



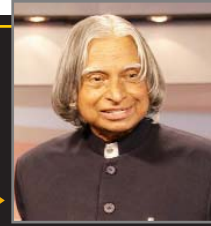
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STUDENT EDITION

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G-7 nations take aggressive climate action

US President Joe Biden joined the leaders of the world's wealthiest nations on Sunday to take action on lowering down the global temperatures. The leaders committed to a "green revolution" that would limit the rise in global temperatures to 1.5C. They also promised to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, halve emissions by 2030, and to conserve or protect at least 30 per cent of land and oceans by 2030. Meanwhile, ahead of the summit, thousands of protesters marched in Falmouth, England, during the G7 summit to push the world leaders to act on climate change.



WHY ALL EYES WERE ON G7 SUMMIT?

■ The Earth's average temperature is about 15C, but has been much higher and lower in the past. There are natural fluctuations in the climate but scientists say the temperatures are now rising faster than at many other times. This is linked to the greenhouse effect, which describes how the Earth's atmosphere traps some of the sun's energy. Scientists believe that we are adding to the natural greenhouse effect, with gases released from industry and agriculture trapping more energy and increasing the temperature, thereby leading to global warming or climate change.



mate change

■ Moreover, a major UN report from 2019 said that global emissions of carbon dioxide must peak by 2020 to keep the planet from warming more than 1.5C – the so-called safe limit (Source: BBC)

SAVE THE BEES



■ The G7 comprise Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States
■ India was invited to the summit by Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the host nation UK, despite being a non-member. Australia, South Africa and South Korea also received similar invitations

The G7 countries – the world's biggest industrialised economies – will lose 8.5% of GDP a year, or nearly \$5tn wiped off their economies, within 30 years if temperatures rise by 2.6C, as they are likely to on the basis of government pledges and policies around the world, according to research from Oxfam and the Swiss Re Institute



There is a direct relationship between reducing emissions, restoring nature, creating jobs and ensuring long-term economic growth
Boris Johnson, PM, UK

'Indian students not required to submit proof of vaccination for entering US'

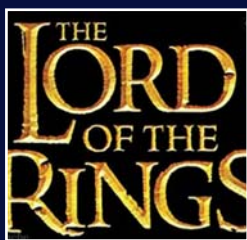


The US mission in India is "actively working" to accommodate as many student visa applicants as possible in July and August, a senior American diplomat said on Sunday. Don Heflin, the minister counsellor for consular affairs at the US embassy, also said that the US-bound students will not require any proof of Covid-19 vaccination to enter the country. They will only need a negative report of their Covid-19 report within 72 hours prior to their departure, he added.

There has been growing anxiety among a sizeable number of Indian students aspiring to fly to the US for higher studies in view of certain restrictions in getting visa appointments due to the coronavirus pandemic. The embassy has started giving visa interview slots for Indian students from Monday.

GOOD NEWS, 'LORD OF THE RINGS' FANS: WARNER BROS PLANNING AN ANIME FEATURE FILM ON TOLKIEN'S BOOKS

The Warner Bros movie studio will produce an anime feature film set in the world of JRR Tolkien's popular 'The Lord of the Rings' books, officials have announced. 'The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim' will tell the story of a legendary battle that shaped the Middle-Earth in the years leading up to events in 2001 film, 'The Lord of the Rings', a statement from the studio said. The new movie will explore the fortress of Helm's Deep and feature the King of Rohan, Helm Hammerhand.



■ Warner Bros distributed the 'The Lord of the Rings' live-action film trilogy starting in 2001 and 'The Hobbit' trio of movies starting in 2012. The six films have grossed nearly \$6 billion at box offices worldwide ■ Warner Bros, currently owned by AT&T Inc, is in the process of merging with Discovery Inc


Entertainment

SPORTS

BRISBANE SET TO BE NAMED 2032 OLYMPICS HOST NEXT MONTH

Brisbane, Australia, is expected to be announced as the host of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach said the city was the only one proposed for the 2032 games. The International Olympic Committee will meet ahead of the Tokyo Games, and the sole proposed city is expected to be formally chosen.



FACTOID

\$137,666

That's the amount spent per minute by the nine nuclear-armed countries on nuclear weapons in 2020, according to a report by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. The weapons possessed by the US, Russia, the UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea, totalled 13,080 at the start of 2021. This is a slight decline from 13,400, recorded at the beginning of 2020.

