



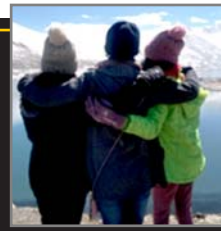
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**CHHICHHORE BAGS BEST HINDI FILM AT 67TH NATIONAL FILM AWARDS:**

After late actor Sushant Singh-starrer film 'Chhichhore' bagged 'Best Hindi Film' accolade at the prestigious 67th National Film Awards, actor Varun Sharma who also featured in the film dedicated the award to the late star. 'Chhichhore' is a movie full of nostalgia and plays on the themes of friendship and college life.

**KANGANA BAGS 'BEST ACTRESS' THE FOURTH TIME, THANKS ALL:**

Actress Kangana Ranaut won the National Film Award as 'Best Actress' for the fourth time for her performances in 'Manikarnika' and 'Panga'. Shortly after the announcement, she posted a thank-you video on social media for the cast and crew of both films, saying her win would not be possible without them.

**THIS DAY THAT YEAR**
**WORLD TB DAY** is celebrated every year on March 24 annually to commemorate the date when Dr Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB in 1882.


## 5 PEOPLE IN NEWS TODAY

### CATCH THE RAIN, SAYS PM MODI; EMPHASISES ON SAVING WATER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign for conserving water and stressed that every penny of MGNREGA funds be spent on rain water conservation till the monsoon arrives.

Addressing an event at the virtual launch of the campaign on the World Water Day, Modi said it is a matter of concern that majority of rain water in India gets wasted. He said the more the rain water is conserved, the less will be the dependence on groundwater.



### OUTRAGE OVER HEBDO'S JOKE ON PALACE-MEGHAN ROW

French magazine used a front-page cartoon of the Queen kneeling on Meghan Markle's neck.

Charlie Hebdo headlined the pic: 'Why Meghan left Buckingham' and a speech bubble from her says: 'I couldn't breathe any more.' The reference to George Floyd's death in the US last year sparked outrage. Dr Halima Begum, a head of anti-racism think tank, tweeted: "#Charlie-Hebdo, this is wrong on every level. It demeans the issues & causes offence, across the board." Many found it 'bad humour'.



### WHEN TITANS MEET



Tesla chief Elon Musk and former Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos have been feuding publicly for years, but not many know that the two once met for a friendly dinner in 2004. A photograph from the meeting is currently going viral on social media - and it even captured Elon Musk's attention, who reacted to it on Twitter.

### TRUMP ON OWN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM?

Former US president Donald Trump is planning to return to social media by launching his own platform after being suspended from Twitter and Facebook, one of Trump's senior advisors told Fox News. "I do think that we're going to see President Trump returning to social media in probably about two or three months here, with his own platform," said Trump's senior adviser Jason Miller.



### DRIVING DIVERSITY: HAMILTON READY TO CHASE 8TH F1 TITLE



If Lewis Hamilton wins an eighth Formula One title, he will move one ahead of fellow great Michael Schumacher. Hamilton's decision to pen a one-year contract with Mercedes has sparked speculation he may call it quits when the sun sets on the F1 season at the Abu Dhabi GP in December.



China's 31st Antarctic exploration team return to Waigaoqiao dock on April 10, 2015 in Shanghai, China. Icebreaker Xuelong (Snow Dragon) left Shanghai on October 30 in 2014, sailed across Hobart of Australia and finally arrived in Zhongshan Station. File

## China's Polar Ambition: World Sees Red

With the aim to dominate the Arctic and Antarctica regions, China has been pouring investments and aggressively constructing a fleet of polar icebreakers as

part of its geopolitical ambitions, according to a report published in 'The National Interest'. Alexander B Gray, a Senior Fellow in National Security Affairs at the American Foreign Policy

Council, in an article for the magazine said that although the western countries have taken note of China's designs over the Arctic, however, Beijing's machinations in Antarctica remain little-known.

### WHO DOES ANTARCTICA BELONG TO?



1 Antarctica is considered a global commons to be preserved "for peaceful purposes only" under the terms of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty and "any measures of a mili-

tary nature" are prohibited.

2 Both the United States and China are signatories to the treaty and its most important addendum - the 1991 Madrid Protocol, which permanently prohibits extractive mining, protects the unique flora and fauna of the continent.

3 The enforcement mechanism of the Antarctic Treaty and its protocols is an inspection system, whereby signatories undertake periodic visits to the stations maintained by 30 countries.

