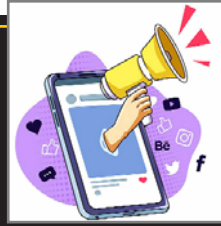




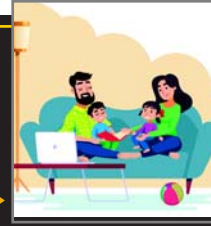
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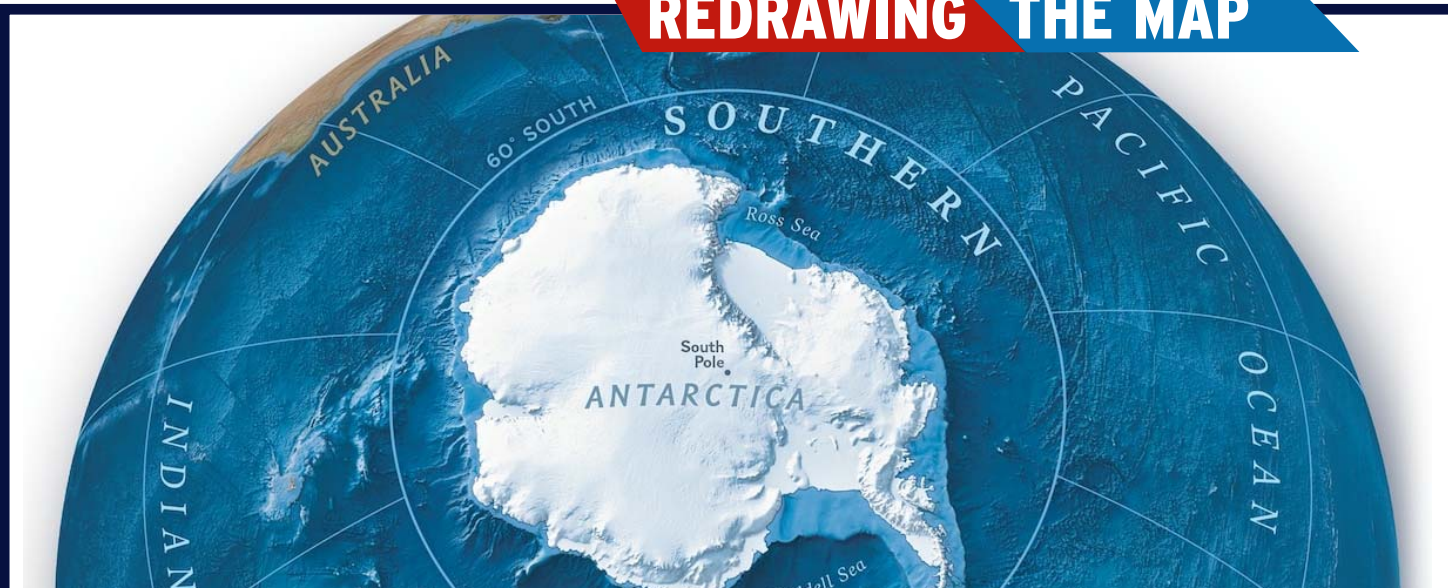
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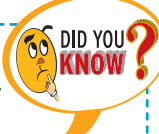

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## IT'S OFFICIAL. EARTH HAS 5 OCEANS!

Yes, you heard it right. The cartographers at the National Geographic have finally recognised Antarctica's Southern Ocean on their maps, bringing their count of Earth's oceans to five. The society, which has been releasing maps of the world since 1915, publicly announced their new policy recently...

The Southern Ocean joins the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian and the Pacific on their charts, although the Antarctica-encircling body's status remains internationally-contested. The National Geographic has defined ocean as being bound by the current that flows around Antarctica, with a northernmost reach up to the 60th parallel south latitude, which is also the limit of the UN Antarctic Treaty

Since the late 1970s, the National Geographic Society has employed a geographer, who oversees changes and tweaks to every map that's published



### ALL ABOUT THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

■ Unlike the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian and the Pacific Ocean, which are defined by the continents that bound them, the Southern Ocean is characterised by the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) that flows from west to east

■ Formed some 34 million years ago, when Antarctica and South America were separated by the action of continental drift, the ACC flowed counter-clockwise around, allowing water to flow unimpeded around the "bottom" of the world

■ Today, the ACC flows through all waters that surround Antarctica until about 60 degrees south, except for the Drake Passage and the Scotia Sea,

which are roughly between South America's Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula.

