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**STUDENT EDITION**
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**HERE'S HOW STUDENTS CAN EASE INTO ROUTINE WITH HELP FROM ELDERS**

**1** Follow a schedule (sleep time and wake up time); Make sure you have sound sleep

**2** Less screen time. Watch screen habits

**3** Time for outdoor games

**4** Practise pause after every period or two

**5** Short breaks instead of long breaks in school

**6** Elders need to ensure that they do not 'helicopter' children

**7** Teachers need to be patient and correct the 'pandemic life' slowly

**8** Teachers and parents need to be role models, and give children time to ease into pre-Covid regimen

(As suggested by Smita Ghosh, psychologist and happiness coach, Dr Prashant Bhimani, senior psychiatrist)

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## Covid-19: Return to classroom BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES

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After nearly two years of hybrid learning (mostly online), as schools open up in many states across India, children, parents and teachers are facing the biggest challenge - how to bring back the pre-Covid disciplined regimen again. Everyone in the educational fraternity have been struck by the 'pandemic lifestyle' and its consequences - irregular sleeping hours, too much screen time, irregular eating habits, among others. While students are joyous of returning back to schools, they are facing a few hiccups in getting back to the old routine once again.

Asked about his experience of returning to school, a class IX student told a counsellor how his hands froze when he had to take down notes on day



1. With typing becoming a habit, he had to undergo counselling to overcome the problem.

Parents of another class VII student approached a counsellor when their daughter faced problems in school due to her irregular eating habits during the pandemic days. Parents said, once the school reopened, she had a tough time as her meal routine was highly indisciplined over the last two years. These are not isolated cases, as there are many students facing similar issues.

Teachers, looking into the transition from online to offline, said that children will have to be slowly eased into the

routine, as a lot of changes have happened and the learning gap is quite big.

Padma Kumar, principal, SGVP School, Ahmedabad, said, "These challenges are huge, and we will be following multiple strategies to deal with it. For English, maths, and science, we will initiate bridge courses that will focus on clearing the significant concepts to students."

Smita Das, principal, Sakar School, Ahmedabad, said, "Enforcing everything together will not work, so we plan to create an atmosphere wherein students are transitioned slowly into a regimen through activities."

Kamal Preet Kaur, teacher, CMS, Lucknow, said, "students will be asked to write long answers in the class itself so that they get back to the writing habit slowly."

(Names of students not taken on request)



### MAJOR CHALLENGES BEING FACED BY STUDENTS

- Lack of acceptance and adjustment
- Auditory fatigue due to prolonged use of earphones and computer audio
- Eyesight issues such as dry eyes, headaches, inability to see things written on board, among others
- Feeling lethargic and sleepy in



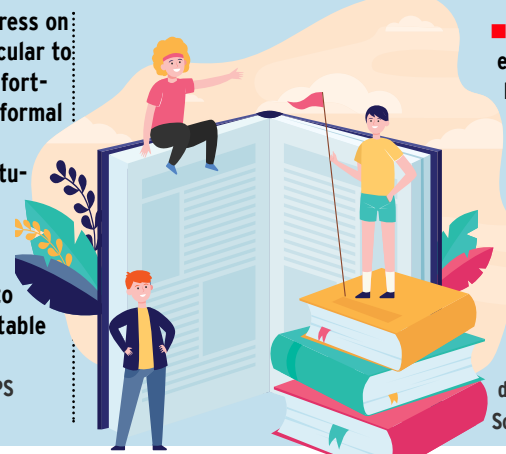
classroom owing to indiscipline in sleeping pattern

- Irregular eating habits and too much of junk food-led obesity

### HOW SCHOOLS PLAN TO BRIDGE THE ONLINE-OFFLINE GAP

■ We will give more stress on activities and co-curricular to help students feel comfortable and adjust to the formal environment. Teachers are hand-holding the students to adapt and adjust. For upper primary, many fun activities will be organised to make students comfortable in classroom

SONALI SEN, principal, DPS Newtown, Kolkata



■ We need to ensure that everyone is happy and feels like studying. We are encouraging students to attend school and take it slow as per their preference - the challenge is to ensure that safety protocols are followed and learning takes place. We all are working towards this goal.

NICHOLAS CORREA, executive director, New Horizon Group of Schools, Navi Mumbai

■ Teachers should plan test series on two-three chapters with a combination of short and long questions daily. The focus at this point is sheerly to make students write and comprehend concepts in the classrooms within a stipulated time.

