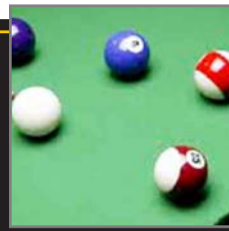




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**STUDENT EDITION**

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**Now, FB to add end-to end encryption video and voice call in Messenger**

Facebook is all set to roll out encryption for voice or video calls made through its Messenger app, ratcheting up privacy for users. The Mark Zuckerberg-led company has announced that it is also adding controls for its disappearing messages and a select few users may also be able to test other features related to encryption. The move comes, as the sanctity of data on smartphones becomes an increasingly sensitive topic.

**TECHAWAY**


- Encrypted text chats on Messenger has been offered since 2016, but the new rollout adds the extra layer of security to calling
- The move is due to a major surge in calls through Messenger. Facebook says, there are more than 150 million calls daily, which prompted the company to add the option of scrambling exchanges from one end to the other to prevent snooping
- The rollout also allows users to choose the amount of time before text messages in a chat disappear, from as little as five seconds to as long as 24 hours

Instagram is also getting an encryption update in the 'coming weeks,' which will add the extra security to group chats, along with voice and video calls

## THE RETURN OF THE TALIBAN WHAT IT MEANS FOR INDIA?



India on Tuesday airlifted its ambassador and staff who were posted at the Kabul embassy in view of the prevailing situation at the Afghan capital. Earlier, External Affairs minister S Jaishankar, who is in New York on a four-day visit, spoke to the US Secretary of State, Antony

Blinken, and discussed the latest developments in Afghanistan.

In less than eight weeks, the Taliban has undone a two-decade nationbuilding effort bank-rolled by the United States. Although Taliban co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar has proclaimed that the newly-installed Taliban government will go "as far as

possible for the betterment of people's lives," the scenes unfolding at the Kabul airport, and a string of reports reflecting the fear of the Afghan public, suggest that the hopes of many trapped in the country are quickly withering away. How will it affect New Delhi, we find out...

**1** India's ties with the Ghani-led Afghan government had yielded an investment of \$3 billion in infrastructural projects into the country, more specifically in the form of the Zaranj-Delaram Highway, construction of Afghan Parliament and Salama Dam. There is a legitimate fear that the goodwill India had garnered with the previous dispensation will be eroded, with the future of these projects also now hanging in balance

**2** India, reportedly, has no official channel of communication with the Taliban, which will worry New Delhi, particularly given the influence that Pakistan may have in charting Afghanistan's future

**3** New Delhi's concerns will also stem from the continued presence of outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad in



Afghanistan that the Taliban, to date, has supported. Fears of an increased terrorist threat at India's borders cannot be ruled out

**4** With the Taliban seizing control, what is also likely to follow is a severe dilution in women's and minority rights borne out of a harsh and rigid system of governance. A refugee crisis is imminent and New Delhi will have to decide whether its stance towards those fleeing Afghanistan will be accommodative or otherwise

### INDIA ANNOUNCES NEW CATEGORY OF VISA FOR AFGHANS



The Union Home ministry has announced a new category of visa to fast track the applications of Afghans, who want to come to India in view of the prevailing situation in Afghanistan. A new category of electronic visa called 'e-Emergency X-Misc Visa' introduced to fast track visa applications for entry into India," a Home ministry spokesperson said

## UP IN THE SKY, WATCH JUPITER WITH THE NAKED EYE



All you star gazers out there, a chance to spot the mighty gas giant without telescope. According to astronomers, Jupiter will appear as 'a bright star, though it won't twinkle like the stars' this Thursday evening, and there's even a chance to catch a glimpse of the four largest of Jupiter's 79 moons, if you look through a telescope.

### WHY IS IT SO

The planet will be at 'opposition', meaning that as Earth passes between the sun and Jupiter, it will be opposite the sun

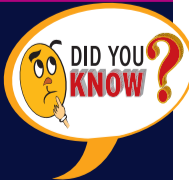
### WHAT IS A PLANET AT OPPOSITION?

- Opposition is when two celestial bodies appear in opposite directions in the sky from the Earth. For example, the Moon, when full, is said to be in opposition to the sun; the Earth is then approximately between them
- A superior planet (one with an orbit farther from the sun than

Earth's) is in opposition when Earth passes between it and the sun

- The opposition of a planet is a good time to observe it, because the planet is then at its nearest point to the Earth and in its full phase
- Planets are usually in opposition for a very short length of time, but during that time, they are visible to the naked eye

Planets Venus and Mercury, whose orbits are smaller than the Earth's, can never be in opposition to the sun



## Your next smartwatch could be powered by sweat

Yes, you heard it right. Scientists have developed a flexible battery that runs of perspiration. It can discharge 20 hours' worth of electricity for low-powered wearables from just 2ml of sweat...

