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Ram Navami is one of the most important Hindu festivals of India which falls in the 'Shukla Paksha' on the ninth day of the month of Chaitra corresponding to the March/April of the Gregorian calendar. It is also the last day of the Vasanta Navratri. **p10**

WALK THE TALK: LESSONS FROM...



Mahatma Gandhi has declared, "My life is my message". Truly his life is a great message for all of us. Every stage of his life was a reflection of his ideas and philosophy. **p16**

Ata day-long workshop organized by centre for child rights communication of School of Liberal Studies, PDP, media persons agree that children deserve more and the best, nothing less

CHILDREN ARE PRIZED ASSET; PROTECT THEM



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Children are the most prized asset of a society. They the future of the nation, and of the mankind, too. Any doubt then, that protecting children and ensuring their rights is not the responsibility of the parents alone? The state with its organs – the legislature, the executive and the judiciary – and the fourth estate in a democracy – the media – too are responsible for their protection and prevention of violation of their rights. Non-discrimination against them, devotion to their best interests, right to life, survival and development; and respect for their views form the cornerstone of the privileges any sensible will bestow upon them.

Provisions of UN Convention

You will be happy to know that the United Nations (UN) is not just sensitive to these issues, but very proactively pursuing and advocating your rights. The UN considers everyone below 18 years as a child and expects its member states to grant them certain rights, including the four mentioned above. UNICEF, the UN agency that works for children's welfare, has been working with the national and state governments across the globe to ensure the most precious asset of society gets its due.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC, 1989/90) has as many as 54 articles, touching almost every aspect of life. Almost every country in the world has signed the Convention and, barring a few, almost all of them have ratified it, too. Incidentally, the United States of America has signed the convention, but not ratified it yet. The reason put forward is that its own Constitution and the laws more than ensure children their rights. Article 41 of the UNCRC gives member countries the option of letting their domestic laws overrule the provisions in the Convention if the former are superior.



The Convention gives children the right to say what they think should happen and have their opinions taken into account when adults are making decisions that affect children (Article 12). However, this does not mean that children can now tell their parents what to do. This Convention encourages adults to listen to the opinions of children and involve them in decision-making – not give children authority over adults.

Parents remain in charge

This Article does not interfere with parents' right and responsibility to express their views on matters affecting their children. Moreover, the Convention recognizes that the level of a child's participation in decisions must be appropriate to the child's level of maturity. Children's ability to form and express their opinions develops with age and most adults will naturally give the views of teenagers greater weight than those of a preschooler, whether in family, legal or administrative decisions.

In fact, Article 5 makes it clear that the governments should respect the rights and responsibilities of families to direct and guide their children so that, as they grow, they learn to use their rights properly. Helping children to understand their rights does not mean pushing them to make choices with consequences that they are too young to handle.

India's policies and initiatives

As a responsible nation, India too has signed and ratified the Convention. While signing a

convention means that the nation agrees to the provisions of the convention, ratifying gives the convention legal status in the country. Being sensitive to the rights of the child, India came up with its own National policy for Children in 1974. Once the UN came up with its Convention, India ratified it on December 11, 1992.

Though India's 1974 policy was announced with noble intention, it was found lacking in certain aspects. So, the government of the day came up with a revised and updated policy in 2013. The federal Ministry of Women and Child Development on January 24, 2017 released the National Action Plan for Children-2016 on the occasion of the National Girl Child Day 2017.

However, despite best intentions of the stakeholders and many initiatives, instances of child rights violations is still prevalent in India. Hundreds of thousands of children today are fighting hunger, physical abuse, illiteracy, forced labour and state of homelessness in India. This calls for continued intervention of the various state and non-state agencies.

CCCR's media workshop

One such effort was a day-long workshop for media persons and media students that the Centre for Communication on Child Rights (CCCR) organized in association with Gujarat Media Club in Ahmedabad on March 23. Attended by close to 50 people, the workshop gave the participants an overview of the current status of child rights in India, especially Gujarat. **Turntop5**

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WELCOME BACK AFTER A SEMESTER BREAK!



Students were welcomed with a tilak on their forehead, some wore masks of different cartoon characters, colourful takeaways were given which is always fun to receive, and we played lots of games on the ground!



Shivratri celebration at Lalji Mehrotra Lions School



"Shivratri" as the name suggests, is a day when all the people engage themselves in the divine culture of the Lord Shiva (the transformer or the destroyer). According to Hinduism, He is considered to be Tridev. Maintaining the tradition, LMLSchool celebrated Shivratri in a mesmerising manner. The program began with the Ganesh stuti sung by the school choir in a sweet voice, but full of divinity, which actually filled the school premises with piety. Followed by the song was the popular classical dance form "Anand tandav" by a few girls, which filled the hearts of educators and students with joy and created a godly environment. The program even involved a wonderful speech by Dhruvi Makwana on this special occasion. All these were the highlights of the celebration due to which the auspicious day spent well.

—Khushi Bhagtani, Young reporter



THE JOURNEY FROM RED TO BLUE



On 20th March, 2019 the Senior-KG students of LML School were passed and promoted to class I. The change of uniform that occurs from pre-primary to standard I is one of the most memorable moments in students' life. The pre-primary teachers of LML School set up a convocation ceremony for the same. All the students dressed up in black robes with the academic square caps and awaited their certificate to be awarded by

LML School Principal Ranjana Mandan. Immense blend of pride and innocence was visible throughout the ceremony. Parents, so proud, captured the happy moment and students, so innocent, without any knowledge of what was happening lived and cherished the happy moment to the fullest.

—Shivangi Dasgupta

HOW TO PRODUCTIVELY SPEND YOUR VACATIONS?



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Reporter
The Open Page

Vacations are a great time to sit back and relax. We all love having long vacations where we can spend a long time doing things we love. Either you are a school student or a working person; vacations give you an escape from your monotonous lifestyle. But, most of us waste our holidays in watching TV, surfing the Internet, binge-watching TV shows and hanging out with friends. Vacations are a great time for you to experience and learn new things. So, move your ass from that comfy couch and do something that can change your life a little. In case you can't think of anything, go through this list of how you can make your vacations productive.

1. Learn swimming

Swimming can deliver unwinding to your body, intellect and soul. Once you go profound beneath the water, you discover yourself in a whole modern world where there's fair peace and tranquility. Discover a swimming course close and spend 2-3 hours within the water. And once you come back to domestic, you'll feel eager. Swimming could be a life-saving expertise one ought to unquestionably learn!

2. Try out a fitness regime

Vacations are the perfect time to try out a fitness regime. You have all the time in the world to exercise and eat a healthy diet. Join a gym and get that perfect belly or six-packs who have been dreaming about for quite a long time. Don't just

waste your time sitting in front of the television and munching on snacks. Utilize your vacations to get into the perfect shape.

3. Learn martial arts

We all know how crime is increasing these days and how it is important for every person, especially for women, to learn self-defence techniques to save themselves from any danger. So, while you are on your vacation, invest your time in learning martial arts or any self-defence rather than just binge-watching episodes of Game of Thrones or any other show.

4. Start a blog

If you love writing, then vacations are the perfect time to show your writing talent to the whole world. Start your blog and pour down all your feelings in it. Write about the things that you would like to share with the whole world. Share your blogs on your social media accounts and you never know what change it could bring in your life.

5. Join a book club

Reading is something that most people love as it is one of the most soul-satisfying things. It gives a new direction to your thoughts and let you discover a new side of yourself. A romantic novel can ignite the fire of love in your heart while a motivational one can shape your thoughts and fill you with enlightenment. Join a book club during your vacations and discover your thoughts.

6. Explore new places

Vacations are the perfect time to explore new places and get a different experience. Pack your bags and visit new places. Go on a vacation with your friends to have endless fun or you could go alone

so that you will be able to gather your own thoughts and spend your time away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

7. Attend interesting workshops

Workshops are a great way to spend your vacations because you get to learn new things and in addition to this you can even get to meet new people that have the same interest as you. Join any workshop of your interest, whether its arts and crafts, drawing, portraiture, paper quilling or even life skills.

8. Learn a dance form

Dancing is a great way to express yourself and it is fun too. Now that you have a lot of spare time, why not utilize in learning a dance form. It can either be contemporary, salsa, Carnatic or free-style, whatever that interests you. Learning never goes best and learning dance will stay with your forever. So, sign up for a dance class and learn the best!

9. Learn a new language

A second language can be really useful for job applications and certain degree courses, but it's also an academic challenge that keeps your mind active and teaches you new skills and increases your self-discipline. If you devote your summer to learning a new language, you will find it easier if you are learning with other people. And if you don't want to learn a new one, get your command stronger on the languages that you already know.

10. Go adventure-hunting

If you are the adventurous type, the world has suddenly opened up for you. Hunt for new places where you can va-

cation and conduct adventurous sports. It could be a local dam that very few people have heard of or it could be the mountain patch that becomes accessible during this season.

11. Do Volunteer Work

Helping others makes you a better person. Whether you feel the need to improve your karma or simply want to learn more about life – volunteer work is a sure way to fulfill these purposes. Choose the one that matches your interests and go make your contribution.

12. Dive into Culture

Being a student you get plenty of discounts to visit museums, galleries and other places, soaked in beauty and culture. Check out the opportunities in your area and start the quest for the art: the experience might be not just educating but also fun!

