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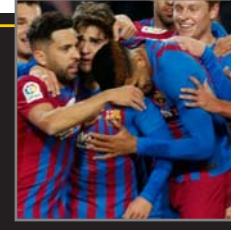
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The box will also collect temperature measurements, ocean acidification data, data on land use, military spending, energy consumption and human population growth

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## IN THE NEWS

### IT'S NO 'DJOKE': Novak named ITF world champion for a record 7th time



Men's world number one Novak Djokovic has been named the 2021 ITF world champion for a record seventh time while women's number one Ash Barty has picked up her second crown, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said. Djokovic, who finished the year as number one for a record seventh time, won the Australian Open, French Open, and Wimbledon, while he fell short at the Tokyo Olympics and the US Open final in his quest for a rare golden slam. The Serb was tied with American great Pete Sampras on six wins for the title first awarded in 1978. Barty, who won her first Wimbledon title this year and a bronze medal at the Olympics in mixed doubles, previously won the award in 2019.

#### A postage stamp for the Serbian poster boy

World No 1 tennis player Novak Djokovic has got a huge recognition from his country, Serbia, which has recognised his achievement by issuing a postage stamp – for mailing letters both nationally and internationally – which is a first for any athlete from the country. The artwork was done by Boban Savic, with references to some of Djokovic's greatest accomplishments, including his 37 ATP Masters 1,000 titles and 20 major triumphs

## Earth is getting a 'Black Box' to hold humans accountable for climate change

In a remote part of Australia, a steel vault about the size of a school bus will record the Earth's warming weather patterns. It will listen to what we say and do. It will create an archive that could be critical to piecing together the missteps, its creators say, should humanity be destroyed by climate change. The vault, known as the Earth's Black Box, will be constructed in Tasmania, an Australian island state off the south coast. It will operate much like a plane's flight recorder, which records an aircraft's final moments before crashing. But the makers of this new black box – including data researchers from the University of Tasmania, artists and architects – say they hope it won't have to be opened.



### WHY BLACK BOX

■ Scientists have warned that if they rise beyond a threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius, or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit, the risk of disasters like water shortages, deadly heatwaves and ecosystem collapse will grow immensely. (The world has already warmed by 1.1

degrees Celsius)

■ The box's creators say, the back box will record leaders' actions (or inaction) by scraping the internet for keywords relating to climate change from newspapers, social media and peer-reviewed journals. It will collect daily metrics, including average oceanic and land temperatures, atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration and biodiversity loss

**1** The vault – a 33-foot-long box made of 3-inch-thick steel – is not expected to be completed until the middle of next year. But creators say, they have already begun to gather information. Eventually, the data will be stored on a giant, automated, solar-powered hard drive with a capacity to collect information for about 50 years

**2** Though the information can be found elsewhere, the creators insist, it is not stored for posterity in one immutable place

**3** How future visitors will be able to retrieve the contents of the box also remains unclear. The creators say they are working on it. One option is to encode the contents in various formats, such as in script or binary code that would be unravelled. The creators say that if the planet is nearing cataclysm, instructions for opening the box would be etched on it on its exterior. The message can't be included beforehand, they say, because of the risk that vandals would attempt to crack it open

### Omicron-driven third wave in India likely to peak in Feb: Covid Supermodel Panel

The daily Covid-19 caseload in India that is currently around 7,500 infections is expected to increase once the Omicron starts displacing Delta as the dominant variant, informed members of the National Covid-19 Supermodel Committee and predicted the third wave in India early next year.

Vidyasagar, who is also the head of the National Covid-19 Supermodel Committee, said that India will have Omicron's third wave but it will be milder than the second wave. "The Third wave is likely to arrive early next year in India. It should be milder than the second wave due to a large-scale immunity present in the country now," he said. There will definitely be a third wave. Right now, we are at around 7,500 cases per day, which is sure to go up once Omicron starts displacing Delta as the dominant variant, he added. According to Vidyasagar, in the worst scenario, India will not have more than two lakh cases per day in case the third wave grips the country.



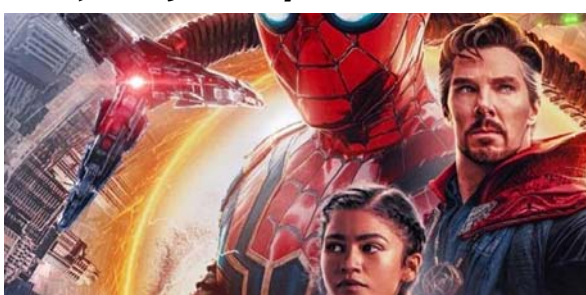
### Cold wave grips northwest India. Delhi shivers at 4.6 degree Celsius

Severe cold gripped northern India, as the mercury dropped to near freezing temperature in Rajasthan's Churu on Saturday. As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), cold wave to severe cold wave conditions have been prevailing in some parts of north Rajasthan and Punjab, while cold wave conditions prevail in isolated pockets over Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan and Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, north Rajasthan and north Madhya Pradesh. Churu has reported the lowest minimum temperature of -1.1°C followed by Amritsar at 0.7°C, Ganganagar at 1.1°C and Delhi at 4.7°C



■ According to the IMD, a cold wave is recorded when the minimum temperature is equal to or less than 10 degree Celsius at a weather station in the plains, and is 4.5 degrees to 6.4 degrees below the normal temperature for that period

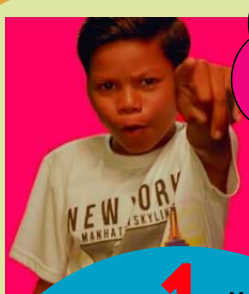
### 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' fan frenzy continues, biggest superhero opening on Day 1 at ₹32 crore



Spider-Man: No Way Home' is smashing box office records in India. The movie registered a whopping ₹32.7 crore on its opening day and is going strong. According to Sony Pictures, the film's first day's gross earning stood at ₹41.5 crore. The third installment raked in 3.5 times more on its first day than its predecessor 'Spider-Man: Far From Home', released in 2019.

