

ERUDITE

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- Diego Maradona:** As a teenager, Maradona helped Argentina to victory in the 1979 FIFA World Youth Championships in Japan. Maradona made his World Cup debut in 1982 in Spain. He represented Napoli as well, where he helped Napoli to the Italian title twice. Regarded as one of the greatest goals of all time, against England in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, Maradona dribbled past nearly half the England team before slotting the ball into the net. It was later voted the "Goal of the Century" by a FIFA poll. This same match is also famous for Maradona's 'Hand of God' goal. It was he who led Argentina to win the 1986 World Cup. The 1994 World Cup in the USA was a fall from grace for Maradona after he tested positive in a drugs test during the tournament. Later, he was expelled from the World Cup by FIFA. Bouncing back after one health scare after another, Maradona took over as the coach of Argentina ahead of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. As he approached 60, Maradona's health issues flared up again as he underwent emergency surgery for a subdural haematoma in 2020. He died of a heart attack on November 25, 2020, to leave the world of sport mourning the loss of one of the greatest football players of all time.
- Legendary Indian actor Soumitra Chatterjee,** famed for his work with Oscar-winning director Satyajit Ray, has died from Covid complications. Chatterjee, who starred in over 300 movies, was an accomplished playwright, actor and poet. He began acting when he was in school, where he starred in several plays. He was in college when a friend introduced him to Satyajit Ray - it was a chance meeting, but it eventually led to Chatterjee's film debut. Ray mentored him, lending him books on cinema and often taking him to watch Sunday morning shows of Hollywood films in Kolkata. Over the years, Chatterjee worked with leading directors like Tapan Sinha and Aparna Sen. In 1988, Chatterjee worked with John Hurt and Hugh Grant in *The Bengali Night*, a film set in Kolkata. Adoor Gopalakrishnan, one of India's greatest filmmakers, said that on-screen, Chatterjee "became the quintessential Bengali - intellectually inclined, of middle-class orientation, sensitive and likeable". Outside films, Chatterjee was tirelessly creative: he edited a literary magazine, published over 30 books of essays and poetry; acted, directed and wrote an equal number of plays; and painted. For all his popularity, Chatterjee stayed away from Bollywood, preferring to act in Bengali language films. Chatterjee was also awarded the Dada Saheb Phalke Award, the highest honour in Indian cinema, and France's highest award, the Legion of Honour.



NEWS HEADLINES

- Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi dies aged 84.
- Delhi Crime wins International Emmy Award for Best Drama series.
- Malayalam film 'Jallikattu' has been selected as India's official entry for the Best International Feature Film category for the 93rd Academy Awards.
- Konkana Sen's 'A Monsoon Date' wins Best Short Film Award at Indian Film Festival Of Cincinnati.
- The luxury Italian brand, Boarini Milanesi, has launched the world's most expensive bag at €6 million (approximately ₹53 crores).
- India to wear retro 1992 World Cup jersey for Australia series.
- Hardik Pandya sets the Indian record for taking fewest balls to score 1,000 ODI runs.
- After being issued a "final warning" by New Zealand Cricket and New Zealand government for breaching COVID-19 protocols that led to six Pakistani cricketers getting coronavirus, a seventh player has tested COVID-19 positive
- To curb air pollution amid pandemic, Mizoram bans the use of fireworks on Christmas & New Year.
- Pictures of pink flowers covering water bodies in and around Kerala's Avala Pandi village have gone viral on social media.



Richie Mehta, Director of 'Delhi Crime'



Tarun Gogoi



Konkana Sen



World's most expensive bag



Hardik Pandya in retro 1992 World Cup jersey

WORLD LEADERS:

- **The DJ who became Africa’s Youngest President:** Andry Rajoelina, the President of Madagascar from 2009 to 2014, became the youngest African president as he came into office at the age of thirty-four years. However, along with his age, his musical inclinations too became the talk of the town. Rajoelina was a disk jockey in his teen years, providing music at clubs and parties.
- **Father-son Handstand:** A little over half a century ago, former Prime Minister of Canada and Justin Trudeau’s father, Pierre Trudeau, was photographed doing a handstand to kill time on the banks of Yukon’s Nahanni River in 1970. Some years back, the current Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, was also photographed doing the same pose.
- **The American President who entered the ‘Hall of Fame’ for wrestling:** Abraham Lincoln, other than championing the cause of African slaves, also managed to do admirable things on the side. It is claimed that Lincoln could bust quite some moves in a wrestling ring. Out of about 300 matches, Lincoln is known to have lost only one. His wrestling prowess was later acknowledged by the Wrestling Hall of Fame, which he entered with the prestigious title of “Outstanding American”.
- **The Dutch Prime Minister who rides a bicycle to work:** The Prime Minister of Netherland since 2010, Mark Rutte, visits and leaves his office on a bicycle. He insists on following the practice even when he is on a state visit. In 2013, the Prime Minister visited Israel and used a bicycle as his mode of transport. In fact, Rutte is hardly ever seen as part of convoys or automobile parades.



