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1 In September 2020, the extent of ice in the Arctic Ocean fell to 1.4 MILLION ACRES, setting a record for the second-lowest summer ice cover since satellites started recording data 42 years ago, according to National Snow and Ice Data Center data

2 The sea ice in the Arctic has declined by 1 MILLION ACRES since the 1980s, NASA observations show

3 Besides, if greenhouse gas emissions are not controlled, Antarctica and Greenland's and melting ice cover could together contribute over 38 CENTIMETRES INCREASE IN THE GLOBAL SEA LEVEL BY 2100. Melted ice from Greenland's ice sheets would alone contribute 8 to 27 cm to sea level rise between 2000-2100

WHY ARCTIC ICE LOSS IS A GLOBAL CLIMATE CONCERN?

X-PLAINED



WHAT A new study shows that the ice cover in Greenland would shrink more this century than ever, since Ice Age-end, around 12,000 years ago.

WHY Scientists say ice cover fluctuates due to seasonal factors, such as atmospheric pressure changes. However, climate change due to anthropogenic factors has dramatically increased the shrinking of Arctic ice in the last few decades

THE IMPACT
Scientists say accelerating ice loss in the Arctic is linked to increased storminess on the Eastcoast. It would lead to weakening of the jetstream, resulting in slower weather patterns— events like heatwaves would last longer, they warn

MORE ELNINO STORMS
According to reports, over the past 20 years, the Arctic Ocean has warmed rapidly, resulting in the air over the sea's surface

to form towers of hot air. Scientists believe that these changing weather patterns caused by ice loss may lead to more El Nino storms in the Pacific Ocean

LOSS OF NATURAL HABITAT
Ice melting will also pose serious threats to the life of polar bears, who have to swim and hunt between smaller chunks— they get tired, which in turn make them weak, warn scientists. A 2018 study, in fact, found that polar bears in the Arctic region have been losing weight during late spring and summer, when they should be gaining weight to prepare for winter

Spotlight

NOKIA TO BUILD FIRST CELLULAR NETWORK ON MOON

Nokia has been selected by NASA to build the first cellular network on the Moon, the Finnish company said as the US space agency plans for a future, where humans return there and establish lunar settlements. Nokia said, the first wireless broadband communications system in the space would be built on the lunar surface in late 2022, before humans make it back there. It will partner with a private spacecraft design company, Intuitive Machines, to deliver the equipment to the Moon on their lunar lander.



■ The network will give the astronauts voice and video communications capabilities, and allow telemetry and biometric data exchange as well as the deployment and remote control of lunar rovers and other robotic devices, according to the company. ■ The network will be designed to withstand the extreme conditions of the launch and lunar landing, and to operate in space

Influencing world politics

WHO HAS MOST POWER IN ASIA?



China is closing in on the US as the most-powerful country influencing the Asia-Pacific, as America's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic tarnishes its reputation, a study showed. While America retained its place as the region's top superpower, its 10-point lead on China two years ago has been halved, according to the Sydney-based Lowy Institute's Asia Power Index for 2020, which ranks 26 nations and territories.

The US economy will recover to the pre-pandemic levels by 2024, the institute said. In contrast, China's economy has rebounded from the virus and is the only large economy forecast to recover in 2020. This could give it an advantage against its neighbours over the next decade

India, the fourth most-powerful nation on the index after Japan, lost economic growth potential in the pandemic, and is also ceding strategic ground to Beijing. Lowy projects that India will reach 40% of China's economic output by 2030, compared with the 50% estimate last year

16 bowlers have exceeded 150.7 kmph 100 times in IPL

Sixteen speedsters have bowled deliveries measuring between 150.7 kmph and 156.22 kmph 100 times in the Indian Premier League (IPL) since its inception in 2008, (as on Oct 20), with Delhi Capitals' (DC) Anrich Nortje bowling the fastest ball in the tournament history against Rajasthan Royals (RR). According to the official IPL website, www.iplt20.com, South African Nortje exceeded 150 kmph mark four times in an over, with his fastest ball being clocked at 156.2 kmph.

