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TOP 3 BUZZ OF THE DAY
MANN KI BAAT
GO ALL OUT FOR #VOCALFORLOCAL, SAYS PM MODI


“In the 75th year of Independence, we can say with satisfaction that the pride that Khadi had in the freedom movement, today our young generation is giving the same glory to Khadi. Today, the production of Khadi and handloom has increased manifold and its demand has also increased”
NARENDRA MODI

With Gandhi Jayanti around the corner, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the people to buy Khadi products to mark "Bapu's Jayanti with great fervour". Addressing the 81st episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi also remembered the contribution of Gandhi to the cleanliness movement and said, "Bapu was a proponent of cleanliness, he made cleanliness a mass movement and associated it with the dream of Independence," he said. On the occasion of the 'World River Day' on Sunday, he also urged the citizens to connect with the traditions, which are associated with rivers for centuries in our country.

INNOVATORS
IISC STUDENTS CREATE LOW-COST SUBSTITUTE TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

Students at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore have created a low-cost, environment-friendly alternative to single-use plastic. The product is an affordable substitute to 'single-use' plastic, helping reduce plastic waste and deal with the problem of crop stubble. The polymer is made using crop stubble and an inexpensive and easily available non-edible oil that also contains cellulosic material derived from agricultural stubble. "The bio-derived polyurethane from non-edible sources can replace conventional single-use plastics in various sectors," researchers said. The polymer is biodegradable, non-hazardous, and leak-proof. Because the product is non-toxic, it is suitable for several consumer applications.



It is estimated that 3.3 million tons of plastic are produced each year in India alone, of which less than 9% are recycled. This has a serious impact on the marine and terrestrial ecosystems


SPACE
A GAS STATION ON MARS?

Chemical engineers in the US are developing new ways to convert greenhouse gases to fuel to address climate change and get astronauts home from Mars.


How it works

■ The researchers used a carbon catalyst in a reactor to convert carbon dioxide into methane. Known as the 'Sabatier reaction' from the late French chemist Paul Sabatier, it's a process the International Space Station uses to scrub the carbon dioxide from air the astronauts breathe and gener-

ate rocket fuel to keep the station in high orbit. ■ The Martian atmosphere is composed almost entirely of carbon dioxide. Astronauts could save half the fuel they need for a return trip home by making what they need on the red planet once they arrive. ■ Scientists say, it's like a gas station on Mars. You could easily pump carbon dioxide through this reactor and produce methane for a rocket



WHAT'S YOUR COFFEE footprint?

You read it right. Scientists have developed a calculator that can reveal the amount of CO2 released into the atmosphere every year as a direct result of our daily coffee habit. Scientists say, the calculator lets human beings enter how many cups of different coffee drinks we consume each week. It then looks at the impact of the farming methods, milk production and even paper cups used to serve the drink, while calculating its impact on the environment.

Interestingly, based on your coffee footprint, the calculator will also give advice on how to drink coffee more sustainably, including switching to reusable cups

CLIMATE CHANGE AND COFFEE

1 Studies predict that the global demand for coffee will lead to production tripling by 2050 – around the same time nations have set a goal of not adding any additional carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere, known as net zero

2 However, rising temperatures due to climate change could result in less intense varieties of beans, claim researchers. In other words, changes in temperature, rainfall and length of seasons, could affect the quality and



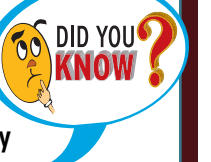
flavour of rich tasting beans, they add

3 Moreover, scientists say, the amount of milk, water, and coffee pods used, also feed into the environmental cost of the bean

CO2 EMISSIONS FOR EACH COFFEE DRINK


ESPRESSO:	17.5kg CO2
AMERICANO:	18.4kg of CO2
CAPPUCCINO:	65kg of CO2
FLAT WHITE:	54.2kg of CO2
CAFE LATTE:	85.4kg of CO2

Around 400 million cups of coffee are drunk every day in the US and 95 million in the UK. It is the second most-traded commodity after oil. Although coffee has half the amount of carbon dioxide emission compared to the footprint of meat, it still goes as high as 15.33 kg of carbon dioxide for a single kilogram of green Arabica coffee, when produced through conventional means