DEVIKA ATWAR, vice-principal, KV3 BRD, Chandigarh

(Inputs by Annie Cherian, Sugandha Indulkar and Rupa Talukdar)

### Rohit Sharma crowned all-format captain

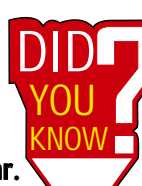
The coronation of Rohit Sharma in place of Virat Kohli as India's captain across all three formats is complete. As expected, India's chief selector Chetan Sharma on Saturday named Rohit as India's new Test captain - weeks after Kohli resigned following the series defeat in South Africa - while announcing the squads for the three T20Is against Sri Lanka and the two-Test series, against the same team, at home next month. The star opener was given the white-ball captaincy just a couple of months back. Sharma said that he considered Rohit Sharma the 'No. 1 cricketer' in the country, making it clear that the batsman will lead the team when fit.

- Pacer Jasprit Bumrah will be Rohit's deputy in both the T20I and Test series. KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant and Bumrah will be groomed as future captains under the 34-year-old's leadership, according to Chetan Sharma



## Most state assemblies sit for barely 30 days a year!

After weeks and months of intense and often polarising politics and enormous amounts of money spent on campaigning and conduct of elections, most state legislatures sit for barely 30 days a year.



The states with the highest average of assembly sittings in a year over the last decade are Odisha (46) and Kerala (43), but even these are much lower than the average of 63 for the Lok Sabha.

■ Even Lok Sabha's attendance pales in comparison to national legislatures elsewhere

■ The US House of Representatives, for instance, was in session for 163 days in 2020 and 166 days in 2021 and the Senate for 192 days both years.

■ The UK House of Commons had 147 sittings in 2020, in line with its yearly average of about 155 over the previous decade. Japan's Diet, or House of



Representatives, meets 150 days a year apart from any extraordinary or special sessions.

■ In Canada, the House of Commons is to sit on 127 days this year and Germany's Bundestag, where it is mandatory for members to attend on sitting days, meet 104 days this year.

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### 80% of India's adults now fully vaccinated, 97% got 1st shot: Government

Over 80% of India's adult population is now fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with two doses of the jabs, while nearly 97% have initiated vaccination with at least first dose, indicating significant progress towards complete coverage among those above 18 years. Overall, a total of more than 175 crore doses of Covid vaccines had been administered in India till Saturday. Apart from primary (two doses) vaccination among adults, this includes 1.9 crore 'precautionary doses' or boosters given to health and frontline workers along with elderly above 60 years of age. Besides, the total administered doses also includes 7.5 crore doses given to youngsters of 15-17 years age.


**Health**

### Mumbai To Host International Olympic Committee Session In 2023

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Saturday awarded India the right to host the IOC Session in Mumbai next year. Nita Ambani, the Indian representative on the committee, described it as "a significant development for the country's Olympic aspiration". India will host the session for the first time since 1983. The session will be hosted at the state-of-the-art, brand new Jio World Convention Centre. Mumbai received a historic 99% of the votes in favour of its bid from the delegates participating in the process, with 75 members endorsing its candidature in the session held at Beijing.

### Another pandemic is coming with a different virus: Gates

Philanthropist and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has warned that the risks of severe disease from Covid-19 may have "dramatically reduced" but another pandemic is all but certain. Speaking to a business channel, the world's fourth-richest man said that "a potential new pandemic would likely stem from a different pathogen to that of the coronavirus family," adding that advances in medical technology should help the world do a better job of fighting it - if investments are made now.

Gates, through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has partnered with the UK's Wellcome Trust to donate \$300 million to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, which helped form the Covax programme to deliver vaccines to low- and middle-income countries





## ORAL TRADITION



# VANISHING Words

One language dies every 14 days. By the next century nearly half of the roughly 7,000 languages spoken on Earth will probably vanish, as English, Mandarin and Spanish take over native tongues

**C**ristina Calderón – the last living speaker of Yamana language -- died this Wednesday, aged 93. With her also died the Chilean indigenous language. She had mastered the Yamana language of the Yagan

community, and after the death of her sister in 2003 was the last person in the world who could speak it. She worked to save her knowledge by creating a dictionary of the language with transla-

tions to Spanish.

