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GURJIT KAUR, HOCKEY

Asian Games silver medallist

THE LEARNINGS: Self-belief. There was a time when we didn't believe that we could win against the big teams of the world. But over the past couple of years, this has changed. Our fitness and speed has improved, and that has been one of the contributing factors to us doing well. I used this formula of believing in my potential during the lockdown as well.

THE IMPLEMENTATION: This self-belief will be one of key factors that will help us achieve desirable results at the Olympics next year.



ASHWINI PONNAPPA, BADMINTON

World Championships bronze medallist (women's doubles), five-time Commonwealth Games medallist and Asian Games bronze medallist (women's team)

LEARNINGS: Respect and listen to your body. The lockdown gave me an opportunity to take care of my body.

THE IMPLEMENTATION: Good warm ups before training, having a light session when my body needs to take it easy, training drills that I need for my game, are some of the things that I plan to focus on for the upcoming games.

AMIT PANGHAL, BOXING

Asian Games gold medallist and Commonwealth Games silver medallist

THE LEARNINGS: The lockdown has taught me that patience and hard work is everything. You don't get what you want before a certain time. The key is to keep your head down, work hard and stay positive.



THE IMPLEMENTATION: I plan to dominate my opponent from the first round itself, and not give up till I get the desired result.

Who has been your biggest inspiration during this lockdown period and why? Share your views at toinie175@gmail.com



PANDEMIC LESSONS

WHAT ATHLETES LEARNT FROM COVID-19

From literally living in the training centres to being deprived of even the basic training facilities, the athletes have had a potentially life-altering experience in the last few months, courtesy the lockdown. After several months, the situation is still far from normal, but the athletes have started returning to the training centres to pick up the pieces of their sporting life. Will their success in the post-pandemic world depend on how they survived these testing times, and what they learnt from it? How do they plan to implement the learnings in their training and competitions? We find out...

G SATHIYAN, TABLE TENNIS

Three-time Commonwealth Games medallist and one time Asian Games medallist

THE LEARNINGS: In the last few months, I have realised that to keep going, we have to keep pushing our limits, and bring out new skills. This applies to our game as well. If you're not doing things differently, there can never be different results. It's important to venture into new things.

THE IMPLEMENTATION: I had a lot of time to train and work on different aspects during the lockdown. I used this lockdown in a very positive way. We have been working on Sathiyam mission 2.0 that focuses on new skills to bring on board when competitions start.

B SAI PRANEETH, BADMINTON

World Championships bronze medallist

THE LEARNINGS: One thing that I have learnt is that you should not compare yourself with others. Instead, you should know what is better for you and how to go about things.

THE IMPLEMENTATION: We've started training after a long time, and it would take some time to adjust. The key would be to focus on my own body and be patient, rather than getting influenced by what others are doing.

MANISH KAUSHIK, Boxing

World Championships bronze medallist, Commonwealth Games silver medallist

THE LEARNINGS: The biggest lesson that I learnt in the last few months is that life is very uncertain; so, grab the opportunity when it comes to you. Besides, it is important to stay strong, mentally.

THE IMPLEMENTATION: An athlete's career is very short and you never know what can happen next. Since I've earned the quota for next year's Olympics, I want to grab the opportunity and win a medal for my country.

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WEB EDITION

OUR QUESTION, YOUR ANSWERS



Will this be the NEW NORMAL for Indian schools too? Are we prepared to handle this level of care in schools?

