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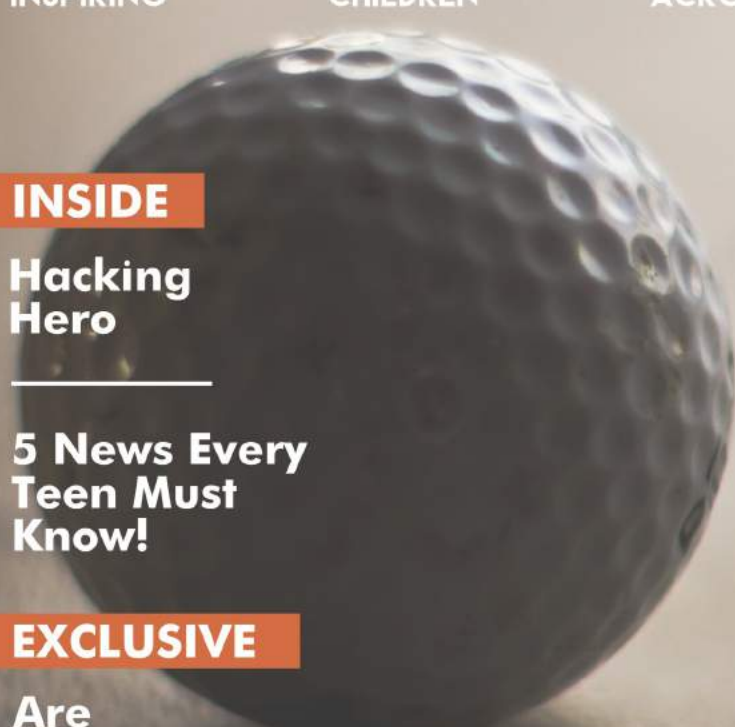
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CORONA— WIPING OFF DEFAME

Editorial

Education and medicine, the two most respectable professions since the beginning of time had lost their angel-image in the recent decades. The most genuine professions acquired a bad name with the immensely growing consumerism. Consumption of goods, whether needed or not, by people led them to earn more and more money, with least consideration of where the money came from. Despite so many avenues of earning money, these two sectors proved to be the most alluring ones.

If you have a patient or a school-going child in your family, then you are the most vulnerable creature for the doctors, hospitals, teachers, principals and the schools, on Earth.

With all your high expenditures and sincere efforts, you have to trust the doctors and educators to get your patient cured and the child educated. Many a times, you may have also felt being exploited financially and emotionally at the hands of medical professionals and the teachers.

But the world has changed overnight due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We all are witnessing the utmost divinity of the doctors. They have proved to be the angel-saviours of humans globally. We are in fact overwhelmed to know the unimaginable sincerity, concern and round-the-clock working of these godly doctors and healthcare workers, even amid the risk of getting infected. Unfortunately, a big number of them have saved humanity by losing their own lives. They are the real heroes rather the Gods of the 21st century.

In this Corona world, we are witnessing another miraculous change and it is in the field of education. The lockdowns all over the world has forced children to remain at home. In this changed scenario, the educators are out with innumerable ideas as to how their students can continue learning without the academic stress. Before this corona-effect, the lengthy school hours; tight schedules; morning rush hours; often little or no time to play, socialize or spend quality time with family; pressure of academic assignments - had made the life of students pathetic.

But now teachers are the new saviours of students. By using WhatsApp and Zoom, they are communicating with the students as how their surroundings, home-based activities, relaxing routines teach them life-skills of utmost utility. Their parents, grandparents, siblings are their new teachers now.

The educators have come with the role of facilitators for the kids.

For example kids are making their own custom dictionaries by learning five new words daily; helping moms in the kitchen, learning new healthy recipes; singing a new song to their teachers on video calls; and learning business tactics from their parents - thus with such exciting suggestions, the teachers are the new heroes rather the Gods of the 21st century.

So, Corona, besides being fatal, has proved a 'Defame-Wiper' for the two most important professions of our society. The Doctors and the Educators have acquired their God-like status once again. Friends let's pray that for the utmost well-being of humanity, this lasts forever. Amen! ❖

