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MUKESH AMBANI

The Chairman of Reliance Industries shares his optimism on how India at 100 could be as rich as US and China, and how we can make the next 30 years the best in India's history...

ON INDIA'S CAPABILITY

Destiny and Drive are making the 21st century's favourite nation ready for a great leap forward. India stands at the doorstep of prosperity that is both significant and inclusive, and of delivering all-round human development through the democratic route. With faith in our potential, confidence in our collective capabilities, and unity in action, we can exceed the world's expectations.

ON INDIA'S GROWTH CHART

India's GDP of \$266 billion in 1991 has grown by over 10 times. Our economy has become the fifth-largest in the world. Poverty rates have halved despite population rising from 880 million to 1.38 billion. Key infrastructure has improved beyond recognition. Our expressways, airports and ports are now world-class, and so are many of our industries and services. No young Indian today would believe that people had to wait for years to get a telephone or a gas connection, or that businesses had to seek government's permission to buy a computer.


**Celeb
talk**

On how to make India at par with US and China

1 The Indian model of development should focus on **creating wealth for the people at the bottom of the economic pyramid**. Nations become prosperous when they expand their markets and ascend steadily on the value chain, inclusively

2 India now has an opportunity to lead the Fourth Industrial Revolution. By speedily deploying its technologies, **our entrepreneurs can achieve quantum increases in productivity and efficiency. This will transform not only our large industries and services, but also**

agriculture, MSMEs, construction, renewable energy, arts and crafts, etc. These are precisely the areas with the highest potential to create large-scale employment, which is India's most pressing need.

3 To turn these exciting possibilities into realities, **India should become a nation of innovators**. Traditionally, India has been highly-innovative in low-tech activities. Now, we have to replicate this prowess using hi-tech tools so that they become facilitators of faster growth. Innovation will help our entrepreneurs provide high-quality, yet extremely

affordable, services and solutions to meet India's needs.

4 We need to change our understanding of **wealth and the ways to pursue it** and bring them in alignment with India's ancient wisdom rooted in the primacy of empathy.

5 The Indian model of wealth creation **requires reconceptualisation of entrepreneurship itself**. Tomorrow's successful businesses will be partnerships and platforms, which promote both healthy competition and fruitful collaboration.

SHARATH KAMAL REACHES THIRD ROUND WITH HARD-FOUGHT WIN

Archanta Sharath Kamal reached the third round of the men's singles table tennis competition, fighting back from a game down to beat Tiago Apolonia of Portugal 4-2 in 49 minutes. The Indian, playing in his fourth Olympics, runs into reigning Olympic and world champion Ma Long of China, the top seed, in the third round.



BHAVANI DEVI'S CAMPAIGN ENDS WITH LOSS IN SECOND ROUND

Chandni Bhavani Devi, the first Indian fencer, went out with her head held high as she fought well against France's Manon Brunet 7-15 in a Round of 32 match of the women's individual sabre competition.



MEN'S ARCHERY TEAM REACH QUARTER FINALS

The Indian men's archery team reached the quarter-finals beating Kazakhstan 6-2. The Indian team of Atanu Das, Pravin Jadhav and seasoned Tarundeep Rai defeated the Kazakhstan team of Denis Gankin, Ilfat Abdullin and Sanzhar Mussayev in a close encounter in which all four sets were decided by a single point. They will now meet top seeds South Korea in the next round.

SANTHOSH GEORGE KULANGARA

INDIA'S FIRST SPACE TOURIST



1 Santhosh George Kulangara is set to become India's first space tourist, having booked his seat back in 2007 in one of the proposed paid commercial space flights to be launched by Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic. The globetrotter is really pumped up about his journey, following the space trips made by Branson and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos earlier this month.

2 Santhosh had booked his seat for \$2.5 lakh at a time when people knew little about the project. "Commercial space flights were just a distant hope at that time. But I have been waiting since then," he says.

3 He plans to carry a camera along with him to space.

4 Santhosh owns a publishing house named Labour India and an exploration channel Safari TV based out of his native town Marangattupally in Kottayam.

HEAVIEST RAINFALL IN 1,000 YEARS INUNDATE CHINA



The death toll from the rain-triggered unprecedented floods in central China has risen to 56, with five people reported missing and the official estimated losses totalled about \$10 billion.

