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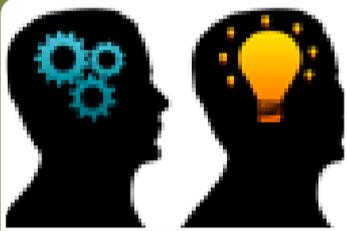
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TUJHE SAB HAI PATA... MERI MAA

*Main Kabhi Batlaata Nahi, Par Andhere
Se Darta Hoon Main Maa*

*Yun To Main Dikhlaata Nahi, Teri
Parwaah Karta Hoon Main Maa*

Tujhe Sab Hai Pata, Hai Na Maa

Movie: Taare Zameen par

The modern Mother's Day has been assimilated into Indian culture, and it is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of May. Indians do not celebrate the occasion as a religious event, and it is celebrated primarily in urban centers. The majority of the population still remains unaware of a formal Mother's Day.

Once my grandmother said that mother tortoise has a blessing. When it had gone to procure some food for its little ones and it was far away to reach them, a mere thought within the mother for the hunger quest stimulated the quench within the little ones and their stomach was filled. This is truly a blessing, where no 4G or any digital network, can do a similar miracle. I pray that every mother gets this blessing so that none of the kids on the pavement, footpath or slums is hungry for food.

There are some lines attributed to Victor Hugo which reads "She broke the bread into two fragments and gave them to her children, who ate with eagerness. 'She hath kept none for herself,' grumbled the sergeant.

"'Because she is not hungry,' said a soldier.

"'No,' said the sergeant, 'because she is a mother.'"

This is the true meaning of a mother, the selflessness accomplished. Never asked for any and never expects for any. When it comes to dining table, she would probably be the last one sitting only to see that there is nothing being wasted from the hard earned income. Something to be stored for the next day and keeps something you liked from her share, only to see you enjoy it the next day. I pray this selfless syndrome be replicated with grown up kids when they age towards their aging parents/ mothers.

Some mothers may not possess degrees or post graduations, but possess tons of knowledge and a flare and passion to impart it to her child. We have learnt valuable lessons of life from her. When I remember her support in my home assignments without caring about her headache and pains, she even drew and helped me in my long list of projects. Household chores, extracurricular activities, home

work, class work, revision and how can you forget exams? She didn't sleep; she couldn't sleep because of the tension that she took from you to see you sleep well for the next day's exam. She probably knew more answers than you on the day of your exam, but she never demanded applauds for the good marks you got.

Today we just put her on back seat as she is not abreast with technological gadgets. I pray that these lessons be remembered especially when they require your support and guidance. I pray that you give her the attention, care and time. Don't leave them, they never left you and will never leave you ever.

They have carved lessons of always offering love, patience, setting boundaries, least you end up as little monsters that walk all over, unconditional love, taking care of each one, gentle non violent discipline, to rise up a strong, self-assured, confident person - YOU, be their best friend for the rest of your lives when they hit about 20 and suddenly get what you did for them. It's pretty awesome.

She asks God to give all your sorrows and in exchange delivers all goodies from her account to you. Hurt at times, not being understood, defended and neglected but always stood by you dearer



and loving like shadow. We may not approve of what they do, or who they see, but our love is constant.

Some lessons of wisdom from all mothers. They have a positive attitude. They exhibit creativity. Remember all the special recipes delicacies dished out. They have an ability to inspire especially when you were sporting in an event or exams. They have a sense of loyalty. They take responsibility and disseminate the same. They have determination to the highest order. Concerned when least expected and magnitude to the highest in the world.

God created mother. Mother created you. How can anyone forget the fact that she knew everything? You are the only one who kicked her and she felt happy about it. You were the only one who challenged her and she surrendered to God for your existence even if it would cost hers. She starved to see you eat. She was awake to see you sleep. She read so that you could give better exams. She waited if you were late. She cried or slept if you were angry or upset. She prayed at every moment when you were busy working or cursing. She cooks when you are hungry. Her morsel is divine; you seldom like it these days. Her speech is divine; you seldom want to or have time to listen to. Her existence is divine; you seldom respect the true worth in true style. Maa tujhe salaam!

You are divine, certified by all mothers. Respect the motherhood in all forms and sizes. They are the cutest creation on Mother Earth. One of their kinds in the Universe; are in abundance but limited for each. It is seeing our mother whenever we wish to. Sit down and check you should have demonstrated some feat of motherliness umpteen numbers of times and mother lives in. The mother guides you to do right, say right and reciprocate to the society. You are a part of her, she knows it. To always see you shine.

Love you for making me, ME



**SALLA VIJAY
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WINNING LECTURER, IHMA

Gujarat Foundation Day May 1, 1960 referred to as "Gujarat Gaurav Diwas" as the two states, Gujarat and Maharashtra were formed from the erstwhile Bombay state on May 1, 1960.

History narrates that after Indian Independence and the partition of India in 1947, the new Indian government grouped the former princely states of Gujarat into three larger units;

Saurashtra, which included the former princely states on the Kathiawad peninsula, Kutch, and

Bombay state, which included the former British districts of Bombay Presidency together with most of Baroda state and the other former princely states of eastern Gujarat.

Bombay state was enlarged to include Kutch, Saurashtra (Kathiawar) and parts of Hyderabad state and Madhya Pradesh in central India. The new state had mostly Gujarati-speaking north and a Marathi-speaking south.

Agitation by Gujarati nationalists, the Mahagujarat Movement, and Marathi nationalists, the Samyukta Maharashtra, for their own states led to the split of Bombay state on linguistic lines; on 1 May 1960, it became the new states of Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Hence as we stand on the threshold of the 57th Celebration of the Gujarat Foundation Day

We recall a few interesting and factual details of this progressive state of Gujarat as it stands tall with a multitude of firsts to its credit, like

- ❑ The premier management college, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad ranks the best in India and among the best management universities in the world.
- ❑ The National Institute of Design (NID) in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar is internationally acclaimed as one of the foremost multi-disciplinary institutions in the field of design education and research.
- ❑ Centre for Environmental Planning & Technology University, popularly known as (CEPT) one of the best planning and architectural school not only in India, but across the world; providing various technical and professional courses.
- ❑ The Space Applications Centre (SAC) is an institution for space research and satellite communication in Ahmedabad, India, under the aegis of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ❑ Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, a renowned scientist, industrialist, and visionary Gujarati, played an important role in it. He also founded Physical Research Laboratory, a research institute encompasses Astrophysics, Solar System, and cosmic radiation. He also envisioned Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, one of the internationally reputed management research institutes that is located in Gujarat's commercial capital Ahmedabad and is the top ranked management institutes in the country.
- ❑ The state has the largest ship breaking yard in the world situated at Alangh, Bhavnagar.
- ❑ Gujarat State has the Jamnagar Oil

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Refinery owned by Reliance Industries which is the world's largest Grass root oil refinery.

- ❑ Forbes listed Ahmedabad as the third largest growing city in the world in 2010
- ❑ The state of Gujarat is home to sixteen airports making it the state with the highest number of functioning airports in the country.
- ❑ The Rann of Kutch best described as vast salt marshes covering 23,300 square kilometers, is India's only nesting ground of greater Flamingos.
- ❑ Gujarat has four national parks and 21 sanctuaries. It is the only home to Asiatic Lions and outside Africa is the only present natural habitat of lions.
- ❑ Other National parks include Black Buck Sanctuary at Veladar and Narara Marine National Park, Gulf of Kutchh, Jamnagar.
- ❑ Wildlife sanctuaries include: Wild Ass Wildlife Sanctuary, Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Porbandar Bird Sanctuary, Kutch



Desert Wildlife Sanctuary, Kutch Bustard Sanctuary, Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary, Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary, Anjal, Balaram-Ambaji, Barda, Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary, Khavda, Paniya, Purna, Rampura, Ratanmahal, and Surpaneshwar.

- ❑ Amul- a company worth more than 2.5 billion US dollars (as in 2012) was formed as a dairy cooperative in 1946 in the city of Anand, Gujarat. The cooperative known as Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation uses the Amul Model which is seen as one of the best examples of cooperative achievement and success in a rural developing economy.
- ❑ The company stirred the White Revolution of India (also known as Operation Flood) the world's biggest dairy development program, and made the milk-deficient nation of India the largest milk producer in the world in 2010.
- ❑ Truly a land of diffusion of culture Gujarat, embodies the true spirit of Unity in Diversity, the blend of the

modern with the traditional – a rich amalgamated confluence of various art forms like music, literature, dances, cuisine, fairs, textiles, theatre, architecture, religious practices all exemplified in the varied museums, historical edifices, temples, mosques and places of worship that criss-cross the land and dot the varied landscape of this western state of the Indian peninsula.

- Our own Garvi Gujarat has also nurtured some of India's noblest sons who shaped Indian and world history
- ❑ Mahatma Gandhi, who spearheaded the Indian independence movement against British colonial rule, was a Gujarati
- ❑ Muhammad Ali Jinnah, revered in Pakistan as Quaid-i-Azam and first Governor general of Pakistan was from a Gujarati Muslim family in Rajkot.
- ❑ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Independent India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, was from Karamsad
- ❑ Gujarat is also the home state of two Indian prime ministers – Morarji Desai and Narendra Modi.
- ❑ Vikram Sarabhai, who was "Father of the Indian Space Programme" came from a family of Jain industrialists from Ahmedabad.
- ❑ Dhirubhai Ambani, founder of Reliance industries was from Chorvad, Gujarat.
- ❑ Azim Premji, software magnate and chairman of Wipro Limited is ethnically Gujarati.
- ❑ Pioneer industrialist Jamsetji Tata, who founded the Tata Group, one of India's biggest multinational conglomerates, came from a Parsi family of Zoroastrians in Navsari, and is considered the "Father of Indian Industry"

Gujarat was one of the main centres of the Indus Valley Civilization. It contains ancient metropolitan cities from the Indus Valley such as Lothal, Dholavira, and Gola Dhoro. The ancient city of Lothal was where India's first port was established.

