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RAFAEL NADAL WINS 22ND

GRAND SLAM TITLE

Rafael Nadal celebrated his record-extending 14th French Open title with a two-hander that whistled through the air and kicked the chalk. The champion then tossed his racquet, tearing up as he covered his face before embracing his opponent – Casper Ruud. His two-hour 18-minute win on Sunday took his record at the tournament to 112 wins against just three losses, and also put him halfway to a rare calendar men's Grand Slam last achieved by Rod Laver in 1969.

■ The Spanish star's first triumph in Paris came in 2005 at the age of 19. No man or woman ever has won the singles trophy at any major event more times than his 14 in Paris. And no man has won more Grand Slam titles than Nadal

■ He is two ahead of rivals Roger Federer, who hasn't played in almost a year after a series of knee operations, and Novak

Djokovic, who missed the Australian Open in January because he is not vaccinated against Covid-19

■ The 36-year-old, who has won the Australian and French Open titles in the same year for the first time in his decorated career, passed fellow Spaniard **Andres Gimeno** as the oldest Roland Garros men's singles champion in history

Spotlight

“It is very difficult to describe the feelings that I have. It is something that I have never believed-to be here at 36, being competitive again in the most important court of my career. One more title means a lot. I don't know what can happen in the future, but I'm going to keep fighting, keep going”

RAFAEL NADAL, after the win



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MEET HARINI LOGAN, the Spelling Bee winner

Harini Logan, a 14-year-old Indian-American eighth-grader from Texas, barely took a breath as she correctly spelled 22 words during a marathon, first-of-its-kind 90-second spell-off to win the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee, beating Vikram Raju in the prestigious contest where children of Indian origin have ruled the roost. Logan, who took home the \$50,000 cash prize and Scripps Cup trophy on top of awards from Merriam-Webster and Encyclopedia Britannica, was declared champion after she was reinstated by the judges in the final round. Harini, one of the best-known spellers entering the competition and a crowd favourite, nearly did not advance past the word meaning round after her answer for 'pullulation' was rejected. However, the judges conferred during a break and ruled that the answer she gave could be correct since it could mean 'to breed' or 'to swarm.'



She spelled 22 out of 26 words correctly, while Raju, a 12-year-old boy from Denver, got 15 out of 19 words right during the first-of-its-kind spell-off—a format that tested the contestants on how many words they could correctly spell within 90 seconds. The final two competitors had trouble deciphering their words between rounds 13 and 18. At that point, judges opted to institute the first spell-off, 90 seconds to spell as many words as possible correctly

Mukesh replaces Adani to become India's richest man

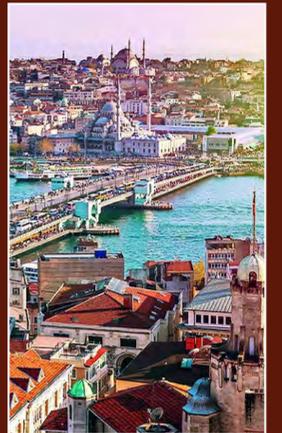
Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani has replaced Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, to become Asia and India's richest man owing to a surge in the stock prices of RIL. According to Forbes Real-time billionaire list, Ambani has bagged the sixth position in Asia with a 6.21% increase of \$6.1 billion taking the overall net worth to \$104.3 billion. Meanwhile Adani's net worth grew by 0.66% to \$99.9 billion taking him to the ninth position.



As per the Bloomberg Billionaire's Index consisting the daily ranking of the world's richest people, Ambani, with a total net worth of \$99.7 billion, has pushed Adani (with net worth of \$98.7 billion) to second position. Adani had been enjoying the first position for the past few months due to accelerated stock prices of the Adani group

It's official: Turkey to be called Türkiye

Turkey's government has sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting that it be referred to as Türkiye, the state-run news agency has reported. The move is seen as part of a push by Ankara to rebrand the country, and dissociate it from the bird of the same name and negative connotations associated with it. The term is used in colloquial language to denote failure.