'AVATAR: FRONTIERS OF PANDORA' GAME IS ARRIVING IN 2022



The French video game company Ubisoft has announced several new games at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) 2021, including Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora, Riders Republic, and Mario+Rabbids Sparks of Hope. Releasing in 2022, 'Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora' is a first person, action-adventure experience developed by Massive Entertainment – a Ubisoft studio, in collaboration with Lightstorm Entertainment and Disney. The game will be available exclusively on the new generation of consoles – PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X|S, as well as Stadia, Amazon Luna, and Windows PC, the company said in a statement.

1 'Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora' is scheduled for release on PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X|S, Stadia, Amazon Luna, and Windows PC in 2022
2 In this new, stand-alone extension of the Avatar universe, gamers will play as a Navi and embark on a journey across the Western

GAMING ZONE

Frontier, a never-before-seen part of Pandora
3 "Explore a living and reactive world inhabited by unique creatures and new characters, and push back the formidable RDA forces that threaten it," the company said

SHAKESPEARE



*"We are such stuff as dreams are made on,
and our little life is rounded with a sleep."*



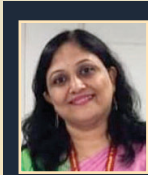
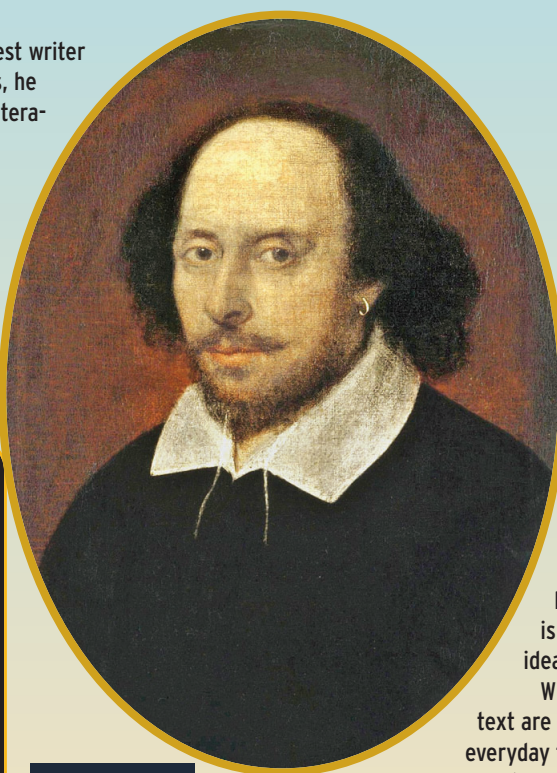
COMPLEX, BUT UNIVERSAL

Shakespeare's plays came to India with the East India company in the 18th Century for the entertainment of Europeans in Bombay and Calcutta. Slowly, Shakespeare made his way into the English curriculum of schools and colleges.

William Shakespeare is considered the greatest writer in the English language. For over 400 years, he has held an eminent place in the world of literature. His plays are well known the world over and are timeless in the field of academics. Shakespeare is taught at every level of education in every country, and it is universal opinion that the plays are something one should all read and understand. Many students do not know how to study Shakespeare, instead find his texts very daunting. All the more to ponder over, how many of us really know how to engage with a Shakespearean play or feel confident in understanding his language?

Though the world urges to read and love Shakespeare, his plays are difficult, demanding, and most of us struggle just to make sense of Shakespeare, let alone see the many reasons why he is held in such high regard.

Agreeing to the fact that Shakespeare isn't easy to read, the words and the sentence structure aren't what we're used to, and the 'yonder's', 'doth's', 'thy's', 'thou's' do sail past the head. Considering the era he was in, Shakespeare did not write for his plays to be read but to be showcased through characters. He wrote at a time when audiences were 'more attuned to these words and aurality'. People went to experience the plays live and hear the dialogues being delivered by the actors on stage. All his plays were actually to be enacted out.



Sriekala Nair, PGT English, DAV International School, Kharghar

Reference taken from understandingshakespeare.com

THE BARD PENNED POEMS TO MAKE ENDS MEET DURING THE PLAGUE

Shakespeare was a dramatist but during the devastating plague of England in 1593 to 1595, almost all the theatres were closed in order to reduce the number of casualties and to protect the people of England, just as we maintain the social distancing in this present era of 2020s. He then began composing poems to maintain his career.

