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**Can patriotism be taught in schools?**  
**EXPERTS' TAKE**

■ Children learn to respect, love and feel proud of the nation when they see the same sentiments reflected by everyone around them. They have to be exposed to events, celebrations, and programmes that bring awareness about our rich heritage. However, just reading a few pages of a textbook is not sufficient to make children feel love and pride for their country. Therefore, introducing lessons on patriotism in school curriculum at all levels, is indeed a necessary approach to build a morally-strong generation.  
**NIRMAL WADDAN**, principal, The Kalyani School, Pune

■ I feel younger minds can be moulded as they are like soft clay. Hence, a sense of patriotism can be instilled in students via curriculum but this has to go hand in hand with concrete progress that is evident in the nation. Students can discern good from bad very easily. They will not appreciate just "bookish" patriotism but must be given reasons in practical life to genuinely feel a sense of nationalism and take pride in one's country.  
**ISHITA BASU**, SENIOR TEACHER, LA MARTINIÈRE GIRLS' COLLEGE, LUCKNOW

■ Any value that is ingrained at an early age leaves a great impact on young minds, so is patriotism. It cannot be imposed upon children. In fact, it is a gradual process of creating a feeling of oneness and in turn, love, pride and appreciation for the country. Introducing a course on patriotism is not enough. Students should be made to learn their responsibilities towards their country by exposing them to realities of life.  
**PADMA KUMAR**, PRINCIPAL, SGVP, AHMEDABAD

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## DESHBHAKTI CURRICULUM AT DELHI GOVT SCHOOLS

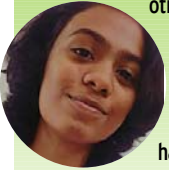
# LESSONS ON PATRIOTISM

**S**tarting the class with five minutes of 'deshbhakti dhyani', maintaining 'deshbhakti diary', Flag Day activity and exploring why 'India is glorious but still not developed', are among the main features of Delhi government's ambitious patriotism curriculum, which will be rolled out in its schools. The curriculum for nursery classes to XII, which was launched at a mega event on Tuesday, will not have any textbooks.

The topics include taking responsibility towards the country and its progress, constructive criticism, respect for and harmonious coexistence with others, critically thinking about issues confronting the country, comprehensive conception of patriotism, linking patriotism to the lived realities and everyday actions of students and working for the country's development with pride and honesty

**STUDENTS  
REACT**

■ Patriotism is something that should come from within. It cannot be taught and has to be felt by the people of a country. I wouldn't want a separate course on patriotism, as I believe our current school curriculum has been adept in providing information about the national movement, which has helped us to shape our own definition and practices of patriotism.  
**Urmila Jithesh**, class XII, Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara, Ernakulam



■ Patriotism, like religion and caste, has unfortunately been politicised in India. It has become the most-controversial and misunderstood concept. Hence, it is a good move to introduce patriotism as a subject in schools for a better understanding of the same.  
**Pavanthi B**, grade X, Billabong High International School, Kanchipuram



■ I would love patriotism as a subject but only if it is introduced creatively and not like subjects like history, which are interesting to know initially, but in the end become a learning chore. It should be an interesting subject that can be taught through dance, music, and drama.  
**Anahita Jain**, class VIII, Suncity school, Gurgaon



## A NEW CHAPTER

■ According to officials, the 40-minute classes will be conducted every day for classes VI to VIII and twice a week for classes IX to XII  
■ "Each class will begin with a five-minute activity called 'deshbhakti dhyani'. During the meditation, students will chant the lines 'I bow before my country and I respect Bharat Mata' in their minds," explained an official of the Directorate of Education (DoE)  
■ "The children will then be asked to take a vow to honour their

country and preserve its heritage and history. In the end, the students will be asked to think of five people who they consider patriots and thank them in their minds," the official said

■ The students will be asked to maintain a notebook or diary as 'deshbhakti diary', which will be a reflective journal to document learnings, thoughts and feelings along the journey of the Deshbhakti Curriculum and will have homework notes



## Indian legal advocacy wins 'alternative Nobel'

**T**he Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE), a Delhi-based organisation that uses the judicial system to advance environmental goals and empower vulnerable population, has won the Right Livelihood Award, known as the "Alternative Nobel". It shared the award with three activists: **Marthe Wandou**, a gender and peace activist, who has worked to prevent sexual violence against girls in the Lake Chad area of Cameroon; Russian environmental campaigner **Vladimir Silvyak**; and indigenous rights campaigner **Freda Huson** of the Wet'suwet'en people in Canada.

