



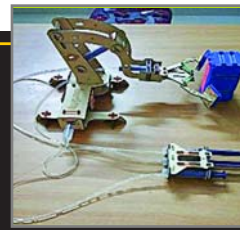
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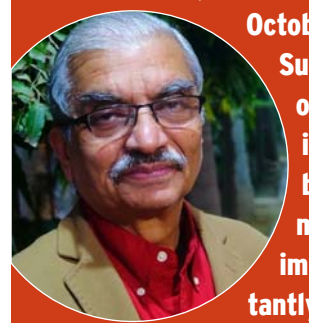
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Stopping the third wave is in public's hands. A sizeable population is already infected or getting vaccinated and health systems are being upgraded. We need people's support, but I don't expect a wave in September or October.



Supply is one issue but more importantly, we have to protect parents first. In children as it is, severe disease and fatalities are uncommon. So, we have to ensure that parents are safe first and children automatically become less vulnerable. We have to go with proper priorities. We can't add 44 crore numbers to already existing 90 crore adults. So, within children, we will also prioritise (those with co-morbidities) and by first quarter of 2022, we should have vaccines for all children.

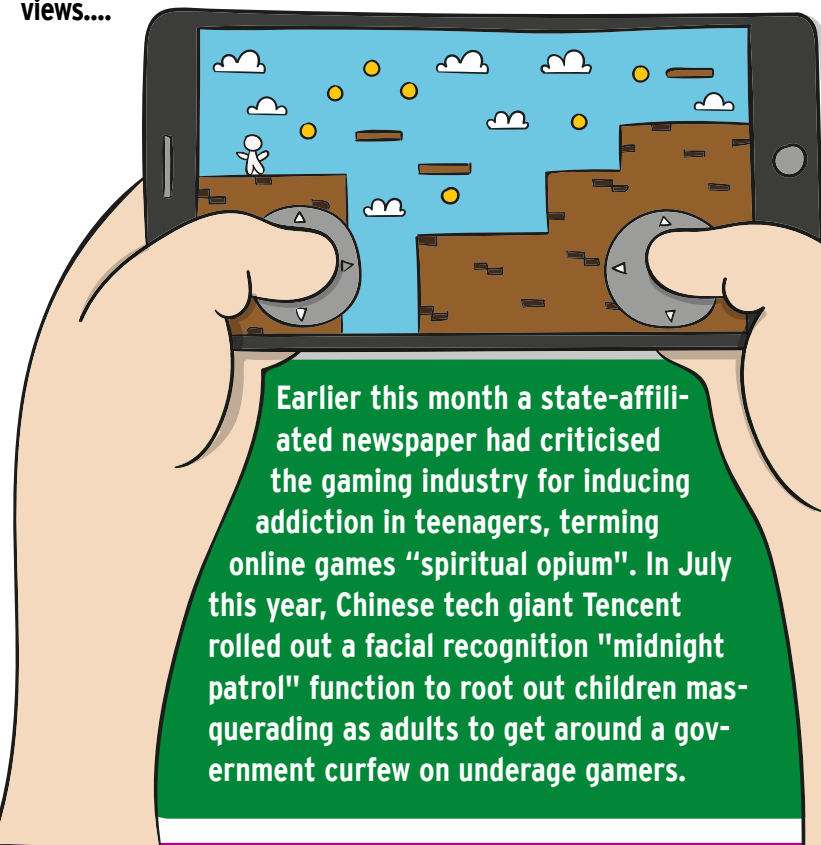
Dr NK Arora, Chief of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation


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3 hours/week: China enforces online gaming ban on kids

WIRED CURFEW!

Times NIE brings forth a follow-up of a story carried on July 12, 2021 wherein, China had decided to introduce 'midnight patrolling and restricted game hours' for kids to ensure that they don't fall behind academically during Covid. On Sept 1st, the Chinese govt enforced the harsh measures, including 3 hours a week of gaming time for kids. While parents and students in India felt our govt should not imitate such a move, which affects privacy, we ask experts this time their views....



Earlier this month a state-affiliated newspaper had criticised the gaming industry for inducing addiction in teenagers, terming online games "spiritual opium". In July this year, Chinese tech giant Tencent rolled out a facial recognition "midnight patrol" function to root out children masquerading as adults to get around a government curfew on underage gamers.