Shakespeare's complex sentence structures and the use of now obsolete words lead many students to think that they are reading Old or Middle English. Students find the works difficult. The key to engagement with Shakespeare is to demonstrate how the themes and ideas in his works are timeless.

William Shakespeare's lines from his text are known for their beauty, for their everyday truths and some for their wisdom. People use the lines from the Shakespearean works for bringing a philosophical touch with a much deeper meaning. 'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts.'

The English language is incomplete without William Shakespeare's contribution to his origins and his works. His works are evergreen because of the themes. The characters of the heroic representation and the settings reflect the uniqueness. 'To be, or not to be: that is the question.' Shakespeare has inspired various writers in the field of English literature and has significantly contributed to the development of the newer words. Shakespeare broke all the rules of classical drama. The unfamiliarity with Shakespeare's work is really in the initial times but later the readers understand its elusive richness and become more conscious about his works.

EXPLORE THE POWER OF MATHS

"The true heart of math lies in logic and problem solving."

Students can be motivated by following simple tips to drive away the fear and create interest in Mathematics.

- As the teaching is done through online mode, encourage the students to use virtual manipulates such as Geo board, Poly pad, Construction math pad, Geogebra. It gives hands-on learning experience to the students.

- Giving exposure to the real life situations and asking them to research and explore few more ideas chapter wise and share with their friends helps to develop enquiry skill of the student.

- Make math fun by conducting online games such as quizzes, Kahoot, Mentimeter. They facilitate the student's participation and enjoyment.

- Invite children to create their own board games or variety of known games.

- Ask the students to create mind maps for each topic either before explaining the topic as an introduction or after the topic as conclusion as it gives the way to bridge or interlink the concepts.

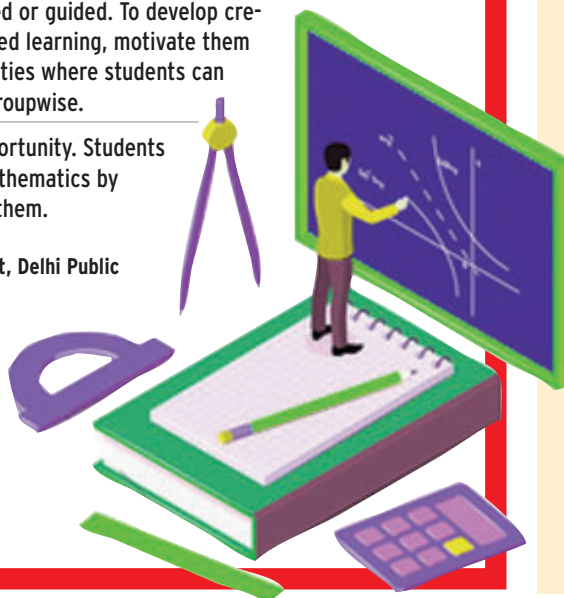
- Motivate the students to create a questionnaire for each topic and conduct a quiz with the questionnaire in the class to develop the questioning techniques of the students.

- To improve problem solving skill of the students, they need to understand math language. Give hints step by step for each problem and also draw figures wherever necessary as students can visualise and solve the problems more easily.

- To get a clarity on the topic, plan an activity for each topic which can be self-paced or guided. To develop creative thinking and value based learning, motivate them towards project based activities where students can research either in peer or groupwise.

Mathematics is a key to opportunity. Students experience the power of mathematics by exploring the world around them.

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Stress is a part of our daily life. You can experience stress from your environment, your body, and your thoughts. There are three types of stress that a student generally encounters in his/her student life. Here are some expert tips to handle them and come out a winner, from our school counsellor Chindu Mary.

SOCIAL

Social stress is the pressure that the environment around you creates in your head; it could be caused by peers, teachers and/or parents. When you deal with such kind of stress, it is necessary to have an optimistic mindset; try to handle peer pressure in a positive way and always try to be influenced by positivity or be a positive influencer.

It is common for people who are alike to mingle but it is also important to mingle with people who are not alike to prevent certain kinds of social stress. A major cause for social stress is bullying; one of the most important steps one should take to avoid social stress is to always stand up against bullying, be responsible for what you're doing and use social network very mindfully.

STRESS IS THE BODY'S REACTION TO ANY CHANGE THAT REQUIRES AN ADJUSTMENT OR RESPONSE. OUR BODY REACTS TO THESE CHANGES WITH PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL RESPONSES.