I think India is ready for this 'new normal'. We just need to add a few safety precautions, like installing sanitising machines in schools, providing masks, face shields and gloves to the students and staffs. Children have to cooperate with teachers, and follow each and every safety precautions. S TANISHQ, class VII, Silver Oaks International School, Visakhapatnam

I don't think Indian schools are prepared to accept this as the new normal. With the rising cases of Covid-19, it becomes imperative to follow several precautionary measures, while entering schools, which in my opinion will consume a lot of time. Therefore, it's better to stick to online classes till things become normal. AISHAANI BASU, class VIII, Calcutta Girls' High School, Kolkata

It will be difficult to adapt to this new normal in India. This is because classes in India are dense: more students in a small classroom. Before reopening the schools, students must get guidance virtually by the school authorities, so that they can adapt to this new inevitable change. ANANYA SHARMA, class VII, Euro School, Undri, Pune

ECONOMY

Fiscal deficit to touch 7% in FY21

India's fiscal deficit is expected to touch 7 per cent of the GDP in 2020-21 fiscal as against the budget estimate of 3.5 per cent, with revenue collections being hit amid disruptions in economic activities due to the lockdowns, according to Brickwork Ratings. "The impact of the lockdown on economic activity shows up starkly in the trends in the revenue collection during the first three months of fiscal 2020-21," the agency said.



WHY THIS DEFICIT

- As per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the central government's revenue in Q1 (April-June) of the current fiscal year is much lower than the collections for the corresponding period last year
- Moreover, there is a sharp increase in the expenditure (by 13.1 per cent) due to additional spending incurred to save lives and livelihoods, and to provide stimulus under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programme

WHAT IS FISCAL DEFICIT

- The difference between the total revenue and the total expenditure of the government is termed as fiscal deficit. It is an indication of the total borrowings needed by the government
- Generally, fiscal deficit takes place either due to the revenue deficit or a major hike in the capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is incurred to create long-term assets, such as factories, buildings and other development programmes

FACTOID ₹3.5 CR

The price of a Texel lamb that was sold at an auction in Scotland recently. In fact, it has become the world's most expensive sheep. The sheep, called Double Diamond, is an embryo-bred lamb. Originating from the island of Texel in the Netherlands, the sheep breed is popular among the British farmers because of their high-quality meat

IT'S NO TIME TO RELEASE A BOND MOVIE



The new James Bond film, 'No Time to Die' could be delayed again, if other movies perform badly. According to reports, studio chiefs are keeping an eye on the blockbusters, such as Christopher Nolan's, Tenet that was released recently to see if audiences are ready to return. The \$200million Bond, starring Daniel Craig, had been due last November. It has been held twice, and is currently planned for release this November.

A survey by Hollywood magazine Variety has found that fewer than one in five Bond fans would currently watch it at a theatre. Much-awaited blockbusters, 'Fast And Furious 9' and 'Halloween Kills' have been pushed back to 2021

NEWS IN BRIEF

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IIT, BOMBAY STUDENTS LAUNCH SCANNING APPS

Taking inspiration from PM Narendra Modi's clarion call for an Atma Nirbhar Bharat, two final year B.Tech students at IIT, Bombay have launched AIR Scanner, a free-of-cost document-scanning mobile application. The AI (Artificial Intelligence)-based reading assistant and document scanner app, developed by Rohit Kumar Chaudhary and Kavin Agrawal, was launched on August 15, as an indigenous alternative to the banned Chinese counterpart, Cam Scanner.



INNOVATION

- The AIR Scanner app does not collect any information about the user, and all the documents are stored in the phone's local storage. "We are not using any cloud storage to store the documents of the users", said Chaudhary and Agrawal. The app guarantees complete user security. The document scanned, using a mobile camera, is saved in a PDF format and is stored in the device only
- As of now, it is available only in English language, but plans are on to make it available in multiple languages, which will make it easy for anyone to read any language
- Chaudhary added that currently the app is available for the Android users only, but soon it will be released for the iOS users too

