

# ERUDITE



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- Glenn Cunningham:** When he was eight years old, he nearly lost his legs after a fire accident in his hometown of Kansas. He saw his sibling Floyd die as a result of that incident. His mother was told that he was sure to die, for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body. Even if he were to survive, he would be a cripple throughout his life. However, overcoming adversity and all odds, he did survive and went on to become one of the greatest middle-distance runners of the 20th century. Popularly known as the 'Iron Man of Kansas', Cunningham created several world records in the 1930s. An epitome of the power of positive thinking and faith in one's self, he continues to be an inspiration for all.
- Walt Disney:** His family was so poor that he had to work at a railroad, selling snacks to the passengers and wake up early every morning to deliver newspapers before school. At the age of 16, he dropped out of high school. At the age of 19, he started his own animation company, but he failed to sell a single cartoon and his company went bankrupt. He was once fired by a newspaper editor who accused him of being lazy and lacking imagination. He started an animation studio in an old garage where he worked for 5 years without any income. He finally tasted success with a short film "Alice in Cartoonland" and "Oswald the Rabbit" but lost the copyright to his characters. Walt's life was miserable at that point in time, but he did not give up. Later, he created his first Mickey Mouse character and the rest is history. He won 22 Academy Awards and was nominated 59 times for it.



Glenn Cunningham



His book titled 'Never Quit'



Walt Disney and his brother, Roy O. Disney



Karnataka CM B. S. Yediyurappa

## NEWS HEADLINES

- National Education Policy 2020: Karnataka set to be the first state to implement.
- The extension of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 has been announced by the Assam government for 6 more months in the state, which is going to be effective from 28th August.
- Jacques Kallis, Lisa Sthalekar and Zaheer Abbas inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame list.
- German professional sports club Bayern Munich won the UEFA Champions League title for the sixth time by defeating Paris Saint-Germain 1-0.
- Massive wildfires blazed across California, which claimed several lives and forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate from their homes
- Madhya Pradesh is going to be the first state in India to offer government jobs based on the score secured in the Common eligibility test (CET) which will be conducted by the proposed National Recruitment Agency.
- Cabinet approves proposal to lease out Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram airports for 50 years.



FC Bayern Munich



Ramesh Pokhriyal, Minister of Education



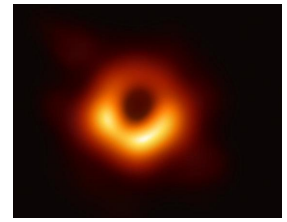
California wildfires



Irom Chanu Sharmila, an activist demanding the withdrawal of AFSPA in Manipur.

# THE UNIVERSE

- Space is completely silent.
- The footprints on the moon will stay there for the next 100 million years.
- The first-ever black hole photographed is 3 million times the size of Earth.
- Each year the moon moves 3.8 cm away from the Earth.
- The Voyager 1 spacecraft is the most distant human-made object from Earth.
- Neutron stars are the fastest spinning objects known in the universe. A spoonful of a neutron star weighs about a billion-ton.
- A year on Venus is shorter than its day. Venus is the slowest rotating planet in our Solar System, so slow it takes longer to fully rotate than it does to complete its orbit.
- Olympus Mons on Mars is the tallest mountain on any of the planets of the Solar System.
- There is a planet-sized diamond called BPM 37093, otherwise known as Lucy, in Centaurus named after a Beatles song, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.



First-ever image of a Black Hole



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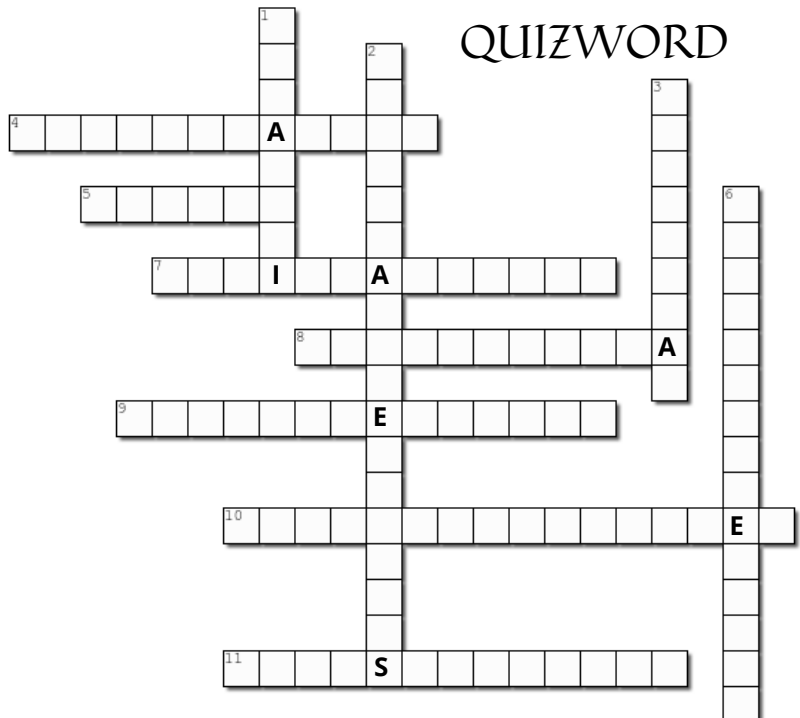


Olympus Mons

## Did you know?

- The 100 folds in a chef's hat represent 100 ways to cook an egg.
- Russia has a bigger surface area than Pluto.
- The British Queen's handbag is a body language communication device.
- There is a spacecraft graveyard in the South Pacific Ocean, known as 'Point Nemo'.
- High heels were originally men's shoes. They were worn by men of the Persian Cavalry to help their boots stay in their stirrups when riding horses.
- Antarctica is the driest continent; it is almost entirely desert.
- The Eiffel Tower grows in the summer. Due to the heat expansion of the tower's iron in the summer sun, the Eiffel Tower's height can grow by up to 6 inches!

## QUIZWORD



**Across**

- The first Indian-American VP candidate.
- The Indian State Capital where the 'Battle of Tennis Court' was fought in 1944.
- Winner of 2020 British Grand Prix.
- The river over which India's Longest River Ropeway is built.
- The movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920.
- A 25-year-old browser of Microsoft which will be shut down in 2021.
- The first fast bowler to reach 600 Test wickets.

**Down**

- The city that derives its name from the two rivers that flow through it, Varuna and Assi.
- The country which became the third Arab country to officially recognise and have diplomatic ties with Israel in August 2020.
- Monument depicted on the new Rs 100 banknote.
- The only player to have won the UEFA Champions League with three different clubs.

Answers to the JULY edition:

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| 1. Vidya Balan    | 2. Nupedia   | 3. TARDIS | 4. Marie Curie |
| 5. Jair Bolsonaro | 6. Liverpool | 7. Kal-El |                |

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