13. Opt for Documentaries

Think of the time you've spent binge-watching all the TV-shows. Imagine how much you could have learnt, if you watched documentaries instead? Why not try doing so?

14. Go on a Bicycle Tour

Bicycle tours have plenty of advantages: that's the greenest way to travel, you get a chance to see more gorgeous places in addition to saving all the money for transport. If you don't have a bike – rent one and enjoy the journey.

15. Start New, Good Habits

We have all the powers to shape our personalities. That's why forming new, useful habits is so exciting: with a bit of motivation and discipline you can carve out a better version of your current self.

16. Clean the Clutter

Feel the need to organize your mind? Clean your room then. The less cluttered the space you live in are, the less garbage there is in your head. Start now. The effect is really fascinating. There you go. Feel free to invent your own ways of adding productivity to your summer. You're the one setting the limits.

Have an awesome one!



Convocation & Annual Function celebration



Tripada Haus For kids conducted Convocation Day and Annual Function "Udaan" on April 6th 2019. The smart and tiny tots of UKG dressed in graduation robes and capes marched in a row, along with the Chief guest Mr. RC Patel, Chartered president of lions club, Navrangpura. It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for the little ones as they completed their kg section and will head over to primary section.

Body shaming

I guess I was 5 years old,
When everyone said I am cute and bold.
Even though I had a lot of mass,
I wasn't the discriminated one in the class.
But 12 years later,
Everything does matter,
Marks, looks, weight and day by day I got fatter.
I didn't really care,
But the way they treated me wasn't fair.
They started this trend of body shaming
And didn't care whose heart was paining.
But they found their happiness in it,
Teasing those who are not fit.
This world is filled with people of different sizes,
And everybody wishes to fly.
People need to understand,
Categorizing people by their weight should be banned.
People are taking medicines, having surgeries, working hard,
Only to fit in the society and then play their part,
Part of living and fulfilling their dreams,
Because according to the society,
Only those could dream who weigh till 60 and not the fat one.
And to all those who are above 60 kilogram,
You don't stop spreading your charm.
You are way more beautiful than those who call them fit.
They would fall hard if anybody will hit
And we won't because we are in the category of strong.
We should be happy about it for long.
—Janwee Mukim, Student

Juxtaposing In Outs

Tradeoff is the way I see my life
Love is far and luxury is the price
Relief is the kin that I step out and behold
Sitting at large with the tea that we hold
Peaceful work and the solitary soul
Seeks a midway to rollover the mind brawl
Captivities dearth the actual fault
Emancipation counsel the stories appalled
To accept and encroach the ways of tide
Ebbs your conscious from the enlightening stride
Believe the rage that drags your deed
Douse them off and let the strength in you lead.
Heart is the king follow it blindfold
Results though annoying, sets in you a new threshold
Opportunities conjoint the path and fear
Walk on its way, recedes your dear
Fruits of separation that come from a hard decision
Has an ordeal though scrutinizes your endearment precision
Simplify a situation and adorn your trail
Make your living an exemplary tale.
—Aarya Dwivedi, 9th STD., St Xaviers Loyola.

SUN'S TOUCH

With shrewd intensity
It brushes against
My skin and my heart
Waking my soul
Descending from the void
Oblivious of its glory
Filled with everything
Yet letting go what it needs the most - the warmth, the colour, life
It reaches me, the winter sun's touch
And unfurls my spirit
Taking me to the place it came from
Only when I close my eyes, I truly see
The tangerine hue piercing my eyelids
Unfolding the layers which were unknown
I hear what was unheard
And I see what was unseen.
—Rishav Jadon, Student



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CCCR, which is a joint initiative of School of Liberal Studies, PDU, and UNICEF, also presented before the gathering findings of a research it had carried out on the coverage of child rights issue in eight leading English and Gujarati newspapers in Gujarat. The finding were not so encouraging when it came to portrayal of child rights, their voices and their interests.

A positive outcome of the workshop was the introspection that the media persons made. They realised that they had not given children their due, busy that they were with what they thought were more pressing issues before society. However, it was reiterated that the media can play an important role in protecting and promoting children's rights, and also reporting their

achievements and success. Many media persons consider reporting on children as challenging, something that requires too much effort and could lead to legal risks. Therefore, informed, sensitive and professional journalism will ensure promotion and protection of child rights.

The media persons and students were of the view that such workshops

and trainings be held more frequently wherein stakeholders from across the sectors – the government organs and NGOs -- be invited to add to the knowledge of media persons and sensitize them further to child rights issues. The media persons and the students went home wiser, agreeing to the view that children deserve more and the best, nothing less.

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PAPER PLATE ROSES

These pretty paper plate roses are simple enough for little kids and they look almost as good as a real rose. A cute craft for kids and mums.

Activity

How to make paper plate roses

- Paint or color your paper plate first.
- When it's dry, trim the edge of the plate with the scissors, so that you are only working with the flat part in the centre.
- Cut a rough spiral into the remaining circle. It doesn't have to be even – wobbly is a bit better anyway.
- Finish the spiral at the centre with a small circle (about 1.5cm diameter).
- Now go to the pointy bit, where you started cutting, and curl the spiral around your finger.
- Keep curling until you get to the small circle at the end. Now pull the pointy bit through the centre of the rose and staple it to the small circle at the end of the spiral.



AMAZING FACTS



1. Human beings have average 1 million hairs.
2. In human tongue there are more than 12,000 taste buds.
3. When we sneeze, particles near us start to travel at speed 1 million km/hour.
4. An ant never sleeps.
5. An octopus has three hearts and nine brains.
6. A gold fish has no stomach.
7. Cucumber peels can rub pen writings.
8. The great scientist Isaac Newton didn't know alphabets till he was of 24 years.
9. Our eyes remain of the same size as they were size of birth.
10. The human brain (when awake) produces enough electricity to power a 40 watt light bulb for 24 hours.
11. 90% of your body mass is stardust, because all the elements except for Hydrogen and Helium are in stars.
12. Your body contains enough iron to make a three- inch nail.
13. 25, 000, 000 of your cells died while you were reading this sentence.
14. Jelly fish have been around for more than 650 million years which means that they outdate both dinosaurs and sharks.
15. Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

QUIZ

1. Which state government has launched the boat ambulance service for remote areas?
2. In which city National War Memorial is located?
3. Who has become the first Indian woman to win the future for Nature 2019 Award?
4. What are the five vital organs of the human body?
5. Which is the longest river on earth?

Weird Science Facts

1. The moon is moving away from the Earth at a tiny, although measurable, rate every year. 85 million years ago it was orbiting the Earth about 35 feet from the planet's surface.
2. The star Antares is 60,000 times larger than our sun. If our sun were the size of a softball, the star Antares would be as large as a house.
3. In Calama, a town in the Atacama Desert of Chile, it has never rained.
4. At any given time, there are 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the earth's atmosphere.
5. Erosion at the base of Niagara Falls has caused the falls to recede approximately seven miles over the past 10,000 years.
6. A ten-year-old mattress weighs double what it did when it was new due to debris that it absorbs over time. That debris includes dust mites (their droppings and decaying bodies), mold, millions of dead skin cells, dandruff, animal and human hair, secretions, excretions, lint, pollen, dust, soil, sand, and a lot of perspiration, which the average person loses at a rate of a quart a day. Good night!
7. Every year 16 million gallons of oil runs off pavement into streams, rivers, and eventually, oceans in the United States. This is more oil than was spilled by the Exxon Valdez.
8. In space, astronauts cannot cry because there is no gravity and tears can't flow.

YUMMY WATERMELON POPS

As the summer is down the corner, beat the heat of this summer with these small heat busters which can be prepared at home within no time. This tasty summer treats are good to enjoy with your family on any hot day.

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups cubed seeded watermelon
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup fresh raspberries

Directions

Place the watermelon, lemon juice, sugar, and raspberries into a blender, and blend on High speed until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is smooth. Pour the mixture into ice pop molds, and insert sticks or handles. Freeze until firm, several hours or overnight.

Footnotes

- To make in small plastic cups, pour the watermelon mixture into 8 small cups, and cover each cup with foil. Poke a pop stick through the center of the foil and into the mixture. Freeze for several hours or overnight.

IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS IN APRIL

April 1: Orissa Day	Hemophilia Day
April 5: National Maritime Day	April 18: World Heritage Day
April 7: World Health Day	April 21: National Civil Service Day
April 11: National Safe Motherhood Day	April 22: World Earth Day
April 13: Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre Day (1919)	April 23: World Books Day
April 14: B. R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day	April 24: Panchayat Raj Day
April 17: World	April 26: World Intellectual Property Day



HOW TO BE A GREAT TEACHER



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Teaching is one of the most important professions in today's society. As a teacher, you will shape the minds of others and encourage them to think independently. Get your students interested in learning by fostering a positive, supportive yet challenging classroom environment. A great teacher is the one that a student remembers and cherishes forever. Teachers have long-lasting impacts on the lives of their students, and the greatest teachers inspire students toward greatness. Teaching is hard work and some teachers never grow to be anything better than mediocre. They do the bare minimum required and very little more. The great teachers, however, work tirelessly to create a challenging, nurturing environment for their students. Great teaching seems to have less to do with our knowledge and skills than with our attitude toward our students, our subject, and our work.

Developing good classroom environment:

Create a daily objective for your students. A great classroom environment comes from the heart not from the wallet. It is built on love, laughter and feeling that every one belongs. It is best if the objectives are clear, brief and realistic.

