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*Spotlight*

## Mary Kom, Manpreet Singh to be India's flag bearers for Tokyo Games opening ceremony



**L**egendary six-time world champion boxer MC Mary Kom and men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh will be India's flag bearers for the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics on July 23, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced. The 'World Championships' silver medalist wrestler Bajrang Punia will be the country's flag-bearer for the closing ceremony on August 8.

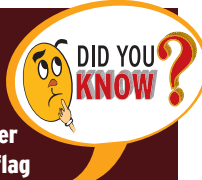
The official size of the Indian contingent will be around 126 athletes and 75 officials, totalling 201. The Indian contingent will have 56 per cent male and 44 per cent female athletes, the IOA has informed. The contingent has 78 quota places, and the athletes will compete in about 85 medal positions

This will be Mary Kom's swansong Olympics, having won the bronze at the 2012 London Games. For Manpreet, he will be playing his third Olympics edition after representing the country at the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Games. Reigning Commonwealth and Asian Games champion Bajrang will be featured in his maiden Olympics

This is amazing, and I am speechless. It's a huge honour to be named the flag bearer for the opening ceremony alongside the incredible Mary Kom. I have always been inspired by her journey in boxing, and personally for me, this is a big moment in my career, and it is also a huge moment for hockey. I thank the Indian Olympic Association for this great opportunity, and I am looking forward to the responsibility at the opening ceremony in Tokyo

Manpreet Singh, Indian hockey captain

The 29-year-old midfielder became only the sixth hockey player to be named the flag bearer of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony at the Olympic Games. In the past, Lal Shah Bokhari (1932), Major Dhyan Chand (1936), Balbir Singh Sr (1952 and 1956), Zafar Iqbal (1984) and Pargat Singh (1996) have had the honour of being flag bearers of the Indian contingent at the Olympic Games opening ceremony



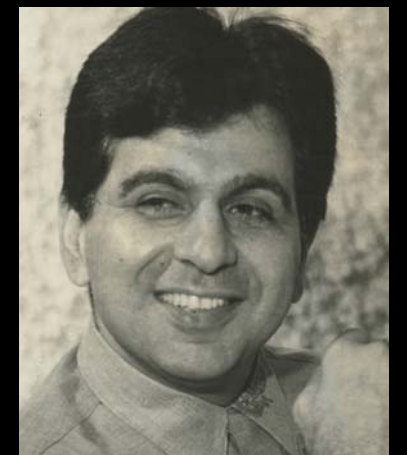
## PM MODI EXPANDS HIS CABINET



**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expanded his Cabinet. As many as 43 leaders took oath in the first Union Cabinet reshuffle and expansion after Modi returned to power for a second term in May, 2019. Some of the key figures inducted into PM Modi's Cabinet expansion include Jyotiraditya Scindia, Bhupender Yadav, Sarbananda Sonowal and Pashupati Kumar Paras. The new set of India's Council of Ministers has been chosen with emphasis on representation, experience and education. ET/Agencies

Meanwhile, Minister of Law and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad and Rajya Sabha member Prakash Javadekar quit Modi's team ahead of the Union Cabinet expansion. The President has accepted the resignation of 10 other ministers with immediate effect, including Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Harsh Vardhan, Santosh Gangwar, Babul Supriyo, Dhote Sanjay Shamrao, Rattan Lal Kataria, Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Debasree Chaudhuri, Sadananda Gowda and Thawarchand Gehlot

## CINEMA LEGEND DILIP KUMAR DIES AT 98



**D** ilip Kumar, India's enduring film legend through the decades, died at a Mumbai hospital on Wednesday after a prolonged illness. He was 98. The actor, known to generations of film-goers as the 'tragedy king' for his portrayal of the brooding, intense romantic characters in classics such as 'Mughal-e-Azam' and 'Devdas', is survived by his wife, Saira Banu.

### TRIBUTES POUR IN

■ An institution has gone – whenever the history of Indian Cinema will be written, it shall always be 'before Dilip Kumar, and after Dilip Kumar' **Amitabh Bachchan, actor**

■ Dilip Kumar summarised in himself a history of emerging India. The thespian's charm transcended all boundaries, and he was loved across the subcontinent. With his demise, an era ends. Dilip saab will live forever in the heart of India. Condolences to family and countless fans **Ram Nath Kovind, President**



## BIGGEST SOLAR FLARE IN 4 YEARS CAUSES RADIO BLACKOUT OVER ATLANTIC



**I** f reports are to go by, the sun blasted the biggest solar flare since 2017 causing cosmic fireworks, and even a minor radio blackout on Earth. According to NASA, the new sunspot, AR2838, emitted the biggest solar flare, a powerful burst of radiation, in four years, on July 3. The sunspot, which is now gone, occurred over the star's northwestern limb, and is likely to move towards the far side of the sun in the next couple of weeks. Classified as an

According to spaceweather.com, if the sunspot holds together it will come back towards Earth's point of view in late July. The latest eruption marks the beginning of a new solar cycle.

