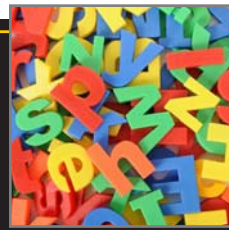


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STUDENT EDITION

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NEP 2020: THE ROAD AHEAD

Now, students in grades III, V and VIII to be assessed on core concepts, applications

The Centre is all set to introduce competency-based assessments and examinations, SAFAL, for classes III, V and VIII from this academic session onwards in keeping with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020...

1 The SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analysing Learning Levels) will focus on testing the core concepts, application-based questions and higher order thinking skills.

2 Vidya Praveesh, a 3-month play, based on school preparation module for all grade 1 students, will also be introduced till universal provision of quality pre-school education is achieved

3 The module is designed to bolster a child's pre-literacy, pre-numeracy, cognitive and social skills. On the higher education side, the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) Regulations to promote flexi-

bility and facilitate student mobility is set to come up

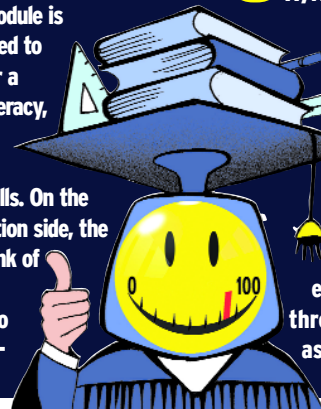
4 It is based on the principle of Distributed & Flexible Teaching-Learning that allows a student to learn as per his or her convenience, drop education mid-way and pick it up again as per his/her choice and convenience

5 The higher education institutions with NAAC 'A'/NBA/Top NIRF-100/IOE/INI are eligible for the ABC platform

6 Around 50 lakh students of more than 25,000 CBSE schools are expected to go through SAFAL assessment

Delayed due to the pandemic, a simplified and transparent admission process to all the central universities through Common Entrance Examination will be brought in by 2022-23

First year engineering courses will offer Indian languages at several institutes from the new academic session. Thirteen AICTE-approved technical institutions will be imparting technical education in regional languages from the academic session 2021-2022 on pilot basis



TOKYO TALES



■ **PV Sindhu** storms into women's singles quarterfinals beating Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt 21-15, 21-13. Sindhu will next play the winner of the match between Kim Gaeun of South Korea and Akane Yamaguchi of Japan



■ **Archer Atanu Das** knocks out Olympic champion in Tokyo, joins wife Deepika in last-16
■ **Satish Kumar** advances to quarterfinals in men's super heavy-weight boxing
■ **India defeated Argentina** 3-1 in a men's hockey Group A match



■ **Mary Kom** bows out after hard-fought loss against Ingrid Valencia

You ask,
We answer

Are you facing issues related to your academics, mental health, etc? Do you want to share your problems, but are shy to reveal them with your near ones? Never mind, our expert, CBSE helpline counsellor, JAYDEB KAR will answer queries from students, parents, and educators. Your identity will be strictly protected...

Q My parents used to be liberal during our stay in Delhi and never stopped me from anything. But ever since we have shifted to our hometown, things have changed. This is so because my grandparents tend to discriminate between me and my brother. I feel bad about it. What should I do?

■ Please try to understand your grandparents' point of view and their reasons for stopping you. You are in a different town and your grandparents would know the place better. Talk to them politely even if you wish to assert your independence; initiate a discussion, not an argument. Rather than complaining, reassure them that you are responsible enough and win their trust. Slowly, they will become comfortable with giving you more freedom.



Q I'm a student of class X and facing difficulties with online classes. I feel depressed. Kindly guide

■ Online classroom learning is a totally different experience and hence, your difficulty is understandable. However, during a pandemic, online classes are the only way out. Take this experience as a life skill and try to find solutions. Ask your friends how they are adapting to it.

 (MAIL US YOUR QUERIES AT TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM)

NEWS IN CLUES

WHICH IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD NAMED AFTER A GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE?

Clue 1: Mount Chimborazo, located in the nation, is the point on Earth closest to the sun.

Clue 2: The world's largest exporter of bananas, it accounts for 28% of global shipments.

Clue 3: It boasts the world's first and second UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Galapagos Islands and Quito, its Capital.

Answer: **ECUADOR.** The South American nation has revoked the citizenship of Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, who is currently in a British prison.

Ecuador is named after the Equator



PM MODI'S TWITTER FOLLOWERS CROSS 70 MN MARK, BECOMES MOST-FOLLOWED ACTIVE NETA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi achieved yet another milestone when his Twitter handle crossed 70 million followers on Wednesday making him one of the most-followed active politicians on the microblogging social media platform. The Prime Minister is very active on Twitter and regularly uses the microblogging social media platform for airing his views on the country's development, highlighting new achievements and propagating welfare programmes carried out by his government.

■ After PM Modi, the Twitter page of Pope Francis is the most-followed Twitter account with a combined following of over 53 million followers
■ United States' President Joe Biden has 30.9 million followers on Twitter, former US president Barack Obama has 129.8 million followers, while President of



France Emmanuel Macron has 7.1 million Twitter followers.
■ Earlier, Donald Trump was the most-followed active politician on Twitter but his account was permanently suspended due to riots at the US Capitol.
■ The former US President had 88.7 million followers before Twitter removed his account

Chandrayaan-3 likely to be launched in second half of 2022



Chandrayaan-3 is likely to be launched during the third quarter of 2022 assuming normal workflow henceforth, Parliament was told on Wednesday. "The realisation of Chandrayaan-3 is in progress. The realisation of Chandrayaan-3 involves various processes including finalisation of configuration, subsystems realisation, integration, spacecraft level detailed testing, and a number of special tests to evaluate the system performance on earth," science & technology minister Jitendra Singh said.

