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WEB EDITION

PLAY VIRTUALLY

HOGWARTS DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM

Harry Potter fans will be pleased to hear about this free escape room, created by American librarian in Pennsylvania. You can explore the school of witchcraft and wizardry without leaving the sofa. There are team-building exercises, trivia questions to answer and puzzles to solve that you can do as an individual player, or in a team with your friends.

FACEBOOK GAMING TAB

Facebook's Gaming tab is one of the key reasons it continues to attract users. It offers a way to play games with contacts or with more than two billion users of the platform. It comes with classics, like Pac-Man and Space Invaders, alongside more modern games, like Farmville and Super Dash.

WORDS WITH FRIENDS 2

Words With Friends was already well-established, long before coronavirus forced people indoors, having ridden one of the first ever waves of viral game apps in 2009, alongside the likes of Angry Birds and Doodle Jump. Essentially a Scrabble clone built for phones, it comes with an interface designed for interacting online.

QUIZ UP

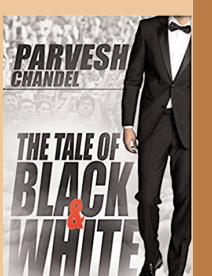
The biggest trivia app in the world features 1,200 topics containing more than 600,000 questions to challenge people on everything, from general knowledge to basic maths problems, among others.

IRECOMMEND

The Tale of Black and White by Pravesh Chandel

The book is about Om, the protagonist, who transforms from a naughty and obedient boy. Om's discovery about his likes, dislikes, his dreams and more important, chasing them at the cost of something substantive, keeps it gripping till the end. During his journey, Om loses something, but is it worth it? An inspiring quote in one of the chapters, "The best comes when we never give up", makes it an inspiring read!

Harshika, class VIII, Jain Bharati Mrigavati Vidyalaya, New Delhi



World's 3 biggest OIL SPILLS

Russia has declared a state of emergency in Siberia, as over five million gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the Ambaraya river, within the Arctic Circle, following a collapse of a fuel tank at a power plant in Norilsk recently. A look at some of the destructive oil spills...



THE PERSIAN GULF WAR OIL SPILL (1991)

Believed to be a man-made disaster, the 1991 oil spill, resulting from the Gulf War in 1991, was done strategically to foil a potential landing by the US Marines in Iraq. Iraqi forces had opened oil valves of the Sea Island pipeline, releasing oil from numerous tankers. It resulted in over 240 million gallons of crude oil that got dumped into the Persian Gulf.

THE IXTOC 1 OIL SPILL (1979)



Mexico's Ixtoc 1 accident released up to 140 million gallons of crude oil into the Bay of Campeche, between June 1979 and March 1980. The spill began with an explosion aboard the Ixtoc 1 platform—which was drilling exploration wells in 164 feet of water. On June 3, 1979, the well suffered a blowout, resulting in one of the largest oil spills in history.

BP'S DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL (2010)



One of the largest accidental oil spills in history began in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010, after a surge of natural gas blasted through a cement well cap that had been installed to seal a well drilled by the Deepwater Horizon oil platform. The gas travelled up the rig's riser to the platform, where it ignited, killing 11 workers and injuring 17. The oil platform capsized and sank two days later. Before the well was capped several months later, some 134 million gallons of oil were released, and about 2,100 km of the US Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida were coated with oil.

INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

4 factors that will dictate our ECONOMY

The Centre may have eased lockdown restrictions to lift the staggering growth chart, but the economy faces an uphill battle in the months ahead, warn experts. Times NIE takes a look at the important factors that will determine the trajectory of the Indian economy in the coming months...

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The effects of the pandemic were marked by significant disruptions in industrial activity that began at the start of March, well before the lockdown came into place. This was characterised by the suspension of factory activities, drop in fuel consumption, and a halving of sales in the passenger vehicle segment. Although restrictions were gradually relaxed in the month of April and May, industrial production has been slow to pick up owing to severe supply-side disruptions, and a lack of labour.



acutely felt in the travel, auto, retail, and hospitality industries.

HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION

Household consumption is one of the most important factors that determine economic growth, and with most households already having little surplus income even in times sans pandemic, the think tank, People Research on India's Consumer Economy predicts that household consumption in the post-Covid-19 phase will only rise to half of what it was prior to the outbreak.

AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT

One of the few bright spots in the economic report is India's agricultural growth, which the government projects will grow by at least 3 per cent in 2020-21 as a result of high output and prices.

UNEMPLOYMENT

India is probably facing the worst unemployment crisis in its history. The pandemic and the subsequent lockdown measures have caused an unprecedented loss of livelihoods for millions of migrant labourers, whose prospects remain bleak. The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy pegged India's unemployment rate at over 24 per cent for the week that ended on May 25, with urban unemployment even worse at 26.3 per cent, indicating that more than one in four members of the labour force in urban areas had been rendered unemployed. The pain is most

The food culture of India is all set to change as restaurants, malls and offices open, post lockdown. Here are some corona-age 'eating together' pointers...

Personal cutlery and social distancing while eating with friends

Eating together will now involve the use of personal cutlery, tissues and social distancing. "If you care about your friends, you won't share meals with them the way you used to," says food critic Sujit Ahuja from Mumbai.

What happens to banquets and buffets?

"Eating together at a banquet hall with 100-200 people is something people will think about twice now," says Sabhrish Iyer, owner of a banquet hall, adding, "Our focus will now be on hygiene and limiting the number of patrons on our premises at a time. We might have dedicated people stationed, who will direct patrons to wash their hands before meals. Banana leaves will replace plates too," he adds.



IF YOU CARE, DON'T SHARE FOOD!

Rethinking community meals

Organisers of the puja pandals and Ganesh ut-sav mandals are thinking alternate ways to keep community meals alive. "We are doing away with community meals this year and are planning to ask people to bring their dabbas to serve bhog," says Debashish Saha from Mukti Sarbajanin Pujo Samiti, Kolkata.

How China's dining culture changed with Covid-19

Eating together has always been a part of China's culinary history. But the country is now witnessing change in its dining etiquette. Chinese restaurants, where one-pot meals were shared by patrons, are no longer popular due to hygiene concerns, post Covid. A recently-conducted survey by China Youth in the country states that people are wary of sharing food; they prefer their own chopsticks, plates and soup bowls while eating!



SPOTLIGHT

CBSE exam results by Aug 15: HRD minister



Union human resource development minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has said that CBSE board results can be declared by August 15. The results of both class X and XII will be declared at an interval of just a few days. However, the decision to open schools will be taken after August keeping in mind the current Covid-19 situation, he added. After August, new sessions will also start in universities. At present, the ministry of human resource development has not set any date for reopening of schools.



- Meanwhile, the Delhi government has written to the HRD ministry on the subject of reopening schools.
- Several private schools have also suggested measures to the HRD ministry on reopening of schools, and safety related issues

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Can you catch Covid-19 from delivered packages?

Health authorities and infectious disease experts have not ruled out the possibility of infection if a person touches their eyes, nose or mouth, after contact with a contaminated package.

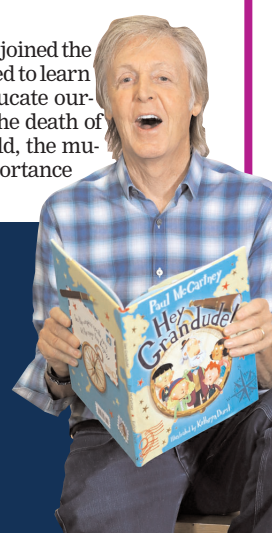


COVID UPDATE

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has cited laboratory research, which found that the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, could persist for up to 24 hours on cardboard and 72 hours on plastic and stainless steel

Need to work together to overcome racism: Paul McCartney

The Beatles legend Paul McCartney has joined the fight against systemic racism. "We need to learn more, listen more, talk more, and educate ourselves", he stresses. As public outcry over the death of George Floyd continues all around the world, the music icon took to Twitter to reflect on the importance of coming together to create change.