### FEATURES

- Flat as a bandage, the device measures just 0.8 square inches
- It is attached to a stretchy and sweat-absorbent textile that can be worn around the wrist or upper arm and also attached to wearables like smartwatches
- The absorbent properties of the textile mean that it can retain sweat, providing the battery with a constant supply even when the wearer's perspiration rate varies
- Unlike the conventional bat-



teries, the sweat-powered battery design does not contain heavy metals or toxic chemicals, which can harm both health and the environment

## THE 'LORDS' OF THE RING

Legendary batsman Sachin Tendulkar led the cricketing fraternity in saluting the Indian team's "resilience and grit" during the incredible win in the second Test against England at the iconic Lord's. India's world class pace attack pulled off an incredible heist with the bat and then followed it up with a magnificent performance with the ball to help India beat England by 151 runs on the final day of the second Test at Lord's on Monday and take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. Kohli has now become only the third Indian skipper after Kapil Dev (1986) and MS Dhoni (2014) to do so. The Indian skipper also went past West Indies skipper Clive Lloyd on the list of captains with most Test wins

## IN OTHER NEWS

### Global warming is serious and 77% Indians acknowledge it



Seventy-seven per cent of the Indians recognise that the Earth is close to tipping points in terms of global warming and they are worried about the state of nature today, a survey of the G20 nations said. Across the world's largest economies, 73 per cent of people believe the Earth is approaching potentially abrupt or irreversible tipping points because of human action. The survey also found that 83 per cent of people are willing to do more to become better "planetary stewards" and protect and regenerate the global commons.

### US eases travel advisory for India to second-lowest level

The US State Department has eased its travel advisories for India, taking it to its second-lowest level, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said the South Asian

nation now has a "moderate level of Covid-19". In April, the US issued a level four travel health notice for India, as the country was reeling under the second wave of Covid-19.



### ICC T20 World Cup 2021 to begin on Oct 17

After a year-long hiatus, the ICC Men's T20 World looks set to begin on October 17 in UAE and Oman. The Super 12 groups were announced beforehand, with arch-rivals India and Pakistan being drawn in Group 1. While the names of eight teams are known, eight other teams will vie for the remaining four spots in the qualifiers.





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# CLASSROOMS TO EXPERIENCE ZONES

## GEOGRAPHY

### KALAHARI DESERT

**K**alahari Desert is a large semi-arid sandy savannah in Southern Africa. It is interesting to know that it is not a desert in the strictest sense of the word, as it receives too much rainfall — between 5 and 10 inches annually.

The rain filters rapidly through the vast expanses of sand, leaving nothing on the surface, turning the Kalahari into a 'thirstland'. The name 'Kalahari' is derived from the Tswana word, Kgala, meaning 'the great thirst', or Kgalagadi, meaning 'a waterless place'.

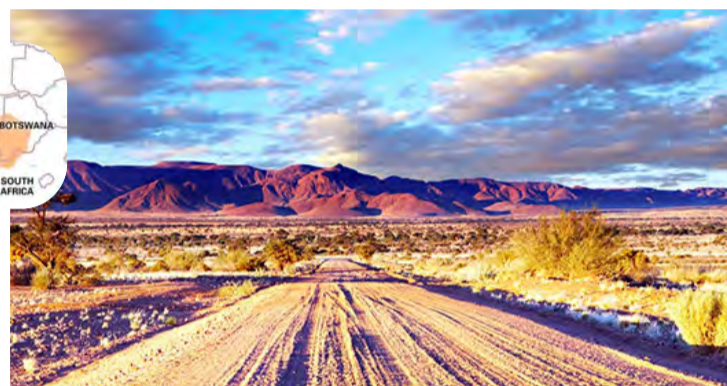


The indigenous people of Southern Africa, whose homeland covers Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and Angola, are also known as Bushmen or the San people



It's a desert, and yet not. Why is that so?

One of the interesting facts is that it is not a desert in its strictest sense. It is a semi-desert. The driest areas receive 110-200 mm of rain per year and the wettest, more than 500 millimetres in very wet years. Traditionally, an area is classified as a desert if it receives less than 250 millimetres of rain annually. A more accurate definition is a region in which "the evaporation rate is twice as great as the precipitation". This is true for the southwestern half of the Kalahari. The northeastern portion, however, receives much more rainfall and, climatically, cannot qualify as a desert; and yet, it is totally lacking in surface water. This is because rain drains instantly through the



deep sands here, leaving the substrate completely devoid of any moisture.

**What about wildlife found?**

The Kalahari Desert is home to meerkat, bat-eared foxes, cape fox and brown hyena.

One of the unexpected Kalahari

Desert facts is that all three African big cats can be found here — cheetah, leopard and the famous black-maned Kalahari lions.



## PHYSICS

### KINETIC ENERGY



**K**inetic energy is energy in motion. It is the opposite of stored, or potential, energy. Kinetic energy can be transferred between objects or changed into potential energy.