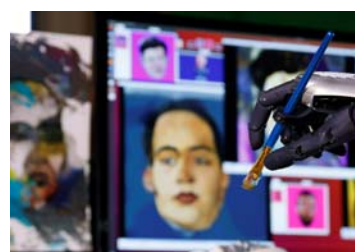
### How is China occupying key spots in Antarctica?

**SCIENTIFIC:** China has five research stations on Antarctica, said Gray, adding, Beijing has used some of its Antarctic bases for satellite stations and high-powered telescopes, both of which have military applications. Despite the warning signs, none of the bases have been inspected since 2015.

**MILITARY:** Gray said China's construction of a permanent Antarctic airfield in 2018, its growing fleet of icebreakers, and an influx of People's Liberation Army personnel at Beijing's research stations are just a few of Beijing's military objectives.

**RARE EARTH:** Also, Chinese experts believe the Madrid Protocol expires in 2048, along with the accompanying ban on mining in the Antarctic. This development has prompted Chinese officials to openly speculate about the Southern Continent as a potential source for rare earth elements.

## AI Sophia's first digital work up for sale



Robot artist Sophia, whose first artwork goes up for auction today, says she draws inspiration for her work from people and is open to future creative partnerships with humans.

A digital artwork by the Hong Kong-based Hanson Robotics humanoid, in the form of a Non-Fungible Token (NFT), is to be auctioned in the first sale of such pieces, created jointly with artificial intelligence (AI).

NFTs, a digital signature saved on blockchain ledgers that allows anyone to verify the ownership and authenticity of items, have become the latest investment craze, with



one artwork selling this month for nearly \$70 million.

"I hope the people like my work, and the humans and I can collaborate in new and exciting ways," Sophia said.

### The intelligent art

■ Sophia, who was unveiled in 2016, produced her art in collaboration with Italian digital artist Andrea Bonaceto, known for portraits.

■ Called 'Sophia Instantiation', the digital work is a 12-second MP4 file showing the evolution of Bonaceto's portrait into Sophia's digital painting, and is accompanied by a physical artwork, painted by Sophia on a printout of her self-portrait.

## ARTSPHERE: Know About World Wisdom Map

### WHAT

It is a unique project featuring life lessons and stories of people from each one of the 195 countries in the world. The collation and exhibition of human wisdom is showcased on an artistic and interactive digital world map, which combines visual and wisdom anthropology that people have to offer one another, promoting cross-cultural understanding and creating social impact.

### WHY

According to Project Fuel India and Singapore International Foundation's Arts For Good Projects, this consciousness project further sparks awareness about the heterogeneity of lifestyles, as well as the myriad coping mecha-



nisms that the people employ to make the most of these strange times of COVID-19.

### HOW

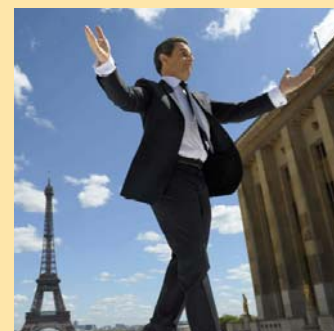
It took the team over 11 months to document a story for each country. In collaboration with 10 Southeast Asian artists, 30 original pieces have been created inspired by the life lessons and impact of each of these stories.

**EXAMPLES:** The map has exclusively curated life lessons from deep dive segments of Singapore, transgender women of India, influence from across the world including Nobel laureate Jody Williams, Bollywood actors Abhay Deol, Dia Mirza, popular Latvian musician MaraUpmane-Holšteine, Madame Sophie Trudeau (wife of Canadian PM Justin Trudeau), amongst others.

## Raising a 'French' toast to Covid chats!

**UK students, French seniors team up for lockdown tete-a-tete to bridge gap between generations and learn French**

Every Monday at 4:30 pm British time - 5:30 pm in France - Elliot Bellman, 20, keeps an unlikely appointment with 97-year-old Jacqueline Tolu. "Comment allez-vous?" (how are you?) he asks Tolu over Skype. Tolu, who lives in a retirement home in Bonneuil-sur-Marne, just outside of Paris, tells him she is doing fine. The pair's weekly chats are breaking



up the monotony and solitude of Covid restrictions imposed on both sides of the Channel. Bellman goes on to tell her the latest news from the Warwick University, in England, where he is studying French, Spanish and Japanese. Tolu, in turn, regales him with memories of the 14 years she spent in Africa. Since the inception of the 'Share

Ami' programme last year, there have been 110 pairings of French seniors with French learners. "The online conversations have helped to stop my French from getting rusty - and combat a sense of isolation in lockdown. I think that the two groups most affected by the lockdown are the younger and the older generation," he said, adding, "this helped us bond."



