



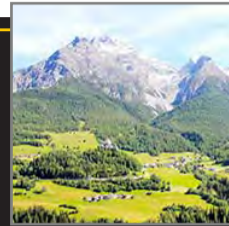
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I feel it is important for men and women to be vocal about the rights of girls. It is a fact that women have to work harder to get to where they eventually reach. Women have to take the power in their own hands and shape the perception of how a girl should view herself. It's a world full of opportunities and stereotypes only act as shackles for a better future and a better life. It is time to shatter those stereotypes
Manushi Chhillar, Former Miss India, on the need to be vocal about the rights of the girl child



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6-year-old Aleesha, the new 'Points of Life' campaigner



A six-year-old girl who campaigns to raise awareness of deforestation and climate change issues is the winner of British PM Boris Johnson's daily Points of Light award. Aleesha Gadha, a climate activist and mini ambassador for UK-based non-profit Cool Earth, has raised over GBP 3,000 for the organisation, which works alongside rainforest communities to halt deforestation and lobbies business to create more sustainable practices. She has also set up a climate change club at her school, encouraging others to look after the environment and include activities such as litter picking and planting trees.

■ Gadha was recognised with the honour for also writing hundreds of letters and emails to some of the UK's largest companies and most-influential people to encourage them to take climate action ■ Earlier this year, Gadha set up a Just Giving online fundraiser page and raised GBP 3,400 for Cool Earth with her 80-km scooter challenge, which received the backing of Queen Elizabeth II and environmentalist Sir David Attenborough

CBSE Date Sheet 2022: Class X, XII term-1 exams to begin from Nov 15

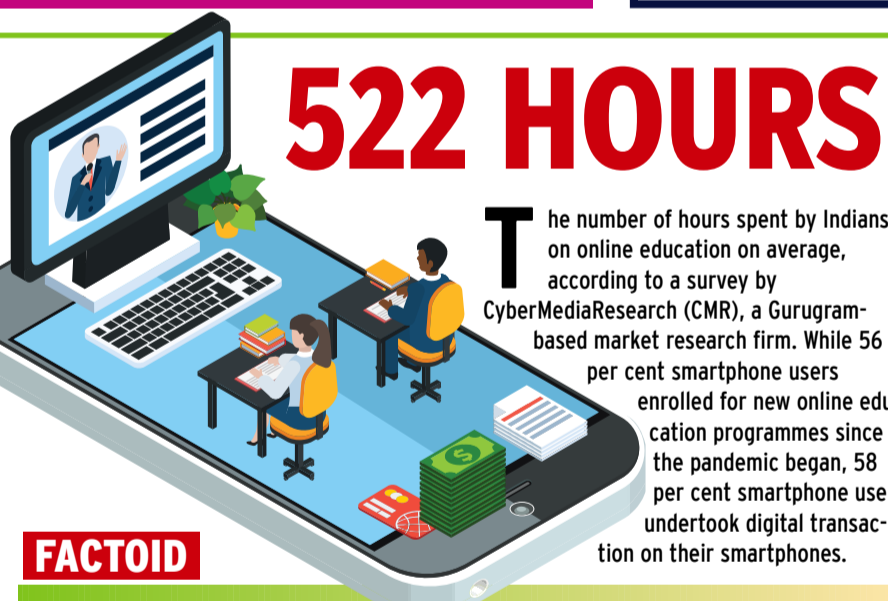
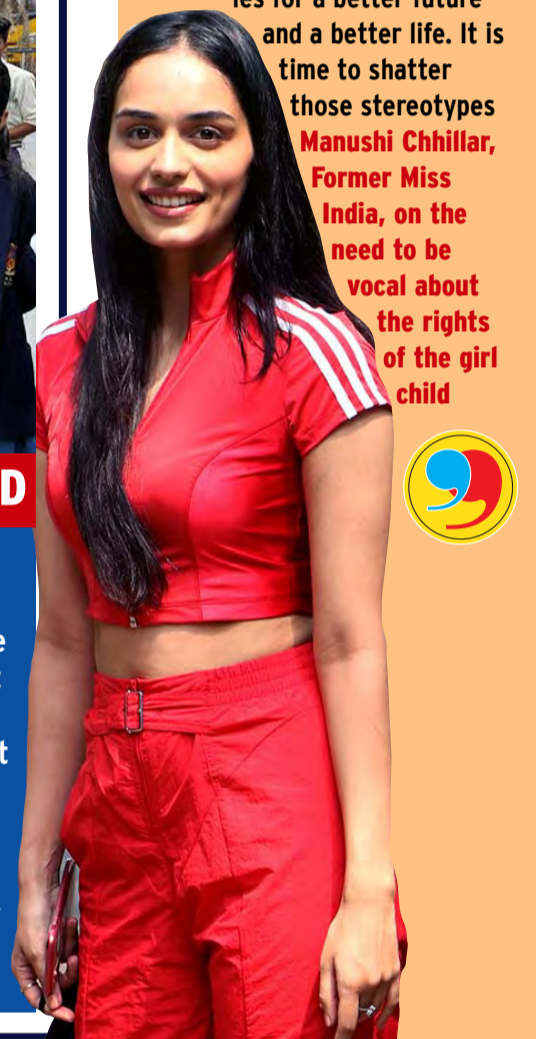
If reports are to go by, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) date sheet 2022 for term-1 examinations would be released by the Board soon. As per the circular shared by the Board with schools, the CBSE class X, XII Board Exam 2022 term 1 would begin from November 15, 2021. Complete date wise schedule or time table for the same is expected to be released by this week on their website cbse.gov.in.