Students love seeing demonstrations of kinetic energy in action. **TEACHER PROMPT:** With these three simple experiments, show students the effects of kinetic energy and how it is transferred between objects.

## LET'S EXPERIMENT

### APPLE ON A STRING

Tie a piece of string onto the stem of an apple. Tie the string to a high place so that the apple is at the same height as your forehead. Give the apple room to swing back and forth. Standing several feet away, pull the apple towards you until it touches your forehead. Let go and it will swing away from you. Stand completely still and watch the apple as it then swings back towards you. The apple will not hit you in the face, although it looks like it will. Some of the kinetic energy that causes the apple to move is now converted to potential energy due to gravity. This causes the apple to slow down as it continues to swing.



### BALL EXPERIMENT

Find a large, heavy ball and a small, light ball for this experiment. You'll need a lot of room, so consider taking this activity outdoors. Hold the large ball in one hand. Place the smaller ball on top and hold it still. Take your hands off of both balls at the same time. The largest ball hits the ground and the smallest ball hits the larger one and bounces into the air. This happens because kinetic energy has been transferred from the larger ball to the smaller one.



### DRUM AND DRUMSTICKS

Kinetic energy can be transferred from one object to another in this drum experiment. This can be done with a real drum and drumstick, or a large container and two sticks. Hit one drumstick with the other and note the sound it makes. Put one drumstick on the surface of the drum while holding the other stick above the drum. Hit the centre of the lower drumstick with the drumstick being held above the drum. The drum should make a sound even though it hasn't been hit directly with a drumstick because of the transfer of kinetic energy.



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## LANGUAGE

### KINESICS

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**W**e invest a lot of effort in polishing our language skills, pouring countless hours over concepts that improve our language and writing. However, there is a very fascinating and vital facet of language and communication that is unspoken — non-verbal.

A form of messaging and communication that is conveyed through one's body movements, gestures, and physical demeanour. It is this branch of 'language' that we wish to acquaint you with through today's concept letter K.

**KINESICS** refers to how one perceives someone's facial, bodily, physical movements, gestures, alterations in the form of messages, communication, an entire language altogether.

What is commonly called the 'body language' is actually 'Kinesics' and is a vast world of interpreting non-verbal, unspoken language. Am I communicating in a positive, welcoming, caring, engaged language through my body? Or am I, perhaps unknowingly, expressing the polar opposite and coming across as negative, closed, shut-off, arrogant even, through the actions of my physical self?

A classic example of 'poor' body-language is to cross one's arms and cover the torso area. This unconsciously sends the signal to the onlooker that one is not open to an exchange or a dialogue, that one is quite literally, guarded and closed off. While we embark on a journey to improve our language and communication skills, it is imperative that we pay close attention, not just to the written and spoken but also to the kinesics that we employ. We must strive to be effective in all facets of language, spoken, and unsaid.



**TEACHER PROMPT:**

Hold a mock interview wherein extra points will be given to kinesics

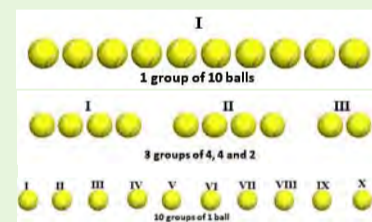
## MATHS

By Sandeep Srivastava  
Educator since 20 yrs, he specialises in making Maths easy and fun



**M**aking smaller groups out of bigger groups such as, 4 groups of 2 apples each from a set of 8 apples, or making bigger/more groups out of smaller quantities (e.g., making 16 half apples out of 8 apples) are commonplace activities for us. Welcome to division, the concept and practice of knifing things into smaller equal parts, or groups.

**Revisiting unit of counting**  
Magnitude of things changes with unit of counting. A quantity of eggs can be counted as 12 eggs or 1 dozen eggs. Change in unit of counting changes the size of set formed by given quantity. Counting and measurement can also be used for reorganising, or regrouping given quantity of things.



**The science of regrouping things**  
Division operation makes groups of the same size from a given quantity of things (dividing 5000 litres of shampoo into 5000 one-litre bottles of shampoo). Regrouping things changes the way things are placed/seen. Counting and measurement are tedious way of making groups, hence may not be used.

The first and the third pictures show division of 10 balls into smaller groups (of same size), and the second pictures show grouping (unequal) of 10 balls.

**The division operation**  
There are four kinds of information when we divide a given quantity of things:

**Dividend:** the quantity of a given thing that is to be regrouped. For example, single things, or pairs or packets of those things.

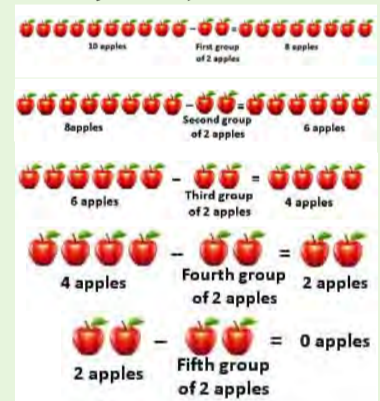
**Divisor:** the size (quantity) of the group that the dividend will be divided into. Importantly, it has the same unit as the dividend.