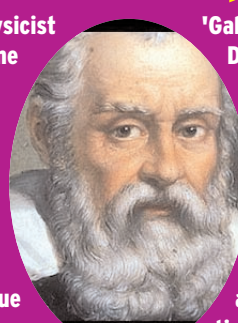


CELEB TALK

McCartney shared that during a trip to the US in 1964, 'The Beatles' had been scheduled to play a segregated show, which they refused to do. "In 1964, 'The Beatles' were due to play Jacksonville in the US, and we found out that it was going to be to a segregated audience. It felt wrong. We said, 'We're not doing that!' So little has changed in the world, since then, he rued.

When Galileo underwent quarantine!

Italian astronomer-physicist Galileo Galilei had some torrid time in the 1630s - he was in poor health, faced a house arrest and a trial due to a controversial book and also had to undergo quarantine for almost a month because of the raging plague then, recounts a new book.



BOOK

'Galileo and the Science Deniers' is a historical biography on the life of Galileo by astrophysicist Mario Livio. It gives a glimpse into the life of a "man who was intellectually radical and well ahead of his time."

Galileo's journey as a scientist began in 1583, when he dropped out of medical school and studied mathematics. By 1590, he had the audacity to criticise Aristotle's teachings on motion, according to which things moved because of a built-in impetus. About 13 years later, following a series of ingenious experiments with inclined planes and pendulums, he formulated the very first 'laws of motion' concerning free-fall, even though he would not publish them until 1638

Instagram tells users not to embed photos on other websites

Instagram has made it clear that now people will need permission to use embedded photos of other Instagram users on third-party websites or platforms. It means that if an Instagram user wants to embed someone's Instagram post on another website, he or she needs to ask the person for a copyright license, else he or she can be subject to a copyright lawsuit



- According to a report, the Facebook-owned platform will not provide users a copyright license to display embedded images on other websites
- To date, users believed that embedding images, rather than hosting them directly, provides insulation against copyright claims
- The news came after a New York judge ruled that 'Newsweek' magazine cannot dismiss a photographer's complaint based on Instagram's terms of service
- Instagram had been "exploring" more ways for users to control embedding
- For now, photographers can only stop embeds by making photographs private, which strictly limits their reach on Instagram

YOUR WORD

Every Voice Counts Part 1

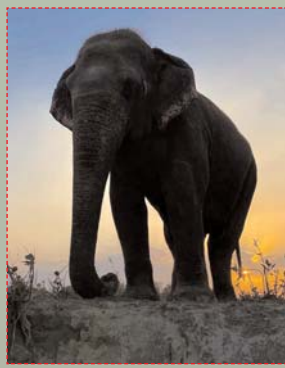
THIS IS HOW YOU CAN DO YOUR BIT FOR ANIMALS

I feel really heavy to pen a few words on the killing of the elephant and her baby. The entire incident has left a bad taste in my mouth. We must protect animals in the following ways.

- 1. Learn all you can about wildlife. Awareness is key.
2. Be a voice for wildlife...utilise social media, build a group...speak up about violence that happens against animals.
3. Try to be a volunteer in a zoo for at least a day!
4. Watch movies on animals.
5. Create awareness by using sign boards.
6. Educate everyone around you about animals and how we need to care for them.
7. Don't harass animals.
8. Donate some money to animal rescue organisations.

I HAVE DONE MY PART. HAVE YOU?

The most circulated news on the Internet, especially in India is the horrific tragedy that befell an elephant in Kerala. This is truly shocking and inhuman considering all that Mother Nature has done for us and given to us. I was not only horrified - I was outraged. I did my part: protesting on Instagram, signing online petitions and spreading the news. I