■ The waters of the ACC, and therefore most of the Southern Ocean, are colder and slightly less salty than the ocean waters to the north

■ The ACC pulls in water from the Atlantic, Pacific and the Indian ocean to help drive a global "conveyor belt" that carries heat around the planet, while the cold dense water of the ACC sinks and helps to store carbon in the deep ocean

■ The Southern Ocean's lowest point is 23,737 feet below the sea level in the South Sandwich Trench (Source: NGeographic, Daily Mail, Live science)

## OCEAN FACTS

**1** The original 'ocean' on the Earth, which was a river was named by the ancient Greeks after the titan Oceanus, a river god, who was the son of Uranus and Gaia, and the brother and husband of Tethys, the goddess of the primal waters that nourished the Earth



**2** This river 'ocean' was originally thought to encircle the world, which the early Greeks imagined ended somewhere just west of Europe and east of Asia. Eventually, the term was used to describe the different parts of the global ocean

**3** On the other hand, the related term 'Seven Seas' is much older than many modern oceans. No one knows about the origin of this concept, but the term appears in the ancient writings of the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Hindus, Persians and Chinese, although it often described entirely different seas – some of them mythical

**4** According to the World Atlas website, the Seven Seas today are considered the seven largest oceanic bodies of water: the Arctic, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Indian, North Pacific, South Pacific, and the Southern or the Antarctic Ocean

## TIMES NIE

**Answers Your Query**

**Shobhit Nargas,**  
class V, JPGS,  
Jaipur



### ASK THE EXPERT

**A SHOT OF HOPE**

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**Q** I have been feeling very low lately and I find it difficult to concentrate on anything. I haven't even stepped out or travelled in months due to the pandemic. I feel lost. How can I make myself better?

I am sure it must be very difficult for you to face these challenges, as it is for everyone else. This is the time when one needs to tell oneself that you are not alone! This is a pandemic and everybody, including adults, is affected - physically, mentally and financially.

### HERE ARE SOME BASIC PRACTICES OF HEALING

- Begin your day with basic journaling (how you are feeling and your to-do list)
- Eat healthy and take breaks in between as online classes could be challenging too.
- Give rest to your eyes

- For better concentration, your study area is away from distractions.
- Keep yourself hydrated.
- Connect with your friends and also with nature by going to the terrace or balcony.

- Try meditating. Start slowly with 5 minutes.
- Seek professional help. There is no harm in talking to your counsellor or parent/teacher about the feelings.

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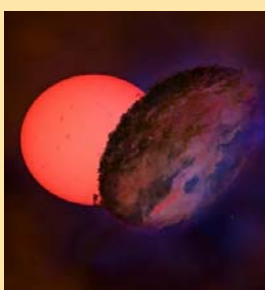


## ASTRONOMERS SPOT A 'BLINKING GIANT' NEAR MILKY WAY

An international team of astronomers has spotted a giant 'blinking' star towards the centre of the Milky Way, more than 25,000 light years away. The star, VVV-WIT-08, decreased in brightness by a factor of 30, so that it nearly disappeared from the sky. While many stars change in brightness because they pulsate or are eclipsed by another star in a binary system, it is exceptionally rare for a star to become fainter over a period of several months and then brighten again, the team said.

**SPACE**

According to researchers, VVV-WIT-08 may belong to a new class of "blinking giant" binary star system, where a giant star 100 times larger than the sun is eclipsed once every few decades by an as-yet unseen orbital companion. The companion, which may be another star or a planet, is surrounded by an opaque disc, which covers the giant star, causing it to disappear and reappear in the sky



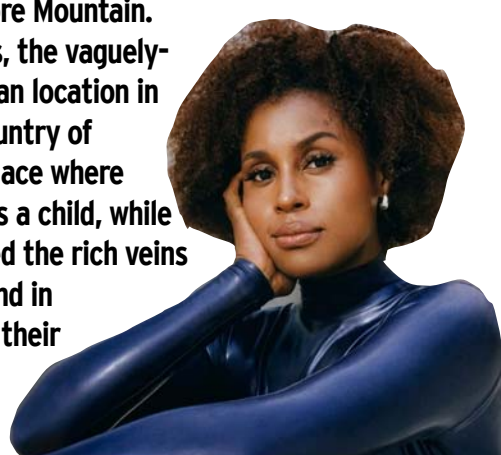
## Issa Rae to voice Spider-Woman in 'Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse' sequel

Actor-producer Issa Rae has come on board for the cast of the sequel to 2018's Oscar-winning animated feature 'Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse' as Jessica Drew aka Spider-Woman. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Joaquim Dos Santos, Kemp Powers and Justin K Thompson will be directing the animated movie. Phil Lord and Christopher Miller have penned the screenplay along with David Callaham.