Interestingly, it is the highest among the superhero movies released in the last few years

### BACHPAN KA PYAAR



**1** Music producer Yashraj Mukhate used a clip of Pakistani influencer Dananeer, whose 'Pawri hori hai' video went viral to compose the Pawri anthem of the year. In the video, Dananeer was seen enjoying in a hilly location in Pakistan, as she gave a glimpse of herself partying with her friends. Mukhate made a mashup video that went crazy viral, prompting desi netizens to groove to the pawri anthem

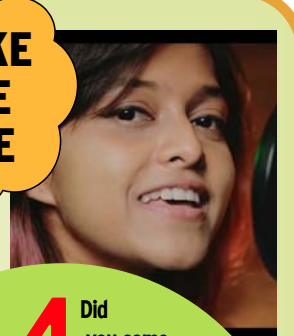
### PAWRI HO RAHI HAI

**2** A 10-year-old boy's rendition of Badshah's song 'Bachpan Ka Pyar' took the internet by storm in July. Sahdev Dirdo was seen standing in a classroom in front of his teacher, as he sang the song with a straight face. The track gained popularity after Badshah posted a remix of Sahdev's rendition of 'Bachpan Ka Pyaar'

**3**

Sung by Sri Lankan singers Yohani Diloeka De Silva and Satheeshan, the song generated a lot of buzz after it was released in May. Several renditions and dance versions of the song have gone viral, as people still continue to join the 'Manike Mage Hithe' trend. The song has been dubbed in many languages, including Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi

### MANIKE MAGE HITHE



**4** Did you come across Instagram reels where people stayed still for a few seconds to create a phone wallpaper-like illusion with the song 'Banna Re', by Chitrlekha Sen and DJ Shadow Dubai, being played in background? As soon as the chorus begins to sing, people did their favourite move to break the lock screen illusion. The trend required you to use the lock screen filter

### IPHONE LOCK SCREEN

**YEAR  
IN  
REVIEW**

## Instagram trends 2021: Most popular trends that people couldn't ignore



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP IDEAS

# 5 TIPS FOR STARTING YOUR OWN EDTECH

Edtech companies are being started at a staggering rate, even by very young people. "Students who are interested in coming up with their own start-up in this field must do their homework before they jump in," says Diwakar Chittora, CEO and founder of an edtech company - Intellipaati. The idea is to resolve an issue in education, transform education, be better than competitors, and ultimately change the face of education.



## GET FAMILIAR WITH EDUCATION SECTOR

Proper learning and research about the education industry while continuous interaction with the edtech community will be a great step to understand the process easily and more transparently through meeting investors, collaborating and learning from influential entrepreneurs who have been in the same industry for long. With the internet, this ability to network is easier than ever. One needs to be familiar with different verticals of education catering to different courses in order to provide services in the market.

## INVEST YOUR TIME AND ENERGY

If you are clear with the vision then, having a business plan written on paper is a good start. The growth of any business/company is slow whenever you start, and especially for edtech companies, so students need to be patient enough to let the business take off and wait until it provides some profitable returns. Adoption and usage has swelled and the demand for edtech solutions has grown at an extraordinary pace, fast-tracking the digitalization of education by five to ten years. Also, students should be ready to invest their absolute time and energy into the company not only in the beginning but through the process of building themselves in the market.

## CAPITAL IS CRUCIAL

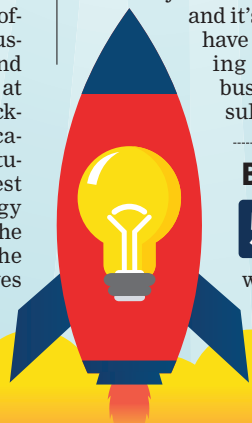
Raising money is one of the first things that an edtech startup needs to do. One should be well organised with the funds while starting a business. so it is very important for every entrepreneur to manage all financial aspects and prepare to help keep the business alive. Young students should invest with a stable amount in order to start young companies that are just in the development phase and it's equally important to have patience while investing your money as no business gives instant results.

## BUILD A STRONG NETWORK

Business growth is very well dependent on your connections and confidence. Surrounding yourself with people who are inquisitive in nature, have good industry knowledge, are hard working, committed and driven towards their work can open various doors to broaden knowledge and experience for business growth. This must include going to conferences, attending events, parties and hence, building strong and healthy relations with your peers and competitors. It is important to stay connected while working in such an industry to a variety of personalities that can help developing and efficient working of edtech for students' betterment.

## BE OPEN TO FEEDBACK &amp; LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES

Students tend to make mistakes while starting an edtech company, but making mistakes teaches us what doesn't work and motivates us to develop new ways of thinking and acting. One should always work towards making the most from the feedback received from the customers, which allows people to throw light on things and perspectives which didn't get attention earlier. By TEAM NIE



## WHY IS A HOT DOG CALLED SO? THE STORY BEHIND THE WEIRD NAME OF THIS COMMON FOOD

If there is one thing Americans love, it's the Hot Dog and ironically, it's a coveted part of America's national cuisine. It's the most popular snack of American cuisine, which has bacon added in the centre with cheese all around and lots of ketchup and toppings. Whatever be the toppings of this delicious snack, but it certainly doesn't have any dog meat in it. Whether you call it red hot, hot dog, weiners or frankfurters, it's a dish of simplicity where you will sausage covered in a simple long bun with some delicious toppings. Think of it as a long burger with sausage in it. This popular snack goes best with ball games just like hot milk and cookies go together.

