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Letter from the team

Dear Reader,

Greetings for the new year and the new decade! For all the students who are receiving their first Nutshell paperbacks, welcome to Nutshell! We look forward to bringing general knowledge in a Nutshell. In this issue, we took a new approach to reviewing the 2010s. Look at the bottom of each page to learn about many important things that happened in the past 10 years. You will get to solve a quiz on things that happened in the past year through Amul advertisements. Take a colourful look at regular things we come across in 'colours of everyday life'. Learn the reason behind the nicknames of various cities of India. Lastly, you can take an interesting quiz on various things that happened in the past two months.

Regards,
Team Nutshell

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40 things

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THE 2010s

The 2010s have come to an end. Over these 10 years, we saw many events that shaped the decade. In this issue of Nutshell, we shall learn about 40 significant events from the last decade. At this bottom strip of each page, you can read about 1 such event. Through the course of this Nutshell Paperback, we shall complete recap of the decade through these 40 events. Look for this strip on each page!

AROUND THE COUNTRY IN 8 NICKNAMES



We have often come across nicknames for major cities. The most famous ones in India are probably the 'Pink City' for Jaipur and 'Manchester of India' for Ahmedabad. These nicknames usually represent some iconic features or historical events related to the city. In this section, you will have to identify the cities from their nicknames.

Good luck!

City of Joy

- I. This city was the capital of British India from 1772 to 1947. It got its famous nickname, "City of Joy" after a novel of the same name by French author Dominique Lapierre. Identify the famous city.

Ans.

Scotland of the East

2. It is believed that during the British rule, the beautiful mountains around this town reminded the Britishers of Scotland. Hence, they called it the "Scotland of the East". Which town are we talking about?

Ans.

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Bhuj Khalifa opens for the world

Bhuj Khalifa in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, opened in 2010. At a height of 830 metres, it became the tallest building in the world and is now one of the main tourist attractions of the city of Dubai.

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Blue City

3. Most of the houses in this city's old part are painted blue. Since the city enjoys bright and sunny days for most of the year, it is also known as the "Sun City". Identify this important city of Rajasthan.

Ans.

City of Dreams

4. Known as Mayanagri, which means 'City of Dreams', it is one of the most important cities of India. The city is often referred to as the place where people go to fulfil their dreams. Which city?

Ans.

Garden City

5. This city is called 'Garden City' because of its greenery and presence of numerous public parks like Lal Bagh and Cubbon Park. It is sometimes also called the 'IT Capital of India.' Identify the city.

Ans.

Queen of the Arabian Sea

6. This coastal city in Kerala lies beside the Arabian Sea, which is the reason behind its nickname. It is believed that the name of this city comes from the Malayalam word for "small lagoon". Identify the city.

Ans.

Diamond City

7. This city is called the 'Diamond City of India' because of its famous diamond cutting and polishing industry. Around 8 out of 10 diamonds in markets around the world are cut and polished in this city. Name it.

Ans.

Gateway to Northeast India

8. This city in North Bengal serves as the route to Northeast India. It is situated on the banks of the river Mahananda. According to historians, its name means "a stack of stones or pebbles". Which city?

Ans.

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India hosts Commonwealth Games

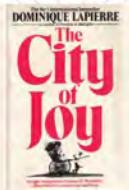
Delhi hosted the 17th Commonwealth Games in 2010. This was the first time that India hosted this event. The nation also won 101 medals, which included 38 gold medals!

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AROUND THE COUNTRY IN 8 NICKNAMES : ANSWERS

Let's look at the answers to the questions you were asked on nicknames of various Indian cities.



1. Kolkata

Kolkata is also called the "Cultural Capital of India", and is the capital of West Bengal. The book "City of Joy" is based on a slum in Kolkata called Anand Nagar, which means "City of Joy".



2. Shillong

Shillong used to be the capital of Assam. However, in 1972, Meghalaya was separated from Assam. Hence, Assam's capital was moved to Dispur and Shillong became the capital of Meghalaya.



3. Jodhpur

There are many theories about the blue houses. According to one, the blue paint helped keep the houses cool during summers. Another theory says that these blue houses belonged to the Brahmins of the city.



4. Mumbai

Mumbai is the capital of Maharashtra and is also the financial capital of India. Mumbai was created by combining 7 islands. Hence, it is also known as the 'City of 7 Islands'.



India wins Cricket World Cup 2011

On 2nd April 2011, Indian Men's Cricket Team won their 2nd ODI World Cup. India defeated Sri Lanka by 6 wickets in the final held in Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. India's first World Cup win came in 1983.

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5. Bengaluru

In 2006, the city's name was changed from Bangalore to Bengaluru. The city's beginnings can be traced back to Kempe Gowda, a chief of the Vijayanagar Empire, who built a mud fort in this region in 1537.



6. Kochi

Kochi is the largest urban area of Kerala. It has been one of the most important cities of Indian history. Kochi was one of the major cities of the Portuguese Empire in India.



7. Surat

Surat is an important city situated beside the Tapi river in Gujarat. It is believed that Surat was founded by a man named Gopi, who named the area Surajpur. During the Mughal era, Surat was a major seaport.



8. Siliguri

Siliguri is the second-largest city in West Bengal, after Kolkata. It is also the starting point for the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, the UNESCO World Heritage railway route which leads to the North Bengal hills.



South Sudan becomes world's youngest country

On 9th July 2011, South Sudan separated from the Republic of Sudan to form a new country. In this process, it became the world's newest country. The city of Juba was declared its capital.

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Colours of Everyday Life

Colours are something that our brain stores and uses to remember objects. We connect certain objects to their distinct colours. Don't you think of a big, juicy apple when you hear the word 'red'? Here are some objects that are associated with particular colours. Each question box is coloured according to the colour being talked about in that question.

