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GRETA THUNBERG and youth climate protests make a return

Teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg is back. She joined fellow demonstrators outside the Swedish Parliament on Friday to kick off a day of socially-distanced global climate protests. "The main hope is, as always, to try to have an impact on the level of awareness and public opinion so that people will start becoming more aware," the 17-year-old said. The coronavirus outbreak has prevented the Fridays for Future movement from holding its mass rallies in recent months.

FOR A CAUSE

► Thunberg started her solo protests outside Sweden's parliament in Stockholm on Aug 20, 2018. ► Students around the world soon began following her lead, staging regular protests; she was invited to speak to political and business leaders at the UN conferences and the annual World Economic Forum in Davos. ► The Fridays for Future demand that lawmakers stick to the 2015 landmark Paris climate deal that asks both the rich and the poor countries to take action to curb the rise in global temperatures that is melting glaciers, raising sea levels and shifting rainfall patterns.



75th UN General Assembly

WHAT Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday addressed the 75th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) virtually in New York. The UNGA, the main policy-making body of the UN came into existence on June 26, 1945. Its charter outlines its key functions, including "promoting international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields, and assisting in the realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all irrespective of race, sex, language or religion".



WHEN The assembly meets from September to December each year and then again from January to August, if required. The representatives debate and make decisions on issues, such as peace and security and the admittance of new members.

HOW IS IT CONDUCTED: Every year the representatives from each member state — often the head of state — take turns to address the assembly in a week-long General Debate. Each speech is allotted 15 minutes, although in the past they have frequently overrun. The longest speech in UNGA history was made by the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, lasting for more than four hours.



THEME 2020

The Future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism — confronting Covid-19 through effective multilateral action

QUOTE UNQUOTE

Reform in the responses, in the processes, and in the very character of the UN is the need of the hour. For how long will India be kept out of the decision-making structures of the UN? This is a country, which has hundreds of languages, hundreds of dialects, many sects, and many ideologies; this is a country, which was a leading global economy for centuries, and also one, which has endured hundreds of years of foreign rule. How long would a country have to wait particularly, when the transformational changes happening in that country affect a large part of the world?

Narendra Modi, PM, at UNGA

THE BIG Q:

Has the UN lost its sheen over the years? Should India be a part of the UN's decision making structures? Share your views at toinie175@gmail.com

200 new emojis to be released next year

A new library of emojis has been revealed that seem to reflect the chaos that happened in 2020, such as a mending heart and face with spiral eyes. The Unicode Consortium, the organisation responsible for creating emojis has announced 217 new

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avatars for Emoji 13.1, which also adds a heart on fire, a face exhaling and a face in the clouds. According to the emoji reference website, Emojipedia, the spiral eyes emoji replaces an existing one, which displayed spiral eyes on some platforms, but X eyes on others.



YOUR CORNER

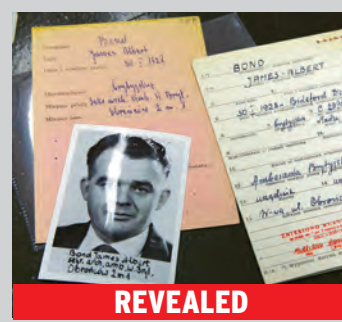
Let's create our own emojis. Do you want to express any feeling via an emoji? Create it, give it a shape and send us at toinie175@gmail.com.

The best 3 entries will be published in Times NIE!!!

► There will be gender-inclusive bearded emojis, allowing the users to choose among a bearded man, a bearded woman or a gender-neutral individual with a beard. ► The 'face exhaling' emoji represents relief, exhaustion, or a sigh of disappointment, according to Emojipedia. ► The new 'mending heart' emoji is 'the opposite of a broken heart,' Emojipedia says, and indicates healing 'or to express sympathy for someone going through a difficult time'.

007 WAS HERE! BRITISH AGENT JAMES BOND WAS IN POLAND IN 1960S, CLAIM COLD WAR ARCHIVES

Yes, you heard it right. Documents uncovered at Poland's Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) have shown that a suspected British agent called James Bond was on Her Majesty's secret service in the country in the 1960s. According to the institute's archive, James Bond came to Poland on February 18, 1964, and was officially employed as an archivist for the British Embassy Military Attaché. He soon came to the attention of Polish counter-intelligence



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officers. Bond was under strict surveillance, and visited Poland to try and "penetrate military facilities" in the Soviet satellite state, according to the files.

The British agent 007 created by author Ian Fleming hit the silver screen in 1962, when actor Sean Connery played the character in the film 'Dr. No', leading some to suspect that British spies may have been playing a joke on their Polish counterparts with their choice of pseudonym.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPER-SMALL RUBIK'S CUBE THAT FITS ON FINGERTIPS TO GO ON SALE IN JAPAN AT \$1,900

A small but playable Rubik's Cube, tiny enough to fit on your fingertip, has gone on sale in Japan for 198,000 yen, or about \$1,900, with delivery starting December.

