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## Russia-Ukraine conflict escalation would cause 'devastating' economic damage: IMF

The IMF has warned that the already "serious" global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine would be "all the more devastating", should the conflict escalate. Even as forecast remains subject to "extraordinary uncertainty, the economic consequences" of the invasion launched last week by Russia on its eastern European neighbour "are already very serious," the IMF said in a statement. The IMF said emergency financial assistance requested by Ukraine, already reported on February 25, amounted to \$1.4 billion, adding the request could be brought before the executive board as early as next week. "The sanctions on Russia will also have a substantial impact on the global economy and financial markets, with significant spillovers to other countries," the IMF said. It noted "a sharp mark-down in asset prices as well as the ruble exchange rate" already, with the full scope of the "unprecedented" sanctions' impact too early to call.

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## WAR OF WORDS ESCALATES AS RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST UKRAINE CONTINUES



The current (Ukrainian) authorities must understand that if they continue to do what they are doing, they are putting in question the future of Ukrainian statehood. And if this happens, they will be fully responsible  
**VLADIMIR PUTIN, President, Russia**

Every metre of our Ukrainian land won by protest and humiliation of the invaders is a step forward, a step towards victory for our entire state. This is a chance to live. Ukrainians! In all our cities where the enemy entered... feel it. Go on the offensive  
**VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY, President, Ukraine**



## Putin likens sanctions to a 'Declaration of War'

Russian President Vladimir Putin threatened the existence of Ukrainian statehood as his army's invasion of the neighbour faced stiff resistance on Sunday, and his economy is increasingly asphyxiated by sanctions. In the latest efforts to freeze Moscow out of the world economy, US-based card payment giants Visa and Mastercard announced they will suspend operations in Russia, while world leaders vowed to act over the intensifying onslaught. Kyiv has urged the West to boost military assistance to the besieged country, including warplanes, with President Volodymyr Zelensky pleading for Eastern European neighbours to provide Russian-made planes that his citizens are trained to fly.

Meanwhile, Putin escalated warnings against NATO, threatening a wider war, if a no-fly zone is set up, as his forces resumed their offensive. The strategic city of Mariupol on the Azov Sea has for days been under siege and without electricity, food and water



### UKRAINE CITY MARIUPOL TRIES AGAIN TO EVACUATE CIVILIANS

The Ukrainian port city of Mariupol, which is surrounded by Russian troops, said it will restart efforts to evacuate civilians, after earlier efforts were scuppered by ceasefire violations. The first ceasefire attempted in Ukraine to evacuate desperate civilians collapsed on Saturday amid ongoing shelling, as Russian and Ukrainian officials traded blame and Moscow tightened its grip on the war-battered country's strategic seacoast. Meanwhile, Russia has claimed to have destroyed a key Ukrainian air base in a long-distance precision strike. Ukraine, on the other hand, claimed that 11,000 Russian soldiers have been killed in the on-going war



### India tries to negotiate for a safe corridor in Sumy

The government on Saturday said it is in touch with authorities in Russia and Ukraine to facilitate a ceasefire in Ukraine's conflict zone and ensure safe evacuation of Indian students trapped in the northeastern city of Sumy. According to the MEA, over 20,000 Indians have left Ukraine since India issued initial advisories. So far, 13,300 Indians have been evacuated from Ukraine on 63 flights operating under the government's 'Operation Ganga'. Of these 63 flights, 15 had landed in the 24 hours till Saturday evening, bringing back some 3,000 Indians. Meanwhile, on Sunday, New Delhi sent humanitarian assistance to Ukraine via Poland

**WAR calling**  
HUNDREDS OF MEN LINE UP TO JOIN UKRAINIAN ARMY  
Hundreds of men have been lining up in Kyiv to join the Ukrainian army. An order from Ukraine's government prohibited men between the ages of 18 and 60 from leaving the country to keep them available for military conscription

### UKRAINIAN REFUGEES NEAR 1.5 MILLION

The number of Ukrainian refugees reached nearly 1.5 million on Sunday as Russia continued its attack 11 days after invading Ukraine. Ukrainians, who could escape, spilled into neighbouring Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and elsewhere. Ukrainian negotiators said a third round of talks with Russia on a ceasefire would go ahead on Monday, although Moscow was less definitive.

## Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups

Indian women's cricket team skipper Mithali Raj on Sunday became the first woman, and the third cricketer ever to appear at six ICC Women's Cricket World Cups. Leading India in the opening game of their World Cup campaign, the 39-year-old could manage just nine runs in 36 deliveries as she was caught by Pakistan Diana Baig off Nashra Sandhu's bowling on Sunday. The right-hander now equals Australian legend Belinda Clark by captaining at her fourth ICC Women's World Cup. Clark and Mithali stand as the only two players to have captained their country at more than two World Cups.