You have to identify the objects.

1. This technology company's logo and its features are blue in colour. Blue was chosen because its founder and CEO is red-green colour blind. This means that blue is the colour he can see best. Identify this famous company.

Ans. _____

2. This is a vehicle that most of you use and see almost every day. It is yellow because we can easily notice yellow during the early morning and evening light and even during rain and fog. This increases the safety of the vehicle. Which vehicle are we talking about?

Ans. _____

3. This heavenly body is named after the Roman God of War, who is often associated with the colour of blood. Given the colour of this heavenly body, it is aptly named after the god of war. Identify.

Ans. _____

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Steve Jobs passes away

Steve Jobs, the founder of the technology company Apple Inc., passed away on 5th October 2011. He started Apple with Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne on 1st April 1976, which is now one of the largest companies in the world.

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Colours of Everyday Life

4. This famous superhero from Marvel comics and movies was originally grey in the comic books. As the printing press that printed the comic books had trouble printing grey, his colour was changed to green. Identify this comic & movie character.

Ans.

5. _____ (colour) is a light shade of brown and was added to the English language in 1848. The British Army in India started wearing uniforms with this colour in the 1840s because of the hot weather of India. Hence, the uniforms with this colour came to be known as _____. Which colour are we talking about?

Ans.

6. The bright pink colour of this bird comes from beta carotene. It is a red-orange pigment (natural colouring material) that is found in the food this bird eats. In the body, the pigment is broken down and absorbed by the feathers and skin of the bird. Which bird?

Ans.

7. Beta Carotene, the pigment we discussed in the last question, is also found in many vegetables. It is the reason for the orange colour of _____. Beta Carotene itself gets its name from the Latin word for _____. Fill in the blank with the name of something we eat.

Ans.

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**LONDON
2012**

London hosts the Olympic Games

London, the capital of England, hosted the 2012 Olympic Games. It created history by becoming the first city to host the Olympics three times. The city previously hosted the global event in 1908 and 1948.

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Colours of Everyday Life : Answers

Here are the answers to the questions asked in this section. There are interesting reasons behind colours of many other things we see around us. Go ahead and find out more and share the information with others!



1. Facebook

Facebook was started in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg and his college friends. Zuckerberg had once said that blue was the richest colour for him. Today, Facebook is one of the largest companies, and Zuckerberg is one of the richest people in the world.



2. School Bus

We can thank American educator Dr Frank W. Cyr for the yellow-coloured school bus around the world. In 1939, he suggested the use of yellow school buses to help identify them from other vehicles. Dr Cyr is now known as the 'Father of the Yellow School Bus.'



3. Mars

The fourth planet from the Sun in our Solar System is also known as the Red Planet because of its red colour. Mars appears red due to the presence of iron oxide on the planet.



Michael Phelps becomes the most successful Olympian

American swimmer Michael Phelps became the most successful Olympic athlete in history after winning 4 golds and 2 silvers in the 2012 Olympics. He ended his Olympic career in 2016 with a total of 28 medals.

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Colours of Everyday Life : Answers



4. Hulk

Comic writer Stan Lee and artist Jack Kirby created Hulk in 1962, and he first appeared in the comic book *The Incredible Hulk*. The superhero has appeared in many recent Marvel movies and is played by actor Mark Ruffalo.



5. Khaki

Khaki-coloured uniforms are common in armies around the world. It is also the colour used in many types of pants. The word 'Khaki' is taken from the Hindustani word for 'soil-coloured', which also comes from the Persian word *Khak* meaning 'soil'.



6. Flamingo

Flamingoes are known for their beautiful and colourful appearance. Most species of the bird are found in North and South America. The name comes from the Spanish word *flamenco*, which means "flame-coloured".



7. Carrot

Carotene is found in abundance in carrots and is responsible for its orange colour. Carrots are an important part of the food culture around the world. Although we are familiar with orange-coloured carrots, they are also found in white, yellow, purple, black, and red colours!



NASA's Curiosity lands on Mars

On 6th August 2012, NASA's lander *Curiosity* landed on Mars. Since then, it has been studying the surface and climate of the Red Planet. By the end of the decade, *Curiosity* had completed over 2,700 days on Mars.

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What does Amul say?

Amul is one of the most important organisations in India's history. This dairy company led to the beginning of India's White Revolution, which turned India from a country with milk scarcity into the world's largest milk producer!

How did Amul start?

Farmers of the Kaira district in Gujarat were unhappy working with Polson, another dairy company. They spoke to Vallabhbhai Patel, who suggested them to sell milk directly to the Bombay Milk Scheme instead of Polson. So, in 1946, under the leadership of Tribhuvandas Patel and Dr Verghese Kurien, the Kaira District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union was formed. In 1955, it was renamed to Amul.

How has Amul become so well-known?

Dr Kurien understood the need to popularise Amul. In 1966, the now-famous Amul girl brand mascot was created. Amul also started coming up with ads which focused on day-to-day issues. These Amul ads have been running since 1966 and have earned the Guinness World Record for the longest running ads in the world!



Amul keeps on coming out with new ads to talk about current happenings in the country and around the world in its own funny, interesting ways. All these ads feature the young Amul girl. In this section, you need to answer the questions on Amul ads from 2019. These ads will test how well you remember the important events from last year. Pay close attention to the title and drawings on each ad.

Here are some examples of Amul ads from 2019



Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh announces retirement



The film *Mission Mangal* becomes a hit



Neil Armstrong passes away

On 25th August 2012, Neil Armstrong passed away. On 20th July 1969, he became the first person to walk on the Moon. While stepping on the surface, he had famously said: "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."

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What does Amul say?

In the first 6 questions, a certain word or phrase has been blanked out. You have to identify what has been blanked out. Identify the famous city.

