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World Food Programme wins Nobel Peace Prize

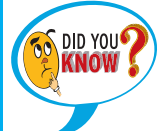
The 2020 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to the United Nations agency for its efforts to combat hunger and improve conditions for peace in areas affected by conflict. The pandemic has further boosted the agency's relevance, and strengthened the reasons for awarding the prize, including the need for "multilateralism" in a time of global crisis. "Until the day we have a medical vaccine, food is the best vaccine against chaos..." the Nobel committee said in its citation.



➤ The Rome-based World Food Programme (WFP) estimates that it helps about 97 million people a year in 88 countries. According to the WFP, one in nine people still do not have enough to eat globally in its citation.

➤ Around 211 individuals and 107 organisations were nominated for the prize this year
➤ While the other Nobel prize laureates are announced in Stockholm, the peace prize is awarded in the Norwegian capital, Oslo

One hundred Nobel peace prizes have been awarded since 1901 to individuals and 24 organisations



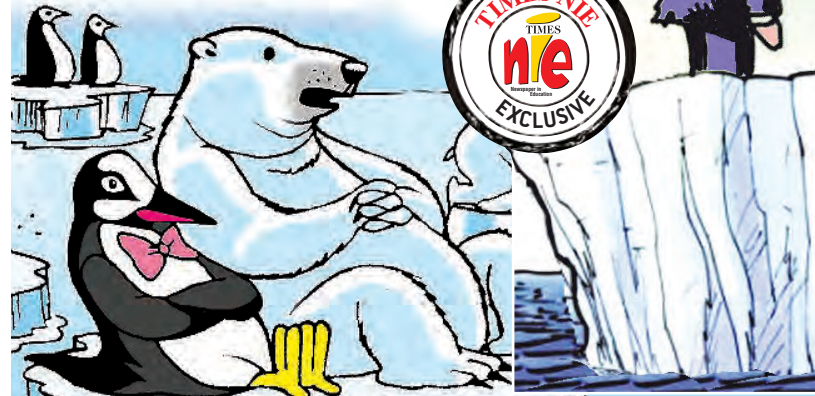
Three Indian students have made it to the final list of the Children's Climate Prize 2020 to be held on November 18

A 'Green' thumbs up for INDIAN TRIO

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Vinisha Umashankar, 13; Aadya Joshi, 17 and Dhruv Sanjay, 13, are among the seven finalists competing for the Children's Climate Prize 2020. Two out of these seven would ultimately be declared the winners and awarded SEK 100,000 (Swedish Krona) and a medal on November 18 via a digital broadcast from Stockholm.

The award honours young innovators and pioneers in the area of climate.



CHILDREN'S CLIMATE PRIZE 2020

➤ USA, India and Mexico dominate the finalists' list this year
➤ More than 70 nominations were received from 24 countries; from these,

the jury and its advisory board have selected seven finalists
➤ The winners will be announced on November 2, 2020; the prize will be awarded on November 18

MEET THE CHANGEMAKERS

VINISHA UMASHANKAR, 13
(SOLAR IRONING CART: The making of a sustainable ironing cart)

Around 10 million ironing carts that are running on the streets of India, burn about 50 million kg of charcoal every day, contributing to climate change. Vinisha created a solar-powered ironing cart, an innovation that is safer and more sustainable



DHRUV SANJAY, 13
(3E STECHULIKA: Sustainable cooking equipment)

Dhruv Sanjay and his team developed a pollution-free solar-powered stove that could be a solution to phase out the outdated cooking equipment, eradicating the risk of having respiratory diseases from polluted air



AADYA JOSHI, 17
(THE RIGHT GREEN: Know how about biodiversity restoration)

Aadya Joshi founded 'The Right Green' and developed a database including

over 2,000 plants from different eco-regions of India. The vision is to empower and enable communities to restore healthy ecosystems



Looking for pieces of Venus? Try the Moon

A growing body of research suggests that planet Venus may have had an Earth-like environment billions of years ago, with water and a thin atmosphere. Yet testing such theories is difficult without geological samples to examine. The solution, according to Yale astronomers Samuel Cabot and Gregory Laughlin, may be closer than anyone realised.