ON SALE

Rubik's Cube was invented by a Hungarian architecture professor Erno Rubik in the 1970s. A US company turned it into a hit product in the 1980s.



► Billed as a 'super-small' Rubik's Cube, it was created to mark the 40th anniversary, when the original 3D puzzle went on sale in Japan. ► The cube measures just 9.9 millimetres, and weighs 2 grams (less than a tenth of an ounce). ► It's made of 'ultra-precision metal,' and comes with a box for its display, according to MegaHouse Corp, a subsidiary of Tokyo-based toy maker Bandai Co.

HERE'S WHY ARCTIC IS GETTING GREENER

Parts of the Arctic region have become greener due to increased plant growth stimulated by warmer air and soil temperatures, says a study that used satellite images to track global tundra ecosystems over decades. The study is the first to measure vegetation changes

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spanning the entire Arctic tundra — from Alaska and Canada to Siberia. "The Arctic tundra is one of the coldest biomes on the Earth, and it's also one of the most rapidly warming," said researchers. "This Arctic greening we see is really a bellwether of global climatic change — it's a biome-scale response to rising air temperatures," they added.

Between 1985 and 2016, about 38% of the tundra sites across Alaska, Canada, and western Eurasia showed greening. Only 3% showed the opposite browning effect, which would mean fewer actively growing plants



► Greening can represent plants growing more, becoming denser, and/or shrubs encroaching on typical tundra grasses and moss. ► When the tundra vegetation changes, it impacts not only the wildlife that depends on certain plants, but also the people who live in the region and depend on local ecosystems for food. ► While active plants absorb more carbon from the atmosphere, the warming temperatures could also be thawing permafrost, releasing greenhouse gases.

FACTOID 160%

The productivity of the monsoon session of parliament, a record, according to parliament officials. The 18-day session, which started on September 14, and cut short on Wednesday, eight days ahead of the schedule because of a spurt in the Covid-19 cases among the MPs, Union ministers and parliament staff, was also one of the shortest in 20 years.

In all, a total of 25 bills were passed in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively, including 11 bills to replace the ordinances promulgated in June

How Healthy Are You?

Want to know your fitness levels? Take this quiz by nutritionist RITIKA SAMADDAR. Answer the questions and find your score. There is health advice at the end of the quiz — follow it to stay fit as a fiddle.



1 HOW MANY MEALS DO YOU EAT PER DAY?

a. 5 meals a day score 4
b. 3 meals a day 2
c. 2 meals a day 0



2 DO YOU SKIP MEALS?

a. No score 4
b. Yes 0

3 WHAT IS YOUR WATER INTAKE IN A DAY?

a. 8-10 glasses a day score 4
b. 6 glasses a day 2
c. 4 glasses a day 1
d. Less than 2 glasses a day 0

4 HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU EXERCISE IN A WEEK?

a. 5 times a week score 4
b. 3 times a week 2
c. Once a week 1
d. Never 0

5 HOW OFTEN DO YOU EAT OUT?

a. Very Rarely score 4
b. Once a week 2
c. Twice a week 1
d. Almost daily 0

6 NUMBER OF SERVINGS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES YOU EAT DAILY?

a. More than 5 servings daily score 4
b. 2-3 servings daily 2
c. 1-2 servings daily 1
d. None 0

Score of 24 PERFECT
20 - 24 Life is going great
15 - 20 Need to work on your diet
10 - 20 Think about it

► **Guide to good health:** Eat small frequent meals, increase intake of fluids and fruits and vegetables in your diet and top it up with regular exercise.

You share your BIRTHDAY with

SEPTEMBER 28

SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH



Bhagat Singh was a young Indian freedom fighter, who played a major role in revolutionising India's Independence movement. He was convicted for taking revenge for the death of Lala

PM Modi paid tributes to the freedom fighter in his Mann Ki Baat programme. He urged the people to be as patriotic as freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

Lajpat Rai. While in prison, Singh gained mass national support, when he initiated a 116-day hunger strike, which is till date the longest strike in the history of the world.

MANN KI BAAT: KEY HIGHLIGHTS



1 On the role of storytellers in modern India: Include all inspirational stories from the period of foreign rule, as we are going to celebrate 75 years of Independence. Especially between 1857 and 1947, all small and major incidents can be introduced to our new generation in the form of stories.

2 On how farmers are playing major role in building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat: Our agriculture sector has shown its prowess during the Covid-19 pandemic and farmers are playing a major role in efforts to build a self-reliant India.

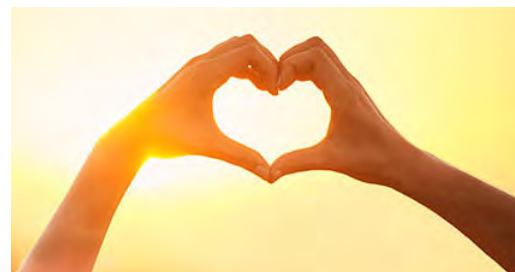
Five Life Lessons that **BTS** taught us through their Music

BTS, aka Bulletproof Boy Scouts, was not called bulletproof for nothing. Just like anyone else, these young boys continue to learn things the hard way. They have gradually mastered the art of shielding bullets in life using their invincible weapon called music. **TIMES NIE** shares with you five among the many valuable life lessons that BTS have taught us through their relatable songs and lyrics. As what Suga said, "We do not have to be mean, we just have to know how to live in this cruel world! So, sit back, relax, and let Chong, Jojun, Balsa tell you more..."



