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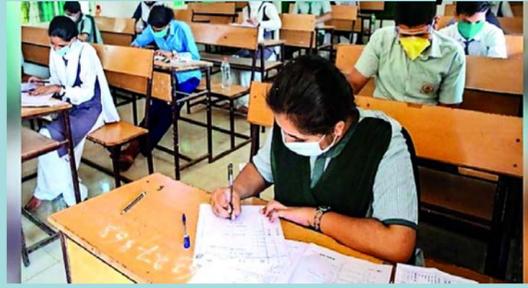


STUDENT EDITION
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

The Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government on Monday won the floor test in the State Assembly. The special two-day session of the State Legislative Assembly comes after a high-voltage political drama in the state, where a new government led by rebel Shiv Sena MLA Shinde came to power, toppling the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) regime...

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CBSE class X result 2022: Officials confirm delay



The wait for class X students, who were expecting the results on Monday got longer, as the CBSE officials shared that the Board would not be releasing the class X results on July 4. The information, officials added, would be shared in due course of time on cbse.gov.in and cbsereults.nic.in. In a major setback to lakhs of students waiting, the officials further informed the Times network that no communication has been shared in regards to results as yet. A source close to the Board has maintained that July 10 or July 13 is the more likely date for CBSE Term 2 results. Another report in TOI suggests that the results would be declared by July 15. As per information, the final go ahead has not been received on the assessment criteria as yet. TNN

MAHARASHTRA UPDATE

Shinde passes the BIG FLOOR TEST



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FLOOR TEST

What is a floor test:

■ A floor test or a 'No Confidence Motion' is a legislative measure conducted on the floor of the House to check whether the executive has the majority support in the legislature with the confidence of at least 51% of the members of the House. The trust vote or the floor test can be initiated both at the Central as well as state levels.

How is a floor test conducted:

■ After the floor test summoned by the governor of a state, the chief minister as the leader of the executive, moves a motion to seek the vote of confidence. The Members of the Legislative Assemblies are then required to vote for or against the motion. If the majority of the House votes in favour of the motion, the government qualifies the test and continues to exercise their power but if the chief minister loses the motion the government is mandated to resign from the position. A new CM/PM is also asked to take the floor test.
■ The test can either be conducted via a voice vote where the members are expected to respond to the motion verbally or electronically, which involves casting of votes by pressing the button, which then displays the votes on each side of the motion live on board. A physical ballot can also be put in effect where the ballot votes are counted for inference.

Although the Constitution does not demarcate any provision for a political party to be in absolute majority to form the government, the executive i.e., the ministers it is composed of, must exercise the legislature's majority. Under Article 164 of the Indian Constitution, "the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the Legislative Assembly of the State"

TYPES OF WHIPS

■ There are three types of whips:
i) One-line whip ii) Two-line whip iii) Three-line whip
■ One-line whip is issued to inform members of a party about a vote. It allows a member to abstain in

case they decide not to follow the party line. ■ Two-line whip is issued to direct the members to be present in the House at the time of voting. ■ Three-line whip is issued to members directing them to vote as per the party line

ROLE OF WHIP during floor test

IF A WHIP IS DISOBEYED, THEN...

A legislator, bound by party whip, may face disqualification proceedings if she/he disobeys the whip. However, if two-thirds of the party's members disobey, whip becomes ineffective. Disqualification is decided by the Speaker of the House.

WHAT IS A WHIP?

A whip is an official of a political party, who acts as the party's 'enforcer' inside the Legislative Assembly or Parliament. Borrowed from the British Parliament, in India, every major political party appoints a whip, who is responsible for the party's discipline and behaviour on

the floor of the House. According to political pundits, a whip is an important office-bearer of the party in Parliament. A senior member of the party is usually appointed from among their House contingents to issue whips. Called a chief whip, he/she is assisted by additional whips

WHAT ARE ITS LIMITATIONS

In Presidential elections, a Member of Parliament or a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) is not directed by whip to vote in a particular fashion

THIS DAY THAT YEAR July 5 1996: WORLD'S FIRST LIVE CLONED MAMMAL IS BORN

Dolly the Sheep, a domestic sheep was cloned using cells from an adult sheep by a team led by Ian Wilmut, Keith Campbell at the Roslin Institute. While her birth was considered to be a success for cloning science, she did not live very long - scientists had predicted that she would live for about 12 years, but she died just a few months short of her 7th birthday.

