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THE SUMMER BUZZ



“AND SO, WITH THE SUNSHINE AND THE GREAT BURSTS OF LEAVES GROWING ON THE TREES, JUST AS THINGS GROW IN FAST MOVIES, I HAD THAT FAMILIAR CONVICTION THAT LIFE WAS BEGINNING OVER AGAIN WITH THE SUMMER.”

—F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, *THE GREAT GATSBY*

This summer, you won't be bored! We have mind-boggling games, delicious recipes and super-fun activities! We also have a small section where well-known faculty and students give their opinions on how schooling has changed this past year! Enjoy!

‘SUMMER IS A STATE OF MIND’

Which side of your brain is dominant? Take this test to find out!

If you see the shoe as grey and green, your left brain, which deals with facts and analytics, is dominant. If you see the shoe as white and pink, your right brain, which deals with art and creativity, is dominant.

What colour do you see? 😊

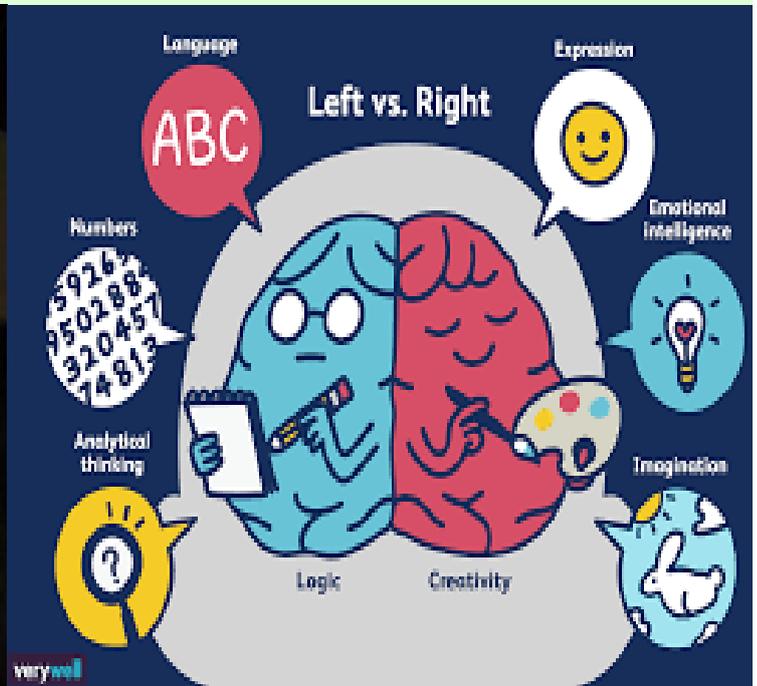


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-Samyukta Sreeram



Opinions on Online School - Let us hear them!

This academic year has been like no other. Here's what our faculty and students have to say about this unusual year.

-Anoshka. P and Shreya Kiran

"Some things were quite challenging, but I think we should be very grateful to the school management, Chandran Ma'am, and Shweta Ma'am because they did a lot of work to make this possible. We have learnt so much about technology, and though we are not meeting physically, the bonding is more!"-**Amrutha Nirmal Kumar, Teacher.**

"Online school wasn't that bad but it wasn't amazing either. Uploading notes can be annoying! I just hope we can go back to the physical school soon." – **Student**

"It was nice but I could not communicate with a lot of people. Academics wise it was fine." – **Student**

"Well, one of the pros is that I've improved in terms of technology! Students can also frequently be in touch with us this way. If they have any doubts, they can interact with us any time. But there is a significant disadvantage too. As we cannot see what the students are doing, we don't know if they are there or not or if they have actually understood what has been taught." **Mangala Bolar, Teacher.**

"I was glad and excited at first when online classes started. However, as time flew by, I realized that nothing could compare to our physical school. The time we have in school is the best, and online classes just do not cut it. However, online classes have made us technically more efficient and made us realize the value of school and our time there. It is also nice to see our teachers handling modern technology and coping with it in such a small amount of time." - **Student.**

BUSY IS THE NEW HAPPY



Bored at home this summer not knowing what to do? Here is a list of things you can do to keep boredom at bay:

- ★ Start that one activity you have put off all year
- ★ Camp out in your garden
- ★ Make a summer playlist
- ★ Have a family game night
- ★ Create a goal for the summer and focus on trying to finish it
- ★ Spend time in nature
- ★ Do something that makes you happy!