EXTREME WEATHER ACROSS MANY PARTS OF THE GLOBE HAS RENEWED FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

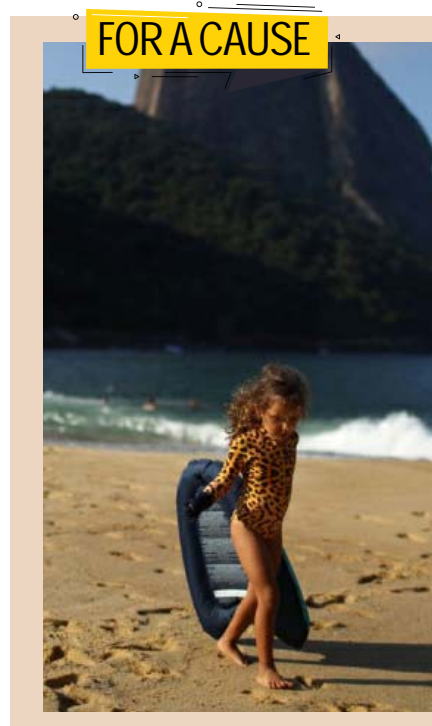
THE LIST OF EXTREMES IN JUST THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAS BEEN STARTLING:

- Unprecedented rains, followed by deadly flooding in central China and Europe
- Temperatures of 49 Celsius in Canada, and tropical heat in Finland and Ireland
- The Siberian tundra ablaze. Monstrous US wildfires, along with record drought across the US West and parts of Brazil



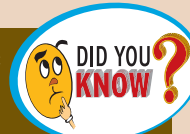
Meet 4-yr-old Nina Gomes whose mission is to clear plastic waste from the ocean

Nina Gomes is no average environmentalist. Just 4 years old, she picks trash with her father from the water along the beaches of Rio de Janeiro. "She is already a mini-defender of the ocean," her father said. With Nina in tow, Gomes sets out on a paddleboard into the picturesque but polluted waters of Rio's Guanabara Bay, where she grabs plastic bottles and bags and puts them in a mesh net. Asked why she collects waste from the sea, she says: "Because (otherwise) fish and turtles die." Gomes hopes that Nina's example will serve to inspire love and empathy, and also help break public apathy that surrounds environmental protection in Brazil.


FOR A CAUSE

Gomes, who made a film in 2017 about the underwater world of Guanabara Bay, was inspired by the birth of his daughter to start Instituto Mar Urbano, a Rio-based group dedicated to fighting marine disasters. Studies by Brazil's Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation found that there were upwards of 400 distinct species of birds, fish, reptiles and mammals that live within or in the periphery of Guanabara Bay. Thousands of Rio residents also rely on the bay to support their livelihoods through fishing. More than 10 million people live in the areas surrounding the bay.

Eleven million tons of plastic are discarded into the ocean every year, according to the United Nations Environment Programme. Plastic debris can be deadly to seabirds and marine life, with hundreds and thousands of marine mammals dying each year by consuming or being trapped in plastic waste



IN OTHER NEWS

Telangana's Ramappa temple conferred UNESCO heritage tag

The Ramappa temple at Palampet in Telangana's Warangal has been conferred the tag of UNESCO World Heritage site, the culture ministry said. Ramappa temple, a 13th century engineering marvel named after its architect, Ramappa, was proposed by the government as its only nomination for the UNESCO World Heritage site tag for the year 2019.



US won't mediate in Indo-Pak issues: Biden administration

The Biden administration, ahead of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's India visit, has made it clear that it would not mediate between India and Pakistan. The US is "pleased to see" that the ceasefire that went into place earlier this year has remained intact, the White House said, adding: "We always encourage them to continue their efforts to find ways to build a more stable relationship going forward." During the Trump years, the President himself had offered to mediate between India and Pakistan on more than one occasion.

Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan launches 'Nadi ko Jano' app

Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the 'Nadi ko Jano' app on Sunday, an app that would help the users to gather information about rivers across India. The initiative, a part of the research for the Resurrection Foundation, will help in collecting water level and pollution level of the rivers.


Education

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL?

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE: A FITTING FINALE

Act V of 'The Merchant of Venice' has made a comeback.

Choose correctly to complete these statements.

