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## NEXT WEEK...

**1** Watch author Paro Anand and Nayanika Mahtani on <https://www.facebook.com/TOIStudent/>

**2** Our 'Wizard Corner' on [www.toistudent.com](http://www.toistudent.com) goes to level two. The 'How To' section will feature new DIYs

**3** In The Edition: Principals tell you how to cope with the lockdown

**4** Also Coming Up: You Ask, The Author Answers... interactive QandA session with popular authors

**STUDENT EDITION**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020  
**WEB EDITION**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
"Save the planet" is just an expression of arrogance. The planet was here before we arrive, and will kick us out if we don't respect it.  
- PAULO COELHO

## Weekend PLANNER

WE HAVE YOUR SAT/SUN COVERED

**ON OUR FB**  
Watch **Ruskin Bond** live at **6:30pm** on Sunday at <https://www.facebook.com/TOIStudent/>

**EDITOR'S CHOICE**  
**READ: James Potter and the Hall of Elders' Crossing**  
An unofficial work of fan fiction as follow-up to Harry Potter series. In this we meet James Sirius Potter (son of Harry Potter) in his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

**How to download:** Find the book on [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) then click on download eBook beneath the book description.

**LISTEN: The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter** on [www.storyonline.com](http://www.storyonline.com). The story is narrated by actress Rose Byrne. It is about a mischievous and disobedient young Peter Rabbit as he gets into, and is chased about, the garden of Mr McGregor.

**How to listen:** Head to [www.storyonline.net](http://www.storyonline.net) and the book is available under their April Featured Videos section.

**ACTIVITY**  
If you could draft a letter to the honourable PM of India, Shri Narendra Modi giving him ideas on how to resolve the recession issue... what would you write? Send us a well compiled letter in not more than 70 words. Do send your class, school and location details. **Some of your write-ups will be published Next Week.** Rush in your mails to [timesnie175@gmail.com](mailto:timesnie175@gmail.com) with the subject 'Letter to the PM'

# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PM-CARES FUND AND PMNRF

**WHAT:** The government announced the creation of PM-CARES to deal with the coronavirus outbreak after the Prime Minister's office received "spontaneous and innumerable requests for making generous donations to support the government in the wake of this emergency".

**WHY:** The fund fulfils the "need for having a dedicated national fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like posed by the Covid-19 pandemic". It's a public charitable trust with the PM as the chairman and Union defence, home and finance minister as other members. This fund will enable micro-donations.



**THE DIFFERENCE:** While PM-CARES lists dealing with emergency situations "like posed by the Covid-19 pandemic", the PMNRF lists providing relief to "families of those killed in natural calamities" and bearing the "expenses for medical treatment" of needy people etc.

**THE OTHER FUND:** The Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) established in 1948 entirely with public contributions, also accepts voluntary contributions from individuals, organisations, trusts, companies and institutions etc, like what PM-CARES seeks to do.

## Busting fake news HALDI-DOODH TO FIGHT COVID-19? NOT TRUE

A Whatsapp forward on fighting coronavirus by having hal-di-doodh or haldi with warm water has been doing the rounds. While turmeric is a natural antibiotic with great healing properties, there is no research linking turmeric's benefits with protection from coronavirus. "No matter how much of



turmeric you have, it's not a shield against COVID-19 if you come in contact with an infected person," informs obstetrician Dr Puneet Bedi. The best way to stay safe is by maintaining social distancing. Meanwhile, enjoy hal-di-doodh - it's good for health - but it can't save you from corona!



## THANKS

... for all the articles you have shared on how to cope with lockdown. Here are a few. We will post all the articles on [www.toistudent.com](http://www.toistudent.com)

### Trying to be more creative and productive

Staying at home and being away from friends and school can be gloomy. But I am taking this lockdown with full optimism and trying best to cope with it. I took a personal inventory, and focused on tasks that I usually don't find time for in my busy schedule, like, cooking, and enjoying music. Our school has also taken a great initiative for online studies. I think all of us should take this lockdown positively and try to be more creative and productive.

- ANANYA SHARMA, J.M. International School, Delhi

### Difficult at first, but now all is well

### Restarted old hobbies, taught life hacks to my daughter

I start my day with a walk around the house and some yoga with our family. Apart from some work from home activities, I make it a point to spend quality time with family. Interestingly, I tried some different recipes which was fun. I have also restarted certain hobbies which I didn't find time for earlier. Taught few things to my daughter, including life hacks like cooking which I couldn't do due to a busy schedule.

