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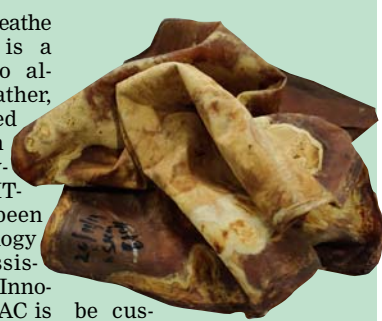

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FLEATHER: alternative to animal leather

WHAT Fleather is a bio alternative to animal leather, which has been created by a Kanpur-based firm Phool.co, a flower recycling firm backed by IIT-Kanpur. They have been awarded the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) Innovator Award 2021. BIRAC is a non-profit set up by the department of Biotechnology, Govt of India.



be customised for aesthetic expression, flexibility, density, etc.

HOW Fleather is made from temple flowers and farm waste by Phool. Incubated at Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT-Kanpur, Phool developed a biomaterial that is almost like leather. Fleather is built on the principles of biomimicry and can

WHY The process of making Fleather is ultra-sustainable. It not only cuts down several traditional downstream leather tanning processes but is also helping provide better job opportunities to women from the marginalised sections of society. IANS

■ "We humans love leather. It delivers status, luxury and comfort. But leather is a co-product of the livestock industry that produces around 18 per cent of the total earth's greenhouse emission. Fleather can perform like leather while significantly cutting down the emission and reusing temple and farm waste."

ANKIT AGARWAL, founder, Phool.co

■ "It is a great business. It also provides livelihood to many women from marginalised sections of the society."

PROFESSOR ABHAY KARANDIKAR, director, IIT Kanpur



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CBSE THROWS

AI CHALLENGE @TEENS

With an aim to empower children with future skills that would make them job-ready, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has collaborated with Intel to launch the AI Student Community – a platform where students can come together to learn and share their experiences.

This will be a youth-driven platform to encourage collaborative learning, sharing and creating AI-enabled social impact solutions, CBSE said.

"AI Student Community (AISC) has been envisaged to help build a digital-first mindset and support an AI-ready generation. It

has been designed as a youth-driven community, enabling collaborative learning, sharing, and creating real-life social impact AI solutions," the CBSE said.

The platform will be launched in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. "The NEP acknowledges the importance

of AI and emphasises on preparing students for an AI-driven economy. The policy focuses on making education experiential and future-oriented, building crucial skills such as data analysis, computational thinking, etc. from a young age through teaching contemporary subjects such as AI," the CBSE said. ET

WHY SHOULD YOU ENROL?

■ Students who register will have access to different online and offline events, which may include learning sessions by coaches certified by Intel, talks by industry experts and leaders, etc.

HOW TO REGISTER

■ Visit <http://www.cbseacademic.nic.in/> and click on 'AI Student Community' tab



WHO CAN APPLY?

Students from schools affiliated to CBSE and other boards will be able to register for it. Registered students will be able to learn skills related to Artificial Intelligence (AI), access learning resources, attend webinars and boot camps, participate in online challenges, etc.

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➤ The price of a rare 10.9 gram gold coin of Kam Bakhsh, the fifth son of Mughal King Aurangzeb. The coin went under the hammer in B'luru

➤ Marudhar Arts, a leading numismatic auction house, held the auction. However, they did not disclose who bought the coin.

Rajendra Maru, the CEO of Marudhar Arts, said Kam Bakhsh took active part in wars. In 1707, he seized the control of the Bijapur Fort and declared himself the king. Gradually, his rule extended across much of Deccan – winning control over Hyderabad, erstwhile Gulbarga, Shahpur and Wakinkhera. PTI

No licence, no car – mum drives Bayern starlet Musiala to training

Bayern Munich starlet Jamal Musiala has revealed that his mother has to drive him to training while the 18-year-old works on getting his driving licence.

"So far I've been very happy that my mum has been so nice as to drive me to training," Musiala told magazine 'Sport Bild.' Last Friday, Musiala signed a five-year contract – his

Musiala signed the deal, which will reportedly earn him five million euros (\$6 million) per year

first as a professional – with the club world champions, which he described as a "childhood dream come true". Just a week after his 18th birthday, Bayern's players each receive a car provided by the club's sponsor. Musiala says he has no idea which car he will be given, but he doesn't mind "as long as it drives and has a good music system."