1 'I am the unhappy subject of these quarrels,' says

A. Antonio B. Bassanio C. Gratiano D. Lorenzo

2 Not mentioned here is

A. Crow B. Hawk C. Lark D. Wren

3 'The man that hath no music in himself' is not fit for

A. Spoils B. Stratagems C. Tensions D. Treasons

4 'A good deed in a naughty world' shines like a

A. Candle B. Fire C. Lamp D. Torch

5 Portia's return is announced by

A. Balthazar B. Nerissa C. Jessica D. Stephano

6 'Enchanted herbs' were gathered by

A. Medea B. Medusa C. Menippe D. Merope

7 Engraved on Gratiano's ring is

A. Lack B. Last C. Leave D. Learn

8 The wife in 'You give your wife too unkind a cause of grief' is

A. Portia B. Leah C. Nerissa D. Jessica

9 Nerissa does him wrong, swears Gratiano by the

A. Moon B. Sun C. Earth D. Stars

10 Bassanio's arrival is announced by a

A. Cittern B. Cornett C. Tabor D. Trumpet

11 Something with 'sweet power' to effect transformation is

A. Magic B. Memory C. Marriage D. Music

12 The last word of the play is

A. Casket B. Ring C. Letter D. Ducat

ANSWERS:

11) D. Music	12) B. Ring
9) A. Moon	10) D. Trumpet
7) C. Leave	8) B. Nerissa
5) D. Stephano	6) A. Medea
3) C. Tensions	4) A. Candle
1) A. Antonio	2) B. Hawk

After the climax of the casket saga and the courtroom drama, we follow the adventures of Shakespeare's characters to their colourful conclusion.

Lorenzo and Jessica meditate on music in the moonlight, before the merry muddle of the rings. Antonio's wealth is restored. He is what he was at the start: the rich and respected titular protagonist of the play. Let us not forget Shylock, who has departed earlier. Forced to renounce fortune and faith, he would endorse a line in 'King Lear': 'All is cheerless, dark and deadly.'

Suryakumari Dennison,
Teacher, Aavishkar
Academy, Bengaluru



YOU CAN ACE THE BOARDS!

Preparing for Boards can be stressful, more so during these unsettling pandemic times. The fear of exams can often cause anxiety and pressure. But with the right measures we can score good grades without overburdening ourselves. Sharing a few tricks I practice...

PLAN YOUR DAY

Plan your day in advance. You can create a vision board or time-table regarding the subjects you want to learn that day. This can help you keep track of how much portions you have completed that day and also how much more you need to finish.



JOT DOWN MAIN POINTS

Read the text book at least a few times till the points are clear in your mind and underline the important points for revision just before the examination.

TAKE RUNNING NOTES

Take running notes in between the online classes and while reading the textbook. It boosts your focus and the notes can be used for revision when exams near.

SHORT BREAKS, A MUST

Taking small breaks after studying each chapter or subject is necessary to refresh your mind and keep yourself focused.

SOLVE PREVIOUS PAPERS

Solve question papers of previous years. This can help boost your confidence and refine the concepts, besides time management. And of course, it is important to stay healthy and hydrated. Do not overload yourselves. Take nutritious food in adequate proportions and use your time wisely. We can do it!

Nandana Sajan, class X, MGM Central
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Thiruvananthapuram



TESLA - A DIVINE GIFT TO MANKIND

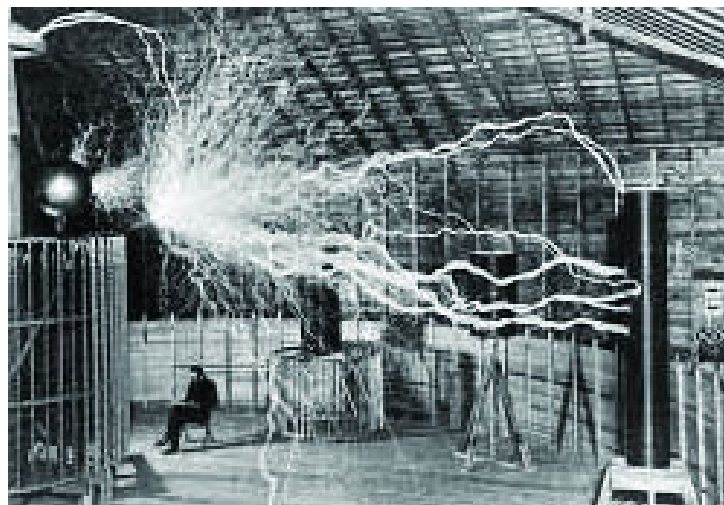


Invention is the most important product of man's creative brain. The ultimate purpose is the complete mastery of mind over the material world, the harnessing of human nature to human needs" -Nikola Tesla



TESLA - This five letter word has revolutionised the world of technology. I would like to share with you all about one of the world's greatest scientist and inventor. Nikola Tesla who was born on July 10, 1856, discovered and patented the rotating magnetic field which is the main basis of Alternating Current machinery. He also developed a three-phase system of electric power transmission.