The ancient history of Gujarat was enriched by the commercial activities of its inhabitants. There is clear historical evidence of trade and commerce ties with Egypt, Bahrain and Sumer in the Persian Gulf during the time period of 1000 to 750 BC. There was a succession of Hindu and Buddhist states such as the Mauryan Dynasty, Western Satraps, Satavahana dynasty, Gupta Empire, Chalukya dynasty, Rashtrakuta Empire, Pala Empire and Gurjara-Pratihara Empire, as well as local dynasties such as the Maitrakas and then the Chaulukyas.

So today as Gujarat marches into the twenty first century bringing in prosperity and modernization for its people without diluting the traditions, we salute this land of milk and honey –Jai Garvi Gujarat.

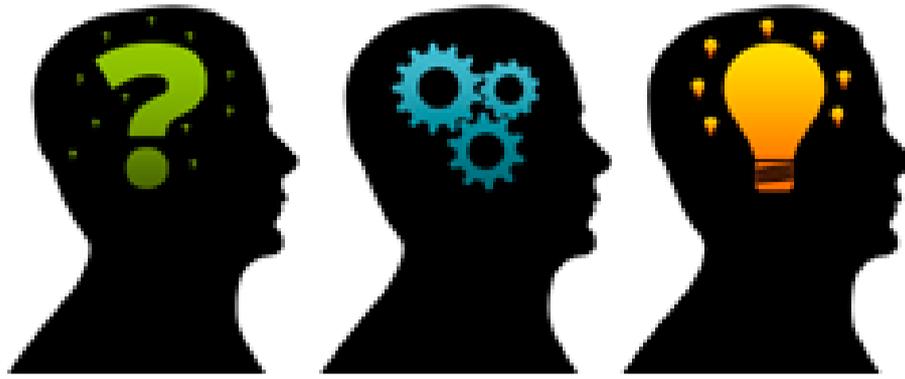


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PRINCIPAL, AHMEDABAD

Know about multiple intelligences

In the last edition we had discussed about what is Multiple Intelligence. How these Intelligences help us to understand the child's mind and behaviour? How can we develop their skills? How does these relate to teaching and learning? Would be discussed in this article.

Gardner and others have researched ways to teach content materials so that they are in line with each of these intelligences. In the book Teaching and learning through Multiple Intelligences, the authors Linda Campbell, Bruce Campbell, and Dee Dickson demonstrate this by a story about a girl who had several grade levels behind in school - and her self-esteem plummeted. When she entered the 6th class, she had a teacher, who observed how gracefully she moved, which prompted the teacher to wonder if she might learn through movement. Without being an expert in intelligence typologies, that teacher could see that this student had the gift of great bodily-kinaesthetic intelligence. The student generally refused to read, write, or practice spelling. But following her hunch, the teacher suggested to the girl that she "create a movement alphabet using her body to form each of the twenty-six letters." The next day, the girl ran into the classroom before school started with something to show her teacher. She danced each letter of an alphabet and then sequenced all twenty-six letters into unified performance. The teacher appreciated her this time. Then she spelled her first name and last name through danc-



ing. That night she practiced all her spelling words through dancing- and he dance for her classmates the next day. Soon she began writing more and more words. First she would dance them; then she wrote them down. Her writing scores increased, as did her self-confidence. A few months later she no longer needed to dance out word to spell them; learning through her strength in bodily-kinaesthetic intelligence had opened a world of reading and writing to her forever. These skills are important no matter what path she pursues in life.

Gardner's research shows that although most people have some capacity in each of the eight intelligences, most people excel in only two or three

of them. His research, while implying the need for learning opportunities that line up with individual strengths, also cautions against pigeonholing people and not developing all their intelligences.

In addition, these differences in intelligences are only one dimension of cognitive ability. Within each type of intelligences there are different learning styles. Some students most easily comprehend through visual means. Others need to talk it through, write it down, and play it out, and so on. And a person who learns best with visual learning style for one type of intelligence -by seeing images or reading text- may not necessarily do well using that same learning style when using another type of intelligence. Finally nested within each learning style, there is a third dimension of difference. People learn at

different paces- slow, medium, fast and all the variations within.

Given that we all learn in different ways, one might assume that we would teach in different ways, too. But think back to your school experience. Because school places students in groups, when a class was ready to move on to a new concept all students moved on, regardless of how many had mastered the previous concept (even though it might have been a prerequisite for understanding what came next). When it was time to take algebra part 1, we took algebra part 2. Some people moved on even if they did not pass the prerequisite class. Conversely, it did not matter if some percentage of students could cover the world History curriculum in a quarter; everyone was stuck in the class for a full year. And when our fourth grade teacher taught long division in the manner that corresponded to how she best learned it and understood it, may be it clicked for us and may be not; whether we understood it right away and became bored with the repeated explanations or sank deeper into confusion, unable to grasp the logic, we sat in the class for that duration.

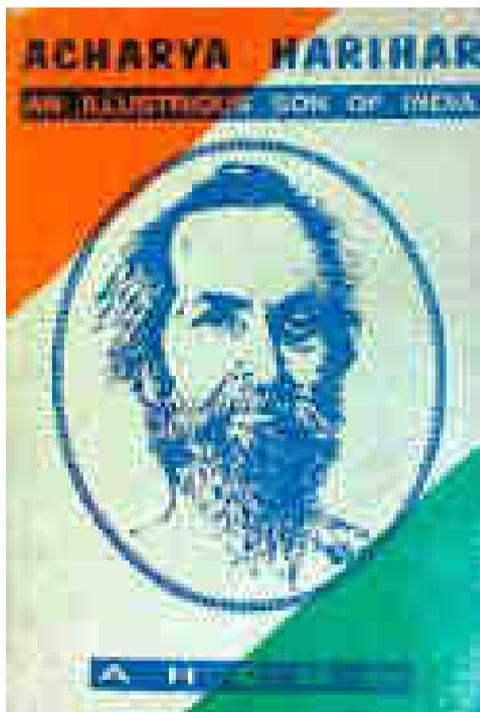
So, we need to customize our syllabus as well as teaching method. Schools also need to change their system in order to take an assessment.



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INCHUDI- THE SECOND SALT SATYAGRAHA IN ODISHA

Like the world famous salt revolution in Dandi, led by our Bapuji, another lavana satyagraha was well organized in the river front of Dhobagan-di in Chatipada of Baleswar district of Odisha. Dandi march was started on twelveth march and ended on sixth of april with thousands of supporters when Inchudi satyagraha was started after one week and on April 13th of 1930 and was a great success. The mentors were Acharya Harihar Dash, Harekrushna Mahtab, Gopabandhu Dash, Jibanramji, Kalyanji Kothari, Sardar Surendranath Dash, Kailash Das. Nabakishor Chaudhury, Ramadevi Chaudhury, Kokila Devi and Malati Chaudhury. On their salt march process, Gopabandhu Dash was arrested by the police but Acharya Harihar led the team and started the selling of the salt in the nearby market. By this time many leaders and supporters were lathicharged and sent to jail.

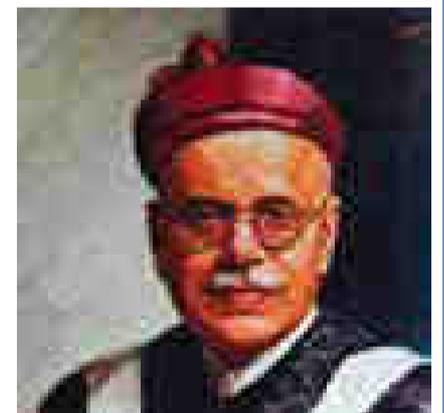


The present government in Odisha sanctioned merely an amount of 10 lakhs to construct a complex and conference hall near Inchudi but the apathy is visible with a bad taste. The memorial spot needs a quick solution to preserve its importance. The political will along with the relentless support by the locals to be doubled so that the next generation may understand the value of national pride and this way we can remember the hard work and patriotism of our forefathers. The state administration and the tourism department may give a look at the present site which will boost the state revenue by declaring INCHUDI as a grade 'A' historical tourist place.

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BHARAT RATNA PANDURANG VAMAN KANE

Many outstanding personalities were conferred with the highest award like Bharatratna; the last man was Atal Bihari Vajpayee. But one such interesting scholar who deserved this honor was Mahamahopadhyay Pandurang Vaman Kane, a native of Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. In true sense, he was the master craftsman, statesman and himself a huge revolution in social reforms and true follower of Indian constitution.



He was a teacher of Sanskrit and Philosophy for 40 years and composed his magnum opus The History of Dharmasashtra in five volumes. This work presents and preserves our ancient Indian ethics, values and rich culture. His in depth research on Mahabharata, Purans and Arthasashtra of Kau-

tilya was well visible in his works. As a member of Rajyasabha, he tried his best to preserve our Sanskrit organizations and history. Apart from Bharatratna in 1963, he received Sahitya Academy award, when he was the Vice Chancellor of Mumbai University. Under his guidance Kurukshetra University was established. He was a life member of many national and international educational bodies like the Asiatic Society of Bombay and Bhandarekar Oriental Research Institute, Pune.

In this month of May, we pay our homage and respect to this great social reformer and educationist.



AVANTIKA BHANJA
STUDENT,
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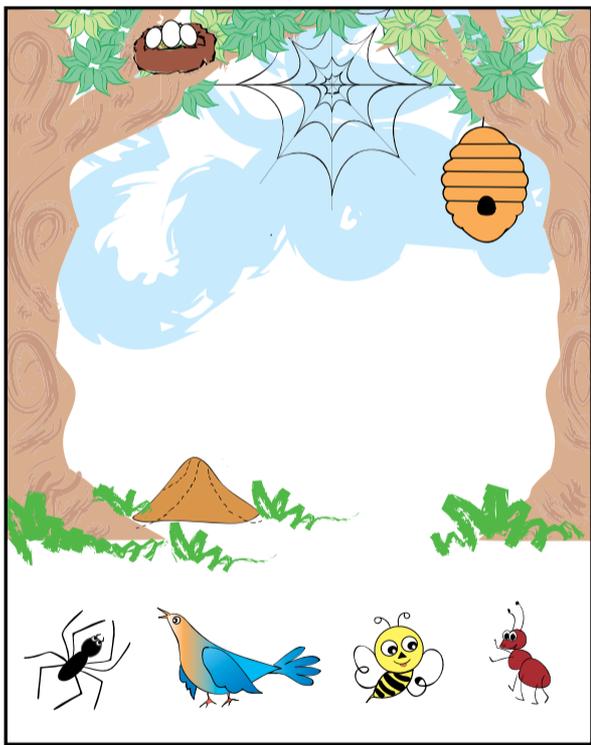
Banana Maze!