The teenager has so far made 27 appearances for the Bundesliga leaders. He

scored his first Champions League goal in the 4-1 win over Lazio in the last 16, first leg. Stuttgart-born Musiala came through Chelsea's academy and played for England Under-21s last November but has opted to play senior football for Germany.

AFP



With spring and COVID-19 vaccines within sight, Hungarian confectioner Laszlo Rimoczi is sending a message of hope for Easter by creating chocolate bunnies holding vaccine syringes. Rimoczi said the vaccines, made of fine Italian chocolate and sprinkled with silver food

colouring powder, signalled there was a way out of the coronavirus pandemic. Unlike his Christmas chocolate Santas, Rimoczi's bunnies no longer wear masks. "There is no filling in the vaccines at all, it is just a 100% good quality Italian milk or dark chocolate," he said. Reuters

A choco jab, this EASTER?



TALK OF INVENTION: A SCARF THAT SPEAKS?

Scientists develop message display fabric

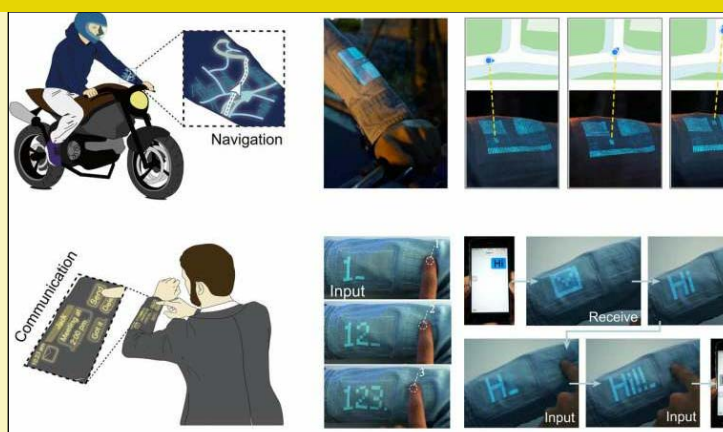
At first glance, the fabric looks like a pretty if not especially original scarf, with turquoise, blue and orange stripes in an open weave. But this fabric can communicate.

It's wearable, foldable and washable, but it's also a fully

functioning display – capable of flashing messages or images, or even being used with a keyboard.

The fabric, described in a study in the journal 'Nature' this month, is the work of a team led by Huisheng Peng – a professor at Shanghai's Fudan University.

Peng sees a variety of options, including a dynamic sleeve display that could, allow a driver to view a GPS map on their arm as they move around. But he is hopeful the material could also help people overcome difficulty communicating because of health problems.



HOW HAS IT BEEN CREATED?

1 The breakthrough came after examining the structure of textiles and the way threads intersect with each other in the warp and weft of a woven piece.

2 The team decided to try to create minuscule points of light where the fibres of a woven cloth meet. To make these tiny

3 dots of light, they needed a luminescent warp and a conductive weft that could be woven together with cotton or similar fibres. Applying an electrical current caused the layer on the yarn to light up where it was in contact with the conductive gel fibre.

4 The amount of power needed to light up the display material was limited, producing no significant heating, the authors say, and the fabric survived a number of stress tests. The study says the fabric can be powered with batteries or even use solar energy. AFP

Always dream big and put all your efforts to turn that dream into a reality

The 24-year-old batsman from Coimbatore - C Hari Nishanth - could not believe his ears when he was informed that he would be playing for the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the upcoming IPL 2021. For the diehard fan of CSK, it was a dream come true. He was bought by CSK for his base price ₹20 lakh in the final round of the IPL auction. In a tete-a-tete with Times NIE, Hari Nishanth, a post-graduate student, shares about his childhood dream, importance of physical fitness, balancing academics and sports, and, much more. Read on to know more...



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How did cricket happen?