1. This ad from December 2019 highlighted the increase in the price of a vegetable most of us eat. The title "Kaho Na _____ Hai" is inspired by the name of Hrithik Roshan's film *Kaho Na Pyaar Hai*. Fill in the blank with the Hindi name for a vegetable which was in the news.



Ans.

2. In December 2019, Google's parent company Alphabet Inc. appointed a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This led Amul to come up with an ad which read "New oonchai for _____. Fill in the blank with the surname of the new CEO of Alphabet, which also rhymes with the Hindi word for heights: oonchai.



Ans.

3. In September 2019, Amitabh Bachchan was honoured with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for his contribution to Indian cinema. Amul congratulated him through this advertisement "Ek aur _____. The blanked word translates to "victory" and was also the name of Amitabh's character in many films. Fill in the blank.



Ans.

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Indian cinema celebrates 100 years

In 2013, our country celebrated 100 years of creating cinema. Dadasaheb Phalke made India's first movie, *Raja Harishchandra*, in 1913. Phalke is considered the 'Father of Indian Cinema'.

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4. Amul became the official sponsor of the Afghanistan national cricket team for the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup. They made this announcement through this brilliant ad which was titled "Hamein ____ hai". Fill in the blank with the name of a city in Afghanistan.

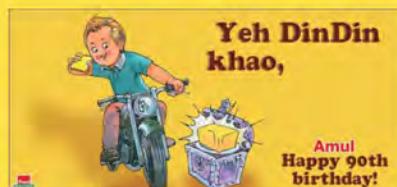


Ans. _____

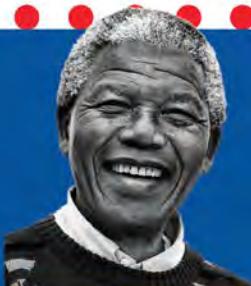
5. From 15th Jan to 4th Mar 2019, Prayagraj (previously called Allahabad) hosted an important Hindu festival. Amul marked the beginning of this festival with an ad titled "____ one, ____ all". Fill both the blanks with the same word - the name of a festival.



6. On 10th Jan 2019, the world celebrated the 90th anniversary of this much-loved cartoon character. Amul paid tribute to him through this ad, titled "Yeh DinDin khao, ____". What is the name of the cartoon that has been blanked out and rhymes with "DinDin"?



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Nelson Mandela passed away

South African leader and revolutionary, Nelson Mandela passed away on 5th December 2013. He was the President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999 and was seen as a symbol of non-violence.

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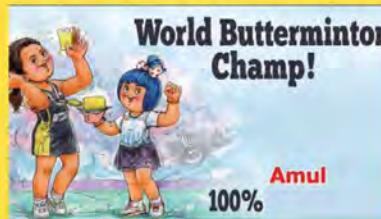
In the next 6 questions, you have to answer what the Amul ad is talking about.

7. Every year, the Finance Minister of India presents the Union Budget. It shows where the government will spend its money and from where will it earn that money to spend. In 2019, which Finance Minister presented her first Union Budget that has been shown in this ad?



Ans.

8. On 25th August, this Indian badminton player created history by becoming the first Indian to win the BWF World Championships. Amul celebrated her achievement through this ad. Name this sportswoman.



Ans.

9. This ad was released in October 2019, when a well-known retired cricketer was appointed as the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Which cricketer are we talking about?



Ans.

Answers on page 15-16



Pope Francis becomes the new pope

On 13th March 2013, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, better known as Francis, became the Pope after Benedict XVI resigned on 28th February 2013. The Pope is the worldwide leader of the Catholic Church and lives in Vatican City.

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10. The winners of the 2019 Nobel Prize for Economics caught everyone's eye. Two of them can be seen in this Amul poster, one of which is Esther Duflo. Who is the other economist who was born and educated in India?



Ans.

11. In December 2019, _____ (a country) was banned from taking part in any sporting event for 4 years by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). WADA ensures that sports persons don't take illegal medicines to improve their performances. Which country are we talking about, whose flag can be seen in this Amul ad?



12. We lost this respected politician last year and Amul paid tribute to him through this ad. He was a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and served as the Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019. Identify him.



Ans.

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Sachin Tendulkar retires from cricket

Sachin Tendulkar retired from all forms of cricket after playing his last Test match against West Indies in the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. He ended his career as the highest Test and ODI run-scorer.

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What does Amul say? : Answers

Hope you enjoyed working out the answers for these Amul Ads. Let's see the answers and from now on you can keep yourself updated on whatever new ads Amul releases.



1. Pyaaz

Pyaaz is a Hindi word for onion. Across the country, onion prices were increasing in November and December. Hence, Amul decided to highlight that in this ad. You can see the Amul girl juggling with three onions.



2. Pichai

Sundar Pichai was appointed as the head of Alphabet Inc. after Larry Page resigned as the CEO in December 2019. Pichai now serves as the CEO of both Alphabet and Google. He has studied from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.



3. Vijay

Amitabh Bachchan played the role of "Vijay" in almost 20 movies in his career. Hence, the name is often related to the superstar. He also completed 50 years in Indian cinema in 2019, having made his debut in the 1969-film *Saat Hindustani*.



4. Kabul

Kabul is the capital city of Afghanistan. The title "Hamein Kabul hai" also sounds similar to "Hamein kubul hai" which is a phrase for agreeing to something. Although Afghanistan did not win any matches in the World Cup, they impressed everyone with their performance.



Narendra Modi becomes Prime Minister of India

In the 2014 General Elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its supporting parties formed the government by winning 336 out of 543 Lok Sabha seats. Narendra Modi was elected as the 14th Prime Minister of India.