TIME FOR INDIA TO FOLLOW SUIT? EXPERTS REACT

■ India should also put restrictions on online gaming. Habits are changing with changing times, screen times are increasing and the ubiquitous mobile phone is replacing real friendship. The play stations have replaced real physical games. The use of these unbridled screens, which are the source of entertainment, especially among children can unleash the Frankenstein that can stunt future generations.
Smita Ghosh, counsellor

■ India needs more strict laws, as post corona the screen time has crossed 7-8 hours from 2-3 hours. Games activate the same centres in the brain as addiction to drugs. Self-regulation has collapsed, so it is time the government monitors it just like China.
Dr. Prashant Bhimani, senior psychologist

■ It's time for stringent rules, as children are at home, and their energies are not getting channelised in the right direction. Gaming

1 Minors in China can only play games between 8 pm and 9 pm on Fridays, weekends and on public holidays starting Sept 1, according to a notice from the National Press and Publication Administration

2 This limits gaming to three hours a week for most weeks of the year, down from a previous restriction set in 2019 that allowed minors play games for an hour and a half per day and three hours on public holidays

3 Gamers are required to use their ID cards when registering to play online, to ensure minors don't lie about their age

leads to increased aggression and changes in human behaviour. Due to online games, children are losing social touch. Moreover, in the long run, gaming also affects their concentration levels in studies and their eyesight. The recent Maharashtra case in which a child spent ₹10 lakhs on PUBG and committed suicide, is a glaring example of the devastating effects of online gaming.
Akshaya Kulkarni, counsellor, Zebur School, Ahmedabad

■ Rather than banning, the government should regulate the exposure to video games. There should be stringent laws on online games, especially for children. Aggressive and violent games should be monitored strictly by the government, as despite laws, children manage to have access to games, which are not meant for them.
Harshika Ramasubramanian, Counselling Psychologist and Expressive Arts Facilitator



SCHOOLS CAUTIOUSLY REOPEN

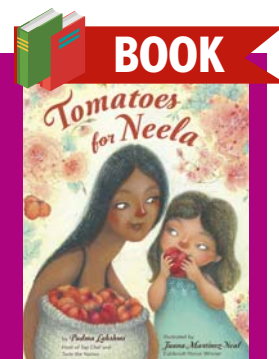
AFTER 18 MONTHS, KIDS SEE REAL CLASSROOMS

With trepidation and some excitement too, thousands of students returned to their classrooms to face a new Covid reality of masks and social-distanced camaraderie as schools in several states reopened on Wednesday. Fifty per cent attendance, no shared tiffin or even stationery, staggered lunch hours and parental consent were some of the dos and don'ts for schools in several parts of the country, including Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, that opened their doors amid concerns that students had not been vaccinated and neither had all the staff. Schools and colleges in at least six more states are reopening in a gradual manner with health measures in place throughout September.



'Tomatoes For Neela': Padma Lakshmi cooks up a children's book with a message

Neela is a young girl who loves cooking with her mom. Saturday is her favourite day of the week. That's the day they go to the green market. So begins Padma Lakshmi's charming entry into the world of children's book, 'Tomatoes For Neela', which mixes the author's memories of family cooking with practical food advice, a nod to farmworkers.



The book's idea was triggered when Lakshmi's real-life daughter, Krishna, came home several years ago, craving a pomegranate. It was summer and her mother explained that pomegranates grow in the fall. Now, was the season for tomatoes

India's economic activity picking up pace, further upside to growth likely: Moody's

Moody's Investors Service has said that the economic easing in India is picking up with the gradual easing of Covid restrictions and there could be further upside to growth, as economies around the world gradually reopen. Vaccination, the extent of serious infections and mobility restrictions remain the key determinants for recovery cycle, it said.

In its August update to 'Global Macro Outlook 2021-22', Moody's retained India's growth forecast for the 2021 calendar year at 9.6 per cent and 7 per cent for 2022



A new island that may be world's northernmost

A team of Arctic researchers from Denmark say they discovered it off the coast of Greenland by accident.

Till now Oodaaq, another island 700 kilometres south of the North Pole, was known to be the northernmost



1 The new tiny island is 780 metres further north of Oodaaq. It measures about 30 by 60 metres and rises about three to four metres above the sea level. The researchers have proposed naming it 'Qeqertaq Avannarleg', which means "the northernmost island" in Greenlandic

2 The island consists primarily of small mounds of silt and gravel. It may be the result of a major storm which, with the help of the sea, gradually pushed material from the seabed together until an island formed

3 It is expected to disappear in few years. In fact, nobody knows how long it would remain. In principle, it could disappear as soon as a powerful new storm hits

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REVELATION

AFRICAN RIVERS ARE TURNING BLUE!



Rivers are blue but some rivers in Africa have recently turned into deeper hues of blue. Is this a trick of nature or something else? Let's find out...

HOW CAN BRANDS BE MORE ECO-FRIENDLY?

Brands can and do make environmentally sustainable clothing, and consumer pressure was key to encouraging more, said Katrina Charles, an expert on water security and quality at the University of Oxford who has worked with governments in Africa and Asia.

(INPUTS FROM REUTERS)

Many popular fashion labels have been in the past accused of polluting the environment and though many of them claim to have adapted eco-friendly practices, rivers in Africa are dying because of the constant dumping of fashion waste. According to a report published in the 'Independent', global fast fashion brands are helping drive pollution that has dyed African rivers blue or turned their waters as alkaline as bleach.

A report by Water Witness International's (WWI) featured the polluted rivers in Lesotho in southern Africa and Tanzania to highlight the risks posed by pollution caused by fashion brands, which are working extensively in Africa, thanks to the attractive tax incentives and cheap labour available. Global brands could force better practices, but so far their

presence in Africa has done little to stem rife pollution, water hoarding by contracting factories or even ensure adequate water and sanitation for factory staff, Nick Hepworth, author of the report, said.

