

YOUTH SKILLS DAY: SKILLS FOR A SHARED FUTURE

- Niyati Asati

In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

In this fast changing world, especially with the advent of AI, it is necessary for the youth to up-skill themselves, and stay up to date with the latest technologies.

A large portion of youth are unemployed, despite possessing certain educational qualifications. To tackle this rising unemployment, vocational skill courses have been introduced to better equip youth for the future.

In India, this has been taken forward through the 'Skill India Mission', empowering the country's youth with industry-relevant vocational skills.

The Kalyani School also holds vocational skills classes for students, as a part of the updated CBSE curriculum, to keep the students ready for the future of work.

Youth Skills Day provides hope to the youth whose future looks shaky, promising better skills for a better future.

PROMOTION OF STUDENT LED DEBATE

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NAOMI OSAKA; WOMEN IN WIMBLEDON

- Ananya Komath

The history of the 'only white garments rule' at Wimbledon originated from rules first decreed in Victorian England, when white garments were expensive to keep clean, hence were considered a symbol of class.

In today's world, having athletes wear such a restricted dress code is considered to be a step too far.

One such athlete that constantly pushes boundaries is Naomi Osaka - a highly decorated tennis player, who has defeated world champions at only 16, rising to No. 1 in the world at 22, and having the highest income as a female athlete worldwide.

Naomi Osaka is famous for many things, including her fashionable outfits. She has been called 'The Fashion Queen of Wimbledon' by ESPN. As a Haitian-American and Japanese citizen, she often represents her culture via her 'Walk-on outfits' at tennis tournaments.



Most notably, her white kimono outfit showcased at the recent Wimbledon championships captured a lot of attention, but this time for all the wrong reasons. Social media posts were flooded with the opinion that fashion and tennis should remain separate, and that Osaka was 'doing too much.' For Naomi Osaka, fashion is an expression of herself. This sentiment is not consistent with her male counterparts like Taylor Fritz, suggesting a misogynistic or misguided sentiment to these comments. Despite all this, Naomi Osaka's choices suggest that she refuses to let criticism dictate how she presents herself.

LESSER KNOWN FACTS ON NELSON MANDELA

- Although best known as a political leader, Mandela was also an amateur boxer.
- Mandela chose to serve only one presidential term, believing that strong democracies depend on the peaceful transfer of power.

- Every year on 18 July, people around the world observe Nelson Mandela International Day by dedicating 67 minutes to community service, representing the 67 years he spent fighting for justice and equality.

Submitted by Shreeya Zundray

Caught on Camera

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A student exploring books during the ongoing Book Fair at school

palette of Potential



THE CASE OF THE MISSING WATER BOTTLE

By Karan Nambisan

"Guys... where's my blue water bottle?" I asked as soon as I walked into the class. Everyone looked up. "I saw it near the window," one friend said confidently.

"No way! It was green," another interrupted.

"It had a Spider-Man sticker!" someone shouted.

"What? It had a football sticker," another argued.

Within minutes, the classroom had turned into a detective agency. Everyone was absolutely sure they remembered my bottle perfectly. Witnesses appeared from nowhere. One classmate even declared, "I borrowed it yesterday!"

Just then, our Home Room Teacher walked in. "What mystery are we solving today?" she enquired. After hearing the chaos, she calmly opened the 'Lost and Found' cupboard and pulled out.... a plain, silver steel bottle.

No blue. No green. No Spider-Man. No football.

The class froze.

"But... that's impossible!" I exclaimed.

"We all remember it differently!" Our drama teacher smiled and said, "Congratulations! You've just experienced something similar to the Mandela Effect. Sometimes, our brains create the same false memory, and it feels so real that we're ready to argue about it."

To this day, nobody agrees on what my 'blue' bottle looked like...except the bottle itself — which has stubbornly remained silver!

The Mandela Effect

The Mandela Effect is a psychological phenomenon where people collectively share an identical false memory. It is usually found in brands or shows; for example, the Monopoly man never had a monocle, Mickey Mouse never wore suspenders, and Darth Vader never said, "Luke, I am your father." It occurs because our brain tries to fill gaps in our memories with certain expectations, or because repetition of a certain fact causes us to accept its false reality. It is named after Nelson Mandela, who was misremembered by thousands of people to die in a prison in the 1980s, even though he was freed and actually died in 2013.

Some more Mandela Effects:

KitKat and CocaCola never had hyphens!

The seahorse and bank robber emoji don't exist!

Curious George doesn't have a tail!

The Evil Queen in Snow White never said, "Mirror, mirror on the wall!"

-Nilanshu Prabhakar



PARENTS SPEAK: KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Kargil Vijay Diwas is a solemn reminder of the price of duty, the bonds of brotherhood, and the spirit of the Indian soldier.

Having served on active duty in Jammu & Kashmir and Manipur, I know service is measured not only in victory, but in countless days of vigilance and sacrifice. The Gun Shot Wound Medal, remains a reminder of what service can demand, while the Chief of the Army Staff, Vice Chief of the Army Staff, and Army Commander Commendation Cards, reflect the collective effort of comrades who stood shoulder to shoulder through adversity.

This Kargil Vijay Diwas, my thoughts are with those who made the supreme sacrifice, so the Tricolour continues to fly. Their legacy inspires every Officer and Jawan to serve with honour.

Jai Hind.

-Col. Athul Sreedharan, PRO, Tezpur (Assam)
(Serving since 2003)

Father of Mayan, XII E and Aarav, VI D



- Interviewed by Parnika Rane

To me, Kargil Vijay Diwas is not just about celebrating a military victory; it is a remembrance of the price of that victory. It reminds me of young officers and soldiers who climbed impossible heights, knowing many would never return, yet never hesitated because the integrity of our nation was non-negotiable. Every inch of ground regained was paid for with extraordinary courage, selfless sacrifice, and lives far too young to be lost.

My message to this generation is simple: freedom, peace, and opportunity are not inherited by chance; they are secured every day by countless men and women in uniform. Honour their sacrifice by being responsible citizens who place duty, integrity, and the nation above self.

Jai Hind

-Retired. Col. Abhishek Whig
(Served from 1998-2023)

Father of Saanchi Whig, X C



Diction Digest

PLAUSIBLE

Meaning: Seeming reasonable or likely to be true

Synonym: believable, obsolete

Antonym: unlikely, or unbelievable

Sentence: "The student came up with a plausible excuse for being late to class."

Submitted by Airah Madaan

Weekly Wisdom

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Submitted by Kaashvi Datta

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