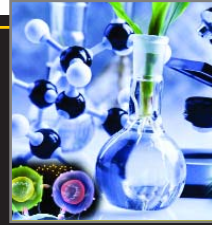




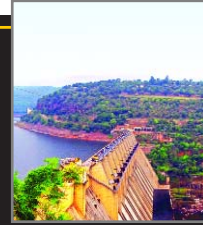
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**BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

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## Bill Gates warns of more fatal Covid variant, calls for global surveillance



Billionaire Bill Gates has warned that Covid pandemic is far from over, with the worst remaining yet to unfold. Stressing on the need for increasing global surveillance, the Microsoft founder and philanthropist warned of the likelihood of an even more fatal and transmissible variant of Covid. Gates stated that even though he does not want to sound gloomy, yet the risk of a more virulent variant is more than five per cent. "We're still at risk of this pandemic generating a variant that would be even more transmissible and even more fatal," he was quoted as saying. "It's not likely, I don't want to be a voice of doom and gloom, but it's way above a five per cent risk that this pandemic, we haven't even seen the worst of it," he added.

■ This is not the first time that Gates warned of a potential global threat posed by viruses

■ In 2015, he first cautioned publicly that the "world was not ready for the inevitable next pandemic" and that viruses, not war, pose the greatest risk of "global catastrophe"

➤ Gates also called for renewed efforts with greater investments into global surveillance of viruses, which has been paused by a number of countries in the wake of decline in Covid cases

➤ Gates has also written a book on 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic'

➤ He has urged for the creation of a team of international experts- ranging from epidemiologists to computer modellers- to quickly spot global health threats, and improve coordination between the countries

## Greenhouse gas emissions could trigger a

# 'MASS EXTINCTION' OF MARINE LIFE

## THE IMPACT



Are we headed towards a mass extinction? Well, scientists feel so. If latest study is to go by, greenhouse gas emissions could trigger a mass extinction of marine life to levels not seen since before the dinosaurs, they warn. In fact, researchers in New Jersey have modelled future extinction risks for marine life in all the world's oceans, under different projected climate scenarios. According to them, if emissions are not curbed, the loss of marine species from global warming and oxygen depletion could mirror the 'Great Dying', Earth's deadliest extinction event, by around 2100. It could also match other big extinction events in Earth's history, including the End-Cretaceous mass extinction, which killed the dinosaurs 66 million years ago. Scientists have long debated the theories of the cause of the extinction—ranging from a meteor impact to volcanoes, which could have caused environmental changes making Earth inhospitable. But should the next mass extinction event occur, history will place the blame on greenhouse gas emissions resulting from human activity.

■ According to researchers, extinction magnitude depends strongly on how much carbon dioxide we emit moving forward. When CO2 dissolve in the oceans, they become highly acidic and the level of oxygen in the water reduce, killing sea life ■ Similarly, as ocean temperature increases and oxygen availability drops, there is a pronounced decrease in the abundance of marine life ■ Therefore, water temperature and oxygen availability are the two key factors that will change as the climate warms due to human activity

■ Warmer water is not only a risk factor for species that are adapted for cooler climates; it also holds less oxygen than cooler water, which leads to more sluggish ocean circulation that reduces the oxygen supply at depth ■ Paradoxically, species' metabolic rates increase with water temperature, so the demand for oxygen rises as the supply decreases ■ Once oxygen supply falls short of what species need, we expect to see substantial species losses


**LESSON TIME**

## WHAT IS GREAT DYING

■ Known as Earth's deadliest extinction, the 'Great Dying' saw the loss of 95% of all marine species when it occurred around 250 mn

years ago. It was the result of natural volcanic eruptions that heated up oceans, disrupting underwater oxygen supply and suffocating sea dwellers

■ All life on Earth today is descended from the roughly 10% of animals, plants and microbes that survived the extinction ■ During the Great Dying, a supercontinent called Pangaea covered the Earth Source: Daily Mail