Lesson #5: Love yourself

The most important life lesson of all is to love yourself. We cannot give love to other people if we cannot provide it to ourselves first. Whenever they are talking to the fans, BTS always reminds us that it is important to take care of our body, mind, and soul because these are important for achieving our dreams in life. **Believe in yourself that you can always make it. Just enjoy the journey because you only live once, and remember that you never walk alone in this life!**



RELATABLE LYRICS: "I wish I could love myself. I wish I could love myself." (Reflection, 2016)

SONGS YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT: Reflection, Awake, A Supplementary Story: You Never Walk Alone

Lesson #1: Don't be afraid to go against the norm

BTS is one of the voices of this generation who are not afraid to speak up on behalf of the underdogs and the oppressed, especially the youth. **They taught us that it is okay for us to question the wrong and to fight for the right.**

RELATABLE LYRICS: "The world's goin' crazy. How about you, how bout ya? You think it is okay? I don't think it's that okay. Have ears but don't listen, have eyes but don't see. Fish live in all our hearts, its name is selfish, selfish." (Am I Wrong, 2016)

YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT: Am I Wrong, N.O., Spine Breaker, Can You Turn Off Your Phone?

Lesson #3: Never mind the haters

When it comes to handling haters, BTS is an expert. We are surrounded every day by all sorts of people. Some will be nice to us, while many others are negative people who drown in envy, jealousy, hatred, and crab mentality. As much as possible, and as hard as it is, just shake them off! Fighting and getting into an argument might be our first defence mechanism, but ignoring them would always be the best thing to do. **Through their songs, BTS teach us - just focus on becoming successful, while being humble.**

RELATABLE LYRICS: "Whatever ma haters say, I'm real for my music. Real for my music, real for my music." (We On, 2013)

SONGS YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT: We On, Not Today...

Lesson #2: Value your family and friends

BTS reminds us to give importance to our loved ones and the relationship we have with them. Life is short, and we do not know until when we are going to be with them! Taehyung (a member of the band) never forgets to thank and honour his parents and grandparents whenever they achieve something, which is a very good example of filial piety. Always thank the people who have been with us through our ups and downs, especially those who have always given us strength and support.

RELATABLE LYRICS: "I feel like I'm going to die when hyung is sad. When hyung is in pain, it hurts more than when I'm in pain." (Begin, 2016)

SONGS YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT: Begin, Stigma, MAMA, Spring Day, Move



WHAT IS KPOP?

➤ Kpop is short for Korean popular music. It is mainstream music that originated from South Korea. Korean pop music in Korea could be thought of as similar to Taylor Swift in the United States. ➤ You may see the Korean pop written as K-pop, K pop, Kpop, K-Pop...

WHAT IS KPOP MUSIC?

The term Kpop includes many different musical genres under its umbrella. Along with Korean pop, it can also include rock, hip hop, and electronic music. Kpop is considered a fairly new form of music. The type of music that you're listening to today was formed around the 1990s.

WHAT WAS THE VERY FIRST KPOP GROUP?

Unlike other musical genres, contemporary Kpop start can be pinpointed to a certain date: April 11, 1992 - when the groups Seo Taiji and The Boys performed their music on TV for the first time. This was the driving force that also led to the formation of other groups.

Lesson #4: Pursue your dreams while you enjoy your youth



Youth is the most beautiful moment in our lives and once it is lost, it is gone forever. **Treasure every moment, opportunities, and adventures that we have right now while doing what our heart really desires. Discover our purpose in life, fuel it with our passion, and pursue our dreams.** BTS taught us that everything is possible when we believe and work hard for it. We might feel lost in life, but do not worry because it is part of the journey.

RELATABLE LYRICS: "Because the dawn right before the sun rises is the darkest. Even in the far future, never forget the you of right now."

Wherever you are right now, you're just taking a break. Don't give up, you know." (Tomorrow, 2014)

SONGS YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT: Tomorrow, Epilogue: Young Forever, First Love, Outro: WINGS, No More Dream, Lost and others in this genre.

Credit: Blog from <https://maryloveskorea.wordpress.com/2017/09/03/5-life-lessons-that-bts-taught-us-through-their-music/>

Why we always say read it before you watch it



With the emerging popularity of e-streaming platforms in the past few years, there has been a bigger push to adapt books to a screen format. Earlier books were only made into movies which, more often than not, would disappoint the fans of the books, even they were popular with those who hadn't read it.