Help the Monkey to reach the tree

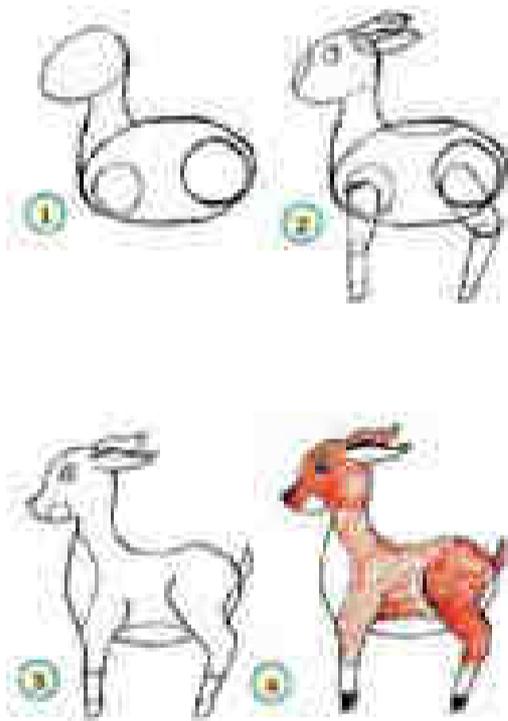


Match the Animals to their homes

Draw a line to match the animals below to their homes.



Learn to draw a Deer



Summer Word Scramble

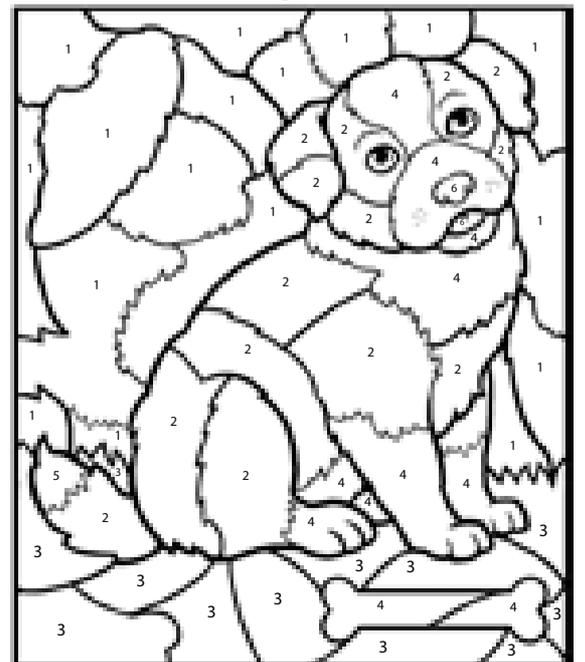
Look at each summer picture and unscramble the letters and write the summer word on the line provided.



Find the Five Differences



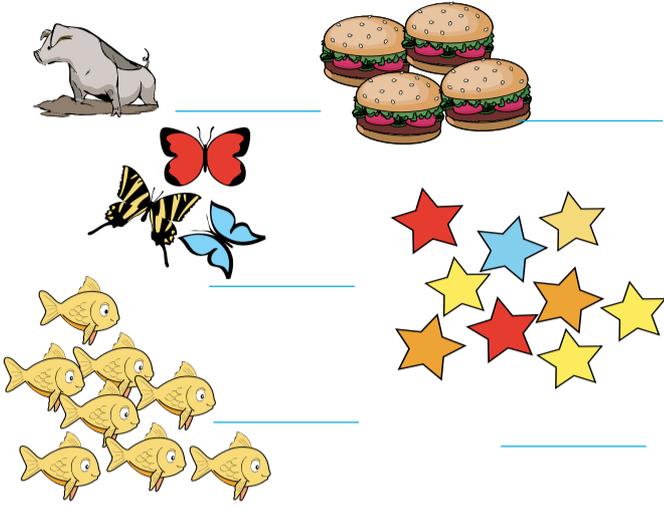
Colour according to the numbers



1=blue 2=brown 3=green 4=white 5=black 6=pink

Count these things

Count each of these things and write in the number.



Now draw a line from each of these things to their number below them.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Winnie the Pooh Word Search



- BALLOON _____ OWL _____
- BEAR _____ PIGLET _____
- BEEES _____ POOH _____
- CHRISTOPHER _____ RABBIT _____
- EEYOORE _____ ROO _____
- HEFFALUMP _____ TIGGER _____
- HONEY _____ WINNIE _____
- KANGA _____ WOODS _____
- LUMPY _____ WOZZLES _____

I	J	C	K	B	F	D	S	E	L	Z	O	O	W
A	S	A	M	K	E	W	W	X	U	N	Q	K	U
U	R	B	T	U	A	O	J	X	B	P	W	G	
U	E	T	I	B	B	A	R	O	E	X	M	H	N
J	H	T	R	Z	G	L	B	E	D	E	U	C	R
S	P	O	C	N	T	N	S	R	M	S	L	I	B
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W	S	C	Y	V	P	G	H	O	G	W	F	L	H
L	I	O	X	O	G	O	O	O	Q	I	E	L	N
R	R	E	G	I	N	T	U	H	K	N	H	O	V
E	H	L	T	E	L	G	I	P	P	N	O	O	H
L	C	M	Y	X	P	L	U	Z	K	I	C	N	R
I	H	N	D	L	U	M	P	Y	A	E	U	Z	S

Math Puzzle Boxes

Each puzzle contains the numbers 21-29. Each column and each row add up to the number given outside the boxes. Put the correct number in each box to complete the addition equations without repeating any numbers.

23	25	74	
	21	72	
		28	79
76	69	80	

	29	82	
22		24	67
26			76
73	77	75	

	28	74	
	23	78	
21		27	73
74	76	75	

	21	73	
26		22	73
			79
79	69	77	

	27	21	72
25			73
	28		80
78	77	70	

			76
22		23	70
	27		79
76	73	76	

		21	73
	25		74
		24	78
79	74	72	

29			77
		27	73
21			75
74	73	78	

	22	26	72
			76
29			77
80	68	77	

Summer Word and picture matching

Draw a line from each summer word on the left to the matching summer picture on the right side of the page



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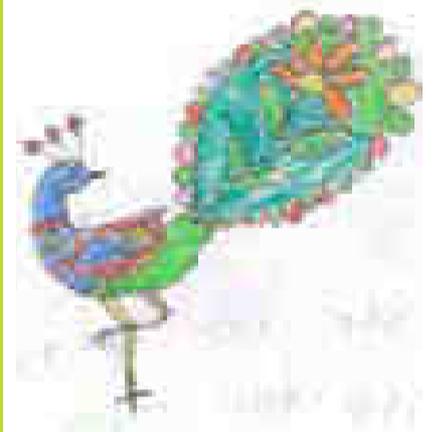
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7	3			8	4			
		2			5		8	
5		6			3			
		7						5
3	4		5	9				

How to Play: Fill each of the blank boxes with the number grid from 1-9, with no numbers repeating in vertical, horizontal rows or 3x3 grids. Do not repeat any letters in a line. Each puzzle has only one solution.

2	9	1	4	5	6	7	8
8	5	3	9	1	4	2	6
4	7	6	2	8	9	1	5
7	8	4	5	1	6	2	3
6	2	5	7	9	1	3	4
1	4	5	6	2	8	7	9
8	6	7	9	5	4	1	2
5	3	8	2	1	6	4	7
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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Connect the dots



LET US FIGHT AGAINST THE TERROR WITHIN

In November 2004, a Secretary General of the United Nations report described terrorism as any act "intended to cause death or serious bodily harm to civilians or non-combatants with the purpose of intimidating a population or compelling a government or an international organization to do or abstain from doing any act".

We Indians are living in a society where our own lives have no guarantee. The threat for one's life can take any form such as bomb blast in a train or a bus, flight hijack, terrorist attack at a pilgrim place etc. A country like India which is an epitome of immense tolerance for all religions failed to achieve religious harmony within the country even after seventy years of Independence. There have always been incidents which stood in its way and to mention a few are the Babri Masjid issue and the Godhra riots.

At the next level, we have issues which are more serious than terrorist attacks and which act as deterrents in the progress of our nation. These include human trafficking, drug trafficking, drug addiction, anti social activities, juvenile crimes etc. Education is the only weapon which can fight against these evils. Poverty which is the root cause for all these problems should be eradicated from India and it



is not impossible. Here are a few ways which might help each one of us to work in the direction of achieving this goal.

- To stop the blame game and accept the fact that each one of us is accountable for our country's state of affairs.

Eg: It is not only important to feel proud for being born in a country where Gandhi and Kalam existed. What matters is the courage to accept responsibility for nurturing youth who actively involve themselves in anti social activities. Now the task is to devise ways to positively engage in activities

which help tap their potential.

- A dire necessity to include people who have been excluded from the society for various reasons.

Eg: Nationalization of schools in India allows everyone to get equal opportunity to education irrespective of their socio-economic status, caste, creed etc. This gradually allows for acceptance and a necessity to include realizing the fact that everyone has the right to live.

- Politicians, Police Officers, Lawyers, Judges and other Government Officials to uphold the dignity of their roles.

Eg: Numerous instances of human rights violation in India, unfulfilled promises, delayed justice made people completely lose faith in the Political System and Judiciary. It is high time for people working in these departments to strive hard in the right earnest to regain the lost faith. Only then can a society free from terror could exist.

Each one of us as humans should attempt to go an extra mile in lending a helping hand to those in need. India is no short of such people and I take pride in mentioning here about Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, an Indian social activist and chief functionary and co-founder of Prajwala, a non-governmental organization that rescues, rehabilitates and reintegrates sex-trafficked victims into society. Let us all be inspired to work in the direction of fighting against social evils, eradicating poverty and building a nation which was the dream of our great visionaries like Dr. Kalam.