X1.5-class flare, the solar flare ionised the top of the Earth's atmosphere, causing a shortwave radio blackout over the Atlantic Ocean.

### What is Solar Flare?

■ A solar flare is a sudden, rapid, and intense explosion on the surface of the sun that happens when massive amounts of energy stored in magnetic fields are suddenly released. The explosion emits radiation across the length and breadth of the universe, hurtling them towards planets in the solar system. These radiations contain radio waves, x-rays and gamma rays

■ According to NASA, the energy released by this explosion could be equivalent to millions of 100-megaton hydrogen bombs exploding at the same time. However, it is just one-tenth of the total energy emitted by the sun every second

ISRO had recently observed around 100 microflares, providing new insights about coronal mass heating on the sun. The corona emits ultraviolet X-rays, and consists of ionised gas at temperatures exceeding 2 million degrees Fahrenheit



## Twitter loses immunity over user-generated content in India

Twitter Inc no more enjoys liability protection against user-generated content in India, as the US microblogging giant has failed to comply with the new IT rules, the Centre said in a court filing...

> The dispute and the public spat has raised concern that American firms will now find it difficult to do business, amid a more stringent regulatory environment.

> The IT ministry told the high court in New Delhi that Twitter's non-compliance amounted to a breach of the provisions of the IT Act, causing the US firm to lose its immunity, according to the filing dated July 5

> The filing came in a case filed by a Twitter user, who wanted to complain about some allegedly defamatory tweets on the platform, and said the company was not complying with the new law that requires appointment of certain new executives



> The IT rules, which became effective from end-May, are aimed at regulating content on social media firms, and making them more accountable to legal requests for swift removal of posts and sharing details on the originators of messages

## JEE Main to be conducted from July 20-25 and July 27 to August 2

**T** he two pending Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)-Mains will be conducted from July 20-25 and July 27 to August 2, 2021. The registration for the third session (April) exams will commence from Tuesday till July 8, 2021 (11:59pm), while the registration for the fourth and final session (May) exam will begin from July 9 and to continue till July 12, 2021. The final merit list based on the all four JEE (Mains) will be announced on August 9.



JEE-Mains is being conducted four times a year from the current academic session to offer flexibility to students, and a chance to improve their scores, amid the second wave of Covid-19 in India

## Paes-Bhupathi set to reunite for a web series

**I** ndian tennis great Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi are set to reunite for a new web series, which will narrate interesting stories and share anecdotes from the duo's journey to stardom. Paes and Bhupathi will be seen in a unique storytelling of their journey and relationship together, created by none other than award-winning husband-wife director duo of Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari and Nitesh Tiwari.



**1** Paes and Bhupathi were the first Indian pair to win at the Wimbledon in 1999. The speculation about their reunion started after Paes recently posted a picture and wrote a note on Twitter on the 22nd anniversary of their first Wimbledon men's doubles title

**2** The pair, nicknamed the 'Indian Express', played together from 1994 to 2006, before re-uniting for a second stint from 2008 to 2011. They also had a public fallout but have put that behind them now

**Entertainment**





### Set an example

As a parent, you are the most important teacher for your child. So whatever you'll do, your child is going to learn something or the other from it. So, be your best self and try to set an example that benefits your child. Inspire your child by doing the right thing in real life.



### Let them be creative

Leaders are creative. So let the creative mind of your child fly as high as it wants to. Let them take part in all the activities and let them explore to know their best self, because to lead, it's important to know how good you are at that particular thing.



### Patience is an important skill

A leader needs to be an excellent listener and an observer that automatically comes when he/she will know how to be patient. Patience is an important skill for a child to be calm and to make informed decisions.



### Decision-making skills

Leaders decide on their own. So let your child make decisions. Be it choosing between two outfits or making an order in the restaurant, every decision which he/she will make will build a sense of understanding, clarity and confidence in him/her.

# 10 ways to inculcate leadership qualities in kids

It's said that today's children are tomorrow's leaders, and who can guide kids better than their parents. You as a parent are the best person to inspire your kids in ways that they can lead tomorrow. Here are 10 ways that will help you inculcate leadership qualities in your child



### Practice negotiation skills

Yes, negotiation is an important thing to teach. Every good leader knows the art of compromise or negotiation. Don't let them settle for a mere yes or no. Teach them how to negotiate or how to never give up something until they get something they want in return. Negotiation skills also help the child's brain to develop in such a way that he/she knows to make the best out of the deal or opportunity by looking at it from different angles.