“The flipside is that (fast fashion) could be a force for change,” he cited in the report, but brands and investors needed to take the lead. In Lesotho, researchers found a river visibly polluted with blue dye for denim jeans. Samples taken from Tanzania's Msimbazi river in Dar es Salaam meanwhile tested a pH of 12 – the same as bleach – near a textiles factory, the report said, adding local communities use the Msimbazi for washing, irrigation and more. The report identified as many as 50 popular fashion labels, which are sourcing their

clothes from African nations, some of them being Zara, ASOS and H&M, but didn't tie the pollution to any particular company's supply chain. **TNN**

Fashion should be sustainable; it should not turn our precious water bodies into toxic wastelands!

THE BIG NEWS

Rajma Chaat Recipe



Food of salads and healthy snacks? Then this Rajma Chaat recipe is perfect for you. It basically becomes a no-cook recipe if you boil rajma beforehand. Just mix some chopped veggies together with boiled rajma, add seasonings and your Rajma Chaat is ready. You can serve this salad along with your meals, or have it for a light dinner, or even have it as a snack whenever you feel like eating something tasty yet healthy. We have added some basic veggies here, however, you can add vegetables as per your taste. You can mix some fat-free mayonnaise in the salad to make it creamier.

INGREDIENTS:

- > 1 cup chopped red kidney beans
- > 1 capsicum (green pepper)
- > 1/4 cup boiled corn
- > 1/4 tablespoon powdered black pepper
- > 1 tablespoon fresh

- lemon juice
- > 2 tablespoon chopped coriander leaves
- > 1 medium onion
- > 1 carrot
- > Salt as required
- > 1/4 tablespoon chaat masala
- > 1 green chilli

HOW TO MAKE THIS DELICIOUS CHAAT

Step 1: Chop the veggies
Chop all the veggies like onion, capsicum, carrot, green chillies into small pieces and collect them in a bowl. Add salt, black pepper powder, chaat masala and lemon juice. Mix well.

Step 2: Add rajma and corn
Add boiled rajma and corn to the bowl and give a nice toss to mix everything.

Step 3: Ready to be served
Garnish the salad with chopped coriander leaves and serve.



KNOWLEDGE BANK (HISTORY)

BATTLE OF SHANGHAI: This battle was the first of the 22 major wars fought between the National Revolutionary Army of the Republic of China and the Imperial Japanese Army of the Empire of Japan at the beginning of the Second Sino-Japanese War. It was one of the largest and bloodiest battles of the entire war. Japanese invasion of Manchuria led to the armed conflict between China and Japan. The battle began on August 13, 1937 and ended in November 1937.

Meghan Markle's wedding gown is the most searched wedding dress!

FASHION

ALL ABOUT MARKLE'S GOWN

For her 2018 wedding, Markle opted for a silk Givenchy wedding gown, which featured an open bateau neckline and cinched waist. The gown was custom-made from double-bonded silk cady and featured an under-skirt designed in triple silk organza by Clare Waight Keller. The beautiful gown also had a five-metre-long white silk veil with floral detailing. Earlier in 2019, Meghan's Givenchy wedding dress was also displayed at Edinburgh's Scottish castle. The dress had been put on display for the first time as a part of a special exhibition titled 'A Royal Wedding: The Duke and Duchess of Sussex'.

Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, on the other hand, had picked up a long-sleeved lace gown by designer Alexander McQueen gown for her 2011 wedding to Prince Williams. The lovely white gown featured a scalloped neckline and a nine-foot long train. The gown's body consisted of ivory satin and was inspired by the Victorian tradition of corsetry. **TNN**

> A poll conducted by Find Me A Gift (UK's leading provider of gifts) has found that Meghan Markle's wedding gown was the most searched for bridal gown of the decade. The average monthly searches of Meghan's wedding gown were 21,900 in the UK alone, whereas Kate Middleton's monthly gown searches were 21,5000

> Markle's bridal veil (16-feet long) was embroidered with the national flowers of each of the 53 commonwealth countries



Tips for smooth dining experience

ETIQUETTE GUIDE

From celebrating birthdays and throwing parties to spending time with your family, a single restaurant can build thousands of memories. When it comes to dining, there are certain subtle mistakes that are overlooked on a regular basis. These mistakes may make you look less polished and disorganised. Know the dos and don'ts of dining – especially in the Covid era

Not making a reservation

Most restaurants have a reservation system. The system is kept so that the customer organisation is done in a better and time-efficient manner. If you are planning to dine with your family or friends, it is always better to make a reservation in order to prevent last-minute chaos. Doing so will ensure that everything is planned well in advance (more so because now with restaurants having 50 per cent seating, the waiting time has increased) and as a host, it's important to take steps for avoiding chaos.