Cabot and Laughlin say pieces of Venus, perhaps billions of them, are likely to have crashed on the Moon. The researchers said, asteroids and comets slamming into Venus may have dislodged as many as 10 billion rocks, and sent them into an orbit that intersected with Earth and Earth's Moon. "Some of these rocks eventually landed on the Moon as Venusian meteorites," said Cabot, a Yale graduate student and lead author of the study.

Cabot said catastrophic impacts, such as these happen rarely, every hundred million years or so, and occurred more frequently billions of years ago.


SPACE

➤ According to researchers, the Moon offers safe keeping for these ancient rocks
➤ They have offered two theories on

why samples of Venus can be found on Moon: First, asteroids hitting Venus are usually going faster than those that hit Earth, launching even

more material. Second, a huge fraction of the ejected material from Venus may have come close to the Earth and the Moon

JAPAN AIRLINES GOES GENDER-NEUTRAL

Japan Airlines has stopped using gendered terms like "ladies and gentleman" during its in-flight and airport announcements, the company said recently. They have started using "gender-friendly" expressions instead, such as "passengers" and "everyone". This, however, applies only to English-language announcements, as the phrases used in Japanese are already gender-neutral.



Spotlight

IGA SWIATEK


Iga Swiatek, an unseeded teenager from Poland, won her first tour title at the French Open on Saturday with a 6-4, 6-1 defeat of Sofia Kenin, the reigning Australian Open champion and No. 4 seed at Roland Garros. Swiatek, 19, the youngest woman to reach the French Open final since 18-year-old Kim Clijsters in 2001, became the first from Poland to win a Grand Slam singles title. She entered the tournament with a No. 54 world ranking, and a recently-acquired high school diploma.

ENTERTAINMENT

INDIA GOES GLOBAL WITH CHHOTA BHEEM


Mighty Little Bheem is a global hit, courtesy OTT platform Netflix, as viewers seek alternatives to the white-dominated storylines. From his mother's sari to his love of laddoos, everything about the star toddler is Indian. His giant fan base stretches from Seattle to Sao Paulo, making it Netflix's most-popular show for pre-schoolers. Since its launch last year, it has been seen by more than 27 million households.

TODDLER ON RECORD BOOKS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEMORY SKILLS

At only 21 months, a toddler from Hyderabad, Aadith Vishwanath Gourishetty, has bagged five records, including one in the 'World Book of Records' on account of his sharp memory skills. According to reports, Gourishetty has bagged the World Book of Records, India Book of Records, Telugu Book of Records, and two more National Records for his exceptional memory skills.



According to the World Book of Records, Aadith is adept at recognising objects, along with an awe-inspiring memory to recognise countries' flags, car logos, pictorial objects, and vehicles from shadows, mapping the professionals with tools, reciting, and identifying alphabets

YOUNG ACHIEVER

Facebook launches 'Emotional Health' for your well-being


TECH BUZZ

To help people cope with growing mental health issues during the pandemic, Facebook has introduced 'Emotional Health', a centralised resource centre on the

main app with tips and information from leading experts. The resource will be available globally, with locally-relevant information from mental health officials.

- Facebook also launched a WHO 'Digital Stress Management Guide', which provides easy-to-follow techniques designed to reduce stress and promote mental well-being
- It is available on the WHO Health Alert chatbot on WhatsApp
- The social network has also announced a sticker pack on Messenger designed with the WHO to facilitate conversations around mental health

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SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE

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Do you want to be India's next Quiz Whiz?

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 Winners of DSSL will win a **fully paid trip to NASA**

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Kick-start Your Day The Right Way

Plan the night before

Put down just 1-3 of the most important things you want to get done on a to-do list. By keeping the list very limited it becomes easier to actually get the most important thing(s) done. And to not start procrastinating by doing a few of the less important and often easier tasks that you know you always used to add to a longer to-do list.



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Go slow

When you start your day slowly and keep doing things at a slow pace then it becomes easier to keep the stress away. It becomes easier to focus on what you are doing and keep your priorities in mind. When you go slow, you stay in the present moment more of the time and so less negative feelings come your way. And you appreciate the everyday things in life more because your attention is focused outward and not aimlessly inward towards what happened in the past or may happen in the future. When you start your day slowly, you sometimes get worried that this slow pace will mean that you get less done during the day. But at the end of the day you will discover that you actually got more done.