Still, adaptations are popular and on the rise. Research commissioned by the Publishers Association and produced by Frontier Economics in 2018 found that the movie adaptations of books gross 44% more at the UK box office and a full 53% more worldwide than those based on original screenplays and this could be why companies invest in such adaptations. With all these books being adapted to screen, many feel there's no point reading the book for the adaptation will be enough, but this isn't the case. Here is why you should always read the book before watching the adaptation:

FOR THE ADVENTURE

When one reads, they visualise and feel. It is said that "**No two persons ever read the same book**" and this is true for everyone's journey with a book is a unique adventure and even if one rereads a book, they will have changed from who they were when they first read it. **When one reads a book they have an idea of how it will be and this might be different to what the movie makers experienced.** The movie will come out a separate work of art in itself and viewing it will be a different experience.

TO KNOW THE BACKSTORY

Often the screen adaptations are but a tip of

the iceberg of what the book contained. Movies, in particular, have to cut down backstory and in some cases this can be very confusing for those who haven't read the book before.

TO KNOW WHO ELSE IS IMPORTANT IN THE STORY 'BESIDES' THE PROTAGONIST

Often books only show the perspective of one character and screen adaptations give views on what is happening out of their knowledge. Some adaptations, particularly TV/web series have even added characters or made minor characters into important ones, adding dimensions and side plots to the main story and taking it deeper. **While this has many advantages, it can often change the plot of the story and the message the author was trying to convey might get lost.**

FOR THE MESSAGE

Some adaptations are so far from the book and the only things they have in common are character names and the title. Changes are made to give the story a broader appeal and reading the book beforehand gives an interesting insight into the difference between a novelist's and scriptwriter's perspective.

TO AVOID THE CLICHES

The movie industry has received a lot of criticism for not evolving in terms of femininity, inclusivity or sticking with popular tropes and encouraging cliches rather than improving.



Healthy Bites

2 AVOCADO RECIPES FOR GOOD HEALTH

Avocado is one of the most nutrient dense fruits with vitamins A and C and other minerals and good fats too. Incorporate it in your diet to get its goodness. Here are some recipes you could try

Avocado pickle

- In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine 1 cup white vinegar, 1 cup water, 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tbsp salt and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. When the sugar and salt have dissolved, set aside to cool.
- In a jar, place 1 tsp red pepper flakes, 1 crushed garlic clove, 5 sprigs of cilantro, and 2 avocados (peeled and thinly sliced). Pour cooled pickling mixture into the jar and seal tightly with a lid. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours before serving.



Avocados are rich in B vitamins, which help prevent disease and infection. They are also loaded with vitamins C and E, plus natural plant chemicals that may help prevent cancer



Avocado hummus

Combine 2 cup canned chickpeas, 2 avocados (peeled and diced), 1/3 cup tahini, 1/4 cup lime juice, 2 garlic cloves, 3 tbsp olive oil and 1/4 tsp cumin in the bowl of a food processor, and season with some salt. Blend until smooth. Pour mixture into serving bowl and garnish with 1 tbsp chopped cilantro and 1 tsp red pepper flakes. Drizzle with more olive oil if desired. Serve fresh.



CREATE YOUR OWN MYSTERY... BE A DETECTIVE LIKE SHERLOCK

CREATE YOUR OWN MURDER MYSTERY

WHAT, WHERE, WHO, HOW?

Where does the crime take place? It could be a hotel, a ship, a beautiful holiday island or even the moon . . .

What is the crime? It could be robbery, kidnapping, smuggling or even murder . . .

Who is the victim? What sort of person are they, and why might someone want to commit a crime against them?

Who are the suspects? Are they the victim's friends? Do they all work together? Or are they all members of the same family?

What clues will you introduce to lead your detectives to the murderer? They could be handkerchiefs, fingerprints, hairs or even suspicious food or drink . . .

1.

2.

Who is going to solve the case? Give your detectives names and decide what sort of people they are. Are they friendly or shy, bookish or sporty? And what makes them a good detective?

1.

2.

And finally, **NAME THE BOOK**
Titles are important - what will your mystery be called?

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid THE GETAWAY

THE GETAWAY WORD SEARCH

Find and circle these holiday themed words in the word search below.

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AIRPORT CRUISE IGUANA PARADISE RESORT SPIDER
TURTLE BEACH DOLPHIN JELLYFISH PLANE
SLUGS SUITCASE WINDSURFING CABANA GETAWAY
WORD MONKEY POOL SNORKELING TENNIS

Kiran Bedi attends The Heritage School's virtual prize distribution ceremony

Her Excellency, Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Puducherry was the chief guest at the virtual prize distribution ceremony of The Heritage School on September 2. A role model and an inspiration to every citizen of India, she apprised of the initiative taken by the school in terms of punctuality and the smooth functioning of the programme. The programme started at 5 pm when Bedi joined the meeting, followed by the National Anthem. She was overwhelmed with joy to see the virtual lighting of the auspicious lamp along with the school prayer song 'Atma Deep Jalao, sung in the background, followed by the Saraswati Shloka sung by the young Heritans. She was welcomed by Vikram Swarup, chairman, school managing committee. The principal, Seema Sapru, read out her Annual Report, in which she spoke about the excellent results in ICSE, ISC, IGCSE and IBDP, this year.

