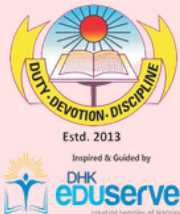


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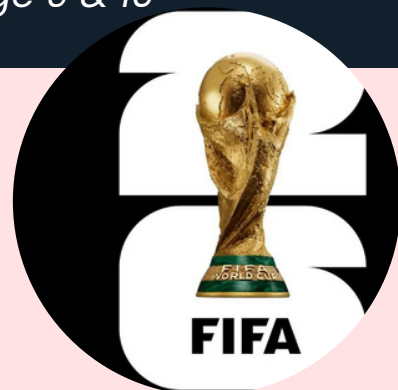
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# MOMENTS THAT MATTER

## Rising Through the Quiz Ranks



Our students proudly represented Sunbeam School Ballia at the National Level Inter-School Quiz Competition held at KN Udupa Auditorium, IMS BHU, conducted by One% Club and hosted by renowned Quiz Master Vinay Mudaliar. Competing with talented teams from across the country, our quizzers displayed remarkable knowledge, confidence, and teamwork. Two teams reached the semi-finals, while one team advanced to the Grand Finale, securing an impressive 5th position overall.

This memorable experience strengthened our students' curiosity, confidence, and passion for learning, inspiring them to strive for even greater achievements in the future.



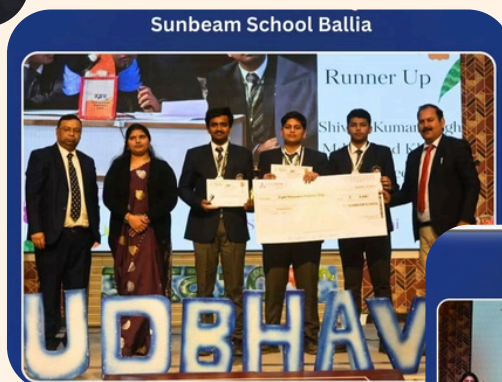
## UDBHAV 1.0 – A Celebration of Knowledge

On 25 December 2025, Sunbeam School Ballia proudly hosted UDBHAV 1.0, its inaugural Inter-School Quiz Competition, bringing together 15 schools for a thrilling contest of knowledge and intellect.

The quiz was expertly conducted by Mr. Aditya Chaudhury, Dean – Academics, Innovation & Internationalism, Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions. Students showcased exceptional teamwork, presence of mind, and academic excellence across a variety of challenging rounds.

Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Padrauna emerged as the champions, followed by Sunbeam School, Mughalsarai and Sunbeam School, Mau as the runners-up.

UDBHAV 1.0 was more than a competition—it was a celebration of curiosity, confidence, and the joy of learning, setting the stage for many more inspiring editions to come.



## Guru Nanak Quiz – Celebrating Knowledge & Values

Our students proudly represented Sunbeam School Ballia in the Guru Nanak Quiz Competition, demonstrating their knowledge, confidence, and teamwork. The quiz provided an excellent opportunity to learn about the life, teachings, and timeless values of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, inspiring participants to appreciate the ideals of equality, compassion, selfless service, and universal brotherhood.





# The Lang Wiz Experience

## The Quiz Chronicle



## A Journey to Remember – Lang Wiz 2025

Every competition is more than a contest—it is a journey of learning, confidence, and growth. For our young quizzers, Mas. Utkarsh Ujjwal, Mas. Saksham Tiwari, and Mas. Atharv Mishra, Lang Wiz 2025 was exactly that.

Representing Sunbeam School Ballia at one of the most prestigious events in the Sunbeam calendar, hosted at Sunbeam School Ayodhya on 12 November 2025, the team competed against some of the finest young minds. Through determination, teamwork, and exceptional language skills, they earned a place in the Grand Finale, ultimately securing an impressive 5th position.

The event, masterfully conducted by renowned quizmaster Mr. Barry O'Brien, challenged participants to think critically, communicate effectively, and celebrate the joy of language. Beyond rankings, the experience enriched our students with confidence, new friendships, and unforgettable memories.

Their remarkable journey stands as a proud chapter in the history of our Quiz Club, inspiring every learner to embrace challenges with curiosity and courage.