"Education is the power terrorists fear most."



P.V. SATYA RAMESH
EDUCATIONIST, MP

The E-Generation



Men have become the tools of their tools. Do we ever try being without our mobile phone for a week or at least for a day? The answer is a definite "NO"!

In this generation children may not even know how to swing high or ride a seesaw. We train them to play a play station but fail to take them to a playground.

Grandparents have always been the best friends in childhood. Present generation kids hardly spend time with them. Recently I came across a line, "Google cannot give you all answers so spend some time with your grandparents."

Isn't it quite alarming for us, that mobile phones are becoming an addiction for children? Cell phones have become their dream companion, rather everyone's "BESTIE".

A recent survey confirms that due to our techno world and its magical powers there has been a rise in behavioral disorder and that is frightening.

We need to help our children in downloading the app "RESPECT" instead of apps like teach, cook, dance & games.

My ears recalls the words of Albert Einstein "I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction".

As a teacher, I daily make a point to make my students aware about the advantages and disadvantages of cell phone.



POOJA JAISWAL
EDUCATIONIST, AHMEDABAD

A Poem on William Shakespeare

*The mysteries about borne and demise
Of Bard of the avon
Were unmanifested to him
But were the biggest secrecies of his life*

*The poet dramatist and the actor
Was the best of all
Though the world pointed at him
But he remained standing strong*



*Romeo and Juliet, hamlet
Were the best from son of John
and Mary
Who had gained intelligency from
The king's new school in Stanford*

*With the help of
Spouse Anne Hathway
He went standing tenacious through his life
Till the end of his departure from this stage of life*

Hardi Talwani
Ryan International School, Surat

A Poem on Vacation...

*Vacation, Vacation..
We now have vacation!
No school, No lesson
Enjoying much vacation!*

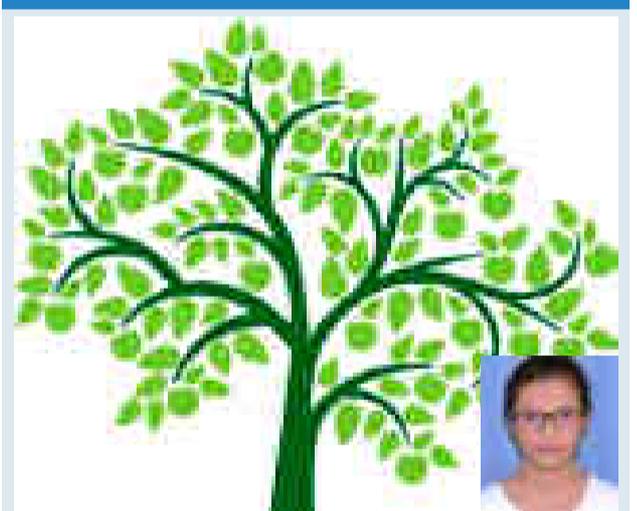
*Going to Picnic, playing games
Eating mangoes and calling friends' names
Reading books, singing songs
Making toys and laughing long
That's how we enjoy vacation!*

*Watching the sky, searching the stars
Knowing god and Thanking Nature,
That's how we enjoy our Vacation!!*

Piyushkumar Jotaniya
Principal, Amreli



THE TREES



*I wonder why God gave us these trees.
When 'we' are so used to be 'us'.
How God gave us such devotee matters?
Who now is getting more and more shattered?*

*With destruction as to such a width, is it right,
to deserve such a precious gift.
With nature being so much adorned, do
we deserve such prestigious throne?
The trees are great as they know how to stand and
wait, but what about 'we', the mortal being
Who think their race as superior kings and
queens?*

*Are we patient? Are we a giver? Not to the nature
but even to our lovers.
We always want justice, but what about 'it'?
The trees? The souls?
And the life of all spirits untold.*

*The spark being sharp, chance is sure true, now
don't be sarcastic
Become a legend
Even though not to the nature, not to the God but
surely to you
This is just a poem with meaning so great, only be
understood*

*If your love to the nature, to the God is great.
Feel the life, the soul, the spirit and the trees as
there is always a morning for all the sleepy.*

BHASHA NAGPURKAR, STUDENT, MP

Birth Anniversary of Rabindranatha Tagore

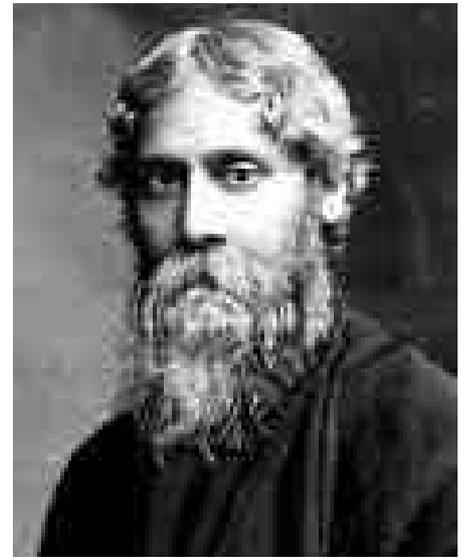
7th May calls for the Birth Anniversary of great Rabindranath Tagore. An attractive writer, a fascinating author, a thinker, a specialist, these are some traits which belong to Rabindranath Tagore. The word 'greatness' is thrown around with ease of late. However if there's one man really worthy of the honor, then it's this Bengali initiate. Rabindranath Tagore is one in all the few personalities who stood by the sort of greatness along with his ability and experience. On his birthday, let's not get into the history anymore and just find out some of the amazing life facts of him to add some advantage to our knowledge.

1. He was the 1st Non-European to induce the Nobel Prize in literature but neither as a Bengali nor as an

Indian however as an "ANGLO-INDIAN".

- The Nobel Prize for literature never accepted by GURUDEV directly. Hence it had been accepted 1st by a British Ambassador on his behalf. And delivered to the author at Kolkata.
- He wrote national anthems for not India but also for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. He wrote the anthem in Bengali. However later, when the country got its independence it had been first translated into Tamil and dynamic few lines as anthem for our county.
- He was the second after swami Vivekananda who addressed the World-Parliament of Religions twice within the year 1929 and

- Gurudev was severely critical of the Indian caste system.
- In an attempt to challenge conventional methods of classroom education, Tagore established a university of his own, where he wanted humanity to be studied "somewhere beyond the limits of nation and geography".
- Tagore conferred the title of Mahatma to Gandhi. Albert Einstein and Tagore shared a love for music.
- On the occasion of Tagore's 154th birth anniversary, Slovenia, a country of just two million people in Central Europe, has planned multifarious ceremonies in honor of Tagore, from May 7-12.



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So what are you waiting for? An amazing breakfast recipe is just a refrigerator away!



DRINK 1 INGREDIENTS	DRINK 2 INGREDIENTS	DRINK 3 INGREDIENTS	DRINK 4 INGREDIENTS
2 Oranges (peeled pieces) 1 Ripe Mango (pieces) 2 carrots (finely grated) 1 cup Milk	2 Cups Strawberries (Pieces) 2 Bananas (Pieces) 1 Cup Cauliflower (Small pieces) 1 cup Milk	1 cup Strawberries (Pieces) 1 cup Raspberries 1 cup Broccoli (small pieces) 1 cup Milk	2 Kiwis (Small pieces) 1.5 cups Pineapple (Small pieces) 2 cups Spinach leaves (Fresh and clean) 1 cup Milk

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

- What was the theme of the 2017 World Heritage Day (WHD)?
A. World Heritage for Tourism
B. Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism
C. The Heritage of Sport
D. Cultural Heritage for Tourism
- Which state government has recently signed a reworked MoU with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for Barmer refinery?
A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Madhya Pradesh
C. Rajasthan
D. Gujarat
- Which IIT institute will start 'Vastu Shastra' classes for architecture students?
A. IIT Kharagpur
B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Madras
D. IIT Indore

- Who has won the 2017 Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix tournament?
A. Sebastian Vettel
B. Felipe Massa
C. Lewis Hamilton
D. Valtteri Bottas
- Which state has become the first Indian state to launch a special awareness drive to ensure that transgender in the state register as voters?
A. Kerala
B. Maharashtra
C. Karnataka
D. Odisha

- Gayatri Pullela is associated with which sports?
A. Badminton
B. Tennis
C. Hockey
D. Football
- Who has won the 2017 Time Magazine's Most Influential Person Reader's poll?
A. Leni Robredo
B. Rodrigo Duterte
C. Narendra Modi
D. Justin Trudeau



- What is the India's GDP growth forecast for FY 18, according to the World Bank's latest report "Globalization Backlash"?
A. 7.3%
B. 7.2%
C. 7.5%
D. 7.4%
- Which country is hosting the 3rd Edition of Global Exhibition on Services (GES - 2017)?
A. China
B. Japan
C. South Korea
D. India



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Mini Foosball Table Craft

Have you ever played foosball? It's table football! Put the ball in the shoebox, after modifying it, according to the instructions below. Maneuver your players to shoot the ball in the goal of your friend. Defend your goal by moving your road to use your player to block the ball.



WHAT YOU NEED

- A shoebox
- 2 thin cardboard tubes
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Knife
- Paper
- Thin cardboard
- Scissors
- Color pencils/felt pens
- Colored tape
- Table tennis ball

4 Steps to make a Shoebox Foosball Table Game

1. Use the knife or scissors to make holes in the sides of your shoebox to fit your cardboard tubes. Make sure your holes leave enough room for your player to move.
2. Next, make the goals by cutting rectangular shaped holes on both ends of the box. The table tennis ball should be able to go through these holes.
3. Cut rectangles from thin cardboard for the players. You can draw and color some football players on paper and stick them on the rectangles.
4. You can decorate the outside of the box with colored tape. You can use a carton if you want a bigger box. Then you can add more players. Have fun playing!



A 2-in-1 Craft That's a Real Hoot

Feather in Your Cap

A few simple steps and fuss-free supplies make this a fun project to do with your mini-you.