STRESS NOT!



GENERAL

Apart from the other two kinds of stress, we all face stress in general. This is common for every human as it is a part of life. We can overcome this stress by the simplest means, which is following a healthy lifestyle, learning to appreciate and showing gratitude, and loving yourself. Sometimes, there can be situations where you need some advice from a more mature point of view. It is then advisable to ask for support from

a trusted member in one's life.

It is natural for all of us to go through stress at some point of life, but overcoming it is what matters. It is important that we learn to love and live with ourselves first, only then will someone else be able to love and live with us. Regardless of the circumstances, we should always love ourselves, be optimistic and have faith in ourselves and the people around us.

ACADEMIC

The most common stress a student would face is academic stress; it is something that every student faces due to exams, assignments, deadlines, etc. Here are some steps that can help you manage your academic stress:

- Have a proper planner /timetable and strictly abide by it.
- Discover your style of learning and stick to it.

- Always take short breaks in between your study time (which actually end in a short period of time).
- Identify your strengths and weaknesses and work on them.
- Set SMART goals; write down your drivers and preventers and work on making your preventers into drivers, which will help you in achieving those goals.

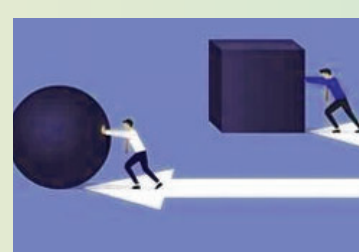
As told to Sruthakeerthi and Akshaya, class XII, Silver Oaks International School, Bengaluru

TIME TO WORK SMART

WHAT IS TIME MANAGEMENT?

Time management means organising and planning how one divides one's time between specific activities. It means working smarter not harder, so that more gets done in a relatively shorter time. In order to get the most from time one needs to keep the following in mind:

- Prepare an outline of how much needs to be studied in each subject
- Plan how much time a day or week you need to allot to each subject. Heavier subjects could be allotted more time and the lighter ones less. Prioritise wisely
- Organise your study material into blocks.



- Prepare a daily time schedule. Remember not to bite off more than you can chew, set achievable and correct goals.
- Keep schedules reasonable. Take breaks at regular intervals. Divide each day into periods of study and leisure and try to keep to the schedules you set.

- Stop procrastination and avoid distractions.
- Most importantly, at the end of each day, take twenty to thirty minutes to review your day. Make adjustments in the next day's schedule.

Hope this will help in preparing for the year ahead. Happy studying!

Chris Dueman, Assistant Teacher, La Martiniere College, Lucknow





A FUN-FILLED ACTIVITY

Gitanjali Devakul conducted a comprehensive sports and physical activity programme for teachers recently. The 30 minutes zoom session had three speakers Sneha, Terence and Sarika from Jumpfit which included a Treasure Hunt and a Game Challenge. The entire session was focused on enhancing the act of bal-

Gitanjali Devakul
Hyderabad

ancing for teachers, who have been missing out on an active lifestyle due to the lockdown. The session concluded with a fun filled zumba workout technique session.

Bringing laurels to school

Niraj Public School
Hyderabad

'Set your goals high and don't stop till you get there' - Bo Jackson

Adding one more jewel to the school's bounty of achievements, Jiya Saxena, a student of class V, Niraj Public School, bagged a gold medal in KATA under 10 years category in the first of its kind International Online E-KATA championship, 2021 and represented India from TKMAA Dojo, Hyderabad.

This online event had over 15 countries participating in it and Jiya was lucky to be the one representing India.

In this pandemic situation it was not easy for Jiya to practice in the open, but she continued her practice online to



achieve her target.

Jiya's father Kapeesh Saxena said they were always proud of her participation in the events and no doubt it became more cherished when she wins a medal.

Her academics never took a back seat as she excelled both in her academics and martial arts.

Experiences, elders shape altruistic nature in children

Altruism is the unselfish and unconditional compassion for others. It means doing something purely because you want to contribute and not because you feel compelled to do so due to tradition, societal norms, or religious motives. It entails behaving out of respect for the welfare of others by doing something to aid another person without expecting anything in return, foregoing personal gains, assisting someone despite personal expenses or risks, sharing resources even in times of shortage, and demonstrating care for someone else's well-being.