Domain : Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

# LEARN THE CRAFT OF QUIZZING

## 1 - HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOP

**Saturday, 17th January**  
05:00 pm IST

Workshop led by / Facilitator :  
**Mr Gaurava Yadav**  
Quizmaster / National Quiz Champion

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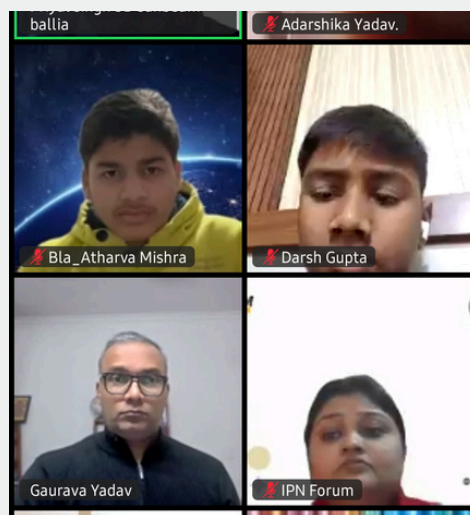


## Crafting Curious Minds: A Masterclass on the Art of Quizzing

At Sunbeam School Ballia, learning extends far beyond textbooks. Our students recently had the enriching opportunity to attend a Masterclass on the "Craft of Quizzing" conducted by renowned quizmaster Gaurava Yadav under the IPN initiative.

The interactive session highlighted that quizzing is much more than answering questions—it is about cultivating curiosity, observation, and critical thinking. Students explored the importance of keen observation, meaningful associations between ideas, and understanding the "why" behind every fact. Their enthusiasm and active participation reflected a genuine spirit of inquiry.

The masterclass inspired students to adopt a Daily Curiosity Routine, encouraging them to observe, question, and learn from the world around them. Sunbeam School Ballia remains committed to nurturing inquisitive minds and empowering learners with skills that go beyond the classroom.



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## Columbia: A Gateway to South America

### Colombia's Amazon: A Symphony of Life

The Amazon rainforest is the planet's largest tropical ecosystem, spanning over 5.5 million square kilometers across nine South American countries (predominantly Brazil). Often called the "lungs of our planet," it holds roughly 123 billion metric tonnes of carbon and houses an estimated 10% of all known species on Earth.



### Bandeja Paisa

Hailing from the Paisa region, this is the ultimate Colombian feast. It is a massive platter featuring red beans, white rice, chicharrón (fried pork belly), carne en polvo (ground meat), a fried egg, plantain, chorizo, avocado, and an arepa.



### Colors That Tell Colombia's Story

Colombian traditional dress reflects the country's rich Indigenous, Spanish, and African heritage. Styles vary drastically by region, ranging from the voluminous, colorful ruffled skirts of the Caribbean coast used for Cumbia dancing to the warm, woolen ruanas worn in the chilly Andean highlands.

### Colombia at a Glance: 5 Quick Facts 🌍✨

1. 🌍 **Capital City:** Bogotá is the capital and largest city of Colombia.
2. ☕ **Coffee Powerhouse:** Colombia is famous worldwide for producing some of the finest coffee beans.
3. 🌈 **Biodiversity Hotspot:** It is one of the most biodiverse countries on Earth, home to thousands of species of plants, birds, and animals.
4. 🌊 **Two Oceans:** Colombia is the only South American country with coastlines on both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean.
5. 🎶 **Land of Salsa:** Colombia is renowned for its vibrant music and dance culture, especially salsa, cumbia, and vallenato.

#### Bonus Fact: 🌿

A significant portion of the Amazon Rainforest lies within Colombia, making it a key guardian of this global ecological treasure.





# Echoes of the Past

The Quiz Chronicle



## Machu Picchu: The Lost City of the Incas

**Timeline Challenge:**

**c.1450 ➤ Built | 1911 ➤ Rediscovered**

High in the misty Andes Mountains of Peru lies a mysterious city called Machu Picchu. More than 500 years ago, the Inca people built this remarkable settlement among the clouds. Surrounded by steep cliffs and lush green peaks, it was a place of beauty, learning, and spiritual significance. For centuries, the city remained hidden from the outside world, protected by nature itself.

As time passed, the mighty Inca Empire declined, and Machu Picchu was gradually abandoned. Dense forests and thick vegetation covered its stone pathways, temples, and terraces. Generations came and went, and the city's existence faded into legend. Many believed it was lost forever, known only through whispers and stories passed down by local communities.