Gradually he mastered and invented the Tesla coil, induction coil which is widely used in radio technology. In Graz (Austria), he attended a technical university and observed the Dynamo which was operated as a generator and when reversed, became an electric motor. Looking at that, he conceived a way to use alternating current. That's when he



made the first induction coil and was successful in utilising alternating current.

In fact the radio and television sets we are enjoying now contains a

Tesla coil invented by him. To prove his point, he even lit up a lamp in his laboratory by passing electricity through his body. This shows his thirst towards bringing a change in

the world. He also proved that the Earth could be used as a conductor and made to resonate at a certain frequency. His work was extended to turbines, but due to financial crisis, his ideas mostly remained in book.

We can only imagine what the world would look like, if he were to exist in this modern era.

Let's all pay tribute to one of the outstanding intellects of the world who paved the way for many technological developments of modern times. No awards would match his paranormal intelligence!

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MY SCHOOL PROJECT

Instant Human Height Detector

The height of a person has always been measured by measuring tapes, be it at home, hospitals or at competitions. My project provides an alternative and accurate means of measurement, the Instant Human Height Detector gadget. It is based on Arduino programming and has sensors that emit ultrasonic waves. The body of the gadget is a simple mobile phone box. This contains the robotic components. Thus, the phone box (which would have been eventually thrown) went into good use. This idea of a non-contact height detector could be commercialised as well.

THE IDEA

Having done a three-year course in Robotics, I have gained valuable knowledge in this area. With the knowledge of coding and robotic components, and some spare parts lying at home, the idea was almost spontaneous. All I wanted to do was to make something new, and it came out in the form of a non-contact height detector based on ultrasonic rays.

THE WORKING

The device is simple to operate. I have attached a battery with a battery clip to use as a switch, but it can be replaced with a toggle switch as well.

Once the power is on, the sensors automatically detect the height of the human/object and a screen displays the height in cm. In these pandemic times, we must avoid physical contact. This gadget measures height with zero contact, as the measuring tapes are replaced with invisible, ultrasonic vibrations.

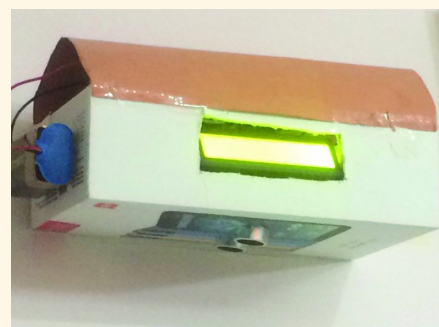


THE TECHNOLOGY

I used the properties of ultrasound waves to build this gadget. Ultrasounds are beyond the range of human hearing. The gadget is kept at a measured height from the ground, say 6 feet (6 feet = 182.88 cm). The speed of the rays are known, which is actually 0.34 cm/sec. As distance = speed*time, it calculates the distance between itself and the object using this formula.

But here, the time is the total time taken for the rays to travel to the object and then back to the sensor. Hence, the time duration must be divided by 2 to get the time taken for one journey along the distance. Thus, the formula it uses to calculate the distance between it and the object is distance = speed*time/2. It then subtracts this distance from 6 feet (the total distance between the gadget and the ground) to get the height of the object.

Therefore,
(Height of object) = (distance between gadget and ground) - (speed of rays)*(time taken/2)



THE CONCEPT

The device uses the concept of different frequencies of sound vibrations and their reflection after hitting a surface. In the gadget, the ultrasound waves travel at high frequencies on emission and bounce back to the sensor after striking a surface. We can't hear these sound vibrations, as they are above the human hearing range (20 Hz - 20000 Hz).

THE LEARNING

This device shows how ultrasound waves can be used to measure distances to far extents, while also giving the result instantly. We can apply science and technology to solve day-to-day problems.

Aarav Barnwal, class IX, Delhi Public School East, Bengaluru

THE COMPONENTS

- Arduino programming board (which contains the code of the working of the gadget)
- A breadboard (which eases the work of setting up the wires to different components)
- An ultrasonic sensor (which emits ultrasonic rays)
- An LCD screen (a Liquid Crystal Display screen that displays the height that the gadget calculates)
- Jumper wires (wires with connector pins at the ends)
- A Duracell 9V battery (as the power source)
- Everything is well packaged inside the smartphone box.



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS ON EID



Niraj Public School
Ameerpet

Students of Niraj Public School celebrated Bakrid by outlining its significance through a short online programme. The festival is a celebration of love and faith towards God. Prophet Ibrahim was willing to sacrifice his own son as an act of obedience to God's command and thus sent a clear message of Love, Devotion, Kindness and Equality.