Although there are still a few dozen Yagans left, over the generations people from the community stopped learning the language, which was consid-

## PRESERVATION TECHNIQUE

**R**esearchers are currently recording and documenting some of the most critically endangered languages. Moreover, digital classrooms, podcasts, audio recordings, phone applications, and computer programmes are all available in a number of endangered languages. The idea behind this preservation technique is that the language could be reintroduced at some point in the future should a person or group of people be interested in reviving the tongue. One example of this is with the North American native language Miami, which became extinct in the 1960's. Today, it is offered as a course at the Miami University in the US state of Ohio.

ered "isolated" since it was difficult to determine the origin of its words.

## LANGUAGES NEED OUR HELP

Some people argue that language loss, like species loss, is simply a fact of life on an ever-evolving planet. But if we can spend huge amounts of money protecting our biodiversity, why can't we do the same for language? Just as ecosystems provide a wealth of services for humanity, languages, too, are ripe with possibility. They contain a wealth of knowledge, including geography, zoology, mathematics, navigation, astronomy and more. When a language dies, a wide range of information is lost forever. The oral traditions of an entire culture are gone and with that, the songs, anecdotes, phrases, poems and expressions.

## WORD GETS AROUND



# 8 TERMS TO MAKE YOU ART SMART

## AVANT-GARDE

A French term that means "advance guard." It's a term that can be applied to artists and artworks as well as art movements as a whole. It is usually a stand-in phrase for art that is experimental, unusual, and forward-thinking.

**Impressionism developed in France in the 19th century and is based on the practice of painting out of doors and spontaneously 'on the spot' rather than in a studio. Main impressionist subjects were landscapes and scenes of everyday life**

## TEXTURE

In painting, there are so many ways texture can and has been manipulated. Historic European artists created paintings with glassy, textureless surfaces. Modern painters embraced texture, whether allowing paint to seep into a surface or build up onto it. Impasto is the process or technique of thickly applying paint to a surface.

## STILL LIFE

A painting or other two-dimensional work in which the subject matter is an arrangement of objects - fruit, flowers, tableware, pottery, and so forth - brought together for their pleasing contrasts of shape, colour, and texture.

## SURREALISM

A painting style of the early 20th century that emphasized imagery and visions from dreams and fantasies, as well as an intuitive, spontaneous method of recording such imagery, often combining unrelated or unexpected objects in compositions.

## PERFORMANCE ART

Art in which there is no concrete object, but rather a series of events performed by the artist in front of an audience, possibly including music, recitation, audio-visual presentations, or other elements.

## BRUSHWORK

There is a variety of brush techniques artists have used and evolved over the centuries in order to handle and apply paint including scumbling, dragging, and stippling among others. It also refers to the size, shape and texture of the strokes.

## MIXED MEDIA

An artwork in which more than one medium or material has been incorporated is described as mixed media. Assemblage and collage are popular mixed media art forms.

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

# PROVERB VS ADAGE

**A** Proverb is a short, common saying or phrase. It particularly gives advice or shares a universal truth. Synonyms for proverb include byword, which can also be someone or something that

is the best example of a group. Following are some examples:  
■ Always respect your teachers.  
■ Always obey your elders.  
■ Don't waste your time.  
■ Never tell you any secret, even to your closest friend.

An **Adage** is also listed as a common synonym for proverb. Adages tend to be old, known for decades

If one wants to create a distinction, proverb should be used for sayings that give advice and adage for sayings that are particularly old. The main difference between adage and proverb is generally the length of the sentence, origin, and also depends on the usage. They are both traditional, and they have been in use for a very long time, and they are frequently used in a lot of places, especially during formal speeches and compositions.

or centuries, and share universal truths. Some examples:  
■ A picture's worth is a thousand words.  
■ No risk, no gain.  
■ Good things come in small packages.



## Queries relating to language skills

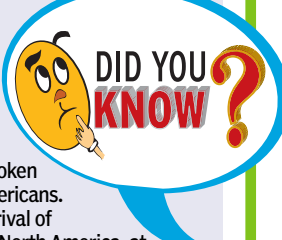
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## THE US HAS NO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

**D**espite English being the first language of many Americans – not to mention the language of business, media, and politics – it isn't actually the official language of the United States. Why? Because there isn't one: despite being the dominant language since the continent was colonized in the 1600s, it was never legally declared the national language. People in this country have been speaking languages other than English since before the founding of the republic. In fact, common languages spoken throughout the 13

colonies included Dutch, French and German, not to mention the many languages spoken by Native Americans. Before the arrival of Europeans in North America, at least 300 languages were spoken by Indigenous peoples in what is now the US and Canada. When Europeans began arriving and settling in what became the US, they of course brought their mother tongues with them.