CLARITY ON MODE OF EXAMS AWAITED

1 At present, the Board is keen on offline examinations. Students would be required to appear for the examination at their home schools. The OMR sheets and question papers would be provided by the Board

2 Schools are still waiting for instructions on how to conduct the examination and the mode of sharing question papers. It is likely that the Board may share multiple sets of MCQs with different schools on the day of the examination. However, in case the situation takes a turn for the worst and the exams have to be conducted online, there is no clarity as yet (source: Timesnow)



FACTOID

According to the survey, Indians are spending close to ₹ 8,500 on average, mostly for digital payments a month and 28 per cent smartphone users spending around ₹ 1,000 on infotainment monthly

No land entry for international tourists to India



Tourists to India may now enter only through waterways or flights, as the government has stopped issuing visas to those who want to enter through land borders. According to new ministry of home affairs (MHA) guidelines allowing international travel from October 15, tourists and e-visas will be single entry for a month instead of the earlier double entry.

1 The Union home ministry, on October 7, allowed foreign tourists to enter via chartered flights starting October 15. Non-chartered flights under air bubble arrangements will be allowed from November 15 unless restrictions on scheduled is substantially lifted

2 According to reports, chartered flights mean those allowed under the air bubble agreement under Vande Bharat mission or any scheduled or non-scheduled commercial flights allowed by the ministry of civil aviation

3 According to the MHA, there are currently nine integrated check posts operational at Attari, Agartala, Petrapole, Raxaul, Jogbani, Moreh, Sutarkandi, Srimantapur and Karatapur, and they will not be open to foreigners on tourist visas. India shares its borders with China, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar



Instagram to roll out new tools to safeguard teenagers

Facebook-owned Instagram would soon roll out new tools to safeguard teenagers from harmful content, after whistleblower Frances Haugen testified last week before the US Congress that Instagram can have a negative effect on the mental health of teenagers. Facebook's Vice President of global affairs Nick Clegg said that the photo-sharing platform will introduce "take a break" feature and also "nudge" teenagers away from bad content.

"We're going to introduce something which I think will make a considerable difference, which is where our systems see that a teenager is looking at the same content over and over again, and its content, which may not be conducive to their well-being, we will nudge them to look at other content," Clegg said.



The platform's plans to introduce a feature "called 'take a break', "will be prompting teens to just simply take a break from using Instagram"

JAKE GYLLENHAAL TO FEATURE IN SAM HARGRAVE'S 'PROPHET'

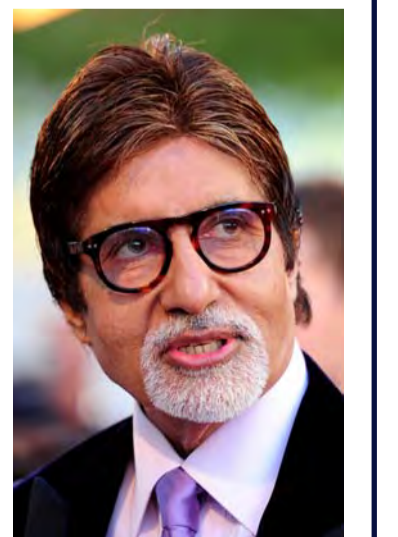
Hollywood star Jake Gyllenhaal is set to star in 'Extraction' fame director Sam Hargrave's upcoming superhero movie 'Prophet'. The project, based on 'Deadpool' creator Rob Liefeld's Image comic book series, comes from Studio 8. It will be helmed by Hargrave from a script penned by Marc Guggenheim, reported The Hollywood Reporter.

In the film, John Prophet (Gyllenhaal) volunteers for a German experiment near the end of World War II to feed his family. After a bombing buries him alive and traps him underground for 20 years, he reawakens in 1965, where things are not great for Prophet. The world has moved on without him, his daughter resents him, and KGB agents are after him to create super-soldiers from his blood



Amitabh Bachchan steps down as face of paan masala brand

Actor Amitabh Bachchan has withdrawn from an advertising campaign of a paan masala brand and said he has returned the money he received for promoting it. Last month, the National Organisation for Tobacco Eradication (NOTE), an NGO, had also appealed to Bachchan to not be part of advertisements that promote paan masala brands. In an open letter, NOTE president Dr Shekhar Salkar had said that the actor should withdraw from "surrogate" paan masala advertisements and support the cause of the anti-tobacco movement.



The 79-year-old actor had faced backlash for featuring in an advertisement of a paan masala brand. Several fans of the screen icon had expressed their displeasure over the actor's decision



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GEOGRAPHY

SOUTH POLE

Also called the Geographic South Pole, it is the point in the Southern Hemisphere where the Earth's axis of rotation meets its surface. It is the southernmost point on Earth, directly opposite the North Geographic Pole, and is located on continental land in Antarctica at a latitude of 90 degrees South.

