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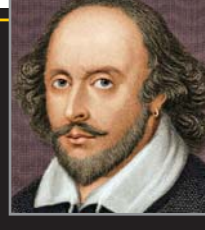
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STUDENT EDITION

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“ The amalgamation of values and life-skills training as a part of the overall school curriculum, would help nurture the 21st century learners to be humane ”

Could Moon dust keep Earth cool?

As a sign of out-of-the-box thinking or one of sheer desperation, scientists have proposed the regular transport of Moon dust (the fine fraction of the regolith found on the surface of the Moon) to a gravity point between the Earth and the sun to temper the ravages of global warming. Dust could be fired from the lunar surface into the middle ground between us and the sun, they suggest. That would work as a shield, blocking out enough of the sun's radiation to mitigate the effects of climate change, according to a new study...

The dust would stay between the sun and the Earth for around a week, making sunlight around two per cent dimmer at Earth's surface, after which it would disperse. The proposal, which involves launching some 10 million tons of Moon dust into space each year, is in some ways ingenious - and if it works as advertised from a technical perspective, it might buy the world some vital time to rein in carbon emissions

WHY MOON DUST

In order to cool the Earth by reducing the amount of sunlight reaching the surface, scientists in the past have discussed a method that involves injecting a thin layer of aerosol particles into Earth's upper atmosphere. However, tinkering with the atmosphere in this way is likely to affect rainfall and drought patterns. Therefore, scientists say since Moon dust is plentiful, launching dust clouds from the Moon's lower gravity would require substantially less energy than similar launches from Earth and keep the atmosphere safe

THE CHALLENGES

There are several major logistical hurdles to overcome. At minimum, we would need Moon bases, lunar mining infrastructure, large-scale storage, and a way to launch the dust into space. No human has even set foot on the Moon in more than 50 years. While China is looking to establish a Moon base by 2028, followed by the US in 2034, a well-functioning mining and dust launching system is likely many decades away. Besides, the world currently has no coherent policy or governance for space and

Moon. Many fundamental questions about human activity in space, such as how to manage the growing layer of bullet-speed space junk orbiting the Earth, are unanswered. Is Moon mining even legal? Who "owns" space, and the resources in it? At present, we have contradictory policies - The 1967 Outer Space Treaty prohibits "appropriation" of space resources (implying a ban on mining), and the 1979 Moon Treaty states that the Moon's resources cannot become property of a country, group or person. Political disagreements over Moon dust deployment could be dangerous. Different countries could prefer different extents of cooling, or whether Moon dust cooling should be used at all

ESSENCE OF value-based education



Principal Guest Editor

L V SEHGAL, Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg, New Delhi

resilience, focus, interpersonal skills, etc. amongst learners. Contributing towards creating a sustainable community, environment, and planet, they would contribute to make the world a better place for all. Values can be integrated in schools' day-to-day functioning, through carefully planned multifarious activities and programmes. Teachers lead by example. Besides forming the backdrop of all academic disciplines, sports arena too has great potential for instilling values. Additionally, social concern and environment-friendly attitude can be appropriately developed through 'learning by doing' activities. Thus, schools represent the microcosm incorporating the potential for learners to live the values that we'd like the world to encompass.

Education is often referred to as "the great equaliser...the balance-wheel of the social machinery". In essence, it is value-based education, which is the panacea for all imbalances and ills that assail the society. Indeed, values learnt in early impressionable years, define the person we become later in life. In the present fast-paced, mechanised and materialistic world, the onus of inculcating values has shifted to schools largely, rather than being a shared

Inculcating ethics ought to be an ongoing process, commencing as young impressionable learners embark on their educational journey. Also, schools ought to create positive, inclusive, and joyous learning spaces wherein students feel secure, happy, and respected so that values are imbibed in a natural manner and do not remain mere cliches

responsibility between school and the family of a learner. In fact, post Covid, besides bridging learning gaps, schools also need to foster

The student edition of *The Times of India* you hold in your hand today is not an ordinary edition. This is a special edition that has been exclusively edited by the Principal and school students to bring you a direct feel of what a youth newspaper should read and look like. This time, we invited L V SEHGAL, PRINCIPAL, BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GRH MARG, NEW DELHI and his dynamic editorial team to write stories for this edition, and edit it for you. We believe when it comes to bringing out a newspaper for students and young readers, there is nobody better than you who can guide us in our efforts

CBSE exam 2023 guidelines: ChatGPT among prohibited items during Board exams



The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Board exams 2023 for classes X and XII got underway across the country on Wednesday. While the Boards for class X will get over on March 21, the exams for class XII will end on April 5

A list of prohibited items in the CBSE exam centres during the class X and XII Boards include the use of AI-based ChatGPT. According to the instructions issued by the Board, "Mobile, ChatGPT, and other electronic items will not be allowed in the examination hall." The admit card for the exams also has a cautionary instruction saying, "You should not indulge in any unfair practice. If found, you will be booked under Unfair Means (UFM) Activity, and action will be taken as per the rules of the Board." "Do not believe in fake videos and messages uploaded on social media. Do not spread rumours too. You could be booked under unfair means rules," it added.

ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer), which was launched in November 2022, is capable of generating speeches, songs, marketing copy, news articles, and student essays or human-like text based on the input it is given. The new artificial intelligence (AI) system, known as a large language model (LLM) is designed to generate human-like writing by predicting upcoming word sequences

TOP 3 NEWSMAKERS

NIKKI HALEY ANNOUNCES SHE'LL RUN FOR US PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Former South Carolina governor and United Nations ambassador Nikki Haley on Tuesday announced her candidacy for the 2024 US presidential race. This makes her the first major challenger to former President Donald Trump in the Republican Party's nomination process. Haley, 51, became the first in a long line of Republicans expected to launch 2024 campaigns in the coming months. Some of them include Florida governor Ron DeSantis, former vice president Mike Pence, former secretary of state Mike Pompeo and senator Tim Scott of South Carolina.



If elected, Haley would be the nation's first female president and the first American president of Indian descent. Haley, the daughter of immigrants from India, spent her formative years in a South Carolina town amid what she says were racist taunts

IMMIGRANTS FROM ASIAN COUNTRIES MAKE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO US: MUSK

Twitter CEO Elon Musk on Tuesday said that immigrants from China and other Asian countries (like India) have made incredible contributions to the US. Musk said in a tweet that he is "very much in favour of hard-working people coming to America." "But we can't have de facto open borders with no screening. Our legal immigration system is super slow and extremely difficult to navigate," he posted.