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Prepare the night before

Reduce the stress during your morning by getting the simple details out of the way the night before.

SO:
➤ Pack your bag.
➤ Pack your and pencil case.

➤ Put your geometry box and water bottle near your bag. So you can quickly find and grab them before heading out of the door.

Keep a simple reminder on your bedside table

What you see during your first minutes after you are awake can have quite the effect on the morning and as an extension of that the whole day. Things you could put on that 'positivity note' are:

➤ ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE QUOTES

A powerful and timeless quote is one of the easiest ways to charge the mind with positive emotions and to find a helpful perspective. So write down one of the own favourite quotes. Also remember the quote when you go about the chores for the day.

Get some positive information into your mind over breakfast

Start your day with something that does not depress you or makes you feel powerless to change your life or the world in some small or bigger way. Add inspiration and optimism like this:

- Reading one or a couple of new posts from positive, funny or uplifting blogs or websites.
- Listening to a podcast that boosts your motivation.
- Reading a chapter from a book that inspires you.
- Watching a motivating or uplifting video on YouTube.



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Start your day with the most important task

Find the most important task on the very limited to-do list you created. Do it first thing when your day starts. This task is often quite hard so it is easy to fall for the temptation to procrastinate. If you feel that urge, then just be still and do nothing. The most powerful part of the impulse to procrastinate by

Build a right think string

Doing what you deep down think is the right thing will make you feel good. It will boost your self-esteem and put a spring in your step for an hour or more. One way that you would like to do that is by creating a right think string.

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

- Do something that you deep down think is the right thing. Do it right now.
- Give a genuine compliment to someone at school or in your home.
- Help someone who seems lost with directions.
- Unclutter your workspace for two minutes.
- Go and work out.
- Then add another thing that you think is the right thing to do.
- Have an apple instead of an unhealthy snack.

HOW TO

- After you have added a right thing to your string - no matter how small it is - make sure to take a few seconds to pause and to appreciate the good thing you did.

THESE ARE THINGS YOU COULD SAY TO YOURSELF:

- Awesome!
- Well done!
- That was a good thing to do.
- That was fun! (and then smile).
- This boosts the positive mood within and ups the motivation to add another thing to your string.
- If you break the string, no worries. Don't beat yourself up.
- Take a deep breath and then start a new string instead.



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checking email or Facebook passes pretty quickly.

When the worst is over then go easy on yourself instead of trying to push yourself hard. Tell yourself that you will only work for 1-3 minutes on this important task. Then you can stop

if you like. But you may not want to do that once you have gotten started. This will set the tone for you for the rest of the day. Because getting started is most often the hardest part.

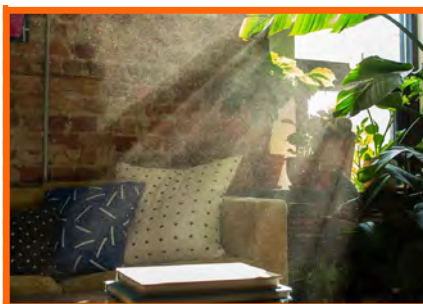
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Make your Home Healthier

From stocking up on house plants to hoovering cuddly toys, making some tiny tweaks to your living environment could cut stress and boost well-being. Here, we reveal some simple ways to help you turn those familiar four walls into a health-boosting sanctuary.

SOUND OF SILENCE

Noise pollution isn't just an irritant, it can impact health too. A 2011 study by the World Health Organization showed that prolonged exposure to excess noise not only increased stress levels and lowered concentration, but also led to a higher risk of heart disease. Soundproofing experts say excessive noise levels are a "proven health hazard". To dampen



sound, invest in some thick curtains and soft furnishings in plush fabrics such as suede and chenille. Use rugs on hard flooring and place wall hangings or upholstered furniture against walls that are shared with neighbours or face roads with heavy traffic.

LIGHT IT UP

One of the key elements in feng shui is letting natural light flow around your home – and for good reason. Natural light can improve mood, concentration and even sleep quality. To maximise natural light in a room, try hanging a mirror opposite the window. This will reflect and double the sunshine coming in. Also set up your workspace as close to the window as possible to take advantage of the light, and give your eyes a screen break by looking outside.