Not taking precautions

If you are planning to dine out during these times, then Covid-19 precautions must be taken. Make sure you sanitise your hands properly before touching the food. Wipe the

plates and spoons properly with a tissue to ensure they are clean. Always choose a table which is away from the crowd and avoid going to restaurants with low ceilings and also the overcrowded ones.

Ordering food with 2-3 waiters at the same time

Giving the food order to different waiters can not only lead to confusion but might also lead to duplication of food. You must only give the instructions to the waiter appointed for your table to ensure there is no

miscommunication from your end. This will also help in leaving the tip for only the waiter assigned for your particular table.

Not ordering everything at once

Try to order everything at once and ask the waiter to bring the food as per your choice. This will cut short the waiting time between dishes, which might happen if you give orders only after completing the first dish. You can give the order of the starters, main course, dessert at once and ask the waiter to bring the food in

one after another. This process may take additional five minutes but will ensure hassle free dining.

Signalling that you're done with your meal when you aren't

You must always let everyone finish the meal before signalling the waiter to bring the bill. Once done, you can put both fork and knife in the middle of your plate, as this means that you are done with your meal. **TNN**

PUTTING FORK AND KNIFE ON THE TABLE IS MANNER FAUX PAS!

Once you are done with your meal, you must always leave your fork and knife on the plate. If you liked the meal, then the fork and knife should be placed horizontally, with the head of the cutlery towards the right. If you do not like the meal, then you should keep the fork and knife by intertwining the knife in the fork's bristles!



INTO THE WORLD OF FASHION & SCIENCE

**P Disha, class VIII N,
Delhi Public School
Nacharam**

The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking and is the torch which illuminates the world. - ALBERT EINSTEIN

Students of classes VII and VIII of Delhi Public School, Nacharam, conducted their online Science Assembly on the theme 'Scionture,' a blend of syllables taken from science, fashion and nature.

The assembly commenced with the lighting of the lamp and morning prayer, followed by Principal Sunitha Rao's address. A science trivia quiz contest was conducted, and the results declared by Vice-Principal Gowri Venkatesh. The guest for the event was Dr Joseph Thomas, plastic and reconstructive surgeon, whose informative presentation drew students' attention.



This was followed by students' performances on topics like fashion show depicting 3Rs, career in fashion, plastic surgery, digital printing, smart fabrics, silk from mushrooms and colour psychology. The programme showed that science, fashion and nature are intrinsically in-

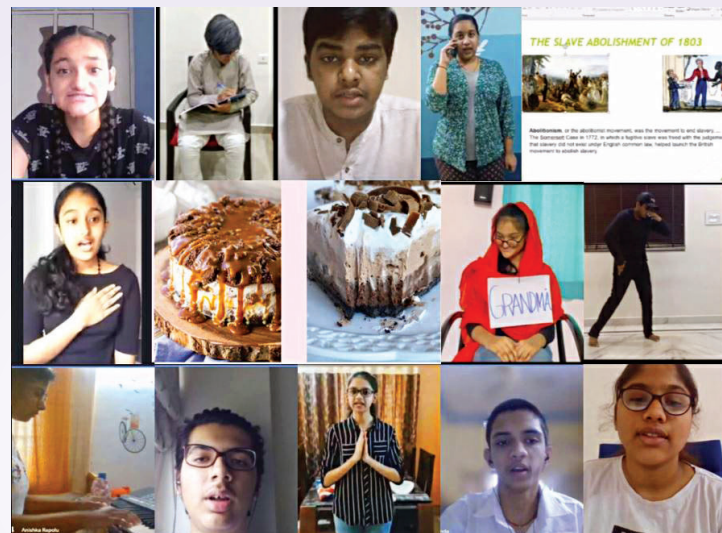
terlinked with each other.

Students also learned the value of teamwork. The assembly culminated with words of encouragement by Gowri Venkatesh for the sincere efforts made by the students and teachers in these challenging times.



Assemblies, a confidence booster

**Bhumi Bahl,
class IX, Ganges
Valley School
Hyderabad**



Class assemblies are a crucial part of school life. Two significant assemblies were conducted recently for students of class XI of Ganges Valley School. The first was held to mark Senior Citizens Day where students presented their views through different programmes. The speeches highlighted the importance and beauty of having grandparents in our lives while the skit showcased the grandparents' love, support and affection for their grandchildren. The poem, "Dancing in the Rain" written and recited by Veda Samhita summarised the topic.

The other assembly was held to highlight 'The International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Its Abolition'. Apart from the regular presentation, a speech was delivered on the significance of the day. An impressive dance performance on the struggles faced by the slaves was presented by Surya, Bhumi and Kusumanjani. The recita-

tion of the poem, 'Caged Bird' written by Maya Angelou, was to show the courage of people who fought for themselves and their freedom. Yet another thematic assembly included the "National Ice Cream Day." Ice creams are always a delight for everyone. Varshita shared much information about this delicious day. One of the students even demonstrated how to make a chocolate cake with ice cream.

The students could present an amalgamation of varied programmes, that highlighted the significance of the days they commemorate.



ALONE ON EARTH...