WhatsApp to soon let users hide online status from everyone



Meta-owned WhatsApp is working on a feature that will give iOS users the ability to hide their online status from everyone. As of now, users can choose to display their 'Last Seen' information to contacts, some people, or no one. For a future version of the app, WhatsApp will let users follow a similar approach to the online toggle. This new privacy feature is being developed at the same time WhatsApp is also gearing up for another important function, the ability to edit a message.

#TRENDING



When Twitter CEO took staff coffee orders

Parag Agrawal, the CEO of microblogging company Twitter, was in the UK for a series of company events last week. Despite his busy schedule, he made time to serve his employees. Coffee orders were taken by Agrawal at Twitter's London headquarters. The managing director of Twitter UK, Dara Nasar, was also present

Batman's first issue cover, Tintin painting go under the hammer

COMIC ART'S million-dollar club

Highly original art, Batman! The cover of the first issue of 'Batman: The Dark Knight Returns' was sold by Heritage Auctions for \$2.4 million recently, making it the latest example of a piece of comic book or fantasy art to sell for over \$1 million at auction. Here's a look at some of these high-priced, one-of-a-kind collectibles...

EGYPTIAN QUEEN

Illustrator Frank Frazetta's 1969 'Egyptian Queen' painting, which was used as the cover of Eerie magazine No. 23, was sold by Heritage Auctions for \$5.4 million in 2019

THE BLUE LOTUS

A painting of Tintin, the young reporter created by cartoonist Georges Remi (better known as Hergé), was sold by Artcurial in Paris for 3.1 million euros (\$3.9 mn) last year. The art shows Tintin and his dog Snowy peeking out from a porcelain jar while a dragon hovers dangerously close

\$3.3 MILLION
Marvel Super-Heroes Secret Wars No. 8, Last Page
"Well, I'll be an eight-ball's uncle!" says Spider-Man as he dons his new, sleek black costume in the last page of 1984's Marvel Super-Heroes Secret Wars No 8, which was pencilled by Mike Zeck. There were similar incredulous reactions in January when the original art was sold online by Heritage Auctions for \$3.3 million. That artwork has come a long way

\$2.4 MILLION
Batman: The Dark Knight Returns
'Batman: The Dark Knight Returns,' a four-part story written and drawn by Frank Miller, inked by Klaus Janson and coloured by Lynn Varley, was originally published in 1986, and helped usher in a new level of storytelling to comic books. The story depicted an older Bruce Wayne, who comes out of retirement to protect Gotham City from criminals

\$1.2 MILLION
Frankenstein
Artist Bernie Wrightson spent seven years working on his black-and-white adaptation of 'Frankenstein', which was published by Marvel in 1983. In a double-page spread, which was sold online by Heritage Auctions for \$1.2 million in 2019, the monster confronts his maker

FOR OUR TEACHERS

BENEFITS OF TEAMWORK FOR STUDENT *Development & Success*

Participating in team activities can help students develop essential communication and collaboration skills while preparing them for success inside and outside of the classroom

TEACHES ESSENTIAL SOCIAL SKILLS

Teamwork teaches essential communication and social skills, such as active listening and effective speaking. When working as a team, students learn how to listen to their leaders and coaches in order to perform their individual roles. Students learn how to listen to one another in order to function as a cohesive unit. Teamwork teaches students how to respectfully and confidently express their ideas and opinions effectively in a group setting. It's important for students to recognize that speaking is not the same as talking. Speaking is about understanding how to communicate with an audience. The way in which a student speaks to other group members demonstrates her level of understanding and respect for others.



