

THE ORIGINALS



NOTABLE VICTORIES IN THE OLYMPICS FOR INDIA

~ *Manya Batra*

The Olympics, the most glamorous sports event, is being hosted by Japan this year. Although India does not always win with a large variety of medals as the other countries, it certainly did not fail to make us proud yet again by rightfully earning a gold medal in Javelin by renowned athlete Neeraj Chopra on Saturday. The fact that India currently has seven medals in various categories is absolutely heart-warming. Despite us not getting an award or a medal in each and every category, each participant from our country definitely deposits loads of hard work into their events. In this session, India has received one gold medal in javelin by Neeraj Chopra, one silver medal each in weightlifting by Mirabai Chanu and wrestling by Ravi Dahiya, and four bronze medals each in badminton by PV Sindhu, boxing by Lovlina Borgohain, the men's hockey team and wrestling by Bajrang Punia. Which is absolutely impeccable considering this is the first-ever gold medal that India has received in the category of Athletics. Many may not consider India as being a prime country for the Olympics, but with their own strategies and methods, India comes back home with at least one medal to showcase its ability to compete.

HONORING THE "MAGICIAN OF HOCKEY"

~ *Natasha Agarwal*

Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledged the nation's request and renamed "The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award" on Friday, 6th August 2021, labelling it now as "The Major Dhyhan Chand Khel Ratna Award". The decision to retitle the award accompanies the outstanding performance in the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games. The award honours sport persons for their spectacular performance at the international level over a period of four years, being the highest sporting honour in the nation. Major Dhyhan Chand was India's one of the foremost sportsperson and a brilliant field hockey player who brought honour and pride to India. He was known for his extraordinary goal-scoring triumphs, in addition to earning three Olympic Games, in 1928, 1932 and 1936. His influence extended beyond these victories, as India won the field hockey event in seven out of eight Olympics from 1928 to 1964. The acknowledgment of the tremendous player Dhyhan Chand is a boundless step by the government. Every year on his birthday, which is the 29th of August, National Sports Day is celebrated in India.

THE END OF AN ERA

~ *Stuti Borthakur*

Shocking is a word that can not fill the void of the brilliant soccer player, Lionel Messi, as he decides to not renew his contract with FC Barcelona. I would rather contemplate the word to be heart-breaking amongst the football fanatics. The footballer, an inspiration to many, has played in the club in the last 17 seasons with an impressive set of nearly 800 games. When revealed by the team (FC Barcelona) a new contract could not be dashed off because of financial and structural obstacles, but nonetheless, the club wholeheartedly expresses its gratitude for his contribution. Detailing his achievements could tie a knot of dissatisfaction in your stomach for life long as he has played 778 games, sets a score of 672 goals, 305 matches played, has 35 trophies in his pocket, and also achieved the one best FIFA Men's Players. Rumours have it that the soccer star tried to leave the team in August 2020 after a breakdown in his relationship with president Josep Maria Bartomeu but his want did get avoided as he was coerced to continue, but this season did come out as a finalised decision of leaving. His departure will significantly tick a historic moment for Barcelona, sending shivering thrills to the rest of the soccer world with the huge number of accomplishments under his belt.

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VICTORY AFTER SUFFERING

~ Zannat Chauhan

The Indian men's hockey team rewrote history as it claimed the bronze medal in the Olympics after 41 years, defeating Germany. Being the 12th Olympic medal in hockey for the Indian men's hockey team, the highest in games history, it is the first medal after the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. The eight-time former gold-winners, who battled a heart-breaking slump in the last four decades, made the resurgence of the last couple of years count in the best way possible with an Olympic medal. The Indian players fought like warriors and returned home as legends, having ended India's 41 years wait for an Olympic medal in hockey. They showed a lion-hearted performance and earned the victory back. The win showcased the Indian team's unending supply of grit and energy and outlined all the work put in while training in isolation for almost a year. The Indians made one of the most memorable comebacks in the history of the game, fighting back from a two-goal deficit to turn the match in their favour. There were tears and hugs on the field as the Indian hockey team led by Manpreet Singh and coached by Australian Graham Reid savoured the historic moment. It was not how good of a player they were, but the enthusiasm that flowed in them to bring the victory for India.

