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STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

Education minister to go live today to interact with Kendriya Vidyalaya students at 12 noon

The Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will go live again today to interact with the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya. The live webinar, which would begin at 12 noon, can be watched via the official Twitter and Facebook account of the minister.



Earlier, the minister had gone live to release the CBSE Board Exam 2021 dates, JEE Main Exam 2021, and JEE Advanced dates through a live webinar

NO FOREIGN LEADER AS CHIEF GUEST ON REPUBLIC DAY: GOVERNMENT



The ministry of external affairs has confirmed that there will be no foreign head of state or government as the chief guest for this year's Republic Day event on January 26. The move follows after the cancellation of United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson's visit to India as the chief guest for the Republic Day parade. The Britain PM cancelled his visit after the spread of the new contagious mutant strain of the novel coronavirus in his country.

After a gap of 27 years, a UK prime minister was supposed to be the chief guest at India's Republic Day. Former Britain PM John Major had attended the Republic Day parade in New Delhi in 1993

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INDIA ROLLS OUT WORLD'S-LARGEST VACCINATION DRIVE

SHIELDED & VACCINATED



1 The first Covid-19 vaccine shots in India were given on Saturday to nearly **two lakh frontline healthcare and sanitary workers**, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi rolled out the world's largest inoculation drive against the pandemic that has caused 1,52,093 deaths and upended millions of lives in the country.

2 Manish Kumar, a sanitation worker, became the first person to receive the vaccine jab at the AIIMS, Delhi, in the presence of Union health minister Harsh Vardhan and AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria.



3 Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin were deployed across the country on Saturday.

4 The highest number of beneficiaries to get vaccinated were in **Uttar Pradesh (21,291)**, followed by **Andhra Pradesh (18,412)** and **Maharashtra (18,328)**.



I want to remind the people of the country that two doses of the corona vaccine are very important. Experts have said that there should be a gap of one month between both the vaccinations. I also request you not to make the mistake of taking off the mask and not maintaining social distancing after getting the first dose, because immunity develops after the second dose. We must, therefore, take another vow: 'Dawai bhi, Kadaai bhi' (medicine and caution)

Narendra Modi, PM

CLIMATE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG FEATURES ON SWEDISH STAMPS

Climate activist Greta Thunberg has featured on a set of stamps issued by Sweden's postal service. She will join a hall of fame of Swedish personalities—from Zlatan Ibrahimovic to Greta Garbo, who have been depicted on the country's postage stamps. The stamps that went on sale from PostNord on Thursday, show Thunberg in her familiar yellow raincoat, standing on a rocky coast looking out at a flock of birds. Other stamps in the collection have an environmental theme, including depictions of Swedish mountains, lakes and forests.

HONOUR

- Thunberg rose to global fame in 2018, after she began skipping school to protest with a homemade sign, outside the Swedish parliament in Stockholm, demanding that her government take action on climate change
- Within months, more than two million students in 135 countries had set up their own picket lines, joining Thunberg's 'School strike for the climate' campaign
- In 2019, Thunberg took a break from school to travel the world by car, train and boat - but not plane - to demand action on climate change, a trip that involved a brush with the US President Donald Trump and a speech at the United Nations climate summit



IN A FIRST, FM RADIO SIGNAL FOUND COMING FROM JUPITER'S MOON

In an interesting revelation, a spacecraft orbiting Jupiter has discovered an FM radio signal from Ganymede, one of the planet's giant moons. The discovery marks the first time, when a signal has been detected from an outer planet.

■ The spacecraft, called Juno, which was moving across a region of Jupiter, picked up the radio source, courtesy its magnetic field lines, which can connect with the Ganymede moon

■ According to astronauts, the signals mostly originated from the electrons, and is a natural phenomenon from a 'lifeless' planet

■ Interestingly, the same electrons that cause these radio signals are responsible for creating auroras (natural light display in the Earth's sky), in the far-ultraviolet spectrum, they say


SPACE


■ In 2011, NASA sent a space probe named Juno into space. It was a part of NASA's 'New Frontiers Programme', which aims to explore the entire solar system and strengthen the understanding of space

■ The probe also aims at studying Jupiter, the planet and discover more about how it was formed and how it evolved over time

■ It entered Jupiter's orbit in 2016

Tom Hanks to host special TV show for Joe Biden's inauguration

Joe Biden, the President-elect, has cast himself as a unifier for the USA, but there is someone else, which the future administration hopes can help start healing a divided country: the universally-beloved actor Tom Hanks. The 'Forrest Gump' star will host a special programme that will be broadcasted simultaneously on all the major US networks on the night of Biden's inauguration, the American media reported. The 90-minute show entitled 'Celebrating America' will feature musical performances from Jon Bon Jovi, Justin Timberlake and Demi Lovato. The broadcast, organised by the Presidential Inaugural Committee, will replace the usual festivities at the swearing-in ceremony, cancelled this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. It will also pay tribute to the 'American heroes', including workers on the frontlines in the fight against Covid-19.