**Entertainment**

■ While the plot details are being kept under the wraps, casting Rae as Drew does open up the possibility of exploring a region of the Marvel comics landscape that has been virtually ignored in the Marvel feature and TV series adaptations of the last 20 years: Wundagore Mountain.

■ In the comics, the vaguely-Eastern European location in the fictional country of Transia is the place where Drew grew up as a child, while her parents used the rich veins of uranium, found in Wundagore, for their scientific experiments



## CBSE board exams: 30:30:40 formula (X, XI & pre-boards) for class XII marks?

Students of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) class XII are likely to have their results based on their performance in the finals of class X and XI exams, and class XII pre-board tests. Principals told TOI that the CBSE-appointed 13-member committee to recommend the criteria to evaluate class XII students seems to be in favour of a 30:30:40 formula—30% weightage will be given to class X and XI final results, respectively, and 40% to class XII pre-board exams. The committee is expected to announce the marking formula after submitting it to the Supreme Court on June 17. Last month, parents had filed a PIL in the SC seeking cancellation of the CBSE class XII exams due to the pandemic.

**Education**

■ The Supreme Court on June 3 granted the central government two weeks time to devise a well-defined objective criteria for assessment of class XII

■ The CBSE had on June 4 constituted a 13-member committee to work out the criteria. The panel was given 10 days to submit its report



## SPICE GIRLS TO DROP NEW SONG TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF 'WANNABE'

The British girl group Spice Girls will release a new song digitally on July 9 this year to celebrate 25 years of their debut single 'Wannabe 25'. An EP, the musical will include the original track, an unheard demo of the track and a remix by Junior Vasquez, besides 'Feed Your Love', a song featuring vocals by all the five original band members that has never been released before.



To celebrate the anniversary, the Spice Girls have also launched the #IAmASpiceGirl campaign, which invites all fans to take a trip down memory lane, and share their stories that may be featured on the Spice Girls website and social media pages as part of the celebration. Fans can send in their videos and messages on the group's social media, using the hashtag #IAMASpiceGirl or write to [spicegirls@umusic.com](mailto:spicegirls@umusic.com)





# Social media apps for children

**E**ntrepreneur and mother of two, **Subha Shrinivasan** feels that it could be a great idea. "Introducing an under 13 version with all security measures in place is a great idea if children use it meaningfully. They can showcase their talent and attract a following for themselves, and refine and grow with the response they receive. They can connect with kids of similar interest and talent all over the world. They can even run their own reality TV show (IGTV). Advantages are plenty and it is undoubtedly a fun medium."



## TOO MUCH GADGET TIME MAY NOT BE GOOD

**F**or parents like **Mousumi Hari**, a mother of two, overseeing their activity becomes a problem. "Children are on social networking apps with different IDs and overseeing their activity online can be a problem. Apart from privacy, I would not want my children to learn certain things at this age, which they might have access to through such apps."

**F**or **Gowthami Saraf**, parent to a teen and tween, this comes with its set of challenges. "With too much internet and social media, our children can become digital zombies. The other aspect is that without the internet, they will lose out on learning," she says.

With everyone almost knee deep in their gadget addiction during the pandemic, parents and experts are not sure whether to welcome news of Instagram's new version for children under the age of 13. Is it a good way to connect with like-minded kids across the world? Despite it being a parent-controlled version, experts and parents weigh in on the pros and cons

## IS IT SAFE?

### PROS

- With proper safety, can be a platform for safe interaction
- Avenue for kids to express themselves

### CONS

- Peer pressure
- Cyberbullying
- Private pictures being compromised
- Breeding ground for early dating

**W**hereas **Meenakshi Singh**, also a mother of two, opines, "It's not a good idea to expose them so early when they are in the mending phase. Kids are already heavily into gadgets, be it for studies or for gaming, which results in a disconnect from physical activities and leads to poor health and poor growth."

**D**ata privacy, safety concerns and data compromise are big issues for parents. "My concern is addiction and also safety. Personal data and geolocation of children should not be collected. Also, enticing/tempting techniques should not be used to keep children hooked to their gadgets. Excessive filters to change their looks might reduce their self-esteem and make them end up disliking their true looks," points out **Gauthami**.

## MENTAL HEALTH

# SPENDING TIME IN NATURE WORKS AS ANTIDEPRESSANT

- Walking barefoot
- Playing with soil and just running fingers through clean organic soil.
- Gardening, even if it means growing microgreens at home using DIY kits.