What are Geomagnetic Poles?

The Geomagnetic poles are the intersections of the Earth's surface and the axis of a bar magnet hypothetically placed at the centre of the Earth by which we approximate the geomagnetic field. There is such a pole in each hemisphere.



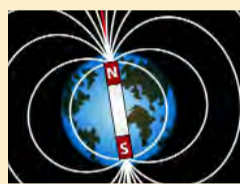
The magnetic field is necessary for our survival on Earth. It deflects harmful radiation from space and keeps Earth's water and atmosphere in place. The magnetic pole is moving so quickly that it has forced the world's geomagnetism experts into a rare move, 'Nature' reports

LEARNING WITH A COMPASS

When you use a compass to see which way is north, south, east, and west, you are really using a magnet. The little moving pointer in a compass is actually a small magnet! The needle lines up and points in a certain direction because the Earth itself has magnetism and acts like a magnet too.

Think about this ...

Here's something that seems a little crazy. The north pole of a compass magnet points toward the north. But a magnet's north pole is supposed to be attracted by another mag-



net's south pole. Does this mean that Earth's south magnetic pole is actually up north? Believe it or not, that's the way it is. Earth's south magnetic pole is actually near its geographic north. That's why the north pole of a compass points toward geographic north because that's where Earth's south magnetic pole is located. Now, isn't this knowledge interesting!



WHERE'S THE CHEMISTRY?: Scientists believe that Earth's magnetism may come from the molten iron surrounding Earth's solid inner core. It seems that this slowly moving material may create electric currents that produce Earth's magnetism. Like any other magnet, Earth's magnetism has a North and South Pole.

SOURCE: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

LANGUAGE



SYMBOLS

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SYMBOLISM

Symbols are a fascinating and powerful tool in the English language that can significantly make one's writing more interesting and creative. Why? Because that is the power that symbols hold. Symbolism has been used over the decades to great effect in movies. For instance, in the film 'Pursuit of Happiness', Will Smith's character is a struggling single father who is trying to solve a rubik's cube and is consistently failing at it. These hapless attempts capture the essence and state of his own life and serve as a metaphor of his own existence; until the very end of the story when he



HOW TO USE IT

Authors use symbolism to connect you to the story through something familiar. For example, an author may use the season of winter to represent old age. As someone who has not experienced being an elderly person, it might be easier for you to relate to how most animals start to slow down during winter, like a bear hibernating. Symbolism helps you think about the message or theme the author wants you to get from reading. For example, villains often wear dark colours, while heroes often wear light ones. These colours help you recognise when a battle between good and evil is occurring.

ACTIVITY USING ELEMENTS OF SYMBOLISM

Write down or depict an idea, feeling or emotion using the following:
Picture | Symbol or icon | Colour | Sound | Character | Place | Object

MATHS

S for Space (Mensuration)

By Sandeep Srivastava
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Maths easy and fun

Points, lines, planes, and angles can together help create many geometric figures. Geometric figures are unique in one important way – we can't hold zero-dimensional, one-dimensional and two-dimensional figures; points, lines and polygons/circles/irregular shapes can't be held in hand. Three-dimensional figures such as matchbox, football, etc. associated with 0-D, 1-D, and 2-D shapes; the square figure drawn on a piece of paper that you may hold is in reality holding a paper; a square paper, if you insist, but not a square for sure. A plane can be touched – it's a surface.

Open versus closed plane figures

A closed geometric figure begins and ends at the same point and can be sketched on a piece of paper by drawing lines without any breaks. The figures that are not closed are called open figures. The second is open figure, and the rest are closed figures. We can measure perimeter and area of two-dimensional closed geometric figures, whereas we can measure volume (space occupied by them) of three-dimensional figures.

Perimeter is the length (single dimension) travelled when walking along the length of the boundary of any closed, plane figure. Waist size, and length of the fencing material needed to put around a field are examples of perimeter.

$$\text{Perimeter of rectangle ABCD} = \text{length} + \text{length} + \text{breadth} + \text{breadth} \\ = 2 (\text{length} + \text{breadth}) = 2 (AB + BC)$$

Area is definable for closed geometric figures only; it is the spaces within a boundary. Area of open figures is infinite. The area of a rectangle can be found by multiplying its length with breadth (size of each strip).

Relationship between perimeter and area

Figure	Perimeter	Area
Rectangle ABCD	$2(l + b)$	$l \times b$
Square EFGH	$4s$	s^2
Triangle PQR	$2s$	$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$

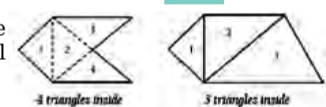
$$\text{Area of the rectangle} = (\text{length} \times \text{breadth}) \text{ square units} \\ = \text{length} \times \text{height} (= \text{breadth})$$

Sometimes, figures can have a large perimeter but very small area. For example, the given figure.