There have been several theories and schools of thought behind the invention of this name. While most

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people believe that Hot Dog originated in Germany as early as 700 BCE. It is also believed that the first hot dogs were called 'dachshund sausages' and were sold by a German immigrant from a food cart in the 1860s in New York. And the very reason why these sausages were called

so is because of the fact that these sausages were quite thin & long, just like the canine breed. However, it was a Polish immigrant named Nathan Handwerker who in 1916 popularised this snack by selling them for half the price of his competitor. The reason behind 'Hot Dog'

## THE STORY OF SAUSAGES

The early mentions of this amazing snack find that it was sold in white gloves by a street vendor so that there should not be a mess while eating. This is the only reason why it was called red hot earlier. But, after a while it got the street vendor worried and so took his brother-in-law's help (who was a baker) and used buns for keeping this sausage in between.

There is one more story about sausages and buns, which explains the fact why it came into being like this. It involved a man named Charles Feltman, who sold sandwiches in a cart. He was unable to completely fill up his cart, so he placed these hot dogs along with sandwiches on his cart. Afterwards, he heard about the 'red hots' and started adding bun to it so that they could also be held the same way as a sandwich. Thus, the result was what you call - 'Hot Dog' today.

## FESTIVE FOOD

## All things roasted for Christmas

What's a good Christmas week dinner without a hearty roast and puddings? We bring you some recipes to jazz up your roast dinner menu - from starters to desserts

## Root vegetables roasted with herbs

Winters call for a platter full of root vegetables like radish, carrots, turnips, beetroots and sweet potatoes. To add a little crunch to the roast dinner, oven roast these vegetables. One of the simplest ways to make these is to wash, peel and cut the veggies diagonally, then add salt, ground pepper, herbs like rosemary, thyme, sage, brush it with olive oil and roast in the oven for 30 minutes.



## Aubergine roast

Aubergine or brinjal is another vegetable that adds a unique flavour to the palate when roasted. It is one of the easiest dishes to make. Wash and cut the aubergines in the middle. Score the flesh with a knife so the veggie gets cooked through. Brush these pieces with salt-pepper and olive oil. Pop in the oven for 30-40 minutes. Once done, it can be topped with marinara sauce and cheese.



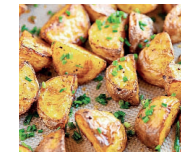
## Sauce covered roasted cauliflower

Call it Gobi Mussallam or roasted cauliflower; this dish will add a lot of character to the roast platter due to the rich Mughlai sauce. This dish does take time to be prepared, especially the gravy sauce. First the cauliflower head is prepped by parboiling in hot water. As the vegetable dries off, Mughlai gravy is prepared. Once done, cover the entire cauliflower with the thick gravy and reserve some to serve on the plate. Roast it for 40-45 minutes until the cauliflower is dry, garnish with coriander and serve.



## Roasted potato in assorted herbs and spices

They say potato is the most versatile vegetable, and it is true! For roasting too, one can explore many flavours. Depending on what goes best with other items of the dinner, potatoes can be roasted with herbed butter, or oil and assorted herbs. They can also be made the Indian way with cumin and black pepper or Aloo Tukki.



## Pan roasted fish

A healthy and exciting option for non-veg lovers instead of meat. Like potatoes, fish also presents the cook with a lot of versatile recipes to choose from. Right from crispy almond butter crusted salmon, sole or basa fish to spice roasted pomfrets, mackerels and kingfish steaks. It is best served with mashed potatoes and lemon butter. TNN



## MOST POPULAR EXERCISES OF 2021

## FITNESS



After 2020 became (in) famous for being associated with the global pandemic, 2021 followed in its steps with the second and a more fatal wave of the same. The pandemic claimed several lives, clearly highlighting how fragile life is. The two years brought the world to a halt and made everyone realize the importance of health. Having a healthy body and mind can be priceless and cannot be taken away from you unlike wealth and riches. Eating well and exercising regularly are the principal and most basic steps to be taken towards a healthy and disease free lifestyle. With people locked up inside their homes and striving for healthier lifestyles, new exercise trends came into existence and became prevalent throughout the year.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR OUTDOOR EXERCISES THAT PEOPLE DID IN 2021.



## OUTDOOR EXERCISES

2021 saw a large number of young deaths that took place because of heart attacks which was a matter of concern and forced us to look into what was wrong with the way we lived. Since 2020 inflicted upon us, a series of lockdowns and other restrictions including closed gyms and fitness centres, 2021 saw an increase in outdoor activities.



## Belly Breathing

An excellent exercise that helps with the lung capacity, this form of breathing also strengthens diaphragmatic muscle. Breathing in through the nose and breathing out through the mouth with a hand or light weight on the stomach is how this exercise is done. Each time you breathe in, make sure that the inhalation is better than the previous time.



## Alternate Nostril Breathing

Improving cardio vascular function and lowering heart rate, alternate nostril breathing is a great exercise that helps the lungs and the heart.



## Running

A great way of keeping oneself active, fit and going, running was seen as the most preferred form of outdoor activity that people chose to do keep themselves healthy. Running not only is a great form of aerobic exercise that helps breathing, heart rate and stamina but it is also a great form of cardio-vascular workout and helps maintain heart health.



