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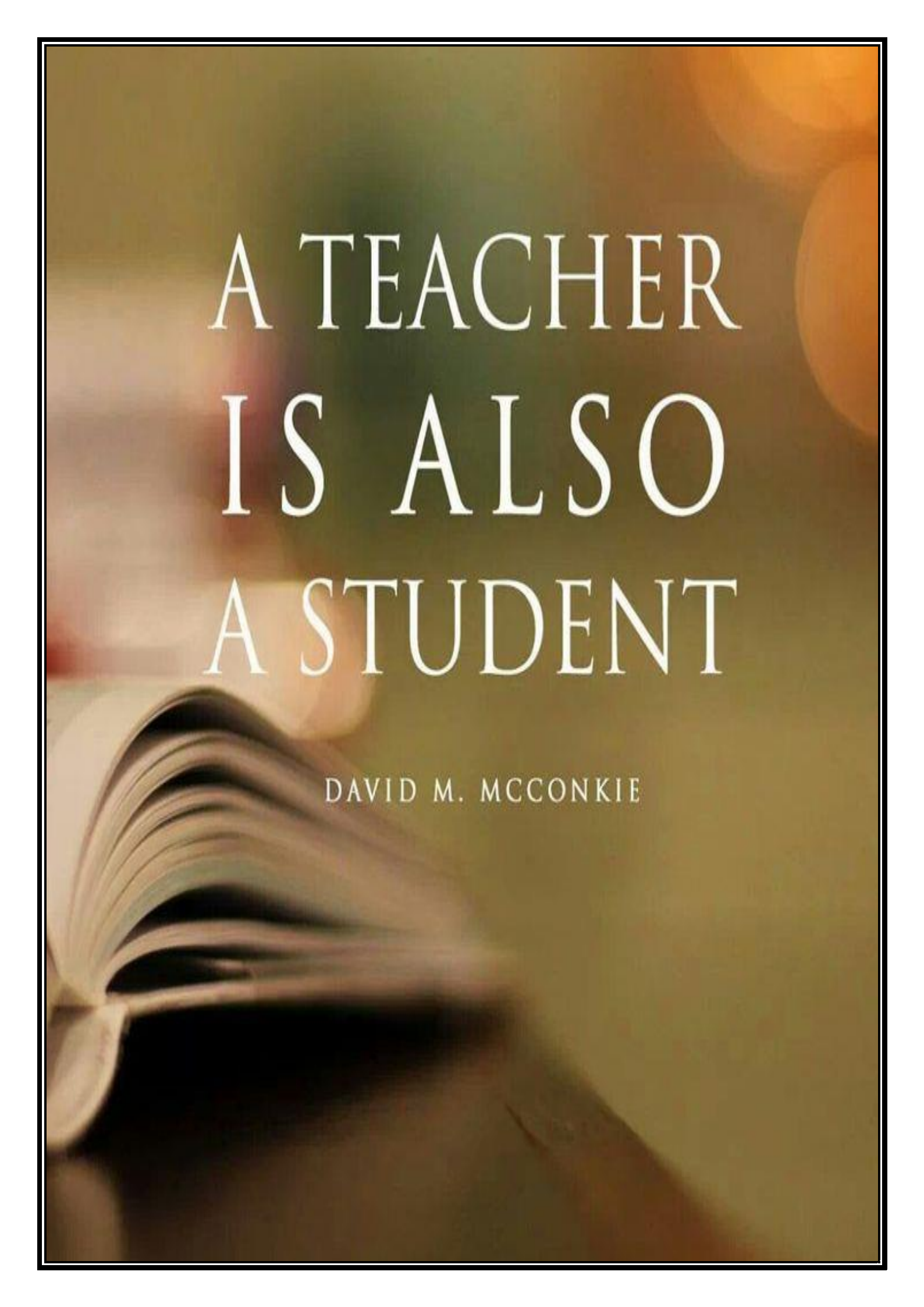
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VOCABULARY

- 1. Parity:** the state of being equal, especially the state of having equal pay or position.
 - Synonyms: Equality, Uniformity
 - Antonyms: Disparity, discrepancy, differences
 - Example: We, as a society, should aspire to achieve gender parity

- 2. Archaic:** very old-fashioned; no longer used
 - Synonyms: Old, Outmoded
 - Antonyms: Novel, modern, dystopic
 - Example: Texts that were found in the tomb were archaic but clearly visible

- 3. Microcosm:** something that is a small example of something larger.
 - Synonyms: Prototype , specimen
 - Antonyms: Grand, Macrocosm
 - Example: The village is the microcosm of the country.