# JEE Main Topper Pravar Kataria

There is a lot of scope for  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATES**

For Pravar Kataria, exam stress is serious. "Talk to parents/family members when you see stress building up. Pursue your hobbies too, provided it doesn't consume most of your time," he advises students preparing for JEE Main exams



Deebashree Mohanty

A student of Pragati Public School in Dwarka, Pravar Kataria, hopes to secure admission in Computer Science at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) after qualifying JEE Advanced (to be conducted on July 3). Computer Science, says Pravar, has better future career prospects.

**1. Many toppers say if you can manage exam stress, it's half the battle won. Your thoughts? Tips on how students can actually manage stress?**

According to me, the root cause of stress is our faulty examination schedule and expectations. The exam structure in our country needs a re-think. We need to focus on "learning" rather than collecting marks to get into further studies. My advice to students: Talk to parents and supportive family members the moment you see the stress built up. Keep pursuing your hobbies, provided it doesn't consume most of your time. I used to watch movies and go out for a walk during my break time.

**2. Your thoughts on the current education system and what can be done to better it?**

I have a lot to speak on this topic. The Indian education system, in its present avatar, is surely not perfect. We give a

lot of weightage to exams and results rather than focussing on the real benefits of "education". I feel our syllabus and course structure was originally designed to identify machine-type individuals and is not replaced till date (2021). The New Education Policy shows promise but a lot depends on how it is implemented.

**3. What is your plan for the future?**

At present, I am planning for IIT Advanced. I wish to pursue Computer Science from IIT Bombay and explore a career in the field later. There is a lot of scope for this subject.

**4. Your initial reaction on the 100 percentile score? Why is it being said that the 100 percentile club is becoming leaner for JEE Main?**

I was delighted to see my result as my hard work paid off. I was expecting a good score but 100% percentile still remains a memorable moment.

The number of people in this club has reduced remarkably post pandemic. Although, with the study-from-home option, students could focus more on their course work, I feel they lacked the peer-competitive spirit and that slowed them down during the actual test.

**5. Tips for other aspiring candidates on how to crack the JEE Main examination?**

Just a few things:  
➤ Plan your time and modify the plan as and when required.  
➤ Work hard and work smart!  
➤ Remember that perseverance gives confidence, so keep at it.

**6. Online education was the new normal in 2021; do you see hybrid classes become a regular feature in our education system? I don't think so. The problem of**

➤ "At Pragati Public School, we focus on the holistic development of our students, and believe that humility is the foundation of all virtues. I am very proud of Pravar Kataria's achievement. My advice to him: Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground." Geeta Kapur, Principal, Pragati Public School, New Delhi

resources/technology is going to be an issue. If the government can bridge this divide, online education can thrive, but I don't see it happening any time soon.

**7. How can students balance studies for Board exams and competitive tests?**

According to my seniors, Board examinations shouldn't be a big problem if you study hard for competitive tests.

## 5 quick wardrobe maintenance tips for fresh clothes

Usually we concentrate on cleaning the items placed inside the wardrobe, but not the closet itself. But, maintaining a clean wardrobe is a road map to your clean clothes. Here are five wardrobe maintenance tips, shared by Roopa Hariharan, co-founder PureCult, an eco-friendly home cleaning products maker



**1 Spot clean the wardrobe with detergent or cleanser** to avoid dry and irremovable stains. Based upon the material your closet is made up of, you can use a detergent, soap or cleanser to remove the stains immediately. The regular stains that wardrobes or cupboards have are because of dust accumulation in the corners and crevices. But spills are also another reason to form the spots. Clean them immediately to avoid dry stains.

**2 Combat the moths** out of the wardrobe to save your woollen wear. Moths are mostly drawn to sweat, hair and body oil left on clothing, particularly those made of natural fibres. Though we clean all the clothes before placing them in the wardrobe, the leftover scents also attract moths.

**3 Place dried rosemary, cloves, lavender, or bay leaves** into a small cloth bag and hang them in your wardrobe or your drawers. The essential oils form of these herbs, spread on contaminated areas of the closet, is really helpful in driving away moths. You can use an essential oil diffuser alongside to eliminate them. This will also make your wardrobe smell fresh and nice.

**4 Pick good thick wooden hangers** to hang your clothes in the wardrobe. Not all the clothes require a smooth iron and fold to place them back. Few require a free flow of air. You can hang such delicate pieces with hangers. Ensure you are picking good thick wooden hangers set to hang your clothes. The wooden hangers will help you maintain the shape of the shoulder. Also, maintain an inch between each piece of clothing while hanging them in a wardrobe to let your clothes breathe.