STEP ONE

Get a paper cup, white circular foam stickers, colored paper, black paper, a 1.5-inch hole punch, adhesive and scissors (not shown).



STEP THREE

Trace your kid's hands (or use our template) and cut out the feathers and a beak. Place round stickers on punched-out "eyes."



STEP TWO

With scissors, cut out oval feather shapes from colored paper. Glue in layered rows around cup.



STEP FIVE

Adhere eyes and feathers to top of the cup.



STEP FOUR

Glue eyes onto the feathers. Fold beak and glue it between eyes.



PUT ON A SHOW

Or, if your kids aren't into costumes, this DIY can be a silly puppet, too.



STEP SIX

All done! Punch two holes facing each other and thread elastic or string through to wear as a hat.



TURN A PLASTIC BOTTLE INTO A PHONE CHARGING STATION

When you don't want your phone (or other electronic item) to be dangling loose or at risk of getting knocked off a counter while charging, you'll need a special holding device to keep the item safe. With the nifty solution suggested here, a beauty product bottle is cut into a hanging device that dangles next to the socket point, all while holding your phone neatly in place. It is possible to purchase similar commercially made devices but making your own is a lot more fun, cheaper and makes use of something you were probably going to ditch anyway.

STEP 1

Find a suitably sized beauty product bottle that you've finished with. It needs to be large enough to contain your cell phone.



STEP 2

Give the bottle a rinse out to remove most of the beauty product left inside. Use hot water for best effect.



STEP 3

Mark the cutting lines on the bottle. The back of the bottle will need to be turned into the handle that hangs from the wall alongside the power point, while the front of the bottle needs to be cut high enough to prevent the phone from falling out when placed into the container. Basically, draw a straight line across the front of the bottle and a big "mound" at the back, to just under the neck of the beauty product bottle.

STEP 5

Cut out the hanger. This is the bit that will hang from a hook. Cut the hole out, leaving plenty of space between the top of the handle and the hole, to provide the hanging strength.



STEP 4

Cut out the holder shape. This can be done using scissors or a craft knife. Be careful to try to keep the edges as rounded as possible when cutting the curved parts. Sand any rough edges away.

STEP 6

Cover the bottle. The bottle isn't anything to look at with its commercial logo and writing on it. (You can paint, stick papers or decorate it the way you want.)

Use your new charging station. You can hang the charger from a hook attached.

Make a No-Sew Pillow Cover from an old T-Shirt

TOOLS

- Scissors
- Cutter

MATERIALS

- T-shirt (size XL works best)
- Yard stick
- Stuffing / readymade pillow
- Pins



STEP ONE

Lay the t-shirt graphic-side up and pin both sides together with four to six pins.



STEP TWO

Cut widely around the logo leaving as much fabric around the graphic as you can.



STEP THREE

Fold the t-shirt into fours. Cut a 2" x 2" square out of the top right corner through all the layers of the fabric.



STEP FOUR

Unfold the t-shirt and cut strips 3/4" wide and 2" long in both layers of fabric.



STEP FIVE

Knot each pair of fringe all the way around. Make sure to leave about five tabs unknotted so you can stuff the pillow.



STEP SIX

Stuff the pillow with cotton batting or old fabric. Tie the remaining tabs to close up the pillow. (Use your readymade pillow if you want and put it inside the T-shirt before knotting the strips.)

EASY PAPER GIFT BAGS

MATERIALS

- 1. Colored Paper
- 2. Glue
- 3. Ribbon/ Thread (for handles)

STEPS:

1. Take a rectangle shaped colored paper and fold it to find its center. Locate the center point and mark it.



STEP 2

Bring the right edge of the paper to center point and crease it properly.



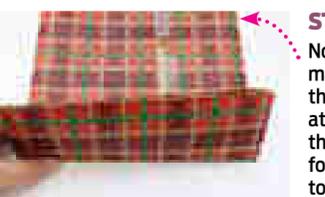
STEP 3

Same way bring the left edge of the paper to the center point and overlap a bit on the right edge and crease.



STEP 4

Glue the overlapped left edge on the right edge and flip it to the glued side down.



STEP 5

Now take the margin of your three fingers at the end of the sheet and fold it properly to crease well.



STEP 6

Fold the side creases inward to create a slight accordion effect. You will be making the sides of the bag so that it opens up at a rectangle.



STEP 7

Fold the top strip of the octagon downwards towards the center of the bottom of the bag. The bottom should now be neatly folded shut. Glue the edges where they overlap and let dry.



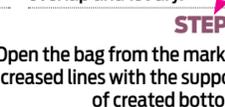
STEP 8

Once done with the bottom, fold the left and right sides of the rectangle till creased properly.



STEP 10

Add the handles if you wish to with the threads/ ribbons or leave it open.



STEP 9

Open the bag from the marked creased lines with the support of created bottom.

Your Bag is ready!

Stool out of Old MAGAZINES

MATERIALS

- Old Magazines
- Old Leather Belts (2)
- Wooden Base or Small stool (of the size of the magazines)
- Pillow of the size of the magazines

METHOD

Put all the magazines on the wooden base/ stool and organize them properly. Now place the pillow on top of the magazines. Take the belts and see if there are sufficient holes into it to tie it tight enough. Now tie the belts on both the sides of the pillow tying all the magazines, pillow and the wooden base/ stool together. Your stool is ready within no time!



TOP 10 PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE AND THEIR INVENTORS

JAVA - JAMES GOSLING



Java is one of the most popular and successful programming language. Dr. James Arthur Gosling invented Java and is best known as the father of the Java programming language. Java was developed and supported earlier by Sun Microsystem and now by Oracle, after their acquisition of Sun Microsystem on January 2010. Java is created with mission WORA, "Write Once

Run anywhere" and platform independence of Java is one of the pillar of its success in the enterprise world. Till date, it is one of the most popular application programming languages.

C - DENNIS RITCHIE



Dennis MacAlistair Ritchie, An American computer scientist, created the C programming language between 1967 and 1973 at AT&T Bell labs. C is still very popular and used extensively in System programming. It's older than Java but still maintains its stronghold. Dennis Ritchie has also created world famous UNIX operating system, with his long-time colleague Ken Thompson. If you compare his popularity with Bill Gates or Steve Jobs, he is nowhere but if you compare Dennis' contribution to the software world, he has no matching. Every Programmer must know about Dennis Ritchie and his contribution to the programming world.

C++ - BJARNE STROUSTRUP



Bjarne Stroustrup; born 30 December 1950 in Aarhus, Denmark is a Danish computer scientist, most notable for the creation and the development of the widely-used C++ programming language. C++, as name suggested is the next generation language at time C was popular. It comes with object oriented programming feature which was considered phenomenal compared to

structural way of C programming. C++ is still one of the very popular languages and used extensively in high frequency trading world because of its close proximity with native System and popular object oriented feature.

PYTHON - GUIDO VAN ROSSUM



Python is a general-purpose, high-level programming language, whose design philosophy emphasizes code readability. Its syntax is said to be clear and expressive. Python is designed by Guido van Rossum of CWI. In United States, Python has actually replaced Java at academic level; now-a-days students are started learning programming using Python instead of C or Java, as was the case of previous generation. If you are still not sure whether to use Python or Java to start with programming,

this info graphic may help you. Python is used extensively in web application development, there are lots of python based web framework out there, software development and information security. Python is also used extensively by tech giants like Google, Yahoo and Spotify.

PHP - RASMUS LERDORF



PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor), the fact that half of the internet is running on this wonderful internet language. PHP was originally created by Rasmus Lerdorf in 1995. The main implementation of PHP is now produced by The PHP Group and serves as the formal reference to the PHP language. That time, PHP was a competitor to Microsoft's Active Server Pages (ASP) server-side script engine and similar languages e.g. Java Server Pages (JSP), but gradually received better acceptance and is now installed on more than 20 million Web sites and 1 million Web servers. It is also open source and used by internet giants like Facebook, Wikipedia, Wordpress and Joomla. PHP is used extensively to build dynamic web pages and server side development. Sorry, I forgot to tell you the full form of PHP, any guesses? It's Personal Home Page :)

PERL - LARRY WALL



Perl is a high-level, general-purpose, interpreted, dynamic programming language. Designed and developed by Larry Wall in the mid-1980. Perl rose to fame because of its excellent text processing capability. It is still main language to develop reports, scripts on UNIX systems. Perl is known for parsing and processing large text files and it's used in CGI, database applications, network programming and graphics programming. Perl is also used extensively by internet companies like IMDB, Amazon, and Priceline. For Java developers,

adding Perl or Python in their portfolio is good addition because you often need a scripting language to do adhoc tasks for maintenance and support purpose.

JAVASCRIPT - BRENDAN EICH



If you ask me, which language is the winner in last 5 to 10 years, I would say JavaScript. It has clearly dominated the client side scripting space in recent past with libraries like jQuery and now moving to Server side development with libraries like node.js. JavaScript is a prototype-based scripting language that is dynamic, weakly typed and has first-class functions, designed by Brendan Eich and developed by Netscape Communications Corporation. JavaScript is used extensively for client side scripting, validation, animation, event capturing, form submission

and other common task. It runs inside browser and used by almost all websites e.g. Gmail, Mozilla Firefox etc.

RUBY - YUKIHIRO MATSUMOTO

Ruby was first designed and developed in the mid-1990s by Yukihiro "Matz" Matsumoto in Japan. Ruby is influenced by Perl, Ada, Lisp and Smalltalk and designed for productive and enjoyable programming. Ruby is mostly used for web application development and used by major sites like Twitter, Hulu and Groupon.



LISP - JOHN MCCARTHY

John McCarthy, second oldest high level programming language. Lisp stands for List processor. It's said to be father of functional programming language e.g. Haskell, Erlang or Scala. It is used for AI development and air defense system.



PASCAL - NIKLAUS WIRTH

Pascal is an influential imperative and procedural programming language, designed in 1968-1969 and published in 1970 by Niklaus Wirth as a small and efficient language intended to encourage good programming practices using structured programming and data structuring.



