



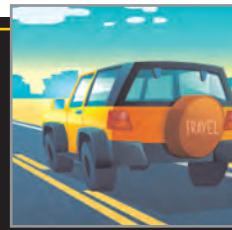
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INDIA CLINCH BORDER-GAVASKAR TROPHY

PANT-ASTIC!!!

Cheteshwar Pujara took the hits and Rishabh Pant counter-punched with an unbeaten 89, as India chased down a record total to win the Border-Gavaskar trophy, with three overs and three wickets to spare on the last day of the series. The injury-depleted Indian squad played with no fear, ending Australia's unbeaten run at the Gabba that dated to 1988. The last time a visiting team came out triumphant from the Brisbane Cricket Ground was back in November 1988, when the mighty West Indian outfit under the leadership of Viv Richards thrashed Allan Border's team by nine wickets.

► The series will be remembered for ages and the impact that Ajinkya Rahane's team had on the cricketing fraternity

► In terms of relevance, a series win without Virat Kohli, Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah not being available at various points, is zillion times more significant than the 2-1 win in 2018-19, when the opposition didn't have Steve Smith and David Warner in its ranks

► All the newcomers played with resolve and resilience

REACTIONS GALORE

► Every time we got hit, we stood taller. We pushed boundaries of belief to play fearless but not careless cricket. Injuries & uncertainties were countered with poise & confidence. One of the greatest series wins! Congrats India

SACHIN TENDULKAR, former Indian captain

► We are all overjoyed at the success of the Indian cricket team in Australia. Their remarkable energy and passion was visible throughout. So was their stellar intent, remarkable grit and determination. Congratulations!

NARENDRA MODI, PM

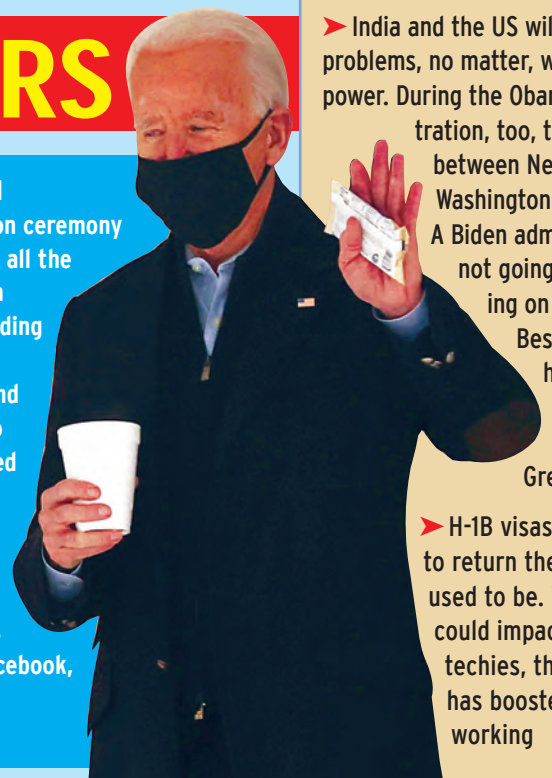
US ALL SET TO WELCOME ITS 46TH PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE, Bi's Den for the NEXT 4 YEARS

After a chaotic election, followed by a tumultuous transition of power, Joe Biden is finally set to be sworn in as the President of the United States on January 20. The inauguration, which will take place at the west front of the US capitol, will be historic, as Kamala Harris will become the first female vice president of the US. Set to be a virtual parade due to the coronavirus, the event and the celebrations will see the participation of singers like Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez and Demi Lovato and actor Tom Hanks. The presidential inaugural committee (PIC) has announced 'America United' as the theme of the inauguration to reflect the "beginning of a new national journey that restores the soul of America".

HOW TO WATCH

The inauguration ceremony will be aired on all the major US media networks, including ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, MSNBC, and PBS. It will also be live-streamed on Biden-inaugural.org/watch, PIC social media channels on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Twitch



WHAT DOES BIDEN ADMINISTRATION MEAN FOR INDIA

► Biden reached out to Indian-Americans in his campaign and has a benign view of India. At least 20 Indian-Americans, including 13 women, have found place in Biden's team. The US-India relationship having become institutionalised, will be difficult to undo, feel experts

► India and the US will have trade problems, no matter, who is in power. During the Obama administration, too, trade friction between New Delhi and Washington was rampant. A Biden administration is not going to be forgiving on trade.

Besides, Biden has his own version of Make America Great Again

► H-1B visas are unlikely to return the way they used to be. While this could impact the Indian techies, the pandemic has boosted remote working

BOOK

PRIYANKA CHOPRA JONAS'S MEMOIR 'UNFINISHED' WILL HIT THE BOOKSHELVES ON FEBRUARY 9

Actor-producer Priyanka Chopra Jonas' long-awaited book debut, 'Unfinished', will hit the bookshelves on February 9, publisher Penguin Random House India has announced.

► The memoir aims to take readers through Chopra Jonas's childhood in India; her teenage years in the US, living with the extended family in the Midwest, Queens, and suburban Boston, where she endured bouts of racism, to her return to India, including her win at the national and global beauty pageants that launched her acting career

► According to the publishing house, the book will be an "honest account of the challenges" Chopra Jonas faced navigating her career, both in India and Hollywood

► She won the Miss World pageant in 2000, and three years later made her Bollywood debut with 'The Hero: Love Story of a Spy'



EGYPT UNVEILS 3,000-YEAR-OLD COFFINS IN LATEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY

Egypt has unveiled a significant new archaeological discovery at the Saqqara necropolis south of Cairo, including 54 wooden coffins, many of which can be traced back to 3,000 years to the New Kingdom period.