### KNIFE (GROUPS, DIVISION)

**Quotient:** The number of groups formed from the dividend. Keep taking out divisor, from the dividend till no more divisor can be taken out. The count of divisors taken away gives the quotient. Mathematically, keep subtracting divisor from the dividend till the dividend has less than divisor quantity remaining. The number of the feasible subtractions is the quotient. For all division expressions there is an equivalent multiplication expression:

**Remainder:** The part of the dividend that cannot be grouped. Remainder is always less than the divisor quantity.

**Visualising division operation**



Repeated subtraction is the way to visualise division of a thing. Let's visualise how we may divide 10 apples in groups of 2 apple:

Thus, dividend = 10 apples, divisor = 2 apples, Quotient = 5, Remainder = 0.

**Writing division expressions**  
The above situation can be written as Dividend/Divisor = Quotient + Remainder; specifically, 10apples/2apples = 5 (2 apples) + 0 (apples)

**What happens when we divide a thing?**  
The groups created out of dividing the given thing becomes '1 unit'.

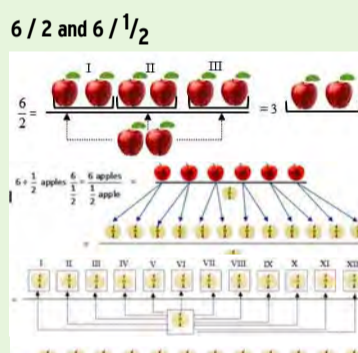
6/6 = 6 oranges/ 6 oranges = 1 (set of six oranges)

The magnitude of quotient is 1, the unit of quotient is '1 set of 6 oranges'.

Note: 6 oranges/ 6 oranges is NOT 1, it is 1 (set of 6 oranges)

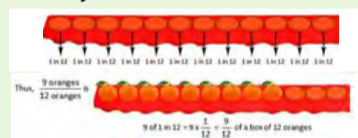
The count of things after division changes due to the divisor becoming unit of counting, but the quantity of things remains the same.

**The 'big' information in division expressions**  
The (quantity in) divisor tells us all about the outcomes of any division.



6 / 2 and 6 / 1/2  
6 / 2 = 3 (sets of 2 apples)  
6 / 1/2 = 12 (half apples)  
9 oranges/12 oranges

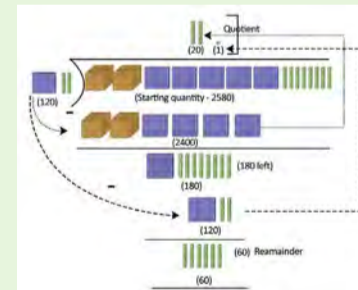
We can imagine the divisor packing as: Here, quotient = 0 (12 oranges) and remainder = 9 oranges



**Visualising 7/3 as a division and fraction**

**The long division method**

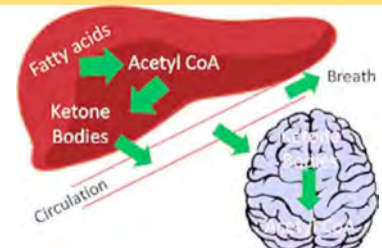
Thus, Quotient = 21, remainder = 60



## BIOLOGY

### KETONE BODIES

**K**etone bodies, or simply ketones are substances produced by the liver during gluconeogenesis, a process that creates glucose in times of fasting and starvation. There are three ketone bodies produced by the liver. They are acetoacetate, beta-hydroxybutyrate, and acetone. These compounds



are used in healthy individuals to provide energy to the cells of the body when glucose is low or absent in the diet.

**KETONE BODIES IN DIETING AND STARVATION**  
Interestingly, some recent fad diets have come under scrutiny for causing ketoacidosis in people who practice them. These diets focus on low carbohydrates and high protein. Because carbohydrates are complex forms of glucose, removing them from the diet effectively removes glucose from the diet. This works for a little while because the body is required to get the energy it needs from fat. However, the diet is essentially mimicking your body in starvation mode.