## Unprecedented heatwaves are leading to...



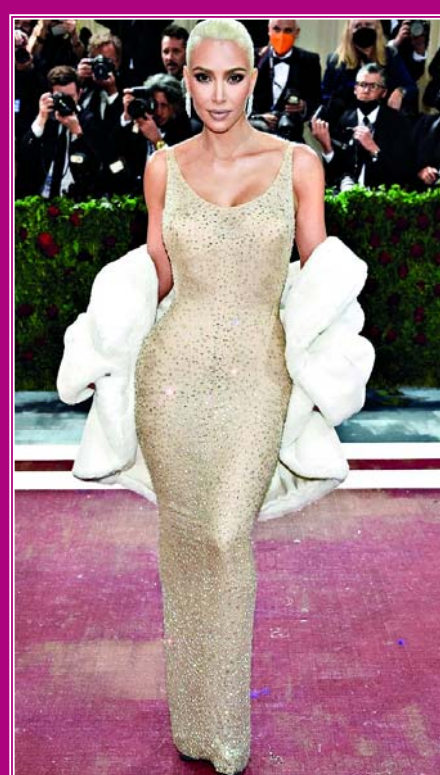
**A TRAGEDY:** Maharashtra saw its highest death toll due to heat stroke in six years, with 25 casualties being reported from the western state due to scorching temperatures in March and April. The state has so far recorded 374 cases of heat stroke as parts of north and central Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha – which recorded 15 deaths due to heat stroke – sizzle with temperatures reaching upto 46 degrees Celsius. This is the highest number of casualties due to heat stroke in the state since 2016, when 19 deaths were reported.

**GRAIN DRAIN:** India, which was hoping to cash in on the Russia-Ukraine war to up its wheat exports – Ukraine was the 6th largest wheat exporter in 2021, accounting for 10% of the world market share – has seen its wheat harvest literally shrivel up due to the extreme high temperatures in March and April, with yields down between 10% and 50%. It has put in jeopardy India's objective of exporting a record 15 million tons of wheat this year.

### RELIEF EXPECTED

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the heatwave has run out of steam in most parts of the country, including the national capital, with maximum temperatures set to fall by three to four degrees Celsius by Friday. Additionally, there are expectations of thunderstorms and rains in several parts of the country

**POWER PLAY:** With power demand growing by 13.2% to 35.4 billion kilowatt hours (kWh), India's electricity requirement touched an all time high last month – with the situation exacerbated by low coal stocks in power plants that has resulted in power outages across the country. There was a short-fall of 2.41 billion units of power supply – the worst since Oct 2015. States like Sikkim saw a 74.7% increase in electricity consumption – beating even traditional summer power guzzlers like Delhi, which saw a 42% rise in power demand.



## Met Gala: Kardashian as Monroe, a gilded Blake Lively

Kim Kardashian shut down the Met Gala red carpet on Monday in one of Marilyn Monroe's most iconic dresses, a gold-beaded body hugger Monroe wore, when she sang happy birthday to President John F Kennedy 60 years ago. Kardashian had to lose 16 pounds to fit into the dress, designed by Jean Louis and purchased in 2016 by Ripley's Believe or Not! Museum in Orlando, Florida, for a whopping \$4.81 million.

The dress originally cost \$12,000. It was so tight that Monroe had to be sewn into it when she purred 'Happy birthday, Mr president' on May 19, 1962, at a Madison Square Garden fundraiser. She died three months later. It has been known as the 'Happy Birthday, Mr President' dress ever since

## IGI airport world's second busiest in seat capacity, flight frequency

Indira Gandhi International Airport has emerged as the world's second busiest airport in March in terms of total seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights, according to a leading global travel data provider. The Delhi airport (36,11,181 seats), which is India's busiest airport, has knocked out the Dubai International Airport (35,54,527 seats) to grab the second position, mainly because of the surge in domestic traffic. Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport occupied the top position with 44,22,436 seats.

In the previous ranking issued by the Official Airline Guide for February, the Delhi airport had ranked third after Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Dubai International Airport. The airport has also made a quantum leap compared with its position in April 2019. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, the airport ranked 23rd among the busiest airports in the world


**NEWS IN  
CLUES**

## WHICH MESSAGING SERVICE WAS INVENTED BY BRIAN ACTON AND JAN KOUM?

**CLUE 1:** More people use it in India than the entire US population.

**CLUE 2:** It is banned in China.

**CLUE 3:** It remains the most expensive acquisition by Facebook.

**ANSWER: WhatsApp.** The instant messaging service banned 18.05 lakh Indian accounts in March for "abuse", according to its latest monthly report – a mandatory requirement under the new IT rules, wherein large digital platforms (with over 50 lakh users) have to publish compliance reports every month, mentioning the details of complaints received and action taken. Founded by Koum and Acton in 2009, it was bought by Facebook for \$19 billion in 2014. India, with 487 million WhatsApp users, is its largest market



# Boost your marks in Biology

**EXAMS R Fun**  
SUBJECT: BIOLOGY  
(TERM 2 -2022),  
CLASS: XII, CBSE

Biology being a subject with new terminologies, equations, formulas and a whole lot of examples, demands for the repeated short revisions every now and then

- Learn to interpret the graphical representations and the diagrams.
- Take time to memorise the new terms and definitions.
- Tabulate the information wherever possible for easy understanding and recollection.
- Ensure that you write down and practice the names of the scientists, discovery, and year if any.
- Practice as many questions as possible to be firm on concepts.
- Try to solve sample papers to face your board examination confidently.