► The funerary temple of Queen Neit was also discovered near the pyramid of her husband, King Teti of Egypt's 6th dynasty, which dates back to 4,200 years

► The coffins, or sarcophagi were found at Saqqara, a UNESCO world heritage site that is home to the Step Pyramid, the tourism and antiquities ministry said in a statement

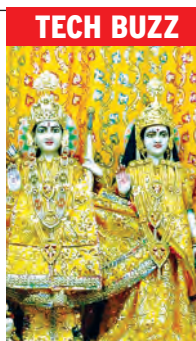


► Carved in human form and painted in bright colours, many of the coffins are still intact

► Ancient games, statues, and masks were also found

NOW, AN APP FOR PERFORMING 'PUJA' IN PANDEMIC

An app, launched by a Mumbai-based entrepreneur, Kishor Fogla, at the ongoing Magh Mela in Prayagraj, is helping devotees to use technology for religious purposes. According to Fogla, "the Bhagwanji app is particularly useful for those who cannot undertake pilgrimage amid the ongoing pandemic outbreak. If a devotee from Mumbai wants to perform a special puja at Sangam but is unable to come, then the person can book it online. The puja or bhog will be organised after making required arrangements," he said.

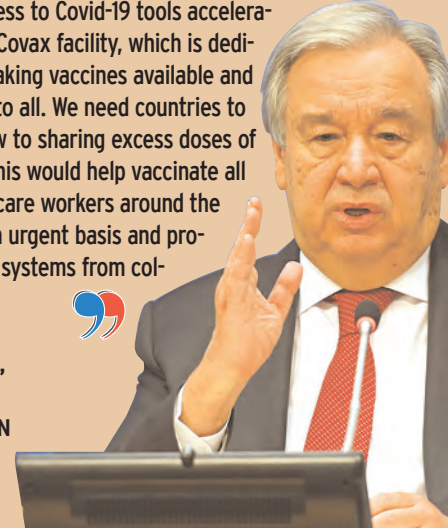


TECH BUZZ

Science is succeeding – but solidarity is failing. Some countries are pursuing side deals, even procuring beyond need. Governments have a responsibility to protect their population, but 'vaccinationalism' is self-defeating, and will delay a global recovery. Our world can only get ahead of this virus one way – together. Global solidarity will save lives, protect people and help defeat this vicious virus. The UN is supporting countries to mobilise the largest global immunisation effort in history and the world organisation is committed to making sure that vaccines are seen as global public goods – people's vaccines. It requires full funding for the access to Covid-19 tools accelerator and its Covax facility, which is dedicated to making vaccines available and affordable to all. We need countries to commit now to sharing excess doses of vaccines. This would help vaccinate all the health care workers around the world on an urgent basis and protect health systems from collapse

Quote unquote

ANTONIO GUTERRES, secretary general, UN



NEWS IN CLUES

Rajeev Ram is a doubles champion at this major

CLUE 1: The Bryan brothers have won six titles here

CLUE 2: Leander Paes and Radek Stepanek won the 2012 doubles title

CLUE 3: Sofia Kenin is the defending women's singles champion

ANSWER: AUSTRALIAN OPEN. 2021's first tennis major dealt another blow, after 25 more players were forced into hard lockdown, following the positive test of an individual in their charter flight from Doha. This takes the total number of players forced into a 14-day hotel quarantine – and unable to train – to 72. Australian Open is slated to begin on February 8.

From FLYING CARS to E-VEHICLES, super tech that dominated CES 2021

The Consumer Electronics Show (CES), an annual tech affair, kicked off recently, with an astonishing line-up of ingenious updates. With the electric vehicles and flying cars launched at the CES, it's safe to say that the future of driving looks brighter than ever...

GM VTOL

Today flying in a car seems like a dream but the future is full of possibilities, and with what General Motors presented at the CES, it's fair to say that you may soon be able to take off in a car. The auto giant introduced the future of transportation with its flying Cadillac – a self-driving vehicle, which carries the passenger above land and through the thin air. The single-person car, a VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) drone, can speed up to 55 miles per hour. The ultra-light weight flying Cadillac is paired with four rotors, and comes with a 90kWh battery pack. It's all-electric and fully autonomous.



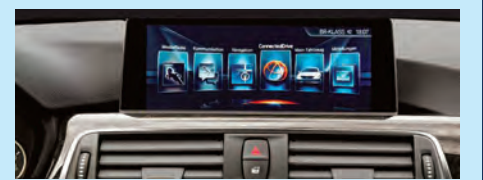
MERCEDES HYPERSCREEN

German luxury automotive giant, Mercedes Benz made an impact with its MBUX hyperscreen – a 56-inch sleek screen unit comprising three smooth displays merged together. With an aesthetically-pleasing design and easy device controls, Benz upped the game with its hyperscreen. It's by far the most intelligent human-machine interface built by the German carmaker. The hyperscreen not only adjusts easily to the user but is also interactive through its infotainment suggestions.



BMW IDRIVE

German luxury vehicles giant, BMW gave us a glimpse of its next-generation iDrive infotainment system, all set to launch on the new iX electric SUV debuting late 2021. iDrive, which was launched in 2001, appearing for the first time in the E65 7 Series, has kept its control dial that rotates and can be tapped, pushed and pressed. For the iX, the current model comes with touch-



sensitive icons with a single large panel boasting two displays for maps, media, driver information, among other things.

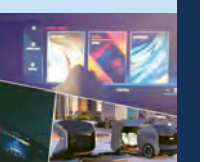
MOBILEYE

Intel-owned Mobileye announced updates for use in autonomous vehicles. The company said that by 2025, it wants to move towards using its radar-based technology and single lidar sensor per vehicle, in a bid to lower autonomous driving expenses. It plans to tap sensors from Luminar Technologies Inc for a planned fleet of so-called robotaxis, which are commercial vehicles meant to carry passengers. Starting 2022, the robotaxis, combined with four Luminar units each, will roll out in at least eight different cities.