India hammered Pakistan in their opening match of the tournament at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui on Sunday.  
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Former Pakistan cricketer Javed Miandad appeared in the first six Men's Cricket World Cups between 1975 and 1996. Sachin Tendulkar began his World Cup career in 1992. By the time Tendulkar's fairy-tale finish came in 2011, Mithali had already captained India at a World Cup after having made her tournament debut in 2000

## Do you have a right to feed STRAY DOGS?

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed an order of the Delhi high court, which allowed stray dogs to be fed in every residential society. The Court issued notice to the Animal Welfare Board of India and others on a petition challenging the Delhi high court order relating to the feeding of stray dogs.



**THE PLEA:** The petitioner contended that the high court order is based upon several "blatantly misleading, irrelevant and factually incorrect statements and misinformation with regard to dog behaviour, problems associated with stray dogs, information regarding dogs, and as also with respect to the existing laws"

**THE ORDER:** ■ The HC had in July said that animals have a right under law to be treated with compassion, respect and dignity, and protection of such beings is the moral responsibility of each and every citizen, including the governmental and non-governmental organisations ■ It had said that community dogs have the right to food, and citizens have the right to feed community dogs but in exercising this right, they should not impinge upon the rights of others.

₹6,800 CRORE

FACTOID

The amount, which the creators on the video streaming platform YouTube, contributed to India's GDP, says a new report by Oxford Economics, an independent consulting firm. It supported over ₹6.83 lakh full-time equivalent jobs in India in 2020, the report added.

■ A 'creative entrepreneur' stands for YouTube creators, regardless of their gender identity, with at least 10,000 subscribers on their largest channel, and for creators with fewer subscribers, who receive funds directly from YouTube, generate funds from other sources with their YouTube videos and / or permanently employ other people to support their YouTube activities

■ Interestingly, the number of channels in India with over 100,000 subscribers stands at 40,000, which marks a growth of over 45%, year on year

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THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022: #BREAKTHEBIAS

"She wasn't looking for a knight. She was looking for a sword." -Atticus

Come celebrate International Women's Day with us and our list of Wonder Women from India and the world

What to expect

Inspiring profiles

- Stories of courage, of women who thought differently, those who broke the glass ceiling, and those who challenged stereotypes

The Next Gen

- Along with established names, we bring you the change of guard, girls who are well on their way to become the icons of tomorrow

Our Poll

- Nearly 12k plus students and teachers took our poll to tell us their most inspiring women from all walks of life. We share the findings

Love is success

- How is it when one loves what they do. It changes the way they approach it. Featuring real-life stories of those who converted their passion into success

PLUS : Trivia | Voices | Icons and MORE

ONLINE

The celebrations continue online as we profile women and girls who are all set to #breakthebias

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MARCH 8, 2022

HISTORY HAS IT



THE FIRST ALPHABET – PHOENICIAN ABJAD

The first known civilisation to create a purely phonetic system, completely independent of a pictographic or syllabic system, was the Phoenicians. Around the 15th century BCE, Phoenicians created an alphabet made purely of consonants – an abjad – in which one symbol represented one consonantal sound. It consisted of 22 letters and was written from right to left. Its origin can be traced to Egyptian hieroglyphs and its influences can be seen in the Greek alphabet, which adopted the Phoenician method of writing.

inscribed on oracle bones. Chinese characters, called logographs by linguists, are used in numerous languages across Asia, most notably the languages of China and Japan. An estimated 1.34 billion people around the world use the Chinese alphabet—also known as hanzi, kanji or hanja—for written communication. It is considered among the oldest continuously used forms of writing in the world.

ARABIC

Arabic is the third most widely used script in the world. Around 660 million individuals use Arabic script to communicate in a number of languages, including: Urdu, Pashto, Arabic, Punjabi, Persian, Malaysian, and Kurdish (to name a few). Unlike the other previously mentioned scripts, Arabic is written from right to left.

DEVANAGARI

Devanagari script is used to communicate in around 120 languages, including Nepali, Hindi, Sanskrit, and Marathi. Estimates suggest that around 608 million people around the world utilise Devanagari on a regular basis, making it the fourth most widely used script in the world. This script is written and read from left to right and can be easily recognised by its circular-like shapes and straight-lined outlines.

THE BENGALI ALPHABET

An estimated 300 million people use this syllabic alphabet, which is derived from the Brahmi alphabet and is closely related to Devanagari. The current form of the Bengali alphabet first appeared in 1778 and was slightly modernised in the 19th century.

WRITTEN WORD



Why CLASSROOM JOURNALING is great

Scribbling daily notes in class is a safe space for children to write, express and document their own progress

Students of all ages can learn a lot from keeping a regular journal. When teachers introduce the idea of journaling into their classroom, they're often searching for reflective journal writing tips for students. These are the ideas that will help students become motivated to formulate opinions, express themselves openly, and write 'reflectively'.

Most writing is creative writing, where you describe something that happened or you make up a story. However, reflective writing gives the writer insights and can lead to further learning. Reflective writing can also be analytical when applied to critical thinking or processing used in research.

Here are 5 reasons all children must cultivate the habit of reflective journaling:

**Active learning:** It allows students to advance from passive learners to active learners. Through the

process of journaling, students begin to problem-solve on their own.