**Greeshma M, class IX A,
Gitanjali Devakul
Hyderabad**

One day, aliens landed on earth and ate up all the people. At that time I was hiding in a secret place where nobody could find me, so I was saved.

Alone on earth I felt bored and hungry. I was very hungry because nobody was there on earth to cook for me and for three days I was having some snacks. One day I tried to cook on my own but I burnt my fingers doing so.

There was no internet, no TV, no electricity and even water was limited. I was given up all hope when a miracle happened! I saw my mother approaching me and telling me that everyone had come back. This was magic!

This incident made me realise the importance of other people on the planet

who help you everyday. I was happy that my mom and other people returned to earth. I was a bit ashamed too as I had previously thought I did not need anyone and that I could do everything on my own.

When my mom was



speaking to me I came to know the importance of other beings on earth. Therefore, we have to respect all and be happy. Never think selfishly.

POEM

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A KNACK

To try something new
And keep trying until
I stop out of the blue.
But now that I go back and look
It's a whole magnificent universe, each of them all.
It may seem eccentric, at first,
But only if you grow to like it
it will not let you fall.

**KEERTHANA, class X A, Global Edge School,
Madhapur**

Fun camping at home

**Srijato Bhattacharya,
class III C,
The Global Edge School
Kokapet**

I decided to go camping on a weekend - at home! My mother helped me buy a tent and the materials arrived after a few days.

When the tent was assembled, I decorated it with a star cushion and a cloud cushion which came along with the set. I added lights to it to make it more exciting and beautiful.

We do not prefer outside food for safety reasons in these times. So, my mom and I read books inside the tent for some time while my dad cooked as per our plan.

We even made a pretend campfire with lights, bamboo sticks and coloured paper. It was amazing. When dad was done with



cooking, he joined us and we enjoyed our favourite tandooris, barbeques and snacks by the campfire. We then played games, sang songs, and danced. In the tent, we put some pillows and slept happily. It was so much fun camping at home.



SCHOOL TOPPERS FELICITATED

Army Public School Bolarum organised a felicitation ceremony on campus to reward the school toppers for their outstanding performance in the class X and XII CBSE Board Exam-2021. The ceremony was live-streamed, enabling everyone to be a part of the event.

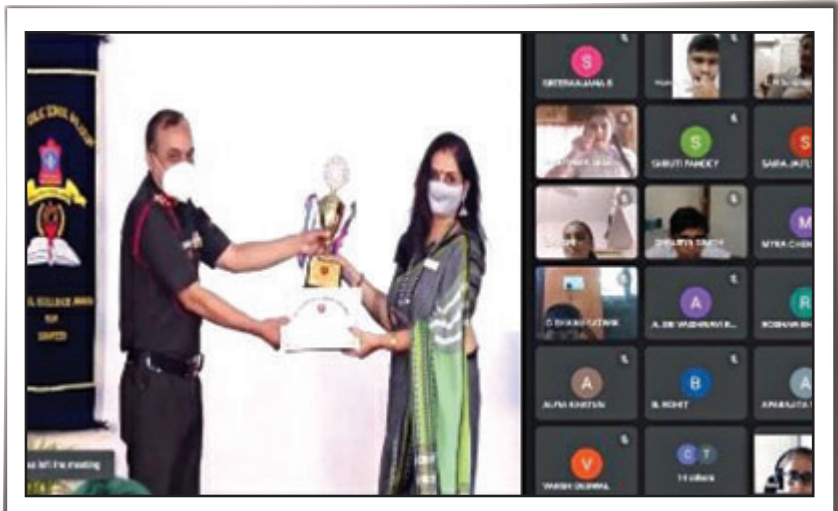
Maj. Gen R K Singh, GOC TASA, was the chief guest. All three chairmen and principals of Army Public Schools which come under the aegis of Telangana and Andhra Sub-Area, along with parents and school toppers attended the event.

The ceremony started with a welcome dance performed by students from APS Bolarum. Maj. Gen Singh felicitated the toppers with a trophy of excellence, certificate and a Lenovo tablet each. Shreyas Anand received the award for being the school topper at 97.6%, followed closely by Aastha Shukla

**Raveena Reyar Banerjee,
NIE In-charge, Army Public School
Bolarum**

who scored 97.2% and Muskan at 96.4%. From class XII, Saanya Punjkanan from Humanities stream received the award for being the school topper by scoring 98.6%, followed by Riya Sur, 98.2% in Science stream, and Mahek Gupta 97.8% in Commerce stream. Saanya Punjkanan of class XII from APS Bolarum was felicitated for being the overall topper in all three schools under the aegis of TASA.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Smitha Govind, Principal, Army Public School Bolarum.



WASTE NOT

I made a model of Solid Waste Management recently using all eco-friendly items.

I wrapped a colour paper around a pen stand and converted it into a bio gas station. When I found a footwear box lying in my house, I altered its shape a bit and pasted colour paper on it and turned it into a recycling factory.

For the trash bin I used paper tea cups. Labelling was done using toothpicks and colour papers. I explained what waste management is all about for my school project using these readily available items at home.