Shubham Kumar tops civil services exam



Bihar's Shubham Kumar and Madhya Pradesh's Jagrati Awasthi have achieved the first and second ranks, respectively in the coveted civil services examination, results of which were announced on Friday by the UPSC. Kumar, who hails from Katihar in Bihar, is currently undergoing training at the National Academy

of Defence Financial Management (NADFM), Pune. A Bachelor of Technology (civil engineering) graduate from IIT Bombay, he has qualified the 2020 examination with anthropology as his optional subject. Second rank holder Awasthi, who hails from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, said, she would also like to join the IAS and work for rural development,

besides women and child development. "I got motivated from people around me. I would like to work for development of rural areas besides women and child development," she said. Awasthi, aged 24 years, believes skilling women, especially from rural areas, in handicrafts can make India a world leader in the sector.

ODISHA STARES AT CYCLONE 'GULAB', GOVT LAUNCHES EVACUATION DRIVE

Barely four months after 'Yaas' wreaked havoc in Odisha, the coastal state is bracing for another cyclone, 'Gulab'. Coastal Odisha and Kalingapatnam in Andhra Pradesh are likely to bear the brunt, the India Meteorological



Department said. The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified into cyclone 'Gulab' on Saturday and an 'orange' alert has been issued for north Andhra Pradesh and adjoining south Odisha coasts, it said.

Cyclone 'Gulab', as named by Pakistan, lay centered about 370 km east-southeast of Gopalpur in Odisha and 440 km east of Kalingapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and it moved nearly westwards with a speed of 7 kmph in the last six hours, the IMD said

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COLLECTOR'S EDITION
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AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

"STORIES ARE HOW WE MAKE SENSE OF THE WORLD"



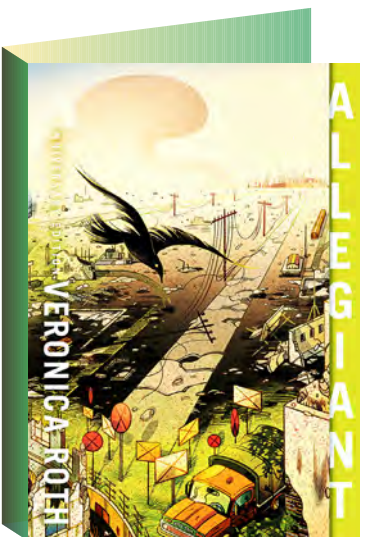
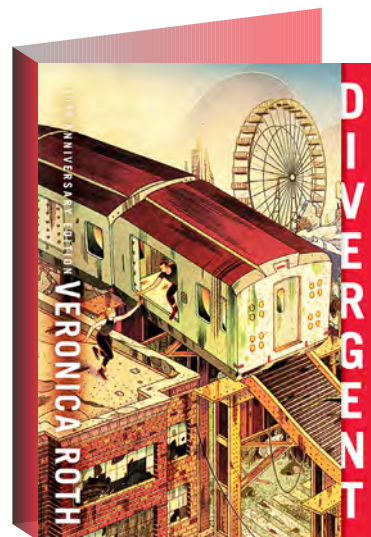
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It's hard to imagine that Veronica Roth wrote (and sold) 'Divergent,' her first book, while she was still in college. Learning about exposure therapy in psychology class inspired the author to write a story about a girl determined to find her place in a dystopian world. The book would go on to become an international best-selling trilogy and adapted into an equally successful film series. Since then the young adult sci-fi author has given us many more stories including 'Carve The Mark', 'The Fates Divide' and more. Recently, she branched out to the adult readers market with 'Chosen Ones' all the while remaining firmly in the sci-fi genre. According to Roth, stories are 'how we connect with each other' especially during 'hard times.' For her writing became a serious job only after the first book was published. Read on to know her take on 'Divergent' series, what she read during Covid and her remedy for living in the age of information-overload. Excerpts:

In an exclusive chat with Times NIE, bestselling author **Veronica Roth** shares her reflections on the 10th anniversary of 'Divergent', what inspired her to pen a story about young adults in a dystopian world, her favourite 'faction' and more



Nelson Fitch



The 10th anniversary of the 'Divergent' series is being celebrated with the release of special editions of the trilogy.

Q April 2021 marked the 10-year anniversary of 'Divergent's' release. How does that feel?

