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TRENDING IN

SCIENCE



NASA's New Horizon probe, set for a Pluto flyby on July 14, has confirmed that there is frozen methane on Pluto's surface. The Earth-based astronomers first observed Methane on Pluto in 1976.

VIOLATION



US court has agreed that Apple violated antitrust law in e-book entry. The judge had ordered the technology giant to modify contracts with publishers to prevent price fixing and appointed a monitor to review the company's antitrust policies. The appeals court last month upheld the appointment of the monitor.

ENTERTAINMENT



Beyoncé has won three BET Awards, including video of the year for "7/11," while Chris Brown and Nicki Minaj also won multiple awards at the all-star show on 5th June.

INDIA-BORN SATNAM SINGH MAKES NBA HISTORY

Satnam Singh has created history as he has become the Indian-born player ever selected in the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft. At 9 years old, Satnam was taller than the majority of adults in his village. The Dallas Mavericks selected the 7-foot-2-inch, 19-year-old with the 52nd pick in the draft. He's not expected to make the team right away, but rather will put in time at the Development League level.



Satnam Singh

IS GREXIT INEVITABLE?



Greek banks have been closed and strict limits placed on cash withdrawals and Greece's government has failed to make a debt repayment to the IMF of \$1.5bn (£1.06bn) due on 30 June. Months of negotiations on a bailout deal have collapsed and Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has called a referendum for 5 July. He is asking Greeks to reject reform proposals from the IMF and EU, which he says are against European values. The European Central Bank has said it won't extend emergency funding for the banks and there is a growing risk of Greece lurching out of the single currency - which has come to be known as Grexit.

SOURCE PTI

'LEAP SECOND' ADDED FOR THE 1ST TIME IN 3 YEARS



For the first time in three years an extra second has been added on 30th June to the official time set by atomic clocks. The "leap second" means the last minute of June had 61 seconds in it. Leap seconds - and leap years - are added as basic ways to keep the clock in sync with the Earth and its seasons. However, there are concerns the extra second could cause problems for some computer systems because it has to be added manually. Timekeepers are divided over whether to keep the additional unit of time - and the issue is set to be debated at a meeting later this year.

SOURCE PTI

FINNISH PIONEER OF TEXTING TECH DIES

Matti Makkonen, who helped to launch the worldwide sensation of texting, has died at the age of 63 after an illness. Makkonen became known as the father of SMS after developing the idea of sending messages via mobile networks. Despite the nickname, he was often quick to point out that he did not invent the technology single-handedly.

SAUDI PRINCE TO DONATE \$32BN FORTUNE TO CHARITY



Saudi Arabian billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal has said he will donate his entire \$32bn (£20bn; €29bn) fortune to charity. The 60-year-old nephew of King Salman is one of the world's richest people. He said he had been inspired by the Gates Foundation, set up by Bill and Melinda Gates in 1997. The money would be used to "foster cultural understanding", "empower women", and "provide vital disaster relief", among other things, he said. The money will go to the prince's charitable organisation, Alwaleed Philanthropies, to which he has already donated \$3.5bn.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Invade(verb)

in-veid

Meaning - Attack

Antonym - Retreat

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Each of us is a unique strand in the intricate web of life and here to make a contribution."

- Deepak Chopra



YE MERA INDIA

AROUND THE WORLD

RS 100 NOTE GETS A MAKEOVER



Reserve Bank of India has come up with a new feature for Rs 100 currency notes to enhance the security. RBI has announced that they have given a new numbering pattern to the hundred rupees notes in order to keep check for fake currency. RBI has issued Rs100 denomination banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi series-2005 with a new numbering pattern and the size of the numerals in both number panels will increase from left to right. But the size of first three alphanumerals will remain same.

FACEBOOK'S USERBASE TOUCHES 125 MILLION IN INDIA



Social networking giant Facebook has added 13 million users in six months to take its userbase to 125 million in India, its second-biggest market globally. The US-based firm, which had 112 million users in India as of December last year, also launched a 2G-friendly mobile app 'Facebook Lite' here to cater users with slow internet connectivity. Globally, it has 1.44 billion monthly active users as of March 31, 2015 with the US as its biggest market.

