

ERUDITE

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Arati Saha: She was the first Asian woman to swim across the English Channel on September 29, 1959. She was just 19 at the time. She was born into a middle-class family in Kolkata. At the age of 4, she used to go with her uncle to Champatala Ghat to bathe and that was where she learned to swim. Arati's passion for swimming ensured that her progress in the sport was quick: between 1946 and 1951, she won 22 state-level competitions in swimming events. She dominated the nationals in 1948 and at the 1951 West Bengal state meet. She took part in the 1952 Olympics but did not manage a podium finish. In 1959, Arati swam and covered a large distance but eventually had to quit under pressure. Her next attempt proved to be successful just a month later, only 5 days after her 19th birthday. Arati put Indian swimming on the map and was an idol to many girls who took up the sport.

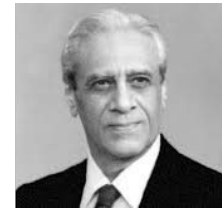


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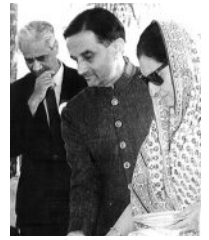


Google honours Arati Saha with a doodle

Satish Dhawan: He was the longest (and youngest) serving director of the Indian Institute of Science and the man who shaped India's space programme. He succeeded Vikram Sarabhai as the chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and was also the secretary to the government of India in the department of space. Under Dhawan's aegis, ISRO worked towards fulfilling Vikram Sarabhai's dream of using space science to address the development needs of India. Dhawan never took sole credit for his successful efforts and heaped praises on his team. He was also responsible for hand-picking young and dedicated professionals for ISRO, such as APJ Abdul Kalam to lead the project that developed SLV-3, Roddam Narasimha to lead the research being done at NAL, and UR Rao to head the team that made the country's first satellite, Aryabhata. The satellite launch centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, is named after this genius scientist. He was a true legend in every sense of the term.



Satish Dhawan



Satish Dhawan, Vikram Sarabhai and Indira Gandhi

NEWS HEADLINES

- An American commercial cargo spacecraft bound for the International Space Station has been named after fallen NASA astronaut Kalpana Chawla, the first India-born woman to enter space, for her key contributions to human spaceflight.
- Assam's only woman CM Syeda Anwara Taimur passes away in Australia at 83.
- India's Sandalwood trees are facing serious threats from Sandalwood Spike Disease.
- Cyanobacteria: Cause of death in 330 Botswana Elephants.
- Indian teenager Udit Singhal named in UN List of 2020 Class of Young Leaders for Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Libyan Prime Minister Fayez Serraj is to resign by the end of October 2020. The United Nations has welcomed his resignation.
- India opened its first exclusive private jet terminal at New Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport.
- Scientists Found Life Harbouring Gas on Venus.
- Beijing has imposed "reciprocal restrictions" on all American diplomats in China and Hongkong. This step was taken by China in response to restrictions imposed on its embassy staff in the United States.



Kalpana Chawla



Syeda Anwara Taimur



Udit Singhal



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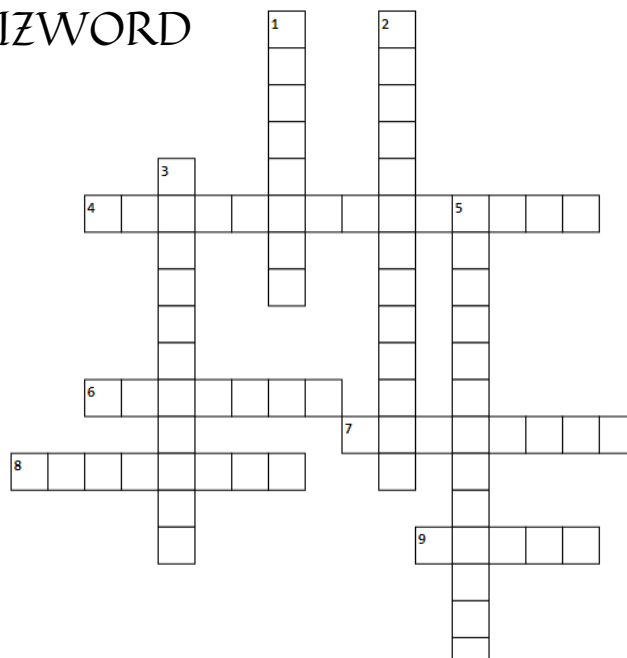
THE INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE (IPL) :

- Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli are the only Indians to win 'Most Valuable Player' awards.
- Broadcasting rights of IPL 2018 were sold for a whopping ₹16347.5 crore to Star India Network for 5 years. It means 1 ball costs around 21 Lakh Rupees.
- K.L. Rahul holds the record of fastest 50 (in 14 balls) and Chris Gayle holds the record of fastest 100 (in 30 balls) in IPL.
- Brad Hogg is the oldest player in the history of IPL. He was 45 old when he last played for KKR in IPL 2016.
- In 2015, Parthiv Patel became the first Indian player to play for 6 IPL franchises.
- Lakshmipathy Balaji was the first bowler to pick up a hat-trick in IPL in 2008.
- Lasith Malinga is the highest wicket-taker in IPL with a total of 170 wickets in 122 matches.
- Rohit Sharma is the only player to win IPL 5 times.
- Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) holds the record for most consecutive wins in a single season of IPL.
- Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) holds the record for making the highest and the lowest score in an IPL match.
- Piyush Chawla is the only bowler who has not bowled a no-ball till 386th over in IPL history.

Did you know?

- The first name of New York City was New Amsterdam.
- Godzilla is an 'Official' Citizen of Japan.
- The Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai offers its guests 24-carat gold iPads for the duration of their stay.
- The first public call made from an iPhone was by Steve Jobs. He called a Starbucks and ordered 4,000 lattes; then said 'just kidding' and hung up.
- Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Mussolini and Hitler, all suffered from ailurophobia, the fear of cats.
- McDonald's has a gold card that allows its users free and unlimited food forever. Warren Buffett and Bill Gates have one.
- Phone throwing is an official sport in Finland.

QUIZWORD



Across

- One of Mumbai's best known theatres built by Shashi Kapoor and Jennifer Kapoor in memory of Shashi's father
- Indian sprinter from the state of Assam who holds the current Indian national record in 400 metres with a timing of 50.79s
- Historical fort built by Akbar which offers a full and majestic view of Taj Mahal where Shah Jahan spent eight years of his imprisonment and it is said that he died here
- The Bollywood actor who has been conferred the prestigious SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award
- Second brightest natural object in the night sky after the Moon

Down

- the name of this country is derived from Sanskrit for a garland of islands due to its appearance, with official languages such as Divehi and a parliament called "People's Majlis"
- The son of a strawberry farmer who has become Japan's new prime minister
- Football's second billionaire after Cristiano Ronaldo
- The first person to climb Mount Everest 10 times

Answers to the AUGUST edition:

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| 1. Varanasi | 2. United Arab Emirates | 3. Rani Ki Vav | 4. Kamala Harris |
| 5. Kohima | 6. Clarence Seedorf | 7. Lewis Hamilton | 8. Brahmaputra |
| 9. Non-cooperation | 10. Internet Explorer | 11. James Anderson | |

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