## Walking

It has often been said that brisk walking is much better than running. As a form of exercise that puts pressure on the calves, brisk walking is much more effective since the feet remain in contact with the ground for a considerably longer period of time. Brisk walking also strikes a balance in the heart rate and breathing rhythm, thereby proving to be a great exercise overall.



## Hiking

A long walk along the trails of nature or on long, winding roads is known as hiking. Mostly a holiday activity, hiking gained popularity as a physical activity in 2021 and was taken up by people in the very places they lived in. People found coming in contact with the outdoor surroundings, establishing a connection with nature and walking for long distances, together to be a great form of relaxation and rejuvenation for the body and the mind.



## Breathing Exercises

Let us all address the elephant in the room, COVID-19 affected the lungs the most and the second wave in particular, saw an unprecedented oxygen shortage that claimed several lives. Breathing exercises to minimise damage in cases of emergency include prone, deep breathing and others that were used to stabilize people whose oxygen levels fell drastically leading to loss of lives or severe lung damage. Here are some exercises that gained popularity in 2021.



Lift up your right hand toward your nose, pressing your first and middle fingers down toward your palm and leaving your other fingers extended. After an exhale, use your right thumb to gently close your right nostril. Inhale through your left nostril and then close your left nostril with your right pinky and ring fingers. Release your thumb and exhale out through your right nostril. Inhale through your right nostril and then close this nostril. Release your fingers to open your left nostril and exhale through this side. This is one cycle. Repeat the cycle multiple times for up to five minutes and end with the left nostril.



## THE EDUCATIONIST

### HELPING STUDENTS NAVIGATE THEIR FUTURE

*"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." - William Arthur Ward*

An educationist is one who is well versed with the various theories of education and works within a framework laid down by the educational body of the country or region.

Educationists play different roles and have different responsibilities. They try to facilitate curriculum development, learning, research, teaching, assessment, and policy among others based on their level of experience, educational credentials and their depth of knowledge in the particular line of work.

Only those who have genuine sympathy and welfare-consciousness for students can adopt appropriate methods of teaching. They have a friendly attitude towards students that makes them approachable and students feel comfortable asking questions.

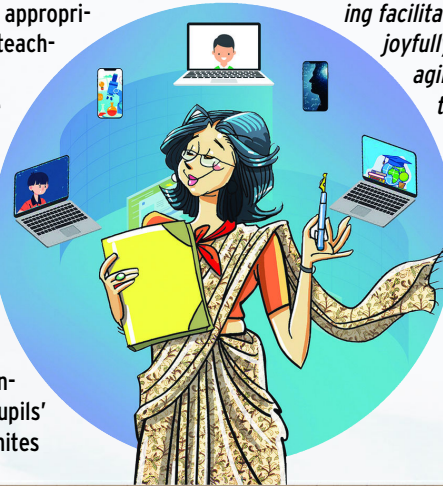
An educationist shapes the pupils' thoughts and ignites

their imagination on how good education can shape not only their future but also their near and dear ones' and lead to the overall country's progress. The role of educationist has become more crucial now than ever, as students have a plethora of choices and need a mentor to help them navigate the right path.

I am sure society at large will acknowledge and accept the distinctive roles that each educationist plays in this evolving learning community.

*"True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own."*

**J JINI, ENGLISH HOD,** Delhi World School, Hyderabad



## Talent show brings out the best

Every child is unique, gifted and talented. Every child is distinctly talented and no two children can or should be compared. They are blessed with their own special individuality.

Led by this philosophy, at The Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad, we started an initiative called 'Chota Packet Bada Dhamaka' to bring out the innate talent of the elementary children.

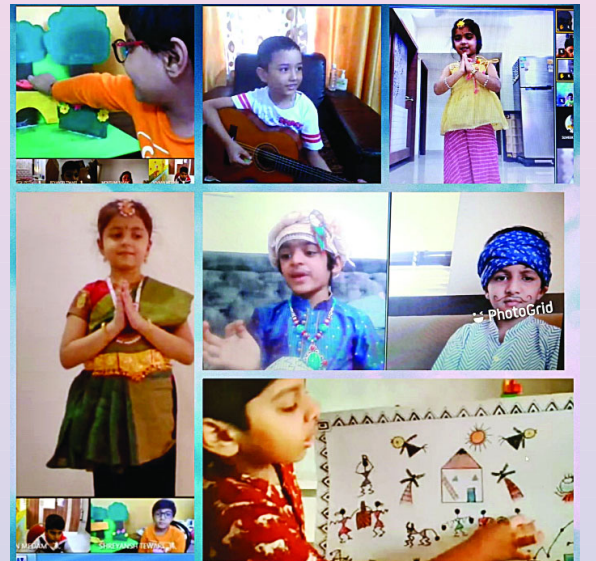
As the name indicates, our Chota Packets came up with various talents ranging from singing to dancing, storytelling to role play and puppetry to DIY and proudly showcased their talent to the parents, grandparents and

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peers who were totally mesmerized by the Dhamaka.

'Chota Packet Bada Dhamaka' saw our children evolve and grow with their interests. Many successful people in life have discovered their passion early in life and pursued them. At TSUS when we talk about the holistic development of a child we do understand the interests of children and give an opportunity for them to explore and build on them.

Here we presented our future storytellers, dancers, singers, word-smiths and innovators conquering their world one step at a time.