## QUESTION PAPER PATTERN

The question paper has THREE SECTIONS & 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.

Section-A has 6 questions of 2 marks each;

Section-B has 6 questions of 3 marks each;

Section-C has a case-based question of 5 marks.

There is no overall choice. However, internal choices have been provided in some questions. A student has to attempt only one of the alternatives in such questions.



DEEPA, PGT  
Biology, RMK  
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## CHAPTER 8:

### Human Health and Diseases

- Familiarise yourself with all new terms and definitions.
- Tabulate various diseases, their causative organisms, symptoms, diagnostic tests and any other information related to the diseases.
- Create hints about drugs, their common/chemical names, structure source etc.
- Learn the various types of immunity by making flow chart to remember and revise effectively.
- Focus on life cycle of plasmodium, replication of retro virus and structure of an antibody molecule.

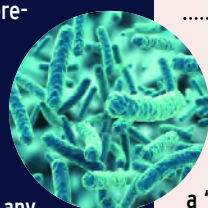


### Important diagrams to be practiced

- Life cycle of plasmodium
- Structure of an antibody molecule
- Replication of retrovirus
- Structure of all drugs

## CHAPTER 10: Microbes in human welfare

- Be familiar with the names of all microbes and its applications.
- Remember the names of the microbes with short forms like Acetobactor (Abc), Lactobacillus Lab), Aspergillus Niger (An), Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Sc), etc.
- Prepare a detailed answer covering all the steps in sewage treatment so that any tag questions can be attempted easily.
- Concentrate on the application of microbes in all the areas by repeatedly practicing by making tabulation.



## CHAPTER 11 : Principles of Biotechnology

- Understanding of the concepts is very important.
- Avoid trying to memorise the various concepts under this lesson as the questions will demand understanding and application skill rather than remembering.
- My advice to you students, is to orderly arrange the various steps towards the process of recombinant DNA technology to ensure scoring in this lesson.
- Special focus need to be given for PCR technology.
- Concentrate on the diagrammatic representations of rDNA technology, steps in the formation of rDNA by restriction endonuclease, pBR322 vector, PCR cycle and bioreactors from which diagram based questions can be expected.

## CHAPTER 12 : Biotechnology and its Applications

- Broadly divide the entire lesson into applications in agriculture and medicine.
- Try to learn the examples under each applications in a "story narration" - learning mode, so that no confusion sets in at the time of answering the questions.
- Genetically engineer insulin production, ADA deficiency (gene therapy), Bt cotton, RNA interference are the key applications to be deeply concentrated.
- Always be prepared to face the question demanding understanding application knowledge of the concept from this lesson.

DIAGRAMS TO FOCUS: Maturation of pro insulin to insulin.



## CHAPTER 13: Organisms and Population

- Concentrate on all new terms and related examples.
- Focus on graphical representations and the related questions.
- Make sure that notes are taken for each and every topic in a precise manner while preparing so that revision will be easy and fruitful.
- Ensure that you are confident with the relationship between population growth factors, formula and the population growth curve (logistic & exponential).
- Make a tabulation explaining the population interaction (using +, -, 0) with examples so that scoring becomes easy.
- Always make sure that you don't skip the related examples under each and every topic.

## CHAPTER 15: Biodiversity And Conservation

- Basically this is a theoretical lesson where concepts can be explained in one's own words.
- Learn biodiversity pattern and related concepts with deep understanding.
- Causes for the loss of biodiversity, ways to conserve biodiversity are the areas where points can be gathered and listed down during preparation.
- Representations showing global biodiversity and graph showing species area relationship are to be focused.



# PASSAGE TO PROGRESS

Two language skills that get tested in English question paper are reading and writing. Any paper of the English language always begins with reading.