### Encourage teamwork

A leader leads a team. Encourage your child to take part in group activities and voice his/her opinion. Teach him how to work in groups and handle things and people in different situations.



### Practice confidence building exercise

Tell the importance of being confident to your child. Practice such exercises where he/she can participate and reflect confidence. It's important to be confident while making decisions because no one hears a person who already seems to be confused rather than being confident.



### Make them aware of the dangers of procrastination

To procrastinate is a common thing but something that isn't fruitful. Make your child aware about its dangers and how they need to make sure that it never becomes a habit because it will prevent them from meeting their goals.



### Tell them how to embrace failures

Being a leader does not mean being successful always. It's important to teach your child that 'you will grow, only when you'll fall so never be scared of falling'. Teach kids that they have to learn from their failures rather than losing hope if they want to be a great leader. TNN

## 7 ways to convince your parents to get a DOG

Don't all (most) kids want a beautiful golden retriever who would wake them up in the morning. However, it isn't easy for many to keep a pet at home as it's a big responsibility. However, if you have set your heart on keeping one and your parents don't agree with you, here are some tips to convince them. Good luck!

### Research first

There are a lot of dog breeds, and one has to handle them with care. You might want a Corgi, but a Lhasa might suit you best. Research about different breeds and how you can adjust one in your home. Consider factors like your location, climate, food availability, etc.

### Chalk out a plan

After deciding the breed, plan a daily routine for the dog and show it to your parents. Do include the time for its walk, food, training and exercise. Create a list of the dog's tasks and how you will incorporate them into your schedule.

### How will you help?

Will you quit going out to play if the dog is sick? Will



It's not easy to make parents believe you are responsible enough to care for a pet. Give them time to come around the idea. Meanwhile, prove yourself by following a healthy routine

you give him food daily without any complaint? Initially, we all tend to do things for the pet, but later it becomes a responsibility of the parents (which is perhaps why they are resisting your enthusiasm for a pet). Show them you are willing to take the responsibility.

How will you prove you are responsible? Start small by doing your tasks on your own or without your mom nagging you. Then graduate to helping your parents,

in doing the dishes, assisting in cooking, etc. Don't just do this for two days and expect them to say 'Yes.' Be patient, and soon you will get a best furry friend.

### Can you contribute?

A dog requires a lot of grooming and training, which takes a lot of money. Even their food and medicines are expensive. Plan a way you can help with the expenses, not the full payment but a minor part. You can spend from your pocket money.

### List pros of getting dog

There are several benefits of getting a dog. It's like having a fun partner for your family time, they are great for your home's security and also teach family members life skills like responsibility, sacrifice, compassion, etc.

### Don't forget to listen

You shouldn't be so involved in persuading your parents to get a dog that you forget to address their issues. Maybe your mom is allergic to pet dander. Understand their perspective and don't rush. TNN



## Healthy dips that can be prepared in minutes

From nachos and chips to cutlets, dips single-handedly spruce up the flavours of the snack. We love pairing our meals with different types of dips like ketchup, mayonnaise, chipotle, etc. But most of them are unhealthy and loaded with calories. However, there are healthy dips that are flavourful too – try them and enjoy



### PUMPKIN DIP

**Ingredients:** 1 cup boiled and mashed pumpkin, 2 tbsp curd, 1 green chilli, 4 garlic cloves, 2 tbsp coriander leaves, 1 tbsp lemon juice, 1 tbsp olive oil, 1 tsp black sesame seeds, salt to taste

**Method:** Add mashed pumpkin, curd, green chilli, garlic cloves, lemon juice and salt in a blender. Blend to form a smooth mixture. Scoop out the dip in a bowl, garnish with olive oil, black sesame seeds. Serve with chips, cutlets or fries.

**Ingredients:** 4 tomatoes, 1 onion, 2 garlic cloves, 2 tbsp coriander leaves, 1 tbsp lemon juice, a pinch of red chilli powder, half tsp cumin powder, half tsp black pepper powder, a pinch of asafoetida, salt as per your taste

**Method:** Chop the tomatoes, onion and

garlic cloves. Add them to a bowl. Now add coriander leaves, lemon juice, cumin powder, red chilli powder, black pepper powder, asafoetida and salt. Mash everything together gently to make a semi-paste. Your yummy tomato salsa is ready to be served. Pair it up with tacos, nachos, crisps, chips and enjoy.