■ Apart from Nortje, the other 15 bowlers who qualify for this list are: Dale Steyn, Kasigo Rabada, Pat Cummins, Shaun Tait, Jofra Archer, Navdeep Saini, Lasith Malinga, Lockie Ferguson, Umesh Yadav, Billy Stanlake, Ishant Sharma, Morne Morkel, Mitchell Johnson,

Parvinder Awana and Veer Pratap Singh
■ Jofra Archer has been leading the RR's impressive bowling performances that have not quite been matched up by their batsmen this season
■ Archer has surpassed 150 kmph 15 times this season alone, three more than what Nortje has managed, so far
■ Saini and Yadav are the only two Indians to feature on the top 10 fastest bowlers in the tournament

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPORTS

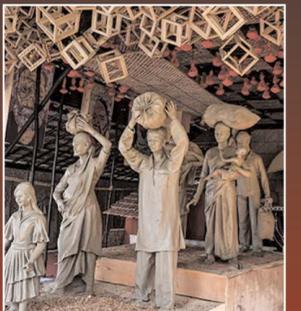
3.5% of the daily income of Indians is spent on a plate of food compared to 0.6% by a New Yorker, according to the 'Cost of a Plate of Food' report released by the UN's World Food Programme (WFP). The report said that a plate of food is most expensive in South Sudan, where people on average spend 186% of their daily salary on the basic ingredients. India stands at the 28th position on the list that features 36 countries across the globe.



FACTOID

DURGA REIMAGINED...

The migrant crisis triggered by Covid lockdown, coupled with Covid warriors, have emerged as the main themes for the Durga puja pandals this year



25 years of 'DDLJ' BRONZE STATUE OF SRK, KAJOL to be unveiled at London's LEICESTER SQUARE

October 20 marked 25 years of the cult-hit romantic comedy drama, 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge'. The 1995 Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol-starrer film, performed exceedingly well at the box office and became a commercial as well as critical success. On the occasion of the film completing 25 years, the Heart of London Business Alliance announced that a bronze statue of the lead pair will be unveiled in London's Leicester Square.



The statue will depict a scene, which was filmed in the heart of the bustling city. It will be the latest addition to the 'Scenes in the Square' movie trail that include installations of Harry Potter, Laurel and Hardy, Gene Kelly from 'Singin' in the Rain' and 'Wonder Woman'

'DDLJ' is one of the longest-running Bollywood films in theatres. The film is considered a cult classic. In fact, during the 20 years celebration of the film, Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol had hosted an event at the Maratha Mandir theatre, where the film has been running for more than two decades



PET CARE

DO PETS NEED SANITISERS?

Sanitisers kill bacteria, however, there are certain bacteria that are healthy for pets. If chemicals are used to clean them, it might lead to problems," says veterinarian D Jeya Bharath, adding, "If the ingredients are natural and organic, then it shouldn't be a problem." According to the International Organisation for Animal Health, though there have been few cases of animals being infected, "the pandemic is driven by human to human transmission," i.e. there is little chance of you getting the disease from your pets.



Music lessons are the best investment for kids

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRUM, HIT OR BLOW SOMETHING MUSICAL.

Music is a chance to learn a universal language

To get youngsters started on stringed instruments, a ukulele is a great choice. It's small enough for tiny hands to get to grips with, and cheap enough that your buyer's remorse won't be too painful if it ends up gathering dust in a cupboard.

Technology has also made piano and drums — two of the main instruments kids are most likely to respond to — much more accessible than in the past. Unlike the enormous wooden furniture models of old, today's digital keyboards are cheap and portable, plentiful on the secondhand market and just close enough to the real thing for you to assess whether junior has the chops to become the next Elton John.

Electronic drumkits are also plentiful today and far more affordable. A set plus headphones make it possible for a budding Keith Moon to



HOW TO LEARN

One-on-one lessons are by far the best way to progress, and you'd probably be helping a musician pay the rent and the bills by employing them to teach your child. But YouTube offers a wealth of instruction videos for all kinds of instruments and levels if tuition is too costly for your budget.

practice their paradiddles without sonically savaging the rest of the household — and for mom or dad to let loose their inner Karen Carpenter or Phil Collins once the kids are tucked in bed.

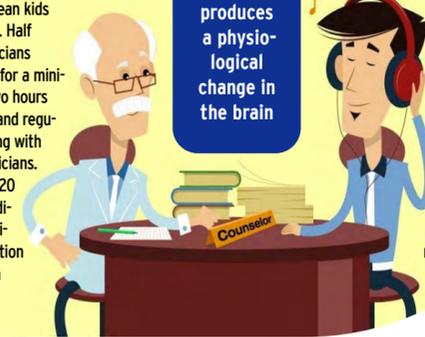
DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS OF MUSIC

A five-year study by the University of Southern California published in 2016 found learning to play music from the age of six or seven boosted development in areas of the brain that deal with reading skills, speech perception and language development. Exposure to music instruction, the study argued, produced a physiological change in the brain, increasing what's called its neuroplasticity. Those results are echoed in a study in which researchers tested 40 Chilean kids aged 10-13. Half were musicians practicing for a minimum of two hours per week and regularly playing with other musicians. The other 20 had no additional musical instruction apart from what their

schools taught as part of their curricula. The children were hooked up to a machine that measures brain activity by detecting changes in blood flow, shown an abstract figure and played a melody, each lasting four seconds. They were asked to focus on both, one or neither of the pair of stimuli, then asked to recall. While reaction times were similar, the musicians did 'significantly better' on the memory test.