RIP PRANAB DA

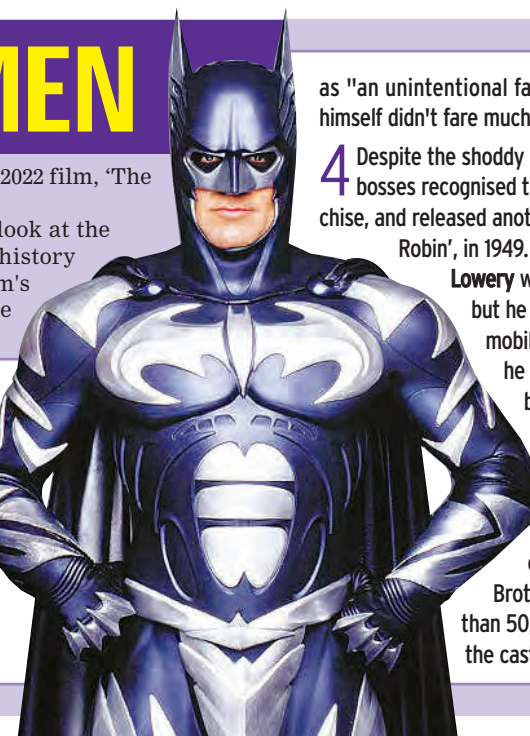
President Ram Nath Kovind led the nation by paying tributes to the late Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India, at his residence 10, Rajaji Marg, in New Delhi on Tuesday. Mukherjee passed away on Monday

A flock of BATMEN

Superhero worshippers went into a frenzy last week as the trailer for the new Batman movie was released. Robert Pattinson is the latest star to pull on the crusader's tights and mask, but fans will have to wait until next year to see if the cape fits. Meanwhile, both Michael Keaton and Ben Affleck will be returning as Batman in the 2022 film, 'The Flash'.

1 The Batman, born in 1939, was the brainchild of comic book genius, Bob Kane. He said, inspirations for his hero, included a masked, Douglas Fairbanks, in early swashbuckler, 'Zorro'

3 On screen, however, it was a different story. The first actor to play the Caped Crusader was Lewis Wilson in a 1943, a 15-part war-time TV serial, where Batman took on a Japanese spy and a gang of the US traitors. The script was panned by critics, who described it



STORY OF THE BATMAN

4 Despite the shoddy production, studio bosses recognised the potential in the franchise, and released another serial, 'Batman and Robin', in 1949. This time, Robert Lowery was the Caped Crusader, but he still didn't have a batmobile, or a utility belt, and he had to hold his head up because his mask kept slipping over his eyes

5 The 1989 movie, 'Batman' caused an outrage, before it even started. Warner Brothers received more than 50,000 complaints about the casting of the comic actor,

6 It was 2005, before our hero emerged again. Christian Bale brought a gravity to the role in 'Batman Begins' and the fans loved it. Bale starred in two more films, 'The Dark Knight' in 2008 and 2012's, 'The Dark Knight Rises'

7 It should have been plain sailing from there, but Batman was back again with disastrous results in 2016. This time a petition was launched against the casting of Ben Affleck and 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice'. Now it's up to Robert Pattinson to fight the battle again.