### HUMMUS DIP

**Ingredients:** ½ cup boiled chickpeas, 4 tbsp curd, 2 tbsp sesame seeds, 2 tbsp olive oil, 4 garlic cloves, 1 tbsp chopped coriander, salt as per taste

**Method:** Use a mortar and pestle to grind the sesame seeds. Once they get a paste-like consistency, scoop it out and add to a blender. To the same blender, add boiled chickpeas, curd, olive oil, garlic cloves, coriander and salt. Blend to get a smooth mixture. Take out the hummus in a bowl, garnish with some red chilli powder and serve. Hummus is best served with pita bread, baked chips and nachos.

### TOMATO SALSA DIP



### Good Food



### HUNG CURD DIP

**Ingredients:** 1 cup hung curd, half tsp oregano, half tsp red chilli flakes, 1 tbsp coriander leaves, 4 garlic cloves, 4 mint leaves and salt as per taste.

**Method:** Add hung curd to a bowl. Add finely minced garlic cloves, coriander leaves, mint leaves, oregano, red chilli flakes and salt. Combine everything well with a spoon and your dip is ready. Serve it with chips or fries.

### BEETROOT DIP

**Ingredients:** 2 beetroots, 1 cup curd, 2 garlic cloves, 4 cashews, ½ tsp black pepper powder, salt to taste

**Method:** Peel and chop the beetroot into cubes and boil them until soft. Use a mortar and pestle to grind cashews and garlic properly. Add them to a blender. Add the boiled beetroot, curd, garlic, black pepper and salt to the blender as well. Blend until smooth. Pour in a bowl and garnish with cashew nuts. Serve it with tortilla chips, vegetable chips or any other snack of your choice. TNN





## Enable yourself to make the right career choices, Register now!

**T**imes NIE in association with Bharath University is organising Virtual Career Counselling workshops for students who have passed out of class XII, 2020-21 batch from July 7 to 20.

The topic for the workshops is 'Jobs of Future' which will focus on Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics & Computer Science (Engineering stream). During the 40 minutes session, students will be informed and guided about different undergraduate courses and career opportunities to choose from catering to their

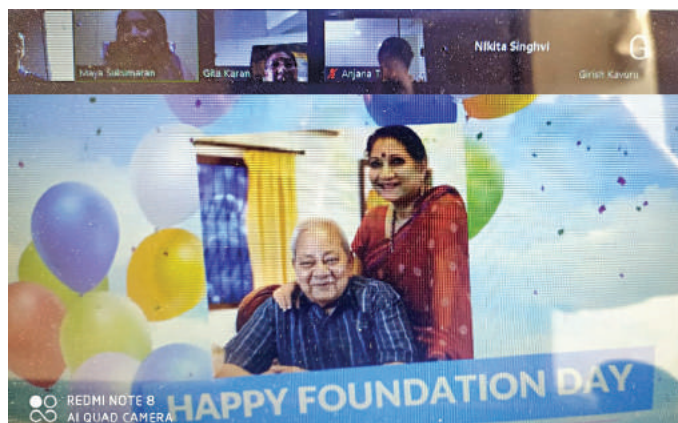
area of interest. Eminent personalities from industries and experienced educationists from the Bharat Institute of Higher Education and Research will share their insights into the subject. In these unprecedented times, ambiguity shrouds over the future of many students. It is imperative for them to take the right step towards the right direction. The programme is specially curated for students to provide them with the correct guidance.

The workshops are open to parents and faculty as well.

Please click on the link below to register and attend the virtual workshop on July 8 at 11:30 AM.

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## Celebrating 37 years of successful journey



**G**itanjali Senior School celebrated its 37th Foundation Day with much jubilation. The school was established in 1985 in Hyderabad by Gita Karan and Uma Karan. Gita Karan is a recipient of the national award for the best teacher.

Since its inception, every aspect of its holistic and academic development has been personally monitored by Gita Karan and the management. It has been ranked as one of the top schools in India's several magazines. The school be-

**Gitanjali Senior School**  
**Hyderabad**

lieves in shaping every child's academic and personal growth. The excellent results of the school in the ICSE board exams speak volumes about its academic standards. The staff is committed towards the children. Even during these times of the pandemic, the school has been trying to deliver education to its students in the best possible manner.

## 'MARLEY AND ME' 'BOW'LED ME OVER

**T**he movie 'Marley and Me' which I watched with my parents last weekend

brought tears to my eyes. It portrays the deep affection between a man and his dog. The movie begins with a lot of fun and laughter where the dog is found messing around with everything in the house in which the man and his wife stay. The dog's antics made me laugh and laugh.