Without blood glucose, the cells in the body are again required to survive off fatty acids, derived from stored triglycerides. The brain cannot survive off of these fatty acids, and the liver must undergo gluconeogenesis to produce glucose

for the brain. While it does this, it also produces ketone bodies. For short periods of time, the body is able to derive its energy this way. But, as the glucose levels get lower and lower, so do the intermediates required to utilise ketone bodies as energy. Eventually, more ketone bodies will be made than can be used, and they start to build up. They are removed by the kidneys, but the kidneys can only remove so much in a given time period.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Glucose (a type of sugar) is the body's main energy source. But when the body can't use glucose for energy, it uses fat instead. When fats are broken down for energy, chemicals called ketones appear in the blood and urine. This can occur when not enough food has been eaten to provide glucose for energy, or it can occur in diabetes, when the body can't use glucose normally



### KAPITAL

**I**n economic models, K is commonly used to represent 'capital.' This is presumably due to the fact that German for capital is 'kapital,' and also to the fact that C is more commonly used to represent consumption

## ECONOMICS



## A promise to keep Tiranga flying high!

"THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU DO TODAY"- MAHATMA GANDHI



To mark the 75th Independence Day of India, Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur held a week-long celebration and organised a plethora of virtually interactive events and competitions for the students. This gave the participants a chance to express their patriotic ideals and showcase their talent even in these unprecedented times with great zeal and enthusiasm.

On August 15, the school conducted a virtual livestream to celebrate 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', commemorating the occasion. Principal Augustine Thomas hoisted the tricolour. Homage was paid to the great leaders who fought for the independence of our country.

The livestream displayed the glimpses of various performances from the online events conducted in

**Delhi School of Excellence**  
**Attapur**

the past week. The event was a spectacular amalgamation of dance, music and speech performances on patriotic themes by the students of the school.

Tributes were paid to the heroes of the Tokyo Olympics 2021 through video presentations for their stellar performance. A unique show of 'Bharat Mata' interacting with the Gen Z was a wonderful sight to behold.

Young achievers of the school were awarded on the occasion. Vishalini of class II was bestowed the title of 'The Youngest Patent Holder' by the India Book of Records, 2022 for inventing 'An Automatic Multi-Functional Life Rescue Flood House' while Dhruva Thota bagged the first prize in

the Telangana State Online Under 12 Open Chess Championship 2021, organized by the Telangana State Chess Association and was the winner of the Maestro Chess Academy's first sub junior chess tournament.

Similarly, Hrithika Thota secured the fourth position in the Telangana Under 10 Girls online Chess Championship 2021 and was also an active participant at the Asian Schools Online Chess Championship conducted by the National Chess Federation of Philippines.

Principal Augustine Thomas urged students to cherish our coveted freedom, to strive hard and create India which is free of corruption, unemployment, poverty and terrorism and work towards a progressive nation.



The 75th Independence Day of India was celebrated with much jubilation by students and staff of Sri Gurudatta High School. Chairman Y S Sarma hoisted the tricolour as everyone present sang the national anthem with pride.

Principal S Padmaja highlighted the 75 years of journey of an independent India and encouraged students to make the nation proud.

She called her dedicated

**Sri Gurudatta High School**  
**Hyderabad**

teaching team to infuse and imbibe the spirit of patriotism among students to take forward the baton of progress. The chairman recalled the pre and early post independent era of our country and saluted the army and police force for keeping us safe with their sacrifices. He emphasised on the need of

discipline in life for progress of our nation.

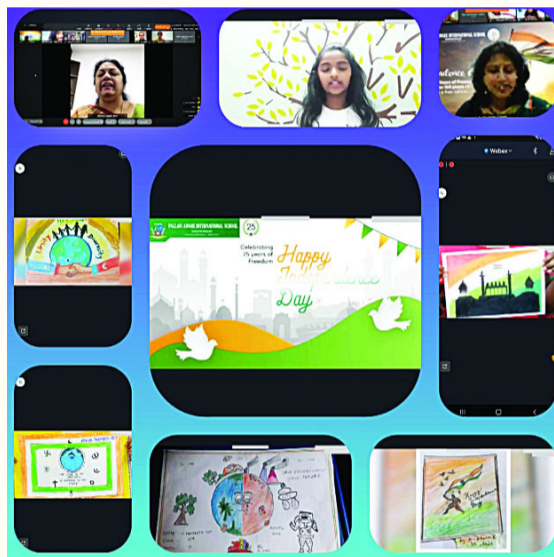
Teachers pledged to give their best in making the students into responsible and loyal future citizens with the motto, 'nation first always first'. Several competitions including elocution on unsung freedom fighters, singing, painting, among others were organised for students on a virtual platform. Many teachers also showcased their talent by singing patriotic songs.

The 75th Independence Day of India was celebrated at Gitanjali Senior School in the presence of principal Maya Sukumaram, a few teachers, parents and office bearers.

The importance of giving back to society and the students taking ownership of the world and bringing a positive change as the next generation was emphasised. It was both an online and offline event. Students showcased their talent by participating in an Inter-Gitanjali Cultural Contest which included essay writing contest in different languages.



**Gitanjali Senior School**  
**Hyderabad**



India celebrated its 75th Independence Day this year. On this occasion, students of Pallavi Aware International School organised a grand programme portraying the spirit of patriotism for our glorious country. The event began with hoisting of the national flag by director Anita Reddy and principal Sudeshna Mairal. This was followed by the national anthem sung in unison.

