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**1 IN THIS ISSUE:** Read excerpts of the book 'How the Onion Got Its Layers' by Sudha Murty on page 2. **LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK COULD HAPPEN IN THE OTHER CHAPTERS...**

**2 HAVE YOU REGISTERED ON THE SITE?** If not, do so now. Also read our story: <https://toistudent.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/top-news/student-builds-uv-racket-that-kills-coronavirus/49789.html> by clicking ON THE LINK

**3 YOUR CORNER:** Have activities or paintings to share? Or do you want to write something on the lockdown situation? Be our Times NIE reporter; send matter to [timesnie175@gmail.com](mailto:timesnie175@gmail.com)

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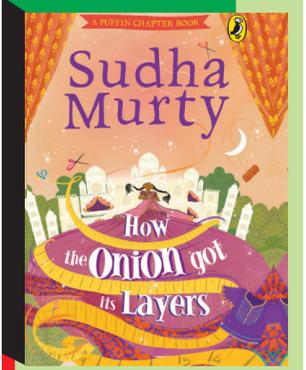
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WEB EDITION

**WORLD BOOK & COPYRIGHT DAY 2020**

This World Book and Copyright Day, Puffin Books brings to you a book for young readers by Sudha Murty. Titled 'How the Onion Got its Layers', this is available in e-book and audiobook formats. **KINDLE LINK:** [https://www.amazon.in/dp/B087BVBTLQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=B087BVBTLQ&qid=1587387112&sr=8-](https://www.amazon.in/dp/B087BVBTLQ/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=B087BVBTLQ&qid=1587387112&sr=8-) Exclusive excerpt on page 2. Start reading!



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LET US TAKE A PLEDGE

**3 REASONS why you shouldn't copy works of others**

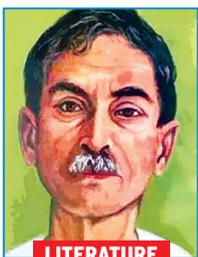
**1** It's stealing and lying. Stealing and lying are wrong, remember? Stealing someone else's words and putting your own name on these words is wrong.

**2** Writing skills. You need them. Trust me: Jobs where you don't need to know how to be a proficient writer are few and far between these days.

**3** Consequences: Check your school's policies about plagiarism: It might involve failing an assignment, failing a class, or worse. Usually, getting caught cheating multiple times means suspension or expulsion. It's not worth it.

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**NOW YOU CAN FIND... HINDI LITERATURE ON WHATSAPP**



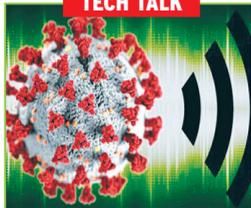
A publishing house is offering poetry, stories, excerpts from classic novels in Hindi language on readers' Whatsapp accounts, during the lockdown. The PDF contains about 50 pages of Hindi literature which includes excerpts from novels by authors Munshi Premchand, Fanishwarnath Renu and Jaishankar Prasad. Access: Send a Whatsapp on 9810802875 to receive the PDF.

LITERATURE

**ODD NEWS: THE SOUND OF CORONAVIRUS**

US scientists have translated the novel coronavirus spiked protein structure to music in an effort to better understand the pathogen. Researchers assigned each amino acid - the building blocks of the protein - a unique note. An algorithm then converted these notes into music. Professor Markus Buehler at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology believes the tune offers a more intuitive way for people to comprehend the protein. The composition runs nearly an hour and 50 minutes and has been uploaded to the SoundCloud website.

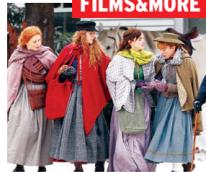
TECH TALK



**YOU CAN SOON STREAM GRETA GERWIG'S 'LITTLE WOMEN'**

Greta Gerwig's Oscar nominated film 'Little Women' will have its India digital premiere on Amazon Prime Video on April 26. Directed and written by Gerwig, the film is an adaptation of the classic, coming-of-age novel by Louisa May Alcott.

FILMS&MORE



**NEWS IN BRIEF**

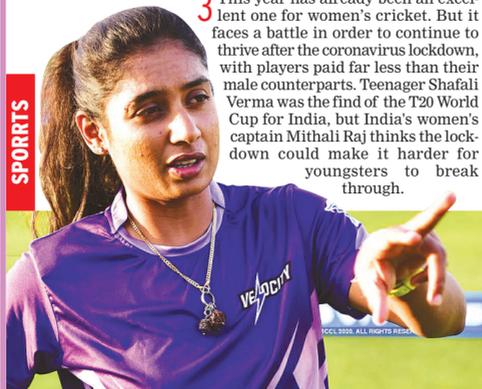
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**WHAT NOW FOR CRICKET IN 2020?**

We take a look at what could happen next for cricket in 2020:

- 1 The International Cricket Council (ICC) admitted that it was "exploring all options" about the T20 World Cup, despite playing down reports that it could be pushed back until 2021.
- 2 The Indian Premier League, has been indefinitely suspended, while the inaugural edition of The Hundred in England and Wales is appearing increasingly unlikely to go ahead as planned.
- 3 This year has already been an excellent one for women's cricket. But it faces a battle in order to continue to thrive after the coronavirus lockdown, with players paid far less than their male counterparts. Teenager Shafali Verma was the find of the T20 World Cup for India, but India's women's captain Mithali Raj thinks the lockdown could make it harder for youngsters to break through.