**I**t's always healing to be outdoors – smell the fragrance of flowers, walk barefoot on grass and so on. However, the connection with nature has acquired more significance in the time of pandemic when people are dealing with unpredictability, fear and a lot of stress. Check out ways to be closer to nature to enjoy good health

- Keeping indoor plants, talking to your plants, watering them.
- Soaking morning or evening sunlight.
- Respecting circadian rhythms.
- Using earthen pots and utensils.
- Sitting on the floor and using your hands to enjoy a meal.
- Listening to nature sounds like birds chirping, flowing rivers, the wind blowing, sea waves.
- Bring nature indoors by having ample green spaces. Consider a small patio, garden or balcony.

## WAYS TO BOND WITH NATURE

- Hang a wind chime in your balcony and hear the beautiful sound of the wind while it crosses it.
- Pet lovers can start feeding pets outside the house; this might push you to step out and in a safe manner.
- Keep your windows open to let the fresh air in.
- Go for morning walk, running or cycling soon after sunrise.
- Lie on the grass and read a feel-good book.

(Inputs by Luke Coutinho, holistic lifestyle coach; Manik Dhodi, fitness coach)



As temperatures soar before monsoon arrives or even in places where monsoon has hit, the weather is sweaty, if not always very warm. To stay fresh and fashionable in such weather, here are a few styling tips



# Revamp your summer closet

## WEAR LINEN OR COTTON

**B**reathable fabrics such as linen and cotton are good choices as they keep you comfortable, while leather, polyester and rayon should be avoided.

## DRESSES ALL THE WAY

**F**loaty dresses in pretty colours are the ultimate summer go-to. A midi dress continues to be a style hero this summer and is the easiest way to be smartly dressed.

## TAILORED SHORTS

**Y**ou can also try tailored shorts for a city sleek look. A longer-length pair of shorts with a flattering high waist is absolutely acceptable for most situations.

## OVERSIZED BLAZERS

**P**aired with coordinated loose-fit tailored shorts, oversized blazers are this summer's power suit.

## CHOOSE LIGHT HUES

**L**ight colours like whites and pastels are great at keeping you cool. However, UV rays can still penetrate through light fabrics, so do apply sunscreen on exposed areas of the





## WHEN PASSION MEETS PROFESSION



**VANDANA DADI, Career Counsellor, Delhi Public School, Nacharam**

**W**hen your passion becomes your work, work no longer feels like work. Today's youth is looking to give a new dimension to their work by connecting their profession with their inherent passion. For example, baking and event management, conservatively seen as hobbies are now popular career options! In order to do so some of the steps need to be planned.

**IDENTIFY THE PASSION:** Not every hobby can be converted into a successful profession. It is very important to differentiate between a hobby and a passion. Your chosen passion must have enough prospects and scope to be considered for conversion. As an exercise, try identifying one such profession that resonates with your passion.

**RESEARCH:** Beginning your journey, from passion to profession, is like solving a puzzle. All the pieces should fit in right. The demand in the market

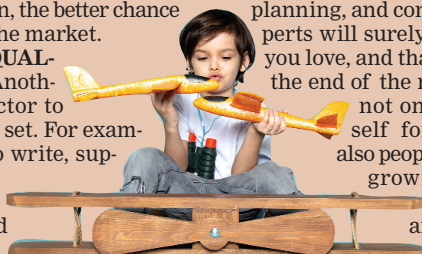
plays a crucial role in this process. Location to equipment, each component has to be researched before you transform your idea into reality. Understanding the requirement in the market, based on the present situation is important. Meeting people who are already in your prospective field and thinking about how your work can make a difference are both very important.

**MAKING A PLAN:** A realistic and innovative plan needs time and resources. It goes in steps and requires patience and courage. The more you research and plan, the better chance to establish in the market.

**SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Another pertinent factor to consider is skill set. For example, a passion to write, supplemented with a qualification in language and

literature can make you a successful author and so on. You need a desirable skill set and qualification to start and progress in your profession. As a student, taking an internship or a course or an online course can equip you with the required qualification and/or the required skills.

Most importantly, avoid taking hasty decisions. Enough research, planning, and consultation from experts will surely help you do what you love, and that is the gold pot at the end of the rainbow when you not only motivate yourself for betterment but also people around you start growing with your thoughts, ideas, and actions!



## INCORPORATING EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM LEARNING TECHNIQUES

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."* - Dr. Seuss



**Gitanjali Devshala, Hyderabad**

**T**eachers of Gitanjali Devshala attended a workshop on Student Engagement and Continuous Assessment Plan held by vice-principal of Gitanjali Devshala Anjana Murthy recently.