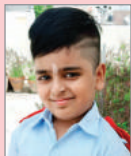
Later, after the couple have kids, the wife who earlier loved Marley starts hating it for the mess he makes. This eventually changes towards the end of the movie, when the three kids the couple have start loving Marley and consider him as one of their siblings.

I am still carrying in my heart the love between humans

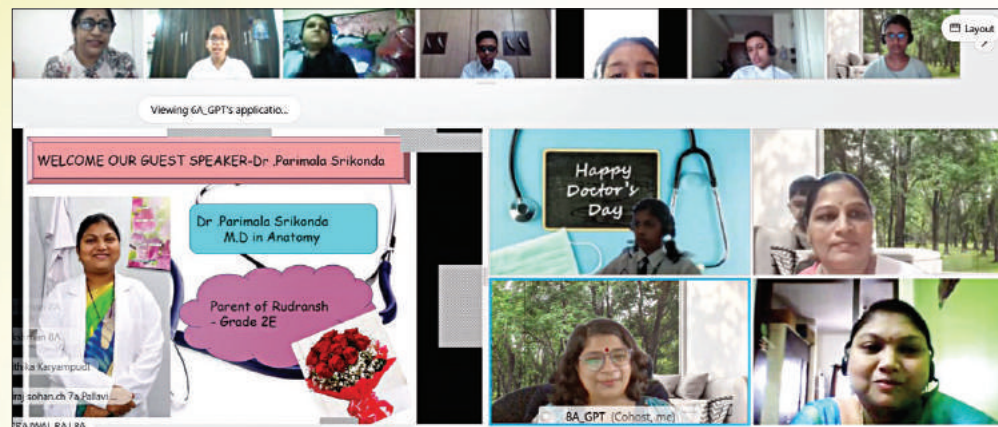


and dogs which the movie showcases so well. My father told me that dogs are loyal and grateful, that they would love us more than anything in the world if we love them truly and take care of them. After watching the movie, I too wanted a dog as pet at home, but my mom warned that the lifespan of dogs is shorter and she wouldn't want to see me sad if we lose it. Though she is right that I might weep for days if I lose my dog, I still hope that she changes her mind so that my brother and I can play with it and have fun.

**ELUPARAMBIL RANJIT EESHWAR NAIR,**  
class IV, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad



# An Ode to the Doctors



**P**allavi International School, Gandipet organized a special assembly virtually to express their gratitude towards doctors for their dedication and selfless services on the occasion of Doctor's Day. The students from classes VI to IX participated in the assembly which was hosted by Spoorthi of class VIII and Yukthi Singh of class VI.

The assembly started with the school song followed by the host highlighting the importance of doctors and their services especially during this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

Principal Meetal Archit addressed the gathering and thanked all the doctors. She also spoke about the hardships that the doctors are going through

**Pallavi International School**  
**Gandipet**

during this phase of pandemic.

Parents were invited to the event as guests of honour. Dr Parimala Srikonda shared her inputs on how students can become doctors. She also stated that it isn't an easy journey to juggle between being a mother and a doctor at the same time. Dr Rahul Kumar Kondaparthi thanked the school for organising such activities which would help create awareness in students. He also stated that children must take utmost care and

follow all the safety instructions religiously to stay safe from Covid-19.

Dr Sowbhagya Laxmi shared with students her journey of becoming a doctor. She spoke about the qualities that students must have to become successful doctors. She encouraged students to take up the profession.

Kruthika, Shresthananda and Tejitha highlighted the significance of the day. A quick quiz was conducted where students participated online. Later, students watched a video highlighting the contributions of the medical fraternity to society and paid their respects by saluting and clapping for them.

**Praveen Martin,**  
NIE Co-ordinator,  
Delhi Public School

**Nacharam**

**D**elhi Public School, Nacharam observed National Doctor's Day to honour the services rendered by doctors during this pandemic. A virtual assembly was conducted to celebrate this day and thank every doctor across the globe. The event began with a dance and lighting of the lamp.

The guest of honour of the day was Dr Kiranmayi, a renowned Ayurvedic doctor, who addressed the students of classes VII and VIII on the importance of immunity boosters that Ayurveda provides and the safety precautions that one has to take. She spoke about the white and blue coat worn by doctors; informing that white stands for purity while blue is the colour of blessing. She also mentioned that the birth anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy and the first female doctor Anandini Gopal Joshi is celebrated as National Doctor's Day.