Exposure to music produces a physiological change in the brain

That can have life-changing implications: Greater cognitive flexibility is associated with favourable outcomes throughout lifespan, like higher resilience, improved reading.



STAY Healthy

Ghee-jaggery combo boosts immunity

You don't have to buy exotic food products to up your immunity level. Food items already available in your kitchen can do the trick if paired correctly. Nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar recently shared one simple Ayurvedic remedy that can help boost your immunity and manage your hormonal issues too. Taking to her Instagram handle, Diwekar revealed that having jaggery with ghee post-lunch is great for staying healthy. She said that the combination of these two food items would not only help to curb your cravings for sugar but will also work wonders for your skin and immunity.

seen after consuming sugar-laden products. Jaggery contains iron, magnesium, potassium and vitamins like vitamin B and vitamin C. Ghee, on the other hand, is a rich source of different types of vitamins and fatty acids. It is packed with vi-



tamin A, E, and D. Besides, it contains vitamin K that helps calcium to be absorbed in bones.

REGULATES HORMONES AND KEEPS YOU GLOWING

Both jaggery and ghee help to boost immunity and maintain hormonal imbalance. When taken together, they can detoxify your body and also keep your skin, hair and nails healthy. They are also known to be an excellent mood booster and help you overcome the problem of anaemia.

HOW TO HAVE

Rujuta recommends mixing some jaggery in a tablespoon of ghee and having it post-lunch for maximum health benefits. You can also have it after your dinner if you prefer to end the last meal of the day with something sweet.

5 healthy habits to for healthy skin

A good skincare routine isn't just based on the kind of products you invest in for your skin. It has got a lot to do with the habits you form to keep your skin healthy and happy. With everyone spending a long time at home due to the pandemic, it becomes all the more important to choose this time to form healthy habits for your skin. Here's what you should be doing to achieve a natural, clear and glowing complexion

GOOD SLEEP

This one is a very done and dusted pointer, but we can't stress enough on how important sleep is for your body. The eight hours of sleep that you give to your body every night will make your skin heal and repair itself. It's called beauty sleep for a reason.



EAT SKIN-HEALTHY FOODS

Junk foods will always give you break-outs. To avoid that, you need to start eating foods that are rich in vitamin C, fatty acids like omega-3 and omega-6. These fats will help produce the skin's natural oil barrier as it is fundamental in keeping the skin look young and feel hydrated.



KEEP YOURSELF HYDRATED

Another common thing that is always recommended to keep your skin healthy is to drink lots of water. You must keep a daily check on your water intake. Keeping your body hydrated at all times will ensure flushing out of toxins which will then result in a clear skin.



AROMATHERAPY FOR STRESS-RELIEF

One major factor that can harm your skin is stress. And you can do your bit to reduce stress in daily life by choosing aromatherapy. Light a candle that is infused with a fragrance which induces relaxation, such as lavender. It will help reduce anxiety and put you in a better mood.



TURN TO SUPPLEMENTS

Supplements can also help you source key vitamins that are linked to skin benefits. Vitamin E supplements improve symptoms and quality of life for people who deal with eczema. Vitamin A supplements can also be taken by people who deal with signs of ageing or dullness. Vitamin B supplements help improve hyperpigmentation and acne. Note: It's advisable to get a doctor to recommend a supplement for you.



BENEFITS OF THE SUPER-FOODS PAIR

Jaggery is a healthier alternative to refined sugar. It contains nutrients and does not spike the blood sugar level as



QUIZ TIME (MIXED BAG)

Q.1) Who was declared a global terrorist recently?

- A. Masood Azhar
B. Osama bin Laden
C. Ayub Memon
D. Dawood Ibrahim

Q.2) In Indian mythology, who are the human incarnations of Jay and Vijay?

- A. Nal and Neel
B. Ravan and Kumbhakaran
C. Hiranyakashap and Hiranyaksh
D. Shishupala and Dantavakra

Q.3) Who is known as the father of poetry?

- A. Shakespeare
B. William Wordsworth
C. John Keats
D. Geoffrey Chaucer

Q.4) Where did soccer originate?