An assemblage of motivated teachers not only listened but also delved deep into the myriad activities that were seamlessly woven into each juncture of the workshop. Assiduously put together, it was not only highly engaging but also immensely beneficial for teachers to put the ideas into practical use in the classroom and beyond.

Teachers were encouraged to create 'instant' mini lesson plans using active verbs based on Bloom's Taxonomy. Tabulate, distinguish and hypothesize were a few terms used as the teachers enthusiastically brainstormed and shared their lesson plans.

Concept Maps and Mind Maps

larities and how to incorporate them into a lesson plan.

The importance of making thinking visual using Graphic Organisers was shared along with its key purpose of judiciously sequencing events, summarizing, showing cause and effect links, deeper analysis and reviewing. Venn Diagrams, Fishbone, Cluster Webs, Y-charts and Scales were analysed and best practices shared.

The value of a superior and robust Lesson Plan cannot be emphasised enough. It is what forms the framework of one's teaching strategy. Identifying objectives, lesson-wise student engagement strategies and assessment

strategies were methodically examined.

Incorporating the 'Visible Thinking Routine' into Lesson Plans was a commendable strategy that homogeneously linked objectives to measurable outcomes. Ideas for evaluation and tools and techniques were spotlighted. Skills and modes of assessment for each subject were elucidated in an expansive manner. The absolute theme of the workshop revolved around the key principles of our National Education Policy 2020 with emphasis on respect for diversity and local context, equity and inclusion, community participation and use of technology.

Various strategies to promote Critical Thinking were discussed with Six Thinking Hats, CATS (Classroom Assessment Techniques), Case Study and Dialogues. Techniques to foster creativity were shared and brainstormed.

Anjana Murthy successfully coalesced work with fun using activities and crucial 'breathers' as everyone resonated with one pivotal take-away. "Only if the child has learnt can we say that the teacher has taught."

### POLICE



It's not just a word It's a feeling POLICE  
Serving, improving society is not so easy  
Not necessarily only in this profession  
but doctors, painters, engineers, all work with passion.

Even I want to help my country, in some way or the other  
Pursue a career that I can serve my country  
Remember to be sincere in what you are a part of.  
It should satisfy your soul and be from your heart

People trust the police  
Who constantly try to keep citizens safe  
Help rescue people in danger uphold the laws  
Bring criminals to justice and show them their flaws.

Police help you whether you are near or far  
If you have a problem all you do is dial 100  
We will be there by your side  
Our job and our nation are our pride  
I love my country India

**VARENYA KANDI, class VIII, Gitanjali Devashray School**

### NATURE'S BEAUTY

The sky is blue, Ever serene and fair, moving incessantly  
Withholding many shades and gifts within it  
God has not left the beautiful sky empty.

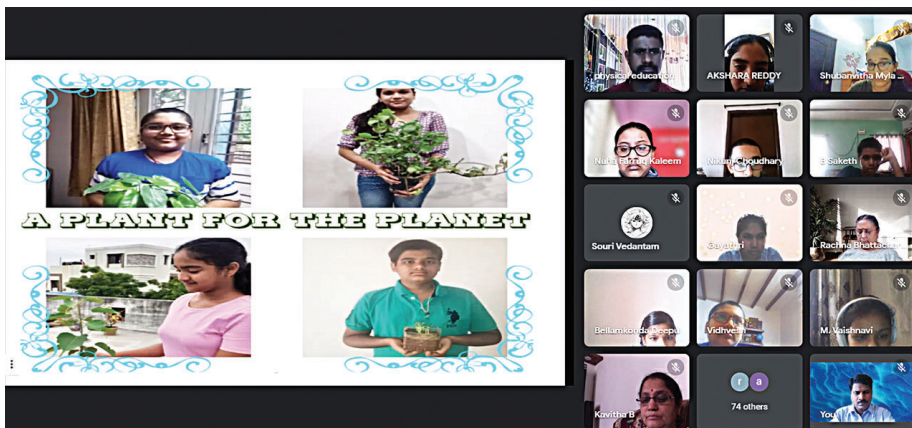
The stars are twinkling  
Unremarkable and shiny in a beautiful  
night sky  
Their shape, size and stories too  
I'd love to learn them all by my heart.

The clouds are wispy  
Their low murmurs rumble like thunder  
Their whispers fill the sky with breeze  
Glide through thoughts like birds glide clouds

The birds are flying in the sky,  
Finding peace in nature, in search of food  
Illustrating the boundless freedom and liberty  
Spread your wings and soar.