HARSH SONI
EDUCATIONIST, MODASA



CAREER IN संस्कृत STUDIES



Career in learning Sanskrit language and literature is not so tough, as it is viewed and believed by many. India is a country, full of hopes and opportunities, for career growth through Sanskrit. There are many positive aspects in learning this classical language.

First and foremost: to understand one's own culture, own nation and behavior, Sanskrit is the apt language unlike others. The rich Vedic teachings and the oldest with time is not fully re-discovered by the present generation. Ample opportunities are hidden in these Vedic treasure and not only philosophical and spiritual knowledge but for Vedic Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Politics, Medicine, Engineering, Atomic energy, Space science, Mining, Ocean science, Agriculture, Law, Army, Architecture, Planning, Administration, Judiciary, Journalism, Social studies or Yoga; at every aspects, Sanskrit provides a healthy and constructive ideas and authentic resources to reap on the knowledge.

Modern India, though late, has realized the importance of this language due to a more liberal social impact and rich harvesting by foreign nations (with our richest language resources). Hence the central government and many state governments have re opened the teaching and research paths for Sanskrit.

For career in Sanskrit, Rashtriya Samskruta Samsthan, New Delhi has established its centers as deemed universities in many parts of the country. More than 14 Vidyapithas are imparting knowledge from school level to D.Litt. including B. Ed. and M.Ed. There are more than 400 universities, 1000 Pathashalas, 25 Indological research institutes, Libraries, Ad-

vanced learning centers, Temple trusts and huge number of colleges who are engaged in teaching Sanskrit. Many agencies, state governments and UGC provide fellowships and scholarships for meritorious students. Other than direct teaching and research works, many jobs are available in Parliament, Museums and Courts, News reading in T.V & Radio as well. Private charitable NGOs are hiring Sanskrit scholars for dictionary making and editing works in the field of journalism and Sanskrit news papers. After B.A. or M.A. in Sanskrit, one can opt for school teachers' job in India and foreign countries as well. There are traditional colleges where the medium of teaching is Sanskrit only. Along with Sanskrit, one can go for Pali, Prakrit, Jainology, Buddhist studies along with comparative language teachings, value education for corporate employees with the basic knowledge of Sanskrit.

IITs, IIMs and many other technical institutes are providing platforms for Sanskrit scholars. There is a huge opportunity to work in IT section where computational Sanskrit is being utilized, as NASA and other important European universities like OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE etc. What more? Sanskrit is a major subject to choose for examinations like IAS in India.

CBSE in its latest circular revealed the idea of compulsory inclusion of Sanskrit in school education and a vast recruitment will be in place for regular teachers of this subject. Further, there are upcoming residential schools in Odisha and other states where Sanskrit is a mandatory subject. In Uttarakhand and Rajasthan Sanskrit enjoys a pivotal place in government departments. Many Gu-

rukulas, Spiritual centers and Indian Army also recruit Sanskrit teachers.

Various career options in Sanskrit

- 1). Manuscriptologist - there are a lot of demand and urgent need for people to do manuscript editing of old Sanskrit manuscripts spread in various scripts such as Nandinagari, Sharada, Tigalari, Grantha, etc. There are over 5 million manuscripts (each manuscript is a small bundle with 10-25 leaves) unopened. Even to categorize them and properly catalog them is a big contribution.
- 2). Sanskrit Linguist - Indian language computing requires a lot of people. This requires a good understanding of Sanskrit Vyakarana (Linguistics) as most of the Indian languages have grammar rules that are similar to Sanskrit. Sanskrit is a super-set and other Indians language grammar rules are sub-sets. Many research positions in many institutes.
- 3). Traditional Yogacharya - Yoga today is being used just as an exercise regimen where 95% are focusing on "Asana" and about 5% are into "Pranayama" and /or therapeutic Yoga, etc. There are handful of people who actually study the Yoga texts - (there are many, and about 20 popular ones can be taken up for study) - people don't even study "Paatanjala Yogasutram" with Vyasa Bhashyam - and hardly anyone teaches!
- 4). Vaastu Architect (Acharya) - Vaastu is about creating a living space to live in harmony with the nature, seasons and surroundings. Very specifically this is about protecting health - both physical and mental health through ideal way 'Way of living' which is easy, cost effective and using locally available construction material. There is hardly anyone practicing AEC (Architecture /Engineering /Construction) as per the science of Vaastu. There are serious scientific principles and ideas discussed in many Vaastu texts such as "Manushyaalaya chandrika".

Research oriented jobs are plenty at these centers of excellence for Sanskrit: Puri, Vadodara, Veraval, Jaipur, Varanasi, Darabhanga, Pune, Nagpur, Ahmadabad, Chennai, Bhopal, Allahabad, Delhi Mysore and Shimla.

Major institutes other than universities are:

- 1-Pragna Pathashalas Parishad, WAI-SATARA
- 2-Indira Gandhi National Centre for Art, NEW DELHI
- 3-Rastriya Samskruta Vidyapitha having

- campuses at Delhi, Shringeri, Jaipur, Lucknow, Vedvyas, Bhopal, Tirupati, Puri, Mumbai, Guruvayur etc.
- 4-Gomantak Sanskrit Parishad, GOA
- 5-Mahabodhi Society, HOWRAH
- 6-The ADYAR Library & Research Centre, Chennai
- 7-BLII, DELHI
- 8-Mithila Research Institute, DARABHANGA
- 9-BJILR, AHMEDABAD
- 10- L. D. Institute of Indology, AHMEDABAD
- 11-Oriental Institute, VADODARA
- 12-Shri Ranbir Research Institute, JAMMU
- 13-Scindhia Oriental Research Institute, UJJAIN
- 14- Cama Oriental Research institute, MUMBAI
- 15-Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, PUNE
- 16-Deccan College, PUNE
- 17- CASS, PUNE
- 18-Central Institute for Indian Languages, MYSORE
- 19-Oriental Research Institute, MYSORE
- 20-VVRI, HOSHIARPUR
- 21-Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, SHIMLA
- 22-Aurobindo Ashram, PUDDUCHERRY
- 23-National Manuscriptology Mission, NEW DELHI
- 24-Samskrut Bharati, DELHI
- 25-Lokabhasha Prachara Samiti, PURI
- 26-Vishvasya Vruttantah, SURAT

Teaching related jobs are available round the year in all major Universities, Colleges and Schools. Traditional Sanskrit Universities are hiring teachers those are capable of teaching in Sanskrit medium only. The list is just indicative:

- 1-Sri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya, PURI
- 2-Kalidash Vishvavidyalaya, NAGPUR
- 3-Somanath University, VERAVAL
- 4-Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapitha, TIRUPATI
- 5-S.L.B.S. Sanskrit Vidyapitha, South DELHI
- 6-Rashtriya Sanskrit Samsthan, NEW DELHI
- 7-Maharshi Panini Sanskrit University, UJJAIN
- 8-J. R. Rajasthan Sanskrit University, JAIPUR
- 9-Shankracharya Sanskrit University, ERNAKULLAM
- 10-Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, HARIDWAR
- 11-Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, VARANASI





LADAKH – A THROBING HOLIDAY DESTINATION



PLACES TO VISIT:

Zaskar Valley, Pangong Tso Lake, Khardung-La Pass, Spituk Gumpa, and Hemis National Park

For those who need a heart throbbing destination for their summer holidays in India, Ladakh is the ultimate getaway. With a myriad of interesting best places to visit in Ladakh, you can be sure of an amazing vacation. The husky mountain peaks, the breath-taking scenes, the beauty of lakes, and the pleasant weather make it a perfect vacation destination.

MUST TRY: Watch the Llamas perform colorful Chhams, spot a snow leopard at the Hemis National Park, ride a double-humped Bactrian camel, and ride a bike up to the Khardung-La Pass

MANALI – TREKKER’S PARADISE



PLACES TO VISIT:

Hadimba Temple, Himalayan Nyingmapa Gumpa monastery, Club House, Solang Valley, Jogini Falls, Arjuna Gufa, and Vashisht Hot-Water Springs

Manali is a popular backpacking destination in Himachal Pradesh. This has numerous popular places to visit. Nestled idyllically amidst the Pir Panjal & Dhauladhar Range of the Himalayas, Manali remains to be a popular honeymoon destination in north India. But it holds an equally important position among those who are looking for adventure activities or holy places.

MUST TRY: Paragliding at Solang & Rohtang Valleys, yoga at Shri Hari Yoga Ashram, yak-riding at the wildlife sanctuary and dipping in hot-water springs at Vashisht.

PACHMARHI – THE GORGEOUS SATPURA QUEEN



PLACES TO VISIT:

Apsara Vihar waterfall & pond, Pandava Caves, Jata Shankar Caves, Pachmarhi Lake, Bee Fall, Draupadi Kund, and Handi Khoh gorge

The only hill station in Madhya Pradesh, Pachmarhi is among the lesser known summer holiday destinations. In extension to sightseeing, trekking and leisure activities can be enjoyed too. The decently high hills, forest gorges, breathe taking waterfalls, prehistoric caves, and rock paintings at Pachmarhi attract a lot of tourists every year.

MUST TRY: Boating at Pachmarhi Lake, bathing in the Apsara Vihar pond, and exploring the Pandava Caves

MUNNAR – HOME TO MESMERIZING SPICE PLANTATIONS



PLACES TO VISIT:

Kundala Lake, Echo Point, Elephant Lake, Anamudi Peak, Tata Tea Museum, Chithirapuram, Devikulam, and Chinnakanal

A perfect destination to spend your summer holidays in India, Munnar is famous for its salubrious climate, lush hills, and vast expanse of tea plantations. With a myriad of things to do in Munnar, the hill station from God’s Own Country – Kerala – is sure to make your holidays an ultimate peaceful and refreshing affair.