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5. Kumbh

Kumbh Mela happens at one of these four locations after a period of three years- Prayagraj, Ujjain, Haridwar and Nashik. The 2019 Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj saw more than 12 crore devotees visit the holy city!



6. Tintin

Tintin is the hero of the comic series *The Adventures of Tintin* created by Belgian cartoonist Herge. In the comics, Tintin is a teenage journalist, who goes on adventures and solves mysteries with his pet dog, Snowy.



7. Nirmala Sitharaman

Nirmala Sitharaman is the present Finance Minister of the central government. She is the second female finance minister of the country, after Indira Gandhi and the first full-time finance minister.



8. PV Sindhu

PV Sindhu won the 2019 World Championships by defeating Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in the finals. She had reached the finals of the event in 2018 and 2017 too but couldn't win.



Telangana becomes India's 29th state

On 2nd June 2014, Andhra Pradesh was split to create the new state of Telangana. It became India's 29th state and Hyderabad was made its capital. Hyderabad continued to serve as the capital of Andhra Pradesh.

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9. Sourav Ganguly

Sourav Ganguly is fondly known as "Dada", as shown in the Amul ad. He is one of India's most successful batsmen and captains. Before becoming the President of BCCI, Ganguly was the President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).



10. Abhijit Banerjee

Abhijit Banerjee, his wife Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer worked on finding new methods to tackle world poverty. For their work, they were awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics. Banerjee was born in Mumbai and studied in Kolkata and Delhi.



11. Russia

Russia won't be able to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. However, Russian athletes can still participate in these events but cannot represent Russia.



12. Arun Jaitley

Arun Jaitley was a senior lawyer in the Supreme Court and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha from 2009 to 2014. After his death in August 2019, he was also awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2020.



Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi win Nobel Peace Prize

India's Kailash Satyarthi and Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai jointly won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize for their work on the right to education for all. At the age of 17, Malala was the youngest ever to win the Nobel Prize.

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ROMAN NUMERALS

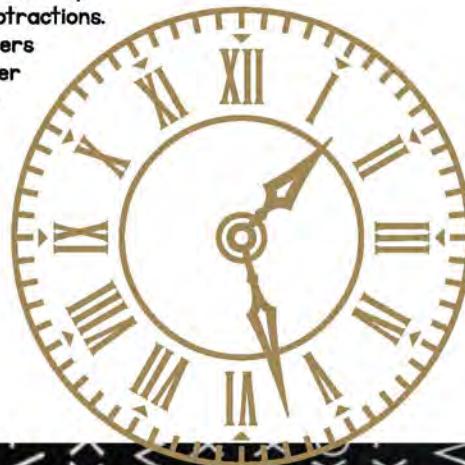
Often, when you look at a wall-clock you can see certain letters like I, V, X instead of numbers showing the time. These are Roman Numerals; a numeric system started in ancient Rome around 900-800 BC.

This number system was widely used in Rome for everyday counting and continued to be used across Europe until the 16th century. However, Roman Numerals were slowly replaced by the currently used Hindu-Arabic numeral system.

HOW DO ROMAN NUMERALS WORK?

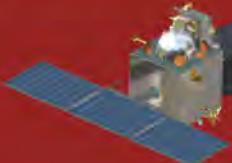
Roman Numerals are represented by seven different letters. I= 1, V= 5, X= 10, L= 50, C= 100, D= 500 and M= 1000

These seven letters are used to make thousands of numbers by simple additions and subtractions. The order of the numbers (letters) tells us whether we have to subtract or add. Here are some basic rules that will help you understand how to use Roman Numbers



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Mangalyaan enters Mars Orbit



Indian Space Research Organisation's *Mangalyaan* successfully entered the orbit of Mars. This made India the first country to reach Mars in its first attempt. ISRO also became only the fourth space organisation to reach Mars.

ROMAN NUMERALS

I. Whenever a smaller numeral is placed after a bigger numeral, the values are added. For example, $V=5$ and $I=1$. So, the number 6 is represented through $V+I=VI$. Now let's take a larger number. If we have to write the number 512 in Roman Numbers, we use the digits $D=500$, $X=10$, and two I . So, $512=DXII$.

II. More than three of the same numerals cannot be placed together. We know that $III=3$ or $XXX=30$. However, if we have to show 4 in Roman Numbers, we cannot use III . Instead, we use subtraction.

III. When a smaller numeral is placed before a larger numeral, the values are subtracted. For example, the Roman number for 4 is IV, which means, $I(1)$ subtracted from $V(5)$. The same can be used for larger numbers.

IV. To write numbers with more than one digit, Roman numerals must be made for each number place value (thousandth, hundredth, tens, and ones).

Let's look at a few examples:

i. 97: 97 is broken down as $90+7$, and Roman value of each digit's place is formed. First, we form the Roman value of $90=XC$ (10 is subtracted from 100). Next, we form the value of $7=VII$. We combine the two for the result, i.e. $97=XCVII$.

ii. 365: 365 is broken down as $300+60+5$. First, we write the Roman numeral for $300=CCC$. Next, we write the value of $60=LX$. Then, the value of $5=V$. Lastly, we combine the three, i.e.
 $365=CCCLXV$.

iii. 1941: 1941 is broken down as $1000+900+40+1$. The Roman value for $1000=M$, $900=CM$ (100 is subtracted from 1000), $40=XL$, and $1=I$. We combine them for the answer, i.e. $1941=MCMXLI$.



WhatsApp gets purchased by Facebook

Social media company Facebook bought popular mobile messaging application WhatsApp for almost ₹14,000 crores! WhatsApp was created by Brian Acton and Jan Koum in 2009 and has over 150 crore users.

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ROMAN NUMERALS

Why did people shift from Roman Numerals?