NEW CHEVY BOLT WITH SUPER CRUISE

With a teaser image, General Motors announced two new versions of the Chevy Bolt that will arrive next month. The cars will have the company's advanced driver assistance system, Super Cruise, similar to Tesla's Autopilot. The Super Cruise uses radar, cameras, LIDAR mapping data and a driver monitoring system.



Power lifting was very challenging, but I never gave up...

RISHITAA JAIN, CLASS XI, PRUDENCE SCHOOL TELLS NITYA SHUKLA IN A CHAT...

I enjoyed all sports before I started powerlifting

My interest in sports began when I was in school. I started with gymnastics, then football, followed it with taekwondo. However I didn't get the hit I hoped for. I wanted to try something different. In 2017, I went to the gym (I was 14 then) with my father where he used to practice powerlifting which piqued my interest. I decided to go the gym with him regularly for cardio. Watching him lift weights made me curious how people used to lift weights (squat, bench press, and deadlift). I also wanted to know how it works. Initially, I used to lift about 20 kg-60 kg. Gradually I increased the weights. I lifted with a lot of training, dedication and discipline.

My support system

At the start, I was unsure of whether to go for powerlifting as it is a male-dominated sport, but my father helped me to overcome the fears. He believed in me and let me get involved in sports. He is the one who is always there with me for all my tournaments to cheer me up. My mom is my pillar of strength. She used to play sports when she was younger but did she not get enough opportunity. So she wanted me to excel at it. She handles my diet, accompanies me for my daily practices and encourages me to do my best in sports. My mentor - Javed Mehta - is an international sportsman in powerlifting who has guided me through it all. He helped me sharpen my techniques. He was with me through my good and bad moments. Especially during my bad moments, he motivated me to overcome them and be strong. My personal trainer Praveesh Verma helps me with my everyday practice and motivates me to improve my game.

I had to make lifestyle changes

It was tough when I started powerlifting because, like any other teenager, I was living a normal life, eating junk food and was having an unhealthy lifestyle. Thanks to powerlifting,

People often mistake powerlifting as weightlifting. They are two different sports. Weightlifting is an Olympic sport whereas, powerlifting is not an olympic sport. The most obvious difference is between the competition lifts.

Weightlifting uses the snatch and the clean and jerk, both are the overhead movements. Powerlifting uses squat, bench press, and deadlift, none of which is facing vertically upwards. Since weightlifting is an Olympic sport, so it is given more recognition than powerlifting



my world changed completely and so did my schedule! I began eating healthy foods and a high-protein diet as I'm a vegetarian.

Due to lifting weight and working out for hours and hours I used to get a lot of injuries and bruises on my body which was painful but that didn't stop me. I continued practicing and used to compete in all the tournaments despite injuries.

I learned to overcome challenges

When I experienced my first failure in powerlifting, I was very sad. But I knew that I had to get up, practice, and win (which I did).

Gender discrimination was another challenge. Powerlifting is a sport dominated by men and fellow students, relatives used to make

petty comments like, "Girls can't lift heavy weights", etc. But I didn't let all this get to me.

My diet was my third challenge. Since I am a vegetarian, which is usually not perceived to be compatible with athletics. This is why I started living a healthy life.

In the pursuit of excellence

I am a dreamer, I am competitive and I am always pursuing excellence in whatever challenge I take up. I was amongst the top 10 students in my school. I am also an athlete, competing at an agnostic level in a powerlifting athletics discipline. At first, it was difficult to juggle between sports and academics due to the demanding schedule. However, my school staff provided phenomenal support. Especially my school principal, Dr Chandra Bhanu

Mishra, who supported my sporting career, encouraged me to do well and offered help and great advice. Despite all the obstacles, self-discipline and grit, allow me to strike an effective balance between the two. As a result, I won several national, regional and local tournaments.

Gender equality should be a priority in sports

Competing in powerlifting has shaped my character, considering the many glass ceilings I had to break through as it is a male-dominated discipline. Women are incredibly important for the development of the nation. Now there are several young girls and women who have taken up powerlifting. In sports too, schools and families (at individual levels) are supporting girls to achieve their dreams. Earlier in India, society's attitude to women's participation in sports was not encouraged due to their role in domestic chores. Fortunately, now the society has a positive approach towards women and sports.

I dream of...

My big dream and goal, since I started in 2018, has been to achieve the podium and gold medal by representing my country at a global level competition, in a country where women are perceived to have a specific role to play, sports not being one of them. I broke this barrier and raised the bar in 2019 when I made my debut at the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada; I bagged four gold medals in my category. I have worked very hard to get to this point today. I will not stop here. I can never quit being hungry for working hard towards my goals. I want to participate in international tournaments in powerlifting and represent my country at a global level again. "I believe that my strength never came from lifting weights. My strength came from lifting myself every time I was knocked down". I cannot settle for less and strive for more all the time. I believe that the only competition I have is with myself. I aim to improve myself, my sports, and to be better than I was yesterday. I apply the same confidence and discipline in every aspect of my life.

You can watch her videos on YouTube: Rishitaa Jain. Follow her updates and achievements on Insta: rishitajain_

SUCCESS STORY

Sports has taught me dedication, discipline, patience, also enabled me how to do teamwork, and has improved my leadership skills. Most importantly, it has taught me the ability to fail and learn from the setback and move forward which is a vital life skill. It also increased my self-esteem, made me mentally and physically strong, and improved me as a person

Heard of vegetarian meat?