Listen to your students:

- Ask them open-ended questions after they have made a statement. Encourage them to ask you questions as well.
- Being an active listener shows your students that you respect their voice in the classroom.
- It is also a good idea to model for your students how respectfully listen to someone while disagreeing with them.
- Keep students on task. Set time limits for classroom exercises or activities.
- Push your students to succeed. Try to create an environment in which your students will be constantly intellectually challenged.

Dealing with classroom challenges:

"It's the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom"

- Discipline in a prompt and thoughtful way. Make the rules for your classroom and each exercise very clear and consistent. If a stu-



dent breaks a rule, handle it immediately in the classroom before moving forward.

- Assign leadership roles to difficult students.
- "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way".
- Start with giving personal tasks to students and then assign them more difficult and higher responsibilities
 - Express a personal interest in all students. "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." If you show your students that you enjoy their company and value their opinions, then they are far less likely to exhibit challenging classroom behaviors.
 - Give quiet students many avenues of participation.

Offers assistance to struggling students:

- "Teach to the individual, not to the curriculum"
- Do your best to identify students who are struggling academically early on. Consider offering in-class resources, such as pair exercises.

Maintaining the right mind set teaching:

"Teachers, who love teaching, teaches children to love learning"

Dress appropriately for your teaching environment. Your teaching materials and classroom organized.

Laugh and keep good sense of humor:

"Students may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel".

Try to teach your students that learning doesn't have to be serious 24/7.

- Repeat positive mantras on all days.

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."

- Create good relationships with the parents of students: -

"Great teachers focus not on compliance but on connections and relationships."

Communication is the key when working with parents. Keep in touch with them via-in person conferences as well as written behavioral reports, make contact with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at your school and ask what you can do the help.

Improving as a Teacher: -

"Every teacher needs to improve not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better."

Seek out teaching mentors:-

- Look for other teachers at your school who are willing to discuss teaching with you or who will even let you sit in on their classes.
- Take advantage of professional development opportunities
- A great teacher maintains open communication with parents and keeps them informed of what is

going on in the classroom as far as curriculum, discipline, and other issues. They make themselves available for phone calls, meetings, and email.

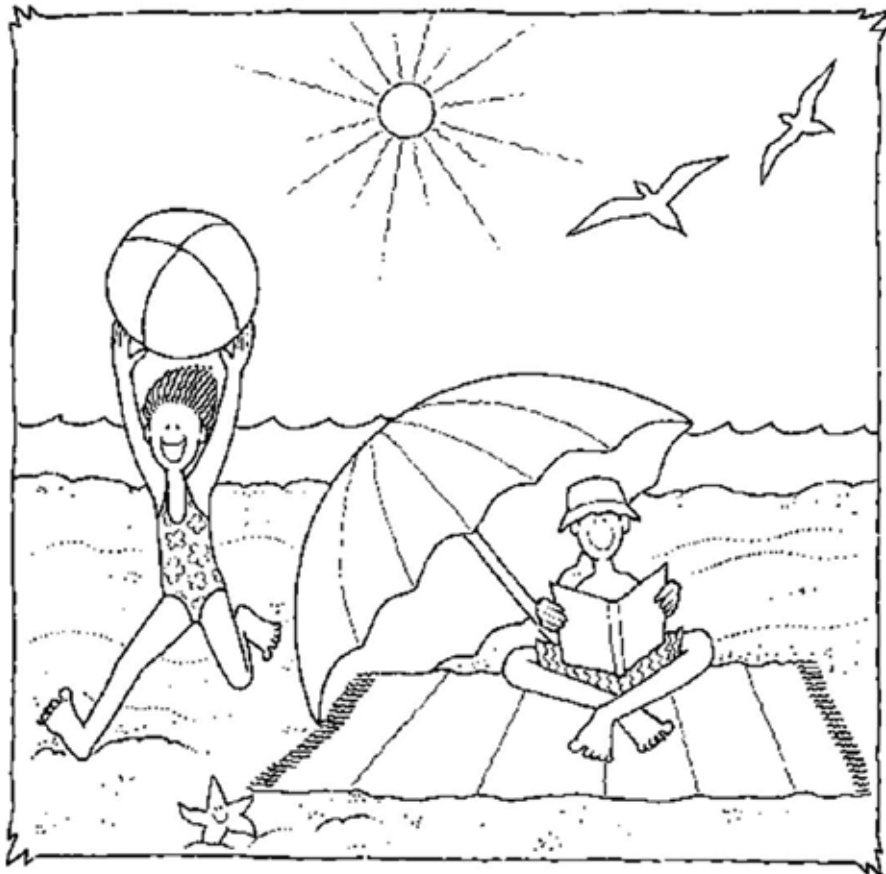
- A great teacher has high expectations of their students and encourages everyone to always work at their best level.
- A great teacher has thorough knowledge of the school's curriculum and other standards they must uphold in the classroom. They ensure their teaching meets those standards.
- This may seem obvious, but is sometimes overlooked. A great teacher has incredible knowledge of and enthusiasm for the subject matter they are teaching. They are prepared to answer questions and keep the material interesting for the students.
- A great teacher is passionate about teaching and working with children. They are excited about influencing students' lives and understand the impact they have.
- A great teacher develops a strong rapport with students and establishes trusting relationships.

"If you want to be a master teacher you have to be a master learner."
"Education is the most powerful resource which you can use to change the world." "Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change."

"TEACHERS AFFECT ETERNITY;
NO ONE CAN TELL WHERE THEIR
INFLUENCE STOPS".

FILL THE COLORS

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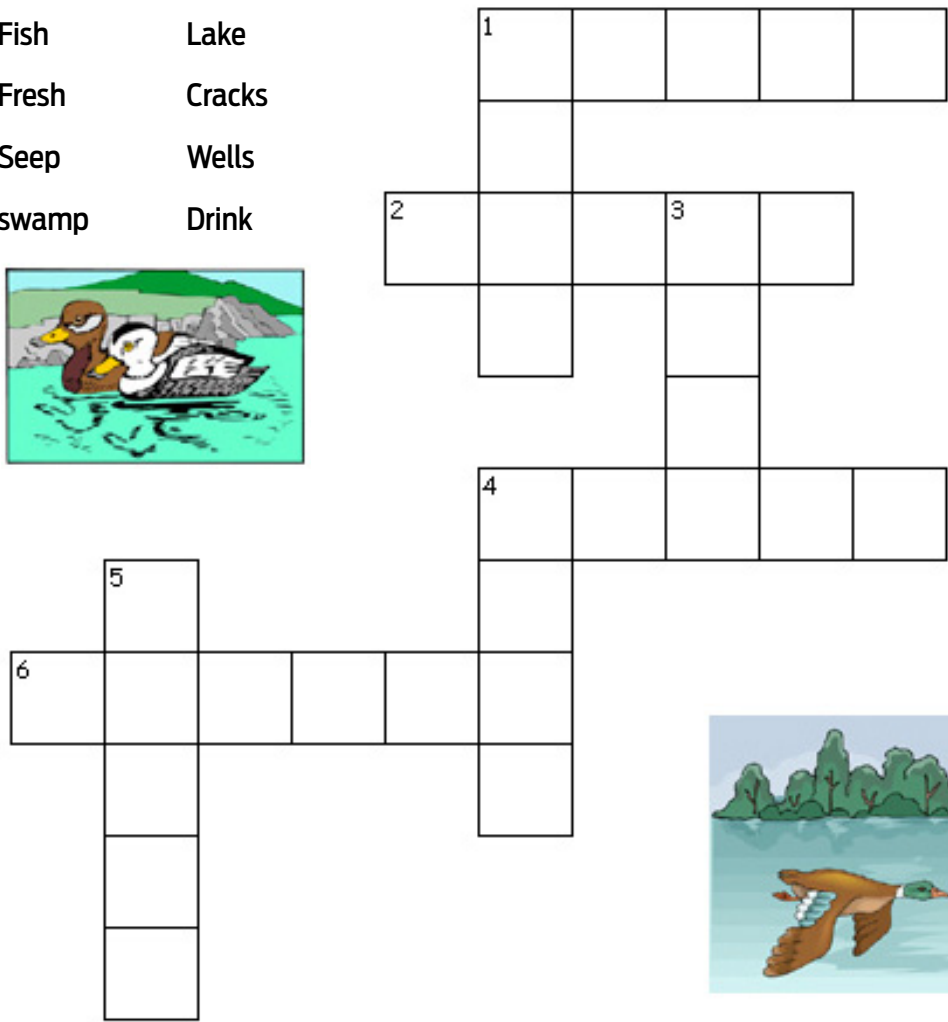


1. Color the sun umbrella orange and purple.
2. Color the hat blue.
3. Color the beach ball yellow and red.
4. Color the beach towel green and blue.
5. Color the rest of the picture. Use any colors you like.

HELP THE WHALE GET TO THE WATER

Fit the words into the squares.

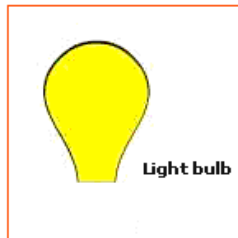
Fish Lake
Fresh Cracks
Seep Wells
swamp Drink



FINDING A MISTAKE

There is one mistake in each box below.
Find the mistake and correct it by drawing the what is missing

Just a little
fun page.