A I feel a little old, to be honest! I've written three novels and a small heap of short stories since then. But I'm so happy that the series continues to resonate with people around the world.

Q What changed after 'Divergent' got out?

A Before 'Divergent' was published, writing was a hobby – after, it was my job. It was tricky to navigate that at first, but I adapted. I became more methodical, more strategic. It made my work much stronger.

Q With all that's changing in the world and in your reader's lives, what purpose can stories really serve? (Especially in the post Covid world)

A Stories are how we make sense of the world. They're how we connect with each other and how we find meaning in what we experience. They are even more important in hard times than in easy times. They always will be.

Q What did you find yourself reading in 2020/2021? Is there an offbeat genre that we should all be obsessing over?

A I found it easier to read short fiction last year! Short fiction really shines in science fiction and fantasy. I'd recommend Ken

Q Liu and Martha Wells, to start.

A When it comes to the 'book vs film adaptation, which is better' debate, where do you find stand? Did being on the set of one film impact what you'd write later?

A I try to view movie adaptations as distinct from their source material. Sometimes they stand on their own as a good work, sometimes they don't. But no, being on set didn't really impact my work. I write books, and I don't think about movies when I work – that would paralyse me creatively. If they get adapted someday, great. If they don't, that's fine – they're supposed to be books.

Q What is your antidote to living in the age of information overload?

A I try to be deliberate about how I take in information. I don't check things all the time, I don't post everything I do or see on social media. I read an entire article instead of just a headline. I slow myself down.

Q What genre would you like to take on next?

A Last year I branched out from the young adult market and wrote a book for adult readers called 'Chosen Ones', about a group of people who saved the world when they were younger, navigating a new, fraught world as adults. So I'm sticking to science fiction and fantasy, but exploring a wider readership.

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SUPERFANS X ROTH

The author answers a few questions from her **TOI Student readers**

Q WHAT MADE YOU GO BEYOND THE REALMS OF RELIGION, AND IMAGINE A SOCIETY WITH 4 MAIN FACTIONS - BASED ON THE ABILITY OF A PERSON?

A I'm not sure the faction system is at odds with religion! Each faction actually has its own approach to religious belief and practice. But I've always been interested in categories. As a kid I took a lot of personality tests – I always wanted some external measurement to tell me who I was. But as I got older, I realised those definitions were limited, and that's probably one of the reasons I wanted to write the faction system.



RITU MENDIRATTA, Principal, The Stepping Stone School, Pune

Q WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE FACTION AND FAVOURITE CHARACTER IN THE SERIES?

A My favourite faction is probably Dauntless – that's why I wrote the whole book about them. It's an approach to life that is totally different from my own, which makes it fun to explore. And my favourite character – apart from Tris, who really is my favourite – is probably Evelyn, Tobias's mother. She was always a surprise to me, I was never sure what she would do next until I was writing a particular scene.



SUDHIKSHA INNAMJE, class XII, DPS South, Bengaluru

Q DO YOU THINK THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT A SYSTEM OF 'FACTIONS' HAS A CHANCE OF BEING IMPLEMENTED IN REALITY IN THE FUTURE?

A I don't really think of 'Divergent' as a 'warning' the way some dystopian fiction is, but it's good to keep your eye on our tendency to form 'in' groups as a way of keeping each other 'out' – that's something people have always done, and will probably always do.



Q IS THERE GOING TO BE A THIRD BOOK FOR 'CARVE THE MARK'?

A No, that series is complete. But I'm glad you liked them enough to want more.



HARINI PURANIC, class XII, DPS south, Bengaluru

Q DID PERSONAL LIFE EVENTS INSPIRE YOU IN ANY WAY WHILE WRITING THE 'DIVERGENT' SERIES? HAD IT BEEN YOU, WHICH FACTION WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO BE A PART OF?

A I got the idea for 'Divergent' when I was in a psychology course learning about exposure therapy, which is what the Dauntless fear simulations are based on. I later did exposure therapy for my anxiety disorder, but I didn't know that I would do that before I wrote the book – so you could say that writing it prepared me to take better care of myself. As for my choice of faction, it keeps changing as I change. Right now I'm trying to be a more curious person, so I think I might choose Erudite.