President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government has been pressing for the internationally-recognised name Turkey to be changed to Türkiye (tur-key-YAY) as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish. The new name also holds symbolic value, having been adopted in 1923 after the new nation emerged from the ashes of WWI. Its adoption globally would "cement Erdogan's place in Turkish history next to the republic's founding father Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, feel experts

Countries which have changed their names

- The Netherlands was changed from Holland in 2019 as part of an attempted update of its global image
- Macedonia changed its name in 2019 to North Macedonia due to political disputes with Greece
- Iran changed its name from Persia in 1935 to signal the changes that had come to Persia under the rule of Reza Shah, namely that Persia had freed itself from the grip of the British and Russians
- Siam changed its name to Thailand in 1939 as its field marshal Phibun wanted to validate his despotic regime
- Rhodesia changed to Zimbabwe to drop its colonial legacy
- In 2016, the Czech Republic officially registered its short-form name, Czechia

Country's first liquid mirror telescope comes up in Uttarakhand



The first liquid mirror telescope in the country and the largest in Asia – commissioned atop Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand – will now keep a watch on the overhead sky to identify transient or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids. The Indian Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) will help in surveying the sky, making it possible to observe several galaxies and other astronomical sources just by staring at the strip of sky that passes overhead.

Built by astronomers from India, Belgium and Canada, the novel instrument employs a 4-metre-diameter rotating mirror made up of a thin film of liquid mercury to collect and focus light. It is located at an altitude of 2,450 metres at the Devasthal Observatory campus of Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India in Nainital district, Uttarakhand.

Now, Diamond Comics to spread message of water conservation

FOR A CAUSE

The popular publisher for children's literature that brings out Diamond Comics and other books will now be bringing out books and comics on water conservation for bringing about "behavioural change in making inclusive and sustainable change". Recently, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Diamond Toons to produce a series of popular books in a bid to spread awareness on water conservation. The MoU was signed between Vibha Dhawan, DG, TERI, and Manish Verma, director, Diamond Toons.



Verma said the platform of talking comics and its universe of characters will convey the message of conservation and sustainable development to stakeholders in multiple languages. "More than ever, we need behavioural change in making inclusive and sustainable change. We have to increase the share of voices in protecting the one Earth," he said. "The power of storytelling is the only way to make a society inclusive of change," Verma noted

How are plastic PET bottles recycled into clothing

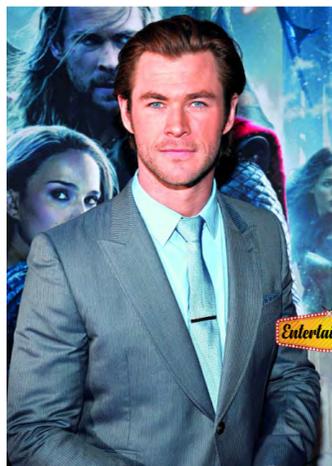
PET bottles, according to experts, can be recycled and used to produce high-grade fibres. The pure version of polyester textile, 'Recycled Polyester' is known to use PET as the raw material, the same material, which is being used in clear plastic

BEST OUT OF WASTE

- 1 water bottles. Recycling it to make the fabric prevents it from going to landfills, add experts.
- 2 PET bottles can be used for fabrics by first sterilising the PET bottles, which can then be dried and later squeezed into small chips.
- 3 The chips are then heated and passed through a plate called a spinner to form strings of yarn. After that, this yarn is wound up in spools and the fibre is then passed through a crimping machine in order to get a fluffy texture.
- 4 Finally, the yarn is dyed and knitted into polyester fabric.