The programme also saw the presence of HK Chaudhary, chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions; PK Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, and other staff and teachers of the school.

After being formally introduced by Seema Sapru, Kiran Bedi's speech left an



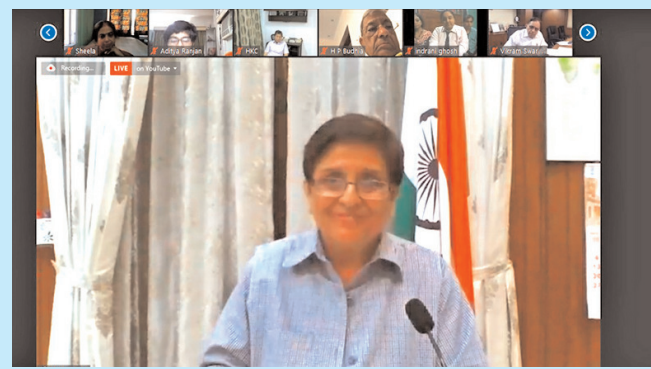
everlasting impression in everyone's mind. She emphasised upon the three Gs in the life of a student. She said, eventually when one looks back, school days seem to be the best in one's life. The first G is Giving. Students should be thankful to their parents for giving them an opportunity to study in one of the most prestigious schools in the city. They are the 'haves' who are able to dream big. So they, in turn, must contribute towards humanity, the 'havenots', by teaching their skills to them. One should grow up to give.

The second G refers to Gratitude. They should be grateful for having every-

thing in abundance. They can fight Covid today for their good immunity system. They should take good care of their health.

The third G is Growth. It is important to grow educationally but such growth does not happen in classrooms but by self teaching which will eventually make India 'atmanirbhar' or self-reliant.

Bedi also stated that in a scale of 100, 90 good and bad is self generated. It is one's reaction to a particular situation that becomes the deciding factor. Some students treat Covid like a battlefield, they feel they have lost a year. Others feel

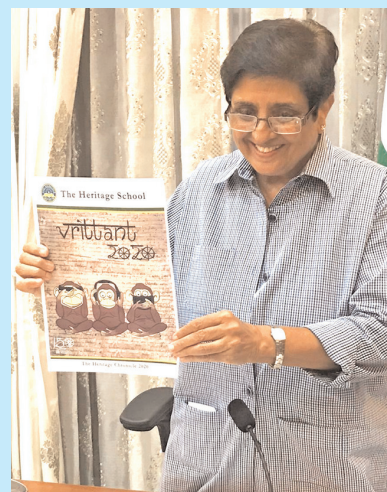


that it gave them an immense opportunity to learn the facts of life.

10 is nature gifted which is God-willed, like a natural calamity or an epidemic.

She also said that the lessons of classroom is now in the Covid-19 battlefield like the lessons of Gita was in the battlefield of Kurukshetra. These motivating words inspired the students and teachers of the school.

Prathit Singh, a student of The Heritage School had recently visited Bedi from whom she came to know that the school follows a composite value system, where history and the rich culture of In-



the school magazine 'Vrittant' by Bedi and the members of the Kalyan Bharti Trust and the school managing committee. The cover was specially designed to commemorate Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary.

The prize distribution ceremony was held wherein the topper from every stream such as Academics ICSE, ISC, IGCSE and IBDP toppers, Best Sportsman, Best Disciplined and Outstanding Student was felicitated by Bedi. They toppers for ICSE exam 2020 Indrani Ghosh, for the ICSE exam Sumedha Paul, for the ISC Science Rohin Bardhan, for ISC Commerce Yash Mundhra, for NIOS topper Aditya Ranjan and many more.

Kiran Bedi ended her speech by saying that it was the best prize distribution ceremony she ever attended. It was an incredible experience for her. She realized how education is perfected here with wholehearted participation of the teachers, students, parents and administrators. She could feel the vibrations of purity, love and compassion amidst every member of this wonderful Heritage family. She would love to visit the school once the crisis is over and one is free to travel. It was indeed an energizing, empowering and memorable experience for all!

CLASSES OF STUDENTS, FOR STUDENTS, AND BY STUDENTS REVOLUTION!

Did anyone of us ever imagine that one day, we would all be locked up within the four walls of our house, all schools, offices and entertainment centres would be closed indefinitely, and only the internet services would be running uninterrupted? But irrespective of the fact that we cannot be together, physically, we are psychologically together with each other. The schools shutting down was a major issue too. Since the future years and decades

of the humankind would see world leaders rising from the youth itself, it was quite necessary to implement measures so that the youth kept learning and acquiring knowledge. While schools had introduced online learning with the help of digital meeting platforms, it had several drawbacks too, such as connectivity issues, privacy errors, database control services, and ultimately, that humane touch of the classroom was missing.