Then, in 1911, explorer Hiram Bingham was guided to the site by local residents. As the morning mist lifted, he saw ancient stone structures emerging from the mountainside. The world was amazed by the discovery of this forgotten wonder. Today, Machu Picchu stands as one of the world's most treasured heritage sites, inspiring millions of visitors with its mystery, history, and breathtaking beauty.



## Hampi: The Forgotten City of Vijayanagara (India)

Located in the state of Karnataka, Hampi was once the magnificent capital of the Vijayanagara Empire. In the 15th and 16th centuries, it was one of the richest and largest cities in the world, famous for its grand temples, bustling markets, and advanced architecture. Today, its stunning stone ruins tell the story of a glorious civilization that flourished centuries ago.

**Timeline Challenge:**

**1336 ➤ Vijayanagara Empire Founded |  
1565 ➤ City Declines After the Battle of Talikota**



# How Does a Wetland Become a Ramsar Site?

*The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty signed in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar to protect wetlands of global importance.*

## Selection process

**Identification of Wetlands** – Scientists and environmental agencies identify wetlands with ecological significance.

**Meeting Ramsar Criteria** – The site must satisfy at least one of the nine Ramsar criteria, such as supporting endangered species or hosting large numbers of waterbirds.

**Scientific Documentation** – Detailed reports on biodiversity, hydrology, and ecological value are prepared.

**Government Nomination** – The national government submits the proposal.

**International Recognition** – The Ramsar Secretariat evaluates the nomination and adds the site to the Ramsar List.



## CURRENT UPDATES

### India's Growing Ramsar Network: New Wetlands on the Global Map

India continues to strengthen its commitment to wetland conservation. Ramsar Sites are wetlands recognized as being of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. These ecosystems support biodiversity, regulate floods, recharge groundwater, and help combat climate change.

As of 2026, India has 99 Ramsar Sites, making it one of the countries with the largest Ramsar networks in the world.

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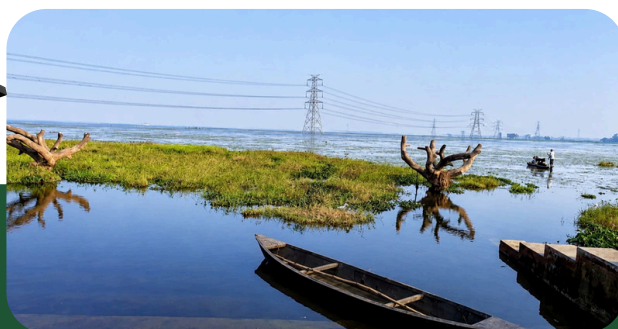
### Surha Tal: India's 100th Ramsar Site

India achieved a remarkable milestone on 5 June 2026 (World Environment Day) when the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh, was designated as the country's 100th Ramsar Site. This recognition highlights India's growing commitment to wetland conservation and biodiversity protection.

Located in Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh. Officially known as Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary.

It lies on the Central Asian Flyway, one of the world's major migratory bird routes. More than 310 bird species have been recorded here, including over 125 species of waterbirds.

During winter, nearly 200,000 migratory birds visit the wetland.



#### Ramsar Facts 2026

India now has 100 Ramsar Sites.

Uttar Pradesh has 13 Ramsar Sites, making it one of the leading states for wetland conservation.