Daily mirror

PATTINSON HAS JAWLINE LIKE BATMAN... HENCE 1-0

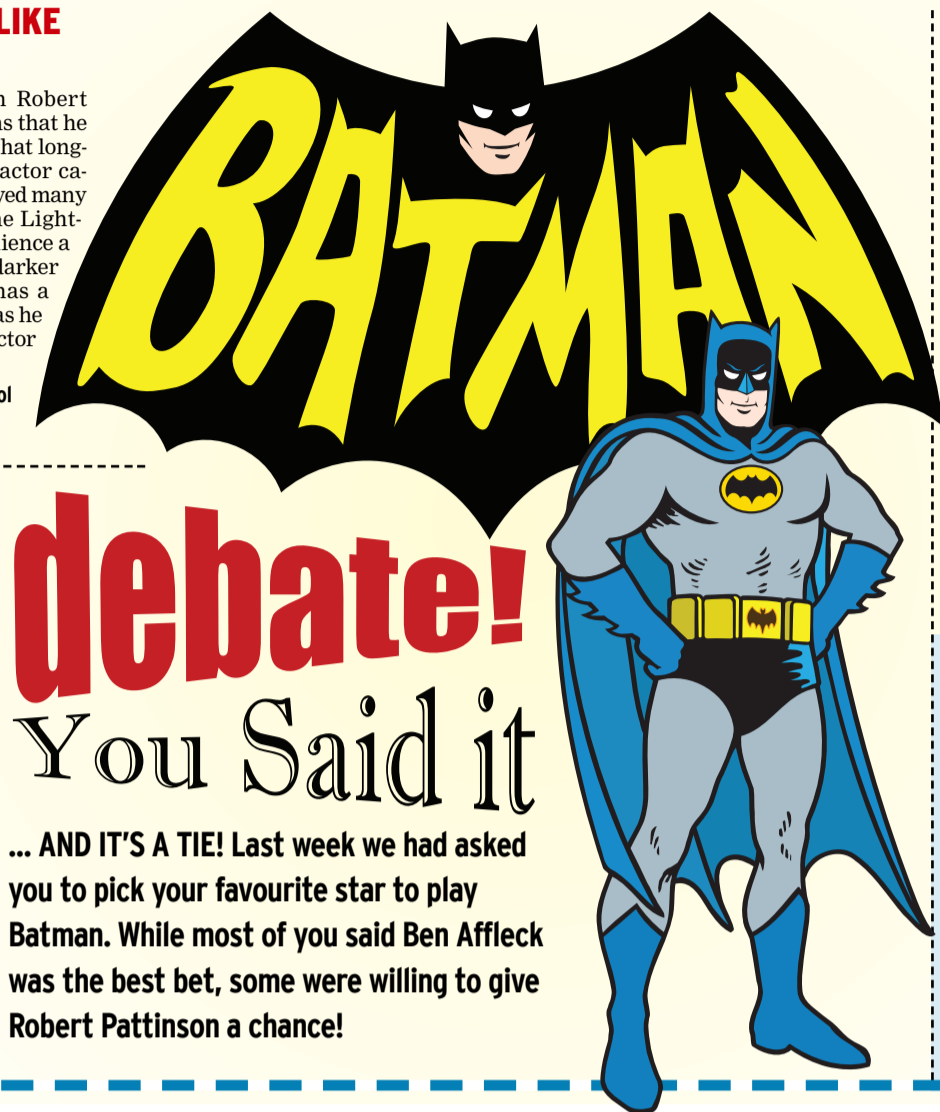
In this debate, I am definitely with Robert Pattinson. There are a lot more reasons that he is the better option. First, he has got that long-lasting potential and he is a diverse actor capable of surprising the audience. He has played many roles in movies such as 'Twilight' and 'The Light House' and has been appreciated by the audience a lot. He has a lot of experience in playing darker versions of a character. Pattinson also has a perfect facial structure for playing Batman as he has got a sharp jawline. He is a versatile actor and I support him.

TAMANNA SHAHI, class X-1, City Montessori School (Kanpur Road Branch), Lucknow

PAT ON THE BACK TO ROBERT! 2-0

The better Batman, according to me, is going to be Robert Pattinson. Since Pattinson's Batman film has not been released yet, we must picture how the final film would be based on the trailer and use that to compare Pattinson with Affleck. The Pattinson Batman is more realistic and more connected to the Batman that we get to see in the comics. The characterisation of Pattinson's Batman is closer to the comic version, rather than Affleck's. Affleck is a really good actor, but Pattinson is one of the best too. Thus, Pattinson seems more promising and a better Batman than Ben Affleck.

PRAGUN PUDUKOLI, Class X C, Sishu Griha High School, Bengaluru



PATTINSON LOOKS CLEARLY UNCOMFORTABLE. 2-1

As we already know DC recently released the teaser trailer of Batman (2020) in which Robert Pattinson is going to portray the role of Gotham's Dark Knight. Earlier, Ben Affleck portrayed the role and won many accolades for the same. Critics appreciated him for his acting skills. As per reports, Affleck will continue to portray the role of Batman in the Justice League upcoming film in 2021. Perhaps then we will be able to better judge who is the better Batman. But I am slightly biased towards Affleck. I think he portrayed the role better as the Knight who goes to any extent to save his Gotham City. Affleck had a certain swag which made the entire Batman series so popular with the masses. We haven't seen Pattinson portray the role yet, but from the trailer he didn't look all that impressive. In fact, he looked uncomfortable playing such a titular role.