It is our collective and individual responsibility to preserve the world in which we live.



**R SREE
LASYA, class
VIII, Sister
Nivedita
School**



BOOK REVIEW

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

A nail-biting mystery!

"The Hound of the Baskervilles" is a classic horror-mystery by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Watson are approached by D Mortimer who practices in Devonshire. Mortimer seeks assistance in solving the mystery behind the sudden death of his friend Sir Charles Baskerville.

Dr Mortimer believes that Sir Charles' death is connected to the Legend of the Baskervilles, that the Baskerville lineage has been cursed by a murderous hound since time immemorial. He fears that Sir Charles'

nephew and heir Henry Baskerville will face similar fate.

Watson is sent to Devonshire to investigate. He picks up many clues and narrows down on the possible culprit of the crime. Here, Holmes re-enters the picture and reveals that he has been staying incognito at Devonshire, also investigating. Combining their clues, the duo discovers the culprit.

What does the accused do and do they catch him? This is a page-turner as the mystery is terrifying and exciting. Definitely a must-read for Holmes fans.

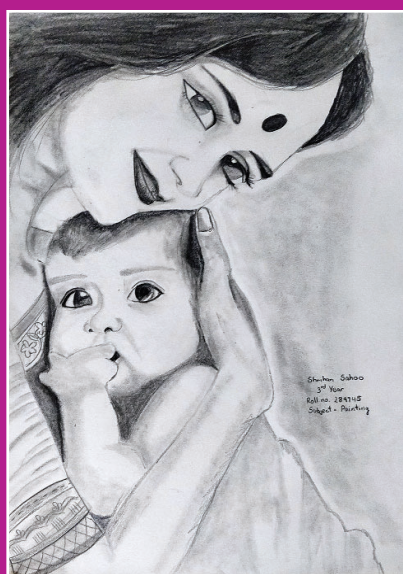
**ADITYA APPANA, class IX,
Future Kids School**



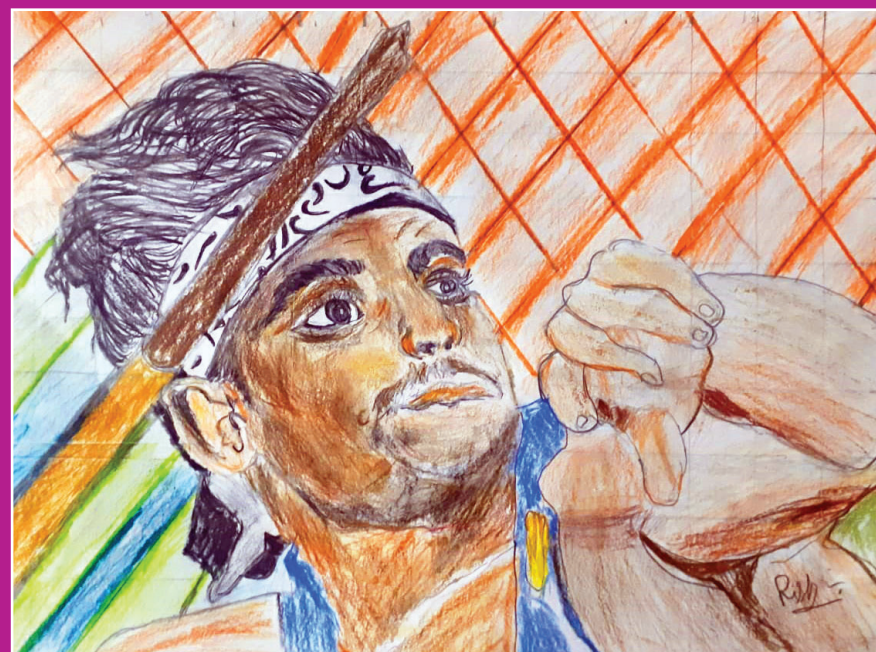
Painters' Gallery



**INNER STRENGTH: D SAHASRA,
class IX A, Delhi Public School,
Nadergul**



**WARM EMBRACE: SHRIHAN
SAHOO, class VIII, DDMS P Obul
Reddy Public School**



**CHAMP: B RISHIL, class IV E, Delhi
Public School, Mahendra Hills**



INDIA LOOK TO REGAIN MOMENTUM



Spotlight on Ashwin in 4th test at venue that favours spinners

Vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane's wretched form and senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's probable inclusion will have the most significant impact on the Indian team's efforts to move on from its Leeds debacle when it takes on a stronger England in the fourth Test at the Oval starting Wednesday.

The high of an inspirational victory at the Lord's was followed by back-to-back batting debacles at Headingley and the penultimate game at Oval would certainly have an impact on both sides as the series heads towards its business end. Skipper Virat Kohli had said that a victory at Lord's didn't guarantee a win in the next Test and a defeat at Headingley doesn't mean that an encore would happen at the Oval with the series locked at 1-1.

Middle order woes

■ Not the one to believe that outside noise (fans and experts) should be given much credence, the Indian captain, in his heart of hearts,

knows that all is not well with his batting unit and the biggest problem is the performance of its three middle-order stalwarts – the skipper himself, Cheteshwar Pujara and his deputy Rahane.