➤ Lady Gaga and Jennifer Lopez will also take the stage

Lady Gaga will sing the national anthem, while Lopez will give a musical performance



FACTOID

4,500 YRS

The age of a cave painting discovered by archaeologists in Indonesia. Believed to be the world's oldest-known cave art, this life-sized picture of a wild pig, uncovered in South Sulawesi, consists of a figurative depiction of a warty pig, a wild boar that is endemic to this Indonesian island. According to archaeologists, these pigs were the most commonly portrayed animal in the ice age rock art of the island, suggesting that they have long been valued both as food, and a focus of creative thinking and artistic expression

From Signal to Telegram, five alternatives to WhatsApp

TELEGRAM

Encrypted messaging app Telegram has seen a huge surge on the heels of the WhatsApp service terms announcement, said its Russia-born founder Pavel Durov. Interestingly, Telegram's refusal to cooperate with the authorities over the handover encryption keys, has resulted in its ban in several countries, including Russia. Last year, Russia announced that it will lift its ban on the messenger app, after more than two years of unsuccessful attempts to block it.


SIGNAL

Signal, a cross-platform end-to-end encrypted messaging service that allows users to have one-on-one conversations and group chats, saw a meteoric rise as a direct consequence of privacy debate around its larger rival WhatsApp. Its co-founder Brian Acton said, the messaging platform is hoping to capitalise on the opportunities with its "simple and straightforward" terms of service and privacy policy.



With social-messaging app, WhatsApp, postponing its new privacy policy to May 15 from February 8, after a backlash from its users, who switched to rival messaging platforms, here's a look at other messaging apps that are making headlines...


VIBER

Apart from protecting the communication of its users, with end-to-end encryption as a default mode, Viber also ensures that the shared messages are stored on Viber's servers, once delivered. Messages sent by the users make their way from their device to the recipient as an encrypted code, according to Viber.


WIRE

All communication through Wire is secured with end-to-end encryption – messages, conference calls, files, etc. The company's source code is available on GitHub for everyone to verify, modify and improve. The company does not sell analytics or usage data to anyone.

KIK

Kik was founded in 2009 by a group of students from the University of Waterloo. Kik uses your device to store your data. However, this data storage feature has been an advantage as well as a disadvantage, as the data can't be retrieved, in case you lose or switch your device.

Build on Your Gratitude Habit

This year, let's identify a popular quarantine habit and offer a new strategy for turning it into a healthy lifelong one. Why not start with making gratitude a habit?

Quarantine clapping became a nightly ritual in many parts around the world as a collective thanks to health care workers. It was both a show of community and a show of gratitude. The experience was what sociologists call "collective effervescence," which happens when people simultaneously come together and take part in a group ritual.

A way to develop more gratitude would be small steps – an extra email or note of appreciation to a teacher will show you how rewarding it is to brighten someone's day with appreciation

Clapping for essential workers had the effect of "both unifying and energising the group for action toward a common cause, such as persevering through the pandemic," said Joshua W Brown, a professor in the department of psychological and brain sciences at Indiana University Bloomington. "Group expressions of gratitude can be empowering for both those expressing it and those receiving it."

Perhaps you showed gratitude in other ways. Did you offer larger tips than usual to delivery and restaurant workers? Did you find yourself saying a heartfelt thank you to the grocery and pharmacy workers at checkout? When things got tough at home, did you remind yourself and your children of all the things for which you felt grateful? Some adopted a regular gratitude hand-washing ritual, thinking of 10 things to be grateful for – one for every finger they washed.



Why it matters

Studies show that people who have a daily gratitude practice, in which they consciously count their blessings, tend to be happier, have lower stress levels, sleep better and are less likely to experience depression. In one study, researchers recruited 300 adults, most of them college students seeking mental health counselling. All the volunteers received counselling, but one group added a writing exercise focused on bad experiences, while another group wrote a

letter of gratitude to another person each week for three weeks. A month later, those who wrote gratitude letters reported significantly better mental health. And the effect appears to last. Three months later, the researchers scanned the brains of students while they completed a different gratitude exercise. The students who had written gratitude letters showed greater activation in the medial prefrontal cortex, believed to be related to both reward and higher-level cognition.

Gratitude Challenge

This week, try one or more of these simple gratitude exercises.

Start small

Send an appreciative email or text, thank a service worker or tell your friend how they have made your life better. "A great way to develop more gratitude would be small steps – an extra email or note of appreciation to a teacher will show you how rewarding it is to brighten someone's day with appreciation," Brown said.

Create a gratitude reminder

Keep a sticky note on your desk that

reads: 1. Someone 2. Something 3. Yourself

It's a daily reminder to express gratitude not only for the people, events and gifts in your life but also for your own accomplishments. You might feel gratitude for completing a workout, for a healthy body or for taking on a new challenge. Gratitude is really good when what you need is a belief in your ability to create a more positive future.

Express your gratitude in writing

You can send emails or post feelings

of gratitude on social media or in a group chat. Or think of someone in your life and write that person a letter of gratitude. (You don't have to mail it.)

Fill your letter with details describing how this person influenced your life and the things you appreciate about him or her. Or keep a daily gratitude journal.

"I think the full potential of gratitude is realised when people are able to express gratitude in words," said Y Joel Wong, chairman of the department of counselling and educational psychology at Indiana University.