Reading question based on the following kinds of unseen passages to assess inference, evaluation, vocabulary, analysis and interpretation:

### Class X:

1. Discursive passage (400-450 words)
2. Case-based factual passage (with visual input/ statistical data/ chart etc. 300-350 words)

### Class XII:

#### READING COMPREHENSION: (TWO PASSAGES)

1. Unseen passage (factual, descriptive or literary/ discursive or persuasive)
2. Case Based Unseen (Factual) Passage

Reading is one of the most important skills to develop as it is the gateway between content and understanding but most underrated. There is a misconception that practising passages for comprehension is not required. With the introduction of competency-based question, the student is required to prove that the passage has been understood with its meanings, implications, insinuations, all.

## HOW TO ACE THE PASSAGES

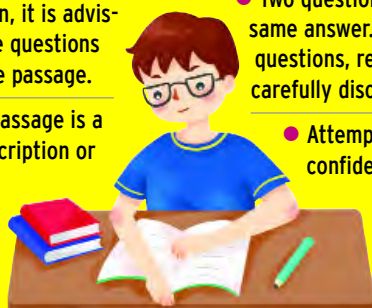
- Read the first few sentences of the passage to get an idea of the content, tone, etc. of the passage. Then, it is advisable to scan through the questions and then get back to the passage.
- Decide whether the passage is a story, an account, a description or a case study

- Avoid the tendency to put in your own ideas even if you disagree with the writer, unless asked for. The passage given is only to test your comprehension based on what the writer has written.
- Avoid blindly copying large chunks of the passage and passing it off as answers. The examiner has to be convinced

that you have understood the passage.

- Two questions are unlikely to have the same answer. So, if you find such questions, read once again and carefully discern the differences.

- Attempt questions you are confident about first. With the introduction of case-based comprehension passages, practice is required on deciphering numbers and graphs without any error.
- Most importantly, you need to practice in writing a few comprehension passages (both types) before your exam.



MARY A PALATHINKAL,  
The Choice School, Tripunithura,  
Ernakulam



# Learning through art

The Geography project assigned to students provided a perfect opportunity for them to express their work in a creative manner. The students were asked to conduct a research on the rich folk art painting forms of India thereby bringing out the diverse culture of our nation. The learning outcome of the activity was to develop an appreciation and understanding of the various forms of tribal art from different states. Students were excited and submitted an awe-inspiring kaleidoscope of art forms ranging from Bengal Patachitra, Warli and Basohli paintings.



TANIYA GUHA, Geography teacher, Delhi  
Public School, Whitefield, Bengaluru



# Perfect the art of engineering graphics

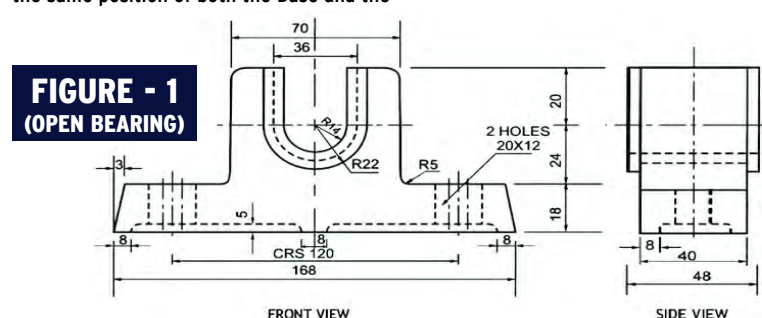
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**EXAMS R Fun**  
SUBJECT: ENGINEERING  
GRAPHICS  
CLASS: XII, CBSE

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Attempt all the questions.
2. Use both the sides of the drawing sheet, if necessary.
3. All the dimensions are in millimetres.
4. Missing and mismatching dimensions, if any, may be suitable assumed.
5. Follow the SP: 46-2003 revised codes
- (with First Angle method of projection)
6. In all full views, hidden/edges are to be shown.
7. In all sectional views, hidden lines/ edges are not to be shown.
8. Figure 1 & 2 Not to Scale. Use the Given Dimensions for Solutions.