-Shloka.C



RECIPE COOKIES AND CREAM ICE CREAM

INGREDIENTS:

- Heavy Cream (2 Cups)
- Condensed Milk (1 Cup)
- Crushed Oreo Cookies (10)

METHOD:

Keep a large bowl, beaters, heavy cream, and condensed milk in the freezer for 5 minutes before you start.

- In a large bowl, add the cream and condensed milk then whip until soft peaks are formed.
- Add the cookies and gently fold to combine. Transfer the mixture to a baking pan. Top with more cookies if desired, then freeze for 3-4 hours.

- Harmehr Kaur

Financially Monthly



Highlights Union Budget 2021-2022

-GVS Karthik, Shyamanthaka.K, Johnathan Mathew, Ayush Bankoli, Manas Kedar Vaze

The Union Budget 2021-2022 was presented by the Union Finance Minister on 1 February 2021. The overall response to the budget has been a mixed one. While it has been lauded for being taxpayer-friendly, it has fallen short of addressing several pressing issues like cybersecurity.

Our students have gleaned some of the key announcements made in the budget. Let's take a look.

Health and Sanitation

1. A new centrally sponsored scheme, **PM Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana**, will be launched with an outlay of about Rs. 64,180 crores over 6 years to boost health care. The main interventions under this scheme are:
 - Support for 17,788 rural and 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres.
 - Setting up integrated public health labs in all districts and 3382 block public health units in 11 states.
 - Setting up of 15 Health Emergency Operation Centres and 2 mobile hospitals.
 - Establishing critical care hospital blocks in 602 districts and 12 central institutions.
2. The **Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban)**, aimed at better water supply nationwide, will be launched with an outlay of Rs. 2,87,000 crores.
3. **Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0** will be implemented with a total financial allocation of `1,41,678 crores over a period of 5 years.
4. An amount of Rs. 2,217 crores will be provided to 42 urban centres with a million-plus population to tackle air pollution.
5. Rs. 35000 crores have been provided for Covid-19 vaccine procurement.

Infrastructure

1. The **National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)** has been extended to cover 7,400 projects to boost economic growth.
2. The **National Asset Monetising Pipeline** to monitor asset monetisation process launched.

Education

1. More than 15,000 schools to be strengthened to incorporate all aspects of the National Education Policy (NEP)
2. 750 Eklavya Model residential schools will be built in tribal areas.

Roads and Highways

Some new roads and highways to be constructed

1. **Delhi-Mumbai Expressway**: The contract for the remaining 260 km of the expressway will be awarded before 31.3.2021.
2. **Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway**: The construction of the 278 km expressway will begin in 2021-22
3. **Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor**: The construction of 210 km corridor will begin in 2021-22.

Tax

1. Senior citizens above 75 years need not file Income Tax returns if their main source of income is interest income apart from pension income.
2. A proposal has been made to notify rules for removing double taxation that NRIs face when they return to India.
3. The time limit for reopening income tax assessment cases has been reduced to 3 years from 6 years.
4. Advance tax liability on the dividend income to be paid after the declaration of dividend.
5. A Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) to be set up to resolve tax matters of taxpayers with taxable income up to Rs. 50 lakhs.
6. The eligibility period to claim tax holiday for start-ups to be extended by one more year to 31 March 2022.

Renewable Energy

1. This budget focused on clean energy. In order to boost domestic production, import duty on solar inverters has been raised from 5% to 20%, and on solar lanterns from 5% to 15%

Top Financial News of February

Economic activity on the verge of normality, GDP to grow 13.5% in FY2.

The Indian economy is slowly recovering after being hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the Japanese brokerage firm Nomura, Indian GDP will grow at 13.5 percent in FY22.

IT department issues notices in 475 cases for undisclosed assets worth ₹14,300 cr.

The Income Tax department has sent notices in 475 cases involving undisclosed income and foreign assets of over ₹14,300 crores under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) Act. Additionally, undisclosed income worth more than ₹8,460 crore has been taxed. A penalty of over ₹1,290 crore has also been levied for deposits made in undisclosed foreign bank accounts in HSBC cases.

India ranks 86th among 180 countries in Corruption Perception Index 2020

India slipped six ranks to bag the 86th position in Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020. The index ranks 180 countries on a scale of 0-100, where 0 signifies the most corrupt while 100 is the cleanest. India scored 40, just one point less than its last year's score of 41.

-Shyamanthaka Kinabale and GVS Karthi

Letter to Editor

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The Editor
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject- Rising unemployment due to Covid-19

I am Dr.Mahesh Rathee. I work at Vijaya Government Hospital. I write this letter to raise awareness about the increasing unemployment problem in the country.