## There is strength in unity

Unity is Strength is a proverb that almost everyone has heard, which simply means that we must stay united in order to stay strong. We cannot deny the importance of staying united in various situations. Believing in these words of wisdom, students of Delhi World School, Chintal class II students enacted the story of a "Three Sons and a Bundle of Sticks".

Once upon a time, an old man lived with his three sons in a village. The three sons were hard workers but quarrelled all the time. The old man tried a lot to unite them but failed. Though the villagers appreciated their hard work, they made fun of their quarrels. So, the old man decided to teach his three sons a practical lesson on unity.

The old man called his

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sons and told them, "I will give you a stick and you have to break it into two pieces. The one who breaks all the sticks quickly will be rewarded more."

The old man gave a bundle of 10 sticks to each of them and asked them to break each stick into pieces. They broke the sticks into pieces in minutes. The old man said, "Dear sons, the game is not over. Now I will give another bundle of sticks to each of you. You will have to break

the sticks as a bundle, not as separate sticks."

The sons agreed and tried to break the bundle of sticks. Though they tried hard, they could not break it. They failed to complete the task. The old man said, "Dear sons, you could easily break the single sticks into pieces, but you were not able to break the bundle! So, if you stay united, nobody can do any harm to you. If you quarrel every time with your brothers, you will be easily defeated by others. So, you should stay united."

The three sons understood the power of unity and promised their father that they would all stay together.

Moral: Unity is Strength! It is time people recognize the importance of staying united and imbibe it in their life to live a healthier and happier life.



## Express YOURSELF

### Money Cannot Buy Happiness

**Money can't buy happiness. Happiness is at top of the list of things that definitely cannot be bought. So what is happiness?**

**HAPPINESS** for me is

- being content with what I have.
- making my family proud.
- talking with friends.
- drawing, reading a book and writing a story.
- eating food cooked by my mother, sometimes having it with her hand as well.

Money is just a material which is used to buy other materials. It cannot buy true happiness, friendship, or love. Money can buy us things which can make us happy for a short period, but it cannot buy eternal happiness. A person is happy when he/she is content with what he/she has.

Not having money has nothing to do with happiness. If it did, then rich people would be happy all the

time and never unhappy. The happiness of having money is short-lived after which we worry about our security. If money did buy happiness, then poor people would never be happy. For example, sages give up everything to pray to God which makes them happy. So, this proves that money has nothing to do with happiness. Money cannot buy happiness because happiness is a feeling which can only be

**BROUGHT** but not **BOUGHT**. To get happiness, we need to look at our lives and not a material like money.

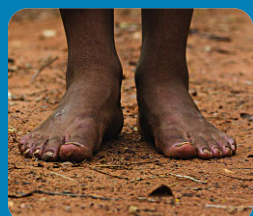
**INIKA JAIN, class V-C,** Gitanjali Primary School, Hyderabad



### SOIL IS LIFE, CONSERVE IT

The ground splits into smaller nations; each clay lump breaks for the throwing splinters upside down-the sun above, the same thirst! Go all out! All mouths are steamy tongues! The pinch can get wet and cold. O haze, O lightning, O thunder- The smell of the sun-drenched soil fills the heart with warmth when it is bathed in the torrential rain! Survivors rise and fall, green from the softened black clay! In the green kingdom of the same colour flags in all directions! No matter how much the invisible clay is washed away, the clay that does not leave will remain softly touching the feet, always holding the feet firmly! Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity.

**PVNS PURNIMA, Mother Teacher,** Delhi Public School, Nacharam



### CHIRPY SPARROW

A cute little tiny sparrow, With a tiny little beak  
Two small wings with bravery filled in it  
Chirps with joy and flies in the pleasant air  
Spreads happiness with its sweet and chirping voice  
Chirps all around the world and flies from one tree to another  
This is how a sparrow is a sweet little joyful bird...

**SHREYASI MALHOTRA, class V-B,** Jain Heritage A Cambridge School, Kondapur



### PERSEVERANCE

Persistence is the key to success they say  
Ensuring practice every single day  
Resistance towards distractions is tough,  
Still, life doesn't go on without a huff.  
Endure every moment, Rioting against every situation life shoots at you like a secant.  
Venom-like criticism may affect you,  
Ensure that you keep going with your crew.  
Row your boat slow and steady,  
And don't rush until you're ready.  
Neglect the demotivation,  
Carry on without any hesitation.  
Evolve as an icon in your field with self-motivation and determination.

**KAVALI CHARVI, class XI-F,** Delhi Public School, Nacharam



### UNITY IN DIVERSITY

There are many different states, where people eat in different plates.  
They eat different food, they worship whom they choose.  
They wear different dresses, but all have beautiful faces.  
Though people have different styles, all the time they have similar smiles.  
The states are equally good, and people eat different food.  
All the states are equally beautiful, to keep them clean we must be careful.