**5 Practice wardrobe organisation and storage habits** to increase the span of your wardrobe and clothes. Whether you have a cool walk-in closet or just a couple of shelves, the way you store clothes can make them last for years. Follow the basic principles like folding very heavy sweaters onto the top shelf, buttoning the buttons and zipping the zippers to maintain the shape before placing and so on.

Do freshen up the wardrobe with the fragrance of lavender and geranium essential oils. A fresh and clean closet is everything you need for your clothing and accessories storage. Follow the above easy tips to ensure you have a refreshing closet and super clean clothes always.

## TIPS TO HELP YOU DETECT FAKE SCIENCE NEWS

### TIP 1: SEEK THE PEER REVIEW SEAL OF APPROVAL

Scientists rely on journal papers to share their scientific results. They let the world see what research has been done, and how.

Once researchers are confident of their results, they write up a manuscript and send it to a journal. Editors forward the submitted manuscripts to at least two external referees who have expertise in the topic. These reviewers can suggest the manuscript be rejected, published as is, or sent back to the scientists for more experiments. That process is called 'peer review'.

Research published in peer-reviewed journals has undergone rigorous quality control by experts. Each year, about 2,800 peer-reviewed journals publish roughly 1.8 million scientific papers. The body of scientific knowledge is constantly evolving and updating, but you can trust that the science these journals describe is sound. Retraction policies help correct the record if mistakes are discovered post-publication.

### TIP 2: LOOK FOR YOUR OWN BLIND SPOTS

Beware of biases in your own thinking that might predispose you to fall

for a particular piece of fake science news.

People give their own memories and experiences more credence than they deserve, making it hard to accept new ideas and theories. Psychologists call this quirk the availability bias. It's a useful built-in shortcut when you need to make quick decisions and don't have time to critically analyse lots of data, but it messes with your fact-checking skills.

In the fight for attention, sensational statements beat out unexciting, but more probable,



facts. The tendency to overestimate the likelihood of vivid occurrences is called the salience bias. It leads people to mistakenly believe overhyped findings and trust confident politicians in place of cautious and sensible scientists. A confirmation bias can be at

work as well. People tend to give credence to news that fits their existing beliefs. This tendency helps climate change denialists and anti-vaccine advocates believe in their causes in spite of the scientific consensus against them. Purveyors of fake news know the weaknesses of human minds and take advantage of these natural biases. Training helps you recognise and overcome your own natural cognitive biases.

### TIP 3: CORRELATION IS NOT CAUSATION

Just because you can see a relationship between two things doesn't nec-

There are plenty of reasons a science story might not be sound. Quacks and charlatans take advantage of the complexity of science, some content providers can't tell bad science from good and some politicians peddle fake science to support their positions. If the science sounds too good to be true or conveniently supports a contentious cause, then you might want to check its veracity

essarily mean that one causes the other.

Even if surveys find that people who live longer drink more red wine, it doesn't mean a daily glass will extend your life span. It could just be that red-wine drinkers are wealthier and have better health care, for instance. Look out for this 'error' in nutrition news.

### TIP 4: WHO WERE THE STUDY'S SUBJECTS?

If a study used human subjects, check to see whether it was placebo-controlled. That means some participants are randomly assigned to get the treatment, like a new vaccine, and others get a fake version that they believe is real, the placebo. That way researchers can tell whether any effect they see is from the drug being tested.

The best trials are also double blind: To remove any bias or preconceived ideas, neither the researchers nor the volunteers know who is getting the active medication or the placebo.

The size of the trial is important too. When more patients are enrolled, researchers can identify safety issues and beneficial effects sooner, and any differences between subgroups are more obvious.

Also, check if the research was actually done on people. Just because a certain drug works in mice, does not mean it will work for you.

## QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

**Q.1) Changi airport has the world's tallest - 131-ft - indoor waterfall. The airport is in...**

A. Hong Kong B. Singapore C. Malaysia D. China

**Q.2) Who was honoured with the 'Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award'**

for writing 'Samvidhan Kavya', a poetic version of the Indian Constitution?

A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee B. Sampurnanand C. Sunil Kumar Gautam D. Kailash Nath Katju

**Q.3) Name the country that will revive**

the multi-million dollar second major China-linked project.

A. India B. Singapore C. Japan D. Malaysia

**Q.4) Name the prime minister of Mali who**

resigned from his position recently.

A. Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga B. Soumaila Cisse C. Moussa Mara D. Amadou Toumani Toure

### ANSWERS

1. B) Singapore 2. C) Sunil Kumar Gautam 3. D) Malaysia 4. A) Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga

## KNOWLEDGE BANK (MYTHOLOGY)

### Perseus

In Greek mythology Perseus, the legendary founder of Mycenae, was a half-mortal; he was the son of Zeus and Danae. He is most renowned for beheading the mortal Gorgon, Medusa, and using her severed head (capable of turning onlookers into stone) as a weapon in his subsequent adventures. He also rescued Andromeda from the sea monster Cetus and married her.





# SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Engaging with the world

**L**earning a foreign language provides us with a key to an unknown world. In an increasingly globalised world, we have to interact with several countries to further our economic interest. Learning the language of that country opens the possibility of effectively engaging with it.

Language is intimately connected with the culture of a country. If we want to know the culture of a country, the best way is to know its language. Learning the language of a country enables us to read their scholarly literature. Moreover, a language is often common in a group of countries. For example, learning the French lan-



**VANDANA SHARMA,**  
French language teacher, Delhi Public School, Nacharam

guage develops the potential of communicating with more than 50 countries from Europe and Africa.

Today, geographical mobility is immense, and we can study and work in different corners of the world with our knowledge of language. Translation of scientific literature brings the highly developed knowledge to our country and imaginative literature brings us closer to the humanity in other parts of the world. We feel more

integrated with the people around us if we know their language. Translation requires the linguistic expertise in the source language and the target language. With our knowledge of a foreign language we can translate a lot of texts in our mother tongue and enrich our culture. On the other hand, we can make the world aware of our achievements through the translation of indigenous texts. The knowledge of a foreign language doesn't only give us access to another culture, but it also makes us compare ourselves with other people. We understand ourselves better if we know other cultures because we have a reference point. We discover our linguistic and culture identity only in relation to others. Hence, the knowledge of a foreign language is a valuable asset.

## Dealing with the tantrums of Life!!

**O**ne can never enjoy the true essence of life without being punched by the mighty tantrums it throws at us to deal with. The term 'LIFE' itself teaches us how to handle it, facing all sorts of elements which ultimately make us what we desire to be.

We need not necessarily cherish rosy moments and polished flowery paths every day because that is not going to bring out our true self. Hurdles, mighty blows of apprehensions and constant inhibitions and everything else that chain our thoughts and freedom will ultimately expose us to the different hard realities of life, compelling us to be good learners, wise planners, meticulous executors and finally successful winners.

Holding on to conscience



**NANDITA ACHARYA,**  
Academic Head, Johnson Grammar School, ICSE, Habsiguda

as our sole guide, we need to sincerely tread various barren, unknown paths to emerge victorious, embracing the golden virtues of life with sheer joy and contentment.

Learning to stay ground-

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ed within our composed self while we encounter different trials and tribulations will help us break the shackles of fear; the force of which holds us back from scaling the zenith of courage, peace and wisdom. Holding the reins of life with proper attitude will help us sail through any difficult situation without condemning ourselves for the flaws that we might probably take resort in during our journey in life.

Trusting our potentials, believing in our conscience will help us live a complete life with dignity. Making an impact in our own lives is the need of the hour to be happy and contented with every mea-

sure possibilities we are blessed with. Reminding ourselves constantly of the strengths we possess will ultimately prevent us from succumbing to all the problems in life.

Stagnation should never be allowed to creep in during unfavourable circumstances and our will power and determination should never take a backseat. Taking lessons from life might take us to a glorious future. After all,

we are here to survive amidst all odds and be happy, come what may.



## FOND MEMORIES OF HAPPY DAYS



**A** school is a second home to us. But now, almost all of us have forgotten the habit and discipline of going to school. It is time to hark back to all the wonderful things that we used to do in school.

We used to spend almost the entire day on the school premises. The classrooms were always buzzing with excitement and the noise would be so loud that we would sometimes forget to even wish the teacher entering the room. When chocolates are distributed on a classmate's birthday,



we would all crowd around and demand for "one more!". A few days back, nostalgia struck as I suddenly remembered the white uniform, white socks with a green band on the top and black shoes, our class assemblies and all the preparations that go before it. I also thought of the soft boards and all our creative work displayed on them.

Going to school is an opportunity to get together with friends. You can talk

and have fun between classes and during free time. School days fill our mind with happiness and nostalgic memories of happy days.

**ISHAN KUMAR,** class VII B, Delhi Public School, Secunderabad

## Proud moment for school

### DPS MAHENDRA HILLS



**Delhi Public School Mahendra Hills**

**B**ringing laurels to their school, Shrivatsa Upadhyayula of class IV and Jahnnavi Upadhyayula of class VII of Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills won the second and third position respectively in the 31st Telangana State Chess Ranking Tournament 2021.