The high school teachers performed the Namaz to invoke the blessings of Allah. This was fol-

lowed by a dance and a song. The programme concluded with narration of an interesting story from the Quran.

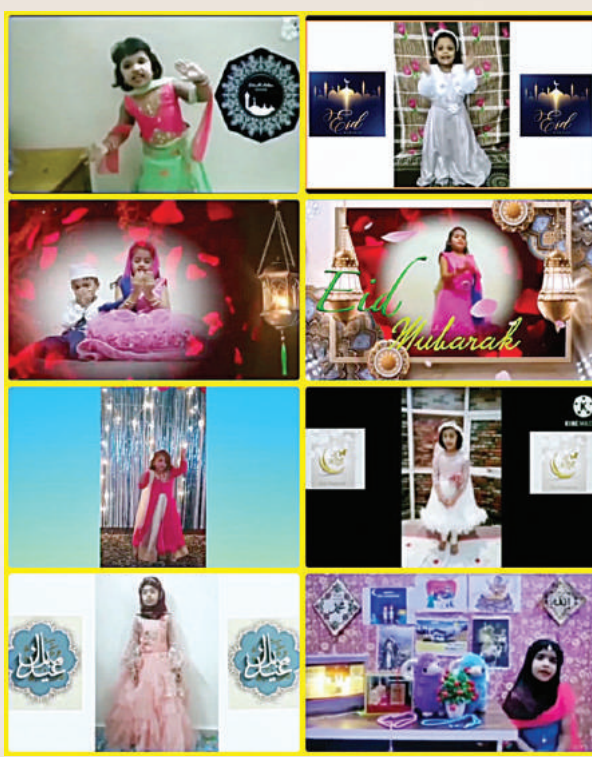
The school expressed its appreciation towards all the participants and their parents for their co-operation and support to propagate this message of Bakrid.

Amith Kaur, Teacher, Sister Nivedita, The Play School

Bakrid also called Eid-Al-Adha is the festival of prayers, joy, happiness and sacrifice. It was celebrated by the students of the pre-primary wing, The Play School, exclusive wing of Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet with enthusiasm.

The children of LKG and UKG dressed in traditional attire offered prayers to Allah, performed a dance and sang songs. The significance of the celebration was explained by the little ones. The delicacies prepared and savoured on Bakrid were also an important part of the celebrations.

Director Hari Hara Prasad and principal T Lalitha Kumari greeted all the Muslim fraternity. Children were happy to see their friends performing and enjoyed being part of the celebration. Everyone wished and greeted 'Eid Mubarak' to each other.



Delhi World School
Chintal

Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated at Delhi World School, Chintal with great fervour and joy on a virtual platform. All the students participated with enthusiasm in the special assembly conducted on the occasion. Various programmes such as significance of Eid-ul-Adha, supplication and the story behind the festival were shared with all the children. Students were also told about the holy pilgrimage performed in this month. Thus, the true essence behind the festival; faith, loyalty, sacrifice, obedience, humanity and brotherhood was conveyed to all.



TIME TO BE KIND, GENEROUS



Happiness blooms in everyone's hearts
Laying out the iftar table had become quite a tradition
And indeed it was a daily mission
Every day the table adorned with fruits, savouries and dates
It is a moment that everyone awaits.
Overall, it's a thing that everyone misses,
Not to be worried now is the time for Eid greetings and wishes..

The long awaited moon is sighted, We are all so excited.
Children, uncles and aunts are all now buddies

This day indeed Allah(swt) has blessed,
To be celebrated, enjoyed and expressed

Indeed Eid is a special event,
But now, going out is a thing to prevent

Eid gatherings were such a public affair
But now no one would dare

Now is the time to share and to give
To be kind, generous and to forgive

But alas, due to this Corona
Everyone is like "Hame jana hai, jana hai nikalne dona"

Many treats can be found indoors too such as Eidi, sheerkharma, mehendi and greeting all of you.

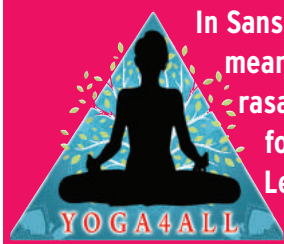
Starting the day with prayer, sheerkharma and Eid greetings,
Next is the time for virtual meetings

Hoping Allah(swt) will pay heed to our prayers in this time of need,
Here's wishing you all a very happy, blessed and safe Eid

FATIMA SEHR, class VI, Springfields International School, Bandlaguda



Supta Virasana



In Sanskrit 'Supta' means reclined and 'Vira' means hero and hence it is called as **uptavi-rasana** or 'Reclined Hero Pose'. Before performing the asana sit in Dandasana - Legs together, hands by the side of the body, spine straight



01 Inhale and exhale. As you exhale fold your right leg so your foot is beside your right buttock. Repeat a similar process with your left leg to bring your foot to your left buttock.