DIGVIJAY SINGH RATHORE, class 10-B, DAV Centenary Public School, Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur

NOT FAIR BUT AFFLECK HAS MY VOTE. 2-2

The debate is a little unfair tbh. Because Ben Affleck has already portrayed the role of Batman in the earlier films. So he has a head start in comparison to Robert Pattinson. Having said that, I don't think any actor can come close to Affleck in this role. We have only the trailer of the Pattinson Batman to go by, but I already miss Affleck. Sigh! What made Affleck a natural choice for this role was his grave voice and the fact that he could pull off a dark shade with such ease. He was a natural performer and one of the finest actors in H-Wood.

GAURAV, Bangalore

Quiz time

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

- Q.1) Which dog is used for rescue missions in the Alps?**
A. Labrador B. Greyhound C. Bloodhound D. St Bernard
- Q.2) Name the dog used by the police force to track criminals.**
A. Collie B. Dingo C. Chihuahua D. Bloodhound
- Q.3) Which dog is particularly good at rescuing humans from drowning?**
A. Newfoundland
- B. Pointer C. Dingo D. Siberian Husky
- Q.4) The smallest breed of dog and also the name of the largest state of Mexico...**
A. Beagle B. Chihuahua C. Poodle D. Chow Chow
- Q.5) Which dog is known as the Indian wild dog? It hunts large animals in packs...**
A. Golden Retriever B. Weimaraner C. Pointer D. Dhole

ANSWERS

1. D) St Bernard 2. D) Bloodhound 3. A) Newfoundland 4. B) Chihuahua 5. D) Dhole

KNOWLEDGE BANK

ANIMALS

PYGMY THREE-TOED SLOTH: The pygmy three-toed sloth, also known as the monk sloth or dwarf sloth, is a sloth endemic to Isla Escudo de Veraguas - a small island off the coast of Panama. It is significantly smaller than the other three members of its genus, but otherwise resembles the brown-throated three-toed sloth. The head and body length is between 48 and 53 centimetres and the body mass ranges from 2.5 to 3.5 kg. This sloth is arboreal (lives on trees) and feeds on leaves.



Curtain Raiser

Teacher's Day 2020



FROM TEAM NIE

This Teacher's Day, we at the Times of India's Student Edition, are going all out to celebrate our unsung Covid Warriors! While we have stories and articles for you to read and participate; there is a lot happening on our website: www.toistudent.com. The social media channels are abuzz with activities and videos. In short, 2020 has been quite a year for all of us, and we want to do everything possible to make this T-Day a memorable collectors item for our beloved teachers. Here's a sneak preview for all that's to come.

WHAT'S IN STORE

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- Watch out for our special coverage on Teachers - The Unsung Corona Warriors on Page 1
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- Two pages specially dedicated to our teachers and their thoughts! Download your copy at www.toistudent.com

Your gratitude towards teachers with a prop!



"Moulding our lives is like painting the Forth Bridge, and yet you do it artistically, painstakingly, patiently"

INAYA GALA, class VII, Springdales School, Pusa Road, Delhi



"Here's a cake for you! For making everything look so simple, even at tough times and making us believe that life is as you bake it."

URMILA JITESH, CLASS XI, BHAVAN'S VIDYA, MANDIR, ERNAKULAM

Celebrating secretly genius teachers from children's literature

MISS NELSON

Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard

Sometimes a great teacher is one who isn't afraid of being devious, because her students need to learn the value of respect. As is the case with Miss Nelson, a nice, kind lady who was fed up with the students in room 207, known for being the "worst-behaved class in the whole school." So, Miss Nelson dons a black wig and a fake nose, and steps into Room 207 as the new substitute: Miss Viola Swamp who is the world's worst teacher. And guess what, the students regret their wicked ways.