Photo: Pixabay

5 ways to protect eyes while wearing masks

Wearing a face mask has become the new normal. But face masks come with some not-so-great side effects like maskne, dental issues, and breathlessness. Now, there's a new addition to this list: mask-associated eye irritation. If you have noticed a burning sensation in your eyes after wearing a mask for a long time you are not alone. People are coming to ophthalmologists with this new problem of eye irritation and dryness. Know more about it and how to manage it better:

What leads to dry eyes?

The eye problem is caused by wearing the mask incorrectly. When your mask is ill-fitted or your nose is exposed, the warm exhaled air goes through the top of the mask and dries the eyes. This can easily dry your natural tears, cause eye inflammation, and increase oxidative stress. However, eye irritation can also be due to pandemic-related stress and anxiety. Check these tips to keep your eyes in good condition.

Wear the mask properly

The hot air exhaled from your nose can easily bother your eyes, leading to dryness and irritation. The first thing you should do is to fix your mask properly. Masks are only effective when they are worn properly. If you leave the space or cover only the mouth, then it would not only increase the risk of infection, but can also be problematic for your eyes. Make sure your nose and mouth are properly covered. Look for any

space left uncovered with your mask and adjust it well.

Buy mask of breathable material

There are different types of masks available in the market. Always buy the one made of breathable material and it should fit you perfectly. If your mask is too big and touches your eyes, then cornea scratches and irritation are normal. If the material is stiff, wash it a few times to soften it.

Do not ignore discomfort

If you experience any kind of irritation or discomfort, don't ignore it. In the case of styes, dry eyes or irritation, use some over-the-counter lubricating drops. Take regular breaks from digital screens to prevent this. If the problem continues meet your doctor.

Do not touch your eyes

While adjusting your mask do not touch your eyes. The warm air exhaled from the nose might make you feel uncomfortable, but don't touch your face or eyes. Our hand contains different kinds of bacteria, which may be transferred to the eyes, causing irritation and dryness.

Apply warm compress

You can also use a warm compress to soothe your eye irritation. Dampen a clean cloth or flannel with warm water and place it on your closed eyelids for a few minutes. The warmth of the water can help stimulate your tear glands in the eyelids to produce more liquid.



Why you should practice Pranayama every day

Pranayama, a Sanskrit word which means 'mastery of life force', is a practice that gives energy to every cell of our body

The practice of Pranayama may seem simple, but includes regular training. According to yogic science, the aim of Pranayama is to participate all that guides life force. Pranayama typically includes the practice of correct breathing. Since Pranayama requires you to breathe right, it involves all body parts. This means that fresh oxygen reaches every organ of your body.

1 Pranayama is known to purify as many as 80,000 nerves in the body. Since it balances out the energy flow of the body, Pranayama is known to affect our overall well-being. There are many health as well medical practitioners that recommend the practice of Pranayama daily. It is said that this

consistent practice helps one achieve a steady mind and a disease-free body.

2 Many have dismissed yoga for "just another meditation practice"; however, Pranayama is a practice that can help you achieve physical fitness. Since, oxygen is reaching all your organs, Pranayama balances digestive system and gives a natural glow to your skin and increase your vitality.

3 Pranayama also builds mental health when it comes to concentration, memory and stress reduction. Our mind is a powerful tool that can guide what our entire day will look

like. Pranayama helps bring serenity to our mental nerves as it increases oxygen supply in the body. This means that blood circulation increases and helps the mind to relieve stress.

4 According to yogic philosophy, "our longevity depends on our breathing rate." Many studies have proven that Pranayama can increase life span of a person. This is because it helps a person to breathe systematically.

5 Pranayama is great for those who want to lose weight. This is because it helps you in taking control of your body. When we start practicing Pranayama our craving for many foods decreases as it starts eliminating the imbalances in our body. When our body is in a tired state, we tend to eat unhealthy foods. Practicing Pranayama increases our awareness towards the food that we consume.