ALLERGEN ALERT

Even the cleanest homes can be full of allergens such as dust, which can set off sneezing, runny noses and rashes. Experts suggest to vacuum floors and clean surfaces regularly, as this minimises the amount of dust in the air. Vacuum your beds and fabrics to help remove dust and pet allergen particles. Keep toys in a cupboard to prevent the build-up of allergens (It may help to vacuum the toys too). And if you have pets, keep them off sofas and beds as much as possible. Ensure that they are really well groomed to minimise pet allergens.

BREATHE EASY

The air inside our homes often contains more pollutants than outside, thanks to chemicals released by everything from cleaning products to cooking. But investing in house plants can help redress the balance. Plants are brilliant anti-pollutants. They increase oxygen levels and have been shown to reduce cold-related illnesses.

Peace lilies are one of the best plants for removing indoor pollution, as they purify the air by absorbing pollutants through leaves and roots.

Meanwhile, Boston ferns are ideal for bathrooms as they improve humidity. Aloe vera purifies the air of formaldehyde and benzene – chemicals commonly found in household cleaning products. And snake plants are recognised by NASA for removing toxins and releasing oxygen at night, helping you breathe easier – so this one is definitely right for your bedside table.

COLOUR BOOST

"Colours don't just change the look of a room, they can affect health too. Many of us don't realise the impact colour has on our mood," says Dr Nerina Ramlakhan, psychologist and sleep expert. A study by Minnesota State University found the colour red increases the body's stress response, while green and white calm it. Soft green is a restful, restorative colour. Another study found that soft pink was also a restful colour. Use only a couple of colours per room and choose accessories in shades you find calming, such as green and white.

IDEAS TO TRY



Inspired by literature, her love for books and baking, a Twitter user @lauren1750 has been baking and posting pics of cookies that look like her favourite books! The talented baker, who goes by the name Lauren Farrell, has painstakingly decorated the cookies to resemble her favourite novels. We certainly like her in-



QUIZ TIME (MIXED BAG)

Q.1) In which city did President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurate the first-ever World Youth Conference?

- A. Delhi B. Punjab
C. Delhi D. Tamil Nadu

Q.2) _____ is known as the "Lungs of the World".

- A. The Himalayas
B. Amazon
C. Sundarbans Reserve

Forest
D. Congo Basin Forest

Q.3) Indian Railway's 2nd double-decker Uday (Utkrisht Double-Decker Air Conditioned Yatri) Express will run between _____

- A. Cochin and Vishakhapatnam
B. Hyderabad and Secunderabad
C. Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada

D. Visakhapatnam and Chennai

Q.4) In which year was the Paper Currency Act enacted by the British Government of India?

- A. 1861 B. 1865
C. 1961 D. 1878

ANSWERS

1. A) Delhi 2. B) Amazon 3. C) Visakhapatnam and Chennai 4. A) 1861

CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1 What is the least common multiple (LCM) of the numbers 90, 60, 75 and 35?

- A. 5600 B. 6300
C. 5800 D. 1100

2 Which of the following statement is true?

- A. 1 is not a prime number
B. 1 is a prime number
C. 1 is a composite number
D. 2 is not a prime number

3 The place value of zero in 1341.01 is:

- A. Hundreds B. Tens
C. Units D. Tenths

KNOWLEDGE BANK

Elephants

Elephant families are led by females. They don't need much sleep. They are emotional creatures. Elephants not only have huge bodies, they also have a brain that weights five kilograms, so it's no surprise that they are very intelligent animals. With their large size and brain capacity, they can store information and remember things for years.

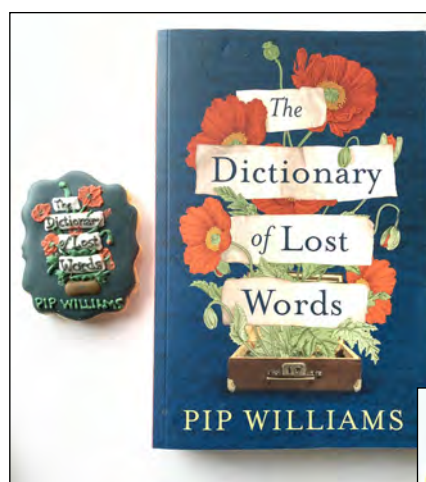


4 Three-fourth of the number of girls in a school is equal to half of the number of boys. If the school has 1420 pupils, how many of them are boys?