KHEWA MALHOTRA, class XI, Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh

Q WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO TELL FOUR'S STORY AS A SPIN OFF AND WHY NOT IN THE MAIN SERIES?

A I actually tried to write the series from Four's perspective before I created Tris! But at the time, it just wasn't that interesting to me to write about a boy in a repressed environment who seeks adventure in Dauntless – that's the kind of story we read a lot. A small, reserved young woman choosing Dauntless...that felt more interesting to me.

Q HAS ANY CHARACTER BEEN CARVED OUT FROM YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AND MIRRORS YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES?

A Honestly: not really! I don't base characters on people I know. I do take certain aspects of my own identity or personality and exaggerate them – that way I identify with my characters in a very real way...even the antagonists.



MAHITHI REDDY, class X, Edify World School, Hyderabad

Q WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THE ALLEGIANTE FILM TAKING A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TURN FROM THE ORIGINAL NOVEL?

A It was weird, but at the end of the day, the novel stands on its own, and I was really pleased to have experienced the adaptation process not just once, but three times.



AMRUTHA VARSHINI THOTA, class XII, FIITJEE, Hyderabad

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MENTAL HEALTH

A LITTLE STRESS CAN BE A GOOD THING!

Small amounts of stress have been scientifically proven to stimulate the production of 'neurotrophins', which strengthen connections between brain neurons. "In the short term, this can boost concentration and propel us into action," explains London-based consultant psychologist Dr Elena Touroni. "For instance, a certain level of anxiety and stress helps us prepare more effectively for an exam."



The body's response to stress over time also helps build immunity. "Mild stress raises production of cortisol, which triggers our fight-or-flight response. That stimulates our immune system to fight whatever is attacking it," she adds.

A 2012 study on rats showed that exposing them to mild stress produced a 'massive mobilisation' of numerous immune cells in their bloodstream. However,

long-term chronic stress will only weaken the immune system.

EXTRA CONFIDENCE

A little stress helps you perform better. "Overall, we learn to adapt by being exposed to challenging experiences in life," explains Dr Touroni. This helps build resilience. "A certain level of stress can be helpful, provided it doesn't overwhelm us," she adds.

DAILY MIRROR

Walking efficiently takes next to no thought

Scientists have revealed that humans do not have to think in order to walk efficiently, they adapt automatically. Whether sauntering beside a lake or clambering up a mountain, humans adjust their strides to make sure that they consume the least energy possible. "People are continuously sensing their energy expenditure and adapting their gait to minimise costs. We adapt all kinds of gait characteristics - the speed we move at, the length and width of each step - to minimise the calories we are burning,"



REVELATION

said researcher Jessica Selinger from Queen's University in Canada.

However, it wasn't clear how our bodies pull off this feat. After conducting the study, researchers found that when people adapt to energy optimal ways of walking, they do so without consciously having to think about it. This ability to adjust our movements without thinking allows us to focus on other things, including watching out for obstacles on the road and managing our mental tasks. ANI

RAIN

Oh, how beautiful it is!
It clatters on the roof
Patters on the roads
Slides down the window,
Glides down the hill.
Drop by Drop,
With a rumble, And a roar.
It pours and pours,
And swift and wide.
First a sprinkle,
Then a poring,
Watching rain,
Is never boring.....

Why I Chose the Topic

The most beautiful and pleasant season that brings out happiness is the rainy season. I have expressed the beauty and the occurrence of rain in this poem. The beauty of rain can only be expressed in poems. So, I have written this poem for my love towards rain.

VEDA REDDY Y, Gitanjali Senior School, Hyderabad



THE WORLD'S PLIGHT



The wars of today... the wars of yesterday...
All scream out that they are or were held for peace...
But what actually lies behind the scenes...
Is the thought of domination.... the lure to seize...
In any corner of the world today...
There is rarely a sight of goodwill..
Because everyone is busy running the race...
To see evil hearts fulfill.....
There is a handicapped boy crying on the road..
There is a young girl screaming out for help....
But who can I mention in this selfish world...
Who will even try to understand why these people yelp....
All I can say is that if things go on like this...
Very soon we'll be counting the last minutes to the ultimatum.....
When this cruel world is filled with these cruel people...
Shall experience the sight of extreme devastation...
The wars of today... the wars of yesterday...