02 While inhaling use your elbows for support and go back.

03 Exhale and release your elbows, lay down on your back, hold the posture.

04 Inhale and take the support of your elbows and come back.

05 Exhale and come to Virasana.

06 Inhale and as you exhale release the left leg and then slowly the right leg. Come back to Dandasana and relax.

BENEFITS

- It stretches your Lumbar vertebra and stimulates the lumbar spinal nerves
- Improves digestion
- It helps to mobilise the hips, ankles, and lower back

PRECAUTIONS

- A person with knee pain or any knee surgery should avoid this posture.
- Cardiac patients, those with spine ailments or slipped disc or rheumatoid arthritis problem should avoid this posture.

Complementary asana
Sasankasana

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Yoga should be practiced under the supervision of Yoga Guru. The views expressed in the above article are those of the author and the newspaper takes no responsibility for it.

MY BIGGEST PILLARS OF SUPPORT

Every person has a role model, someone who inspires him or her. A role model can be anyone, from a celebrity to your family member. Well, my role models are my parents. They are the best. I don't even have words to describe them.

I have a sister and like all siblings we always have fights. But they never scold us, they are very patient and explain to us that unity makes us achieve anything. They are equal to gods for me. My mom is the best chef in the world, she makes

me delicious food and always supports me in my decisions. My dad is my best friend. I share all my secrets with him and he is always there to clarify my doubts. They have sacrificed a lot to be always there for us. They are always supportive, giving me guidance and encouraging me. When I grow up, I would like to be at least 50% of them. I love my Amma and Nanna.

SAHASRA KANAGALA, class VIII D,
Vista School,
Hyderabad



IN ANOTHER WORLD WITH MY SMARTPHONE

Even when I'm isolated I'm not alone, I peel my eyes to keep staring at my phone,

I've been sucked into another world that made my heart a heart of stone, I cared for none who wanted to care for me,

I only cared for this tiny box because it let me be whoever I wanted to be, No one could understand me, no one could fathom, I didn't realise that I had become numb, I thought only this box would be there for me, it never gave me a chance to comprehend, That I had been delusional till the very end, All my days and nights had gone by without a single



emotion in my eye, The people around me desperately tried to grab on,

When I finally looked up, everyone was gone, I craved for the touch of my people but I couldn't go back, Time waited for no one and all I did was slack off, Even though I awakened, it was too late,

I left this world alone, that was my ungodly fate.

AAIRAH UNNI, class IX D,
Bhartiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills



SAY NO TO PLASTIC!

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

Taking this thought forward, the students of pre-primary I & II participated in the paper bag making activity initiated by their teacher. The objective of the activity was to make students learn the habit of recycling by teaching them how to make paper bags and making them aware of the threat of plastic bags to the environment. The students were taught how to make paper bags by using tutorials pre-

pared by the class mentor. The students were enthusiastic about the whole activity. When asked what they thought of this initiative, a student from the class replied, "I will use this paper bag when I go shopping, no plastic."

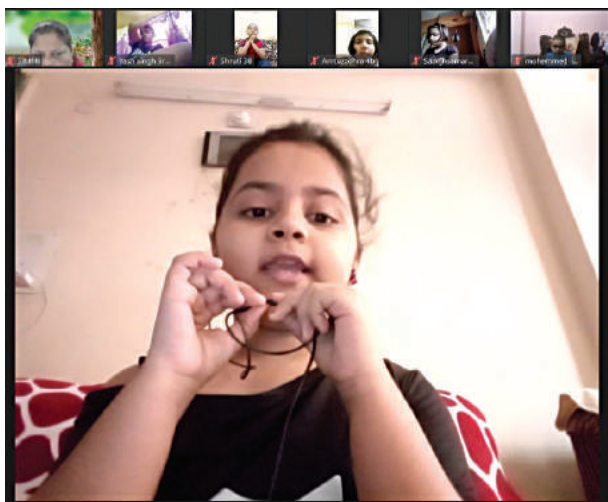
Gitanjali International School
Kompally

Time to focus on eco-system restoration

Diamond Jubilee High School

The World Environment Day was celebrated at The Diamond Jubilee High School, Hyderabad (DJHSH), managed by the Aga Khan Education Service, India, with the theme 'Ecosystem Restoration', to inspire its students to become catalysts of change.