The rain is pouring, Emerging when water vapor condenses  
Filling the large, cool water bodies  
Making our body, spirit and mind gratifying  
We should not ruin the nature's beauty!!

**B RAMYA PRIYA, class VIII, Sister Nivedita School**



## PLEDGING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

**W**orld Environment Day was celebrated by students and staff of Unicent School by conducting a special assembly on the virtual platform. It was hosted by the students of class IX. The assembly started with a prayer song followed by the general proceedings like, news presentation and importance of the day. There was a video presentation through which the students tried to spread

**B Kriti, class IX A, Unicent School Nagole**

awareness on the environmental issues.

There was a song composed and sung by the students with much enthusiasm, explaining that this planet is our home, and we need to save it. The skit presented by stu-

dents inspired us to contribute to environmental protection in every possible way.

A quiz was conducted to test the knowledge of students about World Environment Day. A collage on the activities of eco-warriors of our class was presented along with posters made by students on environmental awareness which reinforced the idea 'every small step matters' in the minds of all.

### WEEKEND PLAN

#### Sprucing up the garden

**W**eekends were always fun-filled. Though the lockdown has hampered the thrills since a year, I am sure the upcoming weekend is going to be great.

My grandfather's vegetable garden is going to get a face-lift. There are brinjals, lady finger, spinach, pumpkin, green chilies, papaya, yam and a big mango tree. I will help my grandfather in cleaning the garden. We will pluck the weeds and prepare the garden-bed for the next season. I am sure birds like mynahs, kingfishers, woodpeckers and sparrows will give us a good company. My mother and grandmother are planning to cook biriyani this Sunday. Having a finger-licking lunch after hard work will be awesome.

My friend is leaving for her hometown next week. My mother has promised a pizza party for us on Sunday evening. I am anxiously waiting for those moments. We

can also play our favourite game, Uno along with having pizza. My classes are going to start from Monday. I have to find time to arrange my books and table for the online classes. I am really excited for the new session. I have got a new book- Malory Towers. I went through a few pages of that book which was very interesting. I will find some time to read that book after dinner. What a perfect way to end my weekend!

As I am currently in my hometown, each day is incomplete without rains. I am enjoying each and every day of these holidays. Still, I am eagerly waiting for the weekend as it is extra special.



**KESHAV PRASEEN, class IV C, Gitanjali Primary School, Begumpet**

### BOOK REVIEW: WINGS OF FIRE

**B**ooks are our guides. We can learn everything from them. They contain all the great thoughts of our world and we can learn them by reading the books. They play an essential role in every student's life by providing knowledge of the world, improving their reading, writing and speaking skills as well as boosting memory and intelligence.

The book I am going to review today is 'Wings of Fire', an autobiography of APJ Abdul Kalam. This is a good book that everyone must read. It depicts the life of our former President, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Dr. Kalam explores his early life, hardship, fortitude, luck and chance that eventually led him to lead Indian space research, nuclear and missile programs. The book contains a

detailed description of how great things can be achieved through simple thoughts. It contains the life of a simple yet determined person. It motivates us and teaches how that hard work helps in achieving success and our goals.

I strongly recommend this book to everyone as it contains many moral values that must be followed.

"To Succeed in life and Achieve results, you must understand and master three Mighty Forces - DESIRE, BELIEF AND EXPECTATION."- APJ Abdul Kalam



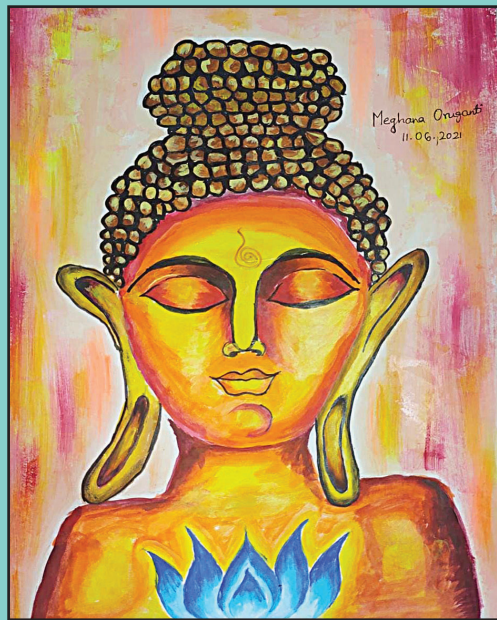
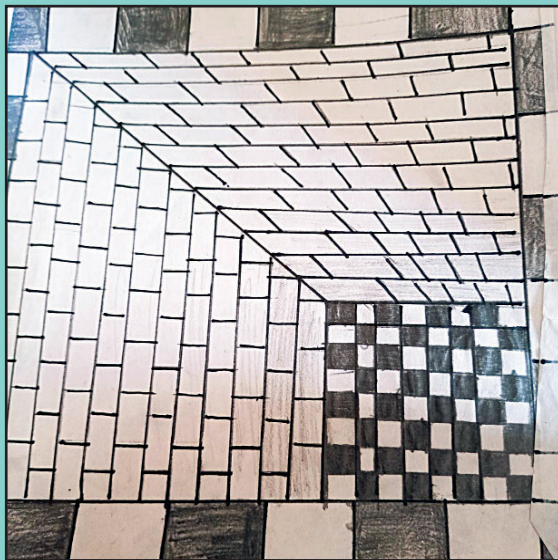
**LAKSHMI KS, class VIII C, Bhavan's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri**