Jahnnavi bagged the prize in the under 13 category while Shrivatsa won in the under 9 category in the tournament.

The school appreciated the sincere efforts put in by the students.

In other sporting achievement, five students from classes IV to VI from Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills have been selected for the 58th Inline National Level Hockey Competition to be held at Chandigarh from April 1 to 10.

Rishika Reddy, Rishika S, Mutupuri Shreyas, Farhaan Khan and Rudraams Reddy Mekala have made the school proud with their exceptional achievements. Principal Sunitha Rao extended her best wishes to these students for their future endeavours.

## REVISION IS IMPORTANT

"WHAT WE LEARN WITH PLEASURE WE NEVER FORGET" - ALFRED MERCIER

**A**s the board examinations are approaching the fear of exams in every student is increasing although they have done enough learning. The problem is a lot of students tend to learn everything but not revise it in a proper way. In order to remember what they have learnt, it is better to solve the question papers of last five years. Learning and revising smartly and effectively is better than learning under pressure. This can be applied for any examination not only for board examinations.

**L Bhavya, class IX, Sister Nivedita School**



## FUN & FROLIC IN GOA



**T**here is no better recreation than trying something new. One summer vacation we planned a trip to the Fun Capital of India, Goa. I was all ready for our trip. The real essence of Goa lies in its rich heritage, unique culture and natural beauty.

Goa is known for its beaches. We went to Baga Beach, one of the best beaches there. The weather was pleasant, cool breeze was blowing, there was soft, smooth sand and the waves were moving up and down which seemed to be dancing along with

my heart. I collected many sea - shells of different shapes and sizes.

We did many water sports like parasailing, water scooter, surfing which gave me goosebumps. The Basilica of Bom Jesus is a magnificent church of Goa. The Dudhsagar waterfalls was mindblowing. The sandy beaches, coconut trees, waterfalls, lush green fields, Goan houses and roads with the perfect natural view...I enjoyed wholeheartedly in Goa.

**RIDDHI GHURKA,** class IX A, Gitanjali Devshala, Hyderabad

## Painters' Gallery



**MIDST OF NATURE:** SAIMAH KHAN SHOUKATH, class VIII B, CBSE, Madina High School



**SWEET NECTAR:** RISHITA, class VI, FIITJEE World School, Hyderabad



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



**OF ALL HUES:** YASASWI SNIGDHA, class V, Little Flower High School, Abids

### THE GALE

The wind is blowing  
Through her hair  
Through her coat  
Wanting to take her  
On an adventure  
She resists the  
non-verbal push  
And goes forward  
To live a life  
She despises  
A life so boring  
That people call it normal  
The wind knows what, Has to be done  
But for his new mission  
He can't take her away from  
This normal life so easily  
The wind tries and tries till  
She finally gives in, And understands what  
The non - vocal was saying  
She leaves everything behind  
And follows the wind  
To places far and beyond  
From her "normal" life  
She tells her story to her kids  
Of how the wind is given  
A mission to guide, Others away from  
Normal and to adventure  
How the wind tries to help many  
But successes very few  
How the wind tries to  
Help others find themselves  
But loses himself on the way



He knows that, But all he wants is  
Others to find themselves  
Even if it means he has to  
Lose himself from time after time.

**MAITRI AGARWAL,** class X, Jain Heritage A Cambridge School, Kondapur

### CORONA



Oh, Corona!, you thought you have won,  
But you forgot that we are number one.  
Sure, you have made us suffer a lot,  
But finally, you are caught.  
You have killed many innocent people,  
But you are defeated by a vaccine needle.  
You have made the world stop,  
But always remember that we are on top.  
Oh Corona! you are full of misery,  
But don't worry, you made history.

**LIKITHA KUSANI,** class IX A, The Global Edge School, Kukatpally

### AUNT

Aunt is a person who hugs like a mother  
keeps a secret like a sister  
and laughs with you like a friend  
she hangs out with you till the end  
with an aunt life is sweeter  
while playing games she is a big cheater  
I'm as lucky as there can be  
As my aunt is the best as there can be

This is an advice. I found it funny and nice  
For everything in life  
which your parents say you can't  
don't waste time and ask your aunt

**VIJAYA KUMAR ARJUN,** class IX D, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad



# TIME TO GET RID OF UMPIRE'S CALL?

Virat Kohli questioned the umpire's call law in the Decision Review System (DRS) and called the rule-makers to abolish the rule

Jos Buttler of England appeals for LBW

## What is the Umpire's Call?

➔ The Umpire's Call primarily comes into the picture if a review has been sought for LBW. It's used when the DRS essentially gives the 'benefit of the doubt' to the on-field decision in case of inconclusive technological evidence. When less than 50% of the ball is hitting the stumps, excluding the bails, as per the ball-tracking technology, it's the umpire's call. So, in a situation where the umpire has ruled not out, even if the ball is shown to be hitting the stumps on review, the TV umpire has no powers to change the decision. The only consolation for the bowling team is that its review remains intact.