It is well-known that most kingdoms of Europe were using Roman Numerals around the 11th century. However, by the 16th century, people had shifted to the easier-to-use Hindu-Arabic numeral system. Here are some reasons:

- Since the largest Roman Numeral is M, which is equal to 1000, it is not possible to write large numbers in Roman Numerals.
- There is no Roman Numeral for zero, and we all know how important zero is in mathematics and everyday life.
- Multiplication and division of Roman Numerals are extremely difficult processes.

All these problems led to the use of the current numeric system. However, there are still a few uses of Roman Numerals in the modern era. Let's have a look at them.

- Roman numerals are still used to refer to kings, queens, emperors and popes. For example, Queen Elizabeth II, Pope Benedict XVI.
- As we discussed at the beginning of the section, Roman Numerals are sometimes seen on clocks to represent the hours.
- Many competitions, such as the Olympic Games, use numerals to represent how many times the event has been held.

By now, you must have understood what Roman Numerals are and how do we write them. Your job now is to answer these questions in Roman Numerals. All the answers are numbers, but they have to be written in Roman Numbers. Here's an easy example:

Q. In which year did India get its independence from the British Empire?

A. MCMXLVII (1947)



New Horizons flyby gets close to Pluto

New Horizons became the first spacecraft to explore Pluto. It took the flyby 9.5 years to reach the dwarf planet! It sent back stunning pictures which helped scientists learn new things about Pluto.

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Let's begin the questions!

1. Tokyo, the capital of Japan, had hosted the 18th Olympic Games in 1964. The city shall also host the 32nd Olympic Games. Which year will it be held in?

Ans.

2. The *Titanic* was the largest passenger ship of its time. Although, the *Titanic* was considered unsinkable, it sank on its first journey. In which year did the *Titanic* sink?

Ans.

3. The Apollo 11 spacecraft carried Neil Armstrong, and Buzz Aldrin who were the first human beings to land on the Moon. In which year did they do so?

Ans.

4. Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan is the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket. How many Test wickets has he taken?

Ans.

5. This is a sacred number in Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. Usually, prayer rosaries (*malas*) are made of ___ beads. Fill in the blank with a number.

Ans.

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Scientists announce the discovery
of *Homo Naledi*

In 2015, scientists announced that *Homo Naledi* was the most recently discovered species related to us, *Homo Sapiens*. Skeletons of *Homo Naledi* were first found in South Africa in 2013. It is believed to have lived around 3,00,000 years ago.

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ROMAN NUMERALS: ANSWERS



I. MMXX (2020)

The Tokyo Olympics will take place from 24 July to 9 August 2020. In these Olympics, we shall see karate, sport climbing, surfing and skateboarding for the first time in Olympic history.



2. MCMXII (1912)

The sinking of the *Titanic* is considered one of the worst accidents of the 20th century. Several movies and documentaries have been made on the event, the most famous being the movie *Titanic* (1997).



3. MCMLXIX (1969)

Human landing on the Moon is considered one of the greatest achievements in human history. Since then, 10 other astronauts have left their mark on our planet's only natural satellite.



4. DCCC (800)

In 2002, Muralitharan was rated as the greatest Test match bowler by *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*. He also holds the record for most wickets in one-day cricket- 534 wickets!



5. CVIII (108)

Rosaries or *malas* are used for a religious practice called *japa* (the repetition of *mantras*) in many religions like Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism.



Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest-serving British ruler

On 9th September 2015, Elizabeth II became the longest-serving monarch in the history of Britain. She has been sitting on the throne since 6th February 1952 and surpassed Queen Victoria, who served as the Queen for over 63 years.

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Toys can bring great joy and delight to children and adults alike. One of the first names that come to anyone's mind when we think about interesting and fun toys is Lego. The Lego Group is a toy construction company famous for making plastic bricks which can be interlocked to create vivid, fascinating structures.

A carpenter called Ole Kirk Christiansen created Lego in 1932. The name is derived from the Danish words *leg godt*, meaning "play well". Over the decades, the company has created crores of different mini-figures. There are also many people called Lego artists who create beautiful portraits and structures using Lego bricks.

In this section, you shall be asked 10 questions on real-life creatures, cities and personalities which have been recreated through Lego bricks. You have to identify them by filling in the answers in the space provided. As you can see, all the questions have some points allotted to them. Answer these questions and see how many points you can score.



I. He served as the 16th President of the USA from 1961 to 1965. He led the country through the American Civil War and also abolished slavery. Identify the Lego minifigure of a well-known politician.

1	3	1	1	4	1	3
1	1	1	3	1	1	1

(23)



2. Before the 2016 European Football Championship, Lego came out with a set of minifigures for all the players of a football team. Which country's football team are we talking about?

2	1	1	3	1	1	4
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(13)

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Adoption of the Paris Agreement

To fight against global warming, leaders of 196 countries signed the Paris Agreement. These countries promised to keep the average temperature increase in this century to less than 2°C compared to the time before the industrial revolution.



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3. This is a Lego figurine of one of the most well-known scientists in history. He is remembered for giving the formula $E = mc^2$, which is often called "the world's most famous equation". Identify him.

1	1	3	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1

(16)



4. This is a Lego-created depiction of the most famous buildings in a city. It includes structures like Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah Hotel, Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel, and Burj Khalifa, etc. Identify the city.

2	1	3	1	1
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(8)



5. This is a Lego art of a bird that is known for its small size. It is the only bird in the world that can fly backwards. There are over 350 known species of this bird. Identify.

4	1	3	3	1	1	2	-
3	1	1	2				

(22)



6. This is the Lego mini-figure of an astronaut who created history on 12th April 1961. Even after almost 60 years of that historic achievement, he is considered a hero all around the world. Name this well-known person.