## Painters' Gallery

**BLUES:** UMME AYMAN, class X, Springfield School, Tolichowki

**DEPTHS:** P. SHARANYA, class VIII D, DPS Nadergul



**NIRVANA:** MEGHANA ORUGANTI, class VIII M, DPS Nacharam



**BEAUTY ENHANCED:** ASHIKA PANYAM, class VI B, Ganges Valley School





# OWN-GOAL GIVES FRANCE 1-0 WIN OVER GERMANY

Germany riled a driven France, but squandered opportunities as they remained unable to break through



Mats Hummels

**M**ats Hummels' return to the national team went better for France than it did for Germany. The experienced defender was recalled by Germany coach Joachim Löw for the European Championship for his leadership qualities, but he ended up scoring an own-goal Tuesday to give France a 1-0 victory. "It was a struggle between titans," France coach Didier Deschamps said.

Hummels was attempting to stop Lucas Hernández's cross from reaching France forward Kylian Mbappé when he diverted the ball into his own net with his shin in the 20th minute. "I can't fault him," Löw said. "It's just bad luck. The ball in was fast. Maybe we should have attacked the throw in quicker. But it was hard for Mats to clear the ball."

## Opportunities squandered

■ There were chances at both ends, but France looked more likely to score while Germany squandered opportunities. İlkay Gündogan should have scored in the first half but could-

Photo: AFP



French players celebrate as Germany's defender Mats Hummels (C) reacts after deflecting the ball into his own net

n't direct his shot on target. France had two goals called back for offside in the second half. Mbappé sent a curling shot inside the far post midway through the half and then set up Karim Benzema for another late in the match. Benzema was playing in his first competitive game for France since a World Cup quarterfinal loss to Germany in 2014. Mbappé also had a penalty appeal waved off in between the offside goals. Hummels had timed his tackle perfectly when the 22-year-old Frenchman would have been through on goal.

## Germany ill-equipped

■ Germany had never previously lost an opening game in the group stage at the European Championship. Löw started with the same lineup from the 7-1 rout of Latvia in Germany's final warm-up game, but his team had no answer to Paul Pogba, who disrupted the team's build-up play. "It was important to start with a win. We were playing Germany, they really riled us. But we wanted this win above all,"

said Pogba, who also provided incisive passes for France's fearsome forward trio of Mbappé, Benzema and Antoine Griezmann.

■ Löw, who is stepping down after the tournament, sent on forwards Leroy Sané and Timo Werner late in the match, and then Kevin Volland as a last resort, but none could make a difference. "We threw everything into it and fought to the end," Löw said. "We were just missing the ability to break through in the final third."

■ Germany's next coach, Hansi Flick, was among the 14,000 or so spectators in attendance amid strict measures against the coronavirus. Before the match started, a Greenpeace protestor parachuted into the stadium. UEFA said there were some injuries.

■ Germany next faces Portugal, which defeated Hungary 3-0 with two record-setting goals from Cristiano Ronaldo. "We have to look forward. When you lose the first game and you have three group games, there's a lot of pressure. We don't need to talk about it," Germany midfielder Toni Kroos said. France will play the Hungarians in Budapest. **AP**

# KOHLI CHASES FIRST ICC TROPHY

NZ hoping to end jinx as they attempt to grab trophy in the inaugural championship

**A**n upbeat New Zealand will take on India, aiming to become test cricket's first official world champions when they clash in the inaugural World Test Championship final in Southampton from Friday. The one-off match at the Rose Bowl marks the culmination of a two-year cycle of the WTC, launched in 2019 to create test cricket's own pinnacle event. The governing International Cricket Council wanted the championship to bring relevance and context to test cricket and New Zealand captain Kane Williamson said it had been a success.