1 My father is PT teacher in a school. Even though he was passionate about cricket, he could not pursue it. So, he wanted me to become a cricket player. During my school days, we used to wake up early and watch matches. That's how I developed an interest in cricket. It was he who trained me in the beginning and I still remember how we used to break things at our home in Udumalpet during the indoor practice sessions. I had participated in Coimbatore District Level Selection match when I was in class V. Then the Coimbatore District Selector and Coach Guru was so impressed with my performance that he not only selected me but also offered a scholarship to study in a Coimbatore-based school; so that I could be trained under him and since then there has been no looking back.

How does it feel being selected for a team like CSK which has won the tournament three times?

2 It is definitely the best moment of my life. Being picked up by any IPL franchise is indeed a great thing for me but being picked up by CSK is like a dream come true. I am a huge fan of the team and I have been watching them play since my childhood. When I got to know that I was selected to be a part of the team, I could not believe it. It took me two to three hours to realise what has happened. I checked Instagram and Twitter pages to make sure it was not a dream. I could not eat or sleep for days. I was so excited thinking about the opportunities that lie ahead of me. And the thought of sharing dressing room with *thala* (leader) Dhoni gives me goosebumps even now.

Your biggest takeaway from IPL?

3 It would definitely be learning from the legends and stalwarts of cricket. I am not sure whether I will get a chance to play in the team or not. But I am happy that I will be sharing the dressing room with iconic players. I can learn a lot about their practice sessions and the secret behind their fitness on and off the field. This is going to be a great learning experience for me.

Tell us about importance of physical fitness during childhood if one wants to pursue a career in the field of sports?

4 With the boom of internet, physical fitness among kids has taken a back seat. Children prefer playing games on gadgets than playing on open grounds. The importance of physical fitness cannot be undermined during the early childhood and it does not matter if you want to make a career in sports or not. You will have to engage in some kind of physical activities on a daily basis. I urge children to start doing some simple exercises to stay fit and healthy. We all know a sound mind resides in sound body.

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How did you manage academics and sports?

5 Right from my school days, I had support from my parents and school in balancing both sports and academics. I had to miss my classes a lot of time as I had to go for tournaments. But thanks to my teachers as they took extra effort to help me out during such times. Sometimes it is difficult to focus, but nothing is impossible when you are determined. You have to learn to strike a perfect balance between academics and sports, which will definitely help you in the long run.

Your message to children?

6 Always dream big and put all your efforts to turn that dream into a reality. There is no substitute for hard work. I would also urge parents and teachers to support children in all aspects of life to pursue their passion and keep motivating them.

Can exercise make you more creative?

If you exercise often, there's a good chance you are also more creative, according to a new study on the links between physical activity and imagination. It finds that active people come up with more and better ideas during tests of their inventiveness than people who are relatively sedentary.

Science already offers plenty of evidence that physical activity influences how we think. But creativity is difficult to quantify and its relationship with exercise has not been clear in past studies. Most studies examined the short-term effects of physical activity under tightly controlled conditions in labs or similar settings. They did not examine the potential linkages, if any, between everyday activities, like going for a walk, and the workings of our imagination.

inations, or how being active could possibly affect creativity in the first place.

For the new study, researchers at the University of Graz in Austria decided to track the normal activities of a group of average adults, measure their creativity to see whether and how it changed.

two might align, and if moving made them happier, which in turn boosted creativity.

In all, 79 healthy adults were given activity trackers for five days, and then asked to visit the lab to conceive new uses for car tyres and umbrellas and finish partial drawings. The researchers then rated their output on different measures. They found that the most active volunteers were also the most creative, especially if they often walked or exercised moderately. Active people also tended to be happier, although their moods were highest if they engaged in vigorous activities like jogging or playing sports.

But the relations between activity, creativity and moods were slight. People could walk often and be creative but not happy, suggesting that it was not improved moods that influenced creativity.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

WHY DO

flowers smell?



I imagine walking through a tropical forest as a sweet scent wafts through the air. A little farther down the path, the putrid stench of rotting flesh makes you catch your breath. Upon investigation, you find that both odours originate from flowers – but why do flowers smell like anything at all? It's part of a strategy that helps flowering plants reproduce themselves and spread their species. Certain scents help these flowers solve a big problem.