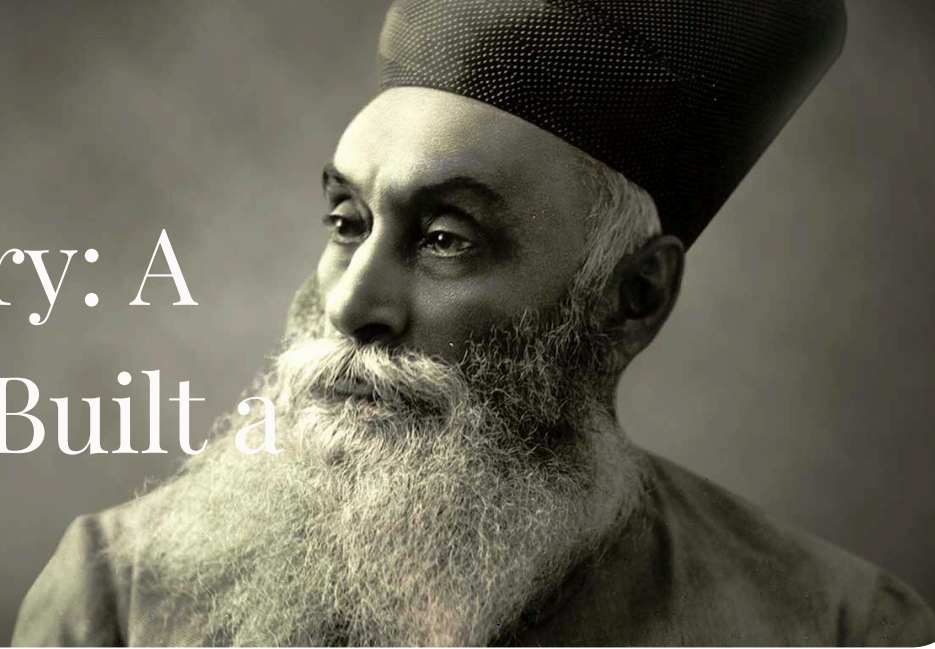
The Ramsar Convention was signed in 1971 in Ramsar.

#### Did You Know?

The well-known Sur Sarovar (Keetham Lake) in Agra became a Ramsar Site in 2020, while Surha Tal has now earned the distinction of becoming India's historic 100th Ramsar Site.



# The Tata Story: A Legacy That Built a Nation



## The Foundation for *Success*

The story of Tata began in 1868, when visionary entrepreneur Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata founded a trading company in Mumbai with a dream of building industries that would strengthen India. More than 150 years later, the Tata name has become synonymous with trust, innovation, and nation-building.

Jamsetji Tata believed that industries should serve society. His dream led to the creation of India's first integrated steel plant, which later became Tata Steel in Jamshedpur. He also envisioned world-class education and scientific research, inspiring institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Today, the Tata Group operates in over 100 countries through companies like Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Tata Power, Titan, Tata Consumer Products, and Air India. Millions of people use Tata products every day, from tea and salt to cars and software.

What truly sets Tata apart is its commitment to giving back. A large share of Tata Sons is owned by charitable trusts, which fund education, healthcare, scientific research, and rural development. The Tata legacy reminds us that true success is measured not only by profits but also by the positive impact created for society.

## Ratan Tata: The Leader Who Won Hearts

Few business leaders are admired as deeply as Ratan Tata. Taking charge of the Tata Group in 1991, he transformed it into a globally respected enterprise while preserving its values of honesty, excellence, and compassion.

Under his leadership, Tata acquired iconic international brands such as Jaguar and Land Rover, Tetley Tea, and Corus Steel, placing Indian business on the global map. He also encouraged innovation by launching the Tata Nano, designed to make car ownership affordable for ordinary families.

Beyond business, Ratan Tata became known for his humility and generosity. During natural disasters, health emergencies, and times of national need, the Tata Group consistently extended support through relief efforts, hospitals, and community welfare initiatives.

Ratan Tata often reminds young people that success comes from learning, hard work, and integrity. His life continues to inspire millions of students to dream big while staying grounded in values.

### Tata Quiz Corner – Did You Know?



Tata was founded in 1868 by Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata.

Tata Steel established Jamshedpur, India's first planned industrial city.

TCS (Tata Consultancy Services) is among the world's leading IT services companies.

The famous Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai was opened by Tata in 1903 and remains a symbol of Indian hospitality.

Tata products reach millions of homes every day through brands such as Tata Salt, Tata Tea, Tata Motors, Titan, Tata Power, and Air India.



"Success should never come at the cost of values." This belief defined the life of J.R.D. Tata, one of India's greatest industrial pioneers and an inspiring leader whose vision transformed Indian business.

Born on 29 July 1904 in Paris, J.R.D. Tata became the chairman of the Tata Group in 1938 at the age of just 34. Under his remarkable leadership, the Tata Group expanded from 14 companies to more than 90 enterprises, setting new benchmarks in industries ranging from steel and automobiles to chemicals, hospitality, and information technology.