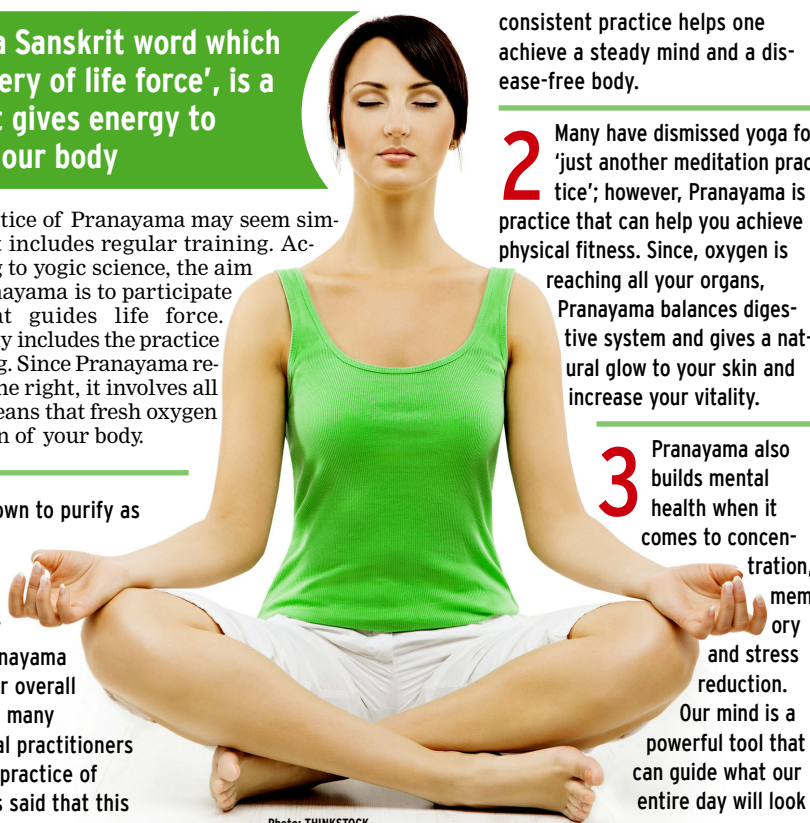


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QUIZ TIME (MIXED BAG)

Q.1) Which of these won the Filmfare award for best film in 2019?

A. Raazi B. Sanju
C. Andhadhun D. Padmavat

Q.2) Which country hosted the 2018 Winter Olympics?

A. Russia B. The US
C. South Korea D. Australia

Q.3) What is the name of Sherlock Holmes' housekeeper?

A. John Watson
B. Martha Hudson
C. Molly Hopper
D. Mary Watson

Q.4) How many US presidents have taken charge till now?

A. 42 B. 41 C. 43 D. 44

Q.5) Which country presented the Statue of Liberty to the US?

A. Russia B. France
C. South Africa D. Japan



ANSWERS

1. (A) Raazi 2. (C) South Korea 3. (B) Martha Hudson 4. (D) 44 5. (B) France

KNOWLEDGE BANK (AQUATIC LIFE)



DUMBO OCTOPUS: Grimpoteuthis is a genus of pelagic umbrella octopuses known as the dumbo octopuses. The name "dumbo" originates from their resemblance to the title character of Disney's 1941 film 'Dumbo', having a prominent ear-like fin which extends from the mantle above each eye. There are 13 species recognised in the genus. Their prey include crustaceans, bivalves, worms and copepods. The average life span of various Grimpoteuthis species is 3 to 5 years.

IDENTIFY THE PERSONALITY

Born on January 15, 1929, he is known for his speech like "I have a dream". His non-violent activism was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi

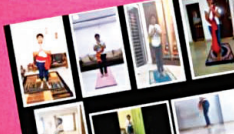
Answer: Martin Luther King Jr





Gitanjali Devshala
Investiture and Sports Day

Chief guest:
Mr Panjala Chandra Devraj,
International Volleyball player.



BE CAUTIOUS IN CYBER SPACE

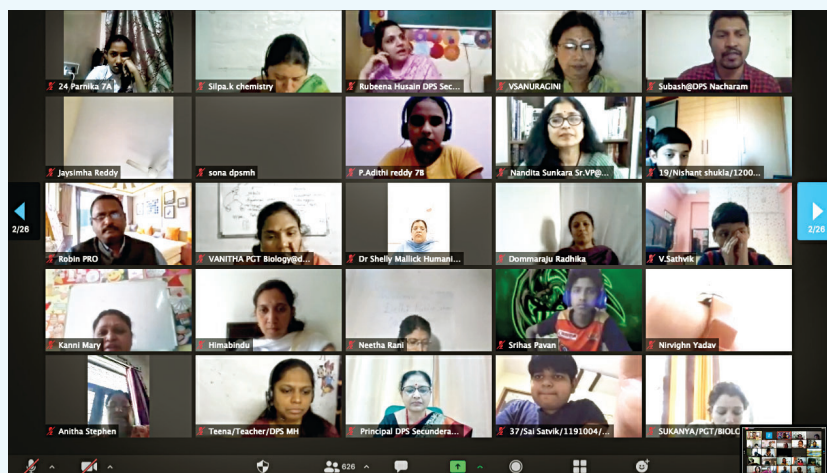
"There are no secrets better kept than the secrets that everybody guesses"- George Bernard Shaw

**Delhi Public School
Nacharam**

Delhi Public School, Nacharam organised a webinar for students on the topic 'Cyber Threats to Children in the Digital World' on the virtual platform of Zoom. The guest for the day was Rakshit Tandon, founder/director of Hackershalah CodesNag, Hackdev Technology Pvt Ltd. The programme started with a prayer song followed by lighting of the lamp. Principal of DPS Nacharam and Mahendra Hills, Sunitha S Rao welcomed the guest and introduced him to the gathering.

Tandon explained to the audience about the crimes that occur on social media platforms. The students, teachers and parents were all ears as this was a topic pertinent to the present times.

He warned the children and their parents about cyber bullying, body shaming and the constant usage of bad language on the internet. Holding years of experience in this field, Tandon explained to the



students about the serious consequences of cyber crime, cyber bullying and hacking and asked them to be alert and not fall

for people who try to be overly friendly on social media. He also informed them about various apps that are in use these days.