FRACTION FUNDAMENTALS

$\frac{1}{7}$ one seventh $\frac{1}{8}$ one eighth $\frac{1}{9}$ one ninth
 $\frac{2}{7}$ two sevenths $\frac{2}{8}$ two eighths $\frac{2}{9}$ two ninths

Write the fraction for each shaded area in number and in word form.

1. $\frac{1}{4}$ one fourth

2. $\frac{3}{4}$ three fourths

3. $\frac{3}{8}$ three eighths

4. $\frac{4}{6}$ four sixths

5. $\frac{2}{6}$ two sixths

6. $\frac{4}{8}$ four eighths

7. $\frac{3}{9}$ three ninths

8. $\frac{1}{2}$ one half

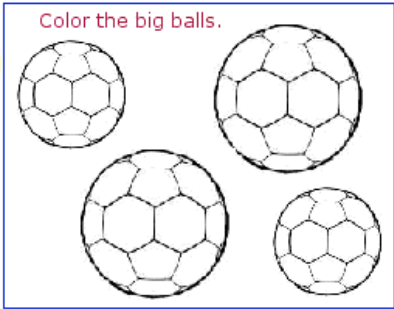
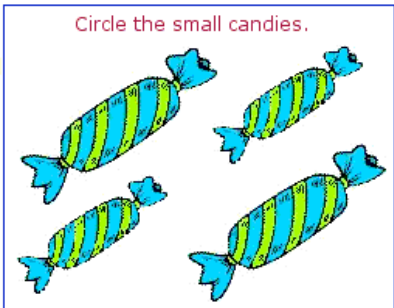
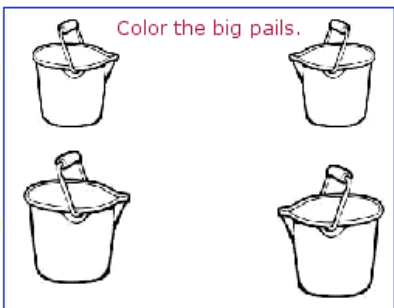
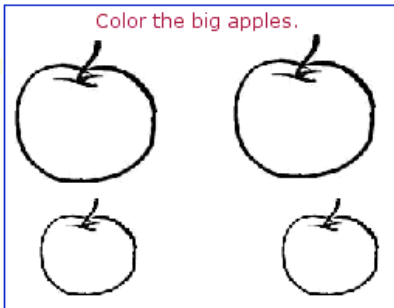
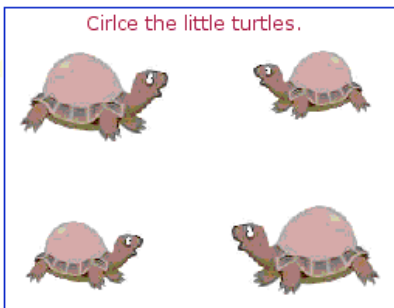
Read each problem and circle the correct answer.

9. Ten children went to the picnic. Six had a piece of cake. What fraction of the children had a piece of cake? $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{6}{7}$ $\frac{6}{10}$
10. Out of five children, three played baseball. What fraction of children played baseball? $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{1}{9}$

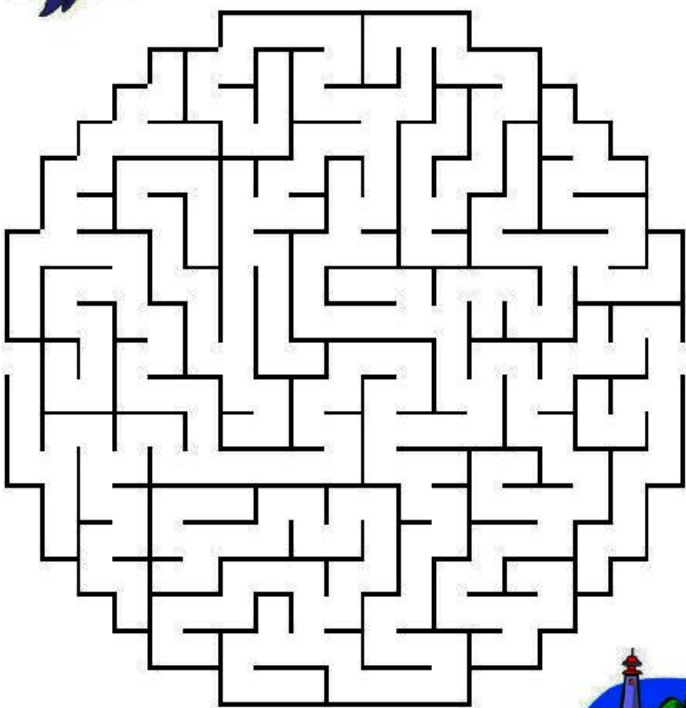
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Ram Navami is one of the most important Hindu festivals of India which falls in the 'Shukla Paksha' on the ninth day of the month of Chaitra corresponding to the March/April of the Gregorian calendar. It is also the last day of the Vasanta Navratri. The festival celebrates the birth of the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu, Rama, to King Dasharatha and Queen Kaushalya. While Navratri is celebrated with much fanfare in the North, devotees in the South celebrate Ram Navami with greater fervour.

It is believed that Lord Vishnu was born on the earth as a son to the King of Ayodhya, Dasharatha, to end the atrocities committed by the demons; specially the demon king; Ravana. Ravana had been granted a boon of invincibility against Gods and so, Lord Vishnu was sent in the form of a human. Rama killed Ravana in order to maintain Dharma, on earth. He exemplified the 'perfect' person and was the epitome of an example of how to live life in accordance to 'Dharma'. So, this festival celebrates the victory of Dharma over Adharma.

Fasting on this day signifies purification of body and mind and thus, seeks perfection as a human being.

On the day of Ram Navami, devotees get up early and after bathing, offer water to the Sun God as the Sun God is believed to be the ancestor of Lord Rama. Temples of Rama are beautifully decorated and images of baby Rama are placed in small 'jhoolas' (cradles). Continuous recital of the Holy book of Hindus, Shri Ramacharitam, starts a day earlier and culminates at noon on Ram Navami, which is considered to be the birth time of Lord Rama. At noon, a conch is blown to mark the birth of the Lord. The idol of Rama is lovingly given a bath and dressed in finery. Devotees place flowers at the feet of the Lord and then, rock the cradle in a form of worship.

In Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), which is believed to be the birth place of Lord Rama, devotees bathe in the Sarayu River. This is supposed to purify the body and soul of the devotee. Many devotees also fast on this day. Ayodhya is birthplace of Lord Rama and Rama Navami celebrations in Ayodhya are remarkable. Devotees come to

Ram Navami

May the virtue and wisdom of Lord Rama inspire you and help you to reach your goals.

Ayodhya from far-flung places. After taking holy dip into river Sarayu Devotees visit Rama temple to participate in birthday celebrations.

In the south of India, devotees celebrate this festival as the day Lord Rama and Goddess Sita got married, symbolizing the love bondage between husband and wife. In Rameshwaram, devotees take a bath in the sea before performing prayers at the Ramanathaswamy temple.

In the North, those who keep fast, eat only fruits or sweets made without any grain. After the birth of Lord Rama, devotees eat a meal made with 'Kutuu' or 'Singhara' flour.

In the South, certain food items are prepared on this day and offered to the Lord (Navedyam) before it is consumed by the others as a 'prasad'. These include 'Panakam' (a drink made with jaggery), 'Neer Mor' (buttermilk), 'Vadai Parupu' (a light moong dal salad) etc.



CHETI CHAND

Just like Ugadi is the New Year in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and Gudi Padwa is the New Year Day in Maharashtra, Cheti Chand, which falls on the same day, is the Sindhi New Year Day. Cheti Chand is celebrated as the birthday of Water god (Varun Devta) Sai Uderolal, popularly known as Jhulelal.

In Sindh the beginning of the new year was considered Cheti Chand. Businessmen opened new account books; many however, did that on the eve of Diwali. On the full moon day, people used to go to a river or lake and offer 'Akho' with a pinch of rice mixed with milk and flour. If there was no river or 'Darya', the ritual was performed at a well.

According to the Hindu calendar, Cheti Chand is celebrated on the first day of the Chaitra month known as Chet in Sindhi. Hence it is known as

CHET-I-CHAND

The Sindhi community celebrates the festival of Cheti Chand in honour of the birth of Ishtadeva Uderolal, popularly known as Jhulelal, the Patron Saint of the Sindhis. This day is considered to be very auspicious and is celebrated with pompous and gaiety. On this day, people worship water – the elixir of life.

Followers of Jhulelal observe Chaliho Sahab. It suggests that for forty long days and nights they underwent rituals and vigil on the bank of Sindhu. They did not shave, nor did they wear new clothes or shoes. They did not use soap or oil or any opulent thing. They just washed their clothes, dried them and wore them again. In the evening, they worshipped God Varun, sang songs in his praise and prayed for their solace and salvation. After 40 days of Chaaliho, the follow-

ers of Jhulelal celebrate the occasion with festivity as 'Thanks Giving Day' even till today.

A lamp is lit on a bronze plate, and this ritual is called Jyot Jagan. One lamp, akshaoil and vermillion are kept on this plate.

A procession is taken out to the river front or sea shore. Lakhs of people participate in the long processions taken out in different cities, with colorful floats, depicting the life of the Saint and other aspects of Sindhi culture. The Sindhi folk dance called "Chhej" is performed with the procession. People go to a river or a lake and Baharano Sahab is immersed in the water along with rice and sugar prasad called "Akho". It is customary to sing Lal Sain's Panjras and Palav to seek his grace.