With the fierce ideology to bounce over these



obstacles and try to provide their juniors with a very friendly atmosphere to study and succeed, a group of students from Sunrise English School set up their own network of online classes; where the focus was not on providing classes that extended for hours, but on quality education, where they had carefully devised a



timetable where they asked their juniors to devote just 90 minutes per day to revise their previous curriculums and move ahead with their current ones at ease. The five brilliant teachers who made it happen were Bibhuti Jha, Rupam Shukla, Himanshu Shekhar, Rishi Yadav and Ankit Ghosh.

NIE Star Correspondent Harsh Kumar Agarwal interviewed the five innovators. When asked about what was their inspiration, Bibhuti replied, "I love explaining complex concepts with day to day analogy. Inducing love for the subject was a priority for me. My inspiration is Sir Richard Feynman." Rupam stressed that his inspiration has always been Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Both agreed that their aims were to provide quality and sublime education and make learning go in-depth, but still fun! When asked whether they were tired after

working ahead of their usual schedule, to which Bibhuti replied that the compliments he used to get after each session was a cherry on the cake. Rupam said there was no financial gain in this initiative but the priceless moments and the awe of seeing their juniors more interactive than ever was their greatest reward.

On their messages to the student community and views on the current education system, Rupam replied that schools and other institutions are trying their best to keep themselves on track, but the pandemic and the lockdown resulted in a huge gap between online and physical classrooms. But students can use this time to carve and sharpen themselves to the best of their capabilities. Bibhuti added that the human race is gifted with the impeccable ability to adapt, and today schools are switching to virtual learning. It would be great if the education system changes from the core, and the worn out pedagogy is amended rather than changing the syllabi every year.

— Harsh Kumar Agarwal, Class X, National English School

Express YOURSELF

SPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

Sports play a major role in our lives and personality development. Sports teaches us a ton of different things. The first thing it teaches is to never give up. I, myself am a chess player and surprisingly it works. I have learnt a lot of things by playing chess. It encourages us to keep on fighting without losing hope even if we are on the verge of losing.

It teaches us perseverance. Success is an outcome of tremendous practice. It teaches the importance of hard work. No matter how good you are, someone who works hard will always get ahead of you.

Sports teaches us that winning and losing are a part of sport. There can never be two winners. It teaches you to accept defeat. Defeat teaches you to learn from your mistakes and improve upon them.

It teaches us teamwork. Some of the best friends in life come from playing sports together as a team. This increases



the feeling of oneness among the players.

It teaches us to respect our opponents. We should also respect our opponents and never underestimate them. Sports teaches us to be modest and never be arrogant and boastful about ourselves.

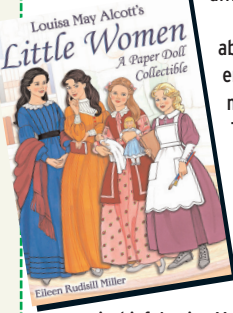
The most important thing it teaches us is concentration. Concentration is required in each and every sport. Everything that we do, we should do it with attentiveness. We should not lose our focus no matter what. All these life lessons are taught to us by sports and hence it is very important to have sports in one's life.



RADHIKA CHOPRA, class IX, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi

LITTLE WOMEN BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott is a must-read classic. The novel discusses generosity, sharing, fraternal love, infatuation and living amidst poverty. The story follows the lives of the March sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy as they live in hard times. Their father is away fighting in the Civil War. But life takes an interesting turn when the sisters befriend their lonely but affluent neighbour, Laurie.



The book teaches us valuable morals of kindness, empathy, humility, forgiveness and being independent. Throughout the narrative, we are reminded that giving is a greater joy than receiving. It is within Jo March that I found my next inspiration. Jo is rebellious, an artist and has a knack for mischief. Louisa May Alcott is the real life Jo. The book encourages young girls to be independent and support themselves; to live life on their own terms. The feminist thoughts and actions of Alcott are reflected in Jo March. In one of the most iconic lines in the history of English Literature, Alcott writes "I'm happy as I am, and love my liberty too well to be in a hurry to give it up for any mortal man."

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

BOOK REVIEW

POEM

I am stuck between two worlds
One a crumbling past, and
the other an unknown future
I stand on the junction of
the two
Trying to look back, and
think what must be in front.



DILEMMA

There is nothing left behind me
And the road forward promises mist
Hazy towers line up the streets
Lightning touching the crown of the beauty.
Should I go ahead? Or

should I wait?
Till my past is all dust, and
mourn the death
Or should I free myself, and
dive in the unknown,
To explore a world I haven't
tasted before?