Plants flower to produce seeds that can go on to become new plants. To make a viable seed, pollen from one part of the flower must fertilise the ovules in another part of the flower. Some plants can self-pollinate, using their own pollen to fertilise the ovule. Others require pollen from another plant of the same species – that's called cross-pollination.

So how does one plant get some other individual plant's pollen where it needs to be? Sometimes gravity helps pollen fall into place. Sometimes wind carries it. Wind-pollinated flowers, like those of many trees

and grasses, don't produce a scent.

Other flowers are pollinated by birds, bats, insects or even small rodents carrying the pollen from one flower to another. In these cases, the flowers might provide a little incentive. Animal pollinators are rewarded by sweet energy – and nutrient-rich nectar or protein-packed pollen they can eat.

Flowers that need the help of insects and bats go one step further, producing a floral scent that acts as a fragrant and nice kind of welcome sign for just the right pollinator.

An orchid blooming in the tropical forest or a rose in your garden needs to attract a pollinator to bring pollen from flowers of the same species. However, there are flowers which look similar but are from other species. To differentiate itself from other flowers, each species' flowers puts out a unique scent to attract specific pollinators. AP

QUIZ TIME (HISTORY)

Q.1) The Turko-Afghan rule in India lasted for about ____.

- A. Two centuries
B. Three centuries
C. Four centuries
D. A little over one century

Q.2) The 23rd Jaina teacher, Parsva, the immediate predecessor of Mahavira, enjoined on his disciples four great vows. To these Mahavira added which of the following as the fifth vow?

- A. Abstinence from stealing
B. Non-injury

C. Brahmacharya
D. Non-attachment

Q.3) The Uprising of 1857 was described as the first Indian War of Independence by ____.

- A. S N Sen B. R C Mazumdar
C. B G Tilak D. V D Savarkar

Q.4) The Venetian traveller who travelled with his wife and reached Vijayanagar around 1420 was ____.

- A. S N Sen B. R C Mazumdar
C. B G Tilak D. V D Savarkar

ANSWERS

1. B) Three centuries 2. C) Brahmacharya 3. D) V D Savarkar
4. A) Nicolò de Conti 5. C) Punjab

KNOWLEDGE BANK

Abhimanyu

He was reincarnation of the son of the moon god (Chandra). When the moon god was asked to let his son get reincarnated on Earth, he made a pact that the son would only remain on Earth for 16 years as he could not bear to be separated from him. His strength and bravery is the stuff of folklore.



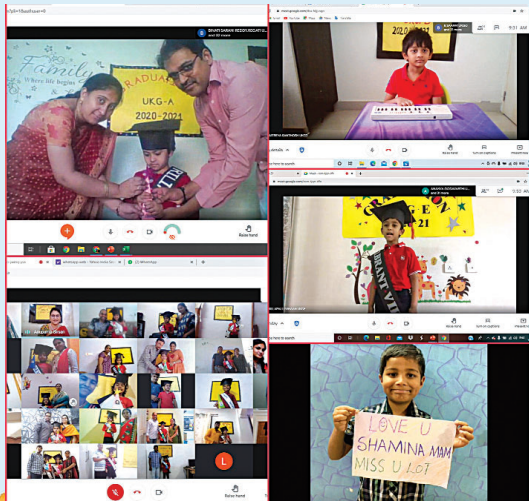
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TOWARDS NEW BEGINNINGS



The students from Upper Kindergarten of DDMS (AMS) P Obul Reddy Public School celebrated virtual Graduation Day recently. Parents with much excitement tried to make the occasion special for their children. To celebrate this day, teachers also played their role and tried to organise a memorable preschool graduation ceremony for children.

Chairman S V Rao and secretary E Narasimha Rao in their virtual convocation address complimented the graduates on their achievements and also congratulated the teachers for their dedication and hard work in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities. Principal

DDMS (AMS) P Obul Reddy Public School Hyderabad

Latha Shankar along with pre-primary head mistress Vijaya Durga Devi Kyanaml also enlightened the audience with their words.

The highlight of the day was the felicitation of the young graduates. Being a virtual programme, parents had the opportunity of felicitating the tiny tots by presenting them the sash, cap and memento.