According to John Locke's philosophy, the tabula rasa notion, children are neither intrinsically selfish nor pure altruists and it states that the human mind is a 'blank slate' at birth, implying that individuals are shaped mostly by their experiences rather than only the pre-existing biological systems. As a child's mind is like a blank slate at birth, hence that mind can adapt the concept of altruism through parents, teachers and by providing productive environmental conditions.

STRATEGIES TO HELP THE CHILD DEVELOP ALTRUISTIC BEHAVIOUR

1 Teach your children how to deal with their emotions and how to assist themselves first. They may respond to the sentiments of others and extend their support to them if they understand their own emotions and are able to assist themselves.

2 Putting your child in a scenario where they are living out altruistic tendencies might be an amazing approach to show them who they can be in real life!

3 There are several instances of youngsters who have made a difference in the world. Spend some time discussing how creative that youngster was and encouraging them to be creative in helping others as well. Ask, "What do you believe we could do to aid that person?" and inquire. It's an excellent approach to foster altruism.

4 Encourage your child to utilise their own experience to reach

out to and assist the new student at school.

5 Importantly, memories of what they observe their parents, teachers, and others do to exercise justice, mercy, empathy, and charity which teach altruism might have a long-term influence on them.

Even in today's busy technology-based schedules and life, it is possible to educate children about strong values like empathy, generosity and altruism if we want our children to be compassionate and to have the bravery and willingness to serve others. Nevertheless, it is important to acknowledge that our children will notice, learn and model from our example if we are purposeful as parents and teachers in displaying altruism in our actions.



B MOUNIKA, School Psychologist & Life Skills Teacher, Health & Wellness Department, Delhi Public School, Nacharam

Practicing the art of breathing

Kanta Bai and I heaved a sigh of relief, as we saw our week-long efforts on sprucing up the store room turn has out into something worthwhile (my studio). The thought of me pursuing my hobby henceforth without putting others to inconvenience got me all excited.

Just then Chintu came running with the mobile phone in hand. Panting for breath, he announced the arrival of my parents. They were planning a month-long stay. As my parents began unpacking their luggage, Chintu waited with bated breath to see what was there in it, for him.

Breath as an indicator of various moods is the highlight in the above passage. The way we breathe changes our mood. Breath is not just the beginning of life but it is life itself.

Did you know that an adult on an average takes 23,040 breaths a day? We breathe 6.5l of air every minute, that is 9,360 l every day. The lungs remove 70 % of our body waste in the form of carbon dioxide. That is why our ancient Hindu scriptures delve deeply on breath or Praana. Gautama Buddha taught the world Anapanasati - mindful breathing technique. The positive effect of breathing right was underrated for a long time. The pandemic brought into focus the need to breathe the right way. Practicing deep breathing regularly improves concentration and relieves anxieties. Being mindful of our breath is a simple act with immense benefits. So, inhale your way to good health and exhale the toxins in your body and mind.



VEENA SRIRAM, Teacher (Physics), Gitanjali Senior School, Begumpet

THE EDUCATIONIST



TEAM REACHES OUT TO HELP COVID-HIT FAMILIES

Little Flower High School

Abids



Under the aegis of the Montfortian Reachout Programme, Rev. Bro. Shajan Antony, principal, Little Flower High School, Abids, organised a group task involving the members of the staff to respond to the needs of the people seeking help due to Coronavirus. The teachers personally called all the students and collected the data of those who needed immediate help.

With the help of some generous donors and the support of St. Gabriel Society, 14 oxygen concentrators were purchased and given to those who approached the institution for help.

Dry rations were distributed and food provided to those living on the pavements and hospital corridors. Parents of the students, who are doctors, came forward to offer their services in providing medical assistance and counselling to those in need.

Institutions like Little Flower Junior College, Uppal, All Saints' High School, Abids, People's Initiative Network, Chaderghat, Montfort School, Kazipet, St. Alphonsus' School, Nalgonda, Carmel School, Patancheru-ru joined hands to reach out to the needy.

Some students whose parents

were Covid positive wanted a safe place to stay. The school management converted the Primary Block into a residential facility with indoor and outdoor games areas, dining area, TV room and first aid kits to keep the children happy and looked after properly. This was appreciated by Venkat Reddy, ACP, Abids, Dr. Ashish Chauhan, Apollo Hospitals, Secunderabad and officials from the government who visited the premises.

Samath Kumar, Ramesh, Brij Mohan, Shivan, Bhushan and Bhasker worked meticulously in putting things into action.