— Srijita Chakraborty, former NIE Star Correspondent

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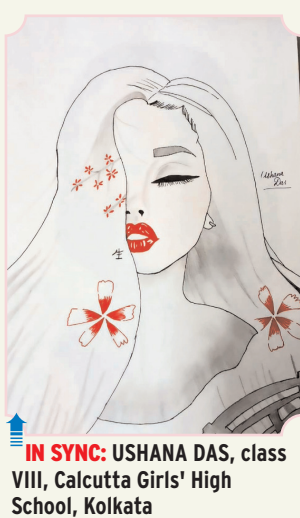
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Painters' Gallery

PEACEFUL ME: S. ARUTHRA, class X, United Public School, Coimbatore



FASHIONISTA: ANJALI AGARWAL, class XI, Jayshree Perival High School, VN, Jaipur



IN SYNC: USHANA DAS, class VIII, Calcutta Girls' High School, Kolkata



From Mumbai Indians' skipper Rohit Sharma, Kings XI Punjab captain KL Rahul to rising talents Mayank Agarwal and Sanju Samson, Indian batsmen have dominated the initial proceedings of the Indian Premier League

How Indian batsmen are dominating in UAE

Photo: PTI

132*
vs RCB

K L Rahul

Kings XI Punjab skipper K L Rahul entered his name in the history books when his side squared off against Kohli-led RCB on matchday 6 of the IPL 2020. Rahul destroyed the potent RCB bowling attack and also eclipsed Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar to become the fastest batsman to score 2,000 runs in the IPL. Rahul's matchwinning 132 off 69 balls is the highest score by an Indian in IPL history and also the highest score by an IPL captain.

Rohit Sharma

The Hitman, Rohit Sharma thrashed the bowling unit of the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) which was spearheaded by the likes of Pat Cummins, Kuldeep Yadav, and Shivam Mavi. Guiding MI to their first win of the season, Rohit also became the second Indian after MS Dhoni to hit 200 sixes in the IPL. Rohit's memorable 80 off 54 balls helped Mumbai ease past KKR by 49 runs.

80
vs KKR

Sanju Samson

Samson's blitzkrieg paved the way for Steve Smith-led Rajasthan Royals (RR) to register a surprise win over former champions CSK. Samson enthralled with a splendid 74 in just 32 balls as RR touched down a challenging 216 for 7 in 20 overs. Riding on the stupendous 74, Smith and Co. opened their account with an emphatic win over Chennai.

74
vs CSK


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Mayank Agarwal

Mayank Agarwal was a man on a mission when Punjab crossed swords with Delhi Capitals (DC). Agarwal, who cemented his place in the longest format on the international circuit, is also a white-ball specialist. The star batsman staged an impressive fightback for Punjab in the opening fixture. But his innings went in vain as the swashbuckling batsman failed to rescue KXIP.

89
vs DC

Photo: ANI

Ambati Rayudu

Kickstarting the 13th edition with fireworks, veteran batsman Ambati Rayudu showed valour and grit to propel Chennai towards a comfortable win over defending champions Mumbai in the curtain-raiser of the 13th season. Rayudu's 71 off 48 was instrumental in Chennai's first and only win so far in the cash-rich tournament. The swashbuckling batsman missed two games after an injury following his heroics against the Rohit-led side.

71
vs MI

Photo: PTI

I won't make same New York mistake twice: Djokovic

Novak Djokovic insisted there will be no repeat of his sensational US Open disqualification at Roland Garros as the world number one promised: "I won't make the same mistake twice". Djokovic was defaulted in New York when a ball he swiped away in frustration struck a line judge. As well as attracting wide-ranging condemnation for his perceived petulance, the incident also went down in the record books as a defeat - the Serb's only loss in 32 matches in 2020. "Well, obviously I am going to be extra careful of hitting a tennis ball around the court," said Djokovic. "That's something that is staying in my mind after what happened in New York. It's going to stay there for a long time. Of course, I will make sure I don't make the same mistake twice." AFP



LA Lakers reach their first NBA finals in decade

LeBron James had 38 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to their first NBA finals in a decade with a 117-107 victory over Denver Nuggets in the Western Conference finals on Saturday. Anthony Davis scored 27 points for the Lakers, in their first NBA finals since 2010, when they beat Boston Celtics in seven games. They will face Boston Celtics or Miami Heat. REUTERS



Photo: AP

Wish Jadeja would have been with RR:

Warne



Photo: ANI

'NOT ACCEPTABLE' - Warner disappointed with sluggish SRH batting

Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) captain David Warner said that the team needs to increase the frequency of their boundaries and sixes after they sunk to a seven-wicket loss to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Saturday. SRH have thus

started their 2020 campaign in the IPL with consecutive defeats. "We have to try and go harder at the top. Can't help if the bowlers are bowling good lines and lengths, we need to push as hard as we can," said Warner on Star Sports after the match. IANS

Photo: ANI



You can see from our running between the wickets, we do that but we got to improve our boundary percentage. I saw, I think 35 dot balls, which is not acceptable in T20 cricket on a wicket that was nice to bat on. We just mis-executed in the middle.

the way we wanted to play, unfortunately through the middle, we could have gone probably a little harder, we could have taken few more risks. It was a very soft and poor dismissal from myself, my dismissal happened when we were looking to change the gears, I don't blame anyone and I take full responsibility for not batting out the overs.