RUHI, Teacher, Global Edge School, Hyderabad

Express YOURSELF

Music for the Soul

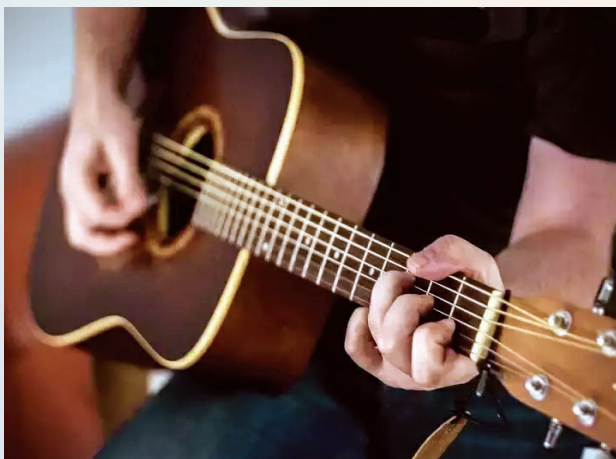
Music leads us to the path where we find peace of the inner soul. It can cure stress, tension and even depression. During hard times, music can provide us with comfort, or, a grasp of how you can handle it.

I am a guitarist. My personal favourite genre of music is Rock. And yes, I do agree, that Rock is hard to play! It takes a lot of practice and dedication to master a genre. I haven't completely mastered it, but I am halfway there!

Let's talk about how music affects us. Have you ever seen a movie in a theatre? For example, an emotional scene, that can make you burst into tears. Do you know the same scene can be rather hilarious when the background music is removed! That means no emotion-triggering sounds of violins and pianos!

Here, you might be wondering why does that happen? That's because listening or practicing music releases a hormone called oxytocin, a hormone that makes you feel optimistic and cheery! Studies say that music should be practiced more often to fill you with energy.

If music can change the way you think, it can change your entire character. If you are a short-tempered/impatient person, slow music would be able to transform you into a tolerant/forbearing person.



Music keeps evolving and will keep on changing in future. It has changed many people for the better, and will keep on doing so.

PREET VARIA, class VIII-B, Delhi Public School, Secunderabad



GRATITUDE DAY



I would like to thank everyone who has been with me during my happy and sad times.

I firstly thank my parents for everything. They took care of me very well, helped me with studies, teaching good deeds, and sacrificed a lot of for me. A "thank you" isn't enough to show my gratitude towards my parents. So I want to make them feel proud of me and be happy.

Secondly, I want to thank my teachers who have taught me everything. Whatever I am writing right now is because of them.

They work a lot of for us, thank you so much all my teachers.

Thirdly, I want to thank the government workers, police officers, doctors and everyone who are working for the people day and night during these hard times, without thinking about themselves. I pray for their health and safety.

Thank you so much everyone! Stay safe.

RIDHI KURUT, class VII D, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans, Vidyashram, Jubilee Hills

Painters' Gallery



SURROUNDED BY LOVE:
ALIA SULTANA,
Gautami Vidya Kshetra,
Madinaguda

LITTLE KRISHNA:
KHUSHBU KUMARI, class IX
C, Army Public School, Bolarum



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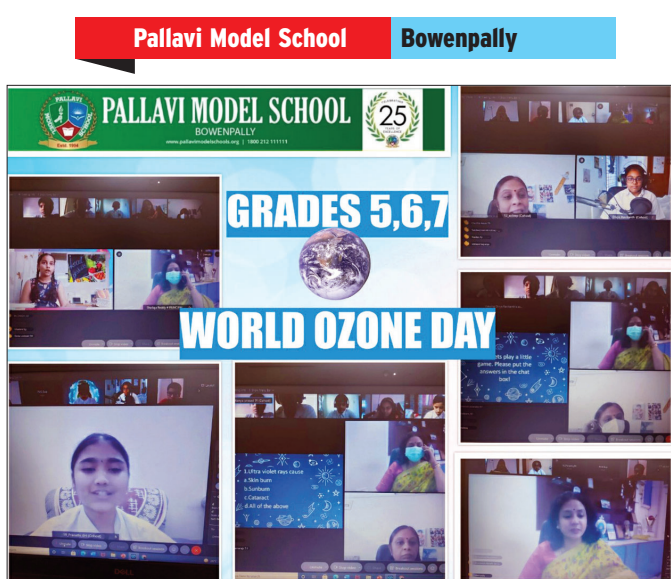
ARTISTIC: JAYASREE SULAKHE, Faculty of PVA Dept., Delhi Public School, Nacharam

Spotlight on depleting Ozone layer

Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally organised the World Ozone Day and held a special assembly on a virtual platform. Students of classes VI and VII conducted the proceedings in a well-coordinated manner.