— Veena Bhavnesh Gaur





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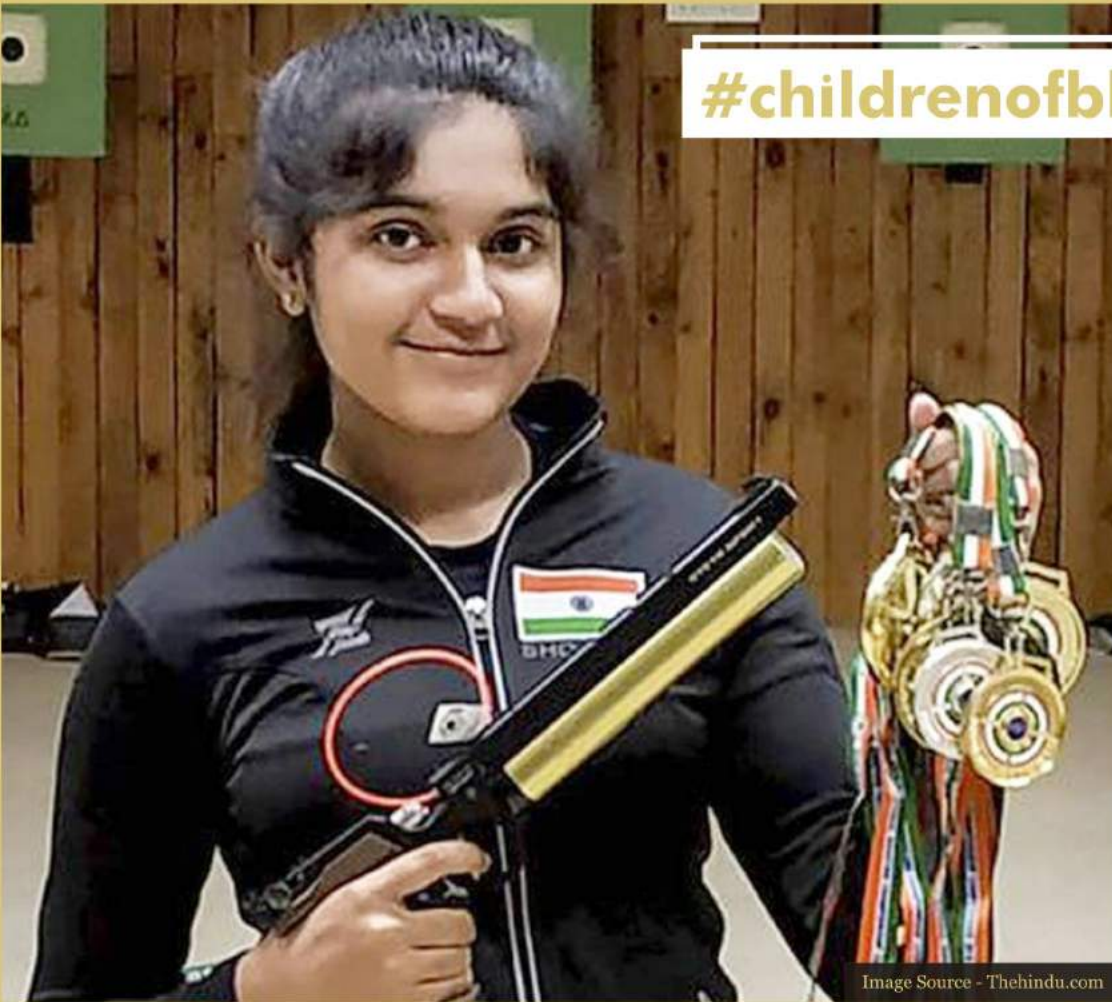


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Teen shooter, Esha Singh, hailing from the city of Hyderabad recently donated Rs. 30,000 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to help India in its fight against the dreaded coronavirus pandemic.

At just 15-years of age, Esha is one of the youngest sportsperson in India to make a monetary contribution to the cause and help India through the crisis.

At the recently held 2019 Asian Shooting Championships which took place from 05-13 November 2019, at Lusail Shooting Complex, Doha, Qatar, Esha won three Gold medals in the junior category. Asian Shooting Championships acts as the Asian qualifying tournament for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. ❖❖

ESHA SINGH

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AKIM CAMARA

Akim Camara, born on September 26, 2000 in Berlin, Germany is a child prodigy as he began playing the violin at the mere age of two years.

In May 2003, Akim was given violin lessons by instructor Birgit Thiele at the Marzahn-Hellersdorf School of Music. Still a toddler, Akim could remember parts of music heard and the names of all orchestral instruments. Moved by his memory and natural 'ear for music', Akim's teacher began instructing the toddler. Akim participated enthusiastically. After six months, he performed at the Christmas concert organized by his Music School.

Birgit and the music school principal, Gudrun Mueller contacted André Rieu, the famous Dutch Violinist to discuss about Akim's prodigious talent. Rieu then sent a camera crew to Berlin to film Akim on the

violin and was astounded to see him. He was so impressed that soon Akim started training and performing with Rieu. With his ability to memorize a musical piece after hearing it, Akim's talent turned into

his passion. Akim has since performed on television with the likes of Wolfgang Fischer and Richard Clayderman. He later became part of an orchestra, formed a quartet and together won a

second prize at the German youth music competition while also performed in concerts across Germany and the Baltic States. ❖

Source - Wikipedia.org

AKIANE KRAMARIK



2003



2019

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Akiane Kramarik, born on July 09, 1994 in Illinois, is an American poet and a painter. She began drawing at the age of four.

Kramarik has created hundreds of notable paintings but is best-known for her painting, 'Prince of Peace', which she completed at the age of eight years. She claimed that she saw visions of Jesus, although she says that she does not belong to

any religion. After 40-hours of hard work on the painting twice her size and described as the painting of Jesus, Akiane shipped it to her agent.

It is claimed that it was soon mistakenly sold without the artist's permission. It disappeared from the public view as the new owner kept it hidden for more than 17-years. It was recently recovered by her family and sold to a private collector for

\$850,000. Thousands of copies of this painting have been sold around the globe as it resembles the face of Jesus.

Akiane Kramarik has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show when she was just 8-years, and also won the Happiness Hall of Fame in 2016. ❖❖❖

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GOLF GLADIATOR

Shubham Jaglan



“...When I was still in my village, I would get one rupee for putting the ball in the hole.”

Coming from a wrestling background, Shubham Jaglan chose Golf. All but 15, the Golf Gladiator has already claimed the World Championship four times and the European Juniors twice, finishing India No. 1 Junior multiple times and winning on the Men's tour twice, the lad hailing from the small town of Panipat in Haryana idolizes Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, while hopes for a tete-a-tete with the legend, Mike Tyson.