New ventures are started on this day. After the worship of Jhulelal, the Sindhi community display and present their rich culture through dance, drama, music and folk arts.



BAISAKHI

Baisakhi is one of the most popular and important festivals celebrated in the state of Punjab and various other parts of India. The festival takes place on April 13 every year, but once in 36 years, it is celebrated on April 14. This vibrant festival marks the commencement of the Sikh New Year. On this day, the farmers thank God for the good crops and offer prayers for bountiful harvest in the next season. The main celebrations of the festival are organized at the Anandpur Sahib and Muktsar. The festival is celebrated by the people with immense joy and performing bhangra and gidda dance.

Date: April 14, 2019

History and Rituals behind the Celebration of Baisakhi Festival

The history of Baisakhi begins when Guru Teg Bahadur, father of Guru Gobind Singh was killed by the Aurangzeb, a Mughal emperor. After his father's death, Gobind Singh was made the next Sikh Guru. The life of the people was miserable under the rule of Aurangzeb. After seeing the woeful condition of the people and to motivate them, Guru Gobind Singh, in the year 1699 asked the youngsters to come forward to give their life for the country. However, initially none of the men came forward, but after the repeated requests or encouragement from Gobind Singh, five men showed interest. The Guru took them to the tent and dressed them in saffron (yellow) clothes. They were bestowed upon the title of the 'Panj Pyaras' (the precious five men). On that very day, beginning of new religion was announced called the 'Khalsa Panth' (today known as Sikhism). The men who were converted into Sikhism were told not to fear anybody other than the God and live life in whatever manner they desire.

Baisakhi Celebrations – Welcoming the Festival of Joy and Happiness

Baisakhi is celebrated with great pomp and extreme happiness, especial-

ly by the Sikhs. The gurdwaras are cleaned and decorated. Many people throng to the gurdwaras to offer prayers and seek the blessings of the almighty for the prosperous year ahead. Overall, the Baisakhi celebrations are carried out by the Sikhs in a very well planned manner.

Morning Prayer in the Gurdwaras

In the morning, the Sikh people take bath and wear the new clothes. The Sikh families then assemble at the gurdwaras to attend a specially organized prayer in the morning. After the prayer is over, the devotees are distributed a sweet known as the 'Kada Prasad'.

Langar is organized for the Worshippers

In the afternoon, around lunch time, a langar (vegetarian food) is organized for the devotees in the gurdwara. All the people whether they are rich or poor are equally served the same food. There is no discrimination followed in the gurdwara.

Celebrations by Farmers

For the large farming community of Punjab and Haryana, Baisakhi marks a New Year's time as it is time to harvest rabi crop. On Baisakhi, farmers thank god for the bountiful crop and pray for good times ahead. People buy new clothes and make merry by singing, dancing and enjoying the best of festive food.

Cries of "Jatta aai Baisakhi", rent the skies as gaily men and women break into the bhangra and gidda dance to express their joy. Everyday farming scenes of sowing, harvesting, winnowing and gathering of crops are expressed through zestful movements of the body to the accompaniment of ballads and dhol music.

In several villages of Punjab Baisakhi Fairs are organized where besides other recreational activities, wrestling bouts are also held.



MAHAVIR JAYANTI

Mahavir Jayanti is one of the foremost celebrations of Jainism. It is observed to commemorate the birth of Ruler Mahavira, the twenty fourth and final tirthankara of Jainism. The celebration is additionally called "Mahavir Janma Kalyanak" and is usually celebrated within the Gregorian months of March or April. The celebration is primarily observed with veneration to Ruler Mahavir, with anointment of his statues, prayers and meditation.

MAHAVIR JAYANTI 2019

This year Mahavir Jayanti will be celebrated on Wednesday, 17th April 2019. Some of the Indian states where Mahavir Jayanti is grandly observed are – Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Karnataka, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh.

WHEN IS MAHAVIR JAYANTI OBSERVED?

Ancient Jainism texts which document the birth of Lord Mahavir, state it, as on the thirteenth day of waxing moon in the Hindu calendar month of Chaitra. Chaitra is the first month of Hindu calendar corresponding to the months of March or April in Gregorian calendar. Thus Mahavir Jayanti is celebrated on the thirteenth day of the rising moon in Chaitra month.

Life of Lord Mahavir

Lord Mahavir was born in royal Ikshvaku dynasty, to king Siddhartha and queen Trishala. Other Indian deities like Rama and Gautam Buddha also belonged to the same dynasty. Jains believe that their twenty one out of twenty four tirthankaras also belonged to the same dynasty.

Digambar Jains believe that the place of birth of Mahavir was in a village named Kundagrama, now in present day Vaishali district of eastern state of Bihar, where his mother gave birth to him in a seven storey palace known as Nandavarth palace. However, this claim conflicts the Svetambar Jains, who believe that

Mahavir was born at a place called Kshatriyakund village. Never the less, both of these places were in Bihar and also there is no difference regarding Lord Mahavir's date of birth, which is, Chaitra Shukla 13 in 599 BC.

Lord Mahavir's child hood was spent in prosperity and abundance, as a prince. His parents were ardent devotees of twenty third tirthankara, Parshvanatha; this in fact had an influence on Mahaveera's personality. Svetambar Jains believe that he was married to Yashoda, and the couple also had a daughter, Priyadarshana; however, Digambaras challenge it and claim that he was never married.

Mahavir took to ascetic life at the age of thirty. He left his royal life and family, in search of spiritual awakening. He abandoned his clothes and underwent hard penance for twelve years before he attained Kevala Jnana (infinite knowledge and wisdom) at the age of forty two, under a sal tree, at the banks of Rijupalika River, at a place called Jrimbhikagrama located in modern day Bihar state.

After achieving infinite wisdom and knowledge, Mahaveera roamed throughout India to a number of places for thirty years to teach his philosophy. His disciples included 14000 male ascetics, 36000 nuns and half a million male, female followers.

There is no dispute among the two sects of Jainism regarding Mahaveera's date of birth; however, they both differ on his nirvana (death) date. Svetambar Jains believe that Mahavir died in 527 BC, while the Digambaras believe that his death occurred in 468 BC. However, both the sects agree on Pawapuri in present day Bihar as the Mahavira's place of death.

In India, Mahavir Jayanti is celebrated with great pomp and zeal in states like Gujarat, Rajasthan and Delhi as these states comprises a sizeable Jain population. And at the end of the celebration, people meditate and offer silent prayers.



Patan girls win sub junior crown



Kamuben Thakor and Aarti Thakor stole the thunder as the young girls from Patan marked their dominance in Sub Junior Girls Inter District Championship in Gandhinagar.

Kamuben scored four goals while Aarti added three more as Patan recorded a 7-0 win over Baroda to win the title. Aarti opened the scoring in the third minute for Patan before Kamuben took over.

Kamuben made it 2-0 in the 15th minute before adding one more in the 18th minute.

Kamuben then completed her hat-trick with the 23rd minute goal before adding her fourth goal with the 29th minute strike.

Aarti then added the finishing touch as she added two more in the 30th and 38th minutes to complete the tally. The girls football team from Patan were at their dominating best and went on to win Inter District crown.

Three joys for Atharva

Atharva Patel won hat-trick of crowns in AITA National Ranking Tennis Tournament that was held in Jaipur.

The youngster from the state won the under-14 and under-16 singles titles along with under-16 doubles.

In the under-14 singles final, Atharva edged out statemate Krish Porwal 7-5, 6-2 to win the crown.

After a bye in the opening round, the second seed Atharva beat Gujarat's Parth Mehta 6-2, 6-1 in the pre-quarters.

Atharva's biggest challenge came in the quarters where he came from a set down to beat local lad Yasharth Soubhatri 3-7, 7-5, 10-3 in a closely contested tie.

In the semis, Atharva beat another local boy Granth Bharill 6-2, 6-1 to book the final berth.

In under-16 singles

Meanwhile, in the under-16 singles, Atharva edged out Surat's Parth 6-4, 6-2 in the title match.

Seeded fourth, Atharva got a bye in the first round before he brushed aside Maharashtra's Harsh Soni 6-4, 6-1 in the pre-quarters.

At his dominant best, Atharva then handed a double bagel (6-0, 6-0) to Ab-



Atharva Patel

hishek Chauhan. But his biggest win came in the semis, where Atharva shocked top seed Tanmay Jha 6-3, 6-1 to end the local hope.

In under 16 doubles

In the doubles, Atharva and Krish lived up to their top billing as they recorded a 6-3, 6-3 win over the second seed pair of Rajasthan's Uzair Khan and Tanmay in the final.

Earlier in the semis, Atharva and Krish beat Maharashtra's Saksham Thool and Raghav Amin for a 6-2, 6-2 win.

Hat-trick of joy for Pavitra



Pavitra Parikh came out with an impressive show as the youngster from the city won three titles – under-16 and under-18 girls' singles and under-18 girls' doubles – in the AITA Championship Series tournament that was held in Karnal.

In the under-16 final, Pavitra overcame a midgame slump to beat local girl Hitakamya Singh Narwal 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 to win the title. Earlier in the pre-quarters, Pavitra handed a double bagel (6-0, 6-0) to Padma Veda Manikonda of Telangana. It was a similar scenario in the quarters where Pavitra recorded another 6-0, 6-0 win over Maharashtra's Veda Madhusudan.