The assembly began with the morning prayer followed by screening of videos, highlighting the importance of World Ozone Day that aims to spread awareness about the depletion of ozone layer and finding possible solutions to the problem.

The students shared information through Power Point Presentations, showcased interesting skits and concluded with an open quiz. An active and energetic participation was observed throughout the session which made the students realise the seriousness of the situation.



Pallavi Model School

Bowenpally

Shaping the future of children

Teacher's Day celebrations were held on a grand scale at Sree Narayana Vidya Bhavan. The chief guest, general secretary Padmanabhan gave a thought provoking speech on this occasion and stressed on the fact that the teaching is the most important of all the professions as it shapes the character and future of a child.

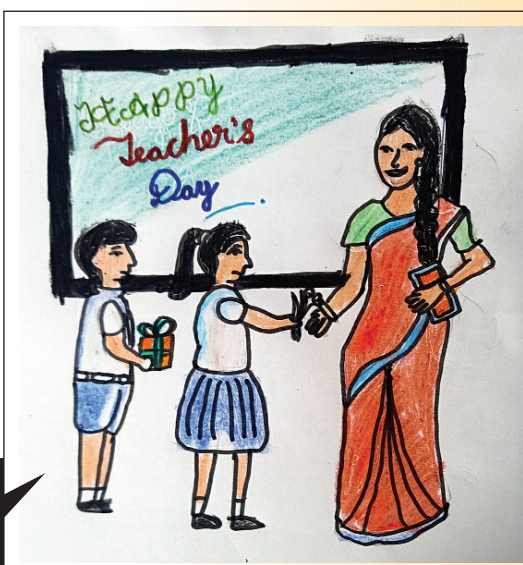
Earlier, students of our school took part in a World Record attempt programme conducted by Avni Nruthyalayam. Master Ravi Kumar performed with 75 students, for 75 minutes, 75 songs in Avai Zumba Dance. This was followed by gifts for teachers by the management to appreciate their services in school.

Speeches were delivered, class X students enacted a skit and a vibrant dance. Vice Principal Bindu Wilson presented the vote of thanks, thanking Educational Committee mem-

Srikruti Chanda, class VIII,
Sree Narayana Vidya Bhavan
Hyderabad



OUR THANKS: ELUPARAMBIL RANJIT EESHWAR NAIR, class IV,
Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet



Learning to speak with signs

On International Sign Language Day, TNR Excellencia Academy, Hyderabad, left no stone unturned to raise awareness on the importance of sign language to protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversi-

TNR Excellencia Academy
Hyderabad

ty of all hearing impaired people and other sign language users.

Enlivening speeches on

the significance of the day were presented by students. The highlight of the event was the performance of National Anthem using sign language choreographed by Nursery facilitators and presented by the students of classes III and V.

THE EDUCATIONIST

EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

The pandemic struck us like a bolt from the blue and the next question was how to reach out to students in the lockdown. Here started our resilience and we had to think quick and be smart.

Today's kids are millenium kids who delve deep into the finer aspects of learning and believe in the power of how, what, when, where and keeping these questions in mind we had to look for solutions.

Online teaching using available technology was the only way out - teachers were trained, electronic gadgets were provided so that learning continued from the comfort of home. Our spirits were not dampened as we went ahead to keep in touch with all stakeholders and developed covenant bonds.

For me the biggest takeaway was resilience and exploring more online tools to make classes interesting to the new genera-



SUNIR NAGI,
Principal Pallavi
Model School,
Alwal, Hyderabad

tion learner. Of course, we were able to use Kahoot, Socrates, and other apps with ease to create curiosity amongst the students, experiential learning from home became a big hit, students moved from chalk and talk to interactive classes and jam boards.

The journey is full of challenges as we have to keep sharpening our skills to provide the best. Annual day, festivals, webinars became an in-house phenomenon. Now we have embraced technology to transform education.