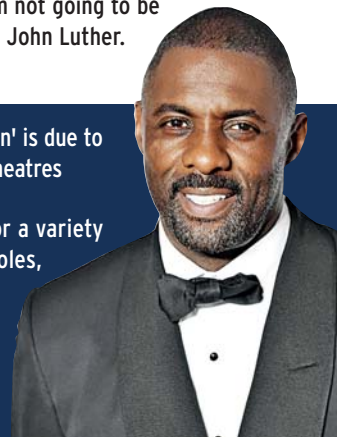


The US is the most-favoured destination for jobs among Asians, especially India. The number of Indian immigrants in the US went up 52.17 per cent between 2010 and 2021, according to the latest data from the US Census Bureau. There were 17.80 lakh immigrants from India in the US in 2010, which reached 27.09 lakh in 2021. Indian-origin people currently constitute around 6 per cent of the foreign-born population in the US

IDRIS ELBA AS THE NEXT BOND? ACTOR SAYS HE IS 'NOT GOING TO BE THAT GUY'

Actor Idris Elba says he's going to stick with being the tormented detective John Luther - not James Bond. Speaking at the World Government Summit in Dubai, Elba brought up the persistent discussions about him taking over as Ian Fleming's famed British spy. Those had grown louder after Daniel Craig's demise as Bond in 'No Time to Die'. Asked about his upcoming film based on the British series 'Luther', Elba clearly took himself out of playing 007. "It's very dark", Elba said of the series. "We've been working on the television show for about 10 years and so the natural ambition is to take it to the big screen, and so we're here with the first movie." He added: "You know, a lot of people talk about another character that begins with 'J' and ends with 'B,' but I'm not going to be that guy. I'm going to be John Luther. That's who I am."

'Luther: The Fallen Sun' is due to come out in American theatres on Feb. 24. Elba, 50, is known for a variety of television and film roles, ranging from Stringer Bell on the American television series 'The Wire' and the recent movie 'Beast'



India can help address Ukraine issue: French President Emmanuel Macron

French President Emmanuel Macron brought up the Ukraine issue with PM Narendra Modi, saying India under the latter's leadership can mobilise the world to address the "tremendous issue" of Russian aggression against Ukraine. "We are working for the success of India's G-20 presidency in a difficult context with the Russian aggression against Ukraine," Macron said during the leaders' virtual meeting to announce Air India's 250 aircraft deal with Airbus. "India, under your leadership, clearly can be the one to mobilise the world and help us address the tremendous issue we have in front of us," he added.

On Friday, the US had said it would welcome any effort that could bring an end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, including whatever efforts PM Modi is "willing to undertake". Meanwhile, India has maintained that dialogue and diplomacy is the "only way forward".

PM Modi can convince; I will let him speak to (or make) whatever efforts he's willing to undertake. The US would welcome any effort that could lead to an end of hostilities in Ukraine. JOHN KIRBY, White House national security council spokesperson

Express YOURSELF

Did you go on a vacation with your family recently? Were you deeply intrigued by a book you read recently or blown away by the screenplay of a movie you watched? Did a speech or talk inspire you to be a better human being? Whatever be your interest, use this space to express yourself...

BOOK REVIEWS

IT STARTS WITH US

This is the sequel to Colleen Hoover's first novel 'It Ends With Us', and well... Hoover has outdone herself, yet again.

The story picks up right where it left off. You see how Atlas and Lily try to reconnect a year after a fight, and get back together again. In the first book, we see Atlas only through Lily's perspective on him. As this book is a dual POV, we learn far more about Atlas, and his trauma. Atlas is my favourite character in this book, but in the series, Lily will always be the best because we have seen Lily go to hell and back.

I loved this series and would recommend everyone who enjoyed the first book to pick this one up as it gives you a lot of character development. A 4/5 from my side.

AARYAN VINOD KUMAR,



Author: Colleen Hoover
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DOGLAPAN: THE HARD TRUTH ABOUT LIFE AND START-UPS

I am a big fan of the show 'Shark Tank', so when I read that Shark Ashneer Grover is releasing his autobiography, I decided to read it.

'Doglapan' is the story of a Delhi boy from Malviya Nagar, who outpaces his circumstances by becoming a rank holder at India's top institute IIT Delhi.

Often misunderstood as rude on the show, Grover is a brutally honest person, who speaks his mind, and his book reflects this nature. The book is bold and honest and everyone who reads the story can take something away from it.

As a student, I learned from the book that we should always aim high and relentlessly pursue our dreams. Grover's story is a definite 4.5/5 for me.

AARYAN VINOD KUMAR,
class XI-D



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MY SPACE GOES DIGITAL TOO

My Space doesn't end here. The discussions and debates continue on www.toistudent.com. So if you want to give your views on the web too, head to www.toistudent.com. Register now!

FILM REVIEWS



'Lucy' is a 2014 science fiction action movie written and directed by Luc Besson. The protagonist, Lucy, is played by Scarlett Johansson. Lucy is a temperamental young woman who ends up being abducted by a drug dealer's thugs, to be used as a drug mule.

The movie gets dark early on when a mysterious drug is sewn into her abdomen in order to smuggle to the dealer's acquaintances. Due to rough treatment by the goons, the package explodes inside her, bestowing her with extraordinary powers, for instance telepathy, mental time travel, and the ability to feel no pain - in addition to enhanced mental and physical abilities. The movie is based on the

popularly believed myth that the average person uses less than 10 per cent of the brain; but Lucy's brain cells are activated on a much larger scale by the drug, a synthetic one, known as CPH4.

Besson movie then cuts to a college lecture, where running in tandem with Lucy's story is Professor Norman, played by Morgan Freeman. It presents a revolutionary overview of the development, functions and capacity of the human brain.

A must watch movie for science fiction lovers. This film continues Besson's celebration of heroic women and their contribution to humankind.

KAASHVI SHARMA,
class VIII-H

Metamorphosis: A mind-boggling work of cinema

The movie 'Metamorphosis' is the first adaptation of the famous novella by Franz Kafka. The movie is about Gregor Samsa, a travelling salesman, who finds himself turned into a monstrous-vermin. From that day on, Gregor's life takes a turn... for the worse. The message this movie holds is truly enormous and significant. After finishing the movie, I found myself in a state of sorrow, rage and pity. I believe that Gregor certainly did not deserve the treatment he received by being isolated in that dark and claustrophobic room. He was being blamed for something that wasn't in his control. The story works as an analogy for many different aspects of life but I believe it works best as an analogy for acquired disability. Disability, illness and disfigurement highly affect a person's position in society and how they are seen and treated.

I would give the movie no less than a 4.5 stars rating. Despite it being a directorial debut, the movie has successfully captured the essence of Kafka's novella, which ponders upon the complexities of human psyche and behaviour.

PRACHI, class X-B

What happened to Monday

By Max Botkin and Kerry Williamson

'What Happened to Monday' was released in 2017. This movie has an innovative as well as intriguing concept. In a future where human beings have exhausted the planet's resources, it has resulted in a shocking "practical" government decree: families can

have only one child. If a family has more than one child, the extra child will be taken by the government and cryogenically frozen until a time when they have colonised another planet or found a way to create more natural resources. The woman in charge of this programme, Nico-

lette Cayman (Glenn Close), is a ruthless leader who promises a better future while stripping families of their offsprings. It's a fast-paced story that keeps the viewers on the edge. This is a must watch thriller.

ISHITA GHAI, class IX-D



TRAVELOGUES

"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."

