



Talent Vs Technology

The article **Hi Tech Sports** by N.S. Arun Kumar (October 2010) gives a great deal of information about the technological advancements that have crept into the sports arena. There is a lot of talk about technologies helping players to enhance their performance manifold. I do agree to some extent, but I think talent is what matters in the end to decide the winner or to give him/her a



winning edge because the same technology is available to one and all. It finally depends on the talent that the players have. In the past also when the present technologies were not available, talent mattered the most.

The advancements in technology have helped sportspersons set new records. For example, Usain Bolt's record in 100 m is really extraordinary in the sense that nobody had it before him. Completing the race in less than 9.5 seconds is amazing. This is perhaps the result of taking the help of new technology that has helped give better performances than the past.

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Of the Royal Society

The feature article, **Royal Society Turns 350**, in the September issue was indeed excellent in terms of information and content. It probably needs to be mentioned in this context that the full name of the society is 'The Royal Society of London for Promoting Natural Knowledge' and that the society didn't encourage any woman as its fellow till 1944. It was only in 1945 that two ladies, both English, were first made fellows of this august and prestigious society in its 350 years of existence so far.

Of the Indian links mention needs to be made of the two great Indian scientists Acharya Satyendranath Bose and Dr Sisir Kumar Mitra who both were made FRS in 1958 – the distinction earned in the post-independent India.

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Cancer Info

The feature articles, **Cancer in Children** by Vishwas B. Chavan, **Dendrimers: New Hope for Cancer** by Subha S. Ghosh, and **Role of Bioinformatics in Cancer** by Aparna Chaudhuri and Santanu Chaudhuri were very illustrative, informative and interesting. Since the language of the articles was very simple, the information was especially useful for me and my *Bhoomi* club.

I am keen to begin a career in Biotech. I am a recent graduate who combined studies with working in Q.C. lab in milk product. I know some basic information about cancer but the information provided in the magazine was very informative and helpful. I want to say thanks to the *Science Reporter* family.

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No Water, No Life

The editorial **Nurturing Water Reservoirs for a Better Future** and the article **There Goes the Elixir of Life – Water** were very informative. There are several factors responsible for the Water Crisis in our country – growing population with every day, diminishing rain water, increase in industrialization, urbanization with no focus on conserving water resources and so on. It is observed that most of the pipelines made by Municipal authorities wear out early resulting in wastage of water on a large scale in almost all cities of India. Water in national rivers like Ganga, Yamuna and Brahmaputra are getting contaminated because of industrial sewage thrown in them. People as yet do not understand the importance of water and their responsibility in saving water.

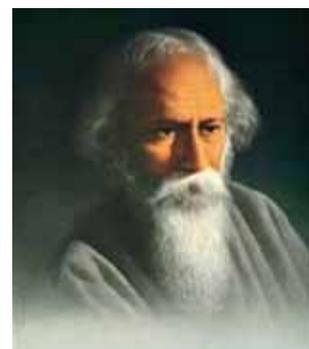
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Remembering Tagore

The September issue of *Science Reporter* was really attractive for its rich articles on various issues, especially the article **Rabindranath Tagore: Literary Giant with Scientific Bent** by Mr Koushik Roy. Thanks to the writer as well as the editorial board for the right choice at the right time when our country is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of this great Poet. The content and concept of the article was very informative.

The article **Psychosis of Schizophrenia** by P.C. Chawla is more important from the viewpoint of those who are caring for the patients. The statement that "with no fool proof care, the trauma of Schizophrenia can only be lessened through



compassionate care and efforts to reintegrate the victims into society" would be valuable advice to family members.

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Great Help

I have been reading *Science Reporter* for the past two years. I am living in a remote area of Bihar studying in class eight in a D.A.V. School. This magazine helps a lot in getting scientific knowledge. I am very fond of discussing the articles published in *Science Reporter* with my friends. It is also a great help for me in science debates.

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