1. Sketch freehand the Front view and Top view of a STUD WITH A SQUARE NECK of diameter  $d = 30$  mm, keeping the axis perpendicular to H.P. Give standard dimensions. [7]
2. The Figure-1 given below shows the assembly of an OPEN BEARING. Disassemble the parts and then draw the following views of the following parts to scale 1:1, keeping the same position of both the Base and the Bush, with respect to H.P. and V.P. [6]



Or

- The Figure-2 given below shows the detail drawings of different parts of a GIB AND COTTER JOINT for joining two square rods. Assemble all the parts correctly and draw the following views to scale 1:1
- (a) Front view, upper half in section. [14]
  - (b) Side view, viewing from the left-hand side. [08]
  - (c) Print title, scale used and draw the projection symbol. Give '6' important dimensions. [06]

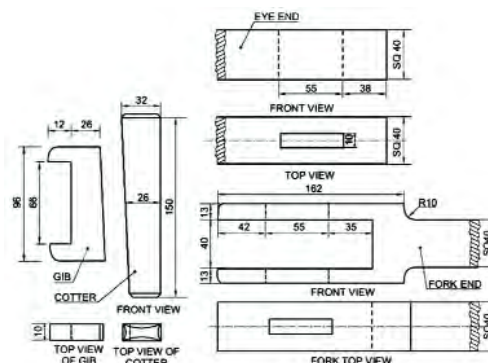


FIGURE - 2  
(DETAILS OF GIB AND COTTER JOINT)



## TEACHERS TRAINED TO ACHIEVE NEP-2020 GOALS

Focusing on sustainable goals of development, Pallavi Group of educational institutions headed by M Komaraiah set a priority of quality in teacher professional development programme.

An exhaustive two-day training for teachers was conducted by the team of SCERT headed by Prof. N Upender Reddy, Advisor at CIPS, Admin Staff College of India, an action researcher with universities, SCERTS, DIETS across the nation for Nai Talim, responsible for state curriculum reforms. He was supported by Suresh and Hiranya.

The objective was to implement the NEP 2020 in the annual academic planner with strategies of 21st century skills, inclusiveness, critical thinking, competency-based conceptual learning with a different perspective of assessment.

The keynote address by Prof. N. Upender Reddy guided teachers with exemplary sources of learning beyond textbooks. The clarity on the purpose of education, quality, aiming at holistic development of students and in making good and strong citizens with

**Pallavi Model School**  
**Bowenpally**

socio emotional strength and aesthetic development put everyone on a course of critical analysis.

There was an extensive discussion on various pedagogical perspectives and flexible assessment as recommended under NEP 2020. Teachers

were apprised of reflective practices. Based on this learning, teachers developed draft of annual plans and lesson plans.

The training sessions ended with a course end evaluation and certification. Pallavi Bowenpally and Pallavi Boduppal campuses were abuzz with 200 teachers of 9 schools and franchises of Pallavi taking part in the sessions.



## Sports Day lifts spirits on campus

Army Public School Bolarum celebrated No Bag-Fun Day recently. As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Fit India Day, the school organised several sports events for the students. Inter house Football, Basketball for Girls and Boys of Classes IX and X were amongst the first events of the day.

Students of class XII competed in various interesting sports activities like Skating Competition, Skipping Competition, Arm Wrestling & Plank & Push up Challenge.

**Army Public School**  
**Bolarum**

A magic show was organised for the students of Classes VI and VII. Later in the day, the students displayed their creativity by making paper bags out of waste. A day full of Sports, Games, Magic Show and other activities allowed students to enjoy and bond with each other. They had a memorable day after two years of physical inactivity due to Covid.

## CONNECTING WITH SOIL



"DO GOOD AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SAVING OUR PLANET BY STOPPING SOIL POLLUTION"

Save Soil is a global movement launched by Sadhguru of Isha Foundation, to address the soil crisis by bringing together people from around the world to stand up for soil health and supporting leaders of all nations to institute national policies and actions towards increasing organic content in cultivable soil.

Volunteers of Sadhguru's Save Soil movement visited Sister Nivedita School and briefed the teachers on the harmful effects of soil depletion with a PPT presentation. Teachers in turn educated the children on the need for the protection of soil as they are the future citizens of the globe.

There was an overwhelming response from the students of pre-primary to class X. Students

**Sister Nivedita School**  
**Ameerpet, Hyderabad**

expressed their solidarity with the movement by writing letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the issue through drawings and paintings, articles on Save Soil movement and poems. Nearly 1500 entries were received.

Healthy Soil ensures food security, controlling global warming, conserving water and protection of bio-diversity. Soil is the basis of human existence on globe. So it is the prime duty of every human being to protect soil and keep the minerals intact for the future generations.