- A. Ancient China B. Rome
C. Ancient Greece D. England

Q.5) Which of these planets revolve around the sun clockwise?

- A. Uranus and Neptune
B. Uranus and Venus
C. Earth and Mercury
D. Jupiter and Saturn

Q.6) In which country would you eat haggis?

- A. US B. Spain
C. Scotland D. Sri Lanka

Q.7) Who is the author of 'The Lord Of The Rings'?

- A. J.R.R. Tolkien B. J.K. Rowling
C. Alexandre Dumas D. Jerome K. Jerome

ANSWERS

- 1) Masood Azhar 2) D) Shishupala and Dantavakra 3) D) Shakespeare 4) A) Ancient China 5) B) Uranus and Venus 6) C) Scotland 7) A) J.R.R. Tolkien

KNOWLEDGE BANK (GEOGRAPHY)

Vulcan Island

In the Northern Philippine island of Luzon, there is a lake called Taal. Inside lake Taal is an island called the Taal Volcano. Now inside the Taal Volcano island is the world's largest crater lake which is home to the Vulcan Island. This is located on one of the most active volcanoes in the Pacific Ocean. It's incredibly dangerous to visit this place as it lies in a volcano that has been active since 1991.



GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

BREACH AND BREECH

THE RULES:

- **Breach:** the back part of a gun barrel.
- **Breech:** to break through or break a rule; a gap.

HOW NOT TO DO IT:

- He put his hand on the **breach** of the gun.
- Many people consider her decision to be a **breech** of trust.

HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY:

- He put his hand on the **breech** of the gun.
- Many people consider her decision to be a **breach** of trust.

EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Write a story about the picture given here in about 200-250 words and send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at tolnie175@gmail.com



IDENTIFY THE PERSONALITY



He is the founder of Marvel. He was born on Dec 28, 1922 and died on Nov 12, 2018.

Answer: Stanley
Martin Lieber

CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1 Sushil starts moving in a west direction. After 100m, he turns to his left and moves 200m. Again he turns to his right and moves

100m. In which direction is he now with respect to his initial position?
A. Southwest
B. Northeast
C. East
D. South

2 Two glasses of equal volume are respectively half and three-fourth filled with milk. They are then filled to the brim by adding water. Their contents are then poured into another

vessel. What will be the ratio of milk to water in this vessel?
A. 5:3 B. 3:5
C. 25:9 D. 9:25

3 The ratio of Ashok's age to Pradeep's age is

4:3. Ashok will be 26 years old after 6 years. How old is Pradeep now?
A. 18 B. 21
C. 15 D. 24

Answer: 1. Southwest
2. 5:3
3. 15 years

POEMS

WITHOUT THE RISING SUN

The sun was tired, so was the moon
The night was folding, dawn was to come.
"Should I rise or not?" thought and thought
the sun,
I deserve a vacation for I have been here
since day one!
Oh boy will it be fun!
The choice was done!

The night had folded, the dawn had come
But without a rising sun!
Confusion and chaos everywhere,
The sun was not anywhere.

Awestruck moon went in search of sun,
Gloomy sunflower stooped down.
Lotuses folded hands in prayer,
heads bowed down in fear.
Viruses jump in cheer.

It's high time to teach a lesson,
To these unkind humans
But for the mercy on the universe,
Rose the mighty Sun ending the curse.

All jump in cheer to welcome the shining sun
in realisation
Sunflowers at last found direction,
Lotus bloom with hands open
The nature was intact with cycle of season,
That's the reason for celebration!

K V S Swathi, class IX, DPS Whitefield, Bangalore



THE BEAR WHO LOVED PEARS

I had a pair of two pears
One got eaten by the hare
Then I saw a walking bear
He was coming to get my only pear.
He once had lived in the lion's lair
but to eat my pear, Was it fair?

Dhairya Khanna, class V, DPS Whitefield

WEEKEND PLAN

GETTING SET FOR GOLU

For the last two weekends, I have been planning activities along with my family for the upcoming Navaratri celebrations and getting started with the preparations, from decorating and repainting some items at home.

Navaratri is a nine-day festival, but in our family we celebrate it for eleven days, from the new moon day till Vijayadashami.

The preparations began last weekend with getting the dolls down from the loft along with the things needed to build the steps for the Golu. Arranging the steps and decorating them with lights and flowers is usually a family activity with my father too chipping in.

On Friday morning, my mother placed the Kalasha and two wooden dolls, the main attractions of this festival. My mother made the dresses for these wooden dolls, and then I decorated them with colourful stones and sequins.