Area of irregular polygons can be found by breaking up irregular shapes into regular shapes; calculating the area of each of the regular shape



within an irregular shape and adding them all together:



Circumference ('perimeter') of a circle

The constant relationship between the diameter and circumference of the circle is represented by the Greek letter 'π', it is approximately $\frac{22}{7}$ or 3.14159.

π is the ratio of a circle's circumference 'C' to its diameter 'd', $\pi = \frac{C}{d}$

The ratio $\frac{C}{d}$ is constant, regardless of a circle's size.

Rearranging the above definition of π to solve for C, we get $C = \pi d$ or $2\pi r$. (Diameter $d = 2 \times \text{radius}$)

Area of a circle $= \pi r^2$, or area of a circle $= \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$, where 'r' is the radius of a circle.

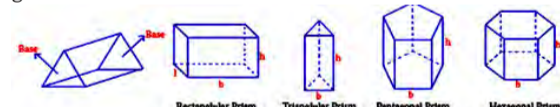
Describing 3-dimensional objects

A cube has six faces, all of them are squares of the same size.

A cylinder holds two parallel circular bases joined by a curved surface, at a fixed distance. A cylinder holds two parallel circular bases joined by a curved surface, at a fixed distance.

A sphere is a perfectly round, ball like 3-dimensional geometrical shape. A sphere does not have any vertices or edges. And, it has only one circular face.

A prism is a solid object with identical ends, flat faces and the same cross-section across its length. All the sides of a prism are flat. The ends of a prism are parallel and each of them is called the base. A prism is named after the shape of its base. The triangular prism has congruent triangles for its base.



A pyramid is a three-dimensional shape with a polygonal base and flat triangular faces, which join at a common point called the apex. It is formed by connecting the bases to an apex. The name of the pyramid depends upon the polygonal base.

Right Circular Cone is a three-dimensional solid that has a flat surface and a curved surface, pointed towards the top. The pointed end of the cone is called the apex, whereas the flat surface is called the base. Consider a right circular cone of height h, slant height l and radius r as shown in the figure.

The relation between the height, slant height and radius of a right circular cone is $l = \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$. It follows from this relation that we can determine any one, if the remaining two of these three are given.

Surface Area and Volume

Surface area of a solid object is the total area of the object's faces and curved surfaces. Each surface (or face) of a 3-dimensional thing is a 2-dimensional thing.

ECONOMICS

SUPPLY



One of the two words economists use most are, supply along with demand. These are the twin driving forces of the market economy. Supply is the amount of a good or service available at any particular price.

What suppliers are willing to supply depends on:

- Cost of the factors of production; technology.
- The price of other goods and services (which, if high enough, might tempt the supplier to switch production to those products).
- The ability of the supplier to forecast demand and plan production to make the most of the opportunity.

ACTIVITY: CREATE A MARKET IN CLASSROOM

WHAT YOU NEED AND HOW TO DO IT: Coins, note cards, different coloured marbles, containers; Begin by separating the marbles by colour and placing each colour into a separate container. Assign the same price to each one and same amount of money to each student. Invite students to buy the colours they like. Determine the most popular colour and explain to students how high demand creates a drain on supply. Once you've also established the least desirable coloured marble, raise and lower their prices accordingly and have students repeat buying. Explain the factors.

Surface area of a cube can be calculated by adding area of all the six faces.

Surface area of right circular cylinders and hollow cylinders can be understood by constructing a cylinder. Two ends of a rectangular piece of paper with breadth 'b' and length 'l' is connect to form the outer curved surface of cylinder. For making base of the cylinder, cut two circles of radii 'r'.

The total surface area of the cylinder is $2 \times \pi r^2 (\text{area of the two circles}) + 2 \times \pi r \times h (\text{area of the rectangle}) = 2\pi r (r + h)$

Surface area of spheres can be understood by the following activity

Cut a hollow spherical ball of radius r and it into two hemispheres. Wind a nylon thread closely around one of the hemispheres so that the thread completely covers its curved surface as shown.

To a right-circular cylinder with height = 2r and base radius = r, wind a similar nylon thread closely around it so that the thread completely covers its curved surface. Measure the lengths of the two threads.

The length of the thread on the cylinder is twice the length of the thread on the hemisphere

Curved surface area of the cylinder = $2 \times \text{Curved surface area of the hemisphere}$

But the curved surface area of the cylinder = $2 \times \pi r h$

Therefore, total surface area of the sphere = $4 \times \pi r^2$

Since the curved surface area of a hemisphere is half the total surface area of a sphere

And, curved surface area of hemisphere

$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = \frac{4\pi r^2}{2} = 2\pi r^2$$

Hemispheres have a curved face and a flat face, which is a circle.

$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = \frac{4\pi r^2}{2} = 2\pi r^2$$

What is volume?

Volume is the amount of space enclosed by an object or enclosure; it's the amount of 3-dimensional space occupied by anything. It is defined in terms of litre as the standard unit of its measure. For example, a 300 ml juice cans have a volume of 300 ml and the volume is filled by juice. Volume of a cube can be easily visualised as:

$$\text{The volume of the cube} = \text{Area of the base} \times \text{height of cube} \\ = (\text{side} \times \text{side}) \times \text{side} \\ = (\text{side})^3 \text{ units}$$

HISTORY



SOCIALISM

Socialism is a way to organise a society. It deals mostly with the economy, or the part of a society that creates wealth. The goal of socialism is to spread wealth more evenly and to treat all people fairly. People have had different ideas about how to create a socialist society. But most have agreed that the government, not individuals, should control at least some businesses and property.