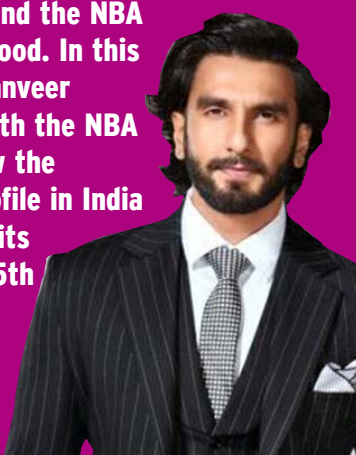


**1** Founded in 2005 by lawyers Ritwick Dutta and Rahul Choudhary, LIFE's attorneys are among India's leading public interest lawyers. It has represented tribals in Odisha against Vedanta over its Bauxite mines in the Niyamgiri Hills, local communities against the Jindal Steels and Power's mine in Chhattisgarh, horticulturalists opposing Lafarge's limestone mining in Himachal Pradesh, and mango farmers in Ratnagiri against JSW's thermal power plant, among others

**2** LIFE has helped communities fight against some of India's most-significant environmental threats: the construction of ecologically destructive projects in violation of the law, preventing deforestation and making industrial polluters pay for the damage caused to the environment and public health, said the Swedish Right Livelihood Foundation, which awards the prize

## Actor Ranveer Singh named NBA brand ambassador for India

**R**anveer Singh on Thursday was named as the National Basketball Association (NBA) brand ambassador for India. The Bollywood star says, he has loved basketball and the NBA since childhood. In this capacity, Ranveer will work with the NBA to help grow the league's profile in India throughout its landmark 75th Anniversary Season in 2021-22.



## WINTER OLYMPICS WILL BE HELD IN CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM

**A**ll athletes and Games participants at next year's Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Beijing will not have to undergo mandatory quarantine, if they are fully-vaccinated and instead will enter the 'closed-loop management system' upon arrival and will be able to travel and train at the venues, according to the Covid-19 related Standard Operating Protocols (SOP) prepared by the organising committee for the Games.

As of now, the Organising Committee has decided to only allow domestic spectators, and tickets will be sold only to those from mainland China that are fully-vaccinated

## Sun block: NASA's Mars missions will halt communication



**N**ASA will halt commanding its Mars missions for the next few weeks as Earth and the Red Planet are on opposite sides of the sun, the US space agency has said. The period, called Mars solar conjunction, happens every two years. This year it falls between October 2 and October 16. While the missions on the Red Planet will continue collecting data, engineers back on Earth will stop sending commands to them until October 16, the agency said. Before the conjunction begins, NASA engineers will send Mars spacecraft a list of simple commands to carry out for a few weeks. A few missions are likely to extend the commanding moratorium, as it is called, a day or two in either direction, depending on the angular distance between Mars and the sun in Earth's sky.

## WHICH IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WITH A REIGNING EMPEROR?

**CLUE 1:** It's the third-largest economy in the world (nominal GDP in \$) and also the world's largest creditor nation.  
**CLUE 2:** The world's fourth largest island country, it encompasses about 6,852 islands.  
**CLUE 3:** Till date, it has hosted two Summer Olympics, a FIFA World Cup, a Rugby World Cup and two Winter Olympics.

## NEWS IN CLUES

Answer: **JAPAN**. The country's former foreign minister **Fumio Kishida** has won the governing party leadership election and is set to become the **next prime minister**. Kishida replaces outgoing party leader PM Yoshihide Suga, who is stepping down after serving only one year since taking office last September

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## I CAN BE

Maybe I'll be a scientist  
And discover a new vaccine;  
Maybe I'll be an activist  
And abolish inequality;  
Maybe I'll be an actor  
And set the stage on fire;  
Maybe I'll be an author  
And do wonders with every page;  
Maybe I'll be a doctor  
And save the lives of many;  
Maybe I'll be a singer  
And lose myself in melody;  
Maybe I'll be an artist  
And go wild with colours;  
Maybe I'll be a botanist  
And fill my life with flowers.  
Maybe I'll do each of these,  
for I can't possibly choose one.  
Maybe I'll succeed in life,  
And get all of my dreams done.