He talked about sexual harassment of children and advised them to be careful while sharing or tagging pictures or videos with others.

He spoke extensively about adopting security measures like using two-factor verification, not giving access to camera and mike to apps unless absolutely necessary, not giving out phone number or bank details to unknown websites and keeping SIM cards safe.

He also extolled the necessity of installing a strong anti-virus system on all devices and creating strong passwords to protect identity and data.

After the session, students asked him questions on the subject, which he patiently answered. In the end, vice-principal for Secondary School Renu Gahlawat thanked the chief guest for enlightening the audience on this relevant topic.

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN CHILDREN

"Never say never because limits, like fears are often just an illusion"- Michael Jordan

**Gitanjali Devshala
Hyderabad**

The Investiture Ceremony and Sports Day are some of the essential events in a school. Despite the worldwide pandemic, the indomitable spirit of young talented students of Gitanjali Devshala was commemorated by means of a virtual Investiture Ceremony and Sports Day recently, in which all the students participated with great fervour and manifested their athletic skills with an unimpeachable finesse.

In this unique virtual dais, the newly elected Student Council was formally bestowed with the responsibility of leading their school from the front with commitment, confidence and competence.

The ceremony was

flagged off with an inspiring speech given by Gita Karan, founder principal and director, Gitanjali group of schools. Managing director, Gitanjali Group of Schools, Jai Karan administered the oath. Madhvi Chandra, principal and associate director, Gitanjali Group of Schools, congratulated the newly appointed school council members and encouraged them to be committed and translate the vision of the school into reality.

Students took part in various activities ranging from skipping, pushups, aerobics, balancing the book race, dribbling and so on.

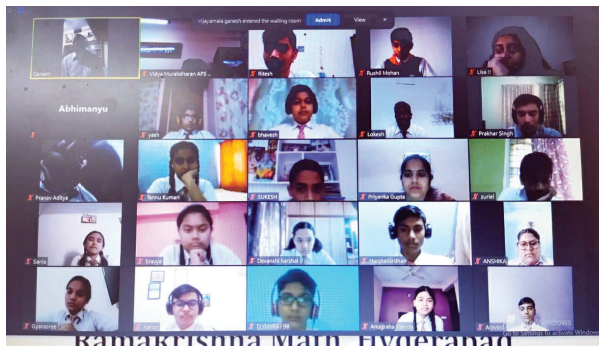
Chief guest Panjala Chandra Devraj, international volleyball player, emphasised on the importance of sports in a student's life. Parents, students and faculty joined the event live from home.

Icon ignites young minds

**Army Public School
Golconda**

On account of 157th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Army Public School, Golconda conducted a series of activities to commemorate the life, teaching and ideologies of the Indian monk who introduced the philosophy of Vedanta to the western world.

An animated short film based on the life of Swami Vivekananda was shown to students of class VI. These students were later put through a question and answer round based on the film. Students' interest in the film and quick replies to the set of questions showed that the message of the film has set in the little hearts and mind. The students of class VIII were tasked to present one inspirational quote of Swami Vivekananda along with its meaning in a power-point slide. The quotes with explanations were presented with



great enthusiasm. They were also shown videos of speeches by famous personalities on Swami Vivekananda. At the end of the video, teachers talked about the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda and its applicability in present times.

Students learnt and appreciated the impact of teachings by the revered leader even after a century in this modern world.

A webinar was conducted for the students of class IX on 'Transform yourself to reform the nation.' T R Ganesh,

senior faculty from Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad, was invited to conduct the webinar. The energetic and exemplary session was interesting, informative, motivational and enlightening.

Students learnt the value of smart work and positive thinking. They were enthralled by the different concepts and values taught by the faculty. Student also learnt the ideologies taught by Swami Vivekananda to get success in life by putting greater emphasis on discipline, dedication and commitment in life.

THE EDUCATIONIST

TAKING UP NEW CHALLENGES WITH A POSITIVE SPIRIT

**Humera Hyder, Principal,
Springfields School
Tolichowki**

This pandemic has totally changed the life of everyone. It is a completely unpredictable time that all are experiencing; but I have seen positivity in this situation. I feel students have become more independent. They are now using their skills in research, self-study and are showing their creative skills. Exploring new trends in technology, learning with a purpose and learning to adapt to the change are the need of the hour.

Empathy in these times of fear and anxiety will work like an antidote. When we feel we have lost hope, we may find inspiration in the words and deeds of others.

We may not meet others physically but that virtual clap, hug, thumbs up, and motivating smile that says 'you can do it' are extremely important. We have to help these young creative, ex-



ploring minds to be active and see that they don't lose track. Life has taken a different turn - at home children rush now, not for the school bus, but to the learning seat in front of their gadgets.

Parents have become partners in education, as they do their best to play their part.

Teachers 'the frontline education warriors' managing the home and class together. They need to be innovative, do their homework well in preparing their class presentation.

Hope can foster determination and grit, the ability to bounce back and remain determined despite setbacks. We need to make daily efforts to change and improve what we can control.

