel Eto'o

Q12: Who is the founder of the modern International Olympic Games?

- a) Baron Pierre de Coubertin b) Juan Antonio Samaranch c) Demetrius Vikelas
d) Thomas Bach

Q13: Which Indian javelin thrower won the gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, setting a national record of 88.06 m in the process?

- a) Neeraj Chopra b) Shivpal Singh
c) Devendra Jhajharia d) Vipin Kasana

ANSWERS: 1 d) Lucas Braathen 2 d) Mexico 3 c) 2007 4 c) Pakistan 5 a) 1934 6 c) New Zealand 7 c) Diego Maradona 8 d) 2012 9 b) Sania Mirza 10 c) Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi 11 b) Pele 12 a) Baron Pierre de Coubertin 13 a) Neeraj Chopra