- A. 345 B. 678 C. 852 D. 655

ANSWER: 1. 6300
2. 1 is not a prime number
3. Units 4. 852

Book Cookies



genious lockdown creativity. The secret? A combination of simple sugar cookie recipe, perfectly mixed coloured icing, and a love for reading.

➤ Readers, did you make something based on your love for reading? Art perhaps or a book cover? Share with us via FB or Twitter. Get your folks to upload it online and give us a shout saying, 'Hi @TolStudent, I made art! And we'll share it.'



THE EDUCATIONIST

LONGING FOR MY LIFELINES

**Sunir Nagi, Principal,
Pallavi Model School
Alwal, Hyderabad**

There comes a time when we all feel we are content with materialistic stuff but crave to acquire more knowledge. The best place to acquire it for me were never lofty libraries full of books, or any other channels tele-casting great ideals. For me it was always my temple of learning - the school, where I studied, the school, where I work. Human interaction and sharing of ideas are the best ways to acquire knowledge.

CLICK
HERE TO
READ
ONLINE

Knowledge gives us power to unleash our hidden potential. For me there is a lot of learning happening in the precincts of my school. As a principal, I get to meet and interact with several people, some I silently observe and try to learn through their actions not their words. For me every person I interact with gives me a take away. For me learning is happening in every moment. The pandemic has brought me closer to many more people as we connect with them online to hear them, see them and learn from them. Social media tells us more than any channel would offer and I get to see a variety of activities happening around. But when I go to school the eerie silence disturbs me as I miss the hustle and bustle of students and staff. They are my lifelines, I long to see them, interact with them. The empty amphitheatre echoes noises of the past. Be safe my lifelines, corona requires social distancing. My longing for you can wait, the cause is genuine. Be home, Be safe. Till we meet again, you and me.



**DDMS (AMS) P Obul Reddy
Public School
Hyderabad**

Mahatma Gandhi, more lovingly known as 'Bapu' by all Indians is internationally acknowledged for his doctrine of non-violence that led India to its glorious freedom.

October 2 every year is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti because his life has impacted humanity to its core. To revere this day, DDMS (AMS) P Obul Reddy Public School celebrated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by holding a special assembly week.

Students from different classes presented stories, speeches, songs and demonstrations in honour of Gandhi. Even though all this was on virtual mode, the happiness and excitement of the young children was boundless.

Special assembly was conducted for the whole week under the theme Ahimsa, Gandhi's tenet that shook the world.

Students of classes IV and V were dressed up like Gandhi and spoke about Gandhian values and his greatness. They shared the quotes of Gandhi on education, ahimsa, satyagraha and many more. They spoke about how Gandhi's ideals have remained indestructible till date.

The students from classes VI to VIII presented their assemblies on the theme, along with PPTs extolling the greatness of Mahatma Gandhi.

The senior students also presented PPTs on Gandhi's tenets. All in all, the event evoked an enthusiastic response from students and they were imbued with Gandhian values and thoughts.

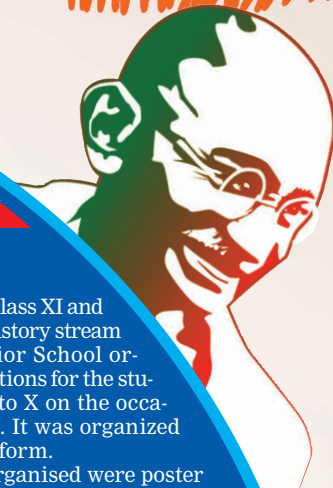
**Gitanjali Senior
School
Hyderabad**

The students from class XI and XII Humanities-History stream of Gitanjali Senior School organized various competitions for the students from classes VII to X on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. It was organized on the Google Meet platform.

The competitions organised were poster making for classes VII and VIII, quiz for class IX and slogan making for class X.

All the students of class IX attended the quiz that was organized virtually because of the Covid-19 pandemic induced lockdown. It was an inter-house competition in which there were two participants from each of the four houses, that is, Coral, Emerald, Diamond and Sapphire. All the participants were well prepared for the quiz.

On the whole, the students and teachers enjoyed the event and went back with Gandhi's thoughts and philosophies.