The students from the pre-primary and primary wing participated in a fancy dress contest, dressed as the great leaders of India which was followed by a music concert by the little ones.

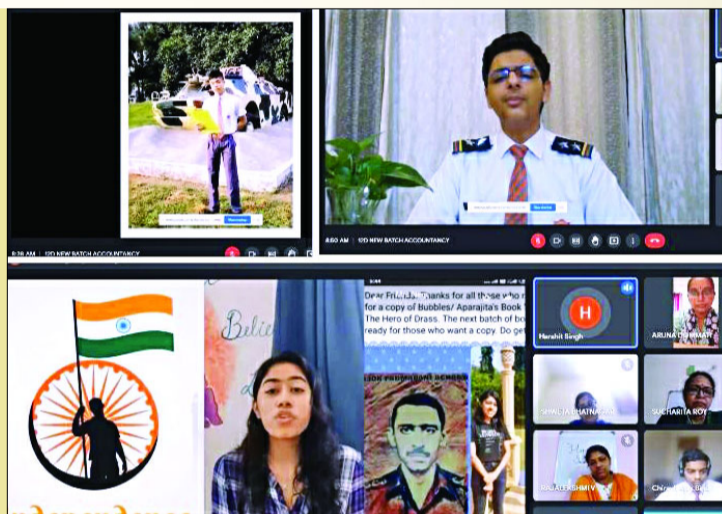
The students then displayed their artistic talents by showcasing the many

**Pallavi Aware International School**  
**Saroonagar**

drawings, paintings, and sketches that they had made portraying their hopes and dreams for the future of India.

Speeches were rendered in various languages, reflecting the multi-lingual beauty of India. Monologues of freedom fighters were enacted by students from Nursery to class X. A play on freedom was performed by high school students, highlighting the social problems that still exist in India and encouraging the audience to take a stance against them.

"Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life."  
-Mahatma Gandhi



To commemorate the 75th Independence Day of India, Army Public School, Bolaram celebrated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' with patriotic fervour. A plethora of activities were organised on the occasion for students. From inter-school virtual national integration programme and numerous special assemblies to competitions such as Tiranga-making, travelogue & brochure making, 3-D card making, poem recitation were organized during the week-long celebrations.

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The gathering was then introduced to Major General Rajesh Kundra ABMSM SM (Retd.), recipient of Sena Medal & Athi Vishisht Medal for his exemplary service in

**Army Public School**  
**Bolaram**

the military and his vital role in the Kargil War. In his inspirational speech, he applauded the brave Amrit Mahotsav' with patriotic fervour. A plethora of activities were organised on the occasion for students. From inter-school virtual national integration programme and numerous special assemblies to competitions such as Tiranga-making, travelogue & brochure making, 3-D card making, poem recitation were organized during the week-long celebrations.

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## ONLINE GAMING LEADS TO SOCIAL ISOLATION AMONG YOUNG ADULTS

When a child plays outside with friends or a youngster hangs out with his peer, he shares an emotional bond with them. But online gaming confines him to the four walls of his house and isolates him not only from his friends but also from his family members. He hardly enters into a conversation with anyone and becomes a loner. He is like a fish out of water in social gatherings because of lack of development or maintenance of the social relationship. He does not know how to break the ice and sits in one corner glued to his mobile. Lack of socializing also affects his communication skills which is an important factor for self-development. Thus, I would like to conclude that online gaming leads to social isolation.

LAYA SUNIL, class X, Niraj Public School

FOR



DEBATE

Online gaming leads to social isolation among young adults. This is true because when children get addicted to online gaming, they sit in their room all day and don't interact with the outside world. The self-isolation that they push themselves into leads to social phobia and many other health issues. During game time they hide themselves behind the screens under different game names and do not face the reality. This translates to the outside world as well. Many students because of lockdown are battling with social phobia. Pushing people away, anxiety, feeling embarrassed during social interactions are all part of gadget addiction.

SUDEESHNA NUNE, class VIII, Sister Nivedita School



Humans are social creatures. Due to the pandemic, the only way we can socialize and have fun is online. A major chunk of this is influenced by gaming. It also depends on the kind of game being spoken about. There are games like CSGO which are built for teams and groups, while those like Uncharted are meant for individuals. The former ones are helpful in making new friends and bonding in a way like never before. For instance, even before we meet new students in our grade, we would have developed a strong social connection because of the games played together.

Gaming leads to the formation of a community, forging of bonds among people across various backgrounds.

ADIT SREENIVASAN, class XII, The Future Kid's School

AGAINST

Playing soccer improves one's teamwork and social skills, so why do people feel that playing online squad games does not allow the child to interact with people?