The main reason behind this recent increase in the unemployment rate is the Covid-19 pandemic. As it had stalled many economic activities in the country, lakhs of people working in various sectors like transport and construction became unemployed.

Fortunately, the risk posed by this virus has reduced considerably. However, the economy still needs time to recover. One of the most efficient ways to bounce back is the generation of employment opportunities by the Government and the private sector to provide a livelihood to people and revive the economy. Nationalised banks can also give loans with reduced interest rates to the people who have lost their jobs or businesses.

I hope that after reading my letter in your newspaper, the government, private sector and public will take the steps required to address this problem.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr.Mahesh Rathee

-Manas Kedar Vaze

Technology News



A lot has happened in the world of technology in February. Here are our top picks.

The Daily Downloads

Leaked NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080 Ti benchmarks show the GA102 card on par with the GeForce RTX 3090

Reputed benchmarks of the NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080 Ti have surfaced, showcasing the upcoming card against the RTX 3080 and RTX 3090. It is unclear why NVIDIA would choose to release the RTX 3080 Ti on these benchmarks, though.

Australia passes law forcing Google to pay for news

Australia passed a new law forcing internet giants like Google to pay the country's publishers for the news links and snippets that appear on Google search. The company is opposed to the idea and had even threatened to pull out of the country. Google handles 95% of Australia's daily searches. If it leaves the country, 25 million Australians would be deprived of the world's most widely used search engine. Meanwhile, Microsoft is hoping that this skirmish between Google and the Australian government might allow Bing to strike gold.

INTERNET TIMES

WALLSTREET VS REDDIT

A group of amateur investors belonging to a Reddit community known as r/wallstreetbets took on Wall Street and pushed the stocks of several struggling companies like GameStop to soaring heights. The story started when activist, investor, and former CEO of Chewy, Ryan Cohen, joined the board of the video game retailer GameStop. Cohen's appointment created hope that the company's fortune will turn around, which impacted its share price, forcing short-sellers, who had bet against the retailer, to buy more shares to cover their losses.

Meanwhile, Redditors promoted the company's stock on social media, and GameStop's share price skyrocketed, which made hedge funds, who had betted against the company's fortune, lose billions. The short sellers had no more shares to buy, resulting in a short squeeze. By Wednesday, January 27, the stock had gained more than 700% over four trading days. This incident has been hailed by many as the rebellion of Redditors against the financial titans of the Wall Street

Starlink

Starlink is a satellite internet constellation that SpaceX is constructing. As of 27 January 2021, SpaceX has launched 1,035 Starlink satellites. They plan to launch up to 60 more per Falcon 9 flight, with launches as often as every two weeks in 2021. Nearly 12,000 satellites are intended to be deployed, with a possible later extension to 42,000.

The Sports Express



From cricket to badminton, our in-house sport journalists have rounded up the most interesting happenings in the sports world for you.

Cricket - IPL Auctions



Let's see how the teams have fared in the IPL 2021 Auctions

- Mumbai Indians: 15.35 crores** - After releasing some of their best overseas bowlers, Mumbai Indians made some smart purchases. Adam Milne as the third pacer is a good decision. They have also added Nathan Coulter-Nile, Marco Jensen, and Jimmy Neesham to the roster. Though Arjun Tendulkar's inclusion in the team has drawn flak, the youngster has done well in age-group cricket, and Mumbai Indians' gamble might just pay off.
- Chennai Super Kings: 19.9 crores** - After going all out on Glenn Maxwell, Chennai Super Kings settled for Moeen Ali. Krishnappa Gowtham, as a back-up off-spinner and finisher, also works in the CSK setup if they put Moeen out and play a different overseas player. However, their purchase of Cheteshwar Pujara still seems odd, even when the slow pitches at Chennai come into consideration.
- Sunrisers Hyderabad: 10.75 crores** - Sunrisers Hyderabad came to the auction with one of the smallest purses and three slots to fill. They picked Kedar Jadhav at base price in the accelerated auction. Mujeeb Ur Rahman is an excellent T20 player, but considering the Sunrisers Hyderabad squad's make-up, he is a strange pick for a role they already have too many players in.
- Royal Challengers Bangalore: 35.9 crores** - RCB required fast bowlers and ended up spending a lot of money on Glenn Maxwell and Kyle Jamieson. Dan Christian is a good pick and may help them turn around their fortunes. Mohammad Azharuddeen and Rajat Patidar are excellent signings at base prices. However, RCB's batting issues remain unattended despite the availability of several good batsmen in the auction.
- Kolkata Knight Riders: 10.75 crores** - Kolkata Knight Riders had to find a back-up for Andre Russell and spinners to cover up for Sunil Narine's inconsistent performances. They added Ben Cutting and Shakib Al Hasan to fill in these gaps and purchased good domestic players in Vaibhav Arora and Venkatesh Iyer. Pawan Negi and Harbhajan Singh add to their spin bowling.
- Kings XI Punjab: 53.20 crores** - Punjab Kings had the biggest purse and spent a lot of money on the area that needed attention: foreign fast bowlers. Jhye Richardson and Riley Meredith are useful additions to their bowling attack. Dawid Malan as a back-up for Chris Gayle, Tamil Nadu youngster Shahrukh Khan as the finisher, and Fabian Allen are practical additions to the team.
- Delhi Capitals: 13.4 crores** - Delhi Capitals made two of the best value-for-money picks in the auction by signing Sam Billings and Umesh Yadav. However, adding Steve Smith to their already expansive collection of top-order batsmen didn't look like a smart move. Manimaran Siddharth, as a left-arm spinner, seems to be a back-up for Axar Patel. Vishnu Vinod is a handy top-order hitter, but it's unlikely he will get much playing time.
- Rajasthan Royals: 37.85 crores** - Rajasthan Royals spent INR 16.25 crore for Chris Morris, a record fee for an overseas player. Morris alongside Jofra Archer as death bowlers, Ben Stokes with ball and bat, and Jos Buttler as the power-hitting opener make Rajasthan an excellent side for this IPL season. Shivam Dube, Chetan Sakariya, and Akash Singh are also good signings.