- Jawaharlal Nehru

A TRIP TO HYDERABAD

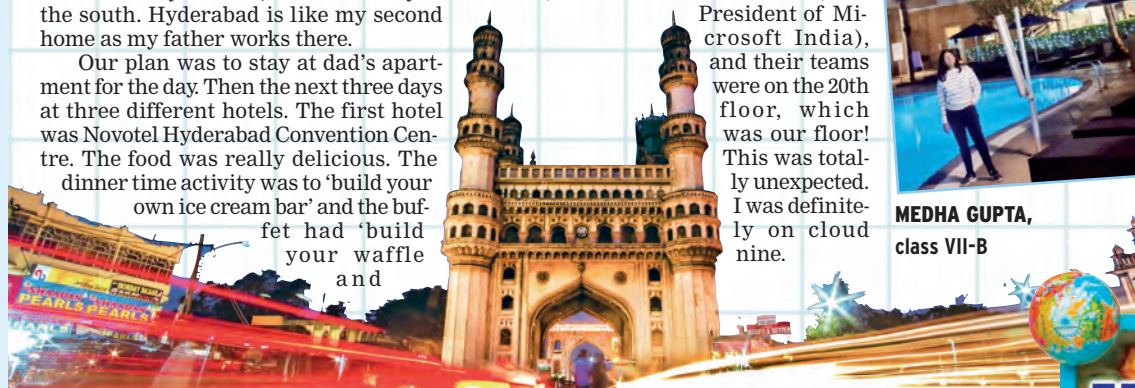
I am fond of travelling. For me, it's like getting away from everyday life, from my problems, and from my home. It is the most magical adventure one could ask for. The best part about it is learning about new cultures and meeting new people. My father says, "Study hard but party harder" and I do understand that. I too believe that you should live every day to its fullest.

My most recent trip was in winter break to Hyderabad, a beautiful city in the south. Hyderabad is like my second home as my father works there. Our plan was to stay at dad's apartment for the day. Then the next three days at three different hotels. The first hotel was Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre. The food was really delicious. The dinner time activity was to 'build your own ice cream bar' and the buffet had 'build your waffle and

pancake' section, which made us feel spoiled for choices. Next was Marriott Executive Apartments. The swimming pool there was amazing. There was a kitchen stocked with utensils and appliances like a toaster, a microwave oven, a dishwasher, a refrigerator, and an induction cooktop. But the most astounding thing that happened was the news that Satya Nadella (The CEO of Microsoft), Anant Maheshwari (The President of Microsoft India), and their teams were on the 20th floor, which was our floor! This was totally unexpected. I was definitely on cloud nine.



MEDHA GUPTA,
class VII-B



THE WONDERS OF GUJARAT

Our first location in Gujarat was the magnificent Jyotirlinga, attacked 17 times by invaders, right on the Somnath Beach. Thereafter, driving all the way to Diu, next to the kingdom of Lord Krishna, another Jyotirlinga Nageshwar in the



midst of jungle and finally to the largest salt desert of the world. The White Rann Of Kutch came alive in front of my eyes as I stood there absorbing an expanse of the 30,000 sq. km of white land covered with sand stretching out in every possible direction as far as eyes could see. No camera lens or high-end phones can capture this imagery the way

one's eyes and mind can. A roughly seven-hour drive from the buzzing city of Rajkot, Rann of Kutch, is a desert formed by receding of sea during November to February; and then the sea comes back and the desert submerges beneath the depths of the sea.

The memories of Gujarat will remain forever in my heart and mind. Be it driving past more than 1000 windmills or visiting the tile capital, Morbi. It is one of the most memorable trips that I've been to till date, and as I conclude this write-up, I sigh with hope that my next adventure is around the corner. I can feel it is inviting me to become a part of it.

SUKRITI SHRIVASTAVA, class XI-B



Unforgettable Fiji: I went, I saw, I fell in love!

Conservation has been one of my passions ever since I fixed a broken wing of a butterfly with my grandmother. She is the one who taught me that the world can be made better, one act at a time and there's nothing better than conserving nature - the mother of harmony. That's what laid the foundation of a dream that made me wake up each morning determined to change the world.

In my pursuit to make a difference, I enrolled for a two-week 'Shark & Coral Conservation Internship' in Fiji. What I did not realise was that instead of me changing the world, Fiji would change me forever.

The youthful glow of the horizon was barely visible as the plane descended into the Nadi International Airport. As I walked out of the plane, I was greeted by my instructor with a Bula! While we waited for other volunteers to arrive, I sipped on the purest Fijian water. If plain water could have such magic, I sat thinking what wonders lay ahead.

Our accommodation was on another island, a short distance away. The air felt light, like my lungs were set free, about to take flight. The bus journey was mesmerising with the ocean travelling along both sides of the road.

Next day, we started our 'Scuba Diving Training' with mock dives in the pool to equip us to swim amongst the sharks. Breaks were spent at the beach with the Pacific Ocean, right at our feet. It was surreal. Breathtaking. There

were volunteers from Japan, US, England, Australia. I was the only one representing India, and we'd gather at night and talk about our different cultures.

Then came the day to go and conquer the vast ocean. Ready at



the crack of dawn. We headed out to the boat with oxygen cylinders. The excitement was tangible and the moment dreamlike. I was soon going to dive right into the Pacific Ocean! I saw fish, lobsters crawling in the sand, and sea shells studded like stars. Seeing the ecosystems under water, put my life into perspective. There was so much more to nature than one's imagination could capture.

Fiji gave me everything - from independence, happiness, adventure, community, connection, to a deep sense of fulfilment. And, finally, it left me with an insatiable appetite as vast as its waters to go seek the world.

REET KAUR SETHI, class X-F

MUSIC

MUSIC HAS HEALING POWERS

Music is the most beautiful and purest form of art. The word 'music' is derived from the Greek word 'muse', which means harmony, and it is truly harmonious, isn't it? Who doesn't love listening to music? It soothes our body and soul, takes away all the tension and stress and leaves us calmer, happier and cheerful. It is not just a part of entertainment but also a therapeutic healer. Just like the National anthem can pump us up, upbeat music can help athletes, and soothing music can make meditation better.

Music travels through nations binding caste, creed, and religions. The best example is the universal love that artists like AR Rahman, Michael Jackson, and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan enjoy. Music not only soothes the soul but heals our body too. Music therapy is an established form of therapy to help individuals address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs. Music helps reduce heart rate, and lowers blood pressure and cortisol in the body. It eases anxiety and can help improve mood. It is a scientific fact that happy, upbeat music causes our brains to produce chemicals like dopamine and serotonin, which induce feelings of joy. Soothing music relaxes the mind and

the body. Music therapy is more than just a nice perk.

Those who listen to music in the operating room are reported to have less discomfort during their operation. Listening to music in the recovery room lowers the use of painkillers. Music is a nearly universal part of religion. What can be a better example of the healing powers of music than the flute played by Lord Krishna? He taught humans how to connect to God through music, which makes worship more enjoyable.

The history of Indian classical music is full of legendary singers like Mia Tansen and Baiju Bawra, to name a few, who could do miracles with music. Even the universe is full of music. Music is omnipresent. Music was before us and it will be after us.

Thus, we conclude that music can improve mental health, enhance focus and intelligence, and boost the immune system and self-esteem. It can be used to relax and uplift our mood, or even improve concentration. MUSIC IS TRULY A MAGIC PILL FOR ALL OF US. With so many healing powers, music should be made an integral part of school. Even the Goddess of knowledge (Saraswati) has a veena in her hand, hence proving that music and knowledge were always in sync.

AADYA AGGARWAL,
class XI-B



CRAFTING OUR DESTINY

As editors for NIE's special guest edition, students of Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg, experienced 'the highs' of creating a newspaper, firsthand! As part of this unique project, this editorial team collated stories, crosswords and puzzles; collaborated with their peers; and put this edition to bed. The students share their journey from classroom to newsroom...