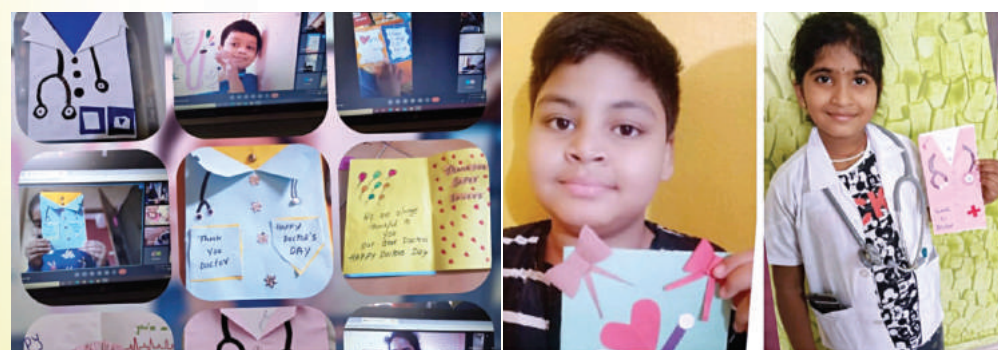
Principal Sunitha Rao expressed her gratitude towards the doctor fraternity by giving a

standing ovation in her office.

Vice-principal of middle school Gowri Venkatesh, extolled the efforts of the doctors by lauding their selfless commitment to save mankind.

Information on the medicinal benefits of natural products like basil, turmeric, honey, lemon and neem, which are easily available at home, was given by the students. The students of classes VII and VIII paid their heartfelt tribute by presenting a motivational video for the doctors.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Haasini of class VIII A, promising the nation that every student of the school earnestly prays for the well-being of the doctors.



**Shubhangi Katre, Events**  
**Coordinator, Gitanjali**  
**International School**

**Hyderabad**

**O**n the occasion of National Doctors' Day, students of Gitanjali International School, Kompally donned the role of doctors during the special assembly and talked about the importance of hygiene and nutrition to combat various diseases. This

day is celebrated in India to acknowledge one of the great physicians Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. He was also the second chief minister of West Bengal and had made numerous contributions in the field. He was honoured with India's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna.



**Niraj Public School**  
**Hyderabad**

**T**he students from the pre-primary wing of Niraj Public School celebrated International Doctors' Day with great enthusiasm. They participated in activities like role-play and making badges to honour the doctors. Through these activities they

expressed their gratitude to the doctors who have been working efficiently and relentlessly as forefront warriors amid the pandemic.



**Amith Kaur, Teacher,**  
**The Play School**

**S**tudents of The Play School, exclusive wing of Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet celebrated Doctors' Day on a virtual platform with great enthusiasm. The little ones dressed up as a cardiologist, a dentist, ophthalmologist and physician, and spoke about the importance of this day. They spoke on the safety measures to be taken to keep safe from this pandemic.

This activity boosted their confidence and made them get rid of the fear of facing an audience.

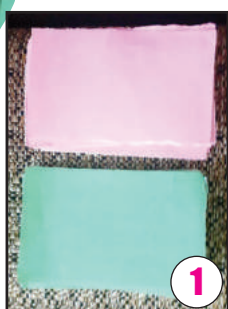
Chairman Sudhakar Pol-

sani thanked the doctors for their selfless service and wished them a healthy life.

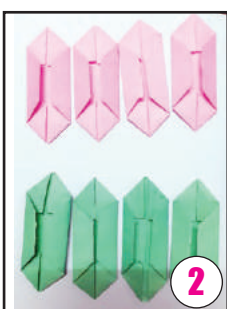
Director Hari Hara Prasad and principal T Lalitha Kumari appreciated the students for their wonderful performances and thanked the doctors for their noble work.

The event was organised to create awareness among children about the dedication and importance of medical profession.

## PAPER BLOOMS



Take 2 pink and 1 green A4 size paper sheets. Divide and cut each sheet into 16 pieces using scissors. You will have 32 pieces of pink and 16 pieces of green paper.



Take each piece and fold it at the 4 corners, and then fold it again from the sides so that the side-folds meet at the centre and not overlap to make a leaf.



Take a bunch of 8 pieces of pink paper and 4 papers of green and staple them at centre. Ensure that green pieces are at the bottom and pink pieces at the top.



Take 4 bunches and put a rubber band at the centre and spread the leaves in the bunches.



For the lower part of the lotus, spread the green leaves as shown in the picture.



Fold the pink leaves upwards towards the centre so that they appear like lotus flower petals.

**ANAHITA PAUL,**  
class IX, Jain Heritage A  
Cambridge School,  
Kondapur,  
Hyderabad



## Melio Interschool July Championship

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# ITALY BEAT SPAIN REACH FINAL OF EURO 2020

**Roberto Mancini delights in defying expectations with a penalty shoot-out win**

Italy's Gianluigi Donnarumma saves a penalty during the shootout to Spain's Alvaro Morata

**H**aving taken over Italy at their lowest ebb, Roberto Mancini revelled in defying expectations after the Azzurri made it through to the final of Euro 2020 with a dramatic penalty shoot-out win over Spain on Tuesday.