The dancers of kindergarten gave mesmerising performances while others presented the graduation songs. Parents also shared their reflections. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by kindergarten coordinator Anupama Sirsan.

Remembering the greatness of Raman

The science of today is the technology of 'tomorrow.' This statement was aptly brought forth in the special assembly organised by the students of class VIII on the occasion of National Science Day. National Science Day is celebrated every year to highlight the greatest achievement of the famous Indian Nobel laureate C V Raman, the discovery of the Raman Effect.

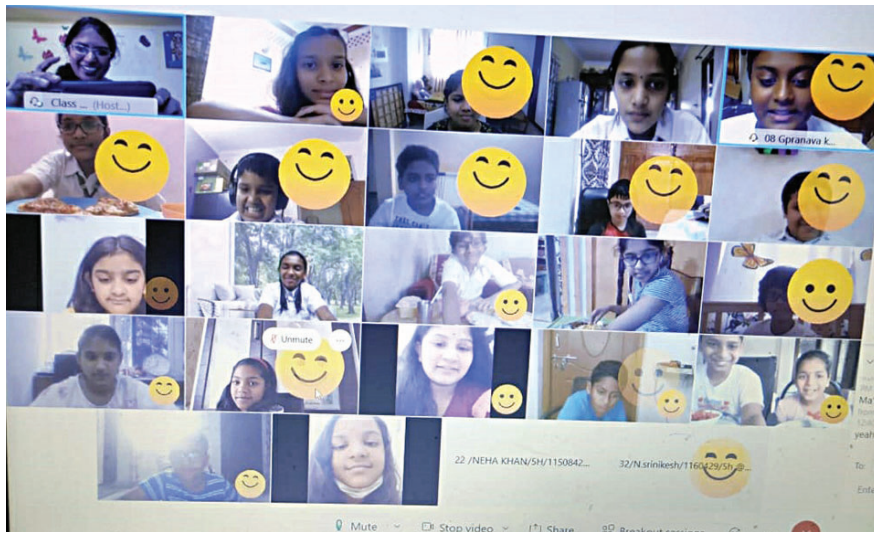
During the assembly, students presented the life and work of C V Raman through a creative PPT. Various other Indian scientists and their con-

Pallavi Model School Bowenpally

tributions were also discussed. The students shared the theme for this year's National Science Day 'Future of STI: Impact on Education Skills and Work' with their fellow mates. The importance of developing scientific temper and kindling curiosity in their young minds was stressed upon. The assembly ended with a quote 'Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity and is the torch which illuminates the world'.



Enjoying lunch together



'ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE, BUT SOMETIMES, A LUNCH BREAK WORKS TOO'

The students of classes V and VI had an online lunch with their class teacher and classmates as a part of their year-end class get together. The students joined their classes after their last annual exam paper to partake in this.

It was accompanied by lots of fun activities like singing, dancing and games

Selan Mable Saju, Teacher, Delhi Public School Nacharam

by both students and teachers.

All the students were brimming with excitement and vigour and exchanged great messages with each other. They made promises to remain connected with each other no matter what section they are promoted to. It helped them bond and have

empathy for their peers. The year-long activities conducted were shared on the online platform.

The students thanked their teachers through virtual bouquets, cards and presentations.

The teachers took the opportunity to say a few words about each child of their class that may help them in their growth and self-realisation in the coming years. Overall, it was an opportunity to build cordial relationships and everlasting friendships.

Going tech in Covid times

With the Covid-19 pandemic unleashing itself callously on the world, humanity has braved it and has witnessed radical changes in every field to endure its adversity.

It may be pronounced that technology has come in handy in these anxious times. What used to be a first day at school filled with a brave smile by the tiny tots strutting to embark on their expedition to sculpt their glorious future, has now been replaced with a laptop screen and virtual interactions.

Periods once marked by the ringing of a bell, have now been replaced by the notifications on mobiles. There has been a whopping increase in internet users; count in India from 636.73 million in 2019 to 696.77 in 2020. Newer interfaces, software and features from the technological sector have boosted the morale of humanity and given hope of sustenance in a rough patch like this.

There has been a sky rocketing market for the e-



A Murali Mukund, Chairman, Jubilee Hills Public School Hyderabad

itive reinforces as regards the learner-friendly measures.