Planning to go vegetarian this year but can't let go of the food cravings? Vegetarian meat is here for all your problems. With the exact same taste, texture and flavours, you'll get vegetarian meat made with meat substitutes, in a cruelty-free manner. These veg meat substitutes are made to ensure that you have all the nutrients present in the non veg foods. Read on to know how it is made.

How is vegetarian meat made?

When it comes to vegetarian meat, you can barely point out the difference because of its uncanny similarity to actual meat. But how do they repli-

cate it exactly in vegetarian form? Well, a number of ingredients like plant-based proteins, soy, potato protein, pea protein, mung bean protein and even rice protein are used in the process. These ingredients combined with other ingredients give the perfect chewy texture and juiciness to the vegetarian meat as well.

How are taste, colour and flavours replicated?

The texture of soy is similar to chicken but the real question is how is the flavour mimicked? The exact flavour

of chicken is usually given with the help of yeast extract. Yeast extract has a savoury flavour, making it a suitable ingredient for vegetarian chicken. Ingredients like onion, garlic, salt and pepper are used to strengthen the flavour while sugar helps in giving the dark tint to the meat. Many vegetarian brands also use beetroot extract to give the perfect colour to the meat.

Is veg meat healthy?

When it comes to replicating non-vegetarian food items, most nutrients make it to the list. Vegetarian substitutes make it healthier by reducing sodium and cholesterol levels that are spiking high in non-veg foods.



Tips to lighten ACNE SCARS

Acne is a major problem that tweens and teens face. But, dealing with acne is one problem, while dealing with acne scars is another. Even if you have fought acne, scars can take a lot of time to disappear. To speed up the healing process, follow these steps

DON'T SKIP THE SUNSCREEN

With sun exposure, acne marks can become stubborn. Make sure you apply a broad spectrum SPF to avoid permanent spots. A fresh scar is prone to more sun damage. Without sun protection the colour of the marks can easily turn brown from red or light brown marks.

GO FOR PRODUCTS THAT SUIT YOUR SKIN

Look for skincare products with AHA (alpha hydroxy acid), glycolic

acid, BHA (beta hydroxy acid) and salicylic acid. From cleansers to exfoliators, regular use of these ingredients will help to rejuvenate your skin and fade those stubborn scars.

TAKE VITAMIN C IN ABUNDANCE

The ascorbic acid, Vitamin C, does wonders for improving skin's clarity. It helps to fight free radicals and fades pigmented spots on the skin. You can look for high concentrated serum or even try making your own Vitamin C serum at



home. For getting enough of this vitamin in your regular diet, have oranges, amla, grapes, kiwis, etc.

SEE A DERMATOLOGIST

If you're dealing with stubborn marks and nothing seems to work, consult a dermatologist. There are many treatments like Intense Pulsed Light (IPL), microdermabrasion to chemical peels, which have been successfully known to remove scars. Depending on the intensity of the scar, you can choose the treatment and get rid of the scars.

QUIZ TIME (MIXED BAG)



Q.1) When did Germany declare war on Russia in 1914 during World War I?
A. July 28 B. Sept 1 C. Sept 4 D. Aug 1

Q.2) Hygrometer is used to measure ____

A. Relative humidity
B. Purity of milk
C. Specific gravity of liquid
D. None of the above



Q.3) Indian Institute of Petroleum is located in ____
A. Dehradun B. Kolkata C. Dhanbad D. New Delhi

Q.4) Philology is the ____
A. Study of bones
B. Study of muscles
C. Study of architecture
D. Science of languages

Q.5) Hargobind Khorana's work relates to:
A. Synthesis of simple DNA
B. Understanding the genetic code
C. Reduction of mutation
D. Synthesis of RNA from bacterial cell



ANSWERS

1. D) Aug 1 2. A) Relative Humidity 3. A) Dehradun
4. D) Science of languages 6. B) Understanding the genetic code

KNOWLEDGE BANK (FAUNA)

PURPLE FROG

The purple frog (or pig-nosed frog) spends much of its life underground, emerging briefly for a few days each year at the start of the monsoon to breed. The purple frog is one of only two species in the Nasikabatrachidae family. This family is endemic to the Western Ghats in India and has been evolving independently for around 100 million years. Molecular evidence has found the purple frogs to be most closely related to a family of tiny frogs - only found in the Seychelles.



LESSONS TO LEARN FROM THE TEACHINGS OF VIVEKANANDA

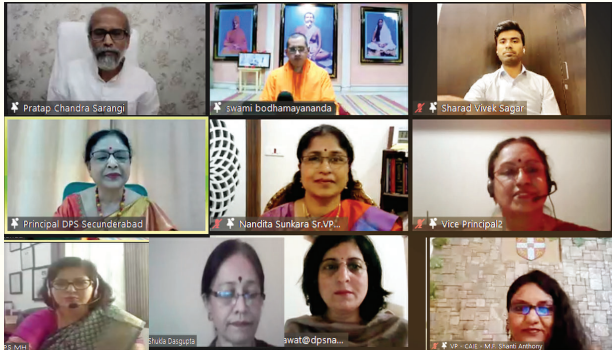
Delhi Public School Nacharam

Keeping with the Centre's directive of celebrating Swami Vivekananda's birth-day as National Youth Day, Delhi Public School, Nacharam paid homage to this great personality by organising an online session for schools across southern India.

Principal Sunitha S Rao welcomed the guests and formally opened the event.

Swami Bodhmayanandaji, director, VIHE, instilled inspiration in students through his moving words about Swami Vivekananda's philosophy and the importance it holds in today's world.

The chief guest, Union minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi, imparted words of wisdom which were cherished by all present. Sharad Sagar, CEO, Dexterity Global, the



guest of honour, in his speech gave invaluable advice on how one can apply Swami Vivekananda's philosophy to lead a more fulfilling life.