The Russians set up the first Communist govt. They formed a new country, Soviet Union, in 1922. In the 1940s, many countries of eastern Europe also became Communist. After World War II, Communists took control of China, N Korea, Vietnam, Cuba and some African countries

HOW SOCIALISM STARTED

Socialism began as a reaction to the system called capitalism in which individuals own property, and people and companies compete with one another for wealth. Capitalism grew strong during the Industrial Revolution. This was a time in the 1700s and 1800s when many machines were invented and factories were built. The owners of the factories grew wealthy but the workers worked hard for little money. Plus, they were often ill treated. To create a fairer society, some people wanted the government to control industry. The govern-

ment could then use its economic power to create a comfortable and equal life for everyone. This new system was socialism.



THE GRANDEUR OF GODDESSES



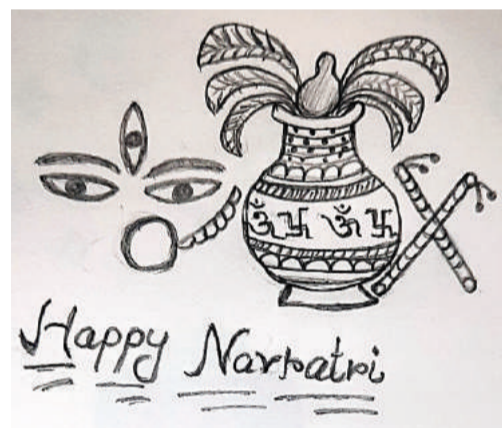
Sri Gurudatta High School
Hyderabad

Keeping up traditions and taking forward the legacy is a paramount duty of a good school. Sri Gurudatta High School strives to honour the culture and traditions in right earnest.

The teachers organised Bathukamma festival on the school campus. They danced encircling the Goddess of flowers, Bathukamma, to the tune of traditional songs. The celebrations were a feast for the eyes of the on-lookers.

Chairman of the school Y S Sarma appreciated the enthusi-

asm of the teachers and advised them to rejuvenate themselves during vacation and recoup the energies to rededicate to academics. With students set for classes on campus after a long wait, the responsibility of the teachers will increase. Principal Deekshit and Padmaja thanked the chairman for the support in the festive celebrations and making it a tradition of the school in the right spirit.



HAPPY NAVRATRI:
SOM MUKHERJEE, class VIII, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad



Tanmay Sarkar, English Facilitator, TNR Excellencia Academy
Jeedimetla

Whenver there is injustice and chaos, there's always someone to establish order and restore peace - such is the moral we learn from our mythological tales. To celebrate this notion of victory of good over evil, the fable of Mahalaya - the creation of the mightiest Goddess of Hindu mythology - along with the essence and grandeur of Bathukamma, TNR Excellencia Academy, Jeedimetla, organised an outstanding event where children enacted a skit and dressed up as the holy Trinity and the nine different

incarnations of Goddess Durga. The whole programme took everyone on a trip from Rambha's (The King of demons) Kingdom to Amravati (The Kingdom of Gods) along with the glimpses of the Earth as per in the folklore of Mahalaya. The highlight of the event was the snippets of celebration of Dussehra in various parts of the Indian subcontinent.

Sister Nivedita School
Hyderabad

The floral festival of Bathukamma was virtually celebrated with much enthusiasm by students of primary wing of Sister Nivedita School. The little ones wore beautiful traditional dresses and danced around Bathukamma and also spoke about the importance of the festival.

Bathukamma is a floral festival predominantly celebrated in Telangana. It is celebrated for nine days during Durga Navratri. Bathukamma starts on the day of Mahalaya Amavasya and the 9-day festivities culminate on 'Pedda Bathukamma' popularly known as 'Durgashtami'.

The little ones concluded the programme by reminding us the importance of celebrating festivals.



FESTIVE FANCY DRESS

Gitanjali Devshala
Hyderabad

The festive season is on and who best to add to its cheer and true essence but children!

The Pre-Primary teachers of Gitanjali Devshala laid out an online platform for the PP2 children to participate in the most fancied event, the Fancy Dress. The children added a delightful and festive touch to the event before taking a break for the Dussehra vacations. The classroom screens brightened up with the "presence" of different Gods, Goddess, Lamps, Moon, Colours, Laddoos, etc. The air was filled with joy and the cultural fragrance of different religions. The children were applauded and cheered by the class and received stars and smileys for their performance by the teachers.

Happy Navratri!! Happy Dussehra!!