**POORVI VIJAYWARGIA, class VI-A,** Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

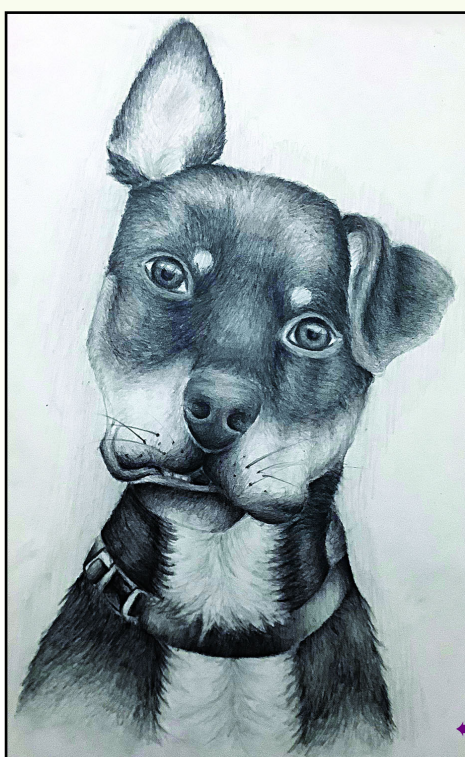


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# GAVI, NICO LIFT BARCA

## Young guns deliver late win over Elche to put team in sight of La Liga's top four

**B**arcelona are in sight of La Liga's top four again after 19-year-old Nico Gonzalez scored a late winner to seal a much-needed victory over Elche before Atletico Madrid were beaten by Sevilla. Nico's strike came after the 22-year-old Ferran Jutgla, making his full debut, and the 17-year-old Gavi had earlier given Barca a two-goal lead at Camp Nou. But Elche scored twice in 96 seconds shortly after the hour as Tete Morente and Pere Milla pulled the visitors' level, only for Nico to drag Barcelona to a 3-2 victory.

Barcelona are now seventh, two points behind Atletico and three behind Rayo Vallecano in fourth, yet having played one game fewer than Rayo. Sevilla are second, five points behind Real Madrid, who play at home to Cadiz on Sunday.

### YOUNGEST EVER

Gavi's goal made him Barcelona's third youngest ever scorer in La Liga at 17 years and 135 days, younger even than Lionel Messi when he opened his account aged 17 years and 331 days.

Jutgla also registered his first professional goal, after coming off the bench last

weekend against Osasuna and then scoring against Boca Juniors on Tuesday in the Maradona Cup, an exhibition match held in honour of Diego Maradona.

Nico's goal completed another exciting night for Barca's young guns, less than a week after Xavi said his veterans needed to do more, insisting they could not rely on the next generation to deliver every week. "Gavi, Nico, Abde, (Ronald) Araujo, (Alex) Balde, they are the future of the club," Xavi said. "I played here when I was 18 and I was scared but they let their personality show."

Gavi, though, was particularly impressive, the teenager scoring a superb individual goal in the first half, before then assisting Nico's winner late in the second. "What's surprising is his age, he's 17 and look how he competes," said Xavi. "Today he made the difference with a goal and an assist. More than anything his work is spectacular. We're happy to have him and I don't want to compare him to anyone. There's no ceiling for him."

Barcelona were cruising after they scored twice in three minutes. Jutgla had already shown a sharp finish early on but was offside before he headed in Ousmane Dembele's swinging corner at the front post in the 16th minute. And in the 19th, it was two, Gavi with a spectacular goal to put his team

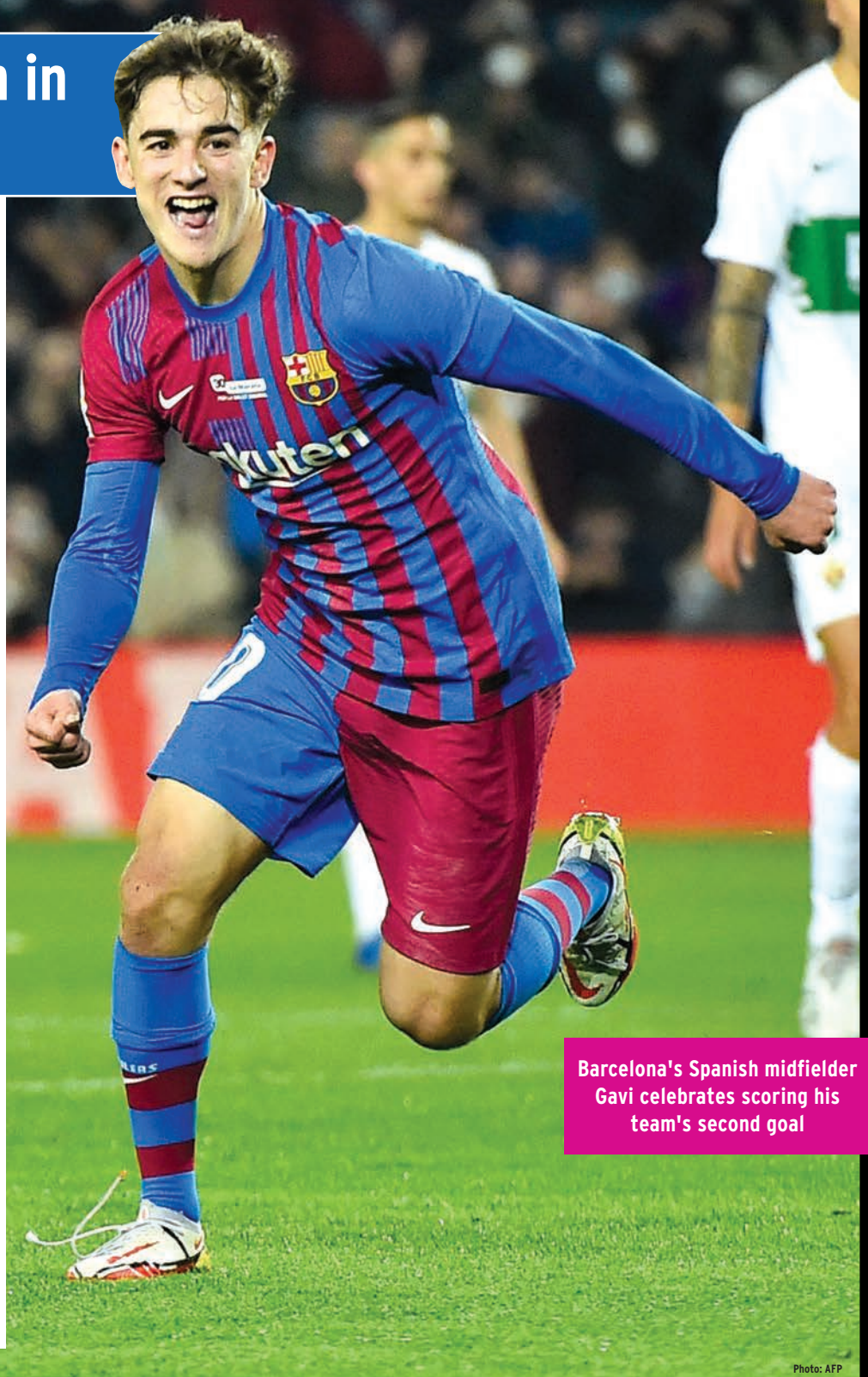
in control. He spotted Omar Mascarell approaching behind him when Clement Lenglet played the ball and he flicked it with his right foot away from his marker, his body spinning away into the space. Gavi drove forward and when he reached the edge of the box, fired the ball low into the corner.