The event started on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp. Anirudh, an alumnus of the school, added to the austerity of the meet by a melodious rendition of Murta Maheswara. Sarayu of class XI inspired the audience through her graceful dance performance to the tune of

Swagatham Krishna.

Various other branches of Delhi Public School also joined on the special occasion, contributing significantly to the instructional proceedings through their insightful words and captivating presentations.

The event ended with Samhita Moharir expressing gratitude on behalf of the entire DPS family to all those who attended and made this edifying online affair an overwhelming success.

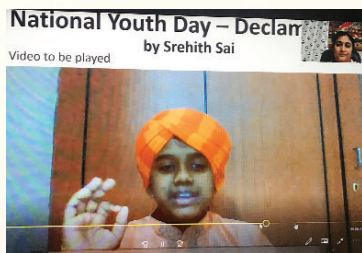
Manju Singh, Rohini House Guardian, Johnson Grammar School, ICSE Habsiguda, Hyderabad

It was a proud moment for Johnson Grammar School, Habsiguda as Sreehith Sai of class VIII H gave a declamation on the National Youth Day and thus reminded all of us about the great Swami Vivekananda. It was as if Swami Vivekananda was standing right in front of all, delivering the speech with all sincerity and reverence and his words made us go back in time.

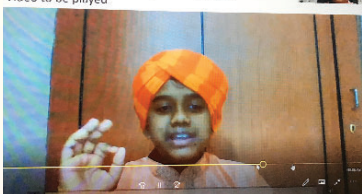
Yatharth of class VII C expressed his thoughts on the ideologies of Vivekananda and urged everyone to wake up to the realities of life.

Students were mesmerised listening to the speeches which were motivating. The speeches imbibed an immense positivity among the students.

The zeal and enthusiasm of the students inspired everyone. It was a delight watching the blooming personalities of the nation, inspiring everyone. Teachers appreciated the efforts put in by the students.



National Youth Day – Declamation
by Sreehith Sai



Delhi Public School Nadergul

Swami Vivekananda is one of the most famous philosophers in the world and a great source of inspiration to youth. His birth anniversary is celebrated as National Youth Day in our country. To commemorate his 158th birth anniversary, Delhi Public School, Nadergul celebrated the National Youth Day on the virtual platform. Students participated in the various competitions organised on the occasion.

The main objective of the celebrations was to propagate the philosophy and ideals of Swami Vivekananda among students.

Many activities like painting, slogan writing, poem writing, essay writing, elocution and panel discussion were held. The activities were designed according to age, level and the theme. The students from classes V to X participated enthusiastically in the competitions.

Youth aiming towards Peace- Building,

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Have infinite
patience, and
success is
yours

Channelising Youth Power for Nation Building, Innovative Solutions to the problems faced by the youth of the country were few of the themes that were taken up for the competitions.

The competitions were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness in which students participated with great gusto. The activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each student and provided them with a plat-

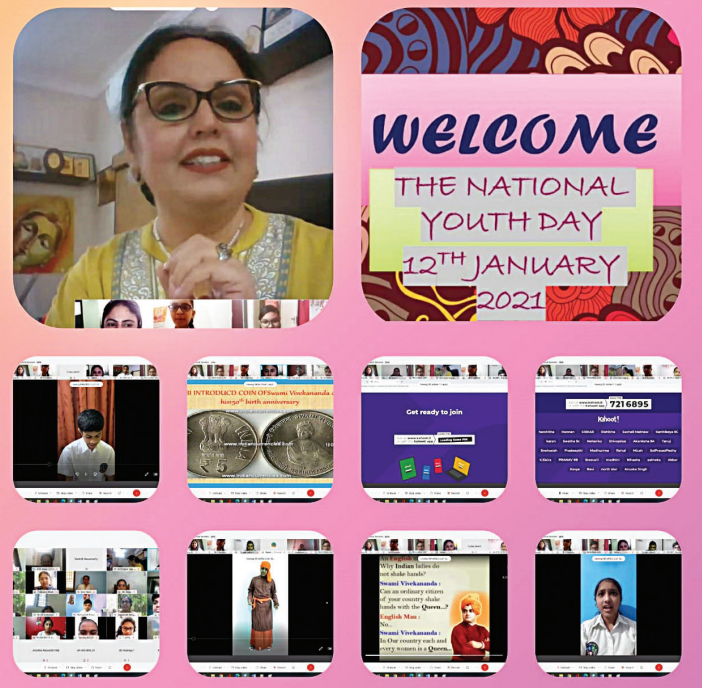


form to showcase their knowledge about Swami Vivekananda and his ideologies. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of the activities.

The students left everyone awe-struck as they showcased their talent so effortlessly making the day a grand success.



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Arise, awake, stop not till the
goal is reached - Swami Vivekananda



On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the students of classes VIII, IX and XI of Pallavi Model School, Alwal left no stone unturned in celebrating the day virtually. The students in large numbers joined the WebEx link and the programme commenced with a quote from Swami Vivekananda while spreading the message of the power of youth through the voice-over presentation of the great reformer and spiritual leader.

One act play of Swami Vivekananda was staged as an autobiography by the student of class IX. Swami Vivekananda had delivered a powerful speech in Chicago on this day, 125 years ago. Introducing Hinduism to the world, he spoke about tolerance, inclusion and the need to end fanaticism. It was presented by a student as a declamation, dressed like Vivekananda.

Several presentations were pre-recorded and showcased. An emerging entrepreneur of class XI, Commerce wing, was invited for a tête-à-tête to encourage young minds with start-ups. It was then followed by a panel discussion on issues faced

Pallavi Model School Alwal

by the youth of our country and the ways to curb it, by the students of class XI.