Italy's transformation under Mancini in the last three years has been extraordinary, from a team that failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup to one that has gone on a national record of 33 games unbeaten, including their Wembley semi-final.

## Deserving place in final

■ They were made to fight all the way against Spain, taking the lead through Federico Chiesa's brilliant goal but being pegged back as Alvaro Morata's equaliser made it 1-1 and

forced extra time before the Azzurri prevailed 4-2 on penalties. However, they merit their place in Sunday's final against England or Denmark, having been the outstanding side thus far at this European Championship.

■ After putting seven goals without reply past Turkey, Switzerland and Wales in the group stage they ground out an extra-time win over Austria, then beat Belgium in the quarter-finals despite losing star left-back Leonardo Spinazzola to a torn Achilles tendon. Now they are closing on a second European Championship title.

## Tough patch in smooth run

■ "When you play in a World Cup or a European Championship it is intense, and there always comes a game where you have to dig in

**"We knew this was the one that was going to be really tough and that is why I think the players and everyone who has worked with us over the last three years deserves a lot of credit because it has not been easy by any means. Almost nobody believed we could do it and yet we are in the final, so we are pleased for Italians everywhere."**

**ROBERTO MANCINI,**  
Italy Coach

and suffer to win," said Mancini.

■ Italians took to the streets across the country to celebrate while 11,000 of their fans – all UK-based as restrictions prevented supporters abroad from travelling – were inside Wembley to see Jorginho score the decisive kick in the shoot-out.

■ Italy were in a mess after losing to Sweden in a 2018 World Cup qualifying play-off and Mancini had to pick up the pieces from that. He has rebuilt them, and at this Euro they have been almost the complete side: from the veteran centre-back pairing of Giorgio Chiellini and Leonardo Bonucci to brilliant attacking full-backs, a gifted midfield trio of Marco Verratti, Jorginho and Nicolò Barella, and a livewire front line. "The players wanted to play a brand of football that people enjoyed and thus far they have managed to do exactly that," added Mancini.

■ Whether it is England or Denmark on Sunday, Italy should fancy their chances on current form and their record at getting to major tournament finals is enough to strike fear into any opponent. Euro 2020 will see them make their 10th appearance in a final, with six at the World Cup and three at previous European Championships. But while they have lifted the World Cup four times, their only continental triumph to date came as hosts of the four-team event in 1968. Since then there have been two final losses that were painful in different ways. In 2000 they were floored by a French golden goal in extra time in Rotterdam, while in 2012 Spain tore them apart to win 4-0 in Kiev. "There is still one step to go and now we have to rest up because this reality was very challenging," added Mancini. "When you go into your sixth match with all the travelling it does become very tiring." **AFP**

# ARGENTINA ADVANCE TO COPA FINAL

## BEAT AN AGGRESSIVE COLOMBIA ON PENALTIES TO SET UP FACE OFF WITH BRAZIL

**I**t will be Lionel Messi's Argentina against Neymar's Brazil in the Copa America final on Saturday at the historic Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. Argentina won its semifinal against Colombia 3-2 on penalties after three saves by goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez. Regular time ended 1-1 at the Mané Garrincha Stadium in Brasilia on Tuesday. "Dibu is a phenomenon. We trusted him," Messi said after the match, in a reference to Martinez' nickname. "It was an objective to play all the matches and now we will try to win this final." Argentina hasn't captured a major title since 1993 when it won Copa Ameri-

ca. On that occasion, the team eliminated Colombia on penalties 6-5 in the semifinal after a goalless draw.

Brazil beat Peru 1-0 on Monday to advance to the final. The Selecao has never lost a Copa America final at home and has won five out of six matches so far. Neymar said after the semifinal he wanted to meet his Barcelona mentor Messi at the decider. "Both of us are in the final, I know Neymar said it because we are friends and he wanted me to be there too," Messi said. It took Argentina only seven minutes to open the scoring. Rodrigo de Paul found Messi in the penalty box with a through pass. The star earned his fifth assist in the tournament with a pass to Lautaro Martinez, who put the ball in the right corner past Colombia goalkeeper David Ospina.