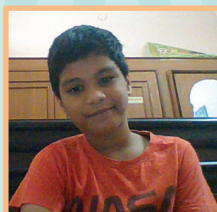
Express YOURSELF

What makes a good student?

Behaviour is an essential aspect of a good student. Listening to the teacher, following instructions, and raising your hand to ask a question are all a few forms of respect and good behaviour. Being on time to class is also an important factor which will help them in the future.

Good marks, a positive attitude and hard-working nature are all qualities of a good student. A good student doesn't always depend on those three qualities though. A good student comes to class and pays attention to the teacher. Self-discipline and time management are also important factors of being a good student. So, from studying and doing homework to having a positive attitude and managing time and priorities, a good student tries the best to do the best.

GONDI AKSHAY KUMAR, class IV A, Gitanjali Vedika



Lockdown diary of a chalkpiece

I am chalk, the teacher's pick. I am very essential for communication and by communication I mean mostly about boring but vital information. Children often look for an opportunity to use me because they are rarely given one. Frankly, I can only be used if my companion and my best friend, the blackboard, is there. Blackboard has many friends like the duster and other chalkpieces. Our kind can only be friends for a day or two as our life span is short. So, we live the most of it.

When I was taken from the box, I was brand new filled with confidence. On the first day though I was used a little. I was happy about being in use. At night I lay awake in the moonlit classroom dreaming about the next day, a day filled with everything that I ever dreamed of or so I thought. At dawn, I expected the cleaners, but they did not arrive nor did the teachers and stu-

dents. A few days passed by and I eventually learned about the pandemic going on and that the school was to be closed for a certain period of time.

A feeling of loneliness and abandonment spread over me. Covered in dust, time stopped for me. I found out that I've lived the longest among my kind.

The humorous element is that I've never imagined living longer would be so lonely, hurtful and boring. The pandemic has been going for a year and I feel restless thinking about being forgotten by the teachers and students. As time passed by I started to miss the chattering of children, the little mischief

and the feeling of being useful. It felt like I lost my loved ones though I have my friends.

I decided to wait for the day when everything comes back because waiting was much less painful than giving up on everything. Though the pandemic has only been a disadvantage to me, I still learned one thing -- the bitter truth of life. In life, how long you live doesn't matter but why and how you want to spend your life matters. I also realised that one should live for the present and spend each second at its utmost because we never know what lies ahead of us. Anyhow, I have faith that everything will be alright.

PRAMIDHA, class XI A, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's, Jubilee Hills

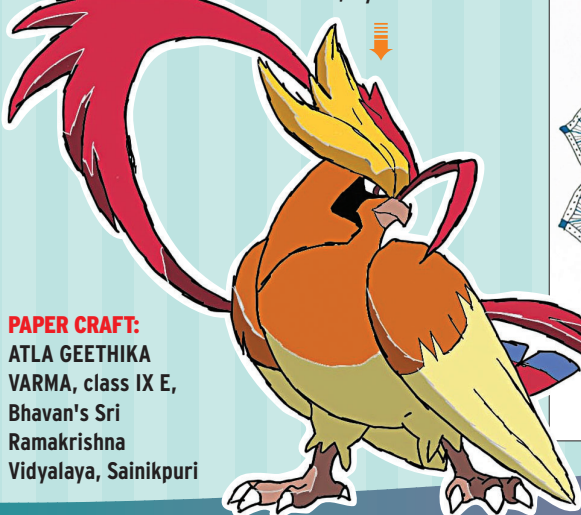


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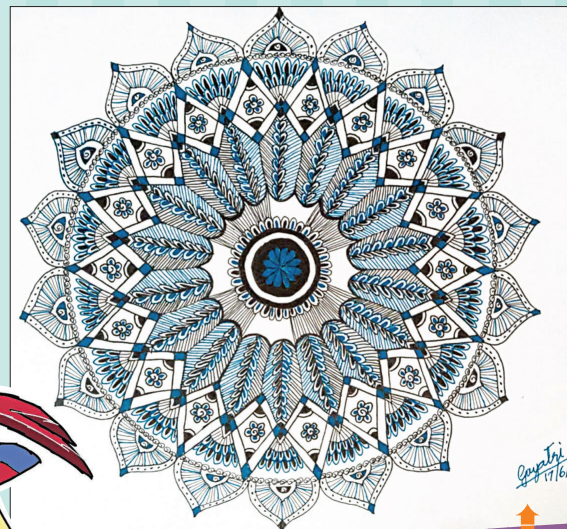
Artists' Gallery



WONDER WINGS: RAVURI PRANAV, class VIII, Fiitjee World School, Hyderabad



PAPER CRAFT: ATLA GEETHIKA VARMA, class IX E, Bhavan's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri



SYMMETRIC CYAN: V KRISHNA SAI GAYATRI, class XI A, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School (Vidyashram), Jubilee Hills

MY BEAUTIFUL ADVICE

The day starts with a sunrise
And here's my beautiful advice-
Every new day is a new beginning,
And it's up to you to take in a new feeling,
All those moments you've cried for,
You have to let them get off you quite fast,
Because life is about this lesson,
Knowing the fact that the past is in the past.

No matter what others say,
You always have to keep yourself straight,
And always thank the Lord
Because he is the one who is great.