Kohli is also unconvinced about another hotly debated decision-making tool, the soft signal, which he said along with the umpire's call was a "serious" issue the game's lawmakers needed to tackle

## What is DRS?

➔ DRS was introduced in 2008 to allow teams to refer the decision to the third umpire when asked by the batsman or the bowling team captain. The DRS allows decisions related to LBW or Caught to be referred to the third umpire, who then checks for it using a combination of technologies like Hawkeye, Hotspot and Snickometer, or Ultra edge.

## VIRAT, ARE YOU FOR UMPIRE'S CALL OR AGAINST IT?

### I think it is pretty fair for the game

"The umpire's call bit... everyone should understand that they are the people who are given the job to make decisions and it is respected even in the DRS system. I think that is pretty fair. A lot of people don't understand that. If the on-field umpire has made the call, obviously the benefit has to go to him. DRS just confirms that particular decision. If it is really, really off, DRS corrects it, but if it is marginal, then you got to respect it. It clarifies the decision made on the field and that's absolutely fine."

**VIRAT IN 2016**

### Umpire's call creating a lot of confusion

"According to me, umpire's call right now is creating a lot of confusion. When you get bowled as a batsman, you don't expect the ball to hit more than 50 per cent into the stumps to consider yourself bowled. So from basic cricket common-sense, I don't think that there should be any debate on that. If the ball is clipping the stumps, that should be out whether you like it or not, you lose the review. That's how simple the game has to be if it hits the stumps, or it misses the stumps. It doesn't matter how much it's hitting, and those kinds of things."

**VIRAT IN 2021**

## UMPIRE vs UMPIRE

### WE KNOW THAT TECHNOLOGY IS NOT 100 PERCENT CORRECT

➔ See, first of all, Umpire's Call means regarding decisions which are very close. The decisions which are 50-50, which can go either way, go with the call of the on-field umpire. It is not a completely perfect decision that has been overturned, so it is a 50-50 decision which can go either way, to the batting side or the fielding side. We know technology is not itself 100% correct so you need the Umpire's Call. This concept needs to be understood by the general public because they are not aware of why Umpire's Call concept is there in DRS. It is basically because it was a marginal call and 100% technology can't say whether it was hitting the stumps or not.

**NITIN MENON, UMPIRE**

### LET'S JUST BAN UMPIRE'S CALL

I've had enough of umpire's call. Let's just ban umpire's call. Get rid of the controversy and just go with it. Any contact with ball on stump will dislodge a bail. No 48%, 49%. The fact it's been going for 12 years and the public are still mystified, and the players are still mystified, would suggest that there are some deficiencies in either the communication or the understanding.

So there needs to be some serious work done from the ICC's end. Because we shouldn't be talking about umpiring decisions.

**DARYL HARPER, FORMER ICC UMPIRE**

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# WHO CAN REPLACE JOFRA ARCHER?

Rajasthan Royals (RR) suffered a big blow last week when the ECB confirmed that Jofra Archer would be missing the start of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021. Archer has been nursing an elbow issue since 2020 and it also saw him being ruled out of the league last year. Archer, who is missing the ongoing ODI series against India, was only able to take part in IPL 2020 after the league was postponed due to COVID-19. Even as the ECB has confirmed that the pacer will miss only the start of IPL, there is no confirmation that Archer will arrive in India for the IPL 2021 season. Today, we take a look at 3 pacers who can replace Archer at Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2021

## 1 Jason Behrendorff

The left-arm pacer from Australia, Jason Behrendorff is now fit and running to make his comeback in IPL and might be one of the options that Rajasthan Royals might consider. Behrendorff has 5 scalps in as many matches for Mumbai Indians and bowled at an economy rate of 8.68 in IPL 2019. He is considered one of the best left-arm pacers in Australia, probably the reason why he made it to the 50-over World Cup squad despite making his ODI debut in January 2019. He has experience playing in Indian conditions as well. He went unsold in IPL 2021 auction.