IMPROVES SELF-CONFIDENCE

Teamwork teaches students that their voices are respected and valued. Knowing that she will be heard helps build a student's self-confidence, while encouraging further participation in group activities. This becomes a self-sustaining cycle: participation in team activities teaches students how to be better communicators, which in turn helps every member of the team feel valued and respected. As a result, even the most introverted and quietest members of the team can become active participants and learn to enjoy team activities.



REDUCES BULLYING

One of the biggest benefits of teamwork is its potential to dramatically reduce the effects of bullying on students. When a student knows she is valued and respected by others, she will be able to rise above the hurtful acts or comments of a bully. Being a part of a team that genuinely cares about its members will also give a student a strong support system. Ultimately, team members tend to stick together outside of collaborative settings (like sports practice and clubs), which means they can support one another in challenging settings. Furthermore, the self-confidence from team activities may empower a student to stand up for other victims of bullying who may not have a similar support system.



SETS STUDENTS UP FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

The benefits of teamwork almost always translate into success outside the classroom. There are very few career paths that operate in isolation. As an employee in almost any industry, people are required to work closely with others. That's why employers prefer to hire people who have demonstrated their ability to work as a part of a team. Introducing students to collaborative environments early in their school experiences presents opportunities for them to be more productive and joyful as they work with others in a team-based environment. This satisfaction will be reflected in their job performance and career advancement.

How to Teach Teamwork Skills to Students

AT HOME

Successful teamwork begins with great communication skills. If you want to teach these skills to your students, lead by example. Listen carefully to what she says and make sure you communicate with her in a clear, respectful manner. Family activities such as board games and cooking are great for teaching important social skills such as collaboration, compromise, and respect.

AT SCHOOL

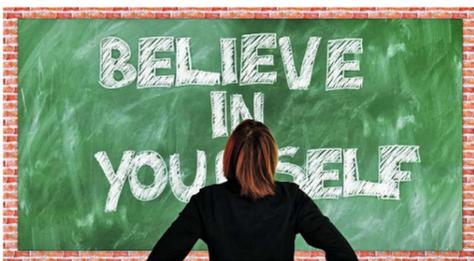


School is the perfect place to develop your student's teamwork skills. She should have plenty of opportunities to develop her listening and speaking skills during partner activities and group projects. Team sports, school plays, and debate teams are also great experiences for learning how to be a part of a team. Don't underestimate the impact that a qualified, professional instructor or coach can have on your student's enjoyment of team activities.

5 WAYS TO DEVELOP SELF-DISCIPLINE

By Sean Barcellona

Self-discipline: the ability to control one's feelings and overcome one's weaknesses; the ability to pursue what one thinks is right despite temptations to abandon it – much easier said than done, right? The ability to be disciplined is so important in life, but it is also a difficult thing to maintain day in and day out. The good news is that we are all capable of becoming self-disciplined; it just takes a positive attitude, toughness and persistence. Here are five ways to become more self-disciplined.



CLEARLY DEFINE YOUR GOALS

What do you want to accomplish? What steps are you going to take to reach that goal? What do you need to do differently in order to succeed? Before you begin to work toward a goal, you need to ask yourself these questions. Developing a clear path to your goals is vital to success. It will keep you focused and allow you to monitor your progress. If you fail to define success and the steps you need to take to get there, it becomes much easier to get sidetracked and lose sight of what you are working towards. Define what will make you successful and remind yourself of it every day!

START SMALL

We live in a society of instant gratification: We want things now, and we don't want to be kept waiting. Unfortunately, self-discipline is not something you can develop overnight. It's a long-term process that takes daily practice and repetition. Think of self-discipline as a mountain. When we stand at the bottom and look up, it can be pretty intimidating. Feelings of anxiety, fear and doubt can sink in and overwhelm us if we put too much focus on getting to the top.

FIND YOUR REASON

In order to be successful, you have to find your 'why'. Your 'why' is your purpose, what drives you, what inspires you, what keeps you going when you feel like giving up and what picks you back up when you get knocked down. Ask yourself right now, why do you do what you do? Whether it's family, health, business, inspiring others or simply proving to yourself that you are capable – when you give your dreams a deeper meaning, it will propel you towards your goal faster.