'Our school is a workshop, polishing raw materials to its best versions'

What completes the universe of a student's life is not just the books she reads, the academic knowledge she takes in through a decade, but what she experiences, hears, observes, and experiments on the school premises. The school is that universe where I am observing life closely – absorbing team skillsets, understanding emotional interactions, and learning new tasks that may come in handy in life. This preparedness comes from the co-curricular activities that we engage in. A school is therefore, like a workshop – wherein the raw material, which is us, are polished to the 'best versions of ourselves'.

SURPASSING THE FOUR WALLS OF A CLASSROOM

The core aim of education and learning is to foster holistic development which essentially means intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development, which can be achieved only through proper education. Therefore, education plays a fundamental role in holistic development.

Co-curricular activities help develop students' holistically and assist in honing critical skills and abilities to be successful and happy in life and workplaces. Therefore, the importance of co-curricular activities is immense during school and college education. When the theoretical curriculum and co-curricular activities are integrated, one's chances of

imbibing holistic learning and exploring one's strengths, interests, and abilities become higher.

MAKING EDUCATION FUN

1 Typically, co-curricular activities are carried out outside the normal classrooms, but they supplement the academic curriculum and assist in learning by doing and also help improve the teaching techniques.

2 Co-curricular activities in school such as music, art, or drama classes that take place during the day should be compulsory. Others could be voluntary, such as participating in a school sports team, debating clubs, or student newsletters editorial team.

3 Co-curricular activities at our school go hand-in-hand with academics and make teaching and learning experiences exciting for both students and teachers. Students through classroom activities like quizzes, debates, recitation and games learn better.

CREATING A WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUAL

To sum it up, the intent of these activities is to inculcate social skills, intellectual skills, moral values, personality progress and character in students. They not only help in setting fitness goals but also instil a sense of sportsmanship, a healthy competitive spirit, and leadership among students.

PAAVANI VERMA, class VII-E



7 reasons why you should join the NCC

1 The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is a leading youth organisation and an important part of the Indian Armed Forces. It offers students an opportunity for all round development, instils values of duty, commitment, discipline, devotion and more.

2 NCC's motto 'Unity and Discipline' is aimed at instilling a sense of national pride and self-

confidence in students. 3 In NCC's praise prime minister Narendra Modi said, "NCC is a very powerful platform to strengthen the spirit of discipline, determination and devotion towards the country in the youth of the country. These feelings are directly related to the development of the country. No one can stop the rapid development of a country whose youth



has discipline, strong will, loyalty and dedication."

4 NCC trains young minds to develop a positive mindset. Our school offers this grand opportunity to students which makes our

education a holistic well rounded one. Besides studies and extra-curricular, we have an opportunity to be a part of NCC, which teaches us values like responsibility, discipline, dedication, determination and devotion.

NIDHYANA SETHI, class VIII-D

School: The place I love

As soon as I enter via the gates of my school I do my best to look hale, hearty and cool Greeting the guard with a 'good morning' Is my daily to-do and it makes him happy Starting a new life in the Gargam branch Is something I had wished for Way before Covid made life sore Meeting new teachers was next level excitement Although I am a little scared because there are so many assignments There are nine periods And two classes for

physical education, On that day we avoid taking leaves regardless of the situation Then comes the time for library which has hundreds of new books But if I pick one from the Senior Section the Library ma'am gives me looks We have a huge playground, a dance and a music room Where teachers work hard to make us bloom Learning new talents, seeking knowledge is my main desire Thanks to BBPS I will soar higher and higher

ASMI BHATIA, class V-B

WIELDING THE PEN FOR NIE

Penning words for The Times of India, Newspaper in Education, is a dream that many aspiring journalists and students hold dear. We students feel blessed to have had such an opportunity. Our school, a wellspring of opportunities, has nurtured our growth and development through an enriching cornucopia of experiences. As students with a passion for the written word, the idea of

expressing our thoughts, opinions and life experiences for a massive audience through this platform fills us with joy. The Guest Edition was the perfect opportunity for us to showcase our pride in our alma mater while honing our journalistic skills.

Contributing to the guest edition, collaborating with our peers, and compiling crosswords, quizzes, and other engaging activities made this experience all the more invigorating, as we saw our work come alive before our eyes. We are eternally grateful to both, our school and The Times of India for providing us with such a memorable and enriching

opportunity. Bringing out this Guest Edition has been a unique project. It has changed our perspective about newspapers altogether. After having worked on this edition, we no longer view a newspaper as a mere collection of informative pages. We will now value it as a testimony of hard work, passion, and creativity that goes into every aspect of its creation. This experience of 'learning by doing' shall remain etched in our hearts.

SUKRITI SHRIVASTAVA, class XI-B;
MANYA SOIN, class XI-C;
AARYAN VINOD KUMAR, class XI-D;
ADYAA KHERA, class XI-D;
LIPI GUPTA, class XI-D;
NANDIKA ROUTRAY, class XI-D



'All of us are leaders in one or the other aspect in life. Think about it!'

We often position ourselves into convenient narratives in life: 'Oh, I am an extrovert. I like to move aggressively towards my goal and achieve what I want by being vociferous and ambitious.' Or, 'I am an introvert. I prefer to watch, weigh and move cautiously.' The question is: Which of these two are more favourable as leaders? The answer is: There is no 'either-or' in leadership style.

What works truly is flexibility. And that comes from one's own life experience...

MY FIRST LEADERSHIP LESSON

"Not all leaders are dominant and assertive. They can be approachable and trustworthy," said my mother, teaching me a very valuable lesson in life in early years of my life. For me, therefore, there was no dilemma of changing my personality to fit into the norms set by others or

FINDING YOUR STYLE

Effectiveness of leadership reflects the outcome that you see in others. 'It is not about me, but about we.' A person like me who has always been shy, quiet, and an introvert, initially found it difficult to fit in the group of supposedly 'natural leaders'. I clearly remember when my teacher pushed me to participate in my first competition. I stood

STUMBLE, FALL AND RISE!

After the initial failures in play school and Montessori, I was motivated to win. That motivation and passion pushed me to participate in every activity and competition that came my way. With time and constant efforts, I overcame my stage anxiety.

YOU ARE YOUR OWN LEADER

Every student has the potential to be a leader. The onus of



make me more acceptable to others. The point is that we are all leaders in some aspect of life and truly, there is no one who is the 'Jack of all trades.' Hence, while you lead, enjoy and introspect on what is it that makes you passionate about it. Focus on the job, rather than the approach.

there on the stage, dressed up as a tree, with every part of my body shaking like a jelly. That was the beginning. I went on the stage again. I fluttered, and I failed again. But did I lose hope? No, I didn't. And that is when my journey to be a head girl started.

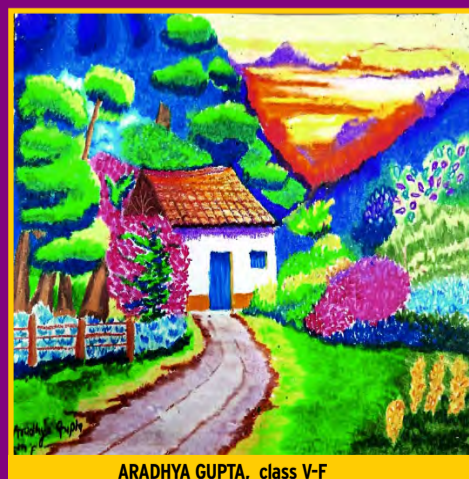
developing these qualities lies on educational institutions. Fortunately, I have been blessed with mentors who groomed me to my best version, and showed me how to work upon my strong skillsets.