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## 2 Mitchell McClenaghan

Despite being a regular wicket-taker, Mitchell McClenaghan wasn't a regular for Mumbai Indians in the past couple of seasons and the franchise released him after IPL 2020. This year, none of the teams bid for him and the Kiwi pacer went unsold. A four-time IPL winner, McClenaghan has ample experience of playing in Indian conditions and scalped 71 wickets in 56 matches. He isn't a pacer with express pace but does have wicket-taking qualities like Archer. Overall, McClenaghan has a strike-rate of 17.94 in IPL and economy rate of 8.49. He is available at a base price of ₹50 lakh.



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## 3 Oshane Thomas

Another wicket-taking option, Oshane Thomas was part of Rajasthan Royals in the past two seasons but only played 4 matches in 2019. The franchise released him after 2019 and again bid for him in 2020. Thomas could once again make his comeback at RR, courtesy of his wicket-taking abilities. Thomas has 56 wickets in 42 T20s. In IPL, he has dismissed 5 batsmen.



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## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which cricketer recently equalled MS Dhoni's record of most wins as captain in T20Is?

- a) Eoin Morgan ☐ b) Asghar Afghan ☐  
 c) Virat Kohli ☐ d) Daren Sammy ☐

**Q2:** Who became the first ever Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics?

- a) Kabita Devi ☐ b) Sheetal Dalal ☐  
 c) Bhavani Devi ☐ d) Taniksha Khatri ☐

**Q3:** Manchester United hold the record for most league

titles in England. How many times have they been champions?

- a) 19 ☐ b) 13 ☐ c) 18 ☐ d) 20 ☐

**Q4:** Who is the first woman cricketer to complete seven thousand ODI runs?

- a) Belinda Clark ☐ b) Mithali Raj ☐  
 c) Charlotte Edwards ☐ d) Smriti Mandhana ☐

**Q5:** Who won the Italian Open Women's tennis singles title 2019?

- a) Karolina Pliskova ☐ b) Naomi Osaka ☐  
 c) Serena Williams ☐ d) Johanna Konta ☐

**Q6:** Sportsperson Geeta Phogat is associated with

which of the following games?

- a) Shooting ☐ b) Boxing ☐  
 c) Weightlifting ☐ d) Wrestling ☐

**Q7:** Indian paddler Sharath Kamal qualified for the

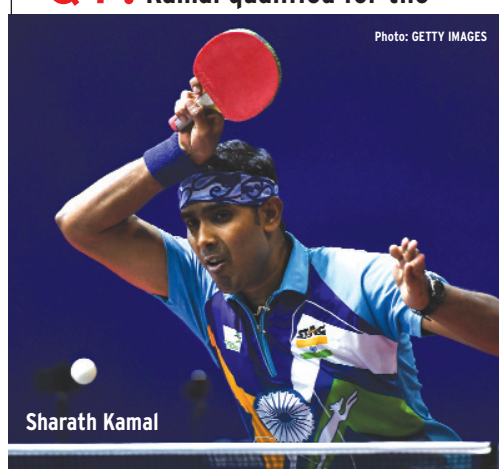


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Tokyo Olympics, his fourth, after beating\_\_\_ in the Asian qualifiers.

- a) Lee Sangsu ☐ b) Rameez Muhammed ☐  
 c) Jeon Jihee ☐ d) Sathiyen Gnanasekaran ☐

**Q8:** Who became the first Indian to face 500-plus balls in a test innings?

- a) Rahul Dravid ☐ b) Cheteshwar Pujara ☐  
 c) Navjot Singh Sidhu ☐ d) Ravi Shastri ☐

**Q9:** Against which team did Harmanpreet Kaur make her debut as captain of the women's cricket team?

- a) Pakistan ☐ b) England ☐  
 c) Zimbabwe ☐ d) Australia ☐

**Q10:** Which Indian player has the record of most wickets in a calendar year?

- a) Kapil Dev ☐ b) Ravindra Jadeja ☐  
 c) Zaheer Khan ☐ d) Anil Kumble ☐

**Q11:** Who won the US Open 2020 Men's Singles title?

- a) Alexander Zverev ☐ b) Dominic Thiem ☐  
 c) Novak Djokovic ☐ d) Andy Murray ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 b) Asghar Afghan  
 2 c) Bhavani Devi 3 d) 20 4 b) Mithali Raj  
 5 a) Karolina Pliskova 6 d) Wrestling  
 7 b) Rameez Muhammed  
 8 b) Cheteshwar Pujara 9 a) Pakistan  
 10 d) Anil Kumble 11 b) Dominic Thiem