**ERINA FARAZ FARISHTA**, class VIII H, Nasr School, Khairatabad

## THE FUTURE



Sometimes I think how the  
World will be in future.  
Will it be wonderful or perished.

Will the living of people enhance or not  
Will, there be peace or destruction between  
The nations of the world in future

Is there any chance we are gonna  
Be seeing the future? or not.

**P SRIVALLI**, class X A,  
Global Edge School, Madhapur

## CHILLY WEATHER

Oh it's so chilly, As well as rainy  
It makes me feel sort of funny and bounty  
So, I am going to bury myself in books  
But now I am in agony because I don't have anybody to  
accompany

**PRAKHYA VAISHNAVI ATLURI**, class V, Silver Oaks  
International School, Bachupally

## Quiz champs make school proud

**M**ajor General R K Singh, General Officer Commanding, Telangana and Andhra Sub area, Patron Army Public School, Golconda felicitated the quiz team of Army Public School, Golconda for their outstanding performance in the Southern Command Quiz Competition. It was an inter-school competition where six teams participated comprising three students in each team. The quiz consisted of six rounds and each round was a mixed bag with questions from different fields.

APS Golconda was represented by Parnika Shrivastava from class XII, Prakhari Singh from class X and Rushil Mohan from

class X. Though the questions were intriguing, the versatile quizzers answered confidently and skillfully. APS, Golconda won the Southern Command Quiz Competition by a huge margin and thus reserved their position in the National Level Quiz Competition scheduled to be held in the month of November.

The students were presented a Tablet PC for their exemplary performance under pressure. Major General Singh congratulated the students on their diligence and team work. He wished them success in the next round of quizzing and motivated them to continue with the winning spree.



QUIZ



Army Public School

Golconda

## Steering students in right direction

**T**he road to success is possible with the united efforts of all concerned and is cherished for years to come. This is the dream of one and all at Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills/Nacharam and Nadergul.

DPS has been the alchemist for the past 18 years in shaping the holistic curriculum for students. A holistic view of education and schooling i.e., guiding students to develop capacities, acquire virtues, and provide services. Holistic education aims to call forth from the students an intrinsic reverence for life and passion for learning. At its most general level, what distinguishes holistic education from other forms of education are its goals, its attention to experiential learning, and the significance that it places on relationships and primary human values with



**Malka Komaraiah**,  
Pro Vice Chairman,  
Delhi Public School  
Mahendra Hills,  
Nacharam, Nadergul

in the learning environment.

DPS also transcends the potential of the students, it's a life-changing opportunity to individuals and com-

munities through educational and leadership programmes - helping shape the youth into leaders of tomorrow.

DPS steers the potential of the pupil by recognizing and accepting individual differences and to hold every child in esteem in his/her own right. To attempt to identify and, as far as possible, meet the special needs of each individual/child in the school.

The school is an ISO certified school along with national and international accreditations to its credit.

The school nurtures the Indian value system in students through a plethora of awareness and community service programmes thus, staying true to the DPS motto of "Service Before Self".



## IF I WERE A KING

**I**f I were a king, I will plan for what exactly I would do next. I will use my ministers to know the problems in society and fix them to the best of my ability. I will make sure that all citizens of my kingdom have enough food, shelter, clothing, and other basics that are needed to survive.

As education is very important to all, I will adequately fund the schools and provide free education to all the children in my kingdom. Also, I will set up evening schools for adults and teach them English, local lan-

guages, and the basics of mathematics and science.

I will set up hospitals in all the villages of the kingdom where healthcare would be free of charge. I will provide potable water to all the citizens. I will also provide water for agriculture purposes by building dams and canals.

I will create a good army and police so that all the citizens are protected from outside kingdoms and thieves from within the kingdom.

**KIRTAN NAREDLA**, class VI,  
Whiz 2, The Future Kid's School



## PRIDE &amp; PASSION FOR TELUGU SHOWCASED

**T**elugu language is one of the most ancient and beautiful languages in the world. It is the only language in the Eastern parts of the world that has every single word ending with a vowel sound. For this very reason, the language is hailed as the 'Italian of the East'. To commemorate the birth anniversary of poet Kaloji, 'Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam' was celebrated by DPSites with great fervour.