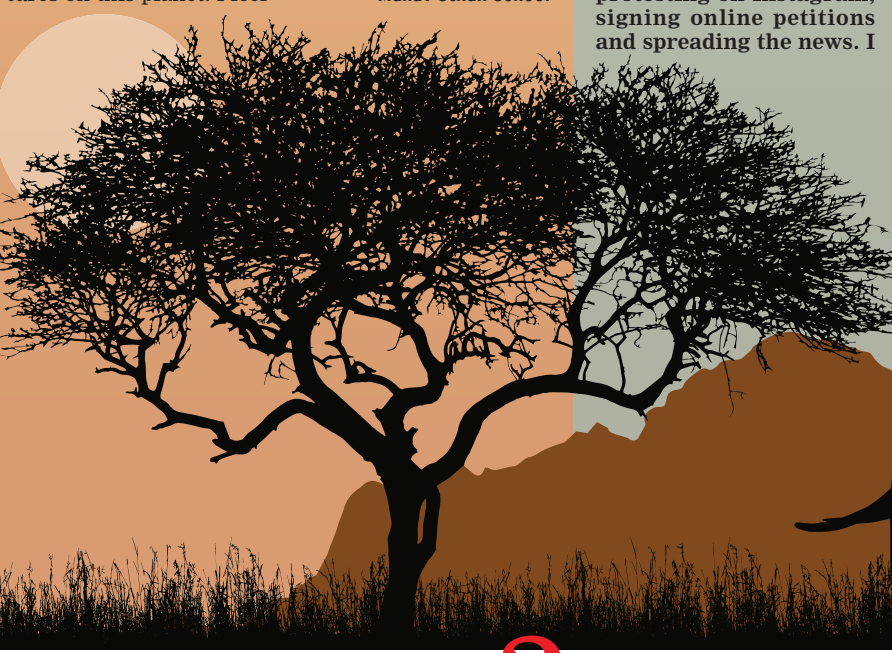
want to make sure that nature gets her due. I want humanity to think for a second time and make decisions which do not harm her and give her what she owes. Let's spread the word! Neha Varadharajan, class 9, The Orbis School Keshavnagar, Pune

PERISHING HUMANITY IN THE WORLD

Animals are the real victims on this planet, they didn't declare war, they don't have weapons nor do they impose religion, their only crime is to exist. The death of an elephant and its baby has made me realise that human beings are the most selfish creatures on this planet. I feel

very helpless and sorry. Going by what Mahatma Gandhi had said - "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" - I think we have collectively failed as a nation. At an individual level, we must speak up about atrocities against animals.

Suhani Jain, XI -D, Manav Sthali School



MASSACRED JUST FOR GREED

Today, rights of animals are being violated just for satisfying people's greed. Nature is full of resources that can fulfil people's hunger and other needs too, but some still opt to kill innocent animals. As a good citizen, every human should understand his/her responsibility towards animals.

Diya Vikram, Class-IX, Manav Sthali School, Delhi



GOVERNMENT SHOULD INTERVENE

It is a great sin killing an animal who is just living its life. The government of Kerala should act wisely and judiciously. The government should impose a law against people killing animals without any definite cause or reason. We have to set an example so that now onwards nobody dares to trouble or kill an animal.

Rajanya Das, class V E, Vivekananda Mission School

TREAT ANIMALS AS FRIENDS, NOT ENEMIES

This incident has deeply saddened me. It shows how inhuman we are, taking not one but two innocent lives for no reason. Presently animals are safe only in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries. But not all animals live there.

To care for these animals is our responsibility. We should

avoid buying leather and animal skin goods and be informed about animal protection organisations. We need to be alert whenever we see any wrongdoing against animals and inform authorities. We should treat animals like our friends, not our enemies.

Ishaan Tripathi, Class IX, GD Goenka Public School, Lucknow

Quiz time

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Q.1) The first Bollywood film to go plastic-free is ... A. Mission Mangal B. Coolie No. 1 C. Aunty No. 1 D. War

- Q.2) NASA has selected a sample collection site on asteroid Bennu after the arrival of OSIRIS-REX space-

craft. What is name of that site?

- A. Nightingale B. Jasmine C. Florencia D. Itokawa

Q.3) Which country celebrates the longest Hindu festival 'Bada Dashain'?

- A. Indonesia B. Nepal C. Singapore D. Bhutan

ANSWERS

1. (B) Coolie No. 1 2. (A) Nightingale 3. (B) Nepal



Hint: Bada Dashain is a Hindu festival that starts on the first day of Navaratri. It is celebrated in a big way by India's neighbouring country.