Some of the issues that were touched upon were peer pressure and bullying, mental health, I don't do what I love to do, exploitation on experience, addiction of mobile, dependency on parents, etc. The panelist spoke confidently on ways to address the issues. On a lighter note, the musical maestros played self-composed songs on youth.

The school also invited youth icon Ravalli from Radio FM 101.4, who expressed her passion for her job as a radio jockey. Principal Sunir Nagi invited the alumni of Pallavi Model School, of batch 2011 who are now self-made entrepreneurs: Rudhra Mukund and Varshith Veesamsetty for a rendezvous. Rudhra is the co-founder and CEO at Outvie Sports.

Varshith Veesamsetty runs a company called Casa Décor. The guests spoke at length on learning for life from school, investments, role models, risks involved, skills of entrepreneurship and also shared their success stories.

RISE OF THE PANDEMIC

What is happening here around,
the world has turned upside down.
Those precious moments of joy we had planned
Left unspent and sad, Rumours about hundreds of
deaths brew, Cleaving our hearts in two
Those unsung warriors who left the world
Left everyone who cared unsettled.
Doubt about every person grows,
As in the streets prejudice flows.
Every wind felt like corpse breath
Because one wrong move could mean death.
Uncertainty about every hour
Some just wish for a four-leaved clover
What will the next hour bring
No one knows until it flings.
The diseased in the hospitals multiply
Some come back, some struggle to survive.
Families are left heart-wrenched,
Unable to bridge the distance between life and death.
Yet on the horizon a glimmer of hope shines,
Because we know we will be fine
Because we know we will fight through
A pandemic can't stop us, it's just true.

ERINA FARAZ FARISHTA, class VII H,
Nasr School, Khairatabad

WHEN RADHA RANI DID MAAN

When Lord Krishna was supposed to meet Radha rani,
and he came late, Radha ji became angry!
Oh! How bad was Krishna ji's fate!

Radha ji did Maan! And lord Krishna couldn't do anything
about it!, he even put her sole on his head,
just to make her happy a bit.

But Radha ji would not budge
she wanted to give a lesson to Krishna ji
the situation was already so bad
how worse could it be!

She gave her friends Latika and Vrinda the job
of giving Krishna ji a punishment
while Krishna ji just stood there
hands cupped and body bent!

Latika instructed Krishna ji
to chant Radha ji's glories and become her devotee
So when Krishna ji said yes,
Radha ji broke her maan with glee!

but when did Lord Krishna become a saint?
When did he chant Radha ji's glories? Have you ever
heard of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's stories?

Lord Krishna came as Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
and Radha Rani as Gadadhar pandit
they were devotees of Radhey Krishna
and through them the Hare Krishna lamp was lit!

PRANAVI DWIVEDI, class VII D,
Army Public School, Bolarum



Ushering in the festive fervour

Sankranti is celebrated all over India and in Nepal and is known as the harvest festival.

On this day of Sankranti, the sun changes its rashi and the days start becoming longer and nights shorter. It is believed that the sun god goes to meet his son Shani (god).

It is also known as 'gud teej'. On this day, delicious 'teel and gud (jaggery)' dishes are made.

In some places, people fly kites, play gilli danda and give gifts to everyone.

Shreeverdhani Nigam, class V D, Global Edge School Kukatpally, Hyderabad

There is a special importance of Daan punya, donating rice and dal. We celebrated the festival with our family and in school, different activities were organised virtually to mark the day. All the students came forward to take part in various events held on the festive occasion.

Showcasing their creativity

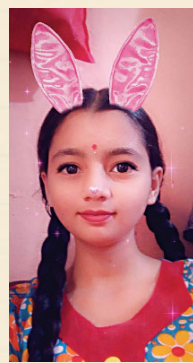
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The power of performing arts such as dance and music provide children with opportunities to showcase their creative expression of emotions. Dancing awakens new perceptions in children which help them learn and think in new ways! The activity Prop-O-Mania was conducted for the students of class V and VI. Students were excited about the idea of dancing with a prop.

The students enjoyed and danced enthusiastically as they kept changing props with every song! The activity concluded by playing a couple of patriotic songs, that instilled a sense of patriotism in children.

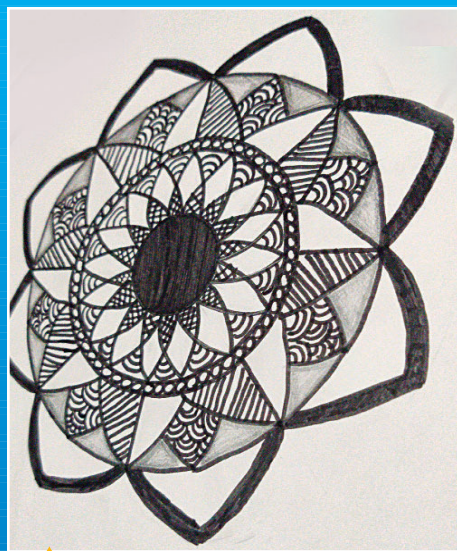
MISSING SCHOOL

I hope that the days in 2021 should be free from the pandemic so that we can spend our time with our relatives and more than that with our friends and teachers by going to school. We haven't seen our school for almost a year now. I hope this year schools reopen soon so that we can meet our friends and teachers and enjoy at school. I know there might be many more challenges in 2021 as Covid-19 is still there and we must ensure all safety precautions. I really miss my school, friends, teachers and the principal. I miss them all. There is no fun without friends. We hardly even step out of the house due to the virus. I don't like this. I hope that things get under control soon and we can have our normal life back. For now, we must continue to maintain social distancing, sanitize our hands and wear the mask.