'Be the change you wish to see'

Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti were celebrated in a grand way in Pallavi Aware International school, Saroonagar. Students from all classes participated actively in the celebrations and gave speeches, recited shlokas, sang songs, conducted role plays and enlightened the audience about the importance of the day. As it was the birth

**Pallavi Aware International School
Saroonagar**



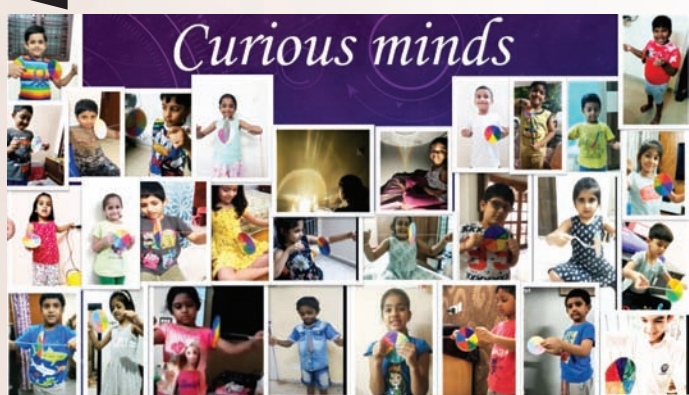
anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri as well, a power point presentation was shared highlighting the lives of these great people. Principal Sudeshna spoke about the relevance of the principals of Mahatma Gandhi in today's time. She also narrated a story about simplicity of Lal Bahadur Shastri.



VIVID VIBGYOR

**Gitanjali Devshala
Hyderabad**

Curious minds



The students from class I of Gitanjali Devshala had a fun session while rediscovering the secret behind the phenomenon of rainbow by making the Newton's disc and the rainbow at home. Through this activity children learnt that not only can white light be broken up into rainbow colours but also that rainbow colours can be brought together to produce white light.

THE JOY OF GIVING

**Gitanjali Vedika
Hyderabad**

The 'Joy of Giving' week was celebrated at Gitanjali Vedika from October 2 to 8. True joy and lasting happiness are possible when all of us come together to take care of each other.

The attention of the students was drawn towards this idea. The children were made aware about some people being less fortunate, by way of class discussions. Students took the initiative and came forward to spread a smile by contributing whatever they

could. Students from all the classes participated in this generous initiative and the gleaming feeling of joy was clearly evident on their faces.

The students could experience the proverb, 'Be someone's sunshine, when their skies are grey', as the school joined hands with the Robinhood Army, who will be disturbing the essentials collected to a tribal community.

The collected essentials included rice, pulses, turmeric and other grocery items which were handed over to the Robinhood Army in the presence of principal Sonia Nagpal, coordinator Natasha Karan and a few other staff members.



Showcasing science in art form



**The Hyderabad Public School
Ramanthapur**

The students from class IV of The Hyderabad Public School, Ramanthapur, activity participated in the 'World Space Week-2020' from October 4 to 10 conducted by Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota. As a part of it, a painting competition on the theme 'Satellites Improve Life' was conducted for students. The participants showcased their talent with innovative ideas like using the satellites to locate the locust movement, finding out new land-masses, defence, communication, weather forecast, entertainment, television, navigation and climate monitoring. It was a fruitful way of expressing scientific knowledge in the form of art.

NATURE

The gift of god, the almighty lord
The sky, the clouds, And the winter nights with fog

The morning and the night
A beautiful moon sight and The bright sunlight
The sunrise, the sunset
The horizon on the earth is stretched
The adult bird and the egg that hatches
The beauty of nature, no one can ever match
The waterfalls or the oceans
The earth that revolves around the sun
In slow motion, The deserts the hill stations
The garden and the orchards, The fruit and flowers
That the plants and the trees bear
This is the beauty of nature
Astonishing and rare, The dark and the fair
The joy of being humans, Let us all share
To hurt this nature no one of us, Should ever dare
Nature is a peaceful and calming word
It comprises trees, animals and birds
We have learnt to call it Mother Nature
But sadly all we do is ruthless torture

Nature is so beautiful it blows our mind
You can lose yourself in it or find yourself
At the same time

Let's be sensible humans and show our humanity
Let's protect our mother nature For our community