(16)

4	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
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Pranav Dhanawade scores 1,009 runs in a single innings

Pranav Dhanawade, aged 15, became the first person to score more than 1,000 runs in a single innings in an officially recognised match. Batting for K.C. Gandhi High School, he broke the record of 628 set by A.E.J. Collins in 1899.

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7. Though most of us remember him as a painter, he was also a scientist, inventor, and engineer. He famously sketched machines like the bicycle, helicopter, and a flying machine centuries before they were invented. Identify him.

1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
2	1	4	1	1	3	1	(22)



8. He is considered the founding father of the country of Mongolia. There are many statues and portraits of him across the country. Even the airport of the capital of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, is named after him. Identify.

2	1	1	2	4	1	1
5	4	1	1			

(23)



9. This is a Lego creation of astronaut Alan Shepard, the fifth man to walk on the Moon. He was also the first and only person to play a sport on Moon. Look at the image and try to guess which sport did Shepard play on the Moon.

2	1	1	4

(8)



10. Another well-known scientist of the modern era, he is remembered for his work on black holes and the beginning of the universe. He had also written many books, the most famous is *A Brief History of Time*. Identify him.

1	1	1	3	4	1	1
4	1	4	5	1	1	2

(30)

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Juno spacecraft enters Jupiter orbit

Juno became the second spacecraft to enter the orbit of Jupiter. It has been studying the gravity and origins of the largest planet of our solar system. Juno was named after the wife of Jupiter, the Roman king of the gods.

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So as you must have calculated, you can score a total of 181 points in this round. Let's see how many you scored!



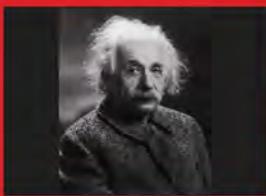
1. Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln is often considered among the greatest American presidents in history. He is often credited with keeping the country together during the American Civil War.



2. Germany

The German national football team was the world champion in 2016 as they had won the 2014 FIFA World Cup. They beat Argentina in the World Cup final in 2014.



3. Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein created the Theory of Relativity, one of the most important discoveries in modern physics. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921.



Usain Bolt wins his 3rd 100m & 200m Olympic gold

In the 2016 Olympics, Usain Bolt of Jamaica won the 100m & 200m gold medals. This made him the first person in Olympic history to win these events thrice! He had previously won gold in both the events in 2008 & 2012 Olympics.

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4. Dubai

Dubai is the most populous city in the UAE. It is one of the top business and tourist destinations. Dubai is also famous for its incredible architectural marvels like the Palm Islands and the Burj Khalifa.



5. Hummingbird

Hummingbirds are the smallest bird species in the world. The name, hummingbird, comes from the humming sound their wings make as they beat so fast.



6. Yuri Gagarin

On 12th April 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first person to fly in outer space in the spacecraft *Vostok 1*. Gagarin was awarded the "Hero of the Soviet Union", the highest award in the country of Soviet Union.



7. Leonardo da Vinci

Da Vinci is probably one of the most famous painters in history. His most famous works include *Mona Lisa*, *The Last Supper*, *Vitruvian Man*, and *Salvator Mundi*.



Demonetization of Indian currency notes

On 8th November, PM Modi announced the demonetization of ₹500 and ₹1000 currency notes. This meant that people could not buy anything with those notes. Instead, the RBI issued new ₹500 and ₹2000 notes.

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8. Genghis Khan

Genghis Khan is the founder and the first emperor of the Mongol Empire. The empire became one of the largest in history by the time Genghis Khan died in 1227.



9. Golf

Alan Shepard is remembered for hitting two golf balls on the surface of the Moon. He was the second person in history to go to space, after Yuri Gagarin, and also the first American to do so.



10. Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease that made his muscles weak. Hence, he had to use an electric wheelchair and a special computer to move and talk.

Total Score :



Donald Trump becomes US President

On 8th November, American businessman Donald Trump won the US Presidential Election to become the 45th President of the USA. He replaced Barack Obama as the President of the United States of America.

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NUTCAPS

This section will focus on current affairs from December 2019 and January 2020.
Good luck!

Q1. _____ (country) is well-known around the world through its nickname, Holland. Most people around the world think Holland is the actual name of this country. However, Holland is just a region in _____. The government removed Holland as a nickname in January 2020. Name this country.

Ans:

Q2. He led the West Indies cricket team to World Cup victories in 1975 and 1979 and became the first captain to win back-to-back world cups. For his service to cricket, he was given a knighthood (a title given by the King or Queen of Britain) in December 2019. Who is this cricketer?

Ans:

Q3. This much-loved politician passed away in August 2019 and the government awarded her with the Padma Vibhushan on 26th January 2020. She had served as the Foreign Minister of India from 2014 to 2019 and was also the Chief Minister of Delhi in 1998. Identify her:

Ans:

Q4. _____, the winner of the 2020 Australian Open Men's Singles title, defeated Australia's Dominic Thiem in the finals. This was his 8th Australian Open title. Who is this well-known tennis player?

Ans:

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Bob Dylan wins Nobel Prize in Literature

American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan became the first musician to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2016. He was awarded the prize for his poetic songs, which represented the American song tradition.

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Q5. Towards the end of 2019, Fortune business magazine released a list of top 'Businesspersons of the Year'. The top position was held by an India-born business leader, who is currently the head of Microsoft. Identify this businessman.

Ans.

Q6. _____ is a group of viruses that have been in the news recently. The name comes from a Latin word, which means "crown". Identify the name of the virus.

Ans.

Q7. Every year, Oxford Dictionaries announces the 'Hindi Word of the Year' for a word which has been in the news in the past year. The Oxford Hindi Word for 2019 means 'constitution' in English. Identify the word.

Ans.