It has now become statutory that every door opens into a gadget to cater to the child's educational needs. Having said this, we shouldn't feel it asking of us to monitor our child's screen interaction and be cautious to not let them probe into the taboo territories, which they might, out of innocence or curiosity. As parents, let us adopt a sagacious use of technology using the child lock

learning platforms like BYJU's, Educomp, Dexters in the guise of the learn-from-home situation created by the pandemic.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that education has barged into every living room in order to cater to the needs of the learning fraternity. Measures have been taken to see that the student community doesn't miss out on anything owing to the pandemic. It has become a requisite for the teachers to keep adapting to aid the students' capabilities and to equip themselves to amend their teaching strategies and envisage pos-



FESTIVE FERVOUR



Maha Shivaratri was celebrated with religious fervour at Niraj Public School, a festival marking the overcoming of darkness and ignorance.

A special assembly was conducted by teachers and an insightful spiritual talk was delivered by founder principal B Jyothi Reddy.

Students started the celebrations by offering prayers to Lord Shiva virtually.

Shiv Vandana followed by various devotional hymns, verses, and songs were sung in the veneration of Lord Shiva.

Students also explained the importance and story behind the formation of Jyotirlingas that spiritually enlighten everyone. The celebration came to an end with a dance performance on the tune of Jai Shiv Shambhu leaving the audience in a spiritual trance.

Express YOURSELF

BE ALERT!

A road accident is the most unwanted and unexpected thing to happen to someone. The main cause of accidents is due to human errors like over speeding, avoiding safety gears such as seat belts, not respecting pedestrian crossing rules and violating traffic rules. As a result of road accident, approximately 1.35 million people die each year across the globe.

Thus, road safety is extremely important. If we follow some common rules like wearing safety belt while driving and helmet for a two-wheeler, pedestrian crossing rules, holding hands of elders and children while crossing the road, we can reduce the risk of road accidents.

As a result, we can live happily with our family.

OLYA ROY, class II, Rose, Pallavi Model School, Alwal



SNOWY DREAMS

Let's talk about my favourite place! Wherever there is snow that place is my favourite place. You must be thinking what's the reason behind my never-ending and fathomless love towards snow. It is ineffable, however I'll endeavour to delineate it!

I'm sure once you visit the place you will be ethereal, you're gonna reckon it is an enchanting palace, covered with a blanket of snow.

It is immensely pleasant, peaceful and delightful that you're gonna get unconscious of where you are and get into an unimaginable world! Snowflakes falling all around me, gives my heart so much happiness and makes it cheerful!! And then comes the jubilant part,

skiing! Skiing all over the hills is so fun, isn't it? While skiing, my body becomes exuberant! Oh yes! coming to the best part which is making snowmen and making them our besties! This leaves us with lots of blissfulness.

It is calm that one can get apart from their surroundings and feel the peacefulness. I always had a desire that one day, I'll get carried away along with the cool breezes to that magical world, just me, some peaceful music and I'll never get back after entering such a wonderful place! And that's all I'll become contented.

HRUTHIKA, class VI C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills



MAGICAL COLOURS: JAHNAVI KARTHIK, class III A, Hyderabad Public School, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad



SCENIC: ZAINAB SOHAIL, class IX B, Madina Public School, Himayatnagar

Painters' Gallery



MY WORLD: G LAASYA PRIYA, class IV, Niraj Public School, Hyderabad



SHAMBO: NISHIKA THAKUR, class VIII, Delhi Public School, Nacharam

BLISS!

That day, I lost my soul,
into the wilderness.
I was left amazed,
at the nature's incarnations;
Best when at solitude!
That day, I realised,
Nature is the best therapist.
Oh, Behold! It's truly a bliss!
having worries washed away,
when pissed!