MANYA SOIN, Head Girl, class XI-C

Student's Corner



AKKRITI PAUL, class IV-C



ARADHYA GUPTA, class V-F



ANVI MEHTA, class VII-E



RIDHIMA JAIN, class IV-F



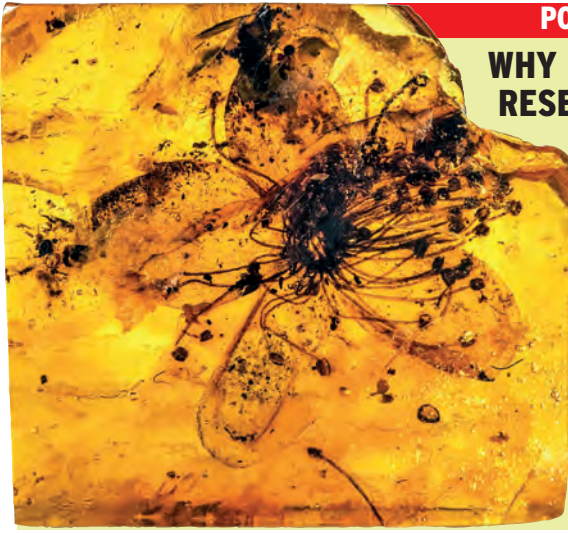
Be better informed



The information is out there. But there's too much of it. We pick out the best of weekly news and happenings from social media and the web, for you to have a fun time reading and finding resources from the internet that can help you become better informed

A FOSSIL FLOWER TRAPPED IN AMBER HAD A MISTAKEN IDENTITY FOR 150 YEARS

Eva-Maria Sadowski, a post-doctoral researcher at the Natural History Museum in Berlin, didn't have a particular agenda in mind when she decided to borrow the biggest fossil flower preserved in amber ever found. But her curiosity pulled the thread of a more than 150-year-long case of mistaken identity, resulting in a clearer picture of what the Baltic amber forest of Northern Europe looked like more than 33 million years ago. The preserved flower bloomed about halfway between the extinction of the last non-bird dinosaurs and the evolution of humans, who found it in the 19th century in a territory that is now part of Russia. In 1872, scientists classified it as



POINT TO PONDER WHY DOES SUCH A RESEARCH MATTER?

The re-designation of the giant flower helps to flesh out what scientists know about the ecological diversity of the Baltic amber forest. It also sheds light on how Earth's climate has changed over the last 35 million-odd years: The presence of *Symplocos* helps to show that ancient Europe was balmy rather than it has been for most of human history

Stewartia kowalewskii, an extinct flowering evergreen. The Baltic amber flower's identity hadn't been revised until Sadowski's paper in 'Scientific Reports'

was published recently. Plants in amber are a rarity. Among Baltic amber specimens, only 1 per cent to 3 per cent of trapped organisms are botanical.

While they're harder to come by, plants in amber provide paleobotanists with a wealth of information, Sadowski said. Amber, which forms from tree res-

in, preserves ancient specimens in three dimensions, revealing "all the delicate features that you normally don't get in other fossil types".

Under a powerful microscope, Sadowski saw perfectly preserved details of the flower's anatomy, along with specks of pollen, which she used to see if the plant had been sorted into the correct family 150 years ago.

Sadowski scraped grains from near the amber's surface with a scalpel. After isolating and imaging the grains, her co-author on the study, Christa-Charlotte Hofmann at the University of Vienna, investigated the pollen, along with microscopic features of the flow-

er's anatomy. That pointed to an entirely different genus group than had been assigned in 1872: *Symplocos*, a genus of flowering shrubs and small trees not found in Europe today but widespread in modern East Asia. *WRT*



Quick Bytes



Apparently, eight in 10 young people aged 18 to 21 dislike their bodies as a result of online content, says UK-based teen mental health charity stem4. Meanwhile, influencer platform Room Unlocked suggests unfollowing anyone who makes you feel inadequate, and filling the space with accounts that make you feel good. Also, think about taking regular digital breaks.

AI uncovers unknown play by Spanish great in library archive

Artificial intelligence (AI) technology used to transcribe anonymous historic works at Spain's National Library archives has uncovered a hidden gem - a previously unknown play by one of the nation's greatest authors, Felix Lope de Vega. The National Library said experts later confirmed that the Baroque playwright and one of the most prominent names of the Spanish Golden Age wrote 'La Francesa Laura' (The Frenchwoman Laura) a few years before his death in 1635.



On conflicts and communication breakdowns

How we can make sure students grow up to be wise individuals, who converse with people without insulting them, and understand that there's a lot to learn from historical wars and conflicts of this world that has gotten us all to this point of no return? As young bright and empathetic students, it's your duty to change the course of history for the better...



On history of conflicts

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Even if you consider yourself extremely on top of the currents of geopolitics, it can be hard to riddle out exactly why conflicts start, where and how. The Imperial War Museum's new podcast lays out the roots of recent wars from the Troubles to the Yugoslav War of the early Nineties, and Afghanistan to Yemen. Celebs take on the role of asker-of-obvious-questions to the experts who show them around the museum itself and present objects and stories which show how we got to where we are, and so far it's featured Jamali Maddix and Deborah Frances-White.



TED TALK OF THE WEEK

How to lead a conversation between people who disagree

Who is the speaker?
Eve Pearlman, journalistic innovator, public speaker, writer and thought leader.



What's the talk about?
In a world deeply divided, how do we have hard conversations with nuance, curiosity, respect? Pearlman introduces "dialogue journalism": a project where journalists go to the heart of social and political divides to support discussions between people who disagree. See what happened when a



group that would have never otherwise met - 25 liberals from California and 25 conservatives from Alabama - gathered to talk about contentious issues. "Real connection across difference: this is a salve that our democracy sorely needs," Pearlman says.

What does she say?

"Too often journalists have sharpened divides in the name of drama or in service to our own views. And too often we've gone to each side quoting a partisan voice on two sides with a telling anecdotal lead and a pithy final quote, all of which readers are keen to mine for bias. So how do we work? At every stage, we're as transparent as possible about our methods and our motives. At every stage, we take time to answer people's questions - explain why we're doing what we're doing. We tell people that it's not a trap: no one's there to tell you you're stupid, no one's there to tell you your experience doesn't matter. And we always ask for a really different sort of behaviour, a repatterning away from the reflexive name-calling, so entrenched in our discourse that most of us, on all sides, don't even notice it anymore."

WHY THIS POD WILL HELP YOU AS A STUDENT?

There's nothing general about general knowledge and history. Learning about what's happening in the larger world, and what has happened before your time goes a long way for holistic development and building your identity. With so many resources at hand today, learning about historical conflicts will give you a better understanding of why the world is how it is at your time. There's far more to knowledge than what's available in textbooks or the books you read for pleasure, or movies you watch for entertainment. Listening to a podcast that talks of the biggest historical conflicts that have shaped the world as it is today, will make you wise. Because you'll start to think hard, and begin by asking the questions come to your mind.

READ THIS DO THAT!

Read this...