■ Pujara might have redeemed himself with a knock of 91 which was high on "intent quotient" but the same can't be said about Rahane, whose form is shaky despite a crucial 61 in the second innings at the Lord's.

Inconsistency worrisome

■ In all likelihood, Rahane would get another chance but over the past two years, his inconsistency has hurt this team badly. What many people have found baffling is that even a hundred at Melbourne or a fifty at the Lord's hasn't inspired confidence and he has never looked like getting back into some kind of form.

■ A total of 95 runs in five innings at an average of 19 is not an indicator of Rahane's qualities but a spunky strokeplayer like Suryakumar Yadav or an orthodox batter like Hanuma Vihari might bring in a bit of freshness in the middle-order. If Rahane is dropped at all, then Vihari has a better chance of coming in as he also bowls off-spin.

England never allows any team to win easily in England. India also does not lose at home. That is why it is said that if you win away tours, it is a big achievement. Last 10 years, England has a bowler who utilises the conditions better than anyone else and that bowler is James Anderson. Any Indian batter will tell you how tough it is to face Anderson.

Former India pacer ASHISH NEHRA

■ However, skipper Kohli has shown that he can be dogmatic even if suggestions to contrary come from some of India's biggest cricketing legends including Sunil Gavaskar, who feels that playing an extra batsman might help them. An exhibit of it is his decision of not compromising with the five-bowler theory despite batting failures save for openers Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul (who had a poor third Test).

■ Ravindra Jadeja in this series, with two wickets from three games, has played primarily as a No.7 batsman whose willow-wielding skills are considered to be far better than Ashwin, who is perhaps the world's best spinner at the moment.

■ The Oval track has traditionally helped spinners and therefore Ashwin, who had a six-wicket haul in a county game for Surrey (vs Somerset) might just bring in his 400 plus wicket experience to trouble the English batters who have been wary of him in the past. But Kohli, whose fascination for four pacers is well documented, might want to replace an

off-colour Ishant Sharma with Shardul Thakur, who is more of an all-rounder and it remains to be seen if Ashwin comes in place of Jadeja, who hasn't been penetrative enough.

Root the man to watch

■ If their middle-order is a cause of concern, the other aspect that's bound to give them sleepless nights is the form of rival skipper Joe Root, who has already tallied over 500 runs in just three games with a hat-trick of hundreds. If Ashwin gets a look-in, Root versus Ashwin will be a contest that a lot of cricket fans will be looking forward to.

■ For England, Dawid Malan, in his comeback match, was in good touch. Add to it, Mark Wood's blistering pace and Chris Woakes's incisive swing bowling and it is enough to ensure a bit of workload management for James Anderson. **PH**



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DJOKOVIC TOPS TEEN RUNE AT US OPEN



Photo: USA TODAY

Wins comfortably as he bids for a calendar Slam

If the last-name chorus of "Ruunuuunel!" in support of his relatively unknown teenage opponent at the US Open bothered Novak Djokovic, he never let anyone know.

Nor was there any visible evidence that Djokovic was shaken by the shaky patches he went through while dropping a set Tuesday night as he began his historic bid to complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since 1969 and collect a record-breaking 21st major singles championship.

Just needed a win

Djokovic was not perfect - "It wasn't the best of my performances," he acknowledged - but he didn't need to be. All he needed to do was win, and he did, just as he's done every time he's played a Grand Slam match this season, whether on the hard courts of

the Australian Open, the red clay of the French Open, the grass of Wimbledon or, now, the first of what he hopes will be seven times on the hard courts of Flushing Meadows.

Quickly regaining control after a second-set blip, then wearing down his cramping foe, Djokovic beat Danish qualifier Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune 6-1 6-7 (5) 6-2 6-1 to reach the second round.

"I mean, obviously you always wish to have crowd behind you, but it's not always possible. That's all I can say. I mean, I don't know; I've been focusing on myself and what I need to do," said Djokovic, who next faces Tallon Griekspoor, a 25-year-old from Netherlands ranked 121st who got into the field when Roger Federer pulled out. "I guess I have to just see how it feels on the court and try to keep it together. That's all I can do."

Stark differences

So many differences between the two players in Arthur Ashe Stadium on a muggy Tuesday evening.

Djokovic is 34; Rune is 18. Djokovic is ranked No. 1; Rune 145th. Djokovic owns 20 Grand Slam titles, the men's mark he cur-

rently shares with rivals Federer and Rafael Nadal; Rune, the junior champion at Roland Garros two years ago, had never played a match in the main draw of a major tournament until Tuesday.

Djokovic's on-court career earnings entering this week were more than USD 150 million; Rune's were less than USD 150,000.

His descriptions of this match sounded as if they arrived from someone very much his age: All in all, he found it to be a "crazy experience" and "a dream come true," and the crowd support was "unbelievable" and a "pretty sick feeling."