## FUN TRIP TO SRISAILAM

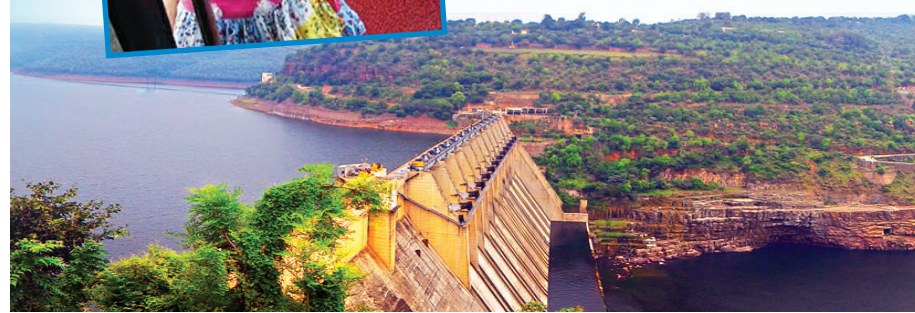
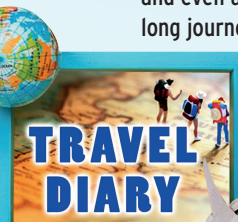
Five years ago, I visited Srisaillam with my family and friends. Srisaillam is about 230 km from Hyderabad and is known for its scenic beauty.

We got onto a traveller bus early morning with all the luggage. We laughed, played, danced, and sang a

number of peppy songs during the journey. En route we spotted several deer and even a bear in the forest. After a long journey through the dense forest, we reached Srisaillam and thanked God with a pure heart.

Here comes the funny part of the trip. We were terror-struck when a monkey suddenly appeared from nowhere, jumped and sat on my shoulder! Though I was terrified at first, we broke into laughter after it scampered away. After spending some time there, we saw the breath-taking Srisaillam dam and a few other waterfalls. It was truly a memorable family outing.

**R SREE LASYA**, class VIII, Tulip, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet, Hyderabad



**Gitanjali Devshala**  
**Hyderabad**

Pre-primary children of Gitanjali Devshala immersed their hands in soil, spreading a beautiful message of lending a hand to save the land. The children showed their connect with the soil and their love for it by giving a hearty hug to the trees. What nature gives, goes back to her! The little muddy hands mixed soil with some plant waste to make manure. They learnt about the benefits of fertilisation and thoroughly enjoyed being connected with soil. The children planted some seeds, watered them and learnt more about germination.



### MY EARTH GLOWS

My earth glows, The plants here grow  
The flowers bloom, No one here's gloom  
In the sky there are birds and crows  
The beautiful, fresh, sparkly water in the river flows.  
I can show in the winter there is snow  
It might be slow  
But you can see my mother earth's glow  
On her back so much load,  
then too we keep building so many roads.  
Without saying a thing, she keeps everything to herself  
Walking human, running animals, jumping toad  
There is so much of load

It's our mother earth  
Responsible for giving us birth  
I am sitting on mother earth and beside the hearth.  
Hail mother earth  
We all love you.

**RANVEER GARG**, class III-H, Delhi Public School, Miyapur

## Parents should monitor their children's online activities

Children in the modern world of technology are naturally drawn towards gadgets. They often feel left out from others of their age if they do not have enough knowledge of the latest happenings in the online world. This doesn't leave parents a choice but to let their children have access to online activities. But I feel this should be limited. Young minds, especially pre-teens and younger, are vulnerable and easily influenced. This could be unwanted distraction and sometimes dangerous. Hence, it is necessary for parents to monitor their children's online activities. It would also make the children conscious that they are being watched, making them draw their own limits. Growing children must always have a clear vision of their boundaries and know what is age appropriate, and this is a way of ensuring that.

**TRISHA BOORUGU**, class XII, Delhi Public School, Nacharam, Hyderabad



**FOR**

Though the internet is a valuable source of information, not all content on the internet is reliable. People are free to post any information which makes it inaccurate and biased in some cases. Sometimes, while surfing on the internet, they may come across unethical or prohibited content. This can be very damaging to the mind. Furthermore, if children are allowed to spend more time on the internet, they can be addicted to it, which can also be very harmful. Hence, parents should monitor their children's online activities closely.

**MUJTABA ABDUL QADEER SIDDIQUI**, class VI-B, Springfields International School, Bandlaguda



**AGAINST**

Technology is the need of the hour. Cell phones and internet help us to know what is happening, what will happen and what was happening around us. It has everything - the good, bad and the ugly. Though I feel everyone should be wary of the dangers involved online, I don't think parents should be invading the privacy of their children. Parents can certainly counsel them about the dos and don'ts, speak to them



**DEBATE**

Peer pressure to install mobile applications which are not meant or designed for their age play a significant role in online activities of a child. The child at some point gets attracted to unnecessary content and lies to the parents about the content they consume in spite of the warning. Online games which are created for people above the age of thirteen are accessed by much younger children. Also, fake apps trap children and get their private details. In these scenarios it is clear that parent control is necessary.