Renowned socialist activists such as Veerasalingam, Gurajada

Apparao, Gidugu Ram Murthy, C Narayana Reddy are a few among the many who contributed for the development and recognition of the language internationally. To convey the importance of such a prominent language, students of DPS Nadergul participated in different activities taking the virtual platform of Cisco. A special assembly was steered with profuse information about the language, its origin and importance.

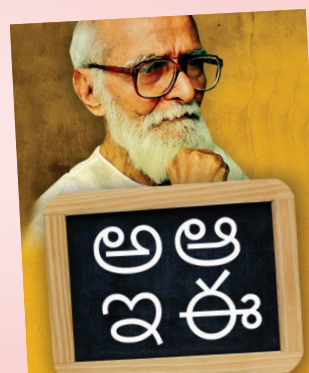
Enthusiastic language learners enthralled the audience with

**Delhi Public School**  
Nadergul

their beautiful renditions of various Telugu poems written by poets such as Kaloji. Monologues presented by passionate young students from classes VII and VIII received accolades from everyone.

Students from high school engrossed the spectators through their commendable speeches, spreading the importance of the

language and a message to inherit the passion towards the 'Italian of the East' by all. School principal Padma Jyothi Turaga conveyed her wishes on the eve of 'Telangana State Language Day' and appreciated all the participants and the Telugu department who made this wonderful event possible. The entire programme was graced and applauded by principal Padma Jyothi Turaga, Vice Principal Kiran Khanna, Headmistress Anindita Banerjee, teachers and students of DPS.



## Painters' Gallery



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Reddy Public School, Hyderabad



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**SNIGDHA**, class VIII E, Bhavans Sri  
Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri



**SAVE EARTH:**  
**TAASHEE GARG**,  
class X A,  
Gitanjali  
Devashray

**WINGED WONDER:**  
**HARINI KONDETI**,  
class VIII D, Bharatiya  
Vidya Bhavan Public  
School, Hyderabad

## RE-STARTING HICCUPS!

**A**s we know most schools welcomed their beloved students back on campus recently. I remember that it was the first day of school and I was excited to see the campus, my teachers and friends.

I entered the class and a smile appeared on my face automatically as I spotted a few of my friends. My teacher entered the class and we greeted her enthusiastically. The bell which I missed for such a long time rang.

Here comes the funny part. When our teacher asked

us to start the school prayer, we realised we had forgotten most of it! We managed to murmur a few words in tune. All of us including teacher started laughing and then our teacher prompted the prayer. Then came the pledge. We didn't forget the start of the pledge but mismatched it

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content. Again the teacher was so kind and helped us out. But we didn't forget the National Anthem, which made the teacher smile with relief.

**BHAVYA LAKKIMSHETTY**,  
class IX, Sister Nivedita  
School, Hyderabad



## READING GIVES WINGS TO OUR IMAGINATION

**E**ducation plays a vital role in our life. We get most of our education by reading books, or seeing videos on some occasions. So what exactly do we gain by reading books?

By reading books we gain knowledge, improve our vocabulary and memory. "Everyone read the chapter as homework," says the teacher. Why do teachers insist on us reading the textbooks as homework or whenever a chapter is done? This is because reading these textbooks after class leads to better comprehension and retention.

Reading story books takes us to a world of imagination of different events and end-

**K Rishi Kanth**, class IX D, Bharatiya  
Vidya Bhavan's Public School  
Jubilee Hills Hyderabad

less possibilities. Whenever we read a book, it is advised to sit in a place where there is no noise as reading works on our imagination.

Reading inspiring books also gives us a situation of a person's life and what they did in that situation. Trust me, a book can become your best friend once you like it for life.

