Uttarakhand Relief Operations

ITBP, NDRF, SDRF, Indian Army, and other forces pitch in to help

Delhi, Feb 10: On Sunday morning, a part of a glacier broke off and travelled downhill from Chamoli, a district in Uttarakhand, India.

Immediately, people downstream from the flow were evacuated and warned. Since a glacier had broken, a huge mass of snow, slush, and boulders travelled downhill without warning.

13 villages are now cut off from the mainland. Rations are dropped at a central village (Lata) by helicopter, and from there, ITBP jawans travel by foot to deliver them to the villagers.

In a unique operation, the Indian Air Force, special divers of the Indian Navy, and the Indian Army – all 3 units of the Armed Forces have come together to provide relief to people after the floods. Uttar Pradesh has sent 3 ministers to help.

Alert operator averts attack on water treatment plant

Oldsmar (Florida, US), Feb 10: What happens to waste water? In most cities today, that water goes to a central waste-water treatment facility. At that place, the water is purified using chemicals. Many of these water treatment plants are now smart – meaning that computers are used to determine how much cleaning chemical should be used to purify the water. On February 5th, an unidentified hacker was able to enter this system of Oldsmar city and change the value of the cleaning chemical.

Lye (sodium hydroxide) is the main cleaning chemical in water treatment plants. The hacker changed the value of the lye to be used from 100 parts per million (ppm) to 11,100 ppm. This would have led to poisoning of the water. The action took just 5 minutes. But, an alert operator observed that the mouse pointer was moving and someone was accessing the system remotely. Immediately, the operator changed the value back to safe levels and no harm was done.
The Rann of Kutch is a large area of salt marshes between India and Pakistan. The area of the Rann is 27,450 km². It is very close to the sea. The climate of the place is very hot and dry. In summers, the average temperature goes up to 48° Celsius. The winters here are cold and average temperature during this time ranges between 12°C – 25°C.

The Rann of Kutch is divided into two parts:
1. The Great Rann of Kutch
2. The Little Rann of Kutch

**The Great Rann of Kutch** is one of the largest salt deserts worldwide. It is situated in Kutch, Gujarat. Both the summers and winters are extreme here. The Northern boundary forms the international border between India and Pakistan. The Tropic of Cancer also passes through a place nearby. Pink flamingos migrate from Central Asia for breeding in winters.

**The Little Rann of Kutch** is also a salt desert and is the smaller part of the Rann of Kutch. It is home to a lot of tourist attractions. It is also a place of economic importance in Gujarat because of the huge salt industry here.

**The Rann Utsav**

Every year, the Rann Utsav is organized in the Great Rann of Kutch.

It is usually held from November to December. This year, the fest started from 12 November 2020 and will end on 28 February 2021. 26th – 28th will be beautiful as that is full moon time. It is possible to book tickets online for this event at [https://www.rannutsav.com/](https://www.rannutsav.com/).

Even if someone wants to stay there, he/she can stay in the tent city.

A lot of cultural programs are held during this time. One can also experience the folk dances of Gujarat - Garba and Dandiya. People have an opportunity to experience a variety of adventure sports and can have the traditional Gujarati thali.

There are various tourist destinations nearby like the Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary, Mandvi Beach, Vijay Vilas Palace, Koteshwar Mahadev Temple and Kala Dungar. Kala Dungar is the highest peak in Kutch from where a panoramic view of the Great Rann is possible.

Here are the glimpses of the Rann of Kutch and the nearby tourist attractions.
Butterfly by Raksha K Anchan

Sin said “Cos is a thief
“I'm sorry I trusted him”
Cos pointed fingers at Tan
“He’s the one with a name
rhyming with detergent
Blame him if you must”
Tan just gave them a haughty look
And turned his back.

Sin cried for hypot
Which Cos had stole.
While, Cos consoled him
Saying “you've still got your opp on top”
Sniffling Sin sighed,
“Yes and you your adjacent too”

And then they fought,
For Tan had stolen
Their opp and then adj
While they shared the hypot.

Trigonometric Ratios by Ananya Singh

Rice Art by Syed Muqeed Ali

Mr. Bow’s Quote
So, is procrastination a dish best served later?

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**Wisdom from the Ages: Sanskrit**

पणिद्वारे हि वर्ष शान्ति मूकों हितकारकः

Pandito Hi varam Shatrum moorkho hitkaarak:

**Meaning:** Better to have a wise person (pandit) as an enemy (shatru) rather than a stupid person (moorkh) as a wellwisher.

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**Hindi Muhavara**

पीठ पीछे, पीठ पर वार

Peeth Peechhe, Peeth Par Vaar

**Meaning:** Peeth Peechhe: Behind someone’s back
Peeth par vaar: To Backstab

**Usage:** किसी की पीठ पीछे कोई निर्णय लेना, या किसी को धोखा दे कर पीठ पर वार करना, ये दोनों काम कायर हैं, राजाओं के नहीं।

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**Tamil Proverbs**

By Vanitha Ananthan

பெருஞ்சக்கர கோரும் முன்னே கொள்போர்?
Pon karuthalum mattru kurayuma?

Gold, even when faded, will not lose its value. Likewise, worthy people will not diminish in value over a period of time.