MR SLINGER

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

Lilly wants to grow up to be exactly like her favourite teacher Mr Slinger. But this changes when she brings her new purple purse to school with lots of treasures that she wishes to show off to her class. When Mr Slinger takes her purse away, Lilly gets angry and retaliates. It is only when Mr Slinger explains the situation that she learns the importance of being considerate, apologising when in the wrong, and forgiving others when they apologise.



REMUS LUPIN

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by JK Rowling

There are plenty of excellent teachers in the Harry Potter series (Minerva McGonagall) but auror Remus Lupin tops our list. He makes the class fun, helps keep the Slytherin/Gryffindor rivalries at bay, and teaches them useful skills. Plus, he's always got chocolates.



Interesting? Read what authors have to say about other genius teachers from literature in our Teacher's Day special - on September 4

Celebrating student's corner

A TEACHER WHO INSPIRED US...

Life - the greatest teacher

There are many great teachers in our life, but none is greater than life itself. Teachers give us many chances, just like life. When we cannot accomplish something, life provides us time to

learn it, and opportunities to prove ourselves. We are taught many lessons, but until we experience them ourselves, we don't understand its value.

PRANAVI NAGAVOLU, class VII, Delhi School of Excellence, Hyderabad, Telangana

My dear lovely maa and paa

I have learnt innumerable qualities from you both. Maa, you taught me patience, perfection, kindness; and Dad you guided me through my problems. LOVE YOU BOTH

SHEFALI P, class X, Billabong High International School, Kanchipuram



BARBIE has positive thoughts

In my case, BARBIE is my teacher! She taught me real life values. She taught me that I should think before reacting, and she is right! Barbie knows how to forgive someone and she knows how to deal with bullies. She sees this world differently...

HITA SHARMA, class VII, National Centre For Excellence, Bengaluru

Little Women: Pride in what we have

The movie beautifully sums up how teaching values through everyday examples can work wonders on personalities. When the mother agrees to let the children not do anything for a week, their whole life changes. This film beautifully communicates the importance of dignity of labour, being proud of one's existence, and not complaining about things they do not have. The importance of family time, reading, sewing, playing together, visiting foreign places in a simulation fantasy are the highlights which I have imbibed in my strategies.

BANDITA ROY, Vice-principal, Calorx Public School, Mundra, Gujarat



Dangal: Recognise raw talent, give wings

The movie portrays that both boys and girls have ambitions and aspire to achieve their dreams. And though they can't be achieved overnight, it's possible with sacrifice and motivation. This movie is a great inspiration for every teacher. It taught us to identify talent in a child and groom them better for the future.

K K GANESH, Principal, Elgi Matriculation H. Sec. School, Coimbatore



The Sound of Music: Affection over force

This wonderfully executed movie shows the beautiful relationship between the Governess and the seven children. It portrays how love, care and patience are absolute virtues in dealing with children. As a teacher, we should learn that it is necessary to treat the child with affection and make him/her understand the situation.

ADRIAN PHILLIPS, teacher, St Augustine's Day School, Kolkata



Dead Poets Society: Enjoy the experience of learning

English teacher John Keating begins work at a preparatory school that is known for its old traditions and high standards. This teacher's unorthodox ways instill the love for poetry in students. The message is that real freedom comes with thought, knowledge and learning. Keating concentrates on helping break barriers and allows students to think creatively. He teaches them to enjoy the experience of learning. Teachers need to ignite interest and passion for the subject in their students.

MICHELLE GARDNER, vice-principal, St Jude's School, Majra, Dehradun



Teachers tell us what these movies have taught them...

Read more quotes from our educators on what movies have taught them - in our Teacher's Day edition on Sept 4...