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### Why Pangong lake is the centre of Indo-China border dispute

HAT The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Ladakh region remains tense as thousands of troops remain deployed at the front, after a series of Chinese transgressions in the Galwan and Pangong Tso areas of Ladakh, since early this month.

WHERE The conflict between India and China in Ladakh centres around the Pangong Tso lake, making it a very important aspect of the border dispute between the two countries.

India's dispute with China is over the demarcation of the border between the countries. The Chinese believe that the border is 2,000 kilometres long, while India sets the border closer to 3,500 kilometres. The issue with the Tso lake is that the disputed border goes right through the middle of the lake, with both nations disputing how much of the lake the other gets.

### PATH OF ATTACK

According to experts, the lake lies in the path of the Chinese attack. If a Chinese offensive comes in the future, it will flow across both the north and south of the lake, they say. In fact, during the 1962 war, this was the location where China launched its main offensive. Ever since, there have been tussles along the banks of the Pangong Tso, with both countries facing off on the motorable roads on either side of the lake

### India looks to store cheap oil in US: Dharmendra Pradhan



ith its local storage full, India is looking at storing some low-priced US oil in facilities there, petroleum and natural oil and gas minister Dharmendra Pradhan said. India's plan could be similar to a move by Australia, which last month said, it would build up an emergency oil stockpile initially by buying crude to store in the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve to take advantage of low oil prices.

Oil prices have dropped more than 40% so far in 2020. However, it picked up in the past few weeks, partly due to the efforts by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and allies to reduce supply

#### THE NEED

third biggest oil consumer oil and importer, had already filled its 5.33 million tons of strategic storage and parked about 8.5-9 million tons of oil on ships in different parts of the world, primarily in the Gulf

Indian refiners have also filled ┛ their commercial tanks and

### India, which is the world's pipelines with refined fuel and

Interestingly, stored oil and products amounted to about 20% of India's annual needs.

### India imports more than 80% of its oil requirements

### **CLIMATE CHANGE COULD TRIGGER A TSUNAMI IN ALASKA**

limate change has increased the risk of a huge landslide in an Alaskan fjord that could cause a catastrophic tsunami, scientists said. Warming temperatures have caused the retreat of a glacier that helps support a steep, mile-long slope along



one flank of a fjord in Prince William Sound, an inlet of the gulf of Alaska. With only a third of the slope now supported by ice, scientists said, a landslide could be triggered by an earthquake, heavy rain or even a heatwave that could cause extensive melting of surface snow resulting in a tsunami that would start out at several hundred-feet-high.

Tsunami-inducing landslides are rare but have occurred in Alaska and elsewhere. Perhaps the most famous occurred on July 9, 1958, in Lituya Bay on Alaska's southeast coast when a nearby earthquake caused 40 million cubic yards of rock to slide 2,000 feet into the narrow bay

### Playing in bio-secure environment is unrealistic: Dravid

ormer India captain Rahul Dravid feels the ambition to resume cricket in a bio-secure environment is "unrealistic", giving a thumbs down to the concept primarily floated by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Seeking to restart its cricket eason after weeks of inactivity owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ECB recently announced that it would have in place bio-secure venues to host Pakistan and the West Indies, later this summer. "Even if they are potentially able to create a bubble, it will be impossible for everyone to do it with the kind of calendar that we have, with the travelling that you do on tours and the number of people involved," he said. Celeb talk

> ECB has proposed matches behind closed doors at grounds which have hotels inside the ground

### New Facebook Messenger tool to protect minor users from harmful chats

n a bid to make introduced a feature that will help millions of people, especially minors, avoid potentially harmful interactions, and possible scams without compromising their privacy. The Messenger users will now see safety notices popping up in a chat, and pro-



one when something doesn't seem right. > The new safety feature educates people under the age of 18 to

be cautious while interacting with an adult they may not know, and empowers them to take action before responding to a message ➤The safety notices also explain people on ways to spot scams or imposters, and help them take action

### JK Rowling to release new novel, 'The Ickabog' online for free for children





uthor JK Rowling is all set to publish a new children's book, 'The Ickabog'. A fairy tale "about truth and the abuse of power", the book will be free of cost and can be read online. Rowling said it is unrelated to any of her earlier books.

The story, set in an imaginary land was serialised online from Tuesday afternoon in 34 daily, free installments. The story will be published as a complete book, ebook and audiobook in November. Rowling's royalties will go to the projects assisting groups, impacted by the pandemic

BOOKS

### Corals emit their own 'sunscreen' in a colourful form to attract algae

cientists have claimed that some corals emit a 'sunscreen' in the form of a dazzling colourful display, in a 'fight for survival' against visit a 'fight for survival' against rising sea temperatures.