Frenkie de Jong, linked with an exit in the January transfer window, departed to whistles in the 76th minute but a tense atmosphere turned joyous in the 85th. Gavi was at the heart of it again, a neat one-two with Dembele sending the teenager to the line, where he had the composure to pull back for Nico who poked in on the stretch.

### SUBS DO IT FOR ELCHE

Elche had openings on the break and it was two substitutes that dragged them back into the game just after the hour. First, a superb counter-attack began down the left as Dembele's press was beaten too easily and Lucas Boye did well to keep the ball in off the line. He switched it right to Morente, who smashed in.

Only 96 seconds had passed before they were celebrating again, Morente freed down the right and this time crossing to the back post where Milla's header could only be palmed in off the post by Marc-Andre ter Stegen. **AFP**



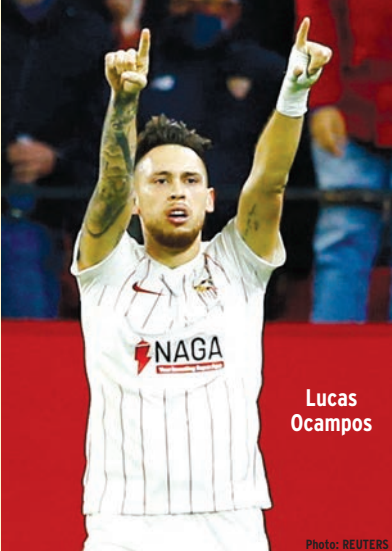
Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Gavi celebrates scoring his team's second goal

### OCAMPOS STRIKE GIVES SEVILLA 2-1 WIN

**A** Lucas Ocampos strike in the final minutes gave second-placed Sevilla a 2-1 win over champions Atletico Madrid in LaLiga.

In a feisty match between two sides that are trying to stay in contention with league leaders Real Madrid, Sevilla came out on top. They now have 37 points, putting them five behind Real, while Atletico fall to fifth place on 29 points, leapfrogged by surprise outfit Rayo Vallecano, who beat Alaves 2-0 earlier and remain unbeaten at home this season. Ivan Rakitic gave Sevilla the lead early in the first half with a fabulous long-range strike that could be a contender for goal of the season.

Felipe equalised from a corner, timing his jump perfectly and thumping his header past Sevilla goalkeeper Bono. But right before stoppage time, Ocampos reacted quickly to smash in a shot after



Lucas Ocampos

Photo: REUTERS

a Thomas Delaney header came off the crossbar.

"The objective now is to continue enjoying ourselves," Rakitic said. "There are still things to improve but this victory, against the league champions, gives us a lot of strength. With the fans we have, we want to continue surfing this wave."

It is the first time Atletico manager Diego Simeone has seen his side lose three consecutive league matches since he arrived at the club in 2011. Usually known for being rock-solid in defence, the champions have conceded 20 goals this season in 17 games. "It's time to work in silence and get better," Simeone told reporters after the match. "We are going through some difficult times and the results are reflecting that. But I trust my players, I know we will get there together."

## RUBLEV EASES PAST MURRAY, WINS ABU DHABI EXHIBITION EVENT

Russian uses powerful groundstrokes to put pressure on the Briton

**W**orld number five Andrey Rublev outclassed Andy Murray 6-4 7-6(2) to secure the maiden World Tennis Championship exhibition tournament title in Abu Dhabi.

Both players held their opening two service games but Rublev edged ahead when he broke Murray in the fifth game after a series of fiercely-fought rallies from the back of the court.

The 24-year-old Russian ran Murray ragged with his powerful groundstrokes but the Briton managed to hold on before Rublev's pressure paid off and he took the set with a stunning forehand down the line.

The 34-year-old Murray, a former world number one and three-times Grand Slam champion, got off to a poor start in the second set when he lost serve in the first game before fighting back to force a tiebreaker which Rublev dominated to clinch victory.

"I got three good matches here... An-

drey played really well today. He's got a really big game... I just need to find a way to turn some of these matches against these top players around," said Murray.

Earlier, 20-times major winner Rafa Nadal fell to a second consecutive defeat on his comeback from a foot injury when he lost 6-7(4) 6-3 10-6 to Canada's Denis

Shapovalov in the match to decide third place.