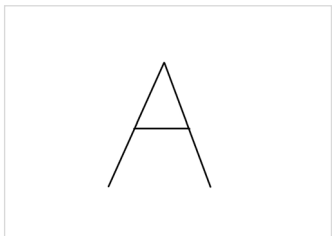




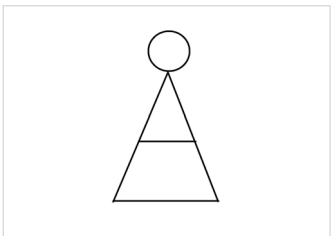


**KHYATI BAJORIA**  
Art Educator, Bodakdev  
School For Children,  
Ahmedabad

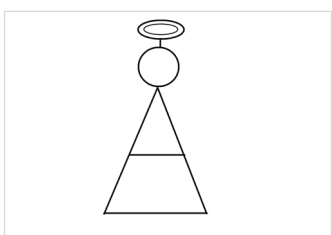
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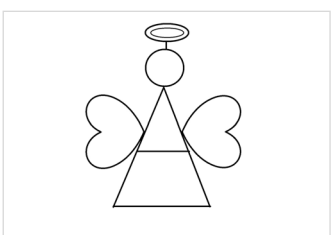
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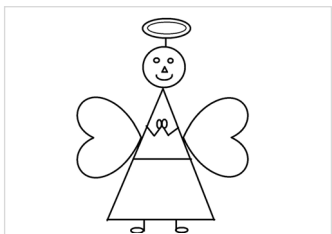
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## LEVEL-1



#### RDWO

- a. Redo      b. Wood  
c. Word      d. Dear

#### MWAR

- a. Raw      b. Warm  
c. War      d. Roof

#### TDIFFEREN

- a. Difficult      b. Tidy  
c. Different      d. Terminate

#### PSUOTR

- a. Spread      b. Sprout  
c. Pistol      d. Pent

Answers: 1) c, 2) b, 3) c, 4) b

### Riding with the Riddle

**ANUSHKA KRISHAN**,  
class X, DPS East, Bengaluru

It is an extremely famous beverage. In fact, it is considered to be the 2nd most popular drink. It is also the second most traded commodity in the world, after petroleum. Believed to have originated in Ethiopia, it was used as a medicinal beverage in ancient Chinese culture. It grows on a small shrub in the tropical climate region.

Answer: Coffee

### TITLES IN TITLES

**SURYAKUMARI DENNISON**, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

#### 2 'The \_\_\_\_\_ Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett

- A) Lonely      B) Little  
C) Lively      D) Loyal



#### 3 'Prince \_\_\_\_\_' by C S Lewis

- A) Aslan      B) Caspian  
C) Erian      D) Tirian

#### 4 'The Princess and the \_\_\_\_\_' by George MacDonald

- A) Goblin      B) Ghost  
C) Wizard      D) Witch

#### 5 'Harry Potter and the \_\_\_\_\_ Prince' by J K Rowling

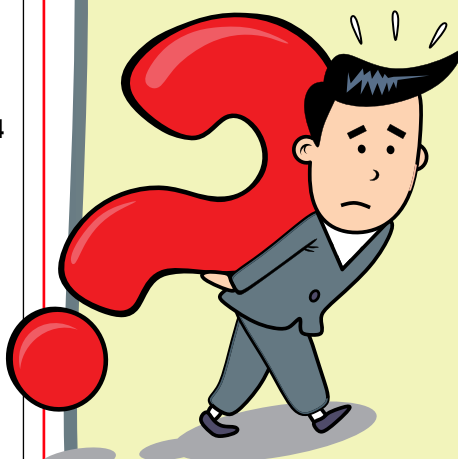
- A) Half-Blood      B) Half-Bold  
C) Half-Moon      D) Half-Mad

#### 6 'The Princess \_\_\_\_\_' by Meg Cabot

- A) Daisies  
B) Diamonds  
C) Diaries  
D) Dailies



## Quiz TIME



Complete the following book-titles, each containing Prince/Princess, by choosing correctly!

**Example:** 'The \_\_\_\_\_ Prince' by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry  
Answer: Little

#### 1 'The Prince and the \_\_\_\_\_' by Mark Twain

- A) Pilgrim      B) Peasant  
C) Poet      D) Pauper

Answers: 1) D, Pauper 2) B, Little 3) B, Caspian 4) A, Goblin 5) A, Half-Blood 6) C, Diaries

## LEVEL-2

## Idiom-etrics

**SURYAKUMARI DENNISON**, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

**R**ajat disliked oral tests because they made him nervous. Even when he studied hard, he had a way of blurring out the wrong answers. "Ma'am, I have a sore throat," he told his English teacher, hoping that she would let him go home. "Don't worry, Rajat," she said kindly. "For someone like you who has prepared well, this quiz on synonyms and antonyms will be extremely easy."