Coral bleaching expelling algae triggered by hotter waters - usually turns coral into a ghostly shade of white. But some bleaching

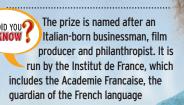
corals undergo a myste-

rious transformation by emitting bright neon colours. Scientists say internal light levels as a result of the bleaching triggers the production of colourful, 'photoprotective' pigments. ■This funky display is a way of encouraging the algae, which provide coral with a crucial energy source, to return to the corals The relationship between corals and the tiny algae embedded in coral cells is a mutually-beneficial 'symbiosis'

### Joyce Carol Oates wins France's \$218,000 Cino del Duca World Prize

S writer Joyce Carol Oates, so often a bridesmaid for the Nobel literature prize, won France's richest books prize on Monday.

■ The Cino del Duca World Prize, which is worth \$218,000, is often seen as a stepping stone to the Nobel ■Five of Oates' books, including her novel, 'Blonde', which chronicled the inner life of Marilyn Monroe, have been finalists for the Pulitzer Prize, without ever winning





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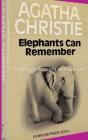
### **HOW TO MAKE AN ENVELOPE FROM A NEWSPAPER**



You may not be able to embrace your friends and family for a while, but letter writing is a great (and screenless) way of letting them know you care from afar. So, give your penpals a real treat by dressing up your letter in all the news that's fit to print. Here's how...

- Start with a double sold newspaper. Use the cover (and Start with a double sheet of a back page) of any colourful section
- Open it up and tear along the centerfold, so you're left with a single newspaper page
- Fold your new single sheet in half. You'll want the most decorative art to be facing down on the table
- 4 Position the letter of the short Position the letter or card above the middle of the sheet
- Take the sides of the folded sheet; make two equally sized flaps. (These will be the sides of your enve-
- Dog-ear each corner and tape Odown
- Fold the bottom of your sheet up so it covers about threequarters of your letter or card
- Tape the bottom two dog ears O down to the vertical sides of the
- Once your card is finished, fold the remaining top flap of the envelope down and secure it shut with a sticker, tape or a wax envelope seal

### iRecomme<u>nd</u> **ELEPHANTS CAN REMEMBER BY AGATHA CHRISTIE**



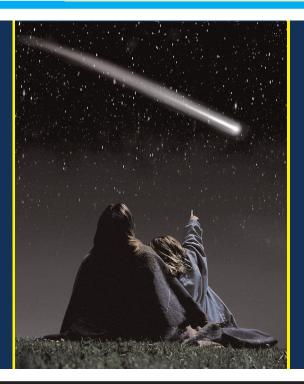
Agatha Christie's crime novel is breathtaking! It features the fictional Belgian detective **Hercule Poirot** and Ariadne Oliver. Together they must solve an old crime. The

title, 'Elephants Can Remember' talks about how people/characters remember things. Enjoy this exceptional story; the climax will shock you!

Geet Malika, class XI, NSN **Memorial Senior Secondary School,** 

### **GET YOUR 'SKY TIME'**

Are you missing your sky time - your eyes not getting the opportunity to gaze at the vast expanse of the blue sky - in these pandemic times? With experts claiming that it is one of the reasons why people are feeling gloomy without realising it, here's how you can enjoy your sky time during these challenging times....



### TO GET IT

Mental health experts suggest around 30 minutes of sky time every day

Open your window and sip your lemonade, and gaze at the sky; spend some time in the balcony to watch the sunset - this connect with the blueness of the universe with its myriad shades of other colours when the sun rises and sets will drive away your mood

■Jog in your balcony in the morning and get your share of sky. Connect with the sky and feel energised, positive and

### Now, Salman's Chulbul Pandey **IN ANIMATED AVATAR**

film franchise, 'Dabangg' is all set to get a run as an animated series. The series will chronicle the life and capers of supercop Chulbul Pandey (played by Salman Khan in the films), and will also feature the animated avatars of all popular characters of the franchise, including Chhedi Singh (played by Sonu Sood in the films), Rajjo (Sonakshi Sinha) and Prajapatiji (played by the late Vinod Khanna). The animation studio Cosmos -Maya has been given the rights to produce the upcoming animated project.



Chulbul's persona is larger than life, and in animation, his adventures will be showcased as never seen before," said Salman's brother Arbaaz Khan, producer of the original, 'Dabangg' series

### ollaborative **sontest**

HERE IS THE FIRST ONE OF THE SERIES... WE WILL KEEP FEATURING MORE COLLABORATIVE ARTICLES HERE

### Is this lockdown bringing out the best or worst in us?



still. The once bustling streets are dark and empty. You wish to see your near and dear ones but you can't. Normally, we used to await the weekend but now, the weekend does not seem to end. The culprit is all around but cannot be seen. The lockdown is clearly taking a toll on our minds. But is it bringing out the best in us or the worst? We have some thoughts regarding that.