Dhanurasana

BOW POSE

'Dhanur' in Sanskrit means 'bow'.
Dhanurasana is a fantastic chest and hip opener.
(It involves balancing the body on the lower abdomen which makes it look like an archer's bow)

BENEFITS

1. Stretches the whole front body.
2. Nourishes almost all of the vital organs.
3. Strengthens the back, thigh, glute and the arm muscles.

SUDHARSAN V J,
Yoga Teacher & Alumnus,
S.B.O.A Matriculation & HSS, Coimbatore.

PRECAUTIONS

People with high or low BP, Back or Neck issues, Hernia, Headache, Migraine, Stomach ulcer or people who underwent recent abdominal surgery should avoid this pose.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 01 Lie down on your stomach with the legs stretched out. Maintain the knees hip width apart throughout this practice. Bend the knees bringing the heels towards the hips.
- 02 Take your arms back and hold onto the ankles firmly with your hands coming from outside the legs. Keep your elbows locked out during this pose.
- 03 On your inhalation, lift the chest up by kicking the heels back and away from the buttocks, while pulling the ankles with your hands. Simultaneously, lift the knees off the mat. Stay where you can breathe in and out naturally.
- 04 Avoid spreading the knees or the feet out wider than your hips. Roll the shoulders back, opening the chest. Move the tops of the shoulders away from the ears and gaze forward.
- 05 Firm the abdominals, buttocks and thighs. To release, gently lower the chest and knees down. Let go of the ankles and relax. Now, practice Balasana followed by Paschimottanasana.

Yoga should be practiced under the supervision of Yoga Guru. The views expressed in the above article are those of the author and the newspaper takes no responsibility for it.

THE FABULOUS WONDERS



The fabulous wonders of mine,
I look onto when I'm sad
My soul starts to feel just fine
And my heart, very glad...



It happens so
Just the way one shall jump or bail
A hopeless speck, Because love shan't avail
The welfare of a wreck...

Just the very way, When I'm drowning by the wave
Neither love nor plight
Neither yee coward nor thee brave
Could pull me back ashore

It was, only when me, myself
Revisited thy wonders,
Came back to me thee merry sprite
The fabulous wonders of mine

BANCY SIYA, class IX, Jain Heritage a Cambridge School, Kondapur

INSPIRING ICONS

BILL GATES

Hard work pays off

Everyone in the world has someone who inspires them. Most of these inspirational personalities have faced several failures in their life, yet they continued and didn't give up and ultimately succeeded.

My inspirational icon is Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft Corporation. He's a computer programmer, entrepreneur, philanthropist and the co-founder of Microsoft, one of the world's biggest software company.

He developed an interest in computer programming at the age of 13. Gates enrolled at Harvard University in 1973, for law. He dropped out of college in 1975 to pursue his business.



What I felt inspiring about him is his early career, his determination, patience, hard work, and interest in computers. He was a college dropout, but now one of the famous personalities in the world. We must follow some qualities of Bill Gates.



ABHIJITH KS, class IX F, Bhavans Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri

Painters' Gallery



PATH BLOOMS: HAVIKSHA, class IV A, Gitanjali Devashray



FUTURE IN OUR HANDS: SATVIK PADHI, class VIII H, Bhavan's Sri Rama Krishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri



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DJOKOVIC SETS SIGHTS ON GOLDEN SLAM

French Open won, the Serb says 'everything is possible' as he appears set to conquer Wimbledon and US Open titles

Novak Djokovic has set his sights on the Golden Slam of all four majors and the Olympic title, insisting: "Everything is possible."

The world number one captured a second French Open and 19th Slam with a 6-7 (6/8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas on Sunday. It allowed him to become the first man in the Open era, and only third in history, to claim all four Grand Slam titles on multiple occasions. Now he has targeted being the third man to complete a calendar Grand Slam after Don Budge in 1937 and Rod Laver in 1962 and 1969. On top of that, he also wants the Olympic gold medal to complete the Golden Slam.

Everything is possible

"Everything is possible. Definitely in my case I can say that what I've

been through in my career, in my life, this journey has been terrific so far," said Djokovic. "I've achieved some things that a lot of people thought it would be not possible for me to achieve. So everything is possible, and I did put myself in a good position to go for the Golden Slam."