SPORTS



**UNITED NATIONS CALLS FOR SCALING UP EFFORTS TO CONFRONT PANDEMIC**



POLICIES

The resolution requests UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to work with the World Health Organisation and recommend options to ensure timely and equitable access to testing, medical supplies, drugs and future coronavirus vaccines for all in need, especially in developing countries.

**ON EARTH DAY, PM HAILS ALL THOSE WORKING TO DEFEAT COVID-19**



NEWS

On International Day of Mother Earth, we all express gratitude to our planet for the abundance of care & compassion," PM Modi wrote on Twitter. He said let us pledge to work towards a cleaner, healthier and a more prosperous planet. "A shout out to all those working at the forefront to defeat Covid-19," he said.

**EURASIAN ICE SHEET COLLAPSE RAISED SEAS EIGHT METRES: STUDY**

The Eurasian ice sheet - which covered much of Scandinavia - contained approximately three times the amount of frozen water held in the modern-day Greenland ice sheet. But rapid regional warming saw the ice sheet collapse over a period of just 500 years, according to authors of the study published in Nature Geoscience.



ENVIRONMENT

**Global prescription for sick economy**

**AUSTRALIA TO GOOGLE & FB: COMPENSATE MEDIA OUTLETS:** The Australian government said that Google and Facebook would have to pay media outlets for news content in the country, part of an emerging global effort to rescue local publishers by compelling tech giants to share their advt. revenue.

**AMERICA LOOKS AT AID:** The White House and congressional Democrats on Sunday closed in on an agreement for a \$450 billion economic relief package to replenish a depleted emergency fund for small businesses.

Countries are finding ways and means to recover and heal the trauma caused to businesses by COVID19



**EUROPEAN CAR SALES FALL THE MOST IN DECADES:** European automakers are eager to get their assembly lines rolling again. The companies will be conducting an experiment - whether it is possible to run a factory without exposing workers to infection.

**INDIANS ARE OPTIMISTIC:** Three in five Indians are optimistic of an early economic recovery post lifting of the lockdown, according to a survey. The survey placed India as being the third-most optimistic market.

**X PLAINED Negative crude oil price**

**What:** The price of a barrel of crude oil plunged below US\$0 a barrel on April 20 for the first time in history, a troubling sign of a global energy glut.

**How:** The price varies based on factors such as supply, demand and quality.

Supply of fuel has been above demand since the coronavirus forced people to stop traveling. Because of oversupply, tanks for WT(West Texas intermediate, a benchmark in oil pricing) are becoming so full it's difficult to find space.

**F**or cash-strapped airlines, the decline in crude prices will make it cheaper to operate flights that are already nearly empty. As much as 30 million barrels per day - what used to be 30% of global demand - has been pumped into storage worldwide in the past two or three months. Even if demand were to return, it would take a long time to burn off all that stored crude.



**Turn disaster into opportunity**

We can't let this disaster go waste. We have learnt much in the last few weeks. We now know that we can build hospitals in a matter of days, we can design and manufacture new equipment in weeks. We know we have improved in managing disasters, we can release billions for our poor, our healthcare infrastructure is inadequate and we all love our planet," states Alpesh Patel, a tech entrepreneur and author of the book 'Chalta Hai India'. Patel finds a silver lining amidst the crisis and talks about the opportunities which may arise from this pandemic. Here are his top four

**Improving healthcare**

This pandemic should be a wakeup call to start focusing on building a good quality healthcare system for the masses. By allocating investments towards this, the government can also boost the economy and generate employment. Governments should build a state-wise healthcare index, setup healthcare knowledge exchange forums for states. The pharma players should move towards high-end activities like vaccine development.

**Disaster management**

Handling of coronavirus indicates India has gradually improved in managing disasters. UN has often praised disaster management capabilities of Odisha. Other states need to replicate and institutionalise these capabilities.

**Make in India**

India is overly dependent on supplies from China. China has in-



ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE

Tapping these opportunities will not be easy as it will call for perseverance, courage, reforms and collaboration with world leaders. But if we can continue to operate in 'war mode' even after coronavirus is defeated, we can aspire to achieve these. This disaster has offered us yet another opportunity

created its trade surplus from under a billion dollar in 2001 to a massive \$63 billion in 2017-18. We need to find ways to start producing the goods imported from China locally.

**Tackling China**

India should offer itself as a balancing force and push harder for a permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.



**Study: More women than ever are directing major films**

From the earliest days of Hollywood, women directors have been staggeringly outnumbered by men. While that still holds true, in 2019 there was a notable shift. According to new research, more than 10% of the directors on last year's top films were women, more than twice as many as in 2018 and the highest number in over a decade. The top-grossing films featuring female directors in 2019 included 'Captain Marvel,' 'Frozen II,' 'Hustlers,' 'Abominable,' 'Little,' 'Little Women,' and 'Queen & Slim.'

The study by the Annenberg Inclusion Initiative at the University of Southern California, found that of 113 directors attached to last year's top 100 films, 12 were women, compared with just five in 2018. Examining the 1,300 top films from 2007 through to 2019, the Annenberg researchers found that on average just 4.8% of directors were women, yet that spiked to 10.6% in 2019.