Q8. In January 2020, _____ Motors, a Chinese company, announced that it would buy the Indian factory of General Motors to make and sell cars in India. The Chinese company is named after a monument that is well known around the world. Name the Chinese company.

Ans.

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ISRO launches 104 satellites

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ISRO broke the world record when it successfully launched 104 satellites in a single flight on 15th February 2017. The spacecraft included satellites from 6 countries, including India.

Q9. In early January 2020, Hollywood actor Martin Sheen gave a speech at a climate change protest in the USA. During his speech, he recited a poem titled "Where the mind is without fear", which grabbed the attention of many Indians. Who had written this poem?

Ans.

Q10. Every year on 26th November, India celebrates 'National ____ Day' to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien. You would remember reading about him in the Amul advertisement section of this Nutshell book. Fill in the blank with a 4-letter word.

Ans.



Q11. This is the logo of one of the oldest football clubs in Asia. Recently, the club announced that it would merge with another football club called ATK to compete in the Indian Super League (ISL). Identify the historic football club.

Ans.



Q12. In January 2020, this Indian badminton player became a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Identify her.

Ans.



Q13. In 2019, this person replaced Theresa May as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He was also the Mayor of London during the London Olympics in 2012. Identify this politician.

Ans.

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Last male northern white rhinoceros dies

Sudan, the last male member of his subspecies—northern white rhinoceros, died on 19th March 2018. Now, there are only two female northern white rhinoceroses in the world. This means that soon the subspecies will become extinct.

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Q14. Australia has been affected by severe bushfires around the country since 2019. Australian firefighters have been working tirelessly to fight these fires. On 11th January 2020, a monument was decorated to thank these firefighters for their services. Name the monument.

Ans.



Q15. Various large models were displayed during the Republic Day Parade of 2020 by different states. Punjab's model celebrated the 550th birth anniversary of a great religious leader. Who are we talking about?

Ans.



Q16. This was another model displayed in the Parade. The theme was seashore and flora and fauna of the state. It also had the statue of a large frog holding a guitar as a symbol for the state's initiative "Save the Frogs." Which state displayed this model.

Ans.



Q17. In January 2020, Indian-origin Arvind Krishna was announced as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a global technology company. He will replace the current CEO, Virginia Rometty, in April 2020. Identify the company.

Ans.

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Atal Bihari Vajpayee passes away

On 16th August, former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee passed away. He served three terms as PM- first for just 13 days in 1996, then for 13 months from 1998 to 1999, and finally, for 5 years from 1999 to 2004.

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Q18. These are beds made of cardboard that athletes will sleep on during an upcoming global sporting event. After the event, the cardboard beds will be recycled into paper products. For which sporting event have these beds been made?

Ans.



Q19. In December 2019, a lady called Shannon filed a case against Chinese fast-food chain Real KungFu. She said that the company was using her father's face in their logo without her permission. Although her father had died in 1973, he is still remembered as one of the top martial artists and actors of his time. Identify him.

Ans.



Q20. Afghanistan cricketer Rashid Khan used a new type of bat while playing in Australia. Unlike most bats, his bat has a hollow region on its back. This made it look like the bat had two humps. Hence, it was named after an animal known to have humps on its back. Identify the animal.

Ans.



Q21. This is Abiy Ahmed, the Prime Minister of _____. As PM of _____, he helped end a 20-year-long war with neighbouring country Eritrea. For his work, he was awarded the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize.
Ahmed is the PM of which African country?

Ans.

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World's tallest statue- Statue of Unity inaugurated

Standing 182 metres tall, Statue of Unity, became the tallest statue in the world. It was inaugurated on 31st October 2018 and is dedicated to Indian freedom fighter Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

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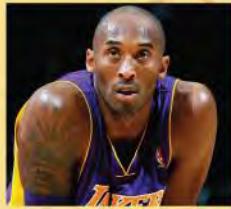
Q22. This is a scene from the movie Chhapaak. The film is based on the life of Laxmi Agarwal, who survived an acid attack at the age of 15. Which actress plays the role of Laxmi in this film?

Ans.



Q23. Sanna Marin became the 46th Prime Minister of on 10th December 2019. Aged 34, she is the youngest current Prime Minister in the world and also the youngest PM in her country's history. Which country?

Ans.



Q24. This is one of the most famous basketball players of all time, who played for the basketball team Los Angeles from 1996 to 2016. Sadly, he passed away in a helicopter accident on 26th Jan 2020. Identify him.

Ans.



Q25. This is a look of actor Ranveer Singh from an upcoming film called '83. Which well-known retired cricketer is he playing in this movie?

Ans.

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Narendra Modi gets re-elected as PM of India

The Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 303 out of 543 Lok Sabha seats to form the government for a second term. Modi was re-elected as the Prime Minister of India.

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1. The Netherlands

The Netherlands is an important European country and for a long time people have thought Holland is another name for the Netherlands. Even the official website of the country is holland.com. The government of the Netherlands is trying to promote other parts of the country.



2. Sir Clive Lloyd

Lloyd is one of two men's captains to have won the ODI Cricket World Cup back-to-back. The other is Australia's Ricky Ponting (2003, 2007). A man who is given a knighthood can put the title 'Sir' in front of his name.



3. Sushma Swaraj

Sushma Swaraj was a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and had gained a lot of respect for her work as the Foreign Minister of India. She was only the second woman to become the Foreign Minister of the country after Indira Gandhi.



4. Novak Djokovic

Novak Djokovic is a Serbian tennis player who is considered one of the greatest tennis players of all time. He has won 17 grand slam titles, the third-most for any male tennis player.



5. Satya Nadella

Satya Nadella became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microsoft in 2014. In 2019, Nadella was also named the "Person of the Year" by *Financial Times* newspaper.