TOP RAMEN PULLED OFF INDIA'S SHELVES

After Maggi controversy, Indo Nissin has announced withdrawal of its instant noodles brand Top Ramen from the Indian market on orders from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Earlier this month, Nestle had to recall Maggi noodles, while Hindustan Unilever also withdrew its Knorr instant noodles brand over safety and regulatory issues.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE HUMAN CALCULATOR

Shakuntla Devi was given this title after she demonstrated the calculation of two 13 digit numbers: $7,686,369,774,870 \times 2,465,099,745,779$ which were picked at random. She answered correctly within 28 seconds.

CHINA'S GREAT WALL IS DISAPPEARING



Around 30 percent of China's Ming-era Great Wall has disappeared over time as adverse natural conditions and reckless human activities; including stealing the bricks to build houses. In places it is so dilapidated that estimates of its total length vary from 9,000 to 21,000 kms, depending on whether missing sections are included. Despite its length it is not, as is sometimes claimed, visible from space. Under Chinese regulations people who take bricks from the Great Wall can be fined up to 5,000 Yuan

CHRISTIE JUMPS IN RACE FOR US PRESIDENT

New Jersey governor Chris Christie has become the 14th Republican running for the White House. New Jersey has a sizable population of Indian-Americans, and Christie had pressed for and obtained a last-minute meeting with PM Narendra Modi last September. As of now, he faces pretty much the same problems as Bobby Jindal, the first Indian-American to run for the White House.



DATA ROAMING CHARGES TO END IN EU



Data roaming charges are set to be abolished within the European Union by June 2017. The ban will be preceded by a 14-month interim period, in which companies can still add surcharges - but at a reduced rate. A deal, also sets out rules requiring telecom operators to treat most internet traffic equally.

But the net neutrality rules will allow blocking for some reasons, such as to counter cyber-attacks.

SOURCE PTI

DID YOU KNOW?

A new mission to send humans to Mars could see astronauts stepping foot on the red planet within 24 years without the need for budget increases, according to new plans put forward by NASA.

THAT'S COOL



If all the oceans were to gradually rise, Florida (350 feet above sea level at its highest point) would become the first U.S. state to be completely submerged



When three-letter airport codes became standard, airports that had been using two letters simply added an X



THE QUEEN OF A TERMITE COLONY CAN LAY 6,000 - 7,000 EGGS EACH DAY AND SHE CAN LIVE FOR 15 - 50 YEARS



Honey bees are able to lift 300 times their own weight



In 1999, the U.S. government paid the Zapruder family \$16 million for the film of JFK's assassination

The Indo-Pacific Sailfish is the fastest fish in the ocean



Norway owns an uninhabited frozen island located halfway between Africa and Antarctica



According to Amazon, the most highlighted Kindle books are the Bible, the Steve Jobs biography, and The Hunger Games



The Western Gorilla is the largest primate

COOL STUFF

W? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?

TECH TALK

A DESKTOP COMPUTER IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND



The computer keyboard and the mouse may be about to be consigned to history. Intel has launched a new app that allows you to control your PC from the other side of a room, or even a different part of the house entirely. The firm's Remote Keyboard transforms your Android smartphone or tablet into a keyboard, allowing you to type and move the mouse without ever having to get off the couch. App provides a QWERTY keyboard, trackpad and scroll bar in your hand. It connects using Wi-Fi and works with computers running Windows 7 or 8.

LEAP SECONDS



WHY OUR CLOCKS ARE BEING SET EVER-SO-SLIGHTLY BACK?

Just before midnight Greenwich Mean Time on June 30, official timekeeping bodies around the world added a single second, the so-called leap second, to the clock.

WHAT IS A LEAP SECOND?

A leap second is an extra second that is added to an agreed-upon day every few years in order to keep Co-ordinated Universal Time (or UTC, the modern replacement for Greenwich mean time), the world standard for regulating clocks, in sync with Mean Solar Time, which marks the passage of time based on the sun's position in the sky. It means that the last minute UTC of June 30 will actually be 61 seconds long.