In an exclusive interview with Blub World, Shubham speaks at length about his journey in Golf so far, his parents, their support and his life as a teen star. Read on to know more about this dynamic teenager:

How did the journey to playing Golf begin?

I was around 5-years old when an NRI opened a golf academy near my village. I come from a wrestling background, but my grandfather

wanted me to try something new. As soon as I started, I showed a natural talent. Plus, I loved just how the game was, and how it worked. It shut down in about two months because people could not afford such a game and I was part of that bandwagon too, but it was enough to get me started with golf.

When the academy you were initially training at had closed, how did you continue practicing?

After it shut down, I was going to stop and get back to my normal life. But the man who opened the academy spoke to my father and asked him to let me continue practice. He saw talent in me. He gave me some equipment to practice with. I would watch YouTube for coaching, practice in the fields, and later made a practice green in my little backyard.

Did you have to convince your parents to let you play Golf?

How did you do it?

Initially, my parents were not even supportive of me to try out golf. They wanted me to pursue wrestling. My grandfather convinced them. Later, after seeing my interest and improvements, they started encouraging me. Till date, they have been my biggest supporters.

Can online tutorials replace a real-life coach?

I don't think they can. Something is better than nothing, which was the case with me but there is no comparison between the two. Having a coach with whom you can interact with and share your ideas is a different thing altogether.

How do your teammates make practice fun?

Well I don't have teammates. I practice by myself, mostly with my dad. To make practice fun we try to keep side bets and play games. When I was still in my village, I would get one rupee for putting the ball in the



“...My end goal would be to play on the PGA Tour in America professionally.”

hole or chipping it in the basket. I didn't earn much, but it did make practice fun! I moved to Delhi after a few months of practice in my village and got in touch with The Golf Foundation who've been providing me support in playing, practicing and training for golf. I practice at the Delhi Golf Club with my coach Mrs. Nonita Lall Qureshi. She's one of my favorite people, she always makes practice fun.

What motivates you to play?

I just love playing golf. But what I love most is competing. Preparing for tournaments and improving myself so I can compete with better players. It is that process and the results that is so much fun. It just keeps me hooked. I just love what the game has done for me, and the relationships I have been able to build. But my biggest motivation is competing.

What is your workout routine?

I work with Mr. Sandy Parihar and Dr. Ravindar Kumar as my trainer and physical therapist. Seeing the latest trends in golf, hitting the ball further and getting stronger isn't just an advantage, it's become a

necessity. I usually train five times a week with my trainer, mostly doing strength and weight training mixed with some functional and speed work. Working out is my favorite thing. I have been working with my dietician Mr. Shah Fahad for a while, and ever since I've been seeing instant results, which makes training even more exciting. It has made a huge impact on my game too.

Tell us about your achievements. And which is your favorite?

I would say winning the world championship 4 times - twice in Las Vegas, once in San Diego and the Junior World Championship in 2016 held in Pinehurst, North Carolina. I have also won the European juniors twice, in 2016 and 2017. Finishing India No. 1 Junior multiple times and winning on the Men's tour twice. My favorite one would be winning the IMG World Championship in San Diego 2015. My idols like Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson had won the event earlier. I had come close a few times and finally got it done in 2015. It was a great moment, remember it like yesterday!

What would be your ultimate achievement in Golf?

My goal right now is to get inside the world top 100 in the amateur world rankings and represent India at various international levels. My end goal would be to play on the PGA Tour in America professionally.

What role has your parents played in this entire journey?

They have played an immense role in my development. When I got in touch with The Golf Foundation, they asked me to move to Delhi so I could get better facilities. At that point they stuck by me and shifted to Delhi. We had no guarantee of success at that time, but they believed in me and sacrificed so much for me. They have supported me in every way they could, and I am truly grateful for such a strong support system around me.

You might have a celebrity status among your friends, has it changed your friendship in anyway?

I study at the Laxman Public School and almost everyone knows me there. It used to be fun earlier but now it's a kind of bummer since I can



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“...Their parents or relatives or friends or teachers shouldn't tell them what their dreams should be.”
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never bunk classes or do anything fun with friends. I honestly don't attend school much and I don't really go out either. So, I haven't been able to make too many friends, but I like how I can work on my passion. Sometimes I do feel like I am missing out on fun, but I'm always reminded of this quote - "Winning takes care of everything." - Tiger Woods.

In the next five years, which new skill do you wish to develop?

In the next five years, I would like to work on my physical attributes along with my mental game and psychological strengths. These are things I feel are currently stopping me from reaching my potential. After playing for India recently in Australia, I realized my game was very close to the elite level, it was just the mental strengths and focus that separated me from the elite players. I feel in sports, the mentality of the player is extremely important.

What is the most interesting thing about you?

I love meeting new people, travelling and doing things by myself.

A talent about yourself you recently discovered.

I have realized that I am pretty good at finding good movies.

What would you like to become when you grow up?

My dream is to play golf professionally against the best players in the world.

An accessory that makes you look cool.

A good pair of black jeans, everything looks good with black jeans!

What is the wackiest thing on your bucket list?

To chat with Mike Tyson, the guy seems super interesting to me!

If I come to your house, what would I always find in your bedroom?