# WHY EVERYONE SHOULD LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE



ceived government backing. Here are 5 reasons why learning some sign language might benefit us all:

**It teaches cultural diversity:** In a year-long study of preschool children by Amy Brereton at Trinity Washington University in Washington DC, hearing children who were learning ASL attained a greater appreciation of cultural diversity, as determined via classroom observations and interviews.

**Gives your brain a good workout:** Learning Sign Language provides all the same benefits of learning a foreign language. Bilingualism of any languages (whether signed or spoken) is a great brain booster. It strengthens cognitive function and reasoning, increases memory, attention span, creativity and communication skills. Learning languages shapes the mental functions you use in a range of other fields, from your social awareness to your creativity and grasp of mathematics.

**Teaches you spellings:** Research shows that children who learn basic sign language skills have improved spelling skills. Signing helps to give kids another tool for remembering spelling words and leaves a larger imprint on the brain.

**Makes you a better listener:** Speaking in sign language requires you to fully focus and concentrate on the person speaking to you. It's not just about the hand gestures, but it's also to focus on their facial expressions and body movements that are as important in sign language as your hands are. By constantly focusing on the person speaking to you, it will make you a better listener.

From their cognitive benefits to creating social awareness and uniformity, sign languages are not just meant for those with a disability

**S**ign languages have not only survived, but are now flourishing – so much so that many more people are getting the chance to learn them, which should be celebrated. Earlier this month, a 20-year-old Engineering student from Vellore Institute of Technology developed an AI model that translated some ASL signs to English, bridging the gap between the divide. Last year, PM Modi launched the first Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary, making ISL a designated subject in school curriculums. In the US, more undergraduate and graduate students have enrolled on courses in American Sign Language (ASL) than German each year since 2013. Also, earlier this year, a bill which would make British Sign Language a legally recognised language has re-

## IMPROVES YOUR REACTION TIME

According to a study by University of Sheffield, sign language users have better peripheral vision and reaction time. Because it's so visual-focused, you are more alert and hence better suited for certain sports and driving.







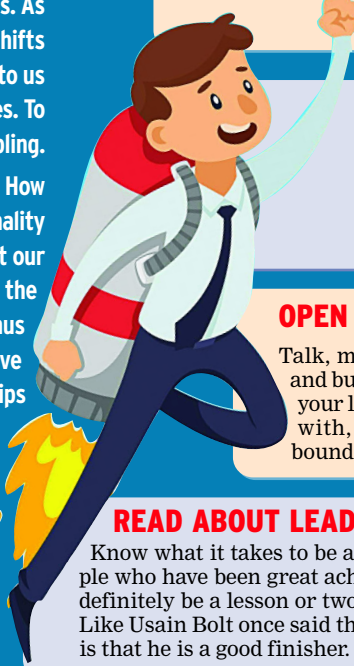
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# PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

## The Need of the Hour

We are all born as diamonds in the rough. During childhood, our parents and teachers help polish us and bring out the best in us. As we grow up, the onus shifts to ourselves as it is up to us to give the final touches. To finally bring in the bling. So how do we do that? How do we mould our personality in such a way that our positive traits come to the foreground and thus overshadow our negative traits? Here are some tips that help us do so.

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Teacher, Silver  
Oaks International  
School,  
Hyderabad,  
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### YOU ARE UNIQUE

The first step is to acknowledge your own worth. Know that you are not just different but that you are unique. You have that one quality not many have in this world. Build your self-esteem.

### CELEBRATE THE YOU

Know that you are just a seed about to sprout and spring into life. Find that uniqueness in you and make up your mind to nurture yourself.

### OPEN UP

Talk, meet, debate, catch up! Come out and build a network of relationships in your life. The more people you interact with, the more knowledge you are bound to assimilate.

### READ ABOUT LEADERS

Know what it takes to be a leader. Read about famous people who have been great achievers in their lives. There will definitely be a lesson or two to learn from their life stories. Like Usain Bolt once said that the secret behind his success is that he is a good finisher.

### BE KIND BUT STERN ON YOURSELF

Don't beat yourself up if you fail. Imperfections are a part and parcel of every personality. However, at the same time never forget to remind yourself to begin again. Personality development is all about bouncing back.