- T. Mahalakshmi, Librarian, National Model Senior Secondary School



This lockdown time was a blessing in disguise. I worked on my lifestyle and improved upon it. It made me realise

that waking up early and watching the sunrise is indeed a surreal experience. At first, coping was difficult because after exams all we wanted to do was to visit the malls. Anyway, now I have got into a routine of reading good books and helping my mom with household chores. That's good too.

- VANSHIKA ATRI, Class IX student, Delhi

### Netflix, yoga and the works...

I kept thinking this lockdown will not affect me. After all, I can laze around! Not surprisingly, I was wrong. After a few days of eating chips and watching 'Netflix', I realised that this was

### Routine has changed!

I had plans to execute with friends and family during vacations and was heartbroken because those plans fell flat! But I have learnt to cope. I

revise last year's school-work, play games and chat with family. I also keep in touch with friends online, learn new skills.

- Neha Varadharajan, Class IX, The Orbis School, Pune

### Growing like the potted plant

One afternoon, I was sitting near the potted plants in my balcony and talking to them. A tendril of the violet pansy curled around my fingers. This experience was novel. Lockdown suddenly had a meaning - from being filled with a sense of languor, I felt a surge of creativity, life and a willingness to bond with my family, my friends. It was a feeling of growth...

- Aadrit Banerjee, Class XI/A, Apeejay School, Park Street

### Self discovery time for me

I took a positive approach being at home and using the time for self-reflection. Since I am avid reader I read books related to past history. I take up time to call my old friends and relatives bring up the nostalgia which made me ten years younger.

- CALISTA JAYANTHI, KG Coordinator ALG Met'School, Coimbatore



**Covid-19 warriors**

The tiny tots of Delhi Public School, Kollam, Kerala are spreading the message of breaking the corona chain, by staying safe at home.

(From left row wise: Kalhara (nursery), Minha Firoz and Ravishankar RS (preparatory) and Nandita Jayanth of nursery, Aniruddha V (preschool), Shreyashankar R S (nursery), Johan Mithun (preschool), Christina Maria (nursery), Daksha R (prep), Meera Arun (prep), Meera Arun (preparatory), Martha Stella Begin (preparatory), Avnitha Subi (nursery), Kasa Ambu (preschool) and Hanaan Bnd Jissam (preparatory))

Have an interesting collage or video to share? Or have you and your friends come up with music to cope with the lockdown? Tell us more at [timesnie175@gmail.com](mailto:timesnie175@gmail.com) or log in to [www.toistudent.com](http://www.toistudent.com) to post your articles/ views online...

**STAY HOME STAY SAFE**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT TALE OF WUHAN'S FAVOURITE NOODLES

The reappearance of Wuhan's favourite breakfast noodles - hot dry noodles - is a tasty sign that life is slowly getting back to normal in the Chinese city at the epicenter of the global coronavirus outbreak.



### What is 'hot dry noodles'?

These noodles, also known as 'reganmian', is a favourite snack, usually sold from carts or in small restaurants. The noodles is as much a trademark of Wuhan as deep-dish pizza is for Chicago or spaghetti is for Rome.

People in the virus-hit city are now flocking to carts to get their dry noodles - it is a sign of how we humans have a strong desire to enjoy the familiar 'taste and smells' post a calamity and the like.

## MIND TEASERS

RESHMA PARVEZ, teacher, Delhi Public School Whitefield, Bengaluru

### What's the right word?

Given below are four pairs of words and five pair of sentences. In each case, choose the appropriate word for each of the sentences.

- illicit / elicit
  - The detective tried to ..... further information from the witness.
  - The ..... possession of guns was his crime.
- complement/compliment
  - Our full.....of staff will be available next week.
  - We must ..... her on her efficiency.
- ingenious/ingenuous
  - Mary is ..... in spite of her outward show of sophistication.
  - That is a most .....creation.
- eligible/illegible
  - Correction becomes difficult when children's writing is .....
  - She was not ..... to compete because she was too old.

**ANSWERS:** 1. a) elicit, b) illicit; 2. a) complement, b) compliment; 3. a) ingenuous, b) ingenious; 4. a) illegible, b) eligible

### ORIGIN OF WORDS

- bedlam:** means a state of uproar and confusion  
**Origin:** from an asylum called Hospital of St Mary of Bethlehem
- jersey:** a knitted material or a sweater made from it  
**Origin:** originally made in Jersey, one of the Channel Islands
- jovial:** joyous and good humoured  
**Origin:** people born under the influence of the planet Jupiter (Jove) are said to be of happy disposition
- sandwich:** two slices (originally of bread) with a filling in between  
**Origin:** The Earl of Sandwich had a meal prepared in this way to avoid interrupting a game of cards
- vandal:** a person who damages beautiful things  
**Origin:** The Vandals were a race of people who caused great destruction in Europe about 1,500 years ago