Life has many different players,
Just like a rainbow that has colourful layers,
But be careful; on each step you have to
keep yourself wide awake
Because it's not as easy as baking a cake!

And at last, Always make up your own mind,
Never choose to go with the flow,
Think and implement your own decisions,
Only then shall you truly glow.

Everyday has a new surprise,
And so, that was my beautiful advice.

ARIBAH ANJUM, class IX, Madina Public School, Himayathnagar

WE LOVE YOU MOM

We love you, Mom!
We love you not because you feed us,
We love you not because you buy things for us,
We love you not because you are cool,
We love you not because you cook delicious food,

We love you because you care for us,
We love you because you work hard for us,
We love you because you suffer for us,
We love you because you correct us when we are wrong.

We are from you, we are for you.
Only for you, We love you, Mom!

AKSHAYA BIRRU, class IX C, Pallavi Model School, Boduppal, Hyderabad

THE SAVIOURS

Test rookies Shardul Thakur and Washington Sundar combined for a rearguard century stand to drag India back into the contest in the deciding fourth test against Australia being played at the Gabba, Brisbane

RECORDS SHATTERED AT THE GABBA

■ Washington Sundar on Sunday registered the highest individual score for a debutant batting at number seven in Australia. Sundar went on to play a knock of 62 runs in his debut Test and with the help of this innings, India came storming back into the ongoing fourth Test against Australia. Overall, Sundar has registered the third-highest score for an Indian debutant batting at number seven. Sundar and Shardul Thakur registered their half-centuries on day three against Australia. Both batsmen also registered the highest seventh-wicket partnership for India at the Gabba.

■ Shardul and Sundar built a 123-run stand and finally, the partnership was broken by Pat Cummins as he dismissed Shardul (67). The duo broke the record of Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar. Dev and Prabhakar had stitched together a partnership of 58 runs in 1991, and 20-years later, finally the record has been broken. Shardul and Sundar joined forces at the crease when India was in a spot of bother at 186/6 and the visitors were looking to avoid being bundled out in a hurry.

■ The duo mixed caution with aggression and both batsmen were up to the task of capitalising on the loose balls. Sundar and Shardul also faced seven overs with the second new ball, and both batsmen remained unfazed. India was finally bundled out for 336, handing Australia a lead of 33 runs. Openers David Warner and Marcus Harris remained unbeaten on 20 and 1 respectively, helping Australia swell their lead to 54.

TOP ORDER GOT OUT PLAYING RASH SHOTS

■ India's top-order batsmen all squandered chances to score heavily, with all but Shubman Gill getting starts but all except Cheteshwar Pujara falling to rash shots. The visitors began the extended morning session on 62 for two, with Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane at the crease. Both men looked to keep the scoreboard ticking over, in contrast to Saturday afternoon, where they were more intent on survival.

■ They saw off Starc and Cummins but Hazlewood was introduced into the attack and produced a brilliant over which led to Pujara's downfall. Hazlewood got a ball to angle in, then straightened slightly to catch the outside edge of Pujara's bat and Australia's captain and wicketkeeper Tim Paine took a routine catch.

■ Rahane and Mayank Agarwal steadied the ship but with the lunch break in sight, Rahane couldn't resist playing at a wide ball from left-arm paceman Starc angling across his body and edged a comfortable catch to Matthew Wade at fourth slip. The Indian captain, on 37, threw his head back in disgust at the manner of his dismissal before trudging off. The Indians began the second session at 161 for four with the dangerous Agarwal and Rishabh Pant at the crease.

■ However, like Rahane, both Agarwal and Pant fell to injudicious shots. Agarwal slashed at a wide delivery from Cummins' second ball after the resumption to fall for 38, caught at second slip by Steve Smith. Then to compound India's problems, Pant did the same to Hazlewood, only to be caught in the gully by Green for 23. At that stage Australia were in command of the Test but Sundar, playing his first Test, and Thakur, in his second, had other ideas and defied the bowling attack.

Washington scored his maiden fifty while finding the fence seven times and clearing it once

Shardul opened his account with a hooked six off the world's number one bowler, Pat Cummins

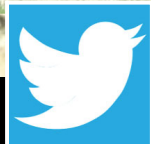
I'M NO DUD WITH THE BAT: THAKUR

I do believe I have some batting talent. I do work on my batting in the nets. We wait for these moments, these opportunities, to contribute with the bat.

When we were new, we were trying to defend a lot. As our partnership grew, we started playing shots. We knew that there is some true bounce here at the Gabba. If bowler errs on his line and length, we can put those loose deliveries away. We waited for our chance. Whenever there was a loose delivery we tried to put it away for four or take twos and threes hitting in outfield.

SURE I WILL GET A BIG SCORE: SUNDAR TO HIS DAD BEFORE GABBA INNINGS

While fans and former cricketers are pleasantly surprised at India's tail wagging with No. 7 and 8 scoring half-centuries, Washington Sundar's father is upset at his son for not getting a Test century. "I am disappointed he did not get a 100. When Siraj came, he should have hit fours and sixes. He is capable of that. He should have gone for sixes. He could have gone for pulls and big hits. Perhaps, he thought of trying to come close to Australia's total as the lead was very less," father M Sundar told IANS from Chennai. "I speak to him in Australia every day. I told him last evening whenever you get a chance, get a big score. He said, 'sure I will'." IANS



WE HAVE TO STAND UP AND APPRECIATE ONE OF THE MOST RESILIENT FIGHTBACKS!