### HANDLE STRESS

Learn to observe when your mind, body give up. Adapt to situations by making your own list of techniques to calm down. It could be meditation or a cup of coffee with a friend.

So that was it, a few simple but mighty tips to start off with, in this journey of personality development.

# CONTEST SHOWCASES THE BEST TALENT IN TELUGU

**Delhi Public School  
Nadergul**

**D**elhi Public School, Nadergul organised Telugu Basha Sourabalu, an inter-school online event for both students and teachers. Participants from 30 schools graced the virtual platform of Cisco Webex for the mega event.

A feast of several competitions in Telugu including Poetry Recitation, Dramatic Monologue, Radio Jockey, Stand Up Comedy, Autobiography were conducted for both students and teachers.

The event transformed into a platform for many aspiring students to showcase their talent in their favourite language. Teachers of participant schools also grabbed this opportunity to exhibit their hidden talent in their language of teaching thus proving their passion towards Telugu and thereby enriching their experience.

All the performances given by the participants were mesmerising and received a huge round of appreciation from the audience and judges for the same. Prof. D Vijayalakshmi, Chief Warden, University of Hyderabad, was the chief



guest and announced the winners of the various events. She expressed her desire to witness many such events where students' flair in their mother tongue are rewarded. She requested all the schools to encourage students to read, write and also speak in Telugu and give them proper guidance to write poetry in Telugu.

Principal of DPS, Nadergul Padma Jyothi Turaga congratulated all the participants and said the school is a platform for new innovations and would always come up with the initiatives that bring the talents of students into the forefront.

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The event concluded with the valedictory ceremony where the prize winners were announced, applauded and congratulated for showcasing their skills to the best of their capabilities.

# Express YOURSELF

## A year that gave me so much!

**J**an 1st, 2021 just feels like yesterday. I still clearly remember welcoming 2021. But here we are, in 2022 already! Time just flies, doesn't it? 2021 was a year to remember. I still remember the day I turned 15. I spent the entire day thinking about how quickly 15 years have passed by. I suddenly felt like a grown up. All of a sudden! And that thought amuses me even today! But to be honest, I've seen myself evolve during the year. The past year has given me so much time. And just like anyone else, I used this time binge watching series, movies, gaming and catching up with friends. But apart from this, there's something I did that's actually worth talking about. Introspection.



Most of us are so hooked on to the routine busy lifestyle that we barely take out time to talk to our best friend, which is none other than us. A wise man once said, "The day you start meditating, you will realise how little you need for your survival." The point here is not just about meditation but about looking at the world with an inward eye. Everything happens for a reason. The day we start looking for these

reasons, things start making us feel more purposeful.

Looking for answers all the time has helped me discover a new version of myself. I now just view everything through a different lens. A new and a better one. All of us go through a lean patch, but how we handle it defines who we are. All good things come to those who wait. When you feel you are in utter misery, just wait for things to settle down. This too shall pass. Nothing can keep us occupied forever.

Rediscovering myself was the biggest wonder since pandemic forced us to stay indoors. From a girl who was too anxious about the future to someone who now takes one day at a time, 2021 has been my best buddy all this while, helping me nurture myself. We can never get a day younger. So all that we could do is, enjoy this moment to the fullest. Now I feel 2022 will be power packed with this new girl who's now so curious to get better and better each day.

**PRANATHI VEMURI, class X-A,  
Gitanjali Devshala**

## PRACTICE MAKES MITTU PERFECT

**B**ittu lived in a small town with his parents. He was a very bubbly and naughty boy. He loved to play and explore things all day. He used to love going out for walks with his parents, seeing the colourful flowers in the garden, listening to birds chirping on trees and watching the sunset in the evening. Like every other child he was always playful and went out to play with his friends. Learning his lessons and doing his homework were a big NO to Bittu. Doing his homework was boring and tiresome.

One day, Bittu went to the market with his mother. He saw people selling fruits, vegetables, flowers and many other things. But Bittu was watching a man selling birds. There was a parrot with the man which caught his eye. He was very excited with the beautiful colour of the bird. He asked his mother for the bird and finally bought it home. He called him Mittu.

Mittu enjoyed Bittu's company and played with him. Soon it became everyone's

favourite, even his neighbours started liking Mittu. Every day Bittu and Mittu used to go around the park. Bittu used to talk and share what he felt to Mittu. He used to teach Mittu simple words every day. Like saying his name, hello! how are you, etc.