- A) Icing on the cake  
B) Piece of cake  
C) Slice of the cake



Answer: B

**R**eena believed that Sheela, the head girl, was perfect. Then she found out that Sheela had stolen several library books.

- A) Have feet of clay  
B) Get cold feet  
C) Drag your feet



#### TRIVIA

In the Bible, we read that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon dreamt of the destruction of a statue made of different metals. Daniel, a Jewish exile, interpreted this to mean that kingdoms would crumble. The last of them was represented by the feet of the image: an odd mix of iron and clay. 'Feet of clay' is a character flaw in a person (often someone prominent), not always obvious to others.



Answer: A

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- 1) Healthy at Heart
- 2) Are you having your salad right?
- 3) To Daughters, With Love
- 4) Forest Schools are here to stay
- 5) Start small

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### Learn a NEW LANGUAGE

#### SPANISH

1) Yo necesito un cuarto con baño (yoh nay-say-see-toh oon cwar-toh cohn ban-yoh)

**Meaning:** I need a room with a bathroom

2) Tengo una reservación (ten-goh oo-nah reh-sehr-vah-see-ohn)

**Meaning:** I have a reservation

3) ¿Cómo se llama? (koh-moh se ya-ma)

**Meaning:** What's your name?

4) Necesito un recibo (Neh-seh-see-toh oon reh-see-boh)

**MEANING:** I need a receipt

5) Dinero (dee-neh-roh)

**MEANING:** Money

1) Yo necesito un cuarto con baño, 2) Necesito Cena un recibo, 3) Yo necesito Dinero, 4) ¿Cómo se llama?

#### Work sheet

**Q:1** How will you ask for room with attached bathroom?

**Q:2** How will you ask for receipt of dinner?

**Q:3** How will you say that you need money ?

**Q:4** How will you ask for other person's name?



### NUMBER SERIES

**1** The H.C.F. of two numbers is 23 and the other two factors of their L.C.M. are 13 and 14. The larger of the two numbers is:

- A) 276      B) 299  
C) 322      D) 345

Answer : C

**2** Six bells commence tolling together and toll at intervals of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 seconds respectively. In 30 minutes, how many times do they toll together?

- A) 4      B) 10  
C) 15      D) 16

Answer : D

**3** Let N be the greatest number that will divide 1305, 4665 and 6905, leaving the same remainder in each case. Then sum of the digits in N is:

- A) 4      B) 5      C) 6      D) 8

Answer : A



## IPL 2.0

ALL EYES ON **BISHNOI** vs **VENKATESH**  
MATCH-UP

Kolkata Knight Riders square off against a beleaguered Punjab Kings today

**I**PL's newest sensation Venkatesh Iyer's footwork or the lack of it will be put through a stern test against the sharp googlies bowled by Ravi Bishnoi. Knights all-rounder Venkatesh has caught everyone's attention with his fearless stroke-play against genuine pace but Bishnoi's wrist spin has troubled the best in the business during the last two editions. It will be the biggest match-up in the game which is very important for KL Rahul's Punjab Kings if they have any intentions of staying afloat in the competition. Rahul had admitted after the defeat against Mumbai that his team has not played well under pressure and needs to put up a better fight. The poor show from the middle-order has also hurt them badly as only Rahul (422 runs) and his opening partner Mayank Agarwal (332 runs) have found some form.

They (overseas players) are trying their best in the nets, they want to perform. It is a matter of time but they are giving their best for the team.  
**Punjab Kings' spinner RAVI BISHNOI**

Ravi Bishnoi



## GAYLE - BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT

'Universe Boss' Chris Gayle, with 193 runs from 10 games, has been the biggest disappointment. Likewise, Nicholas Pooran, the highly rated West Indies dasher, has managed only 70 runs in 10 knocks which perfectly summarises Punjab Kings' troubles. The Indian talent has also not come to the party as far as batting is concerned with both M Shahrulkh Khan and Deepak Hooda not making the best use of the opportunities that they have got so far. There have been way too many batting collapses and it will be a challenge of sorts for these players to face Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarty on a slow

track. The eight overs from the premier spinners could go a long way in deciding the fate of the match. Punjab also has problems aplenty in the bowling department with none save for Bishnoi (9 wickets economy rate 6.16) have been able to trouble the opposition batsmen. Mohammed Shami (14 wickets, 7.68) and Arshdeep Singh (13 wickets, 7.64) have got wickets but have leaked runs at the death, most recently against Mumbai Indians the other day.