# FIFA WORLD CUP: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH



Every four years, billions of football fans unite to celebrate the FIFA World Cup, the world's biggest and most prestigious football tournament. Organised by FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association), the first World Cup was held in 1930 in Uruguay, where the hosts became the inaugural champions. Since then, the tournament has grown into one of the most-watched sporting events on the planet.

Over the decades, the World Cup has given the world unforgettable legends such as Pelé, Diego Maradona, Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo Nazário, Lionel Messi, and Cristiano Ronaldo. Brazil remains the most successful nation with five World Cup titles, followed by Germany and Italy with four each.

## 🏆 Quiz Facts

🏆 First FIFA World Cup: 1930 (Uruguay)

🏆 Most successful team: Brazil (5 titles)

🌐 First three-nation hosts: Canada, Mexico & USA (2026)

👥 Teams in 2026: 48 (largest ever)

📅 Total matches in 2026: 104

👑 Defending champions entering 2026: Argentina

## Spotlight: FIFA World Cup 2026

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is making history as the largest edition ever. For the first time, 48 teams are competing across 104 matches, and the tournament is being jointly hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States—the first World Cup hosted by three nations. The tournament runs from 11 June to 19 July 2026, with the final scheduled in New York/New Jersey.





# Football's most prestigious trophy

The World Cup winning team does not receive the original trophy, which is made of gold, but a copy made of a gold-brass alloy with its name engraved on it



## FROM VICTORY TO GLORY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE FIFA WORLD CUP TROPHY

The FIFA World Cup Trophy is the ultimate prize in football and one of the most recognised sporting symbols in the world. Since the first FIFA World Cup in 1930, only two official trophies have represented the dream of becoming world champions.

The original trophy, first known as "Victory," was later renamed the Jules Rimet Trophy in 1946 to honour FIFA President Jules Rimet, who founded the World Cup. Designed by French sculptor Abel Lafleur, the 35 cm trophy featured Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, and was crafted from gold-plated sterling silver with a lapis lazuli base. After winning the World Cup for the third time in 1970, Brazil was awarded the Jules Rimet Trophy permanently, marking the end of an unforgettable era.

To begin a new chapter, FIFA unveiled the current FIFA World Cup Trophy in 1974. Designed by Italian sculptor Silvio Gazzaniga and manufactured by GDE Bertoni, it stands 36.8 cm tall, weighs 6.175 kg, and is made of 18-carat solid gold with a green malachite base. Its elegant design shows two human figures lifting the Earth, symbolising the unity, passion, and triumph of world football.

Interestingly, the original FIFA World Cup Trophy never belongs permanently to the winning team. Champions lift the original during the award ceremony before receiving a gold-plated replica, while the original remains safely preserved by FIFA. As the 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States, prepares to welcome 48 teams, this iconic trophy will once again inspire millions across the globe.



**INTERESTING FACT: THE ORIGINAL TROPHY NEVER LEAVES FIFA PERMANENTLY. CHAMPIONS LIFT THE ORIGINAL DURING THE VICTORY CEREMONY BUT RECEIVE A GOLD-PLATED REPLICA TO KEEP.**

### Trophy Evolution Timeline

- 1930 -First FIFA World Cup held in Uruguay; Jules Rimet Trophy introduced.
- 1946- Trophy renamed the Jules Rimet Trophy.
- 1970- Brazil won its third title and kept the Jules Rimet Trophy permanently.
- 1974- Current FIFA World Cup Trophy introduced.
- 2026- The same iconic trophy will be awarded to the champions of the 48-team FIFA World Cup hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the USA.

### ⚽ Quiz Corner

- What was the original name of the Jules Rimet Trophy?
- Who designed the current FIFA World Cup Trophy?
- Which country won the Jules Rimet Trophy permanently in 1970?
- What precious stone is used in the base of the current trophy?
- Since which year has the present FIFA World Cup Trophy been awarded?



# Why Quizzing Matters: Unlocking the Power of Knowledge

The Quiz Chronicle

"The more you learn, the more confident you become—and quizzing is one of the most exciting ways to learn."

Quizzing is much more than answering questions. It is a journey of curiosity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. Every quiz encourages students to explore new ideas, connect facts, and develop the confidence to think quickly under pressure. Whether in the classroom, on a stage, or online, quizzing transforms learning into an enjoyable challenge.