My dad and I took on the responsibility of placing the 50-year-old Gajalakshmi doll on the topmost step. This idol has been in the family since my great grand-

mother's time. I repainted this prized possession, last weekend. Our five-headed Ganesha and elephant pair are also treasured.

I arranged the idols of Goddesses Lakshmi, Saraswathi and Durga, the Dasavataram set with Lord Perumal and Padmavati in the centre. I set up a mini grocery shop near the Chettiar dolls.

My favorite Black Ganesha which was a gift from my father when I was three, also finds pride of place in this arrangement.

In keeping with our tradition, we add a new idol or doll to the collection every year, and this year too we have done so. We are very particular about getting eco-friendly mud dolls.

Over the past few days, I planted nine grains - Navadhania in a small basket. Over the eleven days, I will continue to water them and eagerly observe the growth.

The Navaratri festival is all about the triumph of good over evil. This year, we hope and pray for good things (normal life) to return, bringing an end to the present evil of corona.



V S SRI TILAK RAM, class IX, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

Memories and associations with the Mahatma

AAVISHKAR ACADEMY

Some values are time immemorial. While Gandhi Jayanti is behind us this year, its relevance is perpetual and assumes added significance during these troubled times. Gandhiji earned his titles 'Mahatma' and 'Father of the Nation' not because he was a successful lawyer but because he held on to his high moral standards even during tough times. It is time to 'Reboot our society' and teach our children the importance of integrity, righteousness, sacrifice, universal love, inclusiveness and dignity of labour.

As a child Gandhi was so honest that he refused to copy the spelling for the word 'kettle' in spite of his teacher prompting him to do so. The online tests are not only evaluating the academic understanding of the students, but are also challenging



3C
by Moksha charan

their level of honesty. So it is necessary to practice personal integrity. As a teenager, Gandhi had the courage to be forthcoming with his father when he once ate meat, due to peer pressure. He also kept up his promise to his parents all through his life. It takes a lot of courage to own up your mistakes and a lot of determination and will power to



keep up your word. As an adult Gandhi was so shy and nervous that he was not able to speak a single sentence in his first job in the court. The same man stood up for apartheid and for the downtrodden, and spoke against the authority in an unfriendly foreign land. His passion, bolstered by conviction to stand against injustice and ex-

ploitation, gave him the courage to argue boldly in the South African Court.

His Satyagraha movement and the Dandi march, stand testimony to his non-violent ways of sacrificing his needs and comfort for a higher cause of the humanity at large. He was an epitome of austerity. He lived by his famous quote "the world has enough for everyone's needs, but not everyone's greed". Let us learn a few lessons from the life of this great man who once walked the length and breadth of our country and who still lives in a million hearts.

At Aavishkar Academy, the students were assigned projects to work on themes related to Gandhiji throughout this month. They were all asked to use things that remind them of Gandhiji. Most of them used cotton.

Jadila Rajendran, Junior school coordinator

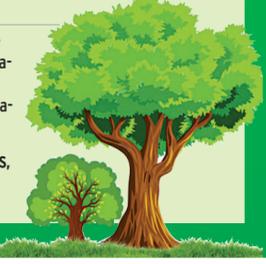
A step towards TREES

Trees are an important connection between nature and life on Earth. Without trees, the entire animal and human life can be in danger. We humans, out of greed and desire for more, have been destroying these valuable assets of nature. We need to take immediate steps to prevent further damage to trees and ensure our future survival.

Here are a few steps to Save Trees

- Plant more trees.
- Use Tree guards.
- Use organic fertilizers.
- Prefer to grow fruit or other valuable trees.
- Prevent deforestation.
- Donate saplings to civilians for planting them.
- Participate in tree plantation.
- Reduce paper use.
- Donate to a non-profit working to save forests.
- Participate in "Tree saving" campaigns.
- Buy Only FSC certified wood products.
- Switch to bamboo paper.
- Practice afforestation and reforestation.

OUTREACH SCHOOL



Daksh S S, class IX

GET FIT AND HAPPY, WHILE AT HOME

Prior to the pandemic, all of us had busy schedules with school, work, assignments and so on. There was never time to 'work-out'. Under the current circumstance however, people have some time to spare, and a lot of people have started focusing on their health, with attention to exercise and diet.

The fear of the virus has made everyone realise that they need to build up immunity. They have realised that exercise and correct nutrition help us physically and mentally.

How mentally? When we are working out, we listen to music which relaxes us and takes away unwanted stress and fear. If we start our day in a positive mood then there is a very high chance that you will not be disturbed the entire day. When you consciously eat healthy, you feel proud of yourself. That mood also spreads positivity. This positivity helps to stay fit mentally and the diet and exercise helps us to be fit physically.