**SHRADHA SARDIWAL, class VI A,
Little Flower High School, Abids**



Express YOURSELF

I would like to share a story about 'Sharing the Happiness' that my aunt had told me. One day the head of the school brought some balloons and asked the students to blow them and write their names on the balloons. All the students did so. The principal asked the teachers to mix all the balloons and tossed all the balloons into the hall. After some time, all the students were assembled and asked to pick up the balloons with their names in 10 minutes. The chil-

A VALUABLE LESSON

dren ran around, looking eagerly but as the time ran out nobody could find their own balloon. Then, the teacher asked them to pick the balloon near them and give it to the person whose name was written on it. In less than five minutes, everyone got their balloons. Finally, the teacher said, "Balloons are like happiness. No one will find it if they keep looking for theirs only. Instead, if everyone will start caring about other people's feelings, they will be able to find theirs as quickly as possible."

**HARINI SAI SUDHA KULKARNI,
class VI, Amaltas Green School,
Indresam, Patancheru**

WHAT IS HOME TO ME?

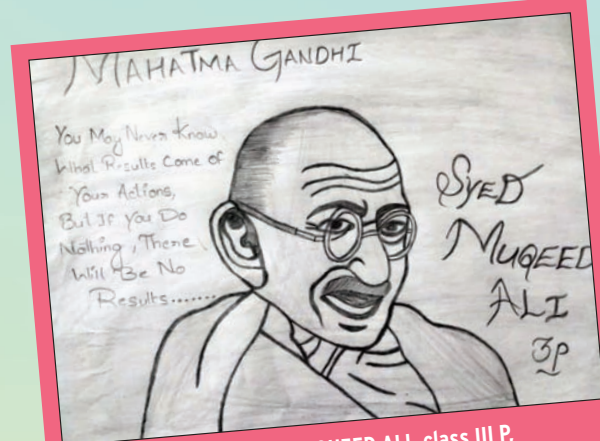
I want to go home with my shattered heart
Where I can be myself
Where my soul feels comfortable
Where my heart is healed
Where I am besieged by real people
Where I am me, completely whole
In the warmth of the embrace
Of such an amazing place
A place where I am not fake, A place where I am free
Without the fear of embarrassing myself.

**AMENA SAFA, class X D, Madina Public School,
Himayathnagar, Hyderabad**

Painters' Gallery



**DELICATE
SHADES:
KOSURI SAI
SHREYA,
class VII B,
Scholars
Academy,
Hyderabad**



**VISION OF PEACE: SYED MUQUEED ALI, class III P,
Springfields International School, Bandlaguda**



**STYLE QUOTIENT: MANYA MATHUR, class VII,
Nasr School, Hyderabad**

A look at the overseas stars who were expected to take the IPL 2020 by storm but are yet to fire on all cylinders

TOP

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FOREIGN PLAYERS WHO HAVEN'T FIRED YET

ANDRE RUSSELL (KKR)

Andre Russell, one of the standout performers of last season, has fared way below expectations with the bat so far, scoring just 55 runs in six matches. The only saving grace for KKR has been his performance in death overs with an economy rate of 8 and 5 wickets. Russell's performance with the bat is central to how far KKR will go in the series. KKR batsman Shubman Gill says Russell is saving his best for the last.

GLENN MAXWELL (KXIP)

In seven IPL games, Glenn Maxwell has scored 58 runs at an average of 14.50 and a strike rate of less than 100. With the ball, the Australian all-rounder has taken just 1 wicket, conceding at over 9 per over. No wonder, his team is at the bottom of points table. On his disappointing show, former cricketer Virender Sehwag said, "It has to be kept in mind that he scored his last half-century in 2016."

STEVE SMITH (RR)

The woeful run of form of Captain Steve Smith is giving Rajasthan Royals sleepless nights. In six innings, he has scored a meagre 157 runs. This has led to Royals slipping to seventh position. Acknowledging his poor batting, Smith said, "We have not been able to get a good start and the top four just haven't been able to score a lot of runs in games. We'll have to address that."

JOS BUTLER (RR)

Jos Butler's has been a huge disappointment. The Englishman has failed to give RR a strong opening stand, scoring a meagre 130 runs in 5 innings. Time has come for Buttler to deliver or else the Royals will make a quick exit before the playoffs.