First image of a black hole captured

On the 10th of April, people saw the first image of a black hole at the centre of Messier 87 galaxy. It was captured by the Event Horizon Telescope. A black hole is an object in space whose pull is so strong that nothing can escape it.

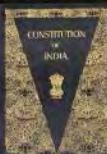
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6. Coronavirus

This group of viruses can cause diseases in mammals and birds. A new form of Coronavirus started spreading from China in December 2019. The virus has infected people in over 20 countries, including India.



7. Samvidhaan

Samvidhaan was chosen as the 'Hindi Word of the Year' as it has been the centre of attraction throughout the country for various reasons. The previous Hindi Word of the Year was 'Nari Shakti', which means 'women power'.



Great Wall

8. Great Wall

The Great Wall Motors Company is named after the Great Wall of China. The monument is a series of walls stretching over 21,000 kilometres!



9. Rabindranath Tagore

"Where the mind is without fear" is part of Tagore's collection of poems, *Gitanjali*, which led to his Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913. Martin Sheen's recitation of the poem inspired many people who watched his speech.



Jammu & Kashmir divided into two union territories

On 5th August, the government removed Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave special powers to Jammu & Kashmir. The state was also divided into two union territories- J&K and Ladakh. India now has 28 states and 9 union territories.

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10. Milk

National Milk Day is dedicated to Dr Kurien because he was one of the main persons behind Amul's success. He is also known as the "Father of the White Revolution" and was nicknamed the "Milkman of India".



11. Mohun Bagan

Mohun Bagan Athletic Club was started in 1889 and is one of the most famous and successful clubs in India's footballing history. From 1 June 2020, the merged football team will be called ATK-Mohun Bagan.



12. Saina Nehwal

Saina Nehwal is one of the top badminton players of the country. She is the first Indian badminton player to win an Olympic medal, a bronze in the 2012 London Olympics.



13. Boris Johnson

Johnson is the Leader of the Conservative Party, which won the 2019 general elections of the UK in December. Before joining politics, he had worked as a journalist in many newspapers.



Sanna Marin of Finland becomes world's youngest prime minister

Last year, Sanna Marin was elected as the 46th Prime Minister of Finland. Aged 34, she is the youngest currently-serving Prime Minister in the world. She is also the youngest Prime Minister in the history of Finland.

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14. Sydney Opera House

The world famous performing arts centre, Sydney Opera House, paid a beautiful tribute to the firefighters of Australia. Sadly, the bushfires of 2019-20 have taken the lives of over 30 people. More than 100 crore animals have also been killed in these fires.



15. Guru Nanak

People around the world celebrated Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary in 2019. He is the founder of Sikhism and his teachings can be read in the holy text, Guru Granth Sahib.



16. Goa

Hunting, capturing and killing of any frog species is banned in Goa to protect many rare species of frogs found in the state. The model also had a replica of the famous 'Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church' in Panaji.



17. IBM

International Business Machines, also known as IBM, was started way back in 1911. Arvind Krishna studied at the Indian Institute of Technology- Kanpur and has worked his entire life in IBM.



17-year-old Greta Thunberg becomes Time 'Person of the Year'

Greta Thunberg, a 17-year-old schoolgirl from Sweden, has been inspiring students around the world to do their part in saving the world from global warming. For her efforts, she was declared 'Person of the Year' by Time magazine.

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18. Tokyo Olympics 2020

Japan's capital Tokyo will host the Olympic Games from 24th July to 9th August 2020. As the theme for these Olympics is "Be better, together- For the planet and the people", the organisers are trying to save and reuse precious resources that will be used during these Games.



19. Bruce Lee

Although Real KungFu said that the image used was not of Bruce Lee, it looked very similar to him. Bruce Lee had acted in a few Hollywood movies before his death at the age of 32. He also created the martial art style called *Jeet Kune Do*.



20. Camel

The bat Rashid Khan used in the Big Bash League in Australia in December 2019 was named "Camel Bat". While we know of the more common one-humped camel, the Bactrian camel has two humps.



21. Ethiopia

The countries of Ethiopia and Eritrea have been in a long conflict because of the border town of Badme. The peace deal between the two countries has surprised and made many people of both the countries happy.



Nepal and Sri Lanka launch their first ever satellites into space

Two of our neighbours, Nepal and Sri Lanka, sent their first ever satellites into space in 2019. Nepal's NepaliSat-1 and Sri Lanka's Raavana I were launched into Earth's orbit on 17th April from the USA.

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22. Deepika Padukone

Laxmi Agarwal, whose role is portrayed by Deepika Padukone in *Chhapaak*, is an inspiration for people around the world. She has worked to stop acts of violence, such as acid attacks and has received many awards for her efforts.



23. Finland

Before becoming the Prime Minister of Finland, Marin served as the Minister of Transport and Communications. She is only the third female head of the government of Finland.



24. Kobe Bryant

Kobe Bryant lost his life along with his daughter and 7 other passengers in the accident. People from around the world paid tribute to him. He won 5 National Basketball Association (NBA) championships in his career.



25. Kapil Dev

The movie '83 shall show the story of India's first Cricket World Cup win in 1983. Kapil Dev led India in the world cup. He is the only player to have taken over 400 wickets and scored over 5000 runs in Test cricket.



Ravish Kumar wins Ramon Magsaysay Award

Indian journalist Ravish Kumar was awarded the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award for raising issues related to common Indians. The award is named after the third President of the Philippines and is considered Asia's highest honour.

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With the beginning of 2020 begins a new decade. From all of us at Nutshell, best of luck for all your endeavours of the next decade!



Abhijit Banerjee wins Nobel Prize in Economics

Indian-origin economist Abhijit Banerjee won the 2019 Economics Nobel Prize, which he shared with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer. They were awarded the prize for their work on finding new ways of reducing poverty.

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