You would always find some sort of a music system with hip-hop playing.

How would you inspire your peer to chase their dreams?

I don't think I hold a position from which I could inspire my peers. I just feel I am one of them. But if I could,

all I would do is tell them that they should have the right to choose their dreams. Their parents or relatives or friends or teachers shouldn't tell them what their dreams should be.

What should every teen try at least once in their life?

Every teen should learn how to live life on their own and be self-sustaining. Learning the basic things like travelling and cooking and taking care of yourself is very important. It does a lot of wonderful things for the person.

If you were in a class filled with ten-year old children, how would you entertain them?

I would tell them some embarrassing story and then interact with them, get a few silly stories out of them too!

What message would you like to give to our teen readers?

Only thing I would say is find what your passion is and dream big! You only get one life, so don't live to make someone else happy. Do your best to find what makes you happy and just do that and nothing else. ♦

Exclusive Interview

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Amid poor internet connectivity, ask students to create custom dictionaries by learning and writing five new word-meanings every day.

Ms. Ruma Mukherjee,
Principal, Spark School,
Padua, Hooghly, West
Bengal

Quality appreciation of teachers, friends, parents via small write-ups should be done.

Mr. Krutharth Joshi,
Principal, Little Flower
School, Dahod, Gujarat

Ask pre-toddlers to learn and sing a new song to their class-teachers on video calls every day. Ask the higher classes to document things, ways and ideas that make people around them happy.

Mr. Charles Clarence,
Principal, Dr. MPS World
School, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

A one-day lockdown every month in our school post this lockdown will be implemented to improve the happiness index of our students and to let them focus on spirituality. They have completely adapted learning via technology in their school. Students and their parents are now able to use it effectively.

Ms. Poonam Arora,
Principal, Saint MSG
Glorious International
School, Sirsa, Haryana

Start practicing flip learning. Ask teachers to create lesson promo videos and share them with students in advance for them to research it. Then during Zoom classes, ask each student to speak about what he found interesting in the lesson, thus making learning fun.

Ms. Kesar Patel, Principal,
Tagore Global School,
Kurukshetra, Haryana

Families should discuss pertinent issues with children to expose them to internal issues, planning and its resolution, while children should document these learnings.

Mr. Radhakrishnan C.,
Principal, Pearson School,
Hyderabad, Telangana

Children during lockdown can document about their surroundings, latest developments, happenings, learnings and experiences and share the daily report with their teachers.

Ms. Girija Rani Bandaru,
Principal, Sahasra
International School,
Amalapuram, Andhra
Pradesh

The current curriculum is not good for the future generation as just adding technology to improve content delivery will not improve education. The curriculum has to be reconfigured by policy makers to make the future generation ready, which requires skills that technology does not possess.

Dr. Bindu Rana, Founder,
Millennium Group of
Schools, New Delhi

A regular class should be held on 'Problem Solving Engineering', that is solving everyday issues at home and within the neighborhood via engineering solutions.

Mr. Gopal Dutta, Vice-
Principal, Mills Berry
International School,
Kathmandu, Nepal

Examinations via Zoom - Written Paper worth 60% marks by facing the camera and submitting answer sheets through WhatsApp. 40% marks can be earned by E-Viva, again through Zoom.

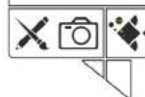
Mr. Apu Dey, Vice-
Principal, The Ummed
International School, Abu
Road, Rajasthan

There is a dire need for online security training for our teachers to understand the risks involved in the online teaching mechanism. It is important to be focused upon this, together with learning and connecting with students.

Mr. Sanjay Jogai, Delhi
World Public School,
Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

INNOVATIVE
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BLUB WORLD WEB TALKS WHITE PAPER

'No Lockdowns
On Learning'

5 NEWS EVERY TEEN MUST KNOW

Teenagers are the pillars behind the success of any country. Teens in modern days are dramatically changing and updating themselves. They learn modern technologies, lead innovations, and at times indulge in social activities for the development of the society. At the same time, advancement in every field is happening so rapidly that it becomes difficult to keep tap with it. So, here are few interesting news items which are exciting and entertaining, and every teen must know:

TikTok helps teens cope with the COVID19 pandemic

The world is under pandemic conditions with COVID19 taking the driver's seat. With social distancing being followed in many places, the teens have taken to TikTok to bring people closer and together. They post videos and memes to bring and impart knowledge to many users. Videos with hashtag #coronavirus have more than 5.5 billion views on the app. Many videos are posted asking people to wear masks and wash hands regularly. Memes and videos aside, TikTok is taking strict measures to educate people about the spread of the virus and its preventive measures. They are also working with the World Health Organization to provide trusted

information to its users and viewers. Teenage brain upgrades before Adulthood

It has been officially confirmed that the teenage brain upgrades itself to become quicker and efficient. It was confirmed after comparing the MRI images of 300 adults and teens at the University of Cambridge. It was led by Kirstie Whitaker who along with

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“...COVID-19 has opened several possibilities for teens to learn modern technology and explore different courses online.”

her team worked with brain scans from people between the ages of 14 and 24. They observed the changes that take place morphologically in the outer layers of the brain during the adolescence stage.