Before this pandemic I was not very active. The trip to school and back, homework and studies, and a little TV was my daily routine. But the present scenario has really changed my routine. Apart from school and homework, I do some exercise to sweat it out. This really has brought a significant change in my mood, physical health and focus level. I am happy through the course of the day as I feel accomplished and energised. I am also excited and look forward to the next day. I am able to manage time really well and I have improved on my stamina.

Today, not a day goes by when I do not follow this new routine of mine. So, a small step can make a big difference.

Sapna Balasubramoni, class VIII

SISHU GRIHA HIGH SCHOOL

An online workshop that was most enjoyable



I got an opportunity to participate in the Mad Over Art Kids online competition held by Picartzo.

After registering, I submitted two of my paintings which got me to the second level. In the second level, I was asked to submit one art on any 3 theme topics given 1) Mother 2) Social Cause and 3) India. I painted on the topic 'Social Cause' since the Elephant murder incident in Kerala made an impact on me.

In the second round when I was given the topic "Social Cause" the first thing which came to my mind is animal welfare. Being an animal lover I was filled with joy & sorrow. Sadness due to the way animals are killed either due to negligence or due to greediness of man who

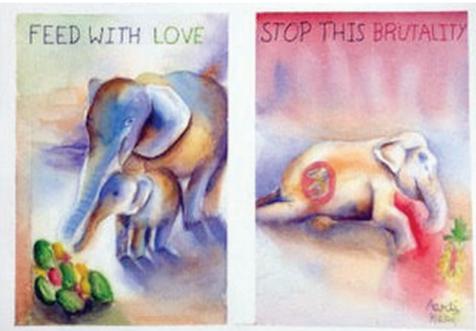
SISHU GRIHA HIGH SCHOOL

earn by selling parts like skin, nail, teeth etc. But this topic gave me a chance to depict both emotions. This depiction got selected and gave an opportunity to enter the third level.

In the final third round, the theme was "Save Mother Earth (Issues our planet is facing)". My final painting was among the top 10 and it got published in the Instagram page of Picartzo. As a token of appreciation, I got an opportunity to attend an online art workshop. That gave me a chance to learn through the online platform, which I enjoyed thoroughly.

It was a great experience with a whole month of joyful learning.

Aarti Anand, class X



A wonder that will teach us self worth

AUTHOR: R J PALACIO

Every third book one reads seems to be relatable on some level, at least from what my experience has been. However if I were to recommend a book that is truly relatable in almost all aspects, it would be 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. Many might have read this book but I have felt this one.

The book's protagonist, August, is a ten year old boy with facial deformities. Being home schooled for a while, his parents take the decision to send him to a regular school, a decision that would not only change the

course of his life but would teach him self acceptance - something we tend to forget to implement in our lives.

After the initial teasing which troubles him for obvious reasons, he manages to settle into the first few months of school. Eventually his classmates get used to the way he looks, reminding us that it's true when people say that time heals everything.

The most interesting part of this book is the plethora of characters that exhibit different personalities, all of which we have come across at least once in our life. Jack, a friend of August's, who appears to be his true friend, is later caught explaining to a few classmates how disgusted he is by August's looks. Although Jack acted the way he did to find acceptance among his peers, it made

BOOK REVIEW: WONDER

August question their friendship. Personally, I have been in both Jack and August's shoes, sometimes trying to fit in where I might not and the other times questioning someone else's loyalty when they've done the same. The two end up being good friends later in the novel. That is no surprise as some of the best friendships in life are bumpy roads in the beginning.

Another friend of August's, Summer, the one who genuinely liked him to be her friend, reminds us of those constant friends who don't see our flaws the way the world does. I'm lucky to have found my Summer. Another interesting character happens to be Via, his elder sister. The book mentions how Via and her best

friends, Miranda and Ella drift away, a painful process that's a reality for most teenagers. As nobody has a control over what the future holds, it's best to leave it to fate, perhaps there is something better ahead for both the drifting parties! I too have convinced myself that this is the best way to deal with such situations when I have been in one. Henry,

Miles and Amos, boys who are insensitive towards August, stand up for him when he gets into a fight with students of another school. Haven't you noticed that quite often in life: the people we never imagined show a change in attitude towards us and it all ends pretty well, at least better than what we had initially imagined?

This being said, I'm a step closer to believing that time heals all!