-Pramod Gade

Football Daily



Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo? Best male footballer of the decade announced.

Lionel Messi beat arch-rival Cristiano Ronaldo to be named the best footballer of the decade by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics. Messi has had an outstanding career with Barcelona so far. The Argentinian made his debut for the club in 2004 and has made 757 appearances in all competitions, scoring 651 goals. Cristiano Ronaldo has also achieved incredible success, with clubs like Manchester United, Real Madrid, and Juventus.

Luis Suarez breaks Cristiano Ronaldo's La Liga record

Luis Suárez has scored 16 goals in his first 17 games for Atlético Madrid in La Liga, becoming the fastest player to reach 16 goals for the same club in the competition in the 21st century. Cristiano Ronaldo held this record earlier. He scored 15 goals for Real Madrid in 2009/10.

PSG's Neymar injured ahead of Barcelona match in Champions League

The much-anticipated Champions League match between former teammates Lionel Messi of Barcelona and Neymar Jr. of Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) couldn't take place after the Brazilian was ruled out due to the injury he sustained during PSG's match against Caen. This news disappointed fans who were eagerly waiting for the showdown between these two legends.

-Ved R. Menon

Badminton Daily



Lee Chong Wei vs. Lin Dan



Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei and China's Lin Dan are outstanding badminton players with a legion of fans worldwide. They are both known for their signature playing styles. Former World No. 1 Lee Chong Wei is famous for his incredible speed, counter-attack, defence, recovery, deceptive net plays, and hard-hitting jump smashes. Many consider the cross-court smash as Lee's favourite shot. On the other hand, Lin Dan is known for his patience, tactical expertise in adjusting to his opponents' playing style, heavy attacks, sliding defence, and all-round court plays.

-Arjun Ganesan

Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Sports



The coronavirus pandemic has affected all areas of life and sports is no exception. The social distancing measures introduced to limit coronavirus's spread have had a significant effect on sporting fixtures. Before coronavirus stopped play, the sports industry's estimated global value was \$471 billion (2018). However, the pandemic dealt a financial blow to the sports world. Every part of the sporting value chain has been affected, from athletes, teams, and leagues, to the media that broadcast and cover games. Major events have been either postponed or cancelled. The Tokyo Olympics is a good example. With a great chance of stadiums remaining empty for a long time to come, athlete organisations and people working at sport venues are in for a challenging year ahead. Revenue from broadcasting deals, sponsorships, and match tickets are all drying up.

As many sports' business model is under threat, they need to find a solution to counter COVID-19. The sports ecosystem, comprising of producers, broadcasters, fans, businesses, owners, and players, needs to find new and innovative solutions to reduce the adverse effects of COVID-19. This includes finding ways to engage with fans to ensure safe sports events in the future while maintaining the workforce, creating new operating models and venue strategies. With the vaccinations starting, we hope that the major sporting events like the FIFA World Cup and the Tokyo Olympics begin this year. Some sporting events have already begun, like the X-games and the Handball World Championships. Though the coronavirus changed the sports world in 2020, we have found new ways to hold the sporting event safely, and we all hope that the crowd will return to the stadiums soon.