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



about trust and inform them about crimes perpetrated by strangers online. Safety is the number one priority before stepping into the internet world and both parents and children need to learn to be responsible and at the same time respect each others' boundaries. Internet is not the safest space, but one must learn on their own how to keep safe.

**MAHITHI REDDY**, class X, Edify World School, Hyderabad

## Painters' Gallery



**FESTIVITY: ANANYA NEMA**, class III, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet



# CSK, RCB SQUARE OFF IN CRUCIAL CLASH

TWO EQUALLY PERFORMING TEAMS PROMISE GOOD SHOW

Virat Kohli

**C**hennai Super Kings' fragile bowling vis-a-vis Royal Challengers Bengaluru's struggling batting line-up put the sides on an even keel as the two heavyweights face-off in an important mid-table clash of the IPL on Wednesday. In cricket, when two strong and equally performing teams have a match-up, it promises a great contest but when two sides with specific weak-links are pitted against each other it makes the contest all the more exhilarating.

In 10 games that RCB has played so far, only six half-centuries have been recorded. Of them two were by skipper Faf du Plessis, which is a testimony to the below-par batting show

## POOR ECONOMY RATES

In nine games that CSK have played so far, there hasn't been a single bowler (pacers and spinners), who has bowled at an economy rate of less than 7.50 runs an over. The best economy rate is of Mahesh Theekshana (7.54) while Dwayne Bravo (14 wickets) and Mukesh Choudhary (11 wickets) have had poor economy rates of 8.73 and 9.82 runs per over average. The match also becomes an enticing one as Virat Kohli has finally found some form going his way and Mahendra Singh Dhoni is back in the saddle and would do everything under his control to plot the downfall of India's best batter. Dhoni's return as CSK skipper replacing an out-of-sorts and more so bereft of ideas Ravindra Jadeja, proved beneficial as they outscored a for-

midable Sunrisers Hyderabad, keeping their campaign alive with six points from nine games.

While RCB are still in fifth place with 10 points from as many games, they seemed to have lost a bit of momentum with three back-to-back defeats primarily due to shoddy batting shows. They have been all-out for season's lowest score -68 - and have also failed to chase a modest target of 145 in another game. Even in their last game versus Gujarat Titans, Kohli's 58 off 53 balls was one of the reasons that RCB failed to score more than 170, which was below-par on a good batting track.

## FORCED TO RELINQUISH

In Kohli (186 runs in 10 games) and skipper Du Plessis (278 from 9 games), RCB have one of the scariest of opening pairs, but it hasn't really translated into big performances. In case of Kohli, his form of late has been so bad that one can't really blame him for taking his time to score runs. However, nearly nine of the 20 overs consumed for 58 runs will never be considered as a performance that can help the team.

Rajat Patidar, after a below-par last season, has shown some spark but the likes of Dinesh Karthik (218 from 10 games) and Glenn Maxwell (157 from 7 games) perhaps will need to do more than what they are contributing. Especially Karthik, whose form has tapered since he closed in a few chases earlier. On Wednesday, RCB will face a bowling line-up which isn't an intimidating one with rookie Choudhary or Simarjeet Singh, still trying to find feet in an elite league and the most experienced spinner Jadeja having lost form due to leadership burden, which he was forced to relinquish.

In such a back-drop, whoever wins will only add to the 'mid-table muddle' as most teams between six to 10 points are clubbed together making it an interesting next four weeks. PTI

## Upcoming IPL Match



MAY 4 7.30 PM

Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Pune

MS Dhoni

# ATALANTA DRAWS WITH SALERNITANA

THE GARNETS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE ACT PULLS THEM CLOSER TO SAFETY

**S**alernitana maintained their bold bid for Serie A survival on Monday with a 1-1 draw at Atalanta which pulled them closer to safety. Mario Pasalic's 88th-minute leveller denied Salernitana a fourth straight win after Ederson had poked the away side ahead just before the half hour, but the draw moved them to within two points of Cagliari, who sit just outside the relegation zone. Davide Nicola's team host Cagliari this coming Sunday after playing their game in hand with bottom side Venezia on Thursday.