- 4. Impede:** To slow down something or someone.
 - Synonyms: Disrupt, stop.
 - Antonyms: Support, stimulate.

- Example: Distractions like YouTube, impede your studies.

5. Subterfuge: a secret, usually dishonest, way of behaving.

- Synonyms: Deviousness, slyness
- Antonyms: Honesty, Integrity
- Example: One account suggested that the soldiers used subterfuge to persuade the suspect to open the door.

6. Subvert: To try to destroy or damage a government, religion or political system by attacking it secretly and in an indirect way

- Synonyms: Oust, overthrow
- Antonyms: Elevate, uplift

7. Flagrant: shocking because it is done in a very obvious way and shows no respect for people, laws, etc.

- Synonyms: Brazenly, blatantly
- Antonyms: Slight, complacency
- Example: The judge called the decision 'a flagrant violation of international law'

8. Grim: Very serious , unpleasant situation.

- Synonyms: Stern, Bleak
- Antonyms: Cheerful, joyous
- Example: Climate change is not to be taken lightly keeping in mind the grim state of ice caps.

9. Dismal: something which is of low quality or causes sadness

- Synonyms: Depressing, Dreary
- Antonyms: Funny, Hysterical
- Example: The show was a dismal failure

10. Penalise : To punish someone

- Synonyms: Chastise, Castigate.
- Antonyms: Reward, award
- Example: Instead of penalising the guilty, we should expect remorse.

11. Invoke: to mention or use a law, rule etc. as a reason for doing something

- Synonyms: Quote, Cite.
- Antonyms: Quell, subdue.
- Example: The judge invoked an international law that protects refugees.

12. Brazen it out: to act confidently and not admit that a problem exists.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

22nd February, 2024

1.



- Odysseus, a lunar lander built by the aerospace company Intuitive Machines, launched atop a SpaceX rocket on a mission to the moon's south pole.

2. The ceremonial launch of construction of 1300 houses under Phase IV of Indian Housing Project was held in Colombo.

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- High Commissioner of India Santosh Jha joined President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe in the virtual launch. The houses would be constructed in 45 plantation estates across 10 Districts of Sri Lanka.



3.

SARANG HELICOPTER DISPLAY TEAM TO SHOWCASE at Singapore Airshow 2024



- Asia's biggest aviation gathering kicked off in Singapore, on Tuesday (Feb 20), where the Sarang Helicopter Display Team of the Indian Air Force (IAF) showcased India's Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv for the first time.

4.

KHAJURAHO DANCE FESTIVAL IS ORGANIZED IN MADHYA PRADESH.



- The 50th Khajuraho Dance Festival commenced in the Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday. The Chief Minister of the state, Mohan Yadav inaugurated the festival in the presence of other dignitaries.
5. The Supreme Court has quashed the result of the January 30 election for the mayor of Chandigarh after finding the presiding officer Anil Masih had deliberately invalidated eight ballots cast in favour of the Aam Admi Party (AAP) : Congress Candidate Kuldeep Kumar ' TITA ' .

Results 'patently illegal', says top court

A look at how SC held that the results of Chandigarh mayoral polls were illegal

The election process

'Defacement' of ballots: The bench physically inspected the ballots and found that barring the writing on it made by the presiding officer (Anil Masih), votes were in favour of the AAP candidate

Plea to conduct poll again: Solicitor general representing Chandigarh admin and advocate for the BJP candidate suggested fresh elections, but SC rejected this

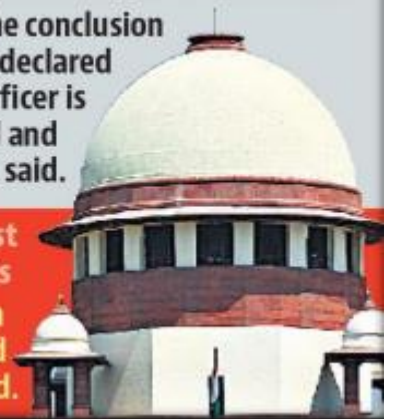


Votes counted afresh: Instead, the top court opted to count the votes and added the 8 "nulled" votes to the tally of 12 votes secured by AAP's Kuldeep Kumar.

20 for AAP TO 16 for BJP

The final vote tally according to the SC

"We come to the conclusion that the result declared by presiding officer is patently illegal and is set aside," SC said.



ON PRESIDING OFFICER

The court blasted Anil Masih and ordered proceedings be initiated against him for "deliberately defacing" ballots and then making false statements "By his conduct he has unlawfully altered course of mayoral election. And in making a solemn statement on Monday, the presiding officer has expressed patent falsehood for which he needs to be held accountable," the bench said.