Many people are not comfortable talking to people. Gaming and online resources

allow them to communicate efficiently. During the lockdown, people couldn't meet each other. However, friendship is a significant relationship, so playing games helps children stay connected. Parents say that games that include violence impact the behaviour of the child; they get aggressive and depressed, but during difficult times, we need interaction in

the most unique ways possible. Some friends and family get separated, so reaching them is a challenge. Family games like Ludo also help communicate. People who become professional gamers are invited to compete with players of other countries, which improves their ability to socialise with different people. Some games are mind games too—these help in solving problems between people. So, I ask you, is gaming as grave as you thought it was?

NIYATI KESWANI, class VIII, Vidya Valley, Pune



## Chilling in land of snow



Till now I may not have seen real snow, but let me share my experience with the other kind of snow. It was two years ago that I went on a trip. It was an amazing trip to Snowland, one of my greatest memories in life. I enjoyed the rides, especially snow sledding. The snow was fake, but the experience was real and

exciting. I was literally shivering due to the cold and imagining the cold weather in other countries gave me the chills, like OMG!

The whole experience was entertaining and my wish to enjoy snow was fulfilled.

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# INDIA ELATED AFTER 'LATE I-DAY' WIN

Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Cheteshwar Pujara and KL Rahul of India celebrate as Jimmy Anderson of England is bowled

## A charged team beat England in impressive Test at Lord's

India captain Virat Kohli promised there would no let-up from his side following an impressive 151-run win over England in the second Test at Lord's on Monday, which he labelled a "day late" Independence celebration.

### Bowlers show their might

■ This match was in the balance early on the final day before a ninth-wicket stand of 89 between Mohammed Shami (56 not out) and Jasprit Bumrah (34 not out), both of whom made their highest Test scores, allowed Kohli to declare India's second innings on 298-8. That left England chasing a target of 272, but with Mohammed Siraj taking 4-32 and fellow paceman Bumrah 3-33, they slumped to 120 all out.

■ Victory, which left Kohli's men 1-0 up in this

five-match series, came just a day after India's Independence Day on August 15 and the tourists enjoyed plenty of vocal support at Lord's. "We fed off that energy," said Kohli. "It's a day late celebration for Independence Day. It's the best feeling we can give the Indians here and back in India."

### No let-up ahead

■ "We have three matches to go and we will be just as intense," added Kohli, looking to lead India to just a fourth Test series win in England after successes in 1971, 1986 and 2007.

■ Reflecting on what was just India's third win in 19 Tests at the 'home of cricket', Kohli said: "I feel super proud of the whole team. The pitch didn't offer much in the first three days. "The way we played this morning with Mohammed

### IF YOU SLEDGE ONE, YOU SLEDGING WHOLE TEAM: RAHUL

If any rival player tries to sledge one of ours, the remaining 10 would only come hard at the opposition and that's exactly what had happened with England, said India opener KL Rahul.

The on-field altercations started after Mark Wood dished out short-pitched stuff targeting Jasprit Bumrah's head, resulting in an argument with England skipper Joe Root and Jimmy Anderson.

Someone comes after our player and rest of the 10 guys get pumped as well. That's the kind of atmosphere and team bonding that we have. If you go after one of our guys that means you are going after whole team," Rahul said.

Shami and Jasprit Bumrah with the bat was important. "We believed we could get them out in 60 overs and the bowlers were outstanding."

■ England captain Joe Root made a superb 180 not out in the first innings \_ his fifth Test century this year \_ and top-scored again for his side with 33 on Monday before falling to the third ball after tea. The England team, without all-rounders Ben Stokes and Chris Woakes, as well as injured quicks Stuart Broad and Jofra Archer, offered only limited resistance in the absence of yet another major contribution from Root.

### Root takes blame

■ England have now gone seven Tests without a win \_ a sequence that includes a campaign loss in India. Root, perhaps somewhat harshly, blamed himself for England's lack of tactical discipline

with the ball on Monday after his pacemen repeatedly bowled too short at Shami and Bumrah.

■ "As captain, you take responsibility," he said. "I don't think I coped with that partnership well enough... Maybe we could have looked at attacking the stumps a little bit more frequently, using the short ball as more of a surprise. I don't think there's any hiding from it, we do need to get better," said Root. "We need to score heavier. But the guys all know that, they're working extremely hard."

■ The teams now head to Headingley, Root's Yorkshire home ground, for a third Test starting on August 25, with the England skipper insisting: "There's still a lot of cricket to be played in this series. More than anything we just need to stay calm and try not to panic and make sure we're in a really good frame of mind when we turn up to Leeds." **AFP**

# OSAKA BREAKS DOWN AT PRESSER

Takes a brief break to compose herself, but does not shy away from answering questions

Naomi Osaka briefly left a press conference in Cincinnati on Monday after she appeared to get upset with a line of questioning about her relationship with the media, leading her agent to describe a reporter as a "bully". Osaka withdrew from the French Open earlier this year after being punished for refusing to do media conferences, saying her mental health was adversely impacted by certain lines of questioning.