VOCABULARY BUILDER

- 1) verdant lush copse truthful green

- 2) verdigris green copper plaque salt deposit iron rust

- 3) verisimilitude is the appearance of being..... rusty green true lush eskimo dog nonsense sickness ill suited

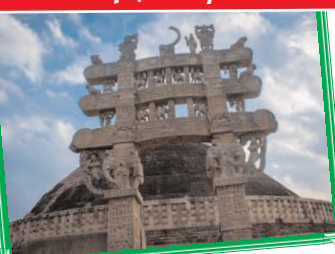
ANSWERS

- (1) green (2) green copper rust (3) true (4) nonsense

ACTIVITY OF THE DAY

History Mystery

The Northern Gateway, Sanchi Stupa, Madhya Pradesh



Sanchi Stupa is one of the oldest stone structures of the country. It was originally commissioned by Emperor Ashoka in 3rd Century BC to preserve the relics of Buddha. This Northern Gateway is one of the four

gateways at the Stupa and the best preserved. The remnants of the 'Dharmachakra' (Wheel of Law) can be seen at the centre. The seated lions are at the end of the first two architraves (a frame around a door, window or arch). The elephants in the four directions are supporting these architraves. The gateway is covered with sculptures depicting scenes from Buddhist tales.

Which gate was the first to be constructed and hence the oldest? ANS: The Southern Gateway

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Humayun's Tomb

The popular heritage site Humayun's Tomb was built by Humayun's wife - Haji Begum. The tomb's construction was completed in the 1570s. Humayun died in 1556, and his body was first buried in Purana Quila, which was later brought to Humayun's Tomb. The tomb was designed by ancient architect Mirak Mirza Ghiyas.



Can you name any monument which has Charbagh planned gardens in its architecture? ANS: Safdarjung Tomb

SCHOOL IS COOL

Literary pursuits for happiness

In order to promote the power of literature and bring the students from all across the globe closer to its universal appeal, KR Mangalam World School organised its first ever Inter-School Online Literary Event (English, Hindi, French, German and Sanskrit) - Eloquence. The theme for this year's literary competition was 'Humour' and students participated from more than 34 schools across Delhi-NCR.

Principal Dr Sangeeta Arora addressed the audience and brought to the fore the school's consistent efforts at broadening the students horizons and moulding them as students of a global world. The audience was then shown 'The Saga of Eloquence' - a presentation of

Dream Come true'. CBSE Director Dr Joseph Emmanuel was the Chief Guest on the occasion and encouraged students to dream big and soar high.

A kaleidoscope of varied online activities focusing on creative and oratory skills of the students was conducted to nurture the linguistic skills of students and celebrate language as a learner's privilege. The event gave young children and learners the chance to bring out their talent, expression and creativity to full swing. Marie Doublier, Attache for Cooperation in Education at the Embassy of France in India was the Special Guest. Principal Dr Sangeeta Arora and the staff were complimented for the success of the event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monika Anand, Vice Principal, Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya, Kidwai Nagar east, New Delhi

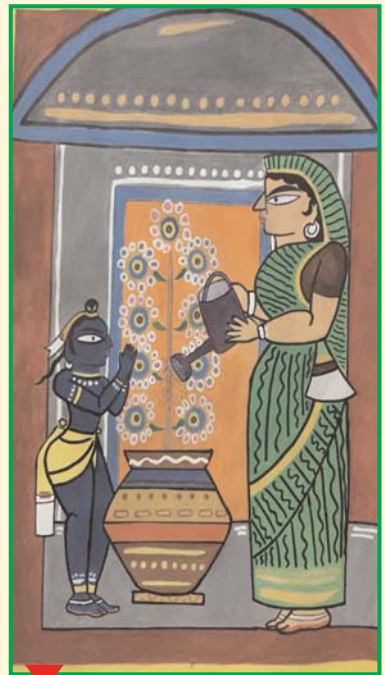
Earth Day

50 years ago today, on April 22, 1970, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson issued a call to action and 20 million people mobilized for the first Earth Day. This grassroots movement wasn't organized with the power of the internet and the social media tools we enjoy today. Rather, it was powered by one man from Clear Lake, Wisconsin with a vision and a deep commitment to keep his promise to future generations. Today, our nation and the world face the threat of global climate change more than ever. This is a challenge that we must confront and one that demands action.