**"It will surely be very close and difficult. We are aiming high, we managed to get the first objective of playing the final, playing all matches. Now we are aiming higher than ever, we are going to seek that Copa."**

**LIONEL MESSI**

A more aggressive Colombia, led by Juan Guillermo Cuadrado, hit the bar and the post in the first half before it leveled in the 61st minute with Luis Diaz, who received the ball on the left of Argentina's box shot almost with no angle to beat Martinez. Argentina reacted after 67 minutes when Angel di Maria came into the match, replacing Neco González. The winger created several opportunities including one in the 80th minute that ended with Davinson Sanchez saving a finish by Lautaro Martinez on the goal line. The last big opportunity in regular time came with Messi hitting Ospina's right post in 81st minute from short range. Martinez saved the shots taken by Sanchez, Yerry Mina and Edwin Cardona in the shootout. Messi converted his opportunity from the spot and was one of the most joyous players in the celebrations. He seeks his first major title with Argentina against favorites Brazil.

Rodrigo de Paul missed his shot, but Leandro Paredes and Lautaro Martinez netted their chances for Argentina in the shootout. Cuadrado and Miguel Borja scored from the spot for Colombia. In tears, Martinez said after the match he wanted to face the Brazil-

ians in the final in the Maracana Stadium. "This is a matter of luck, today it was mine. Brazil is a great team, the favorite," Martinez said. "But we have a great coach, we have the best player in the world and we will try to win it," he said. "We have nothing to regret," Colombia coach Reinaldo Rueda said. He had also reached the semifinal with Chile in 2019 and lost. "Now we have to wait for soccer to give our effort back so we can give some joy to the Colombian people some other time."

Argentina and Colombia were the original hosts of Copa America, which was shifted to Brazil two weeks before kick off. Colombia will play on Friday in the third-place playoff against Peru. **AP**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who is the first Indian triathlete to compete in Ultraman?

- a) Madhurija Borah ☐ b) Anu Vaidyanathan ☐  
c) Abhishek Mishra ☐ d) Arunaabh Shah ☐

**Q2:** Who had introduced the Olympic Torch relay in the Olympic Games?

- a) Carl Diem ☐ b) Joseph Goebbels ☐  
c) Jan Wils ☐ d) Hera ☐

**Q3:** What has been the highest ever score in the World

Cup finals and made by which team?

- a) 389, New Zealand ☐ b) 290, England ☐  
c) 300, India ☐ d) 359, Australia ☐

**Q4:** Which country hosted the 2019 Kabaddi World Cup?

- a) Thailand ☐ b) South Korea ☐  
c) Malaysia ☐ d) India ☐

**Q5:** Which badminton player won the BWF World Championships most number of times in the men's singles category?

- a) Cai Yun ☐ b) Fu Haifeng ☐  
c) Hendra Setiawan ☐ d) Lin Dan ☐

**Q6:** MS Dhoni holds the record for most dismissals by an Indian wicketkeeper in international cricket. How many has he made?

- a) 590 ☐ b) 829 ☐ c) 799 ☐ d) 645 ☐

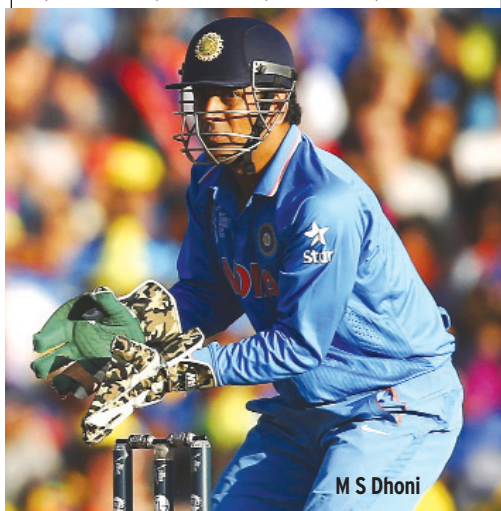


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**Q7:** Which sport's competition is known as the "Masters Tournament"?

- a) Golf ☐ b) Basketball ☐  
c) Tennis ☐ d) Polo ☐

**Q8:** Who is the only female boxer to have won a medal in each one of the first seven World Championships?

- a) Christy Martin ☐ b) Mary Kom ☐  
c) Lucia Rijker ☐ d) Ann Wolfe ☐

**Q9:** What is the technique called when a Volleyball player "does not try to make a hard spike, but hits the ball so

that it touches the opponent's block and then bounces off-court"?

- a) Backcourt ☐ b) Line and Cross-court shot ☐  
c) Block-abuse ☐ d) Off-speed limit ☐

**Q10:** Who among the following cricketers was the first to score a century for the Indian Test cricket team in his Debut Test match?

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

**ANSWERS:** 1. d. Arunaabh Shah 2. a. Carl Diem  
3. d. 359, Australia 4. c. Malaysia 5. d. Lin Dan  
6. b. 829 7. a. Golf 8. b. Mary Kom  
9. c. Block-abuse 10. c. Lala Amarnath