K BHAVANI,
class IX B, Pudami
School, Nagaram

Painters' Gallery



SYMMETRY: MURARISSETTI GAYATRI,
class XI B, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's
(Vidyashram), Jubilee Hills



WALK OF LIFE:
SARAH FARHAN ALI,
class VI C,
Hyderabad Public
School, Ramanthapur



PERCHED ATOP: A MEGHAVARSHITHA, class VII,
Sri Guru Datta High School, Hyderabad

Fun time at zoo

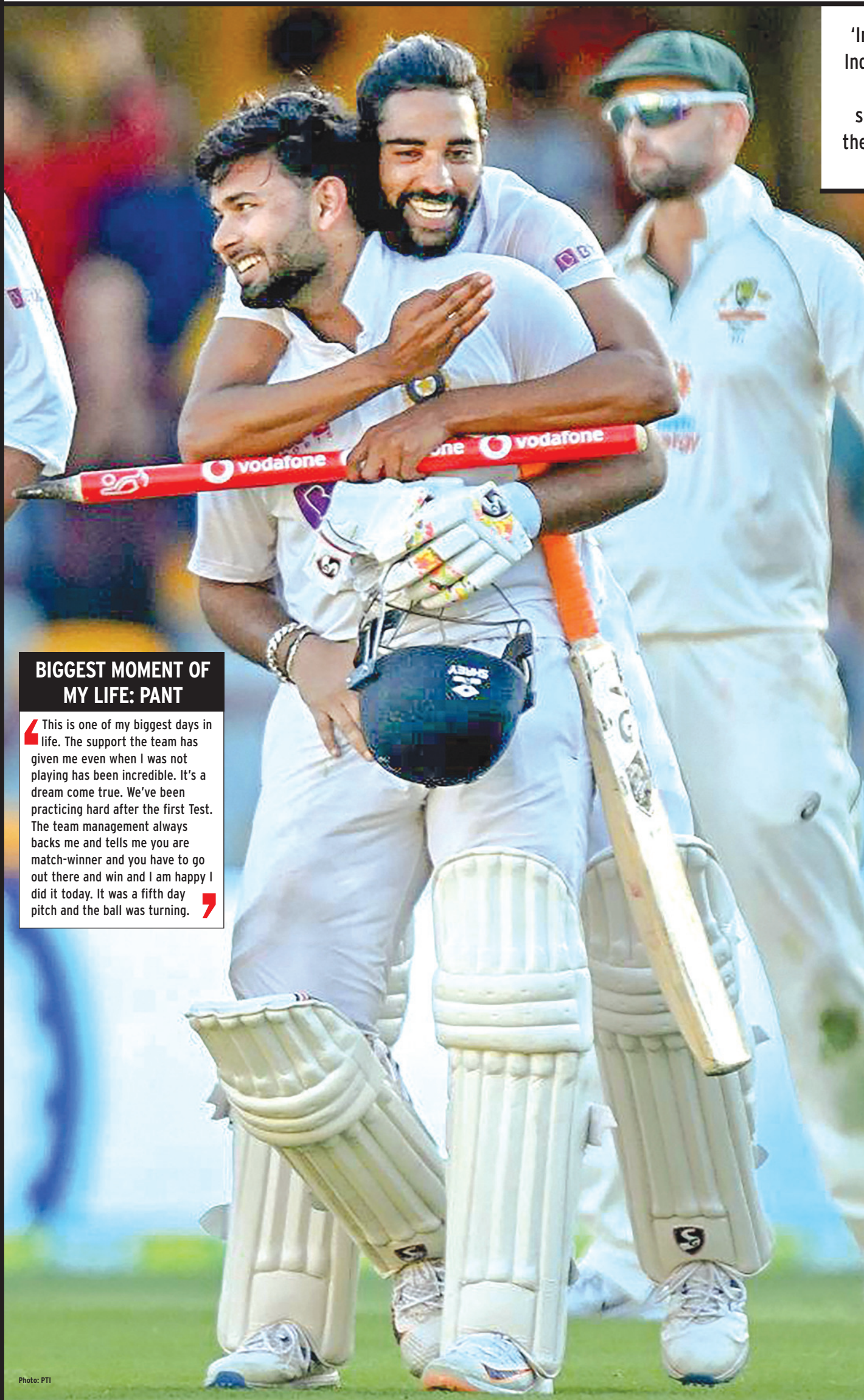
I visited my grandparents in Tirupati during Sankranti festival holidays. We went to Sri Venkateshwara zoological park, one of the largest zoo parks that I have ever seen. I saw elephants, leopards, crocodiles, giraffe, sloth bear with their young. The beautiful green campus was surrounded by seven hills. Lions and tigers were freely roaming around in their enclosures. We had our picnic lunch near the White Peacock place. I was surprised to see the white colour of the peacocks. My dad, who works for wild life conservation, explained to me that white peacocks are rare and their colour is due to the missing dark pigment from birth.

Animals kept captive in the zoo are not for fun and entertainment but for rehabilitation as majority of them are old and cannot hunt food for themselves in the wild.



AUSRITHA M, class III C,
Jubilee Hills Public School, Hyderabad

AS BIG AS A WORLD CUP TITLE TRIUMPH



BIGGEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE: PANT

This is one of my biggest days in life. The support the team has given me even when I was not playing has been incredible. It's a dream come true. We've been practicing hard after the first Test. The team management always backs me and tells me you are match-winner and you have to go out there and win and I am happy I did it today. It was a fifth day pitch and the ball was turning.