About six bottles are being recycled to make a T-shirt, six bottles to make a bodysuit, nine bottles to make a sleepsuit, five for a leggings and nine for a dress



'Thor: Love and Thunder' will now premiere on July 7

Hollywood star Chris Hemsworth's much-awaited superhero movie 'Thor: Love and Thunder' will make its debut in Indian theatres on July 7. Marvel India shared the news on its social media handle, announcing that the film will be released in the country on July 7, instead of July 8. It will release in India in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam

Entertainment

In 'Thor: Love and Thunder', Hemsworth returns as the titular superhero, a role that he previously played in three solo and four 'Avengers' films. The film's story is set after the events of 'Avengers: Endgame' (2019) and Thor's attempts to find inner peace, but must return to action and recruit Valkyrie, Korg, and Jane Foster, who has become the Mighty Thor, to stop Gorr the God Butcher (played by Christian Bale) from eliminating all gods

No proposal to replace Mahatma Gandhi's picture on banknotes: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday clarified that it has no proposal to replace the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi's picture on currency notes. Referring to media reports that claimed that the Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India were considering a proposal to also use images of famous personalities like Rabindranath Tagore and APJ Abdul Kalam on banknotes, the RBI clarified that there is no such proposal. "There are reports in certain sections of the media that the Reserve Bank of India is considering changes to the existing cur-

rency and banknotes by replacing the face of Mahatma Gandhi with that of others. It may be noted that there is no such proposal in the Reserve Bank," Yogesh Dayal, Chief GM said. ANI



In the US, different denominations of dollars carry portraits of some of the founding fathers, such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Alexander Hamilton, and a few 19th century presidents, including Abraham Lincoln



MICRO STEPS TO INCREASE CHANCES OF EMPLOYABILITY

Virender Kapoor

The Best Education Happens outside the Classroom -Mark Twain

A fresh graduate, say a B Com or a B Sc., who has no experience when he goes for a job interview, has only a one line resume which is his basic graduation degree – nothing else. That is his lifeline for his interview. He needs his first break to get his first job.

After asking a few questions on his basic academic curriculum, the interview panel finds it difficult to strike a decent conversation except to ask vague questions like, tell us about your family and your ambitions etc.

'Not being successful is a lifestyle disorder'

1 THE INTERVIEWER'S PERSPECTIVE

I have interacted with more than 8,000 graduates applying for my institute for an MBA programme, as the Director at Symbiosis University, over a period of 10 years and also at another newly established college. I've groomed close to 2000 young managers. During the selection process, we faced a similar challenge. We were also looking for that spark or a small hint of initiative. We used to look at something in the extracurricular activities and had a sigh of relief if we could find anything good. Most candidates, in hobbies, write "listening to music", or even "hanging out with friends" for their qualities as a hobby!

Any books you read? And 95% said no. A guy who read some books even if it was fiction gave us some hope. If a candidate could talk about the book in detail we would be happy to give him some substantial grace. In fact, many good institutes and matured interviewers give substantial weight to those who read for obvious reasons. And my experience tells me that a person who reads more than others has a better grip on expression with better communication skills and more confidence. An-

other similar situation is while recruiting fresher's from college for a job.

When you apply for a job you need to put some weight on the CV. What if with CV you carry the book you read? Voila! The interview panel has something to see and feel and since you actually read the book, you can take on any questions around it. This gives you a talking point. Remember, your degree and school certificate was also based on exams conducted from knowledge imparted through text and reference books.

All things equal, out of 10 candidates a candidate with three short books has a better chance to converse well with the panel and make an intellectual connect.

'Books make ordinary humans into good affective people you can trust'

2 MICRO READING IS THE ANSWER FOR YOU

You are out of college and cannot turn the clock back to go and participate in college events, take a role in student's committee – time only moves forward! Yet you can push the fast forward button and look for very short relevant books.

The busiest and most successful people read, read and read.

Warren Buffet reads 500 pages a day. Bill Gates reads 50 books a year. Elon Musk taught himself to build rockets by reading. He didn't stop until he learned what he wanted to learn.