LEARN HOW TO CONTROL YOUR MIND

How well do you know yourself? Do you know your strengths, weaknesses? Do you know what situations you thrive in or what makes you anxious? If not, reflect and get to know yourself. Before you can take command of your mind, you have to understand it. If you want to become more self-disciplined, it's not always about overcoming temptations – you have to be self-aware and put yourself in the best position to succeed. That means removing yourself from tempting situations whenever possible. If you want to stop eating out, start meal prepping before each week begins. If you want to stop checking your phone often, turn off notifications and find a healthy activity to focus on instead. The fewer distractions we have, the more we can focus on our goals.

ACCEPT FAILURES AND SHORTCOMINGS

Failure is scary. Most people try to avoid it throughout life. But that can prevent us from trying new things, make us think we're not good enough and make us reluctant to try again. The fact is that no one can avoid failure; it's just a part of life. No matter how talented or famous a person is, we all experience it. The difference between the ones who achieve their goals and the ones who don't is persistence. The only thing that will stop you is yourself – you need to pursue your goals relentlessly. Don't let yourself be consumed by negative thoughts when things don't go your way. Instead of getting discouraged when you fail, accept that it happened, take what lessons you can from the experience and keep moving forward.

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Top podcasts that every woman leader must listen to

BEYOND THE BUSINESS SUIT

Host Kailie Carr created this podcast to shed light on the "secret weapons" of successful women, examining the hidden things that can help or hinder a career. She mixes interviews with authors, industry experts, successful women, and career coaches with tips on branding, image, productivity, and leadership. One stand-out episode features Minda Harts, author of 'The Memo: What Women of Color Need to Know to Secure a Seat at the Table'. Harts describes her feelings frequently being the only black woman in professional settings and dealing with microaggressions. This led her to create The Memo, a platform that gives women of color career tips and resources.



PICK OF THE WEEK

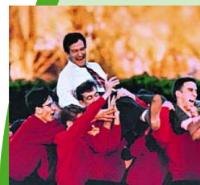


HBR IDEACAST

Co-hosted by Alison Beard, an editor at the 'Harvard Business Review', this podcast digs into a variety of workplace issues facing men and women, offering practical advice and some counter-intuitive takeaways. One great episode, "What Managers Get Wrong About Feedback", challenges the notion that feedback always improves performance; if you focus on eliminating people's weaknesses and rounding them out, you can miss out on people's exceptional talents.

3 INSPIRING MOVIES THAT WILL MOTIVATE YOU TO STUDY

1. DEAD POETS SOCIETY (1989)



Robin Williams is on top form as the iconoclastic John Keating, the unconventional English teacher who uses his love of poetry and classic literature to break down barriers at the oppressive Welton Academy. Keating inspires his young charges to 'seize the day', challenge the school's strict rules, and truly be themselves. The film is packed with emotionally-charged, touching scenes but the one that won't fail to make the hairs on your arm stand up is this one where Keating's students demonstrate what he means to them – "Oh Captain, My Captain..."

2. THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (2006)

'The Pursuit Of Happyness' is the amazing real-life tale of Chris Gardner who, with the power of hard work and perseverance, takes himself from sleeping on the subway all the way to the millionaire founder of his own brokerage house. Never missing an opportunity and studying hard, after a few years, Chris works his way up the career ladder from medical equipment salesman to financial hotshot. If there's one story that demonstrates that you should never give up, no matter how bad things get, it's Chris'.



3. GOOD WILL HUNTING (1997)



Matt Damon masterfully plays the eponymous role of Will Hunting, a 20-year-old mathematical prodigy with a rough past, a tendency for street fighting and run-ins with the law. The film shows how an underachiever can turn things around. Some of the most inspiring scenes are during Hunting's therapy sessions with psychologist Sean (Robin Williams), where as shown in this clip, we finally see his defenses come down and the genius within begins to shine.