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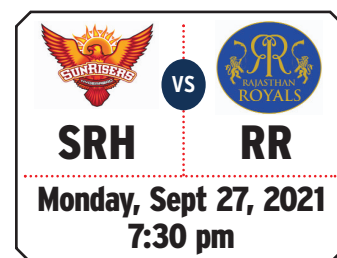
RR LOOK TO KEEP THEIR PLAY-OFFS HOPES ALIVE

Skipper Sanju Samson needs support from his batsmen as RR look to return to winning ways against laggards Sunrisers Hyderabad

RR are currently placed seventh in the standings with eight points from nine games, while SRH are already out of contention following just one victory and eight reverses. In the second leg of the T20 league, RR defeated Punjab Kings by two runs before losing by 33 runs against table toppers Delhi Capitals on Saturday. SRH, on the other hand, lost by eight wickets and five runs against DC and Punjab, respectively, post IPL's resumption in the UAE. RR would definitely fancy their chances against SRH in the battle of strugglers. In the first leg in India, RR defeated SRH by 55 runs. In their game against DC in the second leg, the RR bowling unit continued its impressive show, restricting the opponents to 154 for six. But it is the batting department that let RR down with Samson (unbeaten 70) playing the lone hand.

Impressive pace trio

The likes of young Yashasvi Jaiswal and Mahipal Lomror, who starred with the bat against Punjab, and Liam Livingstone and David Miller all failed to stitch a partner-



ship with Samson. All-rounders Riyan Parag and Rahul Tewatia didn't help their cause either. But RR would get confidence from the performance of its bowling unit in both the matches. The pace trio of Mustafizur Rahman, young Kartik

I wouldn't worry too much about the lower middle-order, they got us out of a lot of trouble in the first half of the IPL this season, and I am sure they will come good, as we go along.

RR coach, KUMAR SANGAKKARA

Tyagi and Chetan Saklariya have been impressive with the ball, while South African Tabrez Shamsi and Tewatia have delivered the goods in the spin department.

SRH have nothing to lose

SRH, on the other hand, have had a disastrous campaign this season, suffering eight losses out of nine games they have played so far. With nothing to lose after being knocked out of the tournament, bottom-placed SRH will look to play party-poopers from here on. For SRH, it is all about enjoying the remaining few games and ending on a high. With Johnny Bairstow, their season's leading run-getter, pulling out and Australian opener David Warner in poor form, SRH have found the going tough. The likes of skipper Kane Williamson, Manish Pandey, Wriddhiman Saha, Kedar Jadhav and Abdul Samad also failed to provide the much-needed impetus to SRH's batting. SRH's bowling is over reliant on spin sensation Rashid Khan as it has been a mediocre outing this season for the likes of Khaleel Ahmed, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jason Holder.

Sanju Samson

PSG win without Messi ahead of MANCHESTER CITY showdown

Idrissa Gana Gueye and Julian Draxler scored as the Ligue 1 leaders beat Montpellier 2-0

Senegal midfielder Gueye crashed a shot into the roof of the net from 20 metres to give PSG an early lead at the Parc des Princes and substitute Draxler added a late second as Mauricio Pochettino's team maintained their perfect start to the French season. They have won eight matches out of eight in Ligue 1 and are already 10 points clear of second-placed Marseille, who do nevertheless have two games in hand. However, this was once again a far from completely convincing performance from PSG, who in the last week had scored stoppage-time goals to claim respective 2-1 wins against Lyon and struggling Metz. "I don't know if this was a perfect evening but it was a good evening. Eight matches, eight victories," said Pochettino. His side host Manchester City in the Champions League on Tuesday looking for revenge for their defeat at the hands of Pep Guardiola's side in last season's semi-finals. "The Champions League is such an important objective for this club that it's best to prepare for it by winning and avoiding any more in-

juries," Pochettino added.