WHY DO WE NEED LEAP SECONDS?

Atomic clocks are now over a million times more regular than the Earth's rotation - the Earth has become inadequate as a basis for accurate time-keeping. Since 1972, instead of dividing the mean solar day into 86 400 seconds, the world's time scale, known as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), has been based on counting seconds from atomic clocks.

As UTC is running about one second per year faster than time based on the Earth's rotation (Greenwich Mean Time, or Universal Time), an extra second is occasionally inserted in the UTC time scale to let it fall behind and start catching up again.

HOW MANY LEAP SECONDS HAVE BEEN ADDED OVER THE YEARS?

Since 1972, the year the convention was adopted, 25 leap seconds have been added.

WHO DETERMINES WHEN IT'S TIME FOR A CORRECTION?

The International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS) is responsible for keeping track of the difference between UTC and Mean Solar Time.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DIDN'T ADD OR REMOVE LEAP SECONDS?

The addition of such a small unit of measurement can have a measurable effect, however, on computer and telecommunications systems.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ In Canada, the leap second will be added by the National Research Council, which keeps official time for Canada and disseminates it to the public through means such as CBC's daily time broadcasts and the internet servers for Network Time Protocol (NTP), which provide the time on your computer.

- ❖ An atomic clock currently being tested by researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology is so stable that it is not expected to gain or lose a second for the next 15 billion years.



TOP SONGS

01 See You Again

Wiz Khalifa


02 Bad Blood

Taylor Swift


03 Trap Queen

Fetty Wap


04 Shut Up And Dance

Walk The Moon


05 Want To Want Me

Jason Derulo



MOVIES TERMINATOR GENISYS

Storyline

When John Connor (Jason Clarke), leader of the human resistance against Skynet, sends Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) back to 1984 to protect his mother, Sarah (Emilia Clarke), from a Terminator assassin, an unexpected turn of events creates an altered timeline. Instead of a scared waitress, Sarah is a skilled fighter and has a Terminator guardian (Arnold Schwarzenegger) by her side. Faced with unlikely allies and dangerous new enemies, Reese sets out on an unexpected new mission: reset the future

Director: Alan Taylor

Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke, Jai Courtney & J.K. Simmons

Crossword Answer

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6	W		T	A	R	E	
7	O	N	E	F	A	P	T
8	W		S	T	A	N	S
9	N	U	T	R	K	I	P

FUN WITH MATHS

Find the missing number in the series

3, 5, 13, 43, 177, ??,

5353

Turn to page 8 for answer

SCIENCE ENVIRONMENT



TECHNOLOGY

FISH WITH HUMAN-LIKE TEETH FOUND

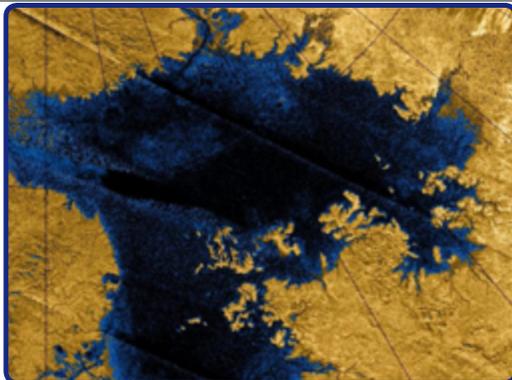


A fish native to the Amazon called the pacu was caught in a reservoir in Southern New Jersey over the weekend. The fish has a nasty reputation for occasionally biting people with its human-like teeth. Pacu is related to piranhas, unlike their meat-loving cousins, pacus are omnivores. As with the similar-looking

teeth of humans, theirs are made for grinding.

LAKES FOUND ON SATURN'S MOON TITAN

A study led by the European Space Agency examined Saturn's moon Titan. It found 'depressions' on the surface that were caused by rain. This dissolves the surface and causes it to collapse in places. Almost all the bodies of liquid on Titan occur in the northern hemisphere, within a region about 900 by 1,800km. In fact, only three per cent of all the liquid on Titan falls outside this area. Some of the seas are hundreds of miles wide, such as Kraken Mare, Titan's largest body.