As we have been shut inside our houses by this invisible virus, I can't help but hope that this sickness in our bodies opens our eyes to the deeper sickness in our planet. The past weeks saw a drastic change in the environment all across the globe, it appears that the physical distancing and quarantine measures being taken to stop the spread of the virus, by choice or by force, are rapidly cutting back our emissions through reduced industrial activity, and restrictions on international flights and local traffic. Coronavirus is showing us that we cannot pick and choose who decides to take action - it requires a global effort to protect our planet.

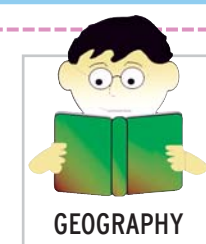
However, what remains uncertain is whether we will choose to do enough to save it. The truth is only us, humans can choose to be the cure to this deeper sickness. Only we can choose to nurture the ancient waters and forests that nurture us. As the earth stops to take a collective deep breathe we have a rare opportunity to reimagine and redefine a new future.

Kavya Bajaj, XII, Manav Rachna International School, Sector - 14, Faridabad



MANAVI JAIN, XII, Manav Sthali School, Rajendra Nagar

RONIT ASHRA, XII, Manav Sthali School, Rajendra Nagar



GEOGRAPHY

KNOWLEDGE BANK

Blenheim Palace, England

This is a monumental country house in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, England. It is the principal residence of the Dukes of Marlborough, and the only non-royal, non-episcopal country house in England, to hold the title

of palace. The palace, one of England's largest houses, was built between 1705 and 1722, and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.



Word Wise

Unwonted (adj): not customary or usual; rare. Synonymous words: abnormal, amazing, astonishing, atypic, awe-

some, curious, distinguished, eminent, exceptional, novel, odd, outstanding, phenomenal, rare, uncommon, etc Examples: The unwonted sensations of comfort, warmth and peace soothed her to sleepiness.

One day the cook put his hat on, and took his axe, and started out of the shanty door with an unwonted air of business. The men heard an unwonted sound in the midnight.

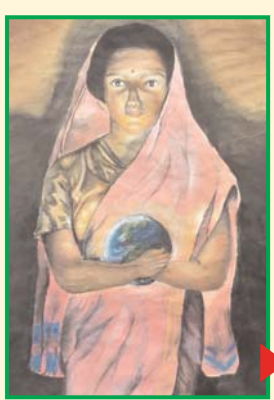
STUDENT CORNER

Social Distancing

By maintaining social distance we can save ourselves and others from infectious diseases like corona virus (COVID-19). Social distancing is not forever. It's just for the times when there is the outbreak of a dangerous disease like COVID-19. To maintain social distancing, we have to stay at home no matter what. During the period of social distancing, we can virtually re-

main connected to our loved ones. We can spend time reading more books and nurturing our hobbies. COVID-19 is a pandemic; Mother Earth has shown us the true value of nature. In 2020, we have learnt that home is a shelter from all storms. Thanks to social distancing.

Simoni Singh, VII, GD Goenka Public School, Sarita Vihar



Mind teasers

ENGLISH QUIZ

FIND THE CORRECTLY SPELT WORDS

- Q.1) A. dismissed B. dismisd C. dismissed D. dismisss
Q.2) A. submittit B. submittit C. submitted D. submittud
Q.3) A. appointed B. appointed C. appointd D. appointede
Q.4) A. afrush B. afrash C. afreshd D. afresh
Q.5) A. demann B. demand C. demund D. deimand
Q.6) A. announce B. announe C. announe D. announce
Q.7) A. cretion B. creation C. creation D. kreation
Q.8) A. member B. memmber C. member D. member

ANSWERS

- (1) (B) (2) (C) (3) (B) (4) (B) (5) (D) (6) (A) (7) (C) (8) (D)

THESE

JUMBLED WORDS

- 1. arapmtoun 2. otrpte
A: paramount B: rapt A: porter B: potter
C: pointed D: angles C: copter D: partake

IDIOM OF THE DAY

'GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS'

Meaning: To become serious about something.