#### Changing behaviour

The lockdown has given us the biggest gift of all: Time. And we are making use of this time by spending it

them. We are also expressing gratitude to the Corona warriors. However, while speaking of gratitude we are not

exactly being considerate of others when we go out to buy basic needs. We can still see people hoarding items, despite being aware that other people need them too during these diffi-

cult times.

ing this time to express our gratitude to mate rumours have become common.

with our parents and siblings. We are ushands, spreading fake news and illegitihave time to have a quick recovery if

Cough and cold, fever, blue lips,

shortness of breath were some to

proper lifestyle techniques to mit-

was a fruitful exchange between

both teachers and students clari-

outbreak. It concluded with

Loveleen Saigal, the principal of

the school, thanking him for tak-

After the presentation, there

he world has come to a stand- Unity in difficult times

There are some people who not adhering to the common safety rules given to everyone. But this time calls for unity where people should realise the need to fight together. The rich must donate and offer help to the needy. People of different social communities should help each other.

#### Use of idle time

Many of us are using this time wisely. We are reconnecting with friends, learning new skills and developing new ideas and interyour write-up at ests. But due to such an enormous amount of free

time people have on their The lockdown isn't over yet. We still

> we are not heading in the right direction. It is up to us to decide whether we make the best out of it or not. And as it was rightsaid, change is inevitable but growth is optional. Let's choose to grow!

By AVANI PANDIT and Rashi Singh class IX, **Apeejay** School, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. **ENGLISH VINGLISH** 

### **Top 6 grammar mistakes**

Below, we've listed the most common grammar errors, along with examples, according to Microsoft. There's a good chance you've made at least one

#### 1. Missing a comma

Example: If the weather remains the same we'll leave early.

Correct: If the weather remains the same, we'll leave early.

#### 2. Missing a comma after an introductory phrase

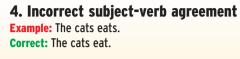
Example: First of all we must make sure that the power is off.

**Correct:** First of all, we must make sure that the power is off.

3. Missing a hyphen

Example: My 3 year old son

Correct: My 3-year-old son



### 5. Incorrect capitalisation

**Example:** It's cold, But we are going out. Correct: It's cold, but we are going out.

### 6. Mixing up possessive and plural

**Example:** My sisters car is old. Correct: My sister's car is old.

Want to boost your general knowledge? Take this exciting knowledge: lake this excit test. Rest assured, it will really test you!

### Quiz time **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Q.1) Which state was declared as a 'disturbed' area under the Armed Forces Act,

1958, for a period of

A. Nagaland B. Assam C. Delhi D. Mizoram

six months?

Q.2) Who among these is the new deputy governor of the **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI)?

A. Viral Acharya B. Raghuram Rajan C. M D Patra

D. Shaktikanta Das

Q.3) Who is the current president of Iran? A. Hassan Rouhani

B. Ali Khamenei C. Mohammad Khatami D. Ali Khan

Q.4) The cultural festival "Lai Haraoba" is celebrated in which of the following cities?

A. Itanagar B. Kohima

C. Aizawl **D.** Agartala

ANSWERS

1. A) Nagaland 2. C) M D Patra

3. A) Hassan Rouhani 4. D) Agartala

Lai Haraoba is a festival associated making of the Gods"

with Meetei People: it means "merry

A. 700

B. 800

C. 1200

D. 2000

**SCIENCE c**: 300 □ **D**: 306 □

🔵 • Number of cra-

**B:** 30 **C**: 32 **D**: 34 **D** 

bones found in

A: 212 B: 206 C

**c**: 202 □ **D**: 200 □

• Total number of

**A:** 12 ■ B: 10 **c**: 14 **D**: 11

Q5. Length of alimentary canal in

a man is approximately **A:** 16 feet **B:** 18 feet **c:** 22 feet **D:** 30 feet