Pavitra booked her final berth with a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win over Chandni Srinivasan of Telangana.

In the under-18 singles final, Pavitra edged out Chandni 6-4, 6-4 for the crown. Earlier in the quarters, Pavitra beat Hitakamya 6-1, 6-1 before recording a 6-4, 6-3 win over Disha Sherawat of Haryana in the semis. In the under-18 doubles, Pavitra joined hands with Hitakamya to beat Chandni and Haryana's Tamanna Narwal 6-1, 6-1 for the crown. Earlier in the semis, Pavitra and Hitakamya recorded a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win over Disha and Veda Madhusudan.

PDPU dominate the show



Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), Gandhinagar came out with a dominating display as they recorded a thumping 10-wicket win over Kheda's Sky War 11 in Gurukul Premier League All India Night Cricket Tournament.

Electing to bat, Mohsin Ali Khokhar top-scored with an unbeaten 36-ball 50 while Ashish Shah added 24-ball 20 as Sky War 11 struggled to post 105 for nine in 20 overs.

For PDPU, Harsh Parekh took two wickets.

Opener Devansh Sheth then took the rivals to task with an unbeaten 36-ball 72 while fellow opener Yash Bhojani added an unbeaten 26-ball 28 as their century stand helped PDPU knock off the runs in just 10.2 overs.

Big win for PCC

In the first match of the evening, Parikshit CC (PCC) of Vijapur recorded a 135-run win over Belvedere Cricket Club (BCC), Ahmedabad.

Abrar Vhora top-scored with an unbeaten 36-ball 72 while Udit Desai added 68 runs from 43 balls as PCC posted 199 for five from 20 overs.

For BCC, Hardik Chaudhary was the pick of the lot with three wickets.

Iqbal Momin and Vaibhav Sharma then took three wickets each as PCC bowled out their rivals for 64 in 15.3 overs to register a mammoth win.

For the losing side, Mrinal Gautam top-scored with 22-ball 21.

SPORTS BRIEF

Isha's dream run ends in heartbreak

There was no fairytale ending for unseeded Isha Kumar as her dream run at AITA Championship Series ended in a heartbreak. At Neon Sports Academy courts, third seed Priyanshi Chauhan of Rajkot halted Isha's impressive run in the tournament with a 7-5, 6-0 win in the final to win girls' under-14 singles title. Isha started her campaign with an authoritative 8-0 win over Harshvi Tank in the opening round. Isha recorded her biggest win in the tournament as she shocked second seed Mahi Shah 8-7(7-4) in the pre-quarters. The class 10 student of Udgam School for Children then beat her academy mate Ishani Pandey 9-5 in the quarters. Isha then produced another shocker when she beat fourth seed Priyanka Rana 9-4 in the semis.

Smit wins AITA CS title

In a battle between two friends, second seed Smit Patel came back from a set down to beat his academy mate and top seed Vraj Patel to win AITA Championship Series crown. In a closely contested boys' under-14 singles final at Neon Sports Academy, Vraj won the first set 7-5. But Smit bounced back to level the tie by winning the second set 7-5. In the decider, Smit edged ahead to record a 6-4 win to settle the issue. Earlier in the quarters, Smit beat seventh seed Mana Chitania 9-5 before the seventh standard student of SS Divine School beat sixth seed Parv Shah 9-5 in the semis. Vraj, who studies in class 6 at Kendriya Vidyalaya (SAC), beat ninth seed Dhruv Patel 9-3 in the quarters. In the semis, Vraj recorded a close 9-7 win over third seed Yagna Patel.

Anand Niketan, Sat win U-19, U-17 titles



The hoopsters from Anand Niketan School (ANS), Satellite marked their dominance as they won the under-17 and under-19 boys' crowns in the recently concluded inter school Anand Niketan Basketball League. In the under-17 final, ANS beat St Kabir School, Drive-In 68-37. ANS started their campaign with a dominating 34-8 win over Shanti Asiatic School (SAS) before they beat MP Pandya High School 48-14 in the next tie. In the under-19 final, ANS edged out Delhi Public School, Bopal 57-35 to win the title. Earlier in the opening match, ANS beat Army School 30-15 before they thumped SAS with a 36-4 win.

Vaheen wins AITA TS7 title in Kota

Vaheen Patel was at his impressive best as he won the under-14 AITA Talent Series (TS7) title that was held in Kota. In the final, Vaheen summed up his dominant run in the tournament with a comfortable 6-1, 6-2 win over Kaustubh Kunj of Rajasthan. The student of Zebar School for Children gave an inclination of his form with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Anshul Sandhu in the opening round before registering a 6-1, 6-1 win over Vishwam Pradyuman Parejiya of Gujarat in the second round. Continuing with his winning run, Vaheen then recorded another 6-0, 6-0 win while beating Aryan Kumar of Rajasthan in the quarters. In the semis, he beat statemate Prakhar Joshi 6-0, 6-2 to book the final berth.

Saina Nehwal bows out of Malaysia Open

Indian badminton star Saina Nehwal lost her opening match of the Malaysia Open as she was defeated by Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong 22-20, 15-21, 10-21.

Meanwhile, PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth were able to win their opening matches to enter round two of the tournament.

Nehwal was able to register a win in a hard-fought opening game and she was able to take the first set by winning 20 points as against Chochuwong. But the Thailand shuttler bounced back in the second and third game, catching Nehwal off guard.

Nehwal was making a comeback to the badminton court after recovering from acute gastroenteritis that she suffered during the All England Open last month.

Olympic silver medalist Sindhu was able to knock off World no 20 Aya Ohori's challenge as she defeated her 22-20, 21-12 to register her sixth win over the Japanese.

Sindhu was trailing against Ohori 2-5

in the opening set and the latter jumped to a 12-7 advantage. But the Indian shuttler bounced back, grabbing a 13-12 lead.

The Japanese once again went ahead to hold a game point in the opening set, but Sindhu registered three back to back points to secure the opening game. In the second game, Sindhu game back with an attacking mindset in front of which the Japanese crumbled.

On the other hand, India Open finalist Srikanth defeated Indonesia's Ihsan Maulana Mustofa 21-18, 21-16.

HS Prannoy, who was able to reach the quarter-finals of India Open, bowed out of the Malaysia Open as he lost 21-12, 16-21, 14-21 against Thailand's Sitthikorn Thammasin in a hard-fought encounter.

Indian Men's doubles pair of Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy also failed to register a win in the opening encounter as they lost 16-21, 6-21 to Han Chengkai and Zhou Haodong of China.

Sindhu will next take on Korea's Sung Ji Hyun whereas Srikanth will face Thailand's Khosit Phetpradab.



source: Internet

SPORTS BRIEF

Sindhu crashes out, Kidambi advances in Malaysia Open

Ace India shuttler PV Sindhu was knocked out of the Malaysia Open 2019 while Kidambi Srikanth advanced to the next round on Thursday. In the women's singles category, Sindhu was the last hope for India as Saina Nehwal had crashed out of the tournament in the first round. After Saina, Sindhu suffered an 18-21, 7-21 straight game defeat to South Korea's Sung Ji Hyun in the second round in the 43-minute affair on Thursday. In the men's singles category, eighth seeded Kidambi Srikanth kept Indian hopes alive as he hammered Thailand's Khosit Phetpradab 21-11, 21-15 in just 32 minutes to advance to the third round.

Valencia overcome cautious Real Madrid 2-1 in La Liga

Valencia beat a cautious Real Madrid 2-1 in a match where the capital squad dominated play for the most part but still suffered a defeat. It was Goncalo Guedes who scored the opener for the home squad in the 35th minute on a powerful blast from within the area that goalkeeper Keylor Navas could not handle on Wednesday night. In the 83rd minute, Ezequiel Garay scored on a great conversion from Daniel Parejo from a corner kick. Madrid had run out of time to salvage the match, but it was Karim Benzema again - swooping in in stoppage time to score his team's lone goal.

Indian women's hockey team win 3-0 in series opener

Striker Vandana Katariya scored a brace to help Indian women's hockey team beat hosts Malaysia 3-0 in the opening game of the five-match series on Thursday. Vandana struck in the 17th and 60th minutes before Lalremisiami (38th) scored in the third quarter to hand India the easy win.