In the match against KKR, I and Jonny got ourselves in and we backed ourselves to play

Andre Russell is like a wrestler: Dinesh Karthik

Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Dinesh Karthik who has been leading Andre Russell from IPL 2018, gave a hilarious answer when asked by Ravichandran Ashwin in a YouTube show called 'Hello Dubaiah' hosted by the former about

the method of opposition bowlers bowling to him. "How do you bowl to him? His miss-hit is a six with 8m clearance, decent hit 15m and a whack is out of the ground. As a captain how can an opposition bowler bowl to him?" asked Ashwin to Karthik. Karthik, who has been leading Russell from IPL 2018, gave a hilarious answer. "First pray to God. Give him an offering. Pray that he's in a bad mood,



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

The explosive hitter Russell was the hero in the last two seasons of IPL where he scored at a strike-rate in excess of 180 in almost every game.

and then go for IPL. Then the day, the wicket, the conditions (matter)," Karthik said. "Just watching him walk in is scary. He comes in like a wrestler. What a build up he gives while doing that. He's a brilliant character. With his muscles and all, he looks like an MMA fighter," Karthik added.

Formula 1 2020: WINNERS OF MOST F1 POLE POSITIONS

Lewis Hamilton grabs Russian GP pole

WHAT IS POLE POSITION?

In motorsports, the pole position is the position at the inside of the front row at the start of a racing event. This position is typically given to the vehicle and driver with the best qualifying time in the trials before the race.



Photo: REUTERS

96 Lewis Hamilton, BRITAIN	32 Nigel Mansell, BRITAIN
68 Michael Schumacher, GERMANY	30 Nico Rosberg, GERMANY
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34 Jim Clark, BRITAIN	24 Niki Lauda, AUSTRIA
33 Alain Prost, FRANCE	24 Nelson Piquet, BRAZIL

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

HISTORY QUIZ | Theme: British rule in India

Q1. Who was the last viceroy of India?

- a) Lord Northbrook ☐ b) Lord Curzon ☐
c) Lord Mountbatten ☐ d) Lord Chelmsford ☐

Q2. Who was the first governor-general of Bengal?

- a) Lord Warren Hastings ☐ b) Sir John Lawrence ☐
c) Lord Hardinge ☐ d) Lord Minto (II) ☐

Q3. The method of sowing seeds in jhum cultivation is known as

- a) spreading ☐ b) throwing ☐ c) broadcasting or scattering ☐
d) None of the above ☐

Q4. Which of the following was the first state to come under the grip of Subsidiary Alliance?

- a) Awadh ☐ b) Mysore ☐ c) Hyderabad ☐
d) None of these ☐

Q5. In which year, East India Company was declared as the diwan of Bengal province?

- a) 1687 ☐ b) 1783 ☐ c) 1665 ☐ d) 1765 ☐

Q6. In which year battle of Plassey was fought?

- a) 1757 ☐ b) 1657 ☐ c) 1778 ☐ d) 1765 ☐

Q7. Who was known as 'Tiger of Mysore'?

- a) Haider Ali ☐ b) Tipu Sultan ☐
c) Rani Padmini ☐ d) Jahangir ☐

Q8. In which years, second Anglo Maratha war was fought?

- a) 1800-1802 ☐ b) 1703-1705 ☐
c) 1803-1805 ☐ d) 1700-1702 ☐



Tipu Sultan

Q9. Who led an anti-British movement in Kittur?

- a) Rani Chennamma ☐ b) Rani Durgavati ☐
c) Rani Padmini ☐ d) None of the above ☐

Q10. The British conquest of Bengal began with the Battle of...

- a) Plassey ☐ b) Mysore ☐
c) Panipat ☐ d) Kittur ☐

Q11. Maratha kingdoms were located mainly in the _____ part of India

- a) South-western ☐ b) East-western ☐
c) South-eastern ☐ d) North-eastern ☐

Q12. What was the policy devised by Lord Dalhousie, to deal with questions of succession to Hindu Indian states?

- a) Doctrine of Territorial Nexus ☐

- b) Doctrine of Lapse ☐ c) Both a) and b) ☐
d) None of the above ☐

Q13. In _____, the first cotton mill was set up in Bombay.

- a) 1854 ☐ b) 1857 ☐ c) 1888 ☐ d) 1844 ☐

Q14. Tipu's sword was made of what type of steel?

- a) Wootz ☐ b) Stainless ☐ c) Ironclad ☐
d) None of the above ☐

Q15. Who among the following influenced British to come to India?

- a) Portuguese ☐ b) Danes ☐ c) Dutch ☐
d) French ☐

ANSWERS: 1- c) Lord Mountbatten 2- a) Lord Curzon 3- c) broadcasting or scattering 4- c) Hyderabad 5- d) 1765 6- a) 1757 7- b) Tipu Sultan 8- c) 1803-1805 9- a) Rani Chennamma 10- a) Plassey 11- a) Plassey 12- b) Doctrine of Lapse 13- a) 1854 14- a) Wootz 15- a) Portuguese