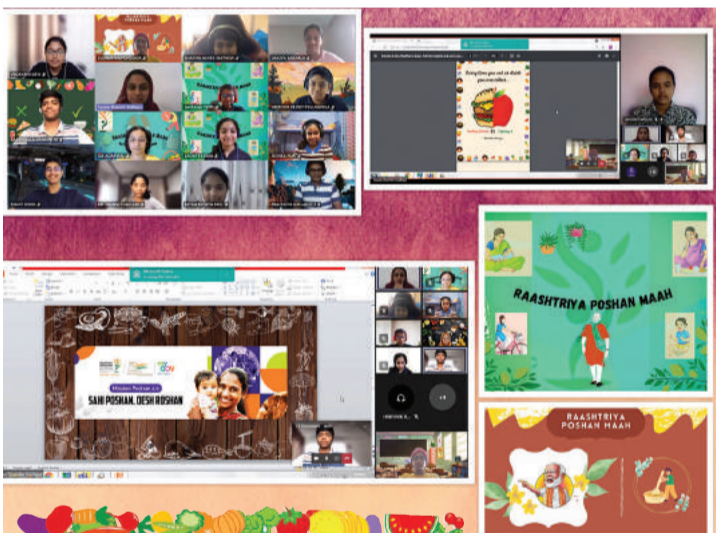


HEALTHY NUTRITIONAL HABITS FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

Sia Agarwal, class IX, Birla Open Minds International School
Kollur, Hyderabad

To bring about an awareness on the Raashtriya Poshan Maah, or the National Nutrition Mission, students of Birla Open Minds International School presented an exceptional informative programme. Raashtriya Poshan Maah is an initiative of the Union government and takes place in September every year.

Several interesting and informative activities were taken up, including PPTs, participation in the Mygovt Online quiz, posters, videos on preparing healthy snacks, amalgamation of online classes, special virtual backgrounds from scratch, which were showcased and shared with the class. Meal planning was done by the little ones and special virtual breakfast meet was arranged in some grades.



To boost the oratory skills of students, two debates were held on important topics such as why nutrition is important for the first 1000 days of your life, and why mother's

milk is more beneficial than formula milk. The inputs by the students and teachers were truly spectacular. To sum it up, the importance of this day was validated.

A trip to the Kakatiya era

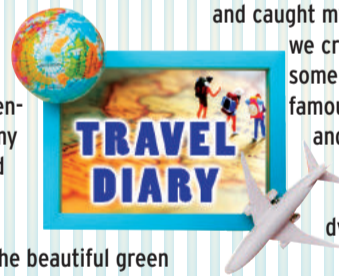
I visited Warangal recently with my family. It was a full day trip and everything was well planned. My father was driving, my mother was listening to music while my brother and I played hand cricket.

All of us were enjoying watching the beautiful green surroundings when suddenly appeared a brilliantly shining, immense blue-coloured lake between the hillocks. It was the Laknavaram lake which also

had a scenic hanging bridge.

I was scared to walk on the bridge and caught my mother's hand tightly as we crossed it. After spending some time there we visited the famous Thousand Pillar temple and Kakatiya Fort. I spent the day finding out all about the Kakatiya dynasty while my brother took several snaps. It was a memorable visit for all of us.

M MOUNYA SREE, class IX, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad



PETS MAKE GOOD GIFTS

We've all heard the advice 'Never, ever give pets as gifts', but what if that conventional thinking is misplaced? That's what some animal adoption experts want to change.

Although many consider pets as gifts to be wrong, for a person who has shown keen interest in them, a surprise can be enthralling. Pets are always considered to be a way to deal with stress/anxiety and depression, for a person fond of them and going through anything of the sorts, a pet in a box or under the Christmas tree seems absolutely perfect. Even though certain adoption centres could disagree to give pets as gifts due to the idea of the receiver not being prepared, a person who has shown engrossment in these furry friends, the idea of suddenly receiving one with a bow tie around its neck, sounds adorable and hence I believe that pets as gifts are a good idea.



Just because pets look cute in a gift box near a cake doesn't mean that they make a good birthday present. Even though the people who gift pets have good intentions, adding an animal member to the family is an important decision that requires making a lifetime commitment to care for it. It is unfair to anyone unless you are absolutely certain that the person wants the particular pet. Animals are not toys, like us they need love and proper care and you can't put that kind of responsibility on someone else. Pets can cost a great deal of money over their lifetime. Vaccinations, pet food, grooming, bedding etc are a bit costly which can put a lot of pressure on the person you're gifting the pet to. Many gift pets end up in the pound, abandoned or dead so you should not take that risk. This gesture involves a living creature being handed over to another, so one must think twice before acting upon the same.