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**Picture Puzzle**

Shubhangi Dash, Aashi Gupta, Vanshika Kaushal, Jay Phulmamdikar, Jigyasa Joshi, Ahana Narlikar, Prachitee Santosh Mohite

**Special Mention:** Archana Misra, Shaurya Sadafale

**Vocabulary Whiz**

Aashi Gupta, Mrinmoy Halder

**Riddle**

Mrinmoy Halder

**All 3**

Sneha Vikram Vedpathak, Priyansh Jain, Shivam Singh

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**Write your gratitude in stone**

*And your sorrows in sand.*

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**Brother-hood by Mohd. Omar Malik**

Years ago, when my wish of brother-hood
Finally came true!
I was completely full of pride
As I finally had someone to guide.
The little person, very frail
grew up to be hearty and hale.
He is extremely dear to all.
All gather on his single call.
I share the joy of living with him
Playing, dancing & fighting with him.
Finally, he’s now grown up……
after ripping up my homework
and tearing up my classwork

All my toys I need to share
My mom and dad too, that’s not fair.
But still, I’m glad I’m blessed with brotherhood.

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**Veervaar Vijeta**

By Vanitha Ananthan

Veeravar Vijeta

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Editorial

My Dear Little Stars

What is the best thing that has happened to you this week? Think think! Was it a good chat with a friend? A story that someone told you? Meeting someone nice? Or, perhaps, a special dish that someone made for you? Send us the best thing that happened to you this week. It will bring a smile to our faces, and we will, perhaps, also do a feature on these things next week.

Here are your answers for last week:

Picture Puzzle
C (Madhya Pradesh) is the only land-locked state. D (Gujarat) is the only state with an international border. Both answers are correct.

Vocabulary Whiz
This one had more than one error. The right sentence is:

Miraculous ladybug is the 9th best rated cartoon series worldwide.

Riddle
विषकुम्भ पयोमुखम्
Vishakumbham – Pot of poison
Payomukham – With the appearance of milk.
Some people are like the pot of poison with the appearance of milk.

Today’s vocabulary whiz idea is by Amey Haldankar. Why don’t you also send us some nice ideas for Veervar Vijeta?

Enjoy the edition.
Love,

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Let’s Scrabble
By Archana Aggarwal

Hola amigos
Welcome back to our anagreamming exercise. GOOD WORK readers on AE (2). This week we solve words which keep us healthy and glowing.

AE(3)
1  AELPP 11 ACIOPRT
2  AEGPR 12 ACEHP
3  AEGNOR 13 AEELMNORTW
4  AAABNN 14 AGMNO
5  IIKW 15 FGI
6  CEHRRY 16 CHEELY
7  AAAPPY 17 AEFGIPRRTU
8  ELMNO 18 AAACDOV
9  AEPR 19 AAGUV
10  LMPU 20 CCNOOTU

Solutions of AE(2)
1  DOG 11 KOALA 21 LIZARD
2  CAT 12 LLAMAD 22 PONY
3  TIGER 13 PENGUIN 23 WOLF
4  HORSE 14 HYENA 24 RABBIT
5  BEAR 15 SEALION 25 SHEEP
6  HOUSE 16 KANGAROO
7  DONKEY 17 GIRAFFE
8  MOUSE 18 SQUIRREL
9  ELEPHANT 19 SLOTH
10  ZEBRA 20 LION

Keep your solutions coming. See you all next week with another exciting bunch of anagrams.
Adios

The Curious Case of Koo
Delhi, Feb 10: Last week, the Government of India and Twitter had a disagreement. Twitter refused to remove content flagged by the government of India. The government shot off a warning letter to Twitter, but the major ministers and bureaucrats also shifted to Koo, an India-based alternative to Twitter that is available as an app. The fight is ongoing, and we hope to cover this in detail soon.
What is wrong with this sentence:

We can’t wait to reaching home.

A         B
C      D

Three of these images form a set. One is not a part of that set. Which is the odd one out. Why?

Send your answers for all Veervar Vijeta challenges to tcpedit@gmail.com

Vocabulary Whiz!

What do you think this means:

को विदेश: सविद्यानाम्

Riddle: To Win, Just Guess!

To be a Veervar Vijeta in this category, you just have to send us a guess. It doesn’t have to be right! Just guess and send!

What do you think this means:

Kala Dungar

Vijay Vilas Palace

This is the place where the king of Mandvi lives. Shooting of a lot of Bollywood films has been done here.
Morocco, Feb 10: The final event in the Grand Prix was the Trap Mixed team (one male and one female team member). The first place went to Alberto Fernandez and Fatima Galvez from Spain. The silver and bronze both went to Russia. The silver was won by Daria Semianova and Maxim Kabatskiy. The bronze went to Luliia Saveleva and Sergei Glukhov. The Russian Federation has won 3 gold, 1 silver, and 3 bronze. Spain is close behind with 1 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze. Qatar and UAE have one medal each to their credit.

Junior Reading Corner: Pet
By Atharva Dangi

Do you know what I want to get?
Maybe a small, cute pet,
I wish I get a brown puppy and his mom,
If I get him, I will name him Tom,
If I get a white furry cat,
I will make him wear a red hat,
My mind was wandering, what should I ask,
Figuring this out was becoming a real task,
After lot of thoughts, I chose a tortoise,
As it won't make much noise!

What, according to you, will be the end of the world?
I don’t know.
I think, it will be some guy typing 0/0 in the wrong computer.