MUST TRY: Stay in a tree house, trekking to the echo point, mountain biking, Shikara ride in Kundala Lake, and elephant safari at the Carmelagiri Elephant Park

Places to spend YOUR HOT SUMMER holidays this time



KODAIKANAL – POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE PRINCESS OF HILL STATIONS



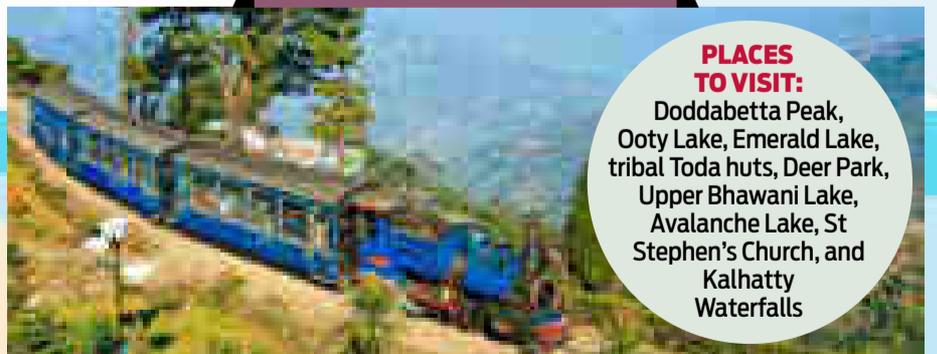
PLACES TO VISIT:

Kodaikanal Lake, Bryant Park, Coaker’s Walk, Pillar Rocks, Dolphin’s Nose rock, Shembaganur Museum of Natural History, and Bear Shola Falls

Kodaikanal is to Bangaloreans what Nainital is to Delhiites or what Darjeeling is to Kolkatans. Meadows, grasslands, waterfalls, valleys, forests, and lakes of the quaint hill station of Tamil Nadu make it one of the most popular summer holiday destinations in India from the peninsula. From boat rides to treks and from cycle rides to yoga; Kodaikanal has a lot to explore to offer to its tourists.

MUST TRY: Experience Brocken Spectre at Coakers’ Walk, ride a rowboat or pedalo at Kodaikanal Boat Club, cycle around the Kodai Lake, take a trek to Kukkal Caves, and practice yoga at the Kodaikanal Yoga Centre

OOTY – THE NILGIRI CITY IN INDIA



PLACES TO VISIT:

Doddabetta Peak, Ooty Lake, Emerald Lake, tribal Toda huts, Deer Park, Upper Bhawani Lake, Avalanche Lake, St Stephen’s Church, and Kalhatty Waterfalls

Udhagamandalam, or Ooty, is another prime destination in Tamil Nadu to spend your summer holidays in India. Located in the Nilgiri Blue Mountains hills, the hill station is often called the Queen of Hills. The famous toy train takes you through the nearby lush hills. The little hill station also offers a lot of places to visit and adventure activities to its visitors.

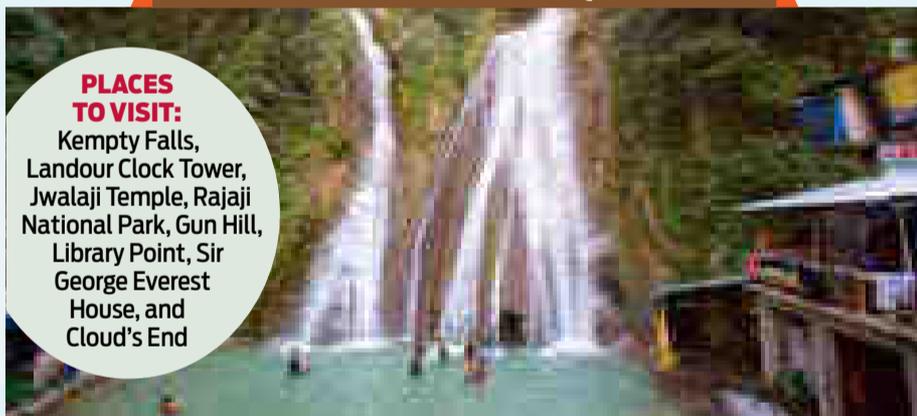
MUST TRY: Ride the Nilgiri Toy Train, horse riding, boating in Ooty Lake, mountain biking in the Blue Mountains, and hang gliding at Kalahatti (20 km from Ooty)



As the global warming is showing its effects, our Gujarat is becoming hotter day by day. The mercury now-days is touching skies and we start searching for the places which we can spend away from these heated days. With temperatures going high and high, we plan to search a place which beats the heat. All the inlands and uplands of India are most popular choice for families. From icy peaked mountains in Himalayas to oceanic blue hills of Andaman Islands, India has it all. And for all those who haven't decided where to take the long getaway this time, here are few mesmerizing destinations for your Summer Vacation Travel.



MUSSOORIE – THE UNDISPUTED QUEEN OF HILLS



- PLACES TO VISIT:**
Kempty Falls, Landour Clock Tower, Jwalaji Temple, Rajaji National Park, Gun Hill, Library Point, Sir George Everest House, and Cloud's End

Mussoorie, an exceedingly popular destination to spend your summer vacations in India, becomes quite crowded in summers. The distinct flora and the lush green hilly lands attract a lot of tourists to the little fairyland. From shopping on Mall Road to ropeway cable car to Gun Hill, and from Kempty Falls to the Jwalaji Temple; the summer destination has a lot to offer to its tourists.

MUST TRY: Boating in Lake Mist, cable car ride to Gun Hill, roller skating in Kulri Bazaar, and paragliding around Mussoorie Lake

SAPUTARA: THE ONLY HILL STATION IN GUJARAT



In summer, walk carefree on the expanse of the Governor's hill and see the sun dip into the Saputara Lake as the sky begins to shine with stars. As your bus chugs uphill, zip over the Ambika River, you leave all the congestion of towns and cities far below you and enter the spirit world of tribal people. Snuggled in the Sahyadri range, at an altitude of about 1000 m, this Dangri enclave derives its name from the Snake god revered by the tribals and translates as 'the abode of serpents', Saputara. In spite of being the only hill station of Gujarat, it is minimally commercialized, still unspoiled.

COORG – MINI SCOTLAND IN INDIA



- PLACES TO VISIT:**
Abbey Falls, Nalknad Palace, Barapole River, Brahmagiri Peak, Iruppu Falls, Namdroling Monastery, and Nagarhole National Park

Nestled amidst the lush valleys of the Western Ghats, Coorg is one of the most prosperous summer holiday destinations in India. It offers a lot to the travellers in form of the various places to visit. Thanks to its sheer beauty and pleasant weather conditions, the hill station is often referred as the Scotland of India.

MUST TRY: Camping near Nalknad Palace, River Rafting in Barapole River, Jeep Safari to Kabbe Hills, Trekking to Nishani Hills, taking a Microlight flight at Chelavara, ziplining, and angling in River Kaveri

MOUNT ABU – A VIVID 'OASIS IN THE DESERT'



- PLACES TO VISIT:**
Dilwara Jain Temples, Nakki Lake, Achalgarh Fort, Toad Rock, Guru Shikhar, Trevor's Crocodile Park, Peace Park, and Sunset Point

A hill station in the Aravalli Range in Sirohi district of Rajasthan, Mount Abu remains to be west India's best entry to the list of summer holiday destinations in India. Referred to as an oasis in the desert, it is origin to rivers, lakes, waterfalls, and evergreen forests. From hills to lake, fort to temples – Mount Abu has a little for every kind of traveler.

MUST TRY: Witnessing sunset at Sunset Point, boating at Nakki Lake, and riding a pony near Nakki Lake

MAHABALESHWAR – AN IDEAL SUMMER ESCAPE NEAR MUMBAI & PUNE



- PLACES TO VISIT:**
Venna Lake, Pratapgarh Fort, Parsi Point, Lingmala Falls, and Lord Mahabaleshwar Temple

Perched atop a height of 1,372 m above the sea level, Mahabaleshwar is another supreme getaway for the summer holidays in India. The aw-struck views of the valleys and mountains, the colonial buildings, gigantic forests, sparkling rivers, sonorous waterfalls, and Pratapgarh hill fort have been major crowd pullers. The scenic hill station is, without doubt, an ideal escape from the hustle-bustle and the punishing weather of Gujarat.

MUST TRY: Horse riding, boating at Venna Lake, trekking up to the Pratapgarh Fort

SHILLONG – A QUAIN TOWN SURROUNDED BY DUSKY HILLS



- PLACES TO VISIT:**
Ward's Lake, Sweet Falls, Shillong Peak, Khasi Hills, Umiam Lake, Elephant Falls, Laitlum Canyons, and Mawjymbuin Caves

For those considering the north-eastern states to spend summer holidays in India, Shillong is indubitably the best option. The rich hills with pine trees, shiny lakes, mystical waterfalls, and adventure activities offered make Shillong a highly attracted tourist place. As an adding advantage, Shillong is the only hill station in India that is at ease to reach from all parts of India.

MUST TRY: Waterfall rappelling at Elephant Falls, cave exploration, shopping at Bara Bazaar, boating in Umiam Lake, yacht riding at Umiam Lake Water Sports Complex

With summer getting hotter this year, vacations become boring as you cannot go out to play. Interestingly, we have technology to our rescue. With technology fast penetrating education we have many options with us to fruitfully utilize our summer vacation this May. Parents will love this solution since children can be constructively engaged using these apps and software. Children will love this solution as parent will happily offer them mobile devices and computer resources. It's all about using technology to learn the fun way. Check out the following apps that not only boost our IQ but also enable one to learn better the techway.

Popular Apps for Education the fun way: (Sequence is irrespective of popularity)

Duolingo – Learn Languages

Free

Duolingo is one of the best English language apps today and highly recommended for English beginners. The gamified learning system of the app helps you learn English quickly by spending twenty minutes a day. Duolingo structures your lessons that teach you about seven new words based on a topic and skill points being awarded for completing the lessons.

Memrise - Learn languages free

Memrise uses some creative and easy way to remember words for learning English. The focus of this app is to help the users expand their vocabulary by learning English words in an effective way. Memrise also offers an offline mode to continue learning without internet connection.

Photomath - Camera Calculator

Photomath is probably the best app for solving mathematical problems. It uses augmented reality, which means that you can simply point your camera at any piece of paper with an equation or an arithmetic problem and it will find a solution.