AGAINST



KHEVA MALHOTRA, class XI, Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh

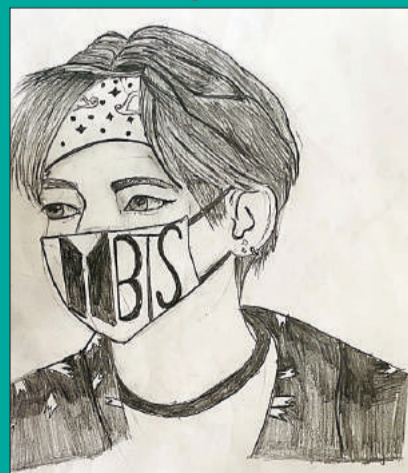


DEBATE

TANVI, class X, St Joseph's Sr Sec School, Chandigarh

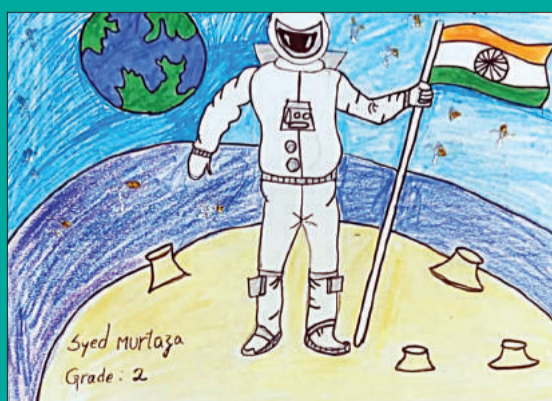


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KHEVNA, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills

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BHAVYA JHA, class V P, Delhi Public School, Nacharam



SPACE CONQUEST: SYED MURTAZA, class II, Springfields International School, Bandlaguda

Painters' Gallery



HONOUR FOR GURUS:
SURABOYEEN A REYANSH RAJ, class IV, Little Flower High School, Abids Hyderabad



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RECHARGED KKR ALL GEARED UP

In way of fancied DC's maiden IPL title aspirations

Eyeing a maiden IPL title, the fancied Delhi Capitals will face another litmus test in the form of a Kolkata Knight Riders unit brimming with optimism when the two sides lock horns in the second qualifier at Sharjah on Wednesday. Delhi Capitals failed in their first big test when they lost to Chennai Super Kings in the first qualifier and another defeat will mean there will be no more examination for the strong squad, led by India wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant.

Two-time winners KKR will no doubt take confidence from their victory against Royal Challengers Bangalore in Monday's eliminator that dashed Virat Kohli's hopes of winning an IPL title with his long standing franchise. If the emphasis is on momentum and peaking at the right time then KKR will definitely fancy their chances in their next outing, notwithstanding their opponents' resources and depth in lineup.

DC MOST BALANCED SIDE

DC, who topped the league stage with as many as 10 wins for a total of 20 points, are well aware of the task that awaits them. Since Australian great Ricky Ponting took over as their coach, Delhi Capitals have grown from strength to strength as they finished second runners up in the 2019 edition before reaching the summit clash last year. This year their aim is to do one better and win the title.

They are one of the most balanced sides in the tournament with a formidable batting line-up and a potent pace attack that is aided by seasoned spinners, including Ravichandran Ashwin.

In Shikhar Dhawan, Prithvi Shaw and Shreyas Iyer, Delhi boast of a solid top order. Pant, along with Shimron Hetmyer, look after the middle order, even as they missed the injured Marcus Stoinis' prowess. Dhawan (618) was the second highest run-scorer in 2020 and



has already raked up 551 this season. His opening partner Shaw is also coming off a good game against CSK.

On the bowling front, the South African pace duo of Kagiso Rabada (2020 purple cap winner) and Anrich Nortje has proved to be a dream pair, having scalped 52 wickets together in 2020. Then there is speedster Avesh Khan, who has taken 23 wickets so far in this season of the tournament, and he will back himself to add to his tally against KKR.

DC have posted five wins in the UAE leg of the tournament but one of their defeats here has come against KKR, and what better opportunity for them to exact revenge than in the IPL playoffs. It is easier said than done though, with Eoin Morgan's side enjoying a massive reversal of fortunes after enduring a disastrous first half in India earlier this year.

They just about managed to sneak into the playoffs at the expense of five-time defending champions Mumbai Indians, thanks to their better net run-rate.

KKR RARING TO GO

Things changed for the better after the Kolkata-based side landed in the UAE and if their performance against RCB is any indication, KKR

is raring to go and will want to do more than just end their campaign in the playoffs.

On a pitch offering turn, KKR's spin duo of Varun Chakravathy (16 wickets so far) and Sunil Narine, who is on a high after his superb all-round performance against RCB, will look to test the formidable Delhi batting lineup. Batting hasn't been KKR's biggest strength this season and DC will look to capitalise on that.

Up against a potent bowling attack, the likes of Shubman Gill, Venkatesh Iyer, Rahul Tripathi (team's top-scorer this season with 393 runs so far) and Morgan himself will need to rise to the occasion if KKR is to make the final, where Mahendra Singh Dhoni's three-time winners Chennai Super Kings await. AGENCIES

I think (in) the first phase of the tournament, we were trying to implement Baz's (head coach Brendon McCullum) mantra of trying to play positive, aggressive cricket, a brand of cricket that our fans really enjoy watching and also players really enjoy playing. In that first phase it didn't quite happen, throughout different games, we showed glimpses of it, but throughout this whole second phase, people have turned out for different motivation and drive to try and play that aggressive brand of cricket. KKR captain EOIN MORGAN



Sunil Narine

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GERMANY FIRST TO QUALIFY FOR WC

Belgium made to wait, Russia, Croatia clinch playoffs

As Germany became the first country to qualify for the 2022 World Cup, its former under-21 team coach was crying tears of joy after his first win in charge of Turkey.