Many Online-Learning Platforms made available for students

With the entire world under partial or complete lock-down due to COVID-19 scare, all schools and universities are shut down. This has opened several possibilities for teens

to learn modern technology and explore different courses online. Apps like Udemy, Coursera, Cloudera, Great Learning and other online learning platforms are pumped up with many additional courses, especially for the welfare of the students and the learning community. These courses include programs like Digital Marketing, Programming and Digital technologies, among other global technologies. For graduates, additional micro and nano degree programs too are made available through varied online courses.

Proportion of weekend Teenage jobs reduced

The number of teenagers with weekend jobs has almost halved over the past two decades. It is because youngsters want to focus on their studies. This is what a report has found. According to a research from the Resolution Foundation think tank, the employment rate among teens in the age group 16-17 with weekend jobs has gone down from 48 percent in 1997-99 to 25 percent in 2017-19. The traditional Saturday job is dying as teenagers are now more likely to focus on their school and college work rather than combining employment with studying, the report suggests. Even among the 16 to 17-year-olds with a

part-time job, the average weekly hours for these school pupils have fallen from nine to eight in the past 20 years. Far fewer teenagers now work as retail cashiers, shelf stackers, postal workers, packers and bottlers.

Teenage boy's idea for PM Modi through a letter

A 15-year old boy from Dehradun, India, named Abhinav Kumar Sharma, recently wrote a letter to PM Narendra Modi to utilize 'God's Wealth' for COVID-19 issue.

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“...The number of teenagers with weekend jobs has almost halved over the past two decades.”

He has asked to make it mandatory for every religious trust irrespective of religion they follow, to donate 80% of 'God's wealth'. These donations should be donated to the PM CARES Fund. In this way, money collected can be utilized for people in distress and needy because of the recent COVID-19 lockdown. ❖

Source – Online News Portals

The writer hails from the city of Coimbatore.

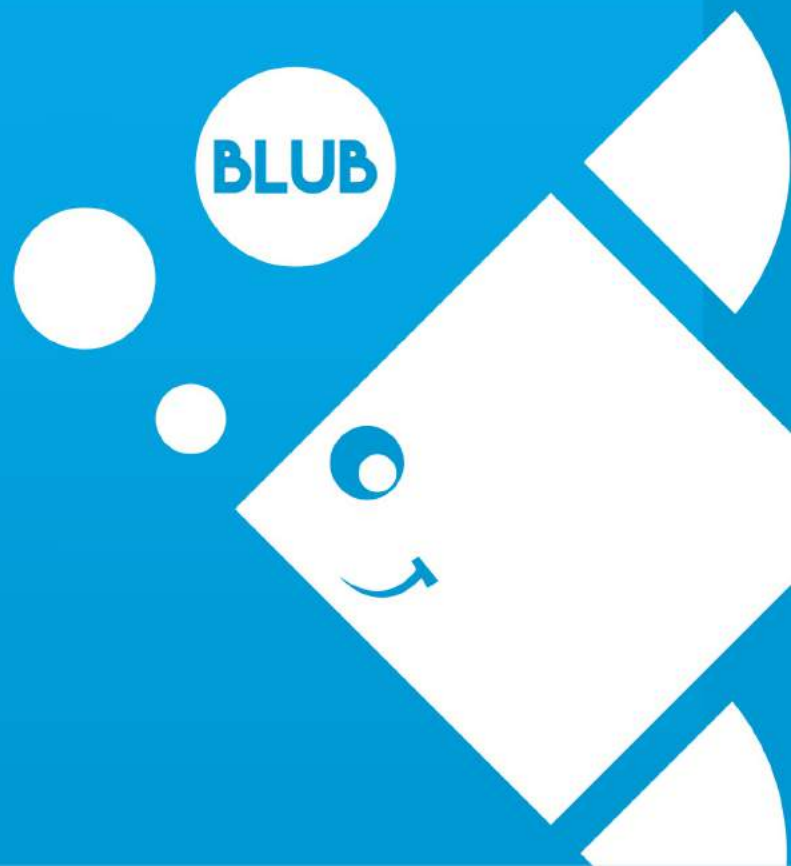
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We all know that children ape their elders blindly. Often parents of young children find themselves in awkward situations when their child imitates them or speaks in front of others, conversations that were meant to be personal.

Well the bottom line is that children observe, admire, and mimic people around them. They often understand things through images, examples, experiences and

role models over didactic talks. They are naïve, curious and reasonable when they question elders for not following the common protocols at home, that children are expected to heed to. It is therefore suggested that if we want to inculcate certain habits in children, first we ourselves need to initiate it and get accustomed to it.

Blub World is basically peer-to-peer inspiration. From millions of incredible children all around the

world, Blub World picks the ones who have done something, anything extraordinary in their lives. We showcase teens who are child prodigies, have pursued something out of the box, shaped their passion and those who can inspire, inspire their very own peer!

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THE FAST FOLKS

We live in an era of a fast-paced life. Believe us or not, it is millennials who are behind it all. The youth of today is brimming with energy, ideas, and they like to live life the fast way. Be it the personal arena or professional, what defines millennials best is their need to hurry through everything.

Boomers or older people, often call out the next generation for this trait of being in a hurry. While they might frown upon the idea of always being in a rush, the millennials are living their life to the fullest. Here are some reasons why millennials are always in a hurry:

Climbing the Success Ladder

Millennials, often touted as work martyrs, are the backbone of the entire corporate sector. They are not only work-driven but also dedicated enough to go out of their way to achieve their goals. For them, taking time off work might sound absurd as it can deter them from climbing the ladder of success. The youngsters of today want to achieve everything, to be at the top, as they deserve to be. And for that, they are always taking up more responsibilities and trying to do all the work by themselves.