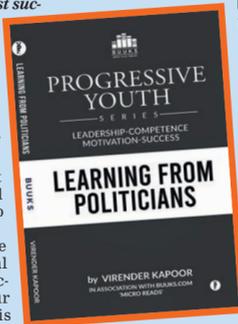
Successful people read educational books more than fiction. Today, our biggest problem is

time and distractions. If Warren Buffet and Bill Gates can find time, so can you. The other problem is that books are big, heavy and costly too.

Reading the right book which can inspire you is the way to go forward. But how does one choose the right book to begin with? Look for something that is short, is relevant and well researched. A book should encourage you to take up challenges, it should provide fodder to your imagination.

Right topics matter the most for intellectual development

You can avoid thick, boring books on 'run of the mill' topics like time management, change management, how to be successful and rich in seven steps, working smart not hard, motivation, entrepreneurs etc.

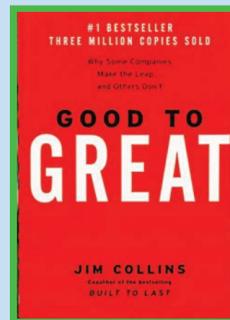


LISTED BELOW ARE A FEW TOPICS THAT YOU MUST READ UP ON. THESE WILL HELP YOU GET A HEADSTART IN YOUR CAREER

1. Will power and self-control
2. Patience the greatest virtue
3. Initiative and how to do value addition
4. Self-discipline
5. Adaptability
6. Personal Integrity

The interviewer will also find these 'out of the box' topics intriguing and interesting for discussion. We are separating wheat from chaff. These ideas will help you in your career too.

Remember you have to be different.



3 ORGANIC LEARNING

Reading books is learning the natural way whereas e-learning is synthetic learning. Reading and writing are the basic cognitive skills and human brain has a way of absorbing and retaining information, data and knowledge.

Reading and writing is an organic learning methodology.

Some compelling reasons why books are better than a video, e learning.

Books are meant to be read in short spurts, you can put it down while you get a snack and think about what you just read, pick it up again, re-read and so on. That is why you have bookmarks and no 'video marks' per say. You have to think about, and interact and imagine with the material. Video is just a one way street where you are

rushing in a high speed car that is meant to be digested and swallowed quickly without much time to think critically, reflect on, or process.

'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body'. Richard Steele

Sometimes, during exams or interviews, we know the answer but are unable to put it across appropriately, we cannot get the right word. Everything is in our head, yet we can't get the perfect expression to explain our point. Mark Twain said: "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter. It is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning".

4 VIEW OF RECRUITERS

This concept has been ratified by some very seasoned recruiters and hence are relevant for building your content for interviews.

God gives the nuts, but he does not crack them for you
- Franz Kafka



What makes a GREAT LEADER



UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC SENTIMENT

A great leader has to appreciate the political and economic terrain over which he is to campaign. Franklin Roosevelt might have wanted to bring the United States into World War Two earlier than he eventually did – such was the isolationist sentiment at the time – but in the 1940 election, he still had to make his promise in Boston to American parents that 'your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars,' in order to retain the White House and face the storm that was to come. A leader has to be a realist, albeit, one who appreciates the precise moment when it is possible to change public sentiment.

ENERGY

Many of the greatest leaders in history have been workaholics – Churchill is perhaps the most famous, though Margaret Thatcher, Helmut von Moltke the Elder, and Marshal Ivan Konev, are other examples. Churchill melded his life entirely around his job during the Second World War, taking only eight days' proper holiday in the whole six years of conflict, six of those spent fishing in Canada and two swimming in Florida, but even on the latter trip, he was attended by his red ministerial boxes and he read all the newspapers. Similarly, he was able to work almost throughout his two major bouts of pneumonia during the war. Energy is an almost demonic attribute, hard to characterise, and takes many forms.

A GREAT MEMORY

For planning in particular and for leadership in general a good memory is useful, or failing that an excellent filing system. Churchill had a photographic memory, and not just for music-hall songs and Shakespeare. He would spend up to 30 hours memorising his speeches and constantly practise them to make them word perfect, and would even make up ones he was not about to give but might be called upon to deliver some time in the future.