ICC WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT 2019 SCHEDULE

Date/Day	Match	Time (IST)	Venue
30-May, Thu	England vs South Africa	3:00 PM	Kennington Oval, London
31-May, Fri	West Indies vs Pakistan	3:00 PM	Trent Bridge, Nottingham
1-June, Sat	New Zealand vs Sri Lanka	3:00 PM	Sophia Gardens, Cardiff
1-June, Sat	Afghanistan vs Australia	6:00 PM	County Ground, Bristol
2-June, Sun	South Africa vs Bangladesh	3:00 PM	Kennington Oval, London
3-June, Mon	England vs Pakistan	3:00 PM	Trent Bridge, Nottingham
4-June, Tue	Afghanistan vs Sri Lanka	3:00 PM	Sophia Gardens, Cardiff
5-June, Wed	South Africa vs India	3:00 PM	The Rose Bowl, Southampton
5-June, Wed	Bangladesh vs New Zealand	6:00 PM	Kennington Oval, London
6-June, Thu	Australia vs West Indies	3:00 PM	Trent Bridge, Nottingham
7-June, Fri	Pakistan vs Sri Lanka	3:00 PM	County Ground, Bristol
8-June, Sat	England vs Bangladesh	3:00 PM	Sophia Gardens, Cardiff
8-June, Sat	Afghanistan vs New Zealand	6:00 PM	The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton
9-June, Sun	India vs Australia	3:00 PM	Kennington Oval, London
10-June, Mon	South Africa vs West Indies	3:00 PM	The Rose Bowl, Southampton
11-June, Tue	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka	3:00 PM	County Ground, Bristol
12-June, Wed	Australia vs Pakistan	3:00 PM	The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton
13-June, Thu	India vs New Zealand	3:00 PM	Trent Bridge, Nottingham
14-June, Fri	England vs West Indies	3:00 PM	The Rose Bowl, Southampton
15-June, Sat	Sri Lanka vs Australia	3:00 PM	Kennington Oval, London
15-June, Sat	South Africa vs Afghanistan	6:00 PM	Sophia Gardens, Cardiff
16-June, Sun	India vs Pakistan	3:00 PM	Old Trafford, Manchester
17-June, Mon	West Indies vs Bangladesh	3:00 PM	The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton
18-June, Tue	England vs Afghanistan	3:00 PM	Old Trafford, Manchester

Date/Day	Match	Time (IST)	Venue
19-June, Wed	New Zealand vs South Africa	3:00 PM	Edgbaston, Birmingham
20-June, Thu	Australia vs Bangladesh	3:00 PM	Trent Bridge, Nottingham
21-June, Fri	England vs Sri Lanka	3:00 PM	Headingley, Leeds
22-June, Sat	India vs Afghanistan	3:00 PM	The Rose Bowl, Southampton
22-June, Sat	West Indies vs New Zealand	6:00 PM	Old Trafford, Manchester
23-June, Sun	Pakistan vs South Africa	3:00 PM	Lord's, London
24-June, Mon	Bangladesh vs Afghanistan	3:00 PM	The Rose Bowl, Southampton
25-June, Tue	England vs Australia	3:00 PM	Lord's, London
26-June, Wed	New Zealand vs Pakistan	3:00 PM	Edgbaston, Birmingham
27-June, Thu	West Indies vs India	3:00 PM	Old Trafford, Manchester
28-June, Fri	Sri Lanka vs South Africa	3:00 PM	Riverside Ground, Chester-le-Street
29-June, Sat	Pakistan vs Afghanistan	3:00 PM	Headingley, Leeds
29-June, Sat	New Zealand vs Australia	6:00 PM	Lord's, London
30-June, Sun	England vs India	3:00 PM	Edgbaston, Birmingham
1-July, Mon	Sri Lanka vs West Indies	3:00 PM	Riverside Ground, Chester-le-Street
2-July, Tue	Bangladesh vs India	3:00 PM	Edgbaston, Birmingham
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6-July, Sat	Australia vs South Africa	6:00 PM	Old Trafford, Manchester
9-July, Tue	TBC vs TBC 1st Semifinal	3:00 PM	Old Trafford, Manchester
11-July, Thu	TBC vs TBC 2nd Semifinal	3:00 PM	Edgbaston, Birmingham
14-July, Sun	TBC vs TBC Final	3:00 PM	Lord's, London

PM Modi announces successful completion of anti-satellite missile test

India entered the big league of space power by shooting down a low earth orbit satellite using anti-satellite (ASAT) missile technology that was available to the scientists for almost seven years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who made the announcement on television, radio and social media around 12.23 pm, said the extraordinary feat has catapulted India in the club of US, Russia and China — the only three super powers to boast the space technology till now. Mission Shakti, as the operation is called, was pulled off by scientists and engineers, including those from state-owned Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) later clarifying that the test was carried out to verify India's space capability and it is against weaponisation of outer space.

The announcement was preceded by some drama as the PM said on Twitter in the morning that he would share an "important message" between 11.45 am and 12 noon.

As the nation waited with both anticipation and apprehension, the clock ticked past 12 and Modi finally appeared on TV some 23 minutes later. Instead of the much-dreaded 'Mitron' address that had preceded the demonetization announcement on November 8, 2016, the PM began his speech with "Mere Pyare Deshwasiyon".

"A short while ago, India's scientists have successfully hit a target in the space with an anti-satellite or ASAT missile. The target was a live satellite which was flying in a low earth orbit. The missile travelled a distance of almost 300 km from earth and hit the target within three minutes of its launch. Mission Shakti was a highly complex operation which required great precision and extremely high technical competence," Modi said.

He added that Mission Shakti was designed at strengthening India's security, a key word that may help the PM bypass the curbs

imposed by the Election Commission's model code of conduct. Modi's address to the nation came barely two weeks before the first phase of Lok Sabha polls on April 11.

In a statement, the MEA said that the ASAT missile test was conducted on Wednesday off the coast of Odisha on an existing Indian satellite operating in low orbit. "Test was done to verify that India has the capability to safeguard its space assets. It is the government of India's responsibility to defend the country's interest in outer space. We are against the weaponisation of the outer space and support international efforts to reinforce the safety and security of space-based assets," the statement read.

The BJP lauded the ASAT success as a mark of "strong leadership", which, the ruling dispensation hopes, would help it overcome the challenge posed by the Congress's promise of minimum income guarantee programme.

India joins elite space club of the US, China and Russia

Modi's two trusted lieutenants — Amit Shah and Arun Jaitley — led a slew of ministers and chief ministers of BJP-ruled states to tom-tom the space operation. "For a long time, our scientists desired to develop ASAT missiles, but then UPA government did not give the permission to work on the project," said Jaitley.

The opposition parties, while congratulating the scientists of the DRDO and the Indian Space Research Organisation, accused the PM of attempting to ride piggyback on their success to garner political points in the run-up to the polls. "Well done DRDO, extremely proud of your work. I would also like to wish the PM a very happy World Theatre Day," Congress president Rahul Gandhi took a dig on Twitter.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee lashed out. "Today's announcement is yet another limitless drama and publicity mongering by Modi desperately trying to reap political benefits at the time of election," said Mamata.

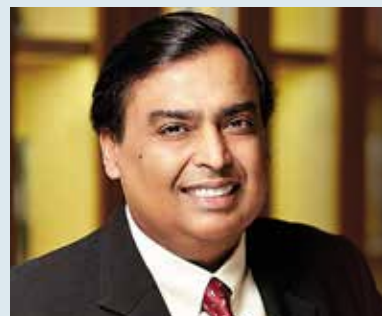
BIRTHDAY WISHES



PRABHU DEVA

3rd APRIL 1973

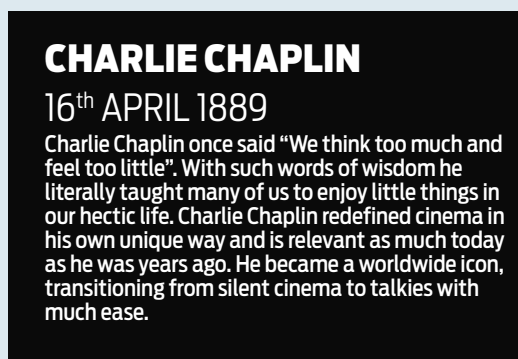
Prabhu Deva who is known as India's very own Michael Jackson is an inspiration for many of us. His dancing has got life to many songs and they have been iconic hits in Indian cinema. From his dancing skills to directing various films he has surely made a remarkable career in Indian cinema.



MUKESH AMBANI

19th APRIL 1957

India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani celebrates his birthday on 19th April every year. Being a successful businessman and a billionaire, he is the most influential figures among the country and has been the top businessmen in the past decade.



CHARLIE CHAPLIN

16th APRIL 1889

Charlie Chaplin once said "We think too much and feel too little". With such words of wisdom he literally taught many of us to enjoy little things in our hectic life. Charlie Chaplin redefined cinema in his own unique way and is relevant as much today as he was years ago. He became a worldwide icon, transitioning from silent cinema to talkies with much ease.

SACHIN TENDULKAR

24th APRIL 1973

There isn't a home in India or any part of the world where children don't idolize him. He is the God of cricket. It is impossible to think about cricket without him; he is a true icon in every sense. He is a role model for all aspiring cricketers. Not only for cricket but he is a benchmark for excellence in any field. We wish him a very happy birthday.



COMPETITIVE EXAMS

Choosing a particular field after 12th standard can be tiring and burdening. Since your entire life ahead – your career is totally subordinate on the competitive exam you take after your 12th standard, you must select it wisely. There are a part of competitive exams you'll be able choose from, both territorially and broadly, to induce into best colleges of building, designing, medical, farming, drug store and numerous more. Go through our article to induce an understanding of competitive exams after 12th. We have secured the foremost well known competitive exams after 12th in several streams here. Read on to discover out.

COMPETITIVE EXAMS AFTER 12TH IN ENGINEERING STREAM

1. Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main

Purpose: It is a common entrance test conducted to screen candidates into for Admission in B. E. /B. Tech., B. Arch., B. Planning in various NITs, IIITs, and other participating institutes. It is also the qualifying exam for JEE Advanced.

Application Mode: Online

Website: jeemain.nic.in

2. JEE Advanced

Purpose: Candidates qualifying in JEE Main can only appear for JEE Advanced which is conducted for admission to UG engineering programs in the prestigious IITs, IISc, ISM Dhanbad and a few other institutes.