Elaborate Social Life

While millennials like to work hard, they believe in celebrating harder. They tend to have an elaborate social circle, ranging from friends to

acquaintances and everything in between. You can always find them hoarded by a group of similar millennials, who are trying to catch a breath amid the hectic life. As extensive as the social circle becomes, it also gets essential to cater to them all. Undoubtedly, they have no choice other than hurry

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through life, and make time for the people who matter.

The Perfectionist Streak

The need to do it all, and that too with perfection, is the very definition of every youngster's life motto. From having the right work-life balance, excelling at work, having new experiences, they want to have it all. To have a perfect life, and not just on social media, the youngsters are always in a rush, hopping on from one thing to another.

Make most of their Limited Time

Owing to medical advancement, the average life expectancy has

increased significantly in the last few decades. But it is only millennials who realize that the time we get on earth is still limited. While life may be short, their bucket lists aren't. They know that they will only be young once and wish to live their life to the fullest while they are in their prime. Although it might seem like they are in a hurry, they might just be having the time of their life. Rather than having unfulfilled dreams when they are in the 80s, a millennial would rather cherish the memories of how much they experienced.

Fierce Competition

With limited opportunities and the increasing availability of talent, competition is an all-time high. Everyone is putting their best and trying to get ahead of others. It often puts pressure on the youth to put their best foot forward and beat everyone in the race of life. Be it office appraisals or social obligations, the need to be at the top makes them proactive and ready to grab every opportunity that comes their way.

Multi-tasking

Have you come across a millennial who is not juggling between things? It is as rare as spotting a unicorn. Apart from being excellent in various fields, they are also adept at handling the different things

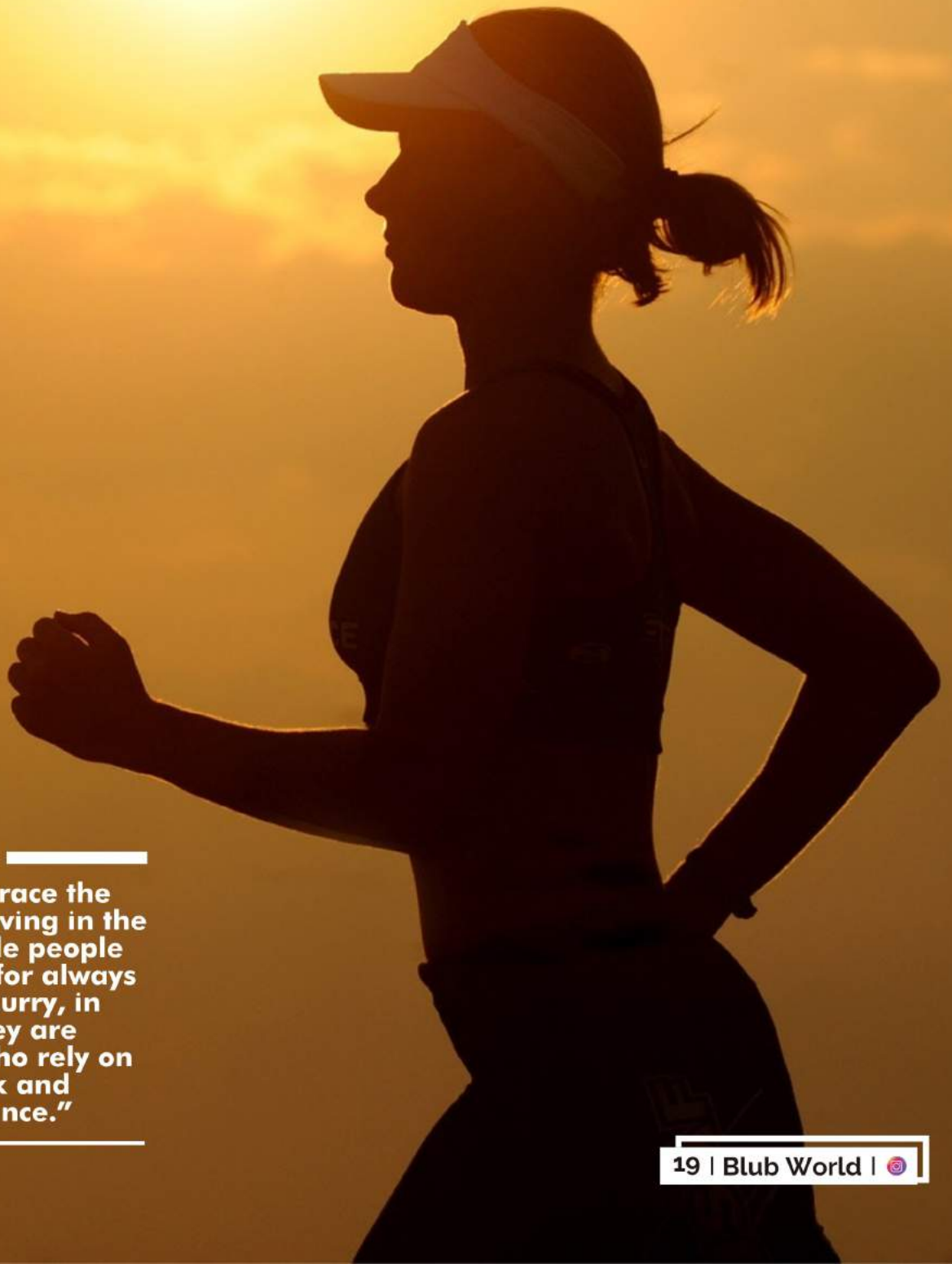
together. Their need to multi-task is majorly the reason behind them in rushing things.