LUCK

Although impossible to quantify or predict, leaders need to be lucky as well as brilliant. Before he appointed anyone to the marshalate, Napoleon also wanted to know whether his generals were lucky, and luck undoubtedly does play a large part in war leadership. The role of chance and contingency in history is worthy of an entire book in itself and undermines the Whig, Marxist, and Determinist theories of history in which mankind's progress through time are set on any definable tramlines.

STEADY NERVES

Having steady nerves in a crisis cannot be underestimated, but can be learned. Basil Liddell Hart wrote in his 1944 book 'Thoughts on War' that "the two qualities of mental initiative and a strong personality, or determination, go a long way towards the power of command in war – they are, indeed, the hallmark of the Great Captains."

EMPATHY

Understanding the psychology of others is an important part of leadership. Today, it seems to be assumed that in order to lead one's people one needs to have sprung from them, but that is not the case. Many of those who have exuded leadership ability hail from the leisured or moneyed class of their countries – Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Napoleon, Churchill, both Roosevelts, and John F. Kennedy among more – had a strong sense of what motivated soldiers and citizens who hailed from backgrounds far further down the social scale. A capacity to empathise is far more important than one's class background.



5 LIFE LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM THOR



DON'T GO LOOKING FOR A FIGHT

When Thor is introduced in the MCU, he is a brave warrior as well as an arrogant God. He seems to think glory can only be found on the battlefield and he goes out of his way to find his next fight. Of course, this ends up getting him into trouble. Thor makes the foolish decision to march his fellow warriors into the land of the Frost Giants. While he is given the choice to leave peacefully, Thor's ego didn't allow that and he proceeded to fight the Giants, reigniting the war with them and putting countless lives in danger.

YOU HAVE TO PROVE YOURSELF

Because Thor is a God, he seems to think that he is owed something or is superior to other beings. For instance, the fact that he wields a mighty weapon like Mjolnir is something he just takes for granted. Then Odin strips Thor of his power and banishes him to Earth to teach him some humility. When Thor finds out that Mjolnir is also on Earth, he goes to retrieve it only to discover he is no longer worthy to lift it. At this moment, Thor finally realises how selfish he has been and how he abused his powers. It is a revelation that changes him and makes him a better hero.

SOMETIMES, THE NEEDS OF OTHERS COME BEFORE YOUR OWN

While on Earth, Thor meets and falls in love with Jane Foster. But when he learns Loki has taken control of Asgard, he returns to face his brother. He then discovers that Loki plans to use the full power of the Rainbow Bridge to destroy the Frost Giants. Even though the bridge is the only means Thor has of returning to Earth and reuniting with Jane, he decides it must be destroyed. It is yet another moment of self-sacrifice that proves Thor is indeed worthy to wield Mjolnir after all.

DON'T KEEP FALLING FOR THE SAME TRICK

The sibling rivalry between Thor and Loki plays out over the course of many movies and it often seems like Loki gets the upper hand. Indeed, as brave and powerful as Thor is, he starts to look a little foolish when he keeps falling for the same trick again and again. Loki keeps luring Thor in only to reveal he has created a duplicate of himself to trap Thor. After falling for it one too many times, Thor finally sees through Loki's scheme in 'Thor: Ragnarok' and is able to predict his very predictable betrayal.

THE POWER CAN RESIDE WITHIN

THOR: Ragnarok is a movie in which Thor is faced with tremendous loss, including seeing his trusty hammer Mjolnir destroyed at the hands of Hela. Though he returns to Asgard ready to face her, he feels as though he is no match for her without his hammer. However, in a vision of his father, Odin reminds Thor that he is not the God of Hammers and that his true power has always resided within himself. This allows Thor to access a level of power that he didn't even know he had and he immediately becomes one of the most powerful beings in the MCU.