## KKR IN HIGH SPIRITS

For KKR, Venkatesh's (126 runs at strike rate of 144 plus) mastery against spin has not yet been a topic of discussion but it will be interesting to see if he can survive the first spell of Shami and Arshdeep. Also, how he tackles Bishnoi and left-arm spinner Harpreet Brar during the middle overs will be keenly observed. Venkatesh will certainly like to put up a strong show which will get him a fat contract during the big IPL auction next year. KKR have also made one correct move by sending Nitish Rana up the order as he is a far better player of spin bowling than his skipper Eoin Morgan. The strategy paid dividends in their win against Delhi Capitals earlier in the tournament. **PH**



Venkatesh Iyer

## UP COMING MATCHES

BARCELONA THUMPED AND CHELSEA BEATEN  
AS RONALDO RESCUES UNITED

Barcelona plunged even further into crisis with a defeat against Benfica while holders Chelsea were beaten by Juventus

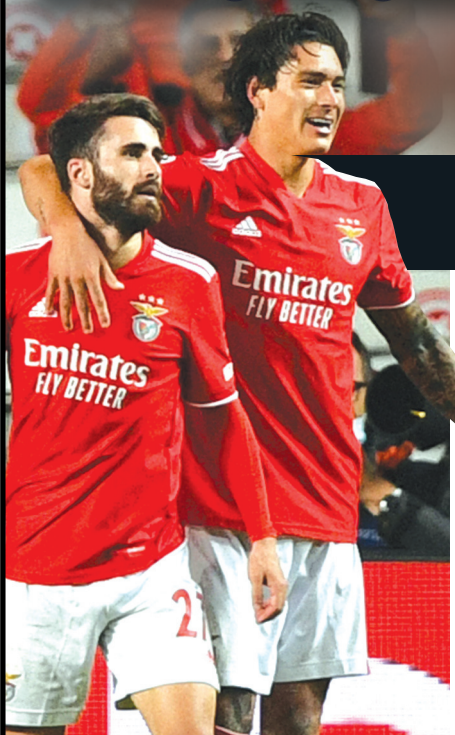
**R**onald Koeman's Barcelona side already look at real risk of an early exit from this season's Champions League after suffering a second 3-0 defeat in as many games in Group E and finishing the match in Lisbon with 10 men. Uruguayan forward Darwin Nunez starred for Benfica, opening the scoring early on and then hitting the post early in the second half. He later completed the rout from the penalty spot following a Sergino Dest handball, while in between Rafa Silva also netted for the Por-

tuguese former European Cup winners. Eric Garcia was sent off for Barcelona, who have now conceded 11 goals in their last two visits to the Estadio da Luz, the scene of their 8-2 annihilation at the hands of Bayern Munich in the 2020 quarter-finals. Barca are rock bottom of their group while Bayern followed their victory at the Camp Nou a fortnight ago with a 5-0 home win over Dynamo Kiev, with Robert Lewandowski's first-half brace setting the Bavarians on their way. Lewandowski, who netted the opener from the penalty spot, now has a career tally of 77 Champions League goals, third in the all-time list behind Ronal-

do and Lionel Messi. Serge Gnabry, Leroy Sane and Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting added further goals after the break for a rampant Bayern. Barcelona's defeat leaves Koeman, who took Benfica to the Champions League quarter-finals in 2006, in an even more fragile position. They have made it to the knockout rounds in each of the last 17 seasons. "I can't say anything because I don't know what the club feels about this," said Koeman about his future. "We'll see."