K SRIYA, class X, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet



LIFE AS A TEST

Life is a test,
And you can't expect it to be easy
It is meant to be lived ...
Sometimes happy, other times rough
But every up and down you learn lessons that make you strong.
Problems are not of one kind, problems are of many kinds.
Problems don't come from one direction, they come from all directions.
Lucky people aren't those who are in comfort, Lucky people are those who know how to tackle problems and fight them.
If you run from problems, They will follow you till the end.
You will face many defeats in life, Never let yourself be defeated.
When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you've a thousand reasons to smile.
For once, stop and thank yourself for how far you have come.
You have been trying to make changes in your life, and all your efforts count.
So rise above the storm, and you'll find sunshine

SADIYAH JUNAID, class VI B, Madina Public School, Nampally



CAN **RCB** LIFT THEIR MAIDEN IPL TROPHY?

Three reasons why Virat Kohli-led RCB can end Mumbai Indians' reign by winning their maiden title in IPL 2021

RCB can't just depend on Kohli and De Villiers for winning games

Perennial underachievers Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), led by Virat Kohli, will hope to put an end to their title drought in the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Even though the Bangalore-based franchise have become a force to reckon with under the leadership of run machine Kohli, the three-time runners-up have failed to lift the famous trophy since the inception of the cash-rich league tournament in 2008.

In the quest of their maiden title in the 2021 season of domestic cricket's biggest extravaganza, the Bangalore-based franchise had made significant gains at the IPL 2021 auction held in Chennai last month. Known for splashing the cash in the IPL auction ceremony, the RCB franchise did not disappoint their fans by securing eye-watering deals for some of the household names in T20 cricket. With a rejuvenated RCB side looking forward to ending their trophy drought, let's discuss the three valid reasons that make Kohli and Co. strong title contenders in the IPL 2021.

1. World-class bowling attack

It goes without saying that the Bangalore giants have become a balanced side under the leadership of skipper Kohli. Though the Kohli-led side opted to part ways with Aaron Finch and Chris Morris on retention day, RCB's

Each team is set to play at four venues during the league stage. Out of the 56 league matches, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru will host 10 matches each while Ahmedabad and Delhi will host 8 matches each.

One of the highlights of this edition of the IPL will be the fact that all matches will be played at neutral venues, no team will play at their home venue. All teams will play at 4 out of 6 venues during the league stage.

think tank has shown faith in Indian superstar Washington Sundar and Yuzvendra Chahal. Besides the world-class spin duo, RCB also have a potent pace bowling attack featuring Indian speed merchants Navdeep Saini and Mohammed Siraj. RCB have also roped in New Zealand star player Kyle Jamieson for a whopping ₹15 crore to bolster their bowling department. Jamieson is also known for playing small cameos with the willow in domestic cricket.

2. The capture of 'Big Show' Maxwell

To strengthen their title bid, RCB opted to break the bank by acquiring the services of Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell. Though Maxwell turned out to be the biggest flop in IPL 2020, the power-hitter has made amends by putting up a show for the Australian side on the international circuit. Maxwell showcased his batting onslaught against Team India, in late 2020, and the flamboyant batsman also earned plaudits in the recently concluded New Zealand series.

3. Less dependence on Virat Kohli

There is no denying that skipper Kohli will remain RCB's go-to-man in the next instalment. However, RCB have managed to fight tooth and nail even when Kohli had a forgetful day at the office. With the arrival of Jamieson, Maxwell, and Daniel Christian, RCB are frontrunners to end Mumbai Indians' dominance in their second title-defending season. The 2020 edition also saw South African legend AB de Villiers successfully hitting a purple patch for the Kohli-led side. Accompanied by exciting young talent Devdutt Padikkal, the Proteas batting icon will be sharing Kohli's workload at RCB this season.

THREE CLUBS **CR7** CAN JOIN after Juventus' shocking Round of 16 exit

With three back-to-back Champions League exits, Ronaldo's future at Juventus remains uncertain. Even at the age of 36, Ronaldo has shown no signs of slowing down, which means CR7 is more tilted towards leaving Juventus for a greater challenge than calling time on an iconic career. Having said that, let's take a look at three possible destinations where Ronaldo can ply his trade if CR7 opts to leave the Old Lady

1) REAL MADRID



Why not? A series of embarrassing exits for Mr Champions League might trigger one of the most shocking returns in world football. Though Santiago Bernabeu is unlikely to be an ideal destination, Ronaldo's partnership with Zinedine Zidane was indeed a win-win situation for both parties. Zidane and Ronaldo guided Real to three back-to-back Champions League titles. It should be noted that Ronaldo left Real following Zidane's self-volunteered exit in 2018. So if Juventus declare Ronaldo is for sale in the next transfer window, Zidane-backed Real can easily compete for his signature.