BRIGHTEST EARLY GALAXY NAMED AFTER RONALDO



Scientists have discovered the brightest galaxy in the early universe that contains the first generation of stars, and have nicknamed it after popular Portuguese football player Cristiano Ronaldo. The newly found galaxy, labeled CR7, is three times brighter than the brightest distant galaxy known till now.

DID YOU KNOW?

❖ ESA spacecraft and instruments have visited several planets in the solar system, including Earth orbital missions. Cassini, a joint mission with NASA, has been orbiting Saturn and its moons since 2004. Mars Express is orbiting the Red Planet in search of Mars water, including probing underground with its instruments.

18 ROTOR ELECTRIC CRAFT REVEALED



A German firm has revealed a radical design for a personal helicopter it says could be the future of transport. The Volocopter uses 18 rotors, which its inventors say make it 'safer simpler and cleaner' than current designs. The firm behind it says its first manned flight is about to take place - and hopes it could change the way we travel, replacing both planes and cars. It will be certified for sport flying and the firm plans to sell the copters for about \$340,000.

TAYLOR SWIFT MAKES APPLE CHANGE MUSIC POLICY

Taylor Swift has made tech giant Apple change the way it pays artists on its new streaming service Apple Music. She said she wasn't going to allow the company to stream her album 1989 as she was unhappy with the three-month free trial offered to subscribers.



During the trial period music makers would not be paid and Taylor said this was "unfair", arguing that Apple had the money to cover the cost. In response, Apple now says it will pay artists for music streamed during free trial periods.

FASTER INTERNET SOON



In a major breakthrough that can make the internet superfast and cheap, researchers have successfully increased the maximum power -- and therefore distance -- at which optical signals can be sent through optical fibres. A long-standing roadblock to increasing data transmission rates in optical fibre has been that beyond a threshold power level,

additional power surge irreparably distorts the information travelling in the fibre optic cable.

TECH FACT

❖ Facebook has opened its first African office in Johannesburg as part of its efforts "to help people and businesses connect" on the continent. More than 80 percent of people in African access the social network from their mobile phones.

DOODLE

DOODLE QUIZ CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Who has been appointed as the new President of ICC on 24th June for a one year term?

- A. Zaheer Abbas
- B. S Srinivasan
- C. Andy Flower
- D. Ian Chappel

2. Which cricket player has been voted the 'Best Test player' of the 21st century in an online poll conducted by an Australia's website?

- A. Michael Clarke
- B. AB De Villers
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. M S Dhoni

3. Which continent has overtaken Europe as the world's second richest region?

- A. Oceania
- B. North America
- C. Asia
- D. Africa

4. Name the candidate who has become the first 100% blind officer in Indian Foreign Service?

- A. NL Beno Zephine
- B. Abhijit Cahakarvorthy
- C. P Ulagnathan
- D. B K Vishnupriya

5. On 16th June which historical monument became free wi-fi hotspot zone?

- A. Gateway of India
- B. India Gate
- C. Humayun Tomb
- D. Taj Mahal

6. Which bird has been nominated as United Kingdom's first-ever national bird in a country poll?

- A. Sparrow
- B. Robin
- C. Barn Owl
- D. Blackbird

Turn to page 8 for answers

S U D O K U

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	7	9				3		5
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	3		1					6
		6		2	8			
7						5		1

Turn to page 8 for answers

WORD SEARCH

MINERALS

- ALUMINUM
- COPPER
- LEAD
- MANGANESE
- NICKEL
- POTASH
- QUARTZ
- SILVER
- TITANIUM
- ZINC

U Z P T L L V M C A H N
A M D B X S I A T Q G I
L E A D V D F N Q U F C
U F M I C I G G A A D K
M B A T U L F A Q R N E
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H C O P P E R K M K E C

CROSSWORD

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17		18				19		20
		21						
22						23		