Stefan Kuntz was unable to keep his emotions in check after Burak Yilmaz's penalty in the ninth minute of injury time earned Turkey a dramatic 2-1 win in Latvia to keep its qualification hopes alive.

Germany booked its place on Monday with an error-strewn 4-0 win in North Macedonia. The goals all came in the second half as the home team tired, and the win went some way to atoning for Germany's surprise 2-1 loss to North Macedonia in Duisburg in March. That was the only blip

in an otherwise perfect qualifying campaign with seven wins from eight games in Europe Group J. Germany booked its place at next year's tournament in Qatar despite a tough game against a rival that pushed it hardest in qualifying.

Kai Havertz broke the deadlock in the 50th minute before Chelsea clubmate Timo Werner's quickfire double sealed the result. Jamal Musiala got the fourth goal for Hansi Flick's team in the 83rd, set up by fellow substitute Karim Adeyemi.

Germany stretched its lead in the group to an unassailable eight points with two rounds of games remaining. Flick has overseen five wins since he took over from Joachim Löw after the summer's European Championship.

IN OTHER GAMES

Belgium, which was involved in the Nations League at the weekend, would have qualified if Wales hadn't beaten Estonia. But Kieffer Moore's early goal for Wales was enough for a 1-0 win in Tallinn. Wales stayed level on points with the Czech Republic, which defeated Belarus 2-0 away. The Czechs have played a game more, however. Belgium is virtually assured of qualification being five points ahead. The Belgians next play Estonia on Nov. 13, when Wales hosts Belarus.

Netherlands advance

Depay put his disappointing club season at Barcelona behind him with a productive night for the Netherlands against one of

the world's soccer minnows. His first goal against Gibraltar was his 13th of the year for Oranje, breaking the Dutch record of 12 in a calendar year by Patrick Kluivert.

The Netherlands moved to two points ahead of Norway, which defeated Montenegro 2-0 without injured star striker Erling Haaland.

In Rotterdam, Memphis Depay scored twice, had two assists and missed a penalty as the Netherlands overpowered Gibraltar 6-0 to remain on course for qualification, two points ahead of Norway and four points ahead of Turkey in Group G.

Croatia and Russia are assured of at least a playoff place after their respective results in Group H. AP



Timo Werner

Photo: AP

TOP SEED PLISKOVA, ANDREESCU LOSE AT INDIAN WELLS

Big servers Karolina Pliskova, Bianca Andreescu and Reilly Opelka saw their most potent weapon neutralized by strong desert winds on Monday as they all crashed out of Indian Wells.

The biggest upset of the day came when tournament lucky loser Beatriz Haddad Maia, ranked 115 in the

world, defeated top seed Pliskova 6-3 7-5 in a match where service holds were rare as wind gusts reached 40 miles per hour. Pliskova, who reached the Wimbledon final in July, served 12 double faults and her service was broken eight times by the Brazilian in their third-round meeting.

Haddad Maia will next face Anett Kontaveit after the Estonian beat defending champion Bianca Andreescu to extend her winning streak to eight matches.

In other third-round action, Diego Schwartzman sent Briton Dan Evans packing and 10th seed Angelique Kerber held on to defeat Daria Kasatkina. Paula Badosa beat 15th seed Coco Gauff to set up a clash with French Open champion Barbora Krejickova. REUTERS



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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: In which country will the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 be played?

- a. UAE
- b. India
- c. Australia
- d. Sri Lanka

Q2: Who was the winner of Diamond League for men?

- a. Tomas Walsh
- b. Darrell Hill
- c. Ryan Crouser
- d. Fedrick Dacres

Q3: Which of these IPL franchises was banned for two years?

- a. Mumbai Indians
- b. Rajasthan Royals
- c. Royal Challengers Bangalore
- d. Delhi Capitals

Q4: Who is the only female athlete to win 6 Olympic gold medals?

- a. Merlene Ottey
- b. Allyson Felix
- c. Marita Koch
- d. Bobby Kersee

Q5: With which sport is Manu Bhaker associated?

- a. Shooting
- b. Wrestling
- c. Boxing
- d. Hockey



Photo: TOI

Q6: Under which captain did the Indian women's national hockey team win 3 consecutive gold medals in 3 years in different events?

- a. Rani Rampal
- b. Varsha Soni
- c. Madhu Yadav
- d. Suraj Lata Devi

Q7: Where will the 2021 UCI Track Cycling World Championships be held?

- a. Germany
- b. France
- c. Poland
- d. Denmark

Q8: Who holds the current record for most hundreds in a single cricket World Cup?

- a. Martin Guptill
- b. Chris Gayle
- c. Sachin Tendulkar
- d. Rohit Sharma

Q9: What is the name of the competitive hockey game which is based on the use of a wheelchair?

- a. Sledge Hockey
- b. Rink Hockey
- c. Power Hockey
- d. Round Hockey

ANSWERS: 1. a. UAE 2. c. Ryan Crouser
3. b. Rajasthan Royals 4. b. Allyson Felix
5. a. Shooting 6. d. Suraj Lata Devi
7. b. France 8. d. Rohit Sharma
9. c. Power Hockey