Spaniard Nadal, making his first tournament appearance since the Washington Open in August, edged a close tiebreak in the opening set but struggled with his timing as Shapovalov found his range and closed out the win. **REUTERS**

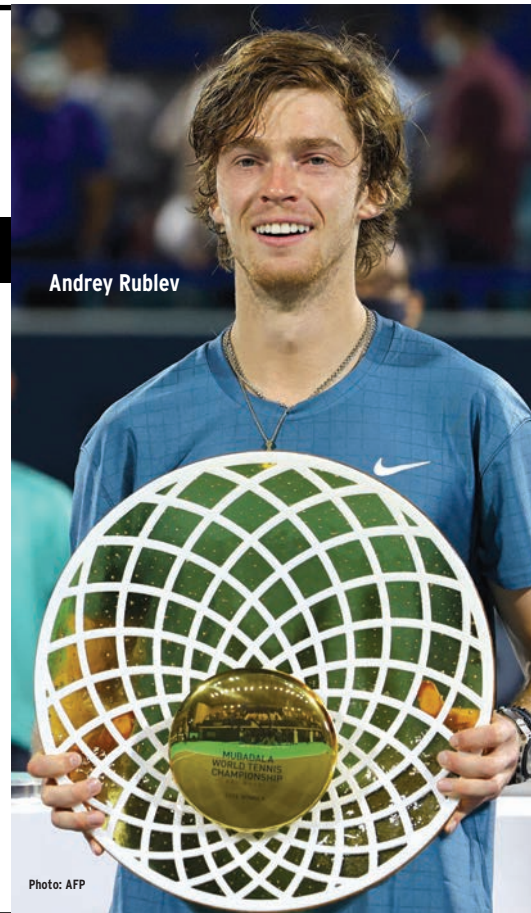
### BRADY TO MISS AO, RAFA IN DOUBT

Jennifer Brady has become the latest withdrawal from next month's Australian Open because of injury. Australian Open officials on Sunday confirmed the 2021 finalist would miss the tournament due to a left foot injury.

The 26-year-old American's withdrawal follows that of the world fourth-ranked player, Karolina Pliskova due to a right hand injury. Earlier, Canada's Bianca Andreescu said she would be taking time away to address mental health concerns, while Serena Williams said

she would not travel on 'advice from her medical team'. Six-time Australian Open champion Roger Federer is out as he continues his long recovery from knee surgery.

Spain's Rafa Nadal said he cannot guarantee he will make the trip to Melbourne for next month's Australian Open. "The idea is to go there and try my best... Being 100% honest, I can't guarantee it," Nadal said. "I need to speak with my team. The Australian Open begins Jan. 17



Andrey Rublev

Photo: AFP

## ANAND GOES DOWN IN GASHIMOV CHESS OPENER

**I**ndian chess ace Viswanathan Anand went down to lower-rated GM Rauf Mamedov in the Armageddon on the opening day of the 7th Vugar Gashimov Memorial chess tournament in Baku, Azerbaijan on Saturday, after winning one game and losing the other in the Rapid event.

The tourney, which also includes a Blitz event, boasts of a strong field that includes Fabiano Caruana, former world championship finalist Sergey Karjakin and Shakriyar Mamedyarov among others.

Former world champion Anand defeated Mamedov of Azerbaijan in the first game of the two-game Rapid mini-match but the local star turned the tables on the Indian in the second. After hours were shared by the duo after two games, Mamedov won the Armageddon.

Anand won the opening



game in 49 moves but the lower-ranked Azerbaijani raised his level of play to upset the Indian legend in the next and also in the Armageddon. (In Armageddon, White will get 5 minutes and Black will get 4 minutes, with 3-second increments starting after move 60. Black will have draw odds. The Gashimov Memorial 2021 will be played as a rapid and blitz chess tournament. The blitz games will be played over two days on December 22 and 23. **PI**)

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which among the following is the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup?

- Hopman Cup
- Fed Cup
- BMW Open
- Millrose Cup

**Q2:** Who among the following is the first Indian to score a century in the Indian Premier League?

- Gautam Gambhir
- Manish Pandey
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Rahul Dravid

**Q3:** Who was the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in the Asian Games?

- PT Usha
- Tintu Luka
- Lavy Pinto
- Kamaljeet Sandhu

**Q4:** When was the first Women's Freestyle Wrestling tournament conducted by the UWW?

- 1904
- 1951
- 1970
- 1987

**Q5:** Which Australian cricketer had used a combat aluminium bat for the first time?

- Ricky Ponting
- Steve Waugh

- Greg Chapell
- Dennis Lillee

**Q6:** How many test hundreds does Alastair Cook have?



Alastair Cook

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- 20
- 33
- 43
- 12

**Q7:** Who was the Captain of India Men's Hockey team in Rio Olympics 2016?

- Dilip Tirkey
- Ramandeep Singh
- P.R. Sreejesh
- Pargat Singh

**Q8:** From which stadium in Athens is the Olympic flame transferred to the current year's host city?

- Panathenaic Stadium
- Toumba Stadium
- Pampelop Stadium
- Pankritio Stadium

**Q9:** Who is the second Indian badminton player after Prakash Padukone to achieve the world no. 1 ranking in badminton?

- P.V.Sindhu
- Kidambi Srikanth
- Saina Nehwal
- Parupalli Kashyap

**Q10:** Which is the birthplace of boxing?

- Belgium
- Greece
- Sweden
- Spain

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. Fed Cup 2. b. Manish Pandey 3. c. Lavy Pinto 4. d. 1987 5. d. Dennis Lillee 6. b. 33 7. c. P.R. Sreejesh 8. a. Panathenaic Stadium 9. c. Saina Nehwal 10. b. Greece