Andry Rajoelina



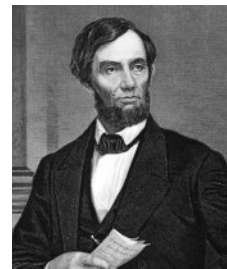
Pierre Trudeau



Justin Trudeau



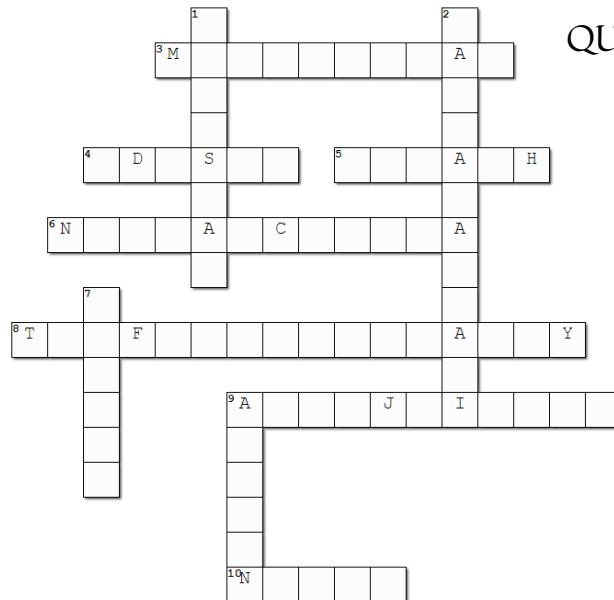
Mark Rutte



Abraham Lincoln

Did you know?

- Despite Bill Gates' immense wealth, his children will only inherit \$10 million each, with rest going to charity.
- George Bush and Saddam Hussein both had their shoe handmade by the same Italian shoemaker.
- Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
- The youngest Pope was 11 years old.
- Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson has his own motivational alarm clock app, which fans can download. It has no snooze button.
- Rowan Atkinson, best known as Mr Bean, had a brush with death while flying over Africa in 2001 when his private plane’s pilot fainted. Atkinson had to take the controls despite never having flown a plane before. The pilot regained consciousness and landed the plane.
- After Dr Seuss wrote The Cat in the Hat using just 225 different words, his publisher bet he could not write a book with even fewer. Dr Seuss won the bet by writing Green Eggs and Ham, which uses just 50 words.



QUIZWORD

Across:

- Which is the world’s fastest-growing city in terms of population, according to the recent Economist Intelligence Unit report?
- “Raja Parba”, a festival seen in the news recently, is celebrated in which state?
- The Union Tribal Affairs Ministry of India has proposed 6th Schedule Area status to which Union Territory of India?
- Indian javelin-thrower who has recently qualified for the Tokyo Olympics after the ANEC meet at South Africa.
- Which web-series recently made a Guinness World Record in ‘the largest Indian Cinematic Music Band’ category?
- The National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM) will be renamed after which former Union Minister?
- Which country recently set a Guinness World Record for the highest altitude fashion show event ever held?

Down:

- Teenage cricketer Naseem Shah recently became the youngest person to get a hat trick in Test cricket. He belongs to which country?
- Indian cueist who won the title at the Senior National Billiards Championship, which was his career’s 33rd National title.
- India’s First War Memorial for Service Animals is to be set up in which city?
- Which company has recently announced to invest \$1 billion to digitise Small and Medium Businesses in India?

Answers to the OCTOBER edition:

1. Panipat 2. Manipur 3. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru 4. Silverstone 5. Harshavardhana
 6. Alice Walton 7. Junko Tabei 8. B.R. Ambedkar Park 9. Nandighosa 10. Dhyani Chand 11. Samsung

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