Millennials are born in the era marked by technology, innovation, creativity, and new

experiences. They embrace the philosophy of living in the moment. While people call them out for always being in a hurry, in reality, they are the hustlers who rely on hard work and perseverance. ❖

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HACKING HERO!

In recent times, thanks to the technological revolution, our world has been witnessing an increased amount of connectivity. As the connectivity across people and devices improves, so does the need to secure, to create secured connections, networks, and systems. That is precisely where professional hacking comes in. Let's learn a little about who professional hackers are, what they do, and how can you become one.

Who is a Professional Hacker?

Any person who can penetrate a computer or network to extract valuable information out of it, all with the permission of the owner, is known as a professional hacker. Since professional hackers require the complete authorization of the owner before breaking into a system

or network, their job is entirely ethical, and it is therefore also known as ethical hacking.

Ethical hackers are usually responsible for finding out the weak points or vulnerabilities of a network, system, or device. For example, if there is a weak point within the cybersecurity infrastructure of a big multinational firm, anyone with malicious intentions can hack their system and extract valuable information from it, causing significant losses. However, before anyone else does that, a company's ethical hacker will test the cybersecurity infrastructure by trying to hack the system. If they successfully hack it, they will tell other cybersecurity professionals about how exactly they entered the system, and then suggest specific vulnerabilities that need to be fixed.

In such a manner, the company will be protected from external theft and have a qualified tester of cybersecurity in place.

What Skills Do You Require to be A Professional Hacker?

Professional hackers require extensive technological and networking knowledge. If you are looking to become a professional hacker in the future, here are some skills you should possess.

- In-depth knowledge of networking concepts and computer appliances
- Complete understanding of operating systems
- Familiarity with the software development cycle
- Knowledge and skills related to penetration, testing methodologies and equipment
- Coding in computer languages

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- Written and verbal communication skills
- Have expertise in different technologies

One of the most significant aspects of cybersecurity is that it keeps evolving as the number of threats surrounding a system evolves. Since people with malicious intent keep developing new unethical hacking software everyday, any cybersecurity professional, including a professional hacker has to be continuously updated with the latest technologies and tools of hacking.

How to Become an Ethical Hacker?

Becoming a Certified Ethical Hacker is a crucial step for anyone who wants to land in this profession. An ethical hacking course certificate is often considered as minimal requirement by companies while hiring a professional hacker. This credential gives a hacker hands-on learning experience and teaches him to take a practical approach to ethical hacking by using best-in-class computer software.

Many independent institutes across India offer courses in ethical hacking. Some of them include the Indian School of Ethical Hacking in Kolkata, Indian Institute of Ethical Hacking in Punjab, Indian Cybersecurity Solutions. Most of the courses offered by these institutes have a prerequisite of some basic knowledge of computer, coding, and networking. However, you may also start from scratch.

The duration of these courses can last from a few weeks to several months, depending on the depth and time devoted to each. You can approach a nearby institute for ethical hacking any day to learn more about the courses offered.

How Much do Professional Hackers Earn?

Since technology has become an integral component of the everyday operations of almost all companies, the need for ethical hacking and cybersecurity has also increased. This has made the profession of an ethical hacker a well-paying one. Professional hackers in India earn an average salary of Rs. 4,62,265 per annum.

If you dream of having a handsome salary and contribute to secure the cyber world, start learning about computer systems at the earliest. Become an ethical hacker and save the technological world from malice! ❖

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ARE YOU LOCKED/FREE?

India's 1.3 billion individuals, higher than China and Italy have been on lockdown for quite a few days now, owing to the threat from COVID-19. And we the locked folks have already been through the drill of feeling shocked, bittersweet happiness, excited, relieved, bored, and lethargic.

This period of complete shutdown has come as a surprise to many. While some maybe judgmental about how our government is dealing with the situation, there are many who are wondering about the difficult times this lockdown will bring, once it ends. How much ever we debate, there is little we can do than wait.

People who are sitting at home, all hale and hearty, waiting for the lockdown to end are in many ways lucky. Lucky because unlike the police, the doctors, the chemists, the grocery store owners, and the

vegetable vendors, we are not exposed to the virus nor are we expected to work for long hours like them.

We are in the safe zone of our homes, blessed with a period of complete pause. A pause to think, a break to rest, a period to evaluate, a

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gap to learn, a space to breathe easy, a time to focus on self, and a moment to reconnect with our loved ones. In the normal course of our lives, it is almost impossible to have a period so long, wherein we neither have to go to work, meet people, shop, run

errands, or somewhat live the toxic routine, nor do we have to deal with friends, relatives, neighbors and colleagues.

This time is a consecration to take some days of rest and think. This is the time to shift focus on our own well-being, to reconnect with our soul, have some heartfelt conversations with our diary, and heal. This is time to listen to the inner voice and channelize those thoughts into meaningful actions that gives happiness and satisfaction.