AARON FINCH (RCB)

Australia limited-overs captain Aaron Finch, the first to play for eight franchisees in IPL, was expected to take the load off Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers. But his performance has been below par. Despite playing every match this season, he averages 20.66 at a strike rate of 109.73.

'Was putting too much pressure on myself'



Back-in-form Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Virat Kohli said he was "putting too much pressure" on himself but the Super Over game against Mumbai Indians "opened his mindset" and helped him turn it around for the better. Kohli, who was struggling with his form, blasted an unbeaten 90 off 52 balls in RCB's 37-run win over Chennai Super Kings. Virat credited the pull shots against Jasprit Bumrah in the super over against Mumbai Indians in a September 28 clash for freeing him up.

"I was trying to do too much, taking focus away from what I need to do - watch the ball and bat. Sometimes you forget you're only a player out there, and the responsibility kicks in." RCB skipper Virat Kohli

'It's crazy'

Iga Swiatek reacts after becoming first Polish to win Grand Slam singles title



"I'm overwhelmed. Two years ago I won a junior grand slam and now I'm here. It feels like such a short time. It's crazy for me because I watched Rafael Nadal lift the trophy every year and now I'm in the same place."

Iga Swiatek, Winner, French Open 2020



Messi could be convinced to stay at Barcelona: Suarez



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

SPORTS QUIZ | Theme: Cricket

Q1. The first official international cricket match was held in 1844 between which countries?

- a) India and Afghanistan ☐ b) England and Australia ☐ c) The United States and Canada ☐ d) England and India ☐

Q2. Test matches are the most extended format of International Cricket. It lasts for how many days?

- a) Six days ☐ b) One day ☐ c) Five days ☐ d) Eight days ☐

Q3. Which of the following statements is associated with Duckworth-Lewis method?

- a) The awarding system for victory in matches interrupted by the weather ☐ b) A training schedule in which the batsmen practice blindfolded ☐ c) A tactic that requires every fielder to be placed on a side ☐ d) None of these ☐

Q4. In a cricket match, LBW stands for?

- a) Loss by weather ☐ b) Last ball win ☐ c) Leg before wicket ☐ d) None of the above ☐

Q5. What is the meaning of the phrase 'bowl the maiden over'?

- a) Colliding with other fielders when attempting to catch the ball ☐ b) When the batsmen do not score any runs in six successive balls bowled ☐ c) Having 100 runs and taking five wickets in the same game ☐ d) None of these ☐

Q6. Identify the sportsperson shown in the picture.

- a) Ravi Bishnoi ☐ b) Yashasvi Jaiswal ☐ c) Kamlesh Nagarkoti ☐ d) Abdul Samad ☐



Q7. Who is the Sri Lankan right-arm fast bowler commonly used as a specialist death bowler, and is well known for his distinctive round-arm action, sometimes referred to as a sling action?

- a) Lasith Malinga ☐ b) Muttiah Muralitharan ☐ c) Kumar Sangakkara ☐ d) Mahela Jayawardene ☐

Q8. Who is the current president of the board of control for cricket in India?

- a) Rahul Dravid ☐ b) Virender Sehwag ☐ c) VVS Laxman ☐ d) Sourav Ganguly ☐

Q9. Which cricketer was announced as the inaugural recipient of the BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award for Women?

- a) Mamta Maben ☐ b) Mithali Raj ☐

- c) Shantha Rangaswamy ☐ d) Harmanpreet Kaur ☐

Q10. Who has been named as Coach of India A and Under-19 cricket teams after the first meeting of BCCI's advisory committee in Kolkata?

- a) Sourav Ganguly ☐ b) Rahul Dravid ☐ c) Ravi Shastri ☐ d) VVS Laxman ☐

Q11. Who remains the only captain to have not gotten a chance to bat in a WC final so far?

- a) Steve Waugh ☐ b) Ian Chappell ☐ c) Wasim Akram ☐ d) Graham Gooch ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) The United States and Canada 2 c) Five days 3 a) The awarding system for victory in matches interrupted by the weather 4 c) Leg before wicket 5 b) When the batsmen do not score any runs in six successive balls bowled 6 a) Ravi Bishnoi 7 a) Lasith Malinga 8 d) Sourav Ganguly 9 c) Shantha Rangaswamy 10 b) Rahul Dravid 11 a) Steve Waugh