Coming to the characters, perhaps very few would have taken the time to appreciate August's loving parents, who are worthy of praise. After all, the novel ends with none other than his mother whispering into his ear, "You're a wonder!"

I would give this novel a five out of five, as I thoroughly enjoyed reading each page of it! I hope you like it as much as I did.

Dhwani Jha, class XI, The Brigade School, J P Nagar, Bengaluru



CAPTAINCY BLUNDERS

After the end of 38 games in the ongoing IPL 2020 edition, here's a look at a few befuddling captaincy calls in the tournament which is being held in the UAE

Virat Kohli demoting AB de Villiers to save him from leggies

A player of ABD's calibre was saved by Kohli-led RCB think-tank in order to prevent the leg-spinners from dominating him versus KXIP. Having a mediocre record versus leg-spinners, the former South African captain came out at No. 6 in the game versus Punjab. While it not only led to a flop show from him later on, as the two left-handers promoted ahead took time before departing, RCB lost the clash on the last ball.



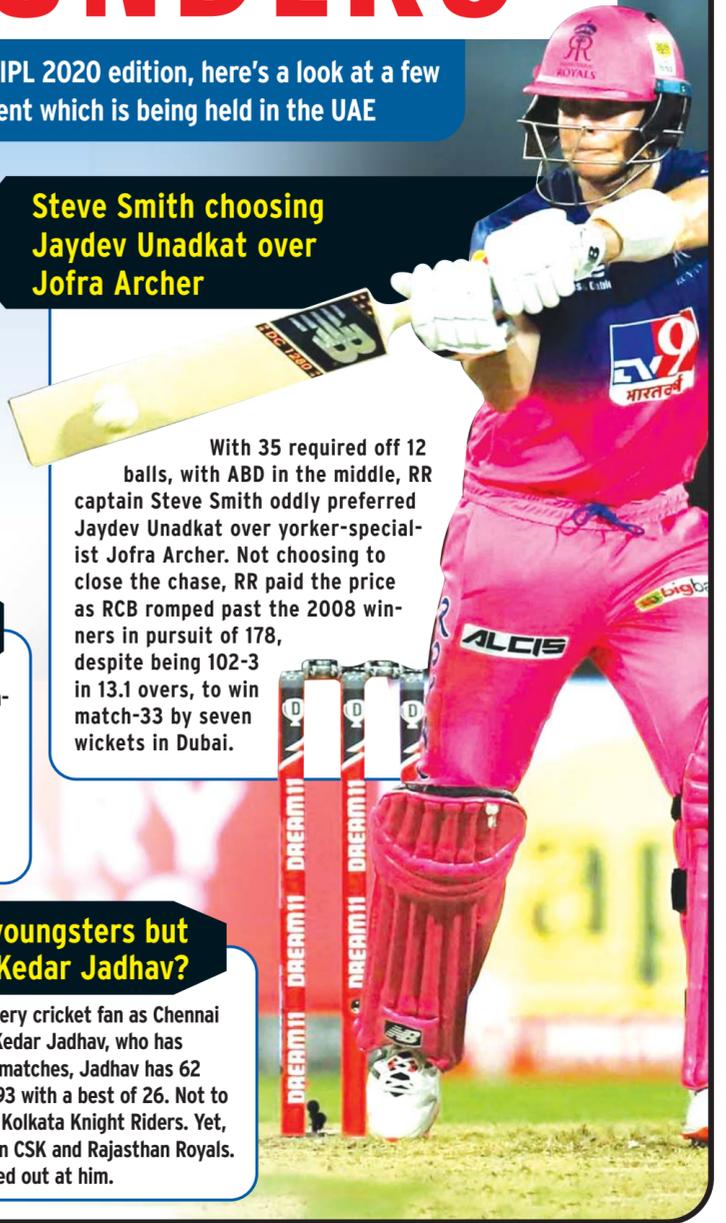
Rahul keeping Krishnappa Gowtham to bowl the 20th over vs MI

Sheldon Cottrell was on song against defending champions MI in match 13. Rahul finished his quota in the 13th over in the first innings and had to bowl Krishnappa Gowtham versus big-hitters like Hardik Pandya and Kieron Pollard - both of whom easily hammer off-spinners. In addition, using Jimmy Neesham in the powerplays was appalling too.



Steve Smith choosing Jaydev Unadkat over Jofra Archer

With 35 required off 12 balls, with ABD in the middle, RR captain Steve Smith oddly preferred Jaydev Unadkat over yorker-specialist Jofra Archer. Not choosing to close the chase, RR paid the price as RCB romped past the 2008 winners in pursuit of 178, despite being 102-3 in 13.1 overs, to win match-33 by seven wickets in Dubai.