## ***Why should Students participate in quizzes.***

- Improves general awareness and subject knowledge.
- Develops logical reasoning and analytical thinking.
- Strengthens memory and recall skills.
- Enhances confidence and public speaking.
- Encourages teamwork, healthy competition, and sportsmanship.
- Makes learning interactive, engaging, and enjoyable.



## Preparing for Quiz Competitions: Team and Individual Success

Success in quiz competitions is built on consistent preparation, curiosity, and confidence. Whether participating as part of a team or competing individually, the right approach can make a significant difference. In team quizzes, effective cooperation is the key to success. Team members should divide topics according to their strengths, hold regular discussions and mock quiz sessions, share notes and current affairs, and practise quick communication and decision-making. A successful team values every member's contribution and understands that collaboration is more important than individual brilliance.

For individual quizzes, preparation requires discipline and self-motivation. Students should develop the habit of reading newspapers, magazines, and reliable educational resources every day while regularly revising textbooks and important facts. Solving previous quiz papers, taking timed practice tests, and maintaining a notebook of interesting facts and current events can greatly improve performance. Above all, staying calm, focused, and confident in one's preparation helps transform knowledge into success.

Whether you compete alone or with a team, remember that quizzing is not just about winning trophies—it's about developing a lifelong habit of learning, thinking critically, and staying curious about the world around you.

## ***Smart Quiz Preparation Tips***

- Read for at least 20–30 minutes every day.
- Learn something new from different subjects each week.
- Watch educational documentaries and quiz shows.
- Create flashcards for quick revision.
- Discuss interesting facts with friends and teachers.
- Stay curious—every question is an opportunity to learn.



# Ajay Poonia – Redefining the Art of Quizzing



Some quizmasters ask questions. Ajay Poonia inspires a generation to seek answers. A distinguished quizmaster, educator, and the Founder of QriptyQ, he has emerged as one of India's most innovative minds in school quizzing. With a vision to make knowledge engaging, competitive, and accessible, he has transformed quizzes into platforms that celebrate curiosity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning.

Through QriptyQ, Ajay Poonia has curated and conducted numerous high-impact quiz festivals, inter-school championships, and knowledge initiatives, bringing together thousands of young minds from across the country. His quizzes are widely appreciated for their originality, seamless execution, and rich blend of current affairs, history, science, literature, sports, culture, and logical reasoning. His association with prestigious events, including the celebrated Guru Nanak Quiz Festival, reflects his commitment to raising the standards of school quizzing.

What truly distinguishes Ajay Poonia is his belief that quizzing is not merely about winning—it is about learning, questioning, and growing. Every quiz he designs encourages participants to think beyond textbooks, connect ideas across disciplines, and develop confidence under pressure. His engaging style and innovative approach have inspired countless students and educators to embrace the joy of knowledge.

**"Curiosity is the spark, knowledge is the journey, and quizzing is the bridge between them." – Ajay Poonia**





# QUIZ RESOURCES CORNER

Want to become a quiz champion? Here are some of the best resources to boost your knowledge and stay ahead!

## Useful Websites

[www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com) – Reliable encyclopedia for every subject.  
[www.natgeokids.com](http://www.natgeokids.com) – Fun facts on science, animals and geography.  
[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) – Space exploration and astronomy updates.  
[www.isro.gov.in](http://www.isro.gov.in) – India's latest space missions.  
[www.gktoday.in](http://www.gktoday.in) – Current affairs and quiz questions.



**Explore These for Learning something unknown to you till now!**

## Must-Read Books



### Manorama Yearbook

The ultimate guide to current affairs and GK.



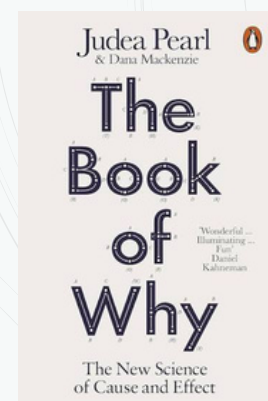
### TeenDigest

The Hindu Teen Digest is a weekly magazine specially designed for teenagers. It features easy-to-understand articles on current affairs, science, technology, environment, careers, language skills, and self-development.



### Guinness World Records

Amazing records and fun facts.



### The Book of Why

Inspires logical thinking.

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