The school with the support of its teachers, students and parents, conducted a series of activities to highlight the issues concerning the ecosystem. The students of class X got the opportunity to discuss the topic 'Necessity for Environment Protection', where they created well-researched presentations on pertinent issues like significance



of the ozone layer and the adverse effects of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), which is com-

monly used in air-conditioners, refrigerators, aerosols, to name a few.

In addition to this, students brainstormed on what it means to be 'environmentally conscious' in these times and possible ways to adopt an eco-friendly approach.

After the open discussion, teachers held an informative session to share the different ways in which students can positively contribute and restore the environment. The online session informed students about ways to reduce their 'carbon footprint' and increase their 'green footprint' through planting trees, following the 3Rs - reduce, reuse and recycle, creating bio-fertilisers by recycling kitchen waste; opting for non-motorised modes of transport; using products with bio-degradable materials, among others.

Students also participated

in slogan writing activity and created thought provoking slogans including - 'Your conscious choices can save the Earth!'; 'We cannot produce a new environment, but we can save the one we have'; and 'The best gift to the next generation will be a pollution-free environment'. Student learning was further reinforced with a quiz on the environment.

Addressing the gathering, principal Sujatha Gade said, "It is our collective responsibility to embrace an eco-friendly approach and utilise our resources judiciously for a brighter tomorrow. The school believes that 'today is the day to make a choice for tomorrow' and every small step taken towards environment sustainability will have a ripple effect on the future generations."



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OLYMPIC WATCH

RANKIREDDY-SHETTY BID FOR KNOCK-OUT CHANCE

Badminton duo lose to world no. 1 pair, but could be still in the reckoning

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty went down after putting up a fight against world No. 1 Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo of Indonesia in their second Group A match in the men's doubles badminton competition at the Tokyo Olympics on Monday.

Rankireddy/Shetty, who had won their first match in the group against world No. 3 pair of Yang Lee and Chi-Lin Wang of Chinese Taipei, went down 21-13, 21-12 against the Indonesian pair, in just 31 minutes.

Gideon and Sukamuljo, the best men's doubles pair on the circuit for the last couple of years, were too strong for the Indians and did not allow them any chance. The Indonesians are the favourite for the title and are expected to top their Group. They kept a steady scoring rate.

Second in group

■ Rankireddy/Shetty now have one

more match against British pair Ben Lane and Sean Vandy and if they win, they will qualify for the knockout stages. Two out of the four teams from the four-team group will qualify for the next stage.

■ Currently, the Indian pair is second in the group with three points from two matches, the same as Lee and Wang from Chinese Taipei. The British pair has lost both its matches.

■ "We started well in both the first and second games. In the second, we had a key point leading 6-3 and we were on top, it was our point, but we somehow messed it up and they played well, and from there we gave up some easy points and that frustrated us," Shetty said.

■ Talking about the match, Satwik said: "They are more steady now than before. Their service was really brilliant today. We couldn't do anything about their service. We tried but we couldn't find a way, and it's the same story from before against them. We couldn't find a way." AGENCIES



India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty play against Indonesia's Marcus Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo during their men's doubles group play stage badminton match

July 27, 2021

INDIANS IN THE FRAY

BOXING

Simranjit Kaur - Women's Lightweight

Round of 32

Lovlina Borgohain - Women's Welterweight

Round of 32

HOCKEY

Men's Pool A - India vs Spain

SAILING

KC Ganapathy, Varun Thakkar -

Men's 49er - Race 1

SHOOTING

Saurabh Chaudhary / Manu Bhaker &

Abhishek Verma / Yashaswini Singh Deswal -

10m Air Pistol

Mixed Team Qualification

SWIMMING

Sajan Prakash - Men's 200m Butterfly

Semi-Finals (if qualifies)

TABLE TENNIS

Sharath Kamal - Men's Singles Round of 16

In historic debut, Bhavani Devi goes down fighting

Loses to experienced world number three Manon Brunet after a well-played, confident win against Tunisia's Nadia Ben Azizi

India's first ever fencer in the Olympics, C A Bhavani Devi, lasted two rounds at the Games, her historic maiden appearance ending with a loss to world number three Manon Brunet in the women's individual sabre event here on Monday. The 27-year-old began her campaign with a confident 15-3 win against Tunisia's Nadia Ben Azizi but bumped into Rio Olympics semifinalist Frenchwoman Brunet in the next round, which she lost 7-15.