Rune did come in on a 13-match winning streak, built on the lower-level ATP Challenger Tour and the qualifying rounds in New York. The fans, back at the U.S. Open after all spectators were banned last year because of the pandemic, gave him some serious backing, responding to his pumped fists and uppercuts and pleas for more noise when he was playing at his best in the second set.

In other action, Germany's Alexander Zverev won this 12 match with victory over Sam Querrey. Switzerland's Belinda Bencic beat Arantxa Rus 6-4 6-4. **AP**

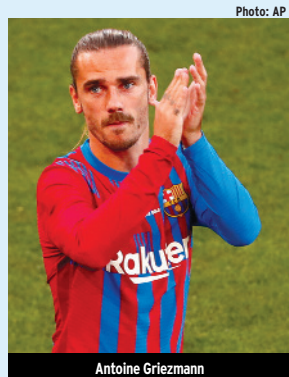
ATLETICO WELCOME BACK GRIEZMANN; REAL SIGN CAMAVINGA

France forward Antoine Griezmann has made a shock return to Atletico Madrid just two years after leaving to join Barcelona, on the final day of a hectic European transfer window.

Real Madrid also bagged a French international star as Eduardo Camavinga arrived from Rennes, but their attempts to sign Kylian Mbappe from Paris Saint-Germain failed.

World Cup-winning 30-year-old Griezmann, who scored 133 goals in his first spell with Atletico, has rejoined on a one-year loan deal with an option to extend by another year and an obligation to buy, the club said. "Welcome back, Griezmann!" Atletico wrote on its website.

Barcelona have been struggling financially and had to allow six-time Ballon d'Or win-



Antoine Griezmann

Photo: AP

ner Lionel Messi to leave for PSG last month.

Midfield prodigy Camavinga, just 18, penned a six-year deal at Real, reportedly at 31 million euros (\$36.6m) plus 9 million euros in bonuses. It is a considerable sum for the Angolan-born player, who was in the final year of his contract at Rennes. **AGENCIES**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of the following tennis singles titles?

- a. Pete Sampras
 b. Jim Courier
 c. Roger Federer
 d. Rafael Nadal

Q2: Who won the 2019 US Open Men's Singles title?

- a. Rafael Nadal
 b. Roger Federer
 c. Daniil Medvedev
 d. Novak Djokovic

Q3: As of September 2019, the distinction of being the

youngest Indian Grandmaster was held by -

- a. D.Gukesh
 b. R. Praggnanandhaa
 c. Parimarjan Negi
 d. Raunak Sadhwani

Q4: Which of the following wrestling styles is part of the Olympics?

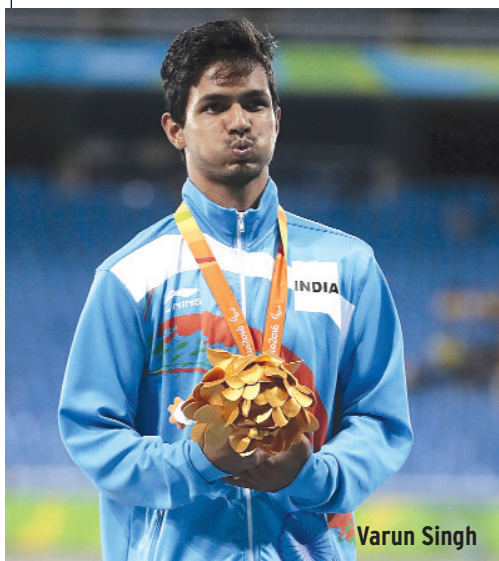
- a. Greco-Roman wrestling
 b. Men's freestyle wrestling
 c. Women's freestyle wrestling
 d. All of the above

Q5: Which of the following type of shooting championships were discontinued in 1991?

- a. 300m rifle
 b. Special Airgun championships
 c. Shotgun
 d. Running Target

Q6: What medal did Varun Singh Bhati win in high jump at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games?

- a. Gold b. Silver c. Bronze d. None



Varun Singh

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Q7: In which boxing championship are the boxers required to compete without protective headgear?

- a. AIBA World Boxing championships
 b. AIBA World Series of Boxing
 c. Olympics
 d. Boxing World Cup

Q8: What is the meaning of the phrase umpire calling stumps?

- a. The batsman is out
 b. It is a no-ball
 c. The play is over for the day
 d. The whole match is over

Q9: Which woman athlete has won 5 gold medals in high jump in the IAAF World Indoor Championships?

- a. Stefka Kostadinova
 b. Natalya Nazarova
 c. Meseret Defar
 d. Maria Mutola

Q10: Which athlete has won four gold medals in the men's high jump in IAAF World Indoor Championships?

- a. Sergey Bubka
 b. Ivan Pedroso
 c. Javier Sotomayor
 d. Stefan Holm

ANSWERS: 1. c. Roger Federer 2. a. Rafael Nadal
 3. a. D Gukesh 4. d. All of the above
 5. b. Special Airgun championships
 6. c. Bronze 7. b. AIBA World Series of Boxing
 8. c. The play is over for the day
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