**Getting over fears:** By getting your thoughts down on paper, you can gain a deeper understanding of the causes of your own internal conflicts, while you also explore the external challenges you're facing. Your problems, fears, and concerns will come to the surface so you can start to address them and visualise solutions.

**Boosts memory:** Research has shown that writing information down by hand is an effective way to commit ideas to memory. As a student, you will need to memorise information to pass your exams. Consider integrating journaling into your life as a way to improve your memory.

**Creates confident writers:** Some students feel they don't have a knack for writing. Journaling breaks down some of those walls. Teachers can provide writing prompts for students to choose from or allow them to reflect on a certain quote.

**Develops critical thinking:** Reflective journals foster a greater understanding of new ideas. Students can use this opportunity to think deeper about new discoveries, recording personal observations and added research on the topic.

People who think critically and reflectively are analytical and investigative, willing to question and challenge their own thoughts, ideas, and assumptions and challenge those of others

WRITING SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD

Writing has been around for over 5000 years, but there is a wider variety of unique writing systems than you might think

Writing renders language visible; while speech is ephemeral, writing is concrete and, by comparison, a writing system is a method of representing the sounds of a language by written or printed symbols, for instance the Roman alphabet. Let's learn more about some of the most commonly used writing systems around the world:

LATIN ALPHABET

The Latin alphabet is the most widely used script, with nearly 70 percent of the world's population employing it. Latin is used to write a minimum of 305 languages. This script originated in present-day Italy and has since spread

CHINESE CHARACTERS

Chinese writing is the oldest system in the world that has hardly changed in the last 4,000 years. It is thought to have originated as pictures

around the world with the help of several historic events, most notably: The Roman Empire, Christianity, and European colonisation. It commonly consists of 26 letters and is the basis for the International Phonetic Alphabet, which is used to relate the phonetics of all languages.

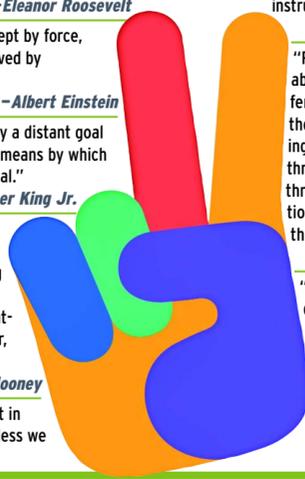
around 2,000 BC. The earliest known logographs, or pictograms, were



QUOTE UNQUOTE

FAMOUS AND INSPIRING WORDS ON PEACE

- "Peace is the only battle worth waging" – Albert Camus
- "It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." – Eleanor Roosevelt
- "Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding" – Albert Einstein
- "Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal." – Martin Luther King Jr.
- "Peace is a fulltime job. It's protecting civilians, overseeing elections, and disarming ex-combatants. Peace, like war, must be waged." – George Clooney
- "The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war." – Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
- "The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace." – Carlos Santana
- "Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means solving these differences through peaceful means; through dialogue, education, knowledge; and through humane ways." – Dalai Lama
- "I was once asked why I don't participate in anti-war demonstrations. I said that I will never do that, but as soon as you have a pro-peace rally, I'll be there." – Mother Teresa



WORD GETS AROUND

8 TERMS TO MAKE YOU MONEY WISE

- Broad money:** The amount of money in a country's economy, measured by counting money kept by banks and people.
- Gig economy:** A way of working that is based on people having temporary jobs or doing separate pieces of work, each paid separately, rather than working for an employer.
- Econometrics:** The testing of the performance of economies and economic theories using mathematical methods
- Shrinkflation:** The situation when the price of a product stays the same but its size gets smaller
- Standard of living:** The amount of money and comfort people have in a particular society
- Uberize:** To change the market for a service by introducing a different way of buying or using it, especially using mobile technology
- Downcycle:** A time when there is less economic activity, or when prices or values of something are falling or low:
- Disposable income:** Money available after one pays taxes and obligatory bill payments.



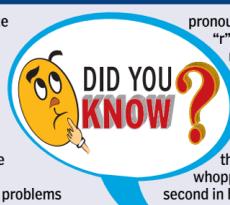
TONGUE TWISTERS MAKE GREAT ORATORS

Tongue twisters don't make a lot of sense, but they are filled with repeated sounds making them extremely helpful in speech therapy. Basically, a tongue twister works the same way as physical exercise. The more you practice, the better your pronunciation will be.

What is more, tongue twisters were – and probably still are – used by actors before a representation, by politicians before a speech and even by news anchors before going live.

If you are having problems

pronouncing certain sounds like "s", "r", "m" or "th", practicing with the right tongue twisters can ameliorate your speech impediment. When it comes to tongue twisters and talking fast, we can't help but think about Eminem. Did you know that he manages to rap with a whopping speed of 11.4 syllables per second in his song "Rap God"? Phew.



Queries relating to language skills

Do you find grammar confusing? Do you get stuck with words when writing a letter, an essay or a blog? Do you have a fear of public speaking? Or do you simply want to improve your communication skills? Times NIE is here to help you to master the intricacies of the English language. Just shoot us your queries on [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com)