"I did my level best but couldn't win. I am sorry...Thank you so much I will come back much stronger and successful at Next Olympics with all your prayers," she tweeted, thanking her coaches, the government and her



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family for backing her. Bhavani said she committed mistakes against Brunet but will take the result in her stride. "I didn't fence well in the first half but in the second half I tried to change something but it was too late. I am happy I fenced with one of the top

fencers in the world," Bhavani said of her contest against Brunet. "In between I was making some mistakes but it is okay, sabre is very quick. It is the first time Indians will watch fencing, so I am very happy that I could perform in front of them."

Bhavani's aggression yielded points against Azizi but French Brunet used all her experience to negate the tactics of the Indian, who lost two points for going out of the arena. PTI

Paddler Sharath Kamal advances with comeback

Set to face reigning world champ Ma Long in third round

Veteran Indian table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal on Monday overcame a sluggish start to beat Portugal's Tiago Polanco in the men's singles second round. Considered one of the greatest players of all time, Long has won every singles title in the sport, and is the reigning world champion as well.

Kamal defeated Tiago 4-2 in Round 2 of the men's singles event on Monday. The entire match lasted for 48 minutes. Tiago was in top form in Game 1 and, as a result, he won it 11-2, creating pressure on Sharath at the very start. Kamal staged a comeback in Game 2, winning it 11-8, and as a result, the match came on level terms at 1-1. Kamal continued with his momentum and he quickly went on to take a 5-0 lead in Game 3. The 39-year-old did not let go of this opportunity and he quickly took a 2-1 lead in the match.

Portugal's Tiago staged a comeback in Game 4, and as a result, the match was poised evenly at 2-2. However, Kamal held his own in the following two games, and as a result, he progressed to the next round. AGENCIES



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Star Manika Batra loses as Austrian Polcanova prevails all through

Fails to put up a fight against stern defence by her opponent

India star paddler Manika Batra bowed out of the women's singles event after losing her Round 3 match against Austria's Sofia Polcanova here at Tokyo Metropolitan Gym - Table 1 in the ongoing Tokyo Olympics on Monday. Sofia Polcanova defeated Batra 4-0 as the match lasted just 27 minutes. Batra and Polcanova did exchange some great points to start the match but it was the Austrian who prevailed against Manika's rally and took the first set 11-8.

The second set was all Sofia from the start who cleverly neutralised Batra's reverse spin and took the round in



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a blink of an eye. The 11-2 set lasted for just 4 minutes. Batra's lethal forearm continued to be missing in the third round against the Austrian's stern defence as she again failed to put any fight and her opponent took the set 11-5. In the next one, the Indian tried to delay the inevitable by playing some quality long rallies but the end result remained the same. Polcanova claimed the set 11-7 and marched into the next round.

Earlier, Sutirtha Mukherjee also crashed out of the women's singles event after losing her Round 2 match against Portugal's Fu Yu. AGENCIES

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: The "Marquess of Queensberry rules" is a code of rules in which of these sports?

- Chess
- Boxing
- Hockey
- Tennis

Q2: Which of the following games were previously called the 'British Empire Games'?

- East Asian Games
- Southeast Asian Games
- Olympic Games
- Commonwealth Games

Q3: Who among the following received the first Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna?

- Viswanathan Anand
- Geet Sethi
- Karnam Malleswari
- Nameirakpam Kunjarani

Q4: Which of these tennis matches is played on a synthetic hard court?

- French Open
- Wimbledon
- US open
- Australia open

Q5: Manpreet Singh is the captain of the Men's

Hockey Team. Name the women's team captain.

- Rani Rampal
- Siddhi Singh
- Kanika Raj
- Birajani Ekka



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Q6: Which was the first multilateral competition in cricket on an international scale?

- The Ashes
- The World Cup
- World Series Cricket
- Triangular Tournament

Q7: Which Indian cricketer was named World Cup Ambassador during the 2015 ICC World Cup?

- Kapil Dev
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Sunil Gavaskar
- Ravi Shastri

Q8: Who had won a gold medal in the second 2018 ISSF Junior World Cup in the 10m air rifle event for women?

- Elavenil Valarivan
- Zeru Wang
- Sofia Benetti
- Ying-Shin Lin

Q9: When was the Olympic Flame first introduced in the Winter Olympics?

- 1904
- 1924
- 1936
- 1900

ANSWERS: 1. b. Boxing 2. d. Commonwealth Games 3. a. Viswanathan Anand 4. d. Australia open 5. a. Rani Rampal 6. d. Triangular Tournament 7. b. Sachin Tendulkar 8. a. Elavenil Valarivan 9. c. 1936