Alright, lack of spark in youngsters but why Kedar Jadhav?

The question remains a topic of debate among every cricket fan as Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni continued to back Kedar Jadhav, who has remained poor despite the heavy investment. In 8 matches, Jadhav has 62 runs in five innings at 20.66, at a strike-rate of 93.93 with a best of 26. Not to forget his inexplicable intent in the run-chase versus Kolkata Knight Riders. Yet, Dhoni chose to play him once again in match 37 between CSK and Rajasthan Royals. A decision beyond explanation. Hence, Kris Srikkanth lashed out at him.



Nicholas Pooran is a 'game-changer', says Yuvraj Singh

Pooran has been in good form in the ongoing tournament, having scored 295 runs in 10 innings so far. His runs have come at a very impressive strike rate of over 180

Nicholas Pooran has been in some fine form in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) and former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh hailed the southpaw and labelled him as a "game-changer" for his blistering knock against Delhi Capitals. Pooran and Glenn Maxwell played knocks of 53 and 32 respectively as Kings XI Punjab defeated Delhi Capitals by five wickets. ANI

"And @kxip is looking dangerous and making a statement! @nicholas_47 the game changer! Beautiful to watch! What a player !!!#DCvKXIP #IPL2020.
Yuvraj Singh

Some power-packed shots played by Nicholas Pooran. What a clean striker of the ball he has been. His stance and backlift reminds me of JP Duminy.
Sachin Tendulkar



NADAL TO PLAY PARIS MASTERS NEXT MONTH

Rafael Nadal announced that he will compete in the Paris Masters next month, despite previously saying he might not play again this season. The 34-year-old won a record-extending 13th French Open title earlier this month with a one-sided final victory over world number one Novak Djokovic at Roland Garros.



Messi becomes first player to score in 16 straight CL seasons



Lionel Messi became the first player to score in 16 consecutive Champions League seasons as he guided 10-man Barcelona to a 5-1 victory over Hungarian side Ferencvaros in their Group G opener at the Camp Nou.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

FOOTBALL QUIZ | Cristiano Ronaldo

Q1: Cristiano Ronaldo is currently a member of which football club?
a) FC Barcelona b) Juventus F.C.
c) Manchester United d) Real Madrid

Q2: Which club was Ronaldo playing with before he joined Manchester United?
a) Sporting Lisbon b) Porto
c) Real Madrid d) Flamengo

Q3: Ronaldo made his debut for Manchester United in a 4-0 win against which club?

a) Fulham b) Bolton Wanderers
c) Blackburn Rovers d) Crystal Palace

Q4: When Cristiano Ronaldo joined Manchester United, he did not want the number '7' shirt. Who told him that number 7 fits him most?
a) Sir Alex Ferguson b) David Beckham
c) Kenny Dalglish d) Wayne Rooney

Q5: In which year was Cristiano Ronaldo declared FIFA World Player of the Year?
a) 2006 b) 2007 c) 2008 d) 2009

Q6: Cristiano Ronaldo was the 2nd Portuguese player to win the FIFA World Player of the Year Award. Who was the first player?
a) Ronaldinho b) Zinedine Zidane
c) Roberto Carlos d) Luis Figo



Q7: How many times has Cristiano Ronaldo won the Ballon d'or award?
a) Four b) Five c) Six d) Seven

Q8: Becoming the second man to join the international century club, Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 100th & 101st goals for Portugal against which country?
a) Spain b) France c) India
d) Sweden

Q9: How many goals has Cristiano Ronaldo scored for Real Madrid in the Champions League?
a) 134 b) 105 c) 197 d) 101

Q10: Cristiano Ronaldo scored the 700th goal of his

professional career during Portugal's Euro 2020 qualifier against which country?
a) Sweden b) Spain
c) Ukraine d) None of the above

Q11: Cristiano Ronaldo is the all-time leading goal scorer of which football club?
a) Manchester United b) Juventus FC
c) Real Madrid d) None of the above

Q12: Who has labelled Cristiano Ronaldo as "the heir to Alfredo Di Stéfano"?
a) Florentino Pérez b) Zinedine Zidane
c) Josep Maria Bartomeu d) None of the above

ANSWERS: 1 b) Juventus FC 2 a) Sporting Lisbon 3 b) Bolton Wanderers 4 a) Sir Alex Ferguson 5 c) 2008 6 d) Luis Figo 7 b) Five 8 d) Sweden 9 b) 105 10 c) Ukraine 11 c) Real Madrid 12- a) Florentino Pérez