The Bard's seven phrases

William Shakespeare's relevance in literature is undisputed. But his relevance in everyday conversation is something you may not know about in detail. A lot of phrases we use today originated from the iconic novels of The Bard.



DID YOU KNOW?
Shakespeare is credited with the introduction of around 1,700 words that are used in English language till date

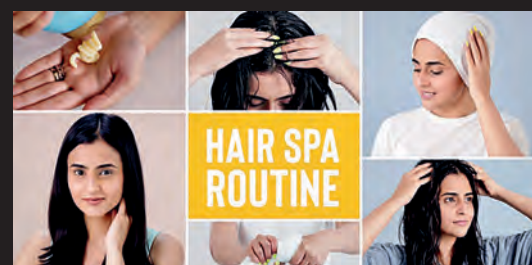
from 'Othello' and 'Midsummer Night's Dream' to 'The Tempest' and 'Romeo and Juliet' and more. To know exactly from which novel some of our daily phrases have come from, check this link:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/web-stories/7-phrases-invented-by-shakespeare-that-we-use-even-today/photostory/97399968.cms>

Do that...

Hair spa at home

Haircare at home can be a bit tedious but it is worth it if you do it the right way. Firstly, because the know-how will empower you to do it at your convenience, and secondly, you will save money because hair spa treatments in salons are anything but reasonably priced. Lifestyle YouTube channel Glamrs by



Purple's video 'Pocket Friendly HAIR SPA At Home' is a step-by-step explanation of how to do it at home, the amount of time it will take, the number of products or ingredients required and so on. The video showcases five steps: introduction about the DIY treatment, the process of oiling your hair, followed by, steaming, scalp scrub, hair wash and deep conditioning - all of these are done with natural ingredients that you may find in your kitchen or in the local market. Check link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2ywH8BM6WU>

IT'S VIRAL

Want to know Dia Mirza's reading list?

Book lovers will enjoy this, especially if they are Dia Mirza's fans. She recently shared a post on Insta with some book suggestions. The pretty actor and environmentalist just read 'Humankind' by Rutger Bregman and 'Cinema Speculation' by Hollywood director Quentin Tarantino. She is currently reading 'Oneness With All Life' by Eckhart Tolle, which seems to be netizens' favourite. Check link: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CoRazwgAAyu/>



Bill Gates kneads dough to make rotis

When billionaire and philanthropist Bill Gates rolled out rotis with the help of American chef and influencer Eitan Bernath, the video got its fair share of attention on Twitter. In the video, Gates is seen trying his hand at kneading the dough with a spoon and cooking it on a tawa. Bernath asks Gates the last time he cooked, and he responded that if heating soup counts, he does it regularly. The rotis turned out fine though, which Gates relished with a dollop of ghee. Check link: <https://twitter.com/EitanBernath/status/1621208736457957376>

The great Indian 'Dive'

IAS Supriya Sahu has posted a video of a group of elderly saree clad women in Tamil Nadu diving rather effortlessly in the deep Thamirabarani river. The now viral video is getting a lot of love on social media. The caption reads: "Awestruck to watch these saree-clad senior



❖ The Thamirabarani river was famous in the early Pandyan Kingdom - one of the main kingdoms of ancient Tamil Nadu - for its pearl, conch fisheries and trade

women effortlessly diving in river Tamirabarni at Kallidaikurichi in Tamil Nadu. I am told they are adept at it as it is a regular affair. Absolutely inspiring video credits unknown, forwarded by a friend." Check link: <https://twitter.com/supriya-sahu/status/1622448366713212931>



Decoded.. secrets of marine animals!

1 Angelfish mate for life: When angelfish choose a partner, it's for life! If one of them dies, the other one won't breed with any other mate in their entire lifetime.

2 Lobsters pee out of their face and they pee on each other to communicate: In a lobster, the urine nozzles are located under their eyes. It also helps a lobster to communicate. So, when a lobster pees on another lobster, it sends messages, which help the lobster to survive.

3 Spider crabs are the masters of disguise: Spider crabs camouflage using sponges, seaweed, etc. to survive. Whatever they use to camouflage, they stick it to their carapace.



4 Flatfish are born like normal fish: Flatfish babies, like other fishes are born upright. They start flattening gradually, as they grow.

5 Mating leaves male octopi confused for life: A male octopus experiences dementia, which is incurable memory loss, when it mates with a female octopus. Thus afterwards, it continues to swim around, but cannot remember anything

6 Seahorse males carry babies and give birth: Seahorses are a unique species. It is the male seahorse that gets pregnant and gives birth to a young one. The female seahorse lacks the ability to reproduce.

Compiled by: GEETIKA PAREKH, class VI-B

DID YOU KNOW?

1 The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long: According to the Franklin institute, the entire circulatory system of a child, the veins, arteries and capillaries, can stretch for more than 60,000 miles. Also, by adult stage, our bodies become home to almost 100,000 miles of blood.

2 Lions have a tongue like sandpaper: A lion has tiny spines in its tongue. It uses these to scrape meat from the bones of its prey.

3 There's enough gold in the Earth's core that can coat the whole planet with gold: The Earth's core consists of about 99% of precious metals. And the quantity of gold in the core is enough to coat the entire Earth's surface in 1.5 feet of gold.

4 Some oranges are not orange: In warmer regions, such as Vietnam and Thailand, oranges remain green in colour always. Also, the original oranges from Southeast Asia were not orange in colour, but green.

5 Australia is wider than the moon: The diameter of Australia from east to west is 4000 km, making it more than that of moon which is, 3400 km.

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STORY OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The first traffic light, invented by J P Knight, a railway signalling engineer, was placed outside the House of Parliament in London. It was unveiled in London in the late 19th Century.

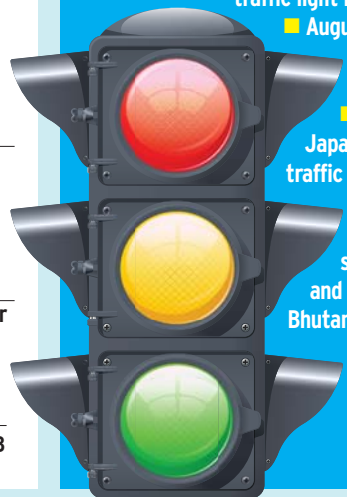
Its design consisted of two vertical arms with two gas lamps, which were operated manually by a policeman. During the day, when the arm was upright it meant "go", and when it was in horizontal position, it meant "stop". At night, gas lamps were used with the colour green for "go" and red for "stop".

Later on, Lester Wire invented the electric traffic light in 1912.

August 5 is celebrated as International Traffic Lights Day. Interestingly, Japan has blue traffic lights in some areas, as Japanese use same word for blue and green. Similarly, Bhutan doesn't have traffic lights

GREEN SIGNAL

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Riding with the Riddle

1 I am a sea creature, and the largest animal on Earth. I breathe through a blowhole and come to the surface of the sea to breathe. Who am I?

2 I live under water. I don't have a brain or a heart, neither do I have any bones. You can see through me, but watch out – my tentacles can sting you! Who am I?

3 I like to dive in and out of water. I talk to my friends using clicks, whistles and squeaks. I look like a fish but am a mammal. Who am I?

4 I am a sea creature and have two strong claws called pincers. I have a hard shell and walk sideways on the sand. Who am I?