Turn to page 4 for answers

Across

1. Cry uncontrollably
4. Plant place
6. Anesthetic gas
7. Perform a role
9. Small venomous snake
11. Orangutan, e.g.
13. Driver's warning
14. Encourage
15. Sticky black substance
17. Small bill
19. Appropriate
21. Laurel and Getz
22. Pecan or almond
23. Sleep, in British slang

Down

1. Neptune's realm
2. Wager
3. Break, as a tooth
4. Swimsuit top
5. Decline
8. Circus performer
10. Rest with eyes closed
11. Household pest
12. Ring place
16. A great distance
17. Possess
18. Superlative suffix
19. Pose a question
20. Spigot

TONGUE TWISTER



MILLION BILLION
TRILLION ZILLION

QUIZ BOWL

1. Who is the President of South Sudan?
2. Which space organisation has launched Carbon Observatory-2?

Turn to page 8 for answers

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words related to cactus

- ❖ EEVASL _____
- ❖ SSEINP _____
- ❖ CCIAT _____
- ❖ EATWR _____
- ❖ EERTDS _____

Turn to page 8 for answers



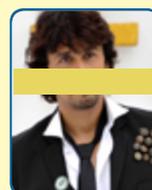
I'm a 9 letter word.

You've ten? I've none. Give me five. 5,6,7,2,6 Acts like helping employees 4,7,8,9 Fog 3,5,4 Wife of father Who/what am I?

Turn to page 8 for answers

GUESS WHO?

He is an Indian singer whose songs have been featured mainly in Hindi and Kannada movies.



Turn to page 8 for answers

SPOT THE 6 DIFFERENCES



1-The tribal's ear, 2-The pillar on the left of the castle, 3-The castle's top, 4-The gate of the castle, 5-The pillar on the left of the castle, 6-The clouds.

SOLVE THE RIDDLE

What is the poorest bank in the world?

Turn to page 8 for answers

REBUS

CCCCC

Turn to page 8 for answers

TEST YOUR IQ

The diagram shows 3 squares and 2 triangles.



Turn to page 8 for answers

ACTIVE BODIES

ACTIVE MINDS

THE WORLD'S FIRST ELECTRIC CHAMPION



Brazilian Nelson Piquet junior has become the first Formula E champion on Sunday as the new electric series wrapped up its debut season with a race that had the crowd making more noise than the cars. Piquet, whose father and namesake was a triple Formula One world champion, finished seventh in the final race in London's Battersea Park to beat Switzerland's Sebastien Buemi by one point overall.

SANGAKKARA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Sri Lankan great Kumar Sangakkara will quit international cricket during the test series against India. Sangakkara made his international debut in 2000 and is currently playing his 132nd test against Pakistan, having amassed more than 12,000 runs at an average of over 54 and including 38 centuries. The left-hander is one short of Australian great Donald Bradman's record of 12 double centuries in tests. His ODI record is no less impressive, having amassed 14,234 runs in 404 matches, averaging nearly 42 and including 25 centuries.



LEE CHONG WEI WINS CANADA OPEN

Malaysia's Datuk Lee Chong Wei has won the Canada Open. The former world number one has won all 17 matches since returning to action last month after testing positive for dexamethasone at the world championships in August last year. The win in the lower rated Grand Prix tournament will boost his world ranking of 99 as he bids to qualify for next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and continues preparations ahead of the world championships in August.

HOW ACTIVE IS YOUR MIND?

TENNIS

1. Which Indian youngster has won the Junior US Open Title?

- A. Ramesh Krishnan B. Rohan Bopanna
C. Mahesh Bhupati D. Leander Paes

2. When was the 1st French Open Championship Organised?

- A. 1891 B. 1925
C. 1920 D. 1909

3. Who was the 1st woman to win the Australian Open Championship?

- A. Adriano Panatta -1929
B. Richard Scars - 1921
C. Roy Emerson -1922
D. None of these

4. When was the Davis Cup organized for the first time?

- A. 1900 B. 1902
C. 1906 D. 1907

5. Who was the Founder Father at Davis Cup?

- A. Alexander Davis - USA
B. Dwight Davis - USA
C. Hazal Hotch & Kis Wightman
D. None of these

Turn to page 8 for answers



Who is the youngest winner of a Ladies Singles title in the Open Era?