'India will lose 4-0', was the prediction of some of the greats of the game as the Indian team arrived in Adelaide to kickstart the 4-match Test series. The expected return of skipper Virat Kohli after the first Test further sent shivers down the spine of many Indian supporters, especially after the nature of India's defeat in the Adelaide Test. But, what happened after the pink-ball Test was something even the biggest supporters of the Indian team hadn't imagined

INDIA'S RESURRECTION WAS FAIRYTALE OF FAIRYTALES

➤ 36 ALL-OUT DEBACLE

1 Battered, bruised, and trolled over the nature in which the Indian team was dismissed in the second innings of the Adelaide Test, the touring side headed to their hotel rooms with their heads looking down. The good cricket India had played for the first two days in Adelaide was undone in a matter of one session as Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins ran riot. With Virat Kohli returning home for the birth of his first child, questions arose over the team's strategy to make a comeback in the absence of their best batsman, over their plans to retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. With such critical questions hovering in their minds and the fate of many senior players hanging in balance, the Indian team mustered up enough courage to do their bat do the talking.

➤ MELBOURNE MAGIC

2 With their backs against the wall, the Indian cricket team produced one of its most memorable fightbacks in cricketing history. Stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane notched up his first century of the series as India secured a dominant 8-wicket victory over the Aussies. More than the fact that the team had pulled itself to level the series 1-1 by winning the second match, it was the odds Rahane's men had beaten to secure the win that made headlines. A story of grit and determination to perform after a morale-shattering defeat in the previous match spoke leaps and bounds of the character of this Indian team. The fact that the Indian team didn't have the services of Mohammed Shami and also Umesh Yadav injure himself for the most part of the match further demonstrated the depth of talent that the team possesses.

➤ SYDNEY STALEMATE

3 A huge injury setback hit the Indian team as Umesh Yadav joined Mohammed Shami in the injury list but the fixture also marked the return of one of the finest batsmen in the team, Rohit Sharma. The Hitman joined Shubman Gill in the opening department, with both scoring their first half-centuries of the series in the match. Steve Smith stood tall in India's pursuit of a second consecutive victory in the series, scoring 131 and 81 in the two innings. There were moments on Day 5 of the Test where the prospects of Rahane's men going for the kill emerged but injuries to Rishabh Pant, Hanuma Vihari, Ravindra Jadeja, R Ashwin as well as Jasprit Bumrah meant that such execution couldn't practically be possible. The result of the match kept the series level 1-1 but what became a huge reason of concern for the Indian team management was the number of injuries the team had incurred.

➤ BREACHING BRISBANE FORTRESS

4 Australian cricket team skipper Tim Paine had taunted India's R Ashwin to come to Gabba, referring to the fact that the hosts had not lost a single match at the venue since 1988. While Ashwin himself couldn't make it to the fourth Test due to a back injury, the Indian team still managed to give an apt response to Aussie arrogance. As many as four Indian players were ruled out from the match – Ashwin, Bumrah, Jadeja, and Vihari – while T Natarajan and Washington Sundar made their debuts in the match alongside Shardul Thakur and Mohammed Siraj who were only one and two matches old respectively. Given a target of 328 runs to chase on Day 5, India entered the final day's contest with an overnight score of 4/0. Rohit Sharma was dismissed early but Shubman Gill notched up his highest score in the format (91) but failed to convert it into his maiden hundred. Cheteshwar Pujara anchored the innings as he always does but the most special knock of the match came from the Rishabh Pant, who produced arguably the most impressive performance of his match to guide India to a victory. Pant's 138-ball 89 put the final nail in the coffin for Australia as India retained the Border Gavaskar Trophy by beating Australia in their own home on the second consecutive occasion. Pant was adjudged Player of the Match.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE INDIANS: LANGER

Their young bowling attack kept us under pressure in the whole game. India deserves full credit. You cannot take anything for granted, never ever underestimate the Indians, 1.5 billion (people in India) and you play in the senior team, you have to be really tough. I couldn't appreciate India enough.

Justin Langer,
Australia Coach

It means a lot to us. I don't know how to describe this, but our boys showed a lot of character and determination after the Adelaide Test. I'm really proud of each individual. The conversation between Pujara and me was that he would bat normal, and I would take it on. It was all about intent.

Credit to Pujara, the way he handled the pressure was magnificent. Rishabh and Washington were very good at the end. Taking 20 wickets was the key, so we opted for 5 bowlers.

Ajinkya Rahane,
Indian captain

I'm not someone who gets emotional but even I had real tears in my eyes because this is unreal. What these guys have pulled off will go down in history as one of the greatest series ever played. When you look at the COVID situation and the spate of injuries, all those things when you take it into account then to show the stomach for a fight after being bowled out for 36 is unimaginable.

Ravi Shastri,
India head coach



Indian players and support staff pose with the Border-Gavaskar Trophy

THE DEPTH OF INDIAN CRICKET IS SCARY

➤ Khushi ke maare pagal. This is the new India. Ghar mein ghuskar maarta hai. From what happened in Adelaide to this, these young guys have given us a joy of a lifetime. There have been World Cup wins but this is special. And yes, there is a reason Pant is extra special.

Virender Sehwag

Historic series win for Team India! Youngsters delivered when it mattered, with Gill and Pant in the forefront. Hats off to Ravi Shastri and the support staff for their part in this turnaround! So so proud of this bunch, this is one for the ages.

VVS Laxman

Just a remarkable win...To go to Australia and win a test series in this way...will be remembered in the history of Indian cricket for-

ever..Bcci announces a 5 cr bonus for the team..The value of this win is beyond any number..well done to every member of the touring party..

Sourav Ganguly

Wow.. That has to go down as one of the greatest if not the greatest Test victory of all time!! Egg on my face over here in the UK.. but I love to see character & skill.. India have it in abundance.. btw @RealShubmanGill & @RishabhPant17 are future superstars!

Michael Vaughan

What a Test match! The depth of Indian Cricket is scary. @RishabhPant17, sweet number 17. Well played young man. #testcricket at its very best

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