Chelsea will still be expected to qualify for the last 16 despite losing 1-0 to Juventus in Turin with Federico Chiesa scoring the only goal of the game 10 seconds

into the 2nd half. The star of Italy's Euro 2020-winning side latched onto Federico Bernardeschi's assist to beat Edouard Mendy and give Massimiliano Allegri's team a second straight win in Group H. United and Young Boys trail a point behind Group F leaders Atlanta, who defeated the Swiss champions 1-0 with a Matteo Pessina goal. German starlet Karim Adeyemi netted two penalties as Red Bull Salzburg beat Lille 2-1 to go top of Group G on four points. Burak Yilmaz pulled one back for Lille but they prop up the section, while Sevilla snatched a 1-1 draw at Wolfsburg after a late Ivan Rakitic penalty. **AFP**



Benfica's Rafa Silva and Darwin Nunez (R) celebrate a goal

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INDIA ASSURED OF MAIDEN  
MEDAL IN ASIAN TABLE  
TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**I**ndia, who had made it to the Champions Division after their stellar showing in the last edition, were also handed a direct entry into the eight-team main draw of the ITTF-ATTU joint event. Ace paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal led the charge in the win against Iran. Sharath, who opened the first match of the rubber, downed Nima Alamiyan 11-9, 6-11, 11-9, 11-5 to put India 1-0 up.

Though the world No. 33 began well, he dropped the next before picking up steam to roll past Alamiyan. In the next tie, G Sathian, ranked No. 38 in the world, beat Noshad Alamiyan (world No. 74) 11-7, 11-6, 6-11, 11-6. But in the following rubber, Harmmeet Desai lost to Amir Hossein Hodaee 8-11, 7-11, 11-8, 14-12, 7-11. The fiercely-fought match saw fortunes fluctuating from one extreme



Achanta Sharath Kamal

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to another but the Iranian held on to his nerves to reduce the margin. However, in his reverse singles, Sharath sealed the fate of Iran, beating Noshad 11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 11-9 to ensure India its first medal. The Indians will take on the winners of the South Korea versus Hong Kong match on Friday. **PH**

## QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of these cricketers was the first to score a Test century on debut?

- a. Sunil Gavaskar  
b. Kapil Dev  
c. Lala Amarnath  
d. Nawab Pataudi

Q2: Where is the oldest bat which still exists, displayed?

- a. Australia  
b. London  
c. India  
d. South Africa

Q3: When was the first Football World Cup held?

- a. 1904  
b. 1906  
c. 1912  
d. 1930

Q4: When was the World Chess Federation founded?

- a. 1935  
b. 1924  
c. 1905  
d. 1896

Q5: What is the length of the pitch in a cricket field?

- a. 20 metres  
b. 22 metres  
c. 24 metres  
d. 26 metres

Q6: Shuttler Tasnim Mir, 16, won the U-19 women's singles Belgian Open title. Whom did she defeat in the final?

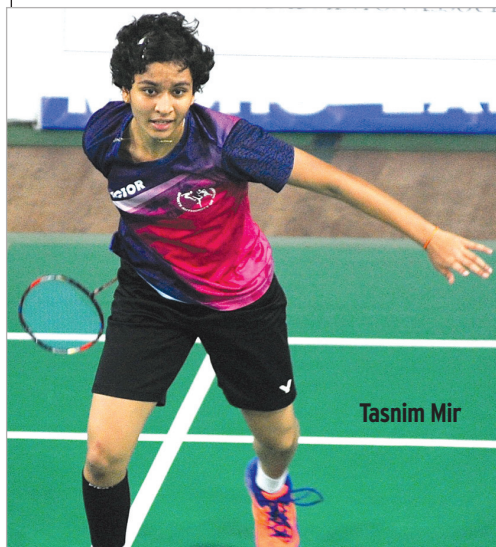


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- a. Antonia Schaller  
b. Mario Kirisma  
c. Lucie Amiguet  
d. Louane Lacour

Q7: What is the name of the Grand Slam tennis tournament played on clay courts?

- a. Australian Open  
b. French Open  
c. Wimbledon Championships  
d. US Open

Q8: Which of the following is known as the "Home of Golf"?

- a. Canada  
b. Scotland  
c. Norway  
d. Belgium

Q9: Who is the only boxer in boxing history to become an "Octuple Champion"?

- a. Floyd Mayweather  
b. Joe Frazier  
c. Muhammad Ali  
d. Manny Pacquiao

Q10: When was the metric system introduced into sports?

- a. 1850 b. 1796 c. 1896 d. 1909

**ANSWERS:** 1) C. Lala Amarnath 2) B. London  
3) C. 1912 4) B. 1924 5) A. 20 metres  
6) A. Antonia Schaller 7) B. French Open  
8) C. Norway 9) D. Manny Pacquiao 10) B. 1796