Answer-Martina Hingis: Winner in 1997 at 16 years of age

THEN



NOW



Competing as a professional since 2003, Ivanovic has won 15 WTA Tour singles titles, including one Grand Slam singles title. As of 2014, she has career earnings of just over \$13 million. In June 2011, she was named one of the "30 Legends of Women's Tennis: Past, Present and Future" by Time.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ IF MICHAEL PHELPS WERE A COUNTRY, HE'D RANK NO. 35 ON THE ALL-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL LIST, AHEAD OF 97 NATIONS.
- ❖ ROGER BANNISTER HELD THE WORLD RECORD IN THE MILE FOR EXACTLY 46 DAYS.
- ❖ "FEDERER" CAN BE TYPED ENTIRELY WITH THE LEFT HAND.



OUR PAGE

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I WISH TO MEET GOD

I wish to meet God,

To hug him tight and show my love,

I wish to meet God,

To touch his feet,

And offer my gratitude.

He is the only one,

I trust and share myself,

He hears my prayers, fulfills my wishes,

He is a parent to all.

His magic is amazing,

His powers unbelievable,

He protects me when I need him,

He is like an invisible wall.

Guest
Journalist

Simranjot Kaur, class 8,
Summer Fields School

IF I WERE A LION

If I were a lion, I would be the king of the jungle. I would attack animals and eat their flesh. I would have a mane and sharp claws. I would be huge and ferocious. My roar would scare others. I would rule my territory and live in a cave. I would play with my cubs and adapt to my habitat.

Guest
Journalist

Tushar Kapoor, class-5,
Summer Fields School

BEAUTIFUL PEACOCK

I saw in my garden,

A beautiful peacock,

It spread its wings and danced,

When it saw falling raindrops.

I watched the beauty dancing,

Something I had read in books,

I was amazed at its beauty,

Its colourful wings and looks.

Guest
Journalist

Prabhjot Kaur, class-7,
GHPS,Vasant Vihar

TINY SPARROWS

Tiny sparrow, tiny sparrow,

Where are you these days,

We don't get to see you,

Have you lost your ways?

Where are your nests?

Where do you live?

We don't get to see you,

We don't hear your chirp.

Tiny sparrow, tiny sparrow,

Have we troubled you so much,

Your numbers are reducing,

We don't see you as such.

Guest
Journalist

Ananya Bindal, Class 8,
DPS, R K Puram

Just Joking!



A bank robber pulls out a gun and points it at a man, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!" The puzzled man replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?"

"The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

Brain Teasers

Answer

5,6,7,2,6 union
4,7,8,9 mist 3,5,4
mum

REBUS

MIDDLE C

DOODLE QUIZ

Answer

1.A, 2.C,
3.C, 4.A,
5.D, 6.B

Quiz BOWL

Answer

1. Salva Kiir
Mayardit

2. NASA

SUDOKU Answers

3	8	5	4	1	7	9	2	6
9	6	1	8	5	2	4	7	3
4	2	7	3	9	6	1	5	8
2	7	9	6	8	1	3	4	5
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6	5	3	2	4	9	8	1	7
5	3	8	1	7	4	2	6	9
1	9	6	5	2	8	7	3	4
7	4	2	9	6	3	5	8	1

HOW ACTIVE IS YOUR MIND?

Answer

1-A, 2-A, 3-A,
4-C, 5-B,

IQ

Answer



GUESS WHO?



Sonu Nigam

WORD SCRAMBLE

ANSWERS:

1-LEAVES, 2-SPINES, 3-CACTI,
4-WATER, 5-DESERT

SOLVE THE RIDDLE

Solution

The river bank

Answers and explanations

FUN WITH MATHS

16

$3 \times 1 + 2 = 5$, $5 \times 2 + 3 = 13$, $13 \times 3 + 4 = 43$, $43 \times 4 + 5 = 177$,
 $177 \times 5 + 6 = 891$, $891 \times 6 + 7 = 5353$

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS REGRETTED