Once when Bittu's grandparents came home Mittu started talking to them, saying hello, how are you? Bittu on hearing, started jumping in joy. He was so happy telling his Dada and Dadi how he made Mittu practice to speak words over a period of time. He felt very proud about Mittu and himself for teaching his pet words to speak.

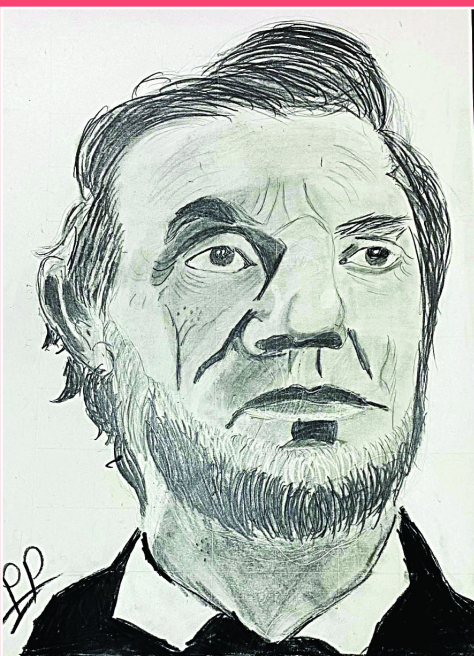
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Gautami Vidyakshetra**

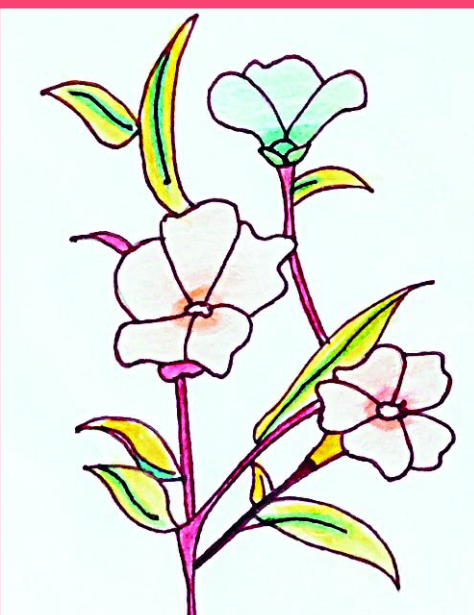
## Painters' Gallery



**ICONIC: PRADNESH, class III, Ghana,  
Silver Oaks International School,  
Mighty Oaks Campus**



**STANDING TALL: MADADI AKSHAYA REDDY,  
class VII-B, P Obul Reddy Public School**



**BLOOMING: LOUKICK, class VII-B,  
P Obul Reddy Public School**

## LOVE YOURSELF

Let not negativity flow in  
Try not to discern  
Believe in your identity  
Not in your infirmity  
Do not be apprehensive  
Just speak yourself  
Never can anyone be true  
Nor glorious than you



Life is more prosperous  
Let there be pessimists outrageous  
Do not pay attention on  
People's growl upon  
Uncover your hidden power  
Let your strengths over pour  
Forgo fabricated remarks  
No one is up to the mark



It's okay to lose  
But never let your head down  
One day is still waiting for you  
Where barking changes to applaud.



**G SUHASINI, class IX, Pallavi  
Model School, Bowenpally**

## A TRUE MOTIVATIONAL ICON

**"M**an is born to conquer nature and not to follow it" -- this quote by philosopher Swami Vivekananda still reverberates in the ears of every individual who wishes to overcome any difficulty with their fearless attitude. Swami Vivekananda's life and teachings have encouraged millions across the world.

Swami Vivekananda, real name Narendranath Datta, was always inclined towards spirituality. He practised meditation from a very early age and also joined the Brahmo Samaj movement for a certain period. One of the greatest patriots, he was also credited for introducing Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the western world.

He always inspired the youth to have a confident attitude. The reason behind it - people are always fearful of the challenges presented by life when they don't have confidence in themselves. Swami Vivekananda had believed that anything which makes us weak spiritually, physically or mentally should be rejected like poison. Weak thoughts should be replaced with



optimism with the help of yoga and meditation. He had full faith in the youth of this country. He had a very strong belief that youth can transform the fate of India through their hard work, dedication and spiritual power.