The hope is that Messi will play in that match after he sat out a second straight game for PSG with the knee problem that led to him being substituted against Lyon. Messi has made just three appearances for the Qatar-owned club since arriving from Barcelona, playing a total of 190 minutes. Not that PSG — wearing their black and grey third kit — were short on attacking options, with Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Angel di Maria all playing but failing to find the net. Neymar clipped an effort onto the top of the bar early on and Mbappe was denied by Montpellier goalkeeper Jonas Omlin before Di Maria set up Gueye for the opener in the 14th minute. His superb left-foot strike was already his third goal this season. Ander Herrera's sliced half-volley came off the bar just before half-time and PSG were surprisingly flat after the break. The second goal only arrived when Draxler, just on as a substitute, collected a Neymar pass with his first touch of the game and fired in a low shot with his second. **AFP**



Idrissa Gueye



Mohamed Salah

LIVERPOOL held to 3-3 draw by battling BRENTFORD

Striker Mohamed Salah scored his 100th Premier League goal for Liverpool

Both sides had efforts cleared off the line in a lively opening before Ethan Pincock gave Brentford the lead, stabbing the ball home at the back post after a clever free kick routine caught the Liverpool defence flat-footed in the 27th minute. That lead was short-lived as Diogo Jota headed home Jordan Henderson's cross to put the Reds level four minutes later, and Salah put his side in front in the 54th with his 100th goal in 151 league appearances for Liverpool. The Bees refused to give up, levelling in the 63rd minute when defender Pontus Jansson swivelled in the box and hit the crossbar before Vitaly Janelt reacted quickest to

head home the rebound. Curtis Jones put Liverpool back in front four minutes later, cutting in from the left and unleashing a rocket that took a slight deflection before flying into the net as the visitors stepped up to a pace that Brentford struggled to match.

Salah could have put the game out of reach in the 77th minute but he lofted his chip just over the crossbar with only the keeper to beat. It was to prove a costly miss as Brentford snatched a dramatic equaliser through substitute Yoane Wissa in the 82nd minute. There was still time for more drama as David Raya pulled off a superb save to deny Roberto Firmino and Ivan Toney had what looked to be a

late winner for Brentford ruled out for offside. "It's what we dream for as kids," Brentford goal-scorer Janelt told Sky Sports. "Before the game we said we try the best against Liverpool, one of the best teams in the world, and now we draw 3-3." The draw means Liverpool climb to 14 points after six games, one ahead of Manchester City, who beat Chelsea 1-0 at Stamford Bridge earlier in the day. Brentford are ninth on nine points. "At 2-1 up we had one or two chances to finish the game off. It gives them that little bit of hope. That's football sometimes, we're disappointed with the result but we have to give credit to Brentford," Liverpool captain Henderson told Sky Sports. **REUTERS**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Euro Cup is related to which sports?

- a. Badminton
- b. Football
- c. Table Tennis
- d. Hockey

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

- a. East Asian Games
- b. Southeast Asian Games
- c. Olympic Games
- d. Commonwealth Games

Q3: In which of the following sport is the term

Interference used?

- a. Golf
- b. Chess
- c. Squash
- d. Table Tennis

Q4: Which player has made the maximum number of appearances in EPL?

- a. Ryan Giggs
- b. Frank Lampard
- c. Gary Speed
- d. Gareth Barry

Q5: Birdie and Eagle are two terms related to which of the following sports?

- a. Polo
- b. Golf
- c. Chess
- d. Billiards

Q6: P V Sindhu is one of two badminton players to win an Olympic medal. Name the other player.

- a. Saina Nehwal
- b. Tanvi Lad
- c. Rituparna Das
- d. None of the above



PV Sindhu

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Q7: Who is the captain of the Indian national football team?

- a. Sunil Chhetri
- b. Sandesh Jhingana
- c. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- d. Jeje Lalpekhlua

Q8: Which Indian cricketer has scored the maximum runs in ODIs?

- a. Kapil Dev
- b. Sunil Gavaskar
- c. Sachin Tendulkar
- d. Virat Kohli

Q9: Who is the only head coach to ever win two football World Cups?

- a. Vittorio Pozzo
- b. Sepp Maier
- c. Franco Baresi
- d. Gerd Muller

Q10: Where is the oldest bat, displayed?

- a. Australia
- b. India
- c. London
- d. South Africa

ANSWERS: 1. b. Football
2. d. Commonwealth Games 3. b. Chess
4. d. Gareth Barry 5. b. Golf 6. a. Saina Nehwal
7. c. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
8. c. Sachin Tendulkar 9. a. Vittorio Pozzo
10. c. London