5 I release ink when I am scared. I have a big head. I have eight legs with rows of suckers on each of them. Who am I?

6 What walks on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon, and three at night?

7 One day, a magician was boasting about how long he could hold his breath underwater. His record was 6 minutes. A kid that was listening said, "that's nothing, I can stay underwater for 10 minutes using no equipment or air pockets!" The magician told the kid if he could do that, he'd give him \$10,000. The kid did it and won the money. How?

8 What is stronger than steel but can't handle the sun?

ANSWER

- Whale
- Jellyfish
- Dolphin
- Crab
- Octopus
- A man. The times of day represent a
- The kid filled a glass of water and held it above his head for 10 minutes.
- Ice

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KANAK AGGARWAL, VIII-B



1 From which Telegu movie is the song 'Naatu', which won the 'Best Original Song' at the 80th Golden Globes recently?

- Kantara
- Sita Ramam
- RRR
- Ante Sundaraniki

2 Who was the first Indian woman to be awarded the 'Bharat Ratna'?

- Indira Gandhi
- Sita Teresa
- Sarojini Naidu
- Lata Mangeshkar

3 Name the classical Indian dance of Andhra Pradesh

- Kathakali
- Odissi
- Bharatanatyam
- Kuchipudi

4 Who demonstrated the fact that the planets move around the sun, not in circles but ellipses?

- Galileo
- Martin Luther King
- Johannes Kepler
- Copernicus

ANSWER:

- c) RRR
- a) Indira Gandhi
- d) Kuchipudi

5 Who developed Yahoo!?

- Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson
- David Filo and Jerry Yang
- Vint Cerf and Robert Kahn
- Steve Case and Jeff Bezos

6 What is the ratio of width of our National flag to its length?

- 3:5
- 2:3
- 3:4
- 2:4

7 Which subject has been made mandatory by the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for students till they turn 18?

- Coding
- Maths
- Analytics
- History

8 Who originally directed the movie 'Justice League', and who was called later to step in?

- Zack Snyder, Joss Whedon
- Zack Snyder, Sam Raimi
- Sam Raimi, Joss Whedon
- Joss Whedon, James Gunn

9 Who is the current education minister of India?

- Ramesh Pokhriyal
- Smriti Irani
- Dharendra Pradhan
- Prakash Javadekar

10 What is the new name of the Mughal Garden?

- Amrit Udyan
- Amrit Ghar
- Kalam Garden
- Amrit Kaal

- c) Johannes Kepler
- b) David Filo & Jerry Yang
- c) Dharendra Pradhan
- a) Amrit Udyan

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Mind teasers

1 A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner he's bankrupt. Why?

2 What is next in this sequence of numbers: 1, 11, 21, 1211, 111221, 312211, ____?

3 What do you call a witch at the beach?

4 If an electric train is travelling south, which way is the smoke going?

5 What is always coming but never arrives?

6 What starts with 'p' and ends with 'e' and has over 1,000 letters?

ANSWER

- He's playing 'Monopoly'.
13112221. Each sequence of numbers is a verbal representation of the

sequence before it. Thus, starting with 1, the next sequence would be "one one," or "11." That sequence is followed by "two one," or "21," and so on and so forth

- Sandwich
- There isn't any smoke. It's an electric train
- Tomorrow
- A Post Office

Compiled by: PRAMITI SETHI, class VII-C



I WILL GUESS YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

- Take the day of your birth.
- Multiply it by 7.
- Subtract 1
- Multiply by 13
- Add the month of your birth

- Add 3
- Multiply by 11
- Subtract the day of your birth
- Subtract the month of your birth
- Divide by 10
- Add 11

Now, you will get either a 3 or 4-digit number. The ones and tens digits are your birth month, while the other digits are your birthday.

I WILL READ YOUR MIND!!

- Write a three-digit number (with three different digits).
 - Mix up the digits to get another three-digit number.
 - Subtract the smaller number from the larger one.
 - Add the digits in the difference. (If you get a two-digit answer, add the two digits to get a single digit.)
 - Subtract 2 to get a final number.
- Your answer is 7!

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Guest Edition

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Andaman and Nicobar Islands, an archipelago in the Bay of Bengal, consists of 572 islands. However, only 38 of them are inhabited.

The largest sea turtles in the world nest in the Andaman. Also known as the sea cow, Dugong is the state animal of Andaman and poaching of sea cow is strictly prohibited.

The only active volcano in India - 'The Barren Island' is present in Andaman Islands.

Indira Point, the southernmost point of India is situated in the Great Nicobar group of Islands. It is only about 150 km from Sumatra, Indonesia.

Jal Hans, India's first commercial seaplane was launched in the Andaman Islands in December 2010.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

PM Narendra Modi recently renamed 21 islands of Andaman and Nicobar after Paramvir Chakra awardees. Ross Island has become Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island, Havelock and Neil Islands have become Swaraj and Shaheed Islands...

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| 1) nhew | B) Report | D) Egg |
| A) When | C) Sport | |
| B) Were | D) Robot | 6) atbel |
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| D) Weak | | B) Trouble |
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| 2) Hewre | A) Good | D) Later |
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| | C) Gag | |

ANSWERS: 1. A) When 2. B) Where
3. C) Sport 4. A) Good 5. D) Egg 6. A) Table 7. B) Pencil

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MILAN *EDGE* TOTTENHAM 1-0

ITALIAN GIANTS SCORE CL KNOCKOUT WIN IN NEARLY 10 YEARS



that things might be turning around after a tough run. Milan was winless in its past seven matches, including losing its previous four matches, before Friday's 1-0 win over Torino. That run had seen the defending Serie A champion fall 18 points behind league leader Napoli, get knocked out of the Italian Cup and lose the Italian Super Cup to bitter rival Inter. "Progressing to the next stage would give our season a lot more sense and positivity," Pioli said.

PERFECT START FOR ROSSONERI

The match at San Siro was Milan's first in the Champions League knockout stage since 2014. It hasn't reached the quarterfinals since 2012. And the Rossoneri got their return off to the perfect start. Theo Hernandez saw his shot parried by Fraser Forster and Tottenham's goalkeeper then did brilliantly to claw away Diaz's effort from the rebound but the Milan midfielder bundled in from point-blank range on the second attempt. In a tight match, there were few goalscoring opportunities and neither goalkeeper was really tested. Ciprian Tataru, who faced criticism during Milan's dismal run, pulled off a fantastic double save on the stroke of halftime. He did well to deny Son Heung-min then even better to clear the danger after Harry Kane's follow-up came off the underside of the crossbar. However, it wouldn't have counted anyway as Son had been offside. Milan should have wrapped up the win in the final 12 minutes but first substitute Charles De Ketelaere saw his close-range header cleared by Spurs midfielder Ivan Perisic and shortly afterward Malick Thiaw headed narrowly wide of the left post from six yards out. Bayern Munich won 1-0 at Paris Saint-Germain in the night's other CL match. AGENCIES



Kingsley Coman

BAYERN MUNICH BEAT PSG 1-0 IN CL ROUND OF 16

Paris Saint-Germain's dismal form continued as it lost 1-0 at home to Bayern Munich on Tuesday in the first leg of their round-of-16 Champions League clash. A third straight loss made it five defeats in 11 games this year for PSG coach Christophe Galtier's team. Bayern winger Kingsley Coman volleyed home inside the penalty area from Alphonso Davies' left-wing cross in the 53rd minute. The Paris-raised Coman, who PSG sold to Juventus when he was 18, held his hands up to show he wasn't celebrating scoring against his former club - again. When Bayern won the last of its six Champions League titles in 2020, it beat PSG 1-0 with Coman heading home the winner. World Cup superstar Kylian Mbappé made an unexpectedly quick recovery from injury and had two would-be goals disallowed for offside after coming on in the second half. The return leg is on March 8. PSG was eliminated by Real Madrid in the last 16 last season.