New Zealand are looking to shed the bridesmaids tag in big finals, having finished runners-up at the last two 50-overs World Cups. They were particularly unlucky in 2019 when England won via a now-scrapped boundary-count rule after the final ended in a tie even after a Super Over. The WTC final presents them with another opportunity to become world champions and they look ready to grasp their chance. By contrast, India have not played a test match since March and are yet to win an ICC trophy under skipper Virat Kohli. The importance of the WTC final was not lost on the 32-year-old.

"This holds a lot of value, especially this being the first of its kind and in the toughest format," Kohli said before leaving for England. "This is like the accumulation of all the hard work of not just the duration of the championship but the last five-six years."

The WTC final could prove to be a contest between India's star-studded batting line-up and New Zealand's versatile pace attack armed with the fast-swinging Dukes ball. With an animated Kohli and a phlegmatic Williamson leading their troops, the final will also be a clash of contrasting leadership styles. **REUTERS**

# 'CHHETRI WAS SUBSTITUTED AS SOME PLAYERS WERE TIRED'

**I**ndia football team assistant manager Venkatesh Shanmugham has explained why skipper Sunil Chhetri was taken off in the 69th minute against Afghanistan in their last match of Group E of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and AFC Asian Cup China 2023 Joint Qualifier. "It's the [head] coach's (Igor Stimac) decision. According to the game, requirement of positions change. That's all. We were trying to score till the 90th minute, and some players were tired. It happens," Goal quoted Venkatesh Shanmugham as saying.



India ended their 2022 World Cup qualification campaign with four draws, three losses, and one win from their eight matches while scoring six goals and conceding seven. This means India finish third place in the standings with seven points from eight matches. A third-place finish in Group E means India move directly to the third round of qualifiers for the AFC Asian Cup China 2023. "It's a long way to go. You can't compare with the last time (2018 WCQ). There are a lot of new players and we have to concentrate to increase our level. We are in a process," he said. **ANI**

## QUIZ TIME!

### Q1: Who clinched the Miami Open Men's tennis title 2021?

- a) Jannik Sinner ☐ b) Hubert Hurkacz ☐  
c) Andrey Rublev ☐ d) Denis Shapovalov ☐

### Q2: Which Pakistani player has topped the ICC men's ODI batting rankings, surpassing Virat Kohli?

- a) Babar Azam ☐ b) Fakhar Zaman ☐  
c) Mohammad Rizwan ☐ d) Sarfaraz Ahmed ☐

### Q3: Which country won the inaugural 'ATP Cup' 2020

### tournament held in Sydney?

- a) Spain ☐ b) Serbia ☐  
c) Switzerland ☐ d) France ☐

### Q4: 'Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy' for 'Player of the Year', presented by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- a) Virat Kohli ☐ b) Kane Williamson ☐  
c) Rohit Sharma ☐ d) Ben Stokes ☐

### Q5: Which famous international tennis tournament is held in the month of January, every year?

- a) US Open ☐ b) French Open ☐  
c) Australian Open ☐ d) Wimbledon ☐

### Q6: Nethra Kumanan is the first Indian woman to qualify for which sport in the Tokyo Olympics?



Nethra Kumanan

Photo: TOI

- a) Badminton ☐ b) Sailing ☐  
c) Shot put ☐ d) Javelin ☐

### Q7: Which Thailand and Malaysia team has been banned from participating in the Tokyo Olympics?

- a) Shooting ☐ b) Archery ☐  
c) Weightlifting ☐ d) Boxing ☐

### Q8: Which Indian cueist was the runner-up of the National 6-Red Snooker Championship, at which Pankaj Advani won his 34th national title?

- a) Ishpreet Singh ☐ b) Aditya Mehta ☐  
c) Yasin Merchant ☐ d) Lucky Vatnani ☐

### Q9: Which Indian table-tennis player won the men's singles title at ITTF Challenger plus Oman Open?

- a) Achanta Sharath Kamal ☐  
b) Sathiyan Gnanasekaran ☐  
c) Anthony Amalraj ☐ d) Soumyajit Ghosh ☐

### Q10: Which Indian became the youngest umpire to enter International Cricket Council (ICC) Elite Panel?

- a) Srinivas Venkatraghavan ☐  
b) Sundaram Ravi ☐ c) Krish Srikanth ☐  
d) Nitin Menon ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. Hubert Hurkacz 2. a. Babar Azam  
3. b. Serbia 4. d. Ben Stokes 5. c. Australian Open  
6. b. Sailing 7. c. Weightlifting  
8. a. Ishpreet Singh 9. a. Achanta Sharath Kamal  
10. d. Nitin Menon