Outstanding application and belief by Washington Sundar and Shardul Thakur. This is what test cricket is all about. Washy top composure on debut and tula parat maanla re Thakur! (hats off to you again)
Virat Kohli

Adelaide 2003: India conceded a lead of 33. Today in Brisbane India concede 33, when at one

stage it looked like they may end up conceding 133. Great effort considering that Australia's 4 bowlers had more than 1000 Test wickets to India's 5 bowlers having 11. Shandar Zabardast.
Virender Sehwa

Congrats Washington Sundar and Shardul Thakur on your maiden Test '50s. Loved the fight, technique and will power you both exhibited. Also, a good example

for young bowlers to work on their batting as you never know when your contribution with the bat will help the team.
VVS Laxman

From net bowlers who arrived for practice to the highest scorers in the innings. We have to stand up and appreciate one of the most resilient fightbacks!
Dinesh Karthik

Full credit to India ... The char-

acter they have had to show on this tour has been remarkable ... also the resilience with so many injuries ... a team is only as good as its bench many say ... Well India have a very strong bench of players now.
Michael Vaughan

Was the Shardul-washi partnership the most defining partnership of the series or was it the

Ashwin-vihari one??
Murali Kartik

I don't know if our team will win the border gavaskar trophy but they are definitely have won our hearts !! The grit, courage, determination and skill shown by them is exemplary !! Can't stop smiling at the moment.
Rohan Gavaskar

Magnificent Knocks, top order batters would be proud of.
Deep Dasgupta

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: The most consecutive football seasons a player has scored in is 16, achieved by Lionel Messi and ____?

- a) Kylian Mbappé b) Karim Benzema c) Cristiano Ronaldo d) Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Q2: Which player won the 2017-18 NBA Twyman-Stokes Teammate Award?

- a) Dirk Nowitzki b) Mike Conley c) Shane Battier d) Jamal Crawford

Q3: Which tennis player was the first in history to win

at least three consecutive Slams in a year on three separate occasions?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Rafael Nadal c) Roger Federer d) Andy Murray

Q4: Name the basketball player who won the 2014-15 NBA Most Improved Player Award

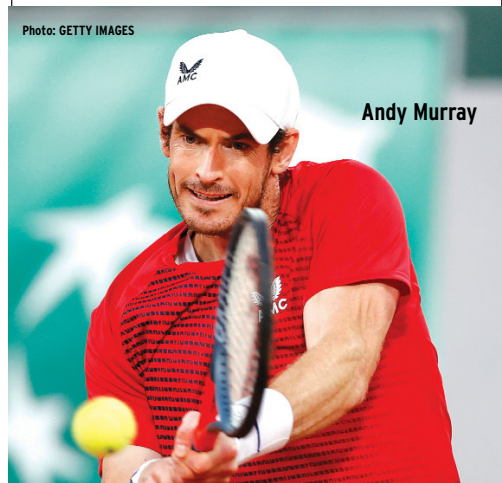
- a) Jimmy Butler b) Goran Dragic c) Paul George d) Ryan Anderson

Q5: The fastest hat-trick in a Bundesliga match came within 4 minutes. Which of these footballers achieved it?

- a) Kylian Mbappé b) Karim Benzema c) Robert Lewandowski d) Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Q6: At which Olympic Games did tennis player Andy Murray win his first Olympic singles gold medal?

- a) 2004 Athens Games b) 2008 Beijing Games c) 2016 Rio Games d) 2012 London Games



Andy Murray

Q7: The most men's singles titles won by a badminton player in a season are 11, achieved by which of the following players?

- a) Lin Dan b) Kento Momota c) Viktor Axelsen d) Chen Long

Q8: Which football team has the most UEFA Champions League victories to its credit?

- a) Arsenal b) Liverpool c) Real Madrid d) Barcelona

Q9: Murray became the first tennis player in Olympic history to win two singles gold medals. Whom did he defeat in the final?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Rafael Nadal c) Roger Federer d) Juan Martin del Potro

Q10: The fastest goal scored in a Serie A football match came in 6.76 seconds. Which player scored the goal?

- a) Alexis Saelemaekers b) Ismaël Bennacer c) Riyad Mahrez d) Rafael Leão

Q11: Which basketball player won 2014-15 NBA Rookie of the Year Award?

- a) Ben Simmons b) Damian Lillard c) Andrew Wiggins d) Michael Carter-Williams

ANSWERS: 1 b) Karim Benzema
2 d) Jamal Crawford 3 a) Novak Djokovic
4 a) Jimmy Butler 5 c) Robert Lewandowski
6 d) 2012 London Games 7 b) Kento Momota
8 c) Real Madrid 9 d) Juan Martin del Potro
10 d) Rafael Leão 11 c) Andrew Wiggins