An early goal was enough for troubled AC Milan to edge Tottenham 1-0 in its first Champions League knockout match in nearly 10 years. Brahim Diaz netted in the seventh minute on Tuesday to give Milan a slender advantage to take to London when the teams meet again in the second leg of the round of 16 on March 8. But the Rossoneri could be left counting the cost of two late missed opportunities that their coach thought were going to end up in the back of the net. "The two chances for

AC Milan's Brahim Diaz celebrates scoring their first goal

Charles (De Ketelaere) and Malick (Thiaw) were important, I was already celebrating on the bench," Milan coach Stefano Pioli said. "2-0 would have been a better result clearly because we are sure that the return match will be as close, as difficult. "But I can't be anything but happy with the team's performance today."

CONTE BACKS SPURS

It was a miserable return to San Siro for Tottenham manager Antonio Conte, who endured only his second loss

against Milan in 15 matches as coach. The former Inter Milan and Juventus coach had engineered 10 victories over the Rossoneri. "I'm not disappointed with the performance," Conte said. "Some of the players need to find their belief again. But there was a lot of commitment and desire from them all. My job is to show the players that I have a lot of belief in them." It was also Tottenham's second straight defeat since Conte returned to the dugout following gallbladder surgery. Spurs lost 4-1 at Leicester in the Premier League on Saturday. For Milan, it is a further sign

QUIZ TIME

Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Kamran Akmal

Q1: Which IPL team did Pakistan wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal play for?

- a. Chennai Super Kings b. Rajasthan Royals
c. Mumbai Indians d. Royal Challengers Bangalore

Q2: Who won the 2022 Women's World Cup Hockey tournament?

- a. Netherlands b. Argentina c. Australia d. England

Q3: The 2022 PGA Golf Championship was won by _____

- a. Bryson DeChambeau b. Collin Morikawa
c. Justin Thomas d. Xander Schauffele

Q4: Who was the winner of the Indian National Car Racing Championship 2022 in the premier Formula 2000 category?

- a. Sai Sanjay b. Gaurav Gill c. Arjun Maini d. Aditya Patel

ANSWERS:

1. b. Rajasthan Royals 2. a. Netherlands
3. c. Justin Thomas 4. a. Sai Sanjay

NZ FACE ENGLAND CHALLENGE

INJURY-HIT BLACK CAPS HOST TWO TEST SERIES VS 'BAZBALL' SPECIALISTS

A diminished New Zealand will battle to bring high-flying England back to earth in a two-test series starting in Mount Maunganui on Thursday, having been the first casualties of Brendon McCullum's 'Bazball' last year. The Black Caps were steam-rolled 3-0 as England swept to nine wins in 10 tests with an attacking mindset under new captain Ben Stokes and head coach McCullum, the former New Zealand skipper. The hosts have since started their own rebuild under Kane Williamson's successor Tim Southee and split their away series with Pakistan last month. However, they face a stiff challenge to halt the English juggernaut without their best pace lineup. Neither Kyle Jamieson nor Matt Henry will be steaming in during the pink ball series-opener at Bay Oval.

NZ PACE LACKS EXPERIENCE

Former pace spearhead Trent Boult has been overlooked as a replacement because he opted out of his national contract last year. With seam bowling all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme also lost to the lucrative global T20 circuit, selectors are left with



Tim Southee

only rookie quicks to lend support to fast bowling captain Southee and Neil Wagner. Central Districts seamer Blair Tickner will make his test debut, Southee confirmed on Wednesday, but selectors have yet to decide on the final 11. If they opt for a four-prong pace attack, one of either Jacob Duffy or Scott Kuggeleijn will also debut. Since winning the inaugural World Test Championship (WTC) in 2021, New Zealand's decline has been rapid and jarring. They have won only two out of 11 tests

TICKNER TO MAKE TEST DEBUT

New Zealand captain Tim Southee has confirmed paceman Blair Tickner will make his test debut against England at Mount Maunganui on Thursday but said selectors will wait until the morning of the match to finalise the team. Tickner gets his chance in the pink ball series opener with Kyle Jamieson sidelined due to injury, Matt Henry on leave for the birth of his first child and Trent Boult overlooked after opting out of his national contract. The 29-year-old Central Districts bowler has played in 17 T20s and nine ODIs for the Black Caps but has a modest first class average of 35.17 in 61 matches.



Ben Stokes

since beating India in the WTC final at Lord's. They have not lost a test series at home to England since 2008 but Stokes's men have little respect for the record books.

RAY OF HOPE FOR KIWIS

If New Zealand has a sliver of hope it may lie in England's trouble with day-night tests. England have lost their last five under the lights and neither James Anderson nor Ollie Robinson have much love for the pink Kookaburra ball. Both teams' preparations have been disrupted by Cyclone Gabrielle which washed out training for two days this week, while wreaking havoc elsewhere in the North Island. England have not looked back since McCullum and Stokes took charge but the series will be a reminder of where it all began for the Anderson-Stuart Broad pace axis.

Broad, who missed the Pakistan tour, was confirmed in England's 11 on Thursday, joining Anderson and Ollie Robinson in a three-man pace attack, with Jack Leach to provide spin. After Mount Maunganui, the series moves south to Wellington for the second and final test from Feb. 24. REUTERS

THE RIGHT SHOT



American tennis player Nicolas Moreno De Alboran plays a shot against Taiwan's Tseng Chun-hsin during the Men's Singles Round of 16 match at the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament 2023 in Chennai on Wednesday.

Photo: PTI

SANIA MIRZA TO MENTOR RCB IN WPL

Indian tennis icon Sania Mirza, who played her last Grand Slam at the Australian Open last month, was roped in by the Royal Challengers Bangalore team as its mentor in the upcoming Women's Premier League. "It is a pleasure for me to join the RCB women's team as a mentor," the winner of six Grand Slam and 43 WTA titles said in an RCB statement.

"Indian women's cricket has seen a tectonic shift with the Women's Premier League, and I am really looking forward to being a part of this revolutionary pitch," Mirza said in a statement issued by the franchise. "RCB and its brand philosophy perfectly resonates with my vision and outlook as that's how I have approached my playing career and it's also how I see contributing to sports post my retirement."

Mirza retired from the sport after the Australian Open earlier this year, where she and her partner Rohan Bopanna finished runners-up in the mixed doubles event. She has announced that the ATP Dubai Open later this month would be her swansong tournament as she's expected to join the franchise after that.

On the appointment of Mirza as mentor, Rajesh V Menon, head and vice presi-

dent of RCB said, "We are glad and honoured to welcome Sania Mirza as mentor of the RCB women's team. She is the perfect role model with her success stemming out of her sheer hard work, passion, and determination, despite many challenges in her playing career."



Sania Mirza

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