Vivekananda spent five years travelling in India. He travelled to each corner of the country as a monk and was dependent on alms. Narendra also went to foreign countries for seven years. His objective was

to spread his teachings and philosophies. Swami Vivekananda's personality inspires youth to realize their duty towards this evergreen nation, and his teachings are enough to motivate us. His message to the youth was, "What I want is muscles of iron and nerves of steel, inside which dwells a mind of the same material as that of which the thunderbolt is made." Through messages like this, he wished to implant the basic values into the youth. Thus, the government of India declared 12th January as the National Youth Day in 1984, and we have been celebrating it since 1985. It is a day of pride.



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# TOTTENHAM BEAT MAN CITY 3-2

## KANE SINKS LEAGUE LEADERS TO OPEN UP TITLE RACE



**H**arry Kane's stoppage time winner blew the Premier League title race wide open as Tottenham Hotspur beat Manchester City 3-2 in a rip-roaring contest at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday.

Kane had put Tottenham 2-1 ahead in the 59th minute only for a Cristian Romero handball to allow Riyad Mahrez to equalise for the league leaders from the penalty spot in the 92nd minute.

### DRAMATIC LATE VICTORY

City looked favourites to claw out a dramatic late victory, but Kane's header in the sixth minute of added time clinched a league double for Tot-

tenham over City, having beaten them on the opening weekend of the season.

Tottenham had stunned City in the fourth minute when Dejan Kulusevski scored on his first league start since joining on loan from Juventus but Ilkay Gundogan levelled before halftime.

### GAME IN HAND

City's defeat, only their third in the league this season, means they are now only six points ahead of Liverpool who also have a game in hand after Liverpool beat Norwich City earlier.

"We kind of thought we'd rescued it. If you look at the whole game we deserved to win. But football is sometimes crazy and today we made easy

mistakes," Gundogan said.

Kane did not even play in Tottenham's August win over City when the England striker was holding out for a big-money move away from north London to join Guardiola's champions.

### ALL-ROUND DISPLAY

On Saturday he produced a stunning all-round display to show City what they missed out on.

The striker could have had four goals with Ederson keeping one effort out from point blank range and then having another ruled out for off-side when Tottenham led 2-1.

But after Mahrez appeared to have snatched victory away from Antonio Conte's side, Kane pounced to

revive his side's top-four ambitions after three successive league defeats.

City had won 14 of their previous 15 games, drawing the other, to seize control of the title race.

And with Tottenham in a rut, they were fully expected to re-open their nine-point lead at the top.

### WELL-WORKED GOAL

But Tottenham have often proved a stumbling block for City and they went ahead with a well-worked goal.

Kane's superb lay-off sent Son Heung-min down the left and he picked out Kulusevski to coolly slot past Ederson.

City responded by swarming forward and Gundogan was denied when his curled effort hit the wood-

work.

But a mistake by Tottenham keeper Hugo Lloris allowed City to level. He could not hold Raheem Sterling's dangerous ball in towards Kevin de Bruyne and the ball popped up invitingly for Gundogan to equalise.

### COUNTER-ATTACK

City dominated after the break, and it seemed only a matter of time before they went ahead. But Tottenham were always a menace on the counter-attack and from one rare raid forward Son linked well with Ryan Sessegnon before his pass picked out Kane to side foot high past Ederson.

Ederson denied Kane again shortly afterwards from point-blank range and Kane had a goal ruled out in the 73rd minute after a VAR check for off-

**“We had to find a way to get our season back on track. Tough place to come against one of the best teams in the world but to grind out the result we did was really special Harry Kane**

side in the build-up.

When Romero slid in to block Bernardo Silva's shot and the ball struck his raised arm, referee Anthony Taylor was eventually invited to check a pitch-side monitor, returning to point to the spot and offer City salvation.

Mahrez duly belted his spot kick high past Lloris but there was a sting in the tail as Kulusevski's low cross found Kane who showed great strength to head the winner. REUTERS

# BAUTISTA AGUT STUNS BASILASHVILI

## CLINCHES SECOND QATAR OPEN TITLE ENDING DOMINANT WEEK IN STYLE

**S**paniard Roberto Bautista Agut captured his 10th tour-level trophy, ending his dominant week in style with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili in the Qatar ExxonMobil Open final here.

This was the 33-year-old world No. 16's maiden ATP Tour title since 2019.