2 BATHROOMS OR 3?

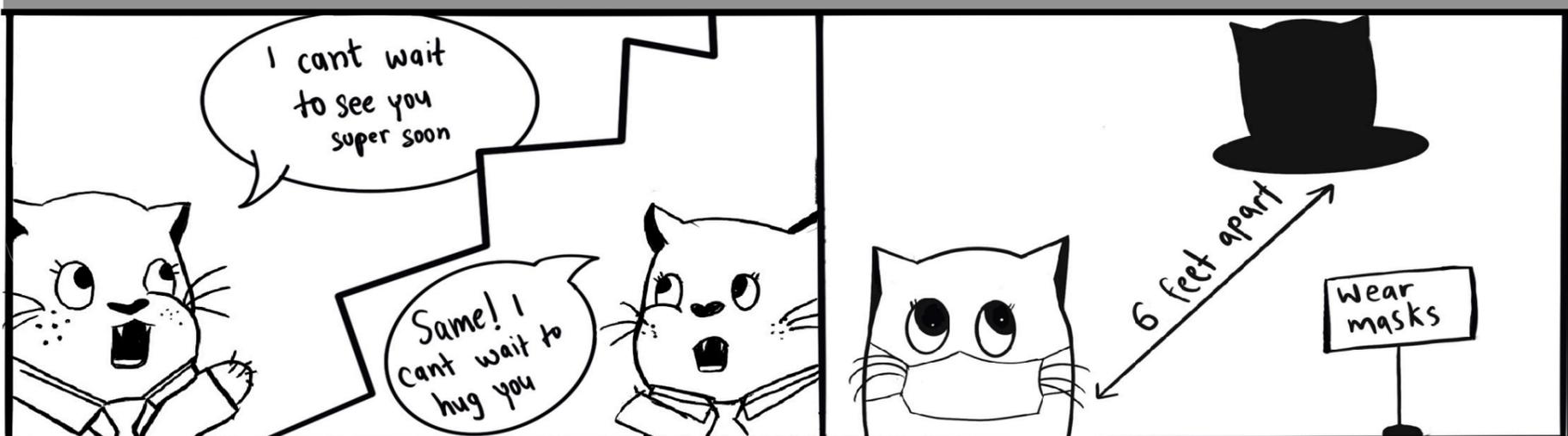
~ Gauri Garg

Imagine having to use a restroom but the building you are currently in does not have a restroom labelled with your gender. Imagine that you have to fear embarrassment every time you enter a public restroom. You just imagined the harsh reality the transgender and nonbinary community face every day. A common idea to solve this, is that transgender men can use men bathrooms and transgender women can use women bathrooms, and that there should be separate bathrooms for transgender and nonbinary people as a whole. As we all are fighting for our rights and equality, transgender men using male and women using female bathrooms is a good idea to achieve equality because every person should have their own right to choose their gender, as the gender assigned to them at birth is not always what the individual wants. Apart from this, it is actually a serious question for everyone out there reading this that should there be separate bathrooms for this community and are we doing enough for their rights and justice, or are we just subconsciously neglecting their rights by giving the so-called 'equality'? One may ponder over this.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- NASA projected that Indian coastal cities would be drowned by up to 2.7 feet by the end of the century, based on the IPCC report assessment.
- Turkey is currently experiencing its biggest forest fires in years, providing a glimpse into the future of climate change-related extreme weather. Severe heat waves and months of dry weather sparked the fires. According to the European Forest Fire Information Service, Turkey has burned about 525 square kilometres thus far.
- Taliban fighters in Afghanistan have taken control of eight provincial capitals in six days. US intelligence assessment warns that they could isolate the capital in 30 days, and potentially take over in 90 days.
- More than thousand Thai protesters clashed with police as they demonstrated against the inability of the Thai government to effectively deal with the virus, dealing majorly impact on its economy.

OODDLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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THE LITTERED LUNAR SURFACE

~ *Ishanvi Roy*

What is a budget?

Whatever it is, well, NASA may have lost theirs because they left 809 objects on the moon— more than the number of stars in the solar system—and then spent more of their budget to catalogue every single one of them into a neat list. In all, there are over 181436.948 kilograms worth of manmade material on the moon, because the Apollo program alone, which accounts for only a portion of the Moon’s trash, costs about \$100 billion in today’s dollars. You see, during the Apollo program astronauts landed on the moon in the 33,000 pound lunar module but they left the moon in the 10,300 pound ascent vehicle meaning that for each mission thousands of pounds of material was left on the moon.

You have to fight gravity when launching from the moon so they just had to leave everything unnecessary behind. That includes, six Apollo descent stages, six American flags, three packs of wet wipes, one bar of soap, six tongs, six throw up bags, and six gnomons, which I bet you did not know is the part of a sundial that casts the shadow. Also on the catalogue are 100 2-dollar bills, which Apollo 15 astronauts Dave Scott and Jim Irwin brought with them, but then they left them there, accidentally.

Luckily, they brought over 400 stamps to the moon as well with the intention of selling them but unluckily, this resulted in a big scandal that led to them losing their jobs.

Now there are 96 bags of feces, urine, and vomit, on the lunar surface. Also on the Moon are nail clippers, two pairs of earplugs, and a portrait of astronaut James

Irwin left by astronaut James Irwin. But don’t worry, NASA has also left some more useful stuff. For example, they left four retroreflectors, which are essentially scientific expensive mirrors, so they could measure how far the moon is from earth by timing how long it takes for a laser beam to return to earth. Through this, we have learned that the moon is moving away from earth by 3.8 centimeters each year.