-Tarush Veluri

Cricket Matches for the Weekend

West Indies vs Sri Lanka at 3:30 am on Saturday

New Zealand vs Australia at 8:30 am on Sunday

Upcoming Football Matches

1. Indian Super League

Northeast United FC vs ATK. at 7:30 pm on Saturday

2. Premier League

Burnley vs Arsenal at 6:00 pm on Saturday

Sheffield United vs Southampton at 8 :30 pm on Saturday

Aston Villa vs Wolves at 11:00 pm on Saturday

Brighton vs Leicester City at 1:30 am on Sunday

West Brom vs Newcastle at 5:30 pm on Sunday

Liverpool vs Fulham at 7:30 pm on Sunday

Upcoming Basketball Matches

Indiana vs Cleveland at 5:30 am on Thursday

Utah vs Philadelphia at 5:30 am on Thursday

Brooklyn vs Houston at 6:00 am on Thursday

Atlanta vs Orlando at 6:30 am on Thursday

Charlotte vs Minnesota at 6:30 am on Thursday

Chicago vs New Orleans at 6:30 am on Thursday

Oklahoma City vs Dallas at 7:00 am on Thursday

Golden State vs Portland at 8:30 am on Thursday

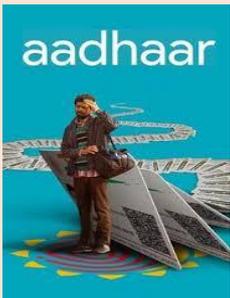
-Arya Mathias

Weekender Chronicles



The 78th Golden Globes was held on February 28, from 5 pm to 8 pm PT/8-11 ET on NBC. Tina Fey and Amy Poehler hosted the event.

Fast and Furious 9 is releasing on 28th May 2021. It is an upcoming American action film that is the sequel to *The Fate of the Furious* (2017). After the events of *The Fate of the Furious*, Dominic Toretto and his family must face Dominic's younger brother Jakob, a deadly assassin, who is working with their old enemy, Cipher, who holds a personal vendetta against Dominic.



The Hindi movie *Aadhaar*, starring Vineet Kumar, was released on 5th February 2021. *Aadhaar* revolves around Pharsua, a villager who is the first to enrol for an Aadhaar card in his village. However, a priest declares that the serial number of his Aadhaar will affect his wife's health, and Pharsua decides

to get his number changed.



- Aadya Umesh, Aanya Narayan Saraf, Kaavya Vinod, Kuhu Ghosal, Radhika Bhadri & Arohi Jain

Hindi Poem

‘तीन पहर’

तीन पहर तो बीत गए,
बस एक पहर ही बाकी है।
जीवन हाथों से फिसल गया,
बस खाली मुट्ठी बाकी है।
सब कुछ पाया इस जीवन में,
फिर भी इच्छाएँ बाकी हैं।
दुनिया से हमने क्या पाया,
यह लेखा जोखा बहुत हुआ,
इस जग से ने हमसे क्या पाया,
बस ये गणनाएँ बाकी हैं।
तीन पहर तो बीत गए,
बस एक पहर ही बाकी है।

-Aryan Singhai

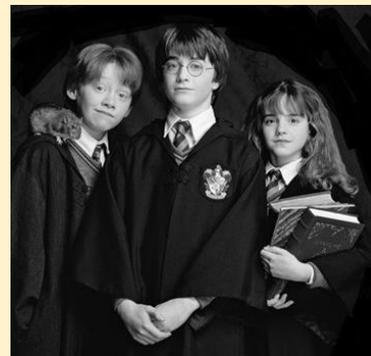
Hogwarts Times

Ever wonder what our favourite wizarding world characters might be doing during the pandemic? Here's what our students imagine they are up to:

Harry Potter – We think Harry would love to be quarantined at Hogwarts. He would be away from the Dursleys and have plenty of time on his hands to zoom around everywhere on his trusty Firebolt.

Ron Weasley – Ron would probably be stocked up on all his quarantine essentials: his chessboard and a lot of snacks. He would probably also take the opportunity to teach all his friends chess and have fun beating them every time!

Hermione Granger – Knowing Hermione, she would be keeping herself busy surrounded by piles and piles of textbooks. In her eyes, nothing should interfere with her schoolwork, not even pandemic. She would also probably keep telling Harry and Ron that they shouldn't waste their time goofing around but should take the time to catch up on their giant pile of pending schoolwork.



-Radhika Bhadri & Arohi Jain