Application Mode: Online mode

Website: jeeadv.iitd.ac.in

Competitive Exams after 12th In Medical stream

1. National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Purpose: This is a premedical entrance exam to select candidates for MBBS/BDS for colleges across India.

Application Mode: Online

Website: ntaneet.nic.in

2. AIIMS

Purpose: This exam is conducted to select candidates for MBBS/BDS programs in AIIMS.

Eligibility: Candidates must have qualified in their Class 12.

Website: aiimsexams.org

Competitive Exams after 12th in Defence Services

1. Indian Maritime University Common Entrance Test

Purpose: Candidates can secure admission to the Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS) leading to B.Sc. (Nautical Science) through this entrance test.

Application Mode: Online

Website: imu.edu.in

2. Indian Navy B.Tech Entry Scheme

Purpose: Admission to Indian Navy B.Tech. Course

Eligibility: Class 12 Passed

Application Mode: Online

Website: joinindiannavy.gov.in

3. Indian Army Technical Entry Scheme (TES)

Purpose: It is a technical entry exam to

get into the Indian Army

Eligibility: Class 12 PCM

Application Mode: Online

Website: joinindianarmy.nic.in

4. National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination (I)

Purpose: This is another popular exam conducted for selection of candidates in the Indian defense sector

Application Mode: Online

Website: nda.nic.in

Competitive Exams after 12th in Fashion and Design Fields

1. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Entrance Test

Purpose: This exam will secure admission in Design, Management, and Technology in NIFT.

Eligibility: Candidates who passed Class 12 or completed graduation can also apply for this exam

Application: Both online and by post

Website: nift.ac.in

2. National Institute of Design Admissions

Purpose: To get admission into 4-year GDPD and 2.5 Year PGDPD.

Eligibility: Candidates who passed Class 12, and even graduated candidates can also apply.

Application: Applications made only by post are accepted.

Website: admissions.nid.edu

3. All India Entrance Examination for Design (AIEED)

Purpose: To get admission to 4-year UG level programs in Design

Eligibility: Class 11 and 12 are also eligible for this exam

Application Mode: Online

Website: aieed.com

Competitive Exams after 12th in Social Sciences

1. Banaras Hindu University

Purpose: This exam is conducted for admission to Undergraduate courses in Social Sciences in BHU.

Application Mode: Online

Website: bhuonline.in

2. IIT Madras Humanities and Social Sciences Entrance Examination (HSEE)

Purpose: This is for admission to integrated Master of Arts (M.A.) programs in IIT Madras.

Application Mode: Online

Website: hsee.iitm.ac.in

3. TISS Bachelors Admission Test (TISS-BAT)

Purpose: This is conducted for admission to B.A. Social Sciences in any of the campuses of TISS – Tuljapur, Guwahati and Hyderabad.

Application Mode: Online mode

Website: tiss.edu/admissions

Competitive Exams after 12th in Agriculture and Hotel Management

1. Indian Council of Agricultural Research ICAR AIEEA-UG-PG

Purpose: To get admission to Agriculture and Allied Sciences programs.

Application Mode: Online

Website: icar.org.in

2. All India Hotel Management Entrance Exam NCHMCT JEE

Purpose: For admission to B.Sc. Hospitality & Hotel Administration course

Application Mode: Online

Website: nchm.nic.in

Competitive Exams after 12th in Law

1. Common Law Admission Test

Purpose: To get admission into B.A. LL.B (Hons), B.Com. (Hons), BBA LL.B (Hons) courses in India.

Application Mode: Post and Online

Website: clat.ac.in

2. All India Law Entrance Test (AILET)

Purpose: To get admission to B.A., LL.B (Hons.), LLM, PhD

Eligibility: Class 12, 12+, LLB, LLM

Application Mode: Both Post and Online

Website: nludelhi.ac.in

Now that you have an idea on the most popular exams in different streams, it is time for you to decide on the profession you are interested in and start preparing for the exam accordingly. None of these exams are impossible to crack. With the right motivation and dedication, you can definitely crack the exam.

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We hope this detailed article regarding Competitive Exams After 12th helps you in deciding your path.

Walk the Talk: Lessons from the life of Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi has declared, "My life is my message". Truly his life is a great message for all of us. Every stage of his life was a reflection of his ideas and philosophy. He used to maintain a proper coordination of his mind, words and actions. He was a man of virtues like adherence to truth and non-violence, honesty, constant ability to grow, eternal awareness, viewing all man as equal, dignity of labour and thinking of the deprived section of the society. He looked, dressed and behaved like a typical Indian peasant and for which he was loved by people and was fondly called as Bapu. His selfless service to the people, honesty, truthfulness and fighting against injustice has made him a great person. His philosophy Satyagraha, based on truth and non-violence has influenced many people and even great personalities of the world like Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama, Martin Luther King Jr., Aung San Suu Kyi etc. We must take this opportunity to get lessons from the different experiences of his life and inculcate them in our life. Some of his life learning experiences are illustrated here.

Gandhiji was a staunch worshipper of truth. Once he said, "I have nothing new to teach the World. Truth and Non-violence is as old as hills." His love for truth is best illustrated from many incidents of his life. One of the incidents of his childhood is given here. When Mahatma Gandhi was studying in High School at Rajkot, he was a very shy student but very honest. Once during the examination, Mr. Giles, the Educational Inspector had visited his school for inspection. He had set five words to write as a spelling exercise. One of the words was 'kettle'. When Gandhiji miss-spelt this word, his teacher tried to prompt him with the point of his boot. Mahatma Gandhi came to know that his teacher is trying to correct his spelling by copying his friend's slate. But he did not do it intentionally as he thought of copying is not a virtue. All the students except Gandhiji were found to have spelt every word correctly. For this act, he had been called as a stupid by his teacher. But he did not diminish his respect towards his teacher. This incident shows that Gandhiji was very truthful and honest from his very childhood. Truth provides an inner strength to one's life and makes one great. That truthfulness made him so strong that he fought against mighty British Raj making it as a weapon.

Another example of his honesty is



that, at the age of 15, he had done a serious mistake by stealing a bit of gold from armlet of his meat-eating brother's arm and cleared his own debt. Because he started to take non-vegetarian food in the company of someone and for which he needed money. But after some days he felt so much guilty of himself that he resolved not to steal again and not to tell lie before his parents. He felt that lying to one's parents is a greater vice than eating meat to become strong. As he had no courage to speak, he wrote out the confession and asked for forgiveness and a pledge not to steal in future on a slip of paper and handed it to his father by himself. His father was then confined to bed due to fistula. After giving it, he stood beside him. His father read it through and tears poured from his eyes and wetted the paper. Thereafter he tore it up. Mahatma Gandhi also started to cry. His fathers' tears of love washed away all his sins. Thereafter, from that day he had never committed such mistake in his life. Every child in his/her childhood commits some mistakes but confession and repentance is very important. That reveals from the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Confession of mistake leads a man to be perfect and pure human being. Gandhiji has committed many kinds of such mistakes in his childhood but never committed the same twice.

Mahatma Gandhi was a man of Simple living and high thinking. While he was barrister in Bombay, he used to walk from the Girgaum to High court daily. It took him 45 minutes but he never took a carriage or a tram car.

Even after he began to earn more money, he kept up this practice of walking to and from office. That practice was beneficial for him that he not only saved money but also used to remain healthy while his friends used to fall ill.

Though Mahatma Gandhi was a lawyer and he knew very well that lawyer's profession is a liar's profession, but he never resorted to untruth in his profession. A large part of his legal practice was in the interest of public work, for which he charged nothing beyond pocket expenses. He was so truthful in his legal practice that once in South Africa, he knew that if his client and his witnesses would tell lie, he would win the case. But he did not allow his client to tell lie as a result of which he lost the case. He always refused to take false cases. So he had a reputation that no false cases came to him. In another incident at Johannesburg, once while conducting a case before a magistrate, the moment he discovered that his client had deceived him by bringing a false case, he asked the magistrate to dismiss the case. His truthfulness pleased the magistrate and the client himself accepted his mistake. All his activities reveal that he was a lover of truth and believed in the principle that we may not win but we should not give up truth in our life. We should follow this principle in our life and that will make us good human beings.

Gandhiji believed in equality of human beings. So he was very much concerned for the abolition of untouchability and promotion of Hindu-Muslim unity. In 1996 when he was in Rajkot, plague broke out in Bombay and there was



fear of an outbreak in Rajkot also. In this respect, he offered his help and services to the State and thereby was accepted as a member in the committee to look into the matter. Special emphasis was given on the cleanliness of house and latrines of all the localities. During that time, nobody was agreed to inspect the locality of untouchables except him and another member of the committee.

He inspected and also appreciated the cleanliness of the houses of untouchables. But he had strongly criticized the unhygienic condition of the houses of the upper classes due to their stinky sanitary system. For giving importance to scheduled castes he gave them the name 'Harijan' means God's people. In the Sabarmati Ashram, he established a hostel for scheduled caste students and still exists.

The above life experiences of Mahatma Gandhi show that he was not a man born with divine qualities. But he was grown up with full of limitations and faults like a normal person. But he did not repeat a mistake that he has committed once.

He was a man who had become great step by step. His strength lay in his essential goodness and selfishness. That's why his life is a greatest learning for human beings. Rabindranath Tagore has rightly given him the title 'Mahatma'. In the words of Gopal Krishna Gokhale "Such a man has not taken birth in our country in the last one thousand years. And when in the future one is likely to be born, I do not know."

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