### Played aggressively

In a re-run of last year's final here, a charged-up Bautista Agut, whose best run at a grand slam has been a semifinal berth at Wimbledon in 2019, played aggressively on Saturday night from the baseline to gain revenge over the Georgian, who triumphed in the 2021 final.

"I am very happy. It has been a while since I lifted a trophy. I have been working very hard to reach another final and to get the chance to win another title. It was a big dream for me to win a title and I have now won twice in Doha. It is very special for me and I am very happy," Bautista Agut was quoted as saying by atptour.com.

### Rallied from break down

The Spaniard slammed his groundstrokes through the court and rallied from a break down in the first and second sets to seal the win in 86 minutes. This is the Spaniard's second title in the tournament, having won it in 2019 as well. Doha is the second ATP Tour tournament where the 33-year-old has won multiple titles, after lifting the trophy in Auckland in 2016 and 2018.

"This year we played without wind, which was much better for me. It was not easy to recover after a really tough battle yesterday (Friday), but I think I did a good job today (Saturday). It is my 10th ATP Tour title and I am very happy," said Bautista Agut.

### Super proud

With his victory, Bautista Agut now leads Basilashvili 4-2 in their ATP head-to-head and has improved to 11-3 on the season.

The 2021 Doha champion Basilashvili was aiming to win his sixth tour-level title. Basilashvili said during the trophy cer-

emony that, "I love coming back here. I would like to congratulate Roberto for a great tournament. I would like to thank the crowd. I am super proud to play in front of you." IANS



I am super happy with how I played in this tournament

Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili

## PUNDITS, PLAYERS PRAISE ROHIT'S ELEVATION TO INDIA TEST CAPTAINCY

**I**ndian pundits and players on Sunday hailed Rohit Sharma as the new all-format skipper after he replaced Virat Kohli in one of world cricket's biggest jobs.

Rohit, 34, was appointed Test captain on Saturday ahead of the two-Test Sri Lanka series next month which will be preceded by three Twenty20 internationals beginning on Thursday.

The swash-buckling opener was a unanimous choice for the Test job after he took over the white-ball duties from Kohli, who gave up the T20 captaincy last year and then was

sacked as 50-over skipper.

Batting great Sunil Gavaskar praised Rohit's leadership skills. "From the way he speaks, it seems like the players know their roles," Gavaskar said on Sports Tak.

"And they know what the team expects from them and what the captain expects from them."

Former England captain Michael Vaughan gave his thumbs-up to India's new Test captain and wrote "Good choice" on Twitter.

But given his age, the 34-year-old Rohit might still be a stop-gap leadership choice and Chetan Sharma, chairman of selectors, said future captains will be groomed under him. AFP

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## QUIZ TIME!

### Q1: Who won the World Darts Championship 2021?

- a. Peter Wright
- b. Michael van Gerwen
- c. Gerwyn Price
- d. Gary Anderson

### Q2: Which country knocked England out of the first Rugby World Cup, in 1987?

- a. Ireland
- b. New Zealand
- c. Wales
- d. Australia

### Q3: Which team did India defeat to win the Women's Hockey Asia Cup title in 2017?

- a. Africa
- b. Indonesia
- b. Hong Kong
- c. China

### Q4: Where are the headquarters of United World Wrestling based?

- a. England
- b. Germany
- c. Switzerland
- d. Brazil

### Q5: In which year did Steffi Graf win her first Grand Slam?

- a. 1987
- b. 1988
- c. 1989
- d. 1990



Steffi Graf

### Q6: From which football team did Cristiano Ronaldo return to Manchester United in 2021?

- a. Liverpool
- b. Arsenal
- c. Juventus
- d. Chelsea

### Q7: Which country won the 2018 FIFA World Cup?

- a. Brazil
- b. France
- c. Germany
- d. Argentina

### Q8: Which golfer missed the cut at the Byron Nelson event after a record 142-

### tournament streak?

- a. Jim Furyk
- b. Tiger Woods
- c. Dustin Johnson
- d. Donald Ross

### Q9: Which tennis player won the Men's Singles at 2021 Wimbledon?

- a. Andy Roddick
- b. Andy Murray
- c. Novak Djokovic
- d. Roger Federer

**ANSWERS:** 1: c. Gerwyn Price  
2: b. New Zealand 3: c. China  
4: c. Switzerland 5: a. 1987 6: c. Juventus  
7: b. France 8: b. Tiger Woods  
9: c. Novak Djokovic