## KEEP SURPRISING

"I'm completely in love with these boys, they keep surprising me with the effort they put in," said Nicola to DAZN. Fans packed into the away end applauded their team off the pitch after their long trip to the far north of Italy was rewarded with a spirited performance. Atalanta keeper Juna Musso did well to keep out efforts from Emil Bohinen and Lassana Coulibaly early in the second half but Salernitana tired and crumbled late on in the face of persistent attacks from the home side.

Atalanta showed why they have only won four times at home all season and were saved from an embarrassing defeat by Croat Pasalic's low drive. Gian Piero Gasperini's side sit eighth and are struggling for a place in Europe next season after looking like title challengers be-

**I can't argue with the draw as it was a fair result, but I would have liked to see what would have happened had we scored one of the chances we created.**  
**DAVIDE NICOLA**

fore the turn of the year. Before their recent unbeaten run Salernitana had been rooted to the bottom of Serie A for almost the entire season and should Salernitana stay up it would be the second miracle escape act of coach Nico-

la's career after he saved Crotone five years ago. Under his charge Crotone won six of their last nine matches of the 2016/17 season, losing just one, and climbed out of the drop zone on the final day of the campaign.

## PLEDGE TO FULFIL

Nicola had promised he would cycle the length of Italy to his hometown of Turin should his team stay up and he was as good as his word, making the 1,300-kilometre (808 mile) trip from the deep southern region of Calabria to Piedmont in the far north-west. This time he has a pledge to fulfil, as he will walk to Rome to meet the Pope if he manages to keep his team up. And he has a real chance of saving a team which in December looked like it might be kicked out of the league as the club struggled to find a new owner. In June Salernitana were placed in trust as Lazio president Claudio Lotito owned the club and Italian FA rules banned ownership of two teams in the same division. Given a New Year's Eve deadline to find a new owner or be booted out, Salernitana were saved at the last minute when Danilo Iervolino's bid to buy the club was accepted. AGENCIES

# MADRID OPEN: HALEP SETS JABEUR CLASH IN QFs, ALEXANDROVA TO MEET ANISIMOVA

**S**imona Halep and Ons Jabeur set up a mouth-watering quarterfinal match-up at the Madrid Open 2022 with wins over Coco Gauff and Belinda Bencic on Monday.

Following Jabeur's victory, Halep overcame American teenager Coco Gauff at a WTA 1000 for the second time this year.

Later, Ekaterina Alexandrova overcame Marie Bouzkova in a 3-hour thriller to reach the last-8. She will face Amanda Anisimova, who held off former World No.1 Victoria Azarenka.

Ekaterina Alexandrova won a grueling clash between qualifiers in Madrid, taking over three hours to overcome Marie Bouzkova



Simona Halep

6-7(4), 6-0, 7-5 and reach the quarterfinals of the first clay-court WTA 1000 event of the year. ANI

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which tennis player won the Serbia Open in 2022?

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Andrey Rublev
- c) Rafael Nadal
- d) Karen Khachanov

**Q2:** Which is the fourth consecutive WTA title that Iga Swiatek has won this year?

- a) Stuttgart Open
- b) Miami Open
- c) Indian Wells
- d) Australian Open

**Q3:** How many overlapping shuttlecock traditionally have?

- a) 8
- b) 12
- c) 16
- d) 24

**Q4:** Which of the following nations won the Hockey World Cup as a host?

- a) Germany
- b) India
- c) Spain
- d) Pakistan

**Q5:** Which sport has Ashleigh Barty been promoting after retiring from tennis?

- a) Badminton
- b) Golf
- c) Swimming
- d) Archery



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**Q6:** Who was the first women cricketer to take 100 wickets in Twenty20 Intls (T20Is)?

- a) Katherine Brunt
- b) Anisa Mohammed
- c) Anya Shrubsole
- d) Ellyse Perry

**Q7:** Which among the following is the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup?

- a) Hopman Cup
- b) BMW Open
- c) Fed Cup
- d) Millrose Cup

**Q8:** Who was the Shot Put men's winner at the 2018 Diamond League?

- a) Tomas Walsh
- b) Darrell Hill
- c) Fedrick Dacres
- d) Brandon Starc

**Q9:** Which Cricket World Cup was first known as the Prudential Cup?

- a) 1990
- b) 1975
- c) 1979
- d) 1998

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. Andrey Rublev  
2. a. Stuttgart Open 3. c. 16  
4. a. Germany 5. b. Golf  
6. b. Anisa Mohammed 7. c. Fed Cup  
8. a. Tomas Walsh 9. b. 1975