This time is to peacefully connect with our family members once again and cherish the fond memories. It is the time to re-develop our personal space, declutter our minds and bring to use every idea bubbling when we are busy. This is time to pursue our hobbies, brush up our skills and develop newer ones. This is the time

to just sit back and relax, sip coffees at leisure and watch some of the classics from Bollywood and Hollywood. This is time to dance, sing, play, paint, plant, workout and enjoy.

This time is to complete the long pending list of underrated tasks, de-junk our phones and laptops, and tidy our wardrobes. Use this time to cook and bake, craft and create.

These days of lockdown can also be used to learn a new language, pursue a course online, shape our own portfolio, create new videos, showcase a talent, write blogs or simply update our resume and LinkedIn profile.

This time of isolation can be used in either our own advantage or wasted in watching videos or scrolling through the social media feeds which is an endless temptation.

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We are fortunate to be able to say that we have time. Time to think, talk, create and share. Such a rarity this is now. The lockdown will soon get over and we will get back to the grind, but when we are back, these days will be remembered – days of utter freeness!

So, use this precious time, set new habits that you have always wanted to. Take the efforts to work on yourself and make these days meaningful. There are people already working hard to fight this crisis and helping and supporting the needy. The migrants and daily wage earners are suffering big time, but if we are unable to contribute in their welfare, that is okay as long as we are not arbitrating the organizations who are providing aid to them. The biggest help today is simply staying at home and focusing on ourselves.

The circumstances today may or may not be in our favor but try making the best from the situation today. Least to do is helping ourselves. Like it is said, God helps those who help themselves. Happy Quarantine! 🍀





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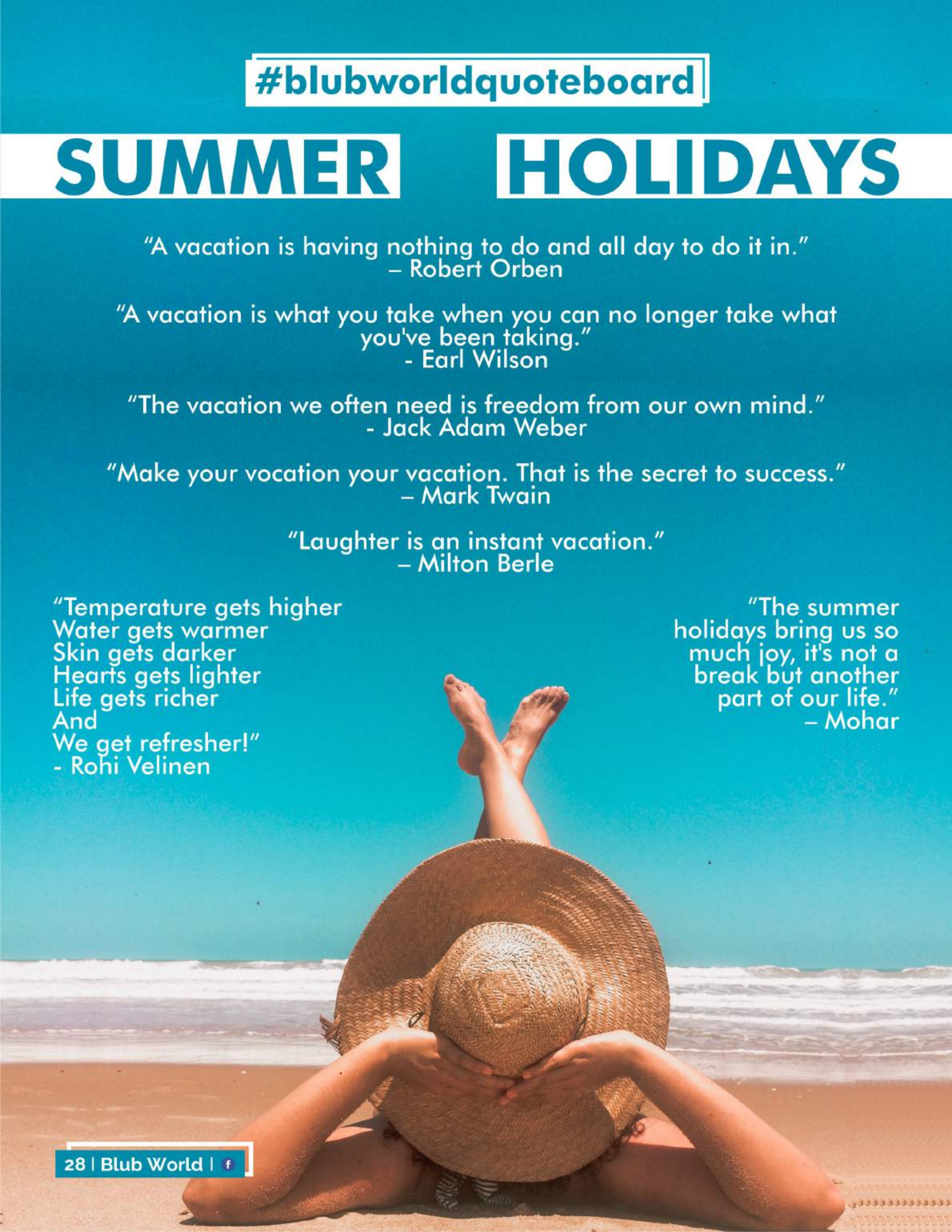
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