Professor Astro Cat's Solar System

Professor Astro Cat's Solar System is a really good app, the sort of application that through the gamification process can really pack a lot of information into a young mind in an enjoyable and engaging way. This delightful program provides all the basic information that a pupil will need to know about our solar system and will serve as a great springboard for further study and research. A really useful and engaging app; designed for students to enhance their knowledge of our solar system.

GET TECH SAVVY THIS MAY



Free App to Learn Counting and Addition: Counting & Addition Kids Games

Counting & Addition Kids Games is part of the iLearnWith series of Android apps. We like how this app focuses on one specific concept and builds student's skills through a variety of activities. With this app, children will play games that directly connect to the expectations outlined in the Common Core State Standards or National Curriculum for students at this age level. Counting & Addition Kids Games is a bright and colorful app that includes animated characters who take children through each activity.

Free App to Learn Fractions: Slice Fractions

Slice Fractions reinforces many fraction concepts by challenging kids to slice ice and rocks into different fractional parts, so that the pieces fall and clear a path for the Mastodon. Children won't necessarily be practicing fractions in a way that will help them in tests or with worksheets but they will be developing a conceptual knowledge of fractions that is, arguably, more important.

Free App to Learn Spelling: World's Worst Pet - Vocabulary

World's Worst Pet - Vocabulary is an engaging English Language Arts game de-

signed for ages 7-14. This app helps children increase their vocabulary by taking players through an adventure. We love how the narrative grabs the attention of students without sacrificing the academic component. Children are introduced to domain-specific vocabulary words in word lists that are grouped by topic. The high-quality graphics and abundance of levels makes this a go-to app for vocabulary practice.

Flinnt – Social Learning Platform

Flinnt is a social learning platform where learners can join courses provided by institutions and experts. Institutions and experts can communicate and teach online to deliver engaging learning experiences. On Flinnt learners can access courses provided by; Graduate and Postgraduate Institutions, K-12 Schools, Kindergartens, Subject Matter Experts, Content Providers, Publishers, Training Providers, Seminar and Conference Organizers, Tutorials and Examination Coaching Centers.

Khan Academy App

Khan Academy is a free website and educational app that includes thousands of educational videos aimed at self-paced instruction. The library in the app mirrors the content that can be found on the website. For math concepts -- from early learning through college-level -- the site offers an almost unlimited number of practice exercises, organized by topic, with instant feedback and progress data. Kids are encouraged to sign up using a Google or Facebook account. But it's also possible to sign up with an email address. Once logged in, kids can monitor their math progress on a personal dashboard. The videos are short and are presented in a casual and unrehearsed yet engaging style. Many of the math videos cover basic skills and are about mastering procedures rather than conceptual understanding.

The list of such apps is exhaustive as there are many apps that are available online. There are particular apps that offer entire curriculum of different grades and boards with nominal charge. To search for such apps simple surf the net using Google and search with particular key words. Hope the above mentioned apps will be of much use to you to beat the heat this summer and to be constructive while being at home. Parents also can use such apps to monitor the progress of students in it. Wish you happy "Apping"



DR. VISHAL VARIA
EDUCATIONIST, RAJKOT

A Tribute to Ramesh Chandra Agrawal

The out of the bound thinker and an adventurer in true sense for the publishing industry, is not between us anymore. The whole and sole of the Dainik Bhasker group, Mr. Ramesh Chandra Agrawal died of cardiac attack on April 12, 2017. The 72 year old man, who brought revolution by stepping out of the comfort zone, made what DB Corp is today.

His legends go back to 1996 when the publishers were strung to their states, religions and languages; he was the only man who chose to leave his hometown and moved to Rajasthan with an ambition of starting a Hindi news paper Dainik Bhaskar and he succeeded. He then shifted to an-

other state with another language in mind and landed in Gujarat in 2003 and established DB Corp (then Dainik BHaskar group). The Gujarati News paper took the market by 30% and became one of the leading household papers, leaving the existing ones behind.

This was the kind of vision he had and he was amongst them who made them a reality as well. The ambition which became a case study for Indian Institute of Ahmedabad (IIM) students.

The myth buster of all odds has left a special place in everyone's heart and will always remain.

The Open Page offers a Tribute to this great leader!



HARM TO BE HAPPY!

Green mountains, green mountains
We humans are a typical kind, aren't we? We have a different line in our heads but do the exact opposite in the real world. The person writing this thinks that humans love the following line.

*"Harm to be happy,
And
Save to face shame"*

It's catchy isn't it, goes well with every beat.

The reason behind these lines is because our minds are full of dirt like the mountains. The tiny memories represent the animals of the mountains. I'm just trying to bring out the similarity, so try on imagining. The memories in our brains will fade once our brains become evil or full of dirt. Eww, right? Then think about the mountain which will get dirty because of the garbage that we throw here and there. Just keep on co-relating. It's getting worse, right? Well, the worst part is about to begin right now. Think, when we cry while we are evil. It just worsens your conditions, you become helpless. The same thing happens on the mountains. Why only 'em, the whole envi-



ronment, when rain falls. But where there's hope, there's a way. We all have high hopes of environment getting all transformed and cleaned up into heaven on its own. So who's going to clean it up, of

course not the environment? It won't take the environment and start cleaning, eh? We humans need to take initiatives. Not a few of them but all of us. You ain't getting happiness while harming others. If not able to catch up, then try co-relating it with your brain or refer. Till then, stay tuned, I've to throw the trash in the DUSTBIN!



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BENEFITS

- It helps reduce stress and tension on the chest and the face.
- It stimulates the platysma (a thin, flat, rectangular muscle that lies on the front of the throat). It keeps this muscle firm as we continue to age.
- These are the parts this asana benefits – the face, eyes, tongue, throat, vocal chords, abdomen, respiratory tract, diaphragm, chest, hands, and the fingers.
- It helps exercise the tongue owing to the full stretch outside the mouth.
- It cures stuttering, teeth grinding, clenched jaws, and back pains.
- It helps remove wrinkles and delays aging.
- It also relaxes the neck muscles.
- This asana helps improve the tone and texture of the voice.

DESCRIPTION

- To begin the asana, kneel down on the floor. Cross your ankles such that the front of the right ankle crosses over the back of the left ankle. The feet must point out on both the sides. The perineum should press down on top of the heels
- Place your palms on the knees. Spread out your palms, such that your fingers are splayed out. Press them firmly against each knee.
- Inhale through the nose, and as you do that, open your mouth and stretch out your tongue. Curl its tip toward the chin. Your eyes must be wide open, and the muscles in the front of the throat contracted. Exhale through your mouth as you produce a distinct 'ha' sound. You must ensure that the breath passes over the back of the throat.
- While some schools of thought suggest that you must set your gaze between the eyebrows, others ask you to look at the tip of your nose.



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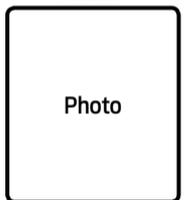
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PRAISES FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT

The Open Page congratulates one of its most active Young Reporters 'Ekta Ganwani' for her memorable achievement in Young Chef India 2017. Not that she is an emerging writer but also an emerging chef. The student of Lalji Mehrotra Lions School, and Head Activity Reporter of The Open Page's Young Reporter's Club has grabbed yet another title for herself. Let's hear it all from Ekta herself.

"CULINARY ART - ANOTHER AMBITION

"If not a journalist, a chef for sure!"

Becoming a journalist has always been my ambition but April 2016 was the beginning of a new chapter of my life. It started when last year the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) approached LML School and announced the inter school cooking competition, Young Chef India 2016. Although I couldn't make it to the mega final round but I was glad to reach that stage as it helped me discover my culinary skills. It's since then that I have started cooking and developed more interest into it.

Basically the competition consists of five separate rounds. In the first three rounds I cooked in the professional kitchen of IIHM Ahmedabad campus. The industrial burners and huge vessels were a difficult task. We were provided with buddies who helped us in fetching ingredients and controlling the high flames. Buddies were extremely helpful and kind.

As we say "History repeats", it repeated this time too. I participated in Young Chef India 2017 and cleared three rounds at IIHM Ahmedabad and made it to the semi finals at IIHM Pune. The West zonal final is due on 19 April, 2017 at IIHM Delhi. The cook-offs are shot by



NDTV Goodtimes which gives a great platform to the students' television career because cooking under the halogens and giving several interviews in front of cameras is a fabulous firsthand

experience.

The judging part is another limelight of the show. Celebrity chefs like Ranveer Brar, Culinary director at IIHM, Chef Sanjay Kak and Chef Sanjeev Kalra taste the dishes made by students. The criteria for judgment were the taste, i.e., the flavors, the texture of the dish, consistency, presentation, color, etc. If it soothes the palette of the chef, the student clears the round and reaches the next level.

The best feeling is when the ceremony of presenting the student with chef hat and chef apron takes place. It is an overall different feeling!

Every student here learns not only to cook but also learns that being a chef is not an easy task. Working under a time limit with such lot of pressure of performing the best every time is a great job. It's not everybody's cup of tea. Well, this is the reason that every participant of Young Chef is called a 'chefe-stant'. He/She is not mere a contestant of a cooking competition but a participant of Young Chef India which is the biggest culinary competition at school level.

I thank Dr. Suborno Bose who is the



founder of IIHM who took this initiative. Also, I thank Mrs. Pallavi Nath, director at IIHM Ahmedabad and Chef Vaibhav Patel, who is the culinary teacher at IIHM Ahmedabad. They have put in great efforts for me. I thank that every lady whom I consulted for the suggestions with all my heart. Looking forward to a greater experience with my competitors this time as well!"

Arjun English School's Fun Fair

Arjun English School organized a fun filled activity for their students past academic year. A huge crowd attended the 'Fun Fair' program which was filled with entertaining activities within. Dance, yoga and singing were the few performances held at the Fun Fair but their main attraction was 'Stalls' kept at the program. All the students, teachers, principal, trustees and other staff members were gathered to enjoy this beautifully crafted fun hours. As the fairs are known for its rides, Arjun School organized some for 2-10 year children. Kids were found having their best time in rides like ferris wheel and merry go round. The faces of the people attended the event were as vibrant as the program was. I enjoyed it with my other class mates at its fullest. **Cheet Raval**