2) MANCHESTER UNITED



Ronaldo was even slammed for breaking the wall which coined Porto's sucker punch in the extra time of the 2nd leg at Allianz Arena. Juventus ultras were quick to slam Ronaldo for his unforgivable error. At a time when Ronaldo's following has taken a massive hit, the Portuguese stalwart can prepare his fairytale return to Old Trafford. Man United will always be a sentimental favourite when it comes to Ronaldo's Premier League return. From his maiden Ballon d'Or to his first UEFA Champions League crown, Ronaldo was a beast at United before CR7 turned into a demigod in Madrid.

3) PARIS SAINT GERMAIN



After three Champions League disasters, the Juve think tank will not consider Ronaldo's arrival at the age of 33 a value for money deal. Juventus contested two Champions League finals against Ronaldo and Messi before the Portuguese stalwart parted ways with Real Madrid. When it comes to splashing money and breaking the bank in the transfer window, Ligue 1 giants Paris Saint Germain (PSG) will remain frontrunners in securing mammoth deals. If Juventus plan to recover Ronaldo's transfer fee in the future, PSG are likely to give Ronaldo an offer he can't refuse.

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who holds the record of the highest score in the Indian Premier League 2017?

- a) Sanju Samson ☐ b) Hashim Amla ☐
 c) David Warner ☐ d) Ben Stokes ☐

Q2: Who won the 2016 US Open men's title?

- a) Dominic Thiem ☐ b) Alexander Zverev ☐
 c) Novak Djokovic ☐ d) Stan Wawrinka ☐

Q3: Who is the current coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad?

- a) Trevor Bayliss ☐ b) Stephen Fleming ☐
 c) Mahela Jayawardene ☐ d) Anil Kumble ☐

Q4: Who made the most assists in German Bundesliga - 2019-20?

- a) Jadon Sancho ☐ b) Jonas Hofmann ☐
 c) Joshua Kimmich ☐ d) Thomas Müller ☐

Q5: Royal Challengers Bangalore have been runners-up three times in the history of IPL. How many titles do they have under their name?

- a) One ☐ b) Two ☐ c) Three ☐ d) Zero ☐

Q6: Who is the top scorer of German Bundesliga - 2016-17?

- a) Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang ☐
 b) Nils Petersen ☐ c) Niclas Füllkrug ☐
 d) Robert Lewandowski ☐

Q7: In which year did Maria Sharapova win her last grand slam title?

- a) 2012 ☐ b) 2013 ☐ c) 2014 ☐ d) 2015 ☐



Q8: Kings XI Punjab changed the team name to _____, ahead of the IPL 2021 auction.

- a) XI Punjab Kings ☐ b) Punjab Kings ☐
 c) Punjab XI ☐ d) Kings Punjab ☐

Q9: Who was the second top scorer in the Spanish La Liga games 2020-21?

- a) Luis Suárez ☐ b) Alexander Isak ☐
 c) Gerard Moreno ☐ d) Karim Benzema ☐

Q10: Which of the following stadiums is the home ground of Royal Challengers Bangalore?

- a) Wankhede Stadium ☐
 b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium ☐

- c) MA Chidambaram Stadium ☐
 d) Eden Gardens ☐

Q11: In which year did Serena Williams play her last grand slam singles final?

- a) 2016 ☐ b) 2017 ☐ c) 2018 ☐ d) 2019 ☐

Q12: Who made the most assists in Spanish La Liga - 2020-21?

- a) Joan Jordán ☐ b) Ángel Correa ☐
 c) Lionel Messi ☐ d) Jorge de Frutos ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) David Warner
 2 d) Stan Wawrinka 3 a) Trevor Bayliss
 4 d) Thomas Müller 5 d) Zero
 6 a) Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang
 7 c) 2014 8 b) Punjab Kings 9 a) Luis Suárez
 10 b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium 11 d) 2019
 12 c) Lionel Messi