On Monday, a reporter from a Cincinnati newspaper asked the 23-year-old: "You're not crazy about dealing with us, especially in this format. Yet you have a lot of outside interests that are served by having a media platform. How do you balance the two?"

Osaka twice asked the reporter to clarify his question and turned down an offer from the moderator to "move on to the next question" before giving a full reply. "Ever since I was younger, I have had a lot of media interest on me, and I think

it's because of my background as well," said Osaka, who is of Japanese-Haitian heritage but grew up mainly in the United States. "I can't really help that there are some things that I tweet or some things that I say that kind of create a lot of news articles or things like that... but I would also say I'm not really sure how to balance the two. Like I'm figuring it out at the same time as you are, I would say."

When another reporter began to ask about her preparations for the summer hard-court season and her pledge to donate her prize money from this week's Western & Southern Open to Haitian earthquake relief efforts, Osaka appeared to wipe away tears.

The moderator called for a pause to the proceedings and Osaka left the room for a few minutes but returned to complete the news conference.

Osaka's French Open withdrawal not only led to her revealing that she has struggled to cope with depression for a number of years but it also prompted

her to pull out from Roland Garros and Wimbledon for the sake of her mental well-being. After losing early at the Tokyo Games, where she was given the honour of lighting the Olympic flame at the opening ceremony, she said she struggled to cope with the huge pressure and expectation placed on her.

Osaka's agent, Stuart Duguid, condemned the reporter's line of questioning on Monday in a statement provided to Reuters. "The bully at the Cincinnati Enquirer is the epitome of why player/media relations are so fraught right now," said Duguid. "Everyone will agree that his tone was all wrong and his sole purpose was to intimidate. Really appalling behaviour. And this insinuation that Naomi owes her off-court success to the media is a myth - don't be so self-indulgent." The reporter did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Osaka has used her platform to call attention to mental health issues and she said at the news conference

she felt supported by her fellow athletes. "The biggest eye opener was going to the Olympics and having other athletes come up to me and say they were really glad that I did what I did," she added. "I'm proud of what I did and I think that it was something that needed to be done."

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## T20 WC: INDIA TO SQUARE OFF AGAINST PAK ON OCT 24

India will open their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan in the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup in Dubai on October 24, the ICC said on Tuesday.

As per the schedule announced by the ICC, India's next opponent will be New Zealand in Dubai on October 31, followed by match against Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi on November 3. India's remaining two Super 12 matches are against the winner of Group B (November 5 in Dubai) and second placed side of Group A (November 8 in Dubai).

The tournament's first round kicks off on October 17 in Oman, with Oman taking on Papua New Guinea and Bangladesh playing Scotland.

Group A consists of Sri Lanka, Ireland, the Netherlands and Namibia, while Group B has Bangladesh, Scotland, Papua New Guinea and Oman.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super 12 stage.

The Super 12s \_ round two of the tournament, with two groups \_ will begin on October 23, with Australia facing South Africa in Abu Dhabi and England up against West Indies in Dubai.

The first semifinal will be held in Abu Dhabi on November 10, while the second will be played in Dubai on November 11.

The final will be held in Dubai on November 14 with November 15 marked as reserve day. **ANI**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which countries were jointly declared as the winners of FIDE Chess Olympiad 2020?

- Brazil and Russia
- France and Russia
- Italy and France
- India and Russia

**Q2:** Who became the first Indian to win a Grand Slam singles main draw match in seven years?

- Sumit Nagal
- Prajesh Gunneswaran
- Rohan Bopanna
- Yuki Bhambri

**Q3:** Who has clinched the singles title? 2020 US Open women's

- Naomi Osaka
- Serena Williams
- Victoria Azarenka
- Sofia Kenin

**Q4:** Which city is confirmed as host of the 2028 Summer Olympics?

- Barcelona
- Munich
- Los Angeles
- Brisbane

**Q5:** Who did Lydia Ko face in a playoff for the minor medals before she secured bronze

in the Olympic women's golf?

- Nelly Korda
- Aditi Ashok
- Mone Inami
- Emily Pedersen



Lydia Ko

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**Q6:** Which country won the Olympic women's football gold medal match?

- Sweden
- USA
- Canada
- Australia

**Q7:** What did French runner Morhad Amdouni do during the men's marathon that created controversy?

- Knocked over bottles at a drinks station
- Shoved a rival runner
- Tried to take a shortcut
- None of the above

**Q8:** Which one of the following sports will be added to the Olympic programme in Paris in 2024?

- Dodgeball
- Chess
- Squash
- Breakdancing

**Q9:** What was the score in the Italy vs England Euro final at the end of extra time?

- 2-2
- 1-1
- 0-0
- 3-3

**ANSWERS:** 1. d. India and Russia  
2. a. Sumit Nagal 3. a. Naomi Osaka  
4. c. Los Angeles 5. c. Mone Inami 6. c. Canada  
7. a. Knocked over bottles at a drinks station  
8. d. Breakdancing 9. b. 1-1