The Golden Slam has never been achieved by a man while, in the women's game, only Steffi Graf in 1988 has swept all four majors and Olympic gold in the same year. In Graf's case, Olympic gold came in Seoul. For Djokovic, the opportunity will come in Tokyo later this summer.

Focus on Wimbledon

"Obviously his goal and our goal is to win the Olympics and then win the Grand Slam. That would be the absolutely top of this year," said Djokovic's longtime coach Marian Vajda. "But it's still far

away from us. We have to still focus on the next one. But overall he's set up for this year. "His priority is Wimbledon, Olympics and US Open. I think that says all."

Djokovic is already halfway to a calendar Slam having secured a record ninth Australian Open in February. Next up is Wimbledon, where he is the defending champion, Olympics and then a bid to win a fourth US Open. "As much as Novak is healthy, he's in great shape, I think he has the ability to win the Grand Slam this year. I'm pretty sure," added Vajda. "It is much more than possible. He loves to play in Wimbledon and US Open."

Situation similar to 2016

Djokovic has been at this juncture before, winning in Australia and Paris in 2016 but coming up short at the Rio Olympics, Wimbledon and the US Open later in the year. "I was in this position in 2016 as

well. It ended up in a third-round loss in Wimbledon," added Djokovic recalling his shock exit to Sam Querrey at the All England Club five years ago.

Djokovic now has nine Australian Opens, five Wimbledon, three US Opens and two French Opens. He has also collected 36 Masters, a Davis Cup and has spent more time at world number one than any other player. But for two sets on Sunday, he was thoroughly outplayed by 22-year-old Tsitsipas before the Greek's challenge fell apart.

Djokovic left the court after the first two sets to compose himself just as he had done in his come-from-behind wins over Lorenzo Musetti and 13-time champion Rafael Nadal. "My guardian angels are there. I have my special corner. It's a secret. I can't reveal the secret. It's been working for me pretty well," he said. **APF**



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Boy 'with right tactics' gets match-winning racquet

Novak Djokovic said he gave away his French Open winning racquet to a young boy watching court-side for "giving me the right tactics". At the end of the four-hour and 11-minute final, the 34-year-old Djokovic handed his racquet to the youngster who was then pictured on TV jumping for joy and in shock at the gesture. "He was in my ear the entire match basically, especially when I was two

sets to love down. He was encouraging me. He was actually giving me tactics, as well," said Djokovic. "He was like, 'Hold your serve, get an easy first ball, then dictate, go to his backhand.' He was coaching me literally. 'I found that very cute, very nice. So I felt like to give the racquet to the best person was him after the match. That was kind of my gratitude for him sticking with me and supporting me.'"



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

NETHERLAND, AUSTRIA, ENG WIN

Pride and frustration evident as teams bid for Euro 2020 glory

Gritty Ukraine bounced back from two goals down but Denzel Dumfries's late winner helped the Netherlands snatch a 3-2 win in Euro 2020 on Sunday. The third match-day also saw Austria overpower North Macedonia 3-1 and England down Croatia 1-0.

Late victory for Netherlands

The Dutch, also known as 'Elftal' assumed control from the starting whistle, and they should have got the opener early in the game but Memphis Depay, Dumfries and Georginio Wijnaldum lacked in accuracy. The 16,000 spectators at the Amsterdam Johan Cruijff Arena saw a powerful performance from the Dutch, yet they remained wasteful. The hosts were eventually able to turn their chances into rewards. Ukraine goalkeeper Heorhiy Bushchan blocked a cross into the path of Wijnaldum, who rifled the opener from 13 metres into the top left corner seven minutes into second half. Frank de Boer's men gained momentum and made it 2-0 in the 59th minute.

The 'Elftal' thought the game was sealed but Ukraine halved the deficit

against the flow of game with 75 minutes gone when Andrey Yarmolenko hammered home from 20 metres. Four minutes later, Yarmolenko shocked the hosts with a header to 2-1. The Dutch remained unfazed and clinched a late victory as Dumfries wrapped up all three points in their opening Group C game at home.

Subs bail out Austria

It was a slow burner in Bucharest between Austria and North Macedonia as Stefan Lainer opened the scoring with the first chance in 18th minute. The Austrian defender capitalised on Marcel Sabitzer's pinpoint cross to the far post to beat Stole Dimitrievski from close range. Austria's lead didn't last long as North Macedonia hit back 10 minutes later when Goran Pandev tapped home the equaliser.