Along with about a dozen other experiments, the astronauts brought some somber memorials to those that worked to get them there. All three Apollo 1 astronauts were killed during testing and so Apollo 11 brought and left their mission patch on the lunar surface. The fallen astronaut memorial was later left by Apollo 15 to honor the eight astronauts and six cosmonauts who died while advancing Man’s quest for the moon. What we do know is that whenever tourists first get to the moon, these 181436.948 kilograms of trash will turn into some of the coolest museums in existence.

HUBBUB IN THE STREETS

~ *Rose Arora*

A woman from Lucknow, identified as Priyadarshini Narayan Yadav, was encountered slapping a cab driver repeatedly in public on 30th July in a video that recently went viral on social media. She stated in an interview that she was crossing the road while the pedestrian traffic signal was green although the camera footage exposed that it was red. Even when a number of individuals, as well as a police official, tried to step in, the lady continued to abuse the cab driver. The 28-year-old woman claimed that she was only trying to defend herself; however, she damaged the man’s phone and car which cost around ₹60k in total. The cab driver said that her report was written down, but there was no hearing done for him. In return for the harm done to the cab driver, he only wished compensation for the respect that he lost.

RICHARD BRANSON

~ *Yurva Munshi*

A successful entrepreneur, Richard Branson started his journey and accomplished his motive of achieving this goal at a young age which made him a personality our youth looks up to. He is an English Business magnate, investor and author. Being the founder of the Virgin group which today manages more than 400 companies in various fields, his struggles were countless, yet he has earned his way to live a life of luxury and comfort. Branson has guest starred on several television shows, mostly playing the role as himself. For instance: “Friends”, “Baywatch”, “Only Fools and Horses”, “The Day Today” etc. Branson also made appearances during the late 1990s on BBC Saturday morning show “Live and Kicking”. Richard Branson also took many humanitarian initiatives by starting several non-profitable organisations

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Our Two Cents



CLIMATE CHANGE: A CONTROVERSY OF ITS OWN

Climate change is one of the most talked-about topics at the moment. I'm sure that most of us have encountered ads, brochures, etcetera, urging us to use paper bags and metal straws instead of poly-ethene bags or plastic straws, and most of us have actually started to do these things, doing our part in saving the planet we live on.

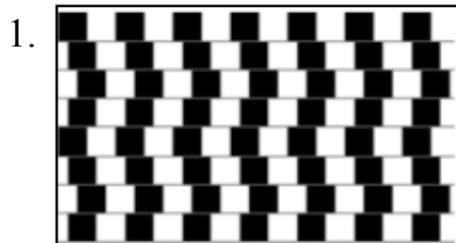
However, have you ever thought that this is not even remotely close to even a fraction of what we actually require to save the Earth? Not saying that you shouldn't do anything, by all means, go ahead, but the

point here is, the public has always been blamed as the sole cause of climate change, and not so surprisingly, the public agrees too. But, why have we never thought about how the major corporations and private companies using a large portion of the natural resources, which actually causes more damage than an individual would cause by using a plastic straw.

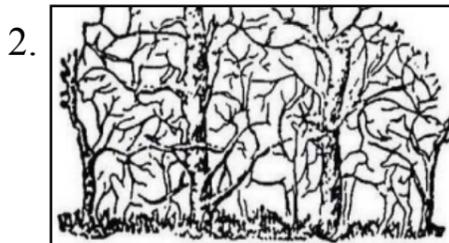
So, logically, climate change isn't majorly the common public's fault. It's the fault of the major natural resource-consuming bodies. Because let's be honest, between several individuals using metal straws and just one major corporation reducing the number of natural resources being exploited, which one will cause more change. But again, this doesn't mean that individuals shouldn't do anything about climate change. We have to compel these large companies to stop making the situation worse because no one wants to leave the next generation with toxic air and no food and water.

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

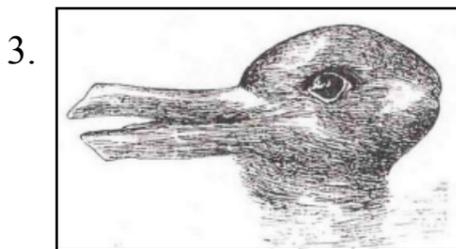
Look at the pictures and answer the questions



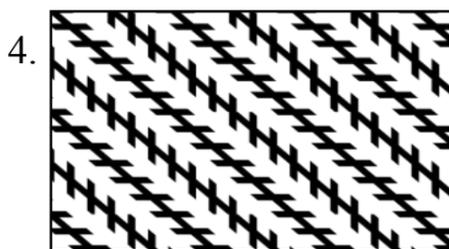
Are these lines parallel or not?



How many animals are there in this?



What do you see? A duck or Rabbit?



Are the black straight lines parallel or not?

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Push harder than yesterday, if you want a different tomorrow.

~ Anonymous

ANSWERS:
 1. Yes, they are parallel
 2. 8
 3. Both
 4. Yes, they are parallel



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