NEWS

Chandigarh introduces North India's first 'Pizza ATM'

6. Malta became the 119th country to join the International Solar Alliance on Tuesday, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

- The ISA is an alliance of more than 120 signatory countries that aims to reduce the dependence on non-renewable sources of energy like fossil fuels.



7.

DADASAHEB PHALKE INTERNATIONAL AWARD 2024



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BEST ACTRESS IN A WEB SERIES

KARISHMA TANNA
(SCOOP)

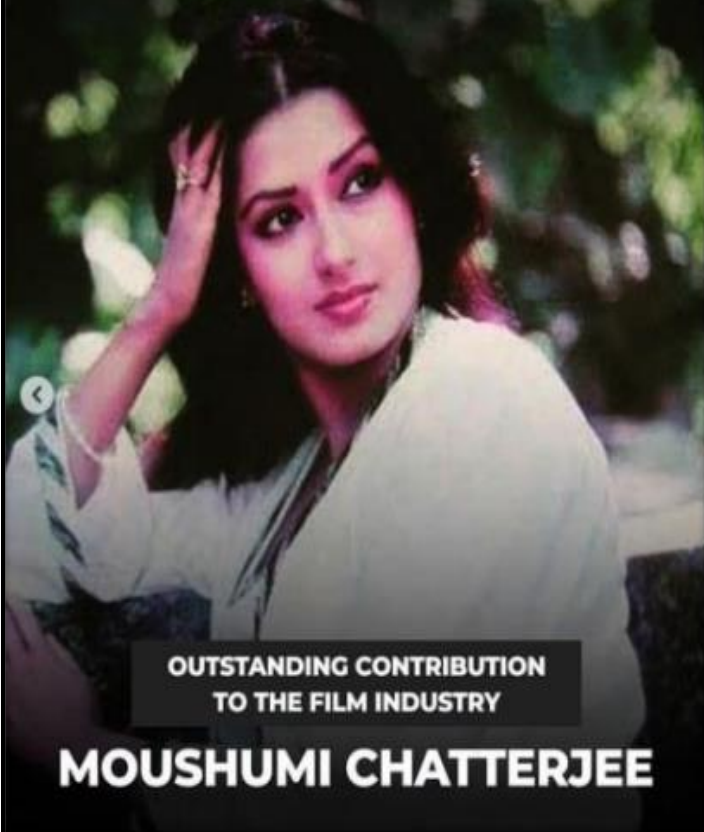
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BEST ACTRESS IN A TELEVISION SERIES

RUPALI GANGULY
(ANUPAMAA)

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO THE FILM INDUSTRY

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FILM OF THE YEAR

SALAAR: PART 1 - CEASEFIRE



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Best Actor: Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan)

Best Actress: Nayanthara (Jawan)

Best Actress: Rani Mukerji (Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway)

Best Director: Sandeep Reddy Vanga (Animal)

Best Actor (Critics)- Vicky Kaushal (Sam Bahadur)

Best Music Director: Anirudh Ravichander (Jawan)

Best Playback Singer (Male): Varun Jain, (Tere Vaste from Zara Hatke Zara Bachke)

Best Actor in a Negative Role: Bobby Deol (Animal)

Best Actress in a Television Series: Rupali Ganguly (Anupamaa)

Best Actor in a Television Series: Neil Bhatt (Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin)

Television Series of the Year: Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin

Best Actress in a Web Series: Karishma Tanna (Scoop)

Outstanding Contribution to the Film.

Industry: Moushumi Chatterjee

Outstanding Contribution to the Music

Industry: KJ Yesudas

8. Multinational military exercise - 'Shanti Prayas IV' – kicked off in Nepal at the Army headquarters here with the participation of 19 countries, including India, Bangladesh and Pakistan to enhance the interoperability and peacekeeping skills of the forces.

9.

REPORT CARD

Total no of rural households in Arunachal | **2,28,546**

Households with tap water connections as on 15 Aug 2019 | **22,796** (9.97%)

Households with tap water connections as on date | **2,28,546** (100.00%)



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■ Households Covered

Nagaland	3,69,204	84.08%
Manipur	4,51,566	77.9%
Tripura	7,47,008	76.55%
Meghalaya	6,51,412	74.53%
Assam	70,49,760	73.49%

- Arunachal Pradesh's milestone achievement of 100% saturation in the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme under JJM, declared by CM Pema Khandu, sets it as the first northeastern and tenth nationwide.
10. Sashi Tharoor honoured with France's highest Civilian award.
 11. 8-year-old Indian origin boy Ashwath Koushik from Singapore beats Police Grand master, breaks record.