After the interval, Igor Angelovski's men took control and pressed Austria on the backfoot in the early stages as Austrian goalkeeper Daniel Bachmann denied Boban Nikolov a chance. Austria head coach Franco Foda fielded Michael Gregoritsch and Marko Arnautovic.

His substitutions paid off as Gregoritsch put Austria 2-1 ahead in the 78th minute.

North Macedonia's resistance was broken as Arnautovic made it three after slotting home in the dying minutes of the game. "Overall, I was very happy with the performance. We started well, worked hard, were aggressive, and deserved to take the lead," said Foda.

England break jinx

Elsewhere, England broke their opening Euro match jinx after beating Croatia 1-0 courtesy Raheem Sterling's goal in London's Wembley Stadium. The host got off to a bright start as Phil Foden rattled the woodwork and Kalvin Phillips unleashed a dangerous volley in the opening stages. England's pace fell off while Croatia gained a foothold into the contest without doing damage.

England eventually snatched the winner at the hour mark when Sterling benefitted from Phillip's defense-splitting through-ball to beat Croatia's goalkeeper Dominik Livkovic.

DU PLESSIS SUFFERS MEMORY LOSS, RECOVERING

South Africa batsman Faf du Plessis said he suffered some memory loss after sustaining a concussion during a Pakistan Super League (PSL) T20 match in Abu Dhabi on Saturday but is confident of making a quick return to action.

Du Plessis collided with Quetta Gladiators team mate Mohammad Hasnain while trying to save a boundary in their 61-run defeat to Peshawar Zalmi. The 36-year-old lay prone on the ground while the physio attended to him before he got up and was taken to hospital. "Thank you everyone for support," du Plessis tweeted on Sunday. "I'm recovering. Have concussion with some memory loss but I will be fine. Hopefully be back on the field soon." Opener Saim Ayub replaced du Plessis as a concussion substitute. **REUTERS**



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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who is the first fast bowler in the world to clinch 600 wickets in Test Cricket?

- a) Mitchell Starc ☐ b) Jasprit Bumrah ☐
c) Pat Cummins ☐ d) James Anderson ☐

Q2: Who won the 48th annual World Open Chess Tournament 2020?

- a) P Niyan ☐ b) Swayams Mishra ☐
c) P Karthikeyan ☐ d) Karthik Venkataraman ☐

Q3: Which top seed tennis star was disqualified from the US open 2020?

- a) Dominic Thiem ☐ b) Novak Djokovic ☐
c) Roger Federer ☐ d) Stefanos Tsitsipas ☐

Q4: Which sportsperson has clinched the ITTF Women's World Cup title 2020?

- a) Manika Batra ☐ b) Chen Meng ☐
c) Zhu Yuling ☐ d) Liu Shewin ☐

Q5: Which cricketer is the first in the world to take 200 wickets against left-handed batsmen?

- a) Muthiah Muralidharan ☐
b) Ravindra Jadeja ☐ c) R Ashwin ☐
d) Harbajan Singh ☐

Q6: Hideki Matsuyama is the first Japanese player to claim a major championship in which sports?

- a) Tennis ☐ b) Golf ☐ c) Badminton ☐



Photo: AFP

Hideki Matsuyama

- d) Boxing ☐

Q7: Jaydev Unadkat is the captain of which regional cricket team that won its maiden Ranji trophy?

- a) Bengal cricket team ☐
b) Saurashtra cricket team ☐
c) Mumbai cricket team ☐
d) Karnataka cricket team ☐

Q8: Which Indian star wrestler won the Gold medal at the Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament?

- a) Vinesh Phogat ☐ b) Bajrang Punia ☐
c) Babita Kumari ☐ d) Gita Phogat ☐

Q9: Which badminton player won the Malaysian Masters 2020 title?

- a) Viktor Axelsen ☐ b) Kento Momota ☐
c) Sai Praneeth ☐ d) K Srikanth ☐

Q10: Which Indian javelin-thrower has recently qualified for Tokyo Olympics after the ANEC meet at South Africa?

- a) Kashinath Naik ☐ b) Shivpal Singh ☐
c) Devender Singh ☐ d) Neeraj Chopra ☐

ANSWERS: 1 d) James Anderson 2 a) P Niyan
3 b) Novak Djokovic 4 b) Chen Meng
5 c) R Ashwin 6 b) Golf 8 a) Vinesh Phogat
9 b) Kento Momota 10 d) Neeraj Chopra