L. bones found in a **A**: 200 □ **B**: 206 □

in the human

A: Nails 🔲 B: Fibula 🖵 c: Bone of nose **D:** Stapes

7. The bone tibia is . found in A: Skull B: Leg

C: Arm

**D:** Mouth O . Digestion starts . in human from A: Rectum 

B: Stomach c: Mouth **D:** Intestine

Bones join with muscles with

A: Ligament B: Tendon c: Cartilage **D:** Small muscles

A: 4 B: 12 D c: 20 D: 28 D

ANSWERS: 1. B, 2. C, 3. A, 4. A, 5. D, 6. D, 7. B, 8. C, 9. B, 10. C



### **CHECK YOUR APTITUDE**

B. 2011 C. 2012

D. 2018

What day of the week

A. Monday B. Tuesday

C. Sunday

D. Friday

day of the week

A. Monday B. Tuesday

C. Thursday

D. Sunday

ANSWER: **1.** 2018 **2.** 700

3. Friday

### 4. Thursday

### **Birla High School holds** Covid 19 awareness session

irla High School has always signs and symptoms of Covid 19. taken up the initiative to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone belong- name a few. He also made the stuing to its hub. Keeping up with the dents aware of the incubation pepractice, the school management riod of the virus, suggesting some tried to cover all ends related to the outbreak of Covid 19 or corona virus. After circulating leaflets among students highlighting the precautionary measures, the Dr. Jain and the BHS family where school took a step ahead on March 11. A session was organised at the fied their doubts regarding the Vidya Mandir Auditorium for the students where Dr. Rahul Jain (MD) addressed the young minds with issues that had stirred the ing this initiative to help BHS

world in the last couple of months. fight this threatening virus sen-Dr. Jain informed the audi-sibly. ence about the source and initiation of the corona virus and some of the specific areas that it has already affected. He laid stress to some coughing-sneezing and hand wash techniques which could be effective in preventing the virus from spreading. An audio visual presentation was also shown to the students so that it has a long lasting effect in their minds. Students were given hands on demonstration to clarify their doubts regarding the same. Dr. Jain went on to emphasize on certain misconceptions regarding food habits

that are doing rounds in the socie-

ty. He informed the

students about some

of the common





### SCHOOL IS COOL

### **De-stressing yourself**

ry caused by a difficult situation. It may also be defined as the burden on one's emotional or mental well-being created by demands at that particular time. A person may be stressed when he/she is unable to complete the work within a scheduled timeframe. It is the fear of non-completion. Stress is like perma-

nent embers. We can either control them and harness energy out of them or fan them into a huge fire which can only bring destruction. Not knowing better, many of us do the latter. Stress is also like a dust-

bin. We can throw away notes, scraps of paper, happen and memos, rotten vegetables etc into it. The dust-bin is then emptied very easily or cleaned by the garbage collector. Likewise we should empty our mind by throwing away little worries, a little resentment, a little annoyances, irritations, perhaps even some guilt reacshould be thrown out. Unlate and are bound to en-

Generally stress is caused when

You want something to happen and you want it to happen as per your desire.

So in other words it is the fear of failure out of the things likely to happen but



R S SHARMA, DIRECTOR, TRIBENI **TISSUES VIDYAPITH** 

As per Barbara Pease it can be summarised as ■ 87% of the things we think will never happen, ■ Only 7% of the things do ■ 6% of the things might

happen (50:50%) To reduce stress, identify the stress areas. Everybody has different level of Stress Tolerance Limits (STL). Hence the degree of stress will be different for different persons.

For students the foltions. Every night these lowing factors are responsible for stress. I will only til discarded they accumu- highlight the areas of

### **Parent Factor**

tween parents

- High expectation of aca-
- demic performance
- Comparing the performance of their wards with other students ■ Strained relationship be-

Low self-esteem of par-

parents Financial constrains **School Factor** ■ High expectations ■ Busy time schedule

■ Protective behaviour of

teachers ■ Poor infrastructure Improper Counselling Improper Physical

■ Poor Student-Teacher

No appreciation from

relationship

### Friends Factor

Health Education

Influenced by the peer Associated with those with negative attitude

■ Unable to maintain cordial relationship Fear to say "No" to undesirable habits

#### Society Factor ■ Negative attitude of

- neighbours ■ Environment of the locality Quality of people in the
- Emotional, physical and sexual violation by relatives, tutors, bus or cab

driver etc Follow the 80/20 rule This was put forwarded by Wilfred Pareto who was surprised to discover that 80% of world's wealth was concentrated in the hands of

Remember that ■ 80% of your time is spent on 20% of your problems. ■ 80% of your result comes from 20% of your efforts.

20% of the world's population.

## A new beginning at BHS Mukundapur

inning starts with beginning....and nothing can stop us from beginning the new session like winners. We all are going through tough times fighting the Covid-19 but we must continue our efforts to stand up to tough times with patience. We at Birla High school - Mukundapur have found new ways of pedagogy to reach out to our students-that

through Google Classroom. We began our new academic session from April 1 as scheduled but online. The teachers are assigning tasks, taking attendance and even correcting the tasks given, through Google Class-

Along with setting work online, nursery, KG and class I teachers held Zoom meetings with their students to



introduce themselves and put them at ease.

The counsellors and special educator are also in contact with the students over the phone

"We hope that our efforts at reaching out to our students and continuing the process of learning in these difficult times is fruitful," said our academic coordinators Jolly Talwar and Godhuli Bardhan



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