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■ **RETHINK**
Now that we are enjoying the Olympics, here's a look at important life lessons you can learn as you watch the best of the best

■ **FITNESS**
Know why recovery is the best workout

■ **TRIVIA**
It was in August 1900 that the first Michelin Guide was released. How does a tyre company hold the world's most prestigious restaurant rating system...

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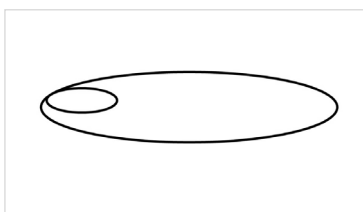
Your Weekender

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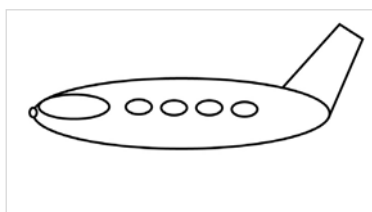


ANAGHA SASTIKAR
educator, Bodakdev
School for Children,
Ahmedabad

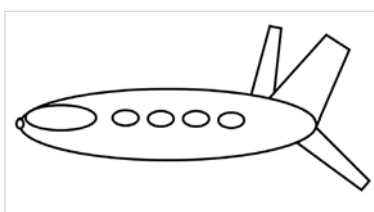
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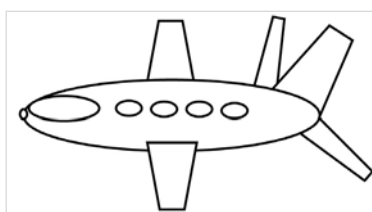
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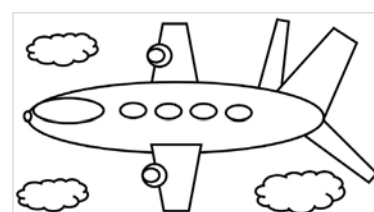
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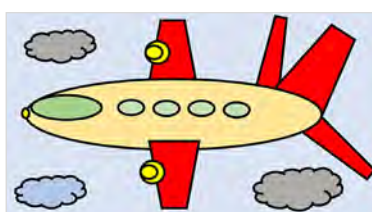
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NEVELEOP

- a. envelope b. elope
c. never d. neither

INLOEN

- a. onset b. linen
c. online d. lines

AFEFBL

- a. false
b. babble
c. baffle
d. fail

Answers: 1) a, 2) c, 3) c

Riding with the Riddle

I have long ears. I live in
grasslands. I am among the
fastest land animals.
Children love to cuddle me.
In my natural habitat, I am
hunted by man, and my
natural predators like foxes
and eagles.

Answer: Rabbit

NATION IN THE NEWS

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

3 The disc on the national flag is

- A) Red B) Blue
C) Green D) Yellow



4 On August 9, 1945, an atom bomb was dropped on

- A) Nagoya B) Nagasaki
C) Numazu D) Nisshin



5 Mt Fuji is on the island of

- A) Shikoku B) Kyushu
C) Honshu D) Okinawa

6 The Emperor's Throne is referred to as

- A) Carnation
B) Chrysanthemum
C) Columbine
D) Cherry-blossom

Quiz TIME



Athletes have converged on Tokyo for the Olympics. Choose correctly to complete these statements on Japan

1 In a sobriquet of Japan, the 'Sun' is

- A) Blazing b) Glowing
C) Rising D) Shining

2 Tokyo hosted the Summer Olympics in

- A) 1952 B) 1956
C) 1960 D) 1964

Answer: 1) C. Rising 2) D. 1964 3) A. Red
4) B. Nagasaki 5) C. Honshu 6) B. Chrysanthemum

LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Sunita was a bright student who did very well at school. Although she was a lively companion and fun to be around, she was not particularly popular. The reason was not hard to seek. A teacher would announce a test and no sooner had she left the classroom than Sunita would get started: "Physics! I don't have to look at my textbook. I'm sure to get full marks even without preparation. None of you can beat me."

- A) Blow one's own trumpet B) Play second fiddle
C) Face the music



Answer: A

A teacher, whose money had been stolen, found her empty purse in Amar's desk. The real culprit had planted it there to deceive her.

- A) Red-carpet treatment
B) Red-letter day C) Red herring



Answer: C

TRIVIA

Silver-coloured herrings, which turned red in the process of preservation, were employed to train horses and hounds for fox-hunting. The smell of these fish confused the animals, prolonging the chase and making it exciting. In 1807, William Cobbett used the phrase 'red herring' idiomatically for false news, when journalists wrongly reported the defeat of Napoleon. Sidetracked by this story, they ignored actual occurrences. A 'red herring', therefore, is a misleading clue.

EDITOR IN THE MAKING

Weave a story with headlines

Include some of these headlines to make a story and give it a title. Mail the story to us at toinie175@gmail.com. The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch out for this space!!

The headlines:

- 1) Mirabai Chanu dedicates Olympic medal to India
- 2) Booker Prize longlist unveiled
- 3) UNESCO adds 4 natural, 3 cultural sites to World Heritage List
- 4) Bihar is the goldmine of the nation
- 5) How to build better health habits again



And the winner is...

ABHIJEET R
student, Amrita
Vidyalayam, Ernakulam

THE AUTHOR'S TALE

Game Over? roared the man from the counter, eyes glued to the TV screen to attract customers. "It just started you idiots!". I shushed at him as I returned to my writing. 'He dove to the right and avoided the swerving dagger.' I read from what I had wrote. "That won't get you there you know". Someone interrupted my thoughts. "Bragging space of billionaires" intoned the man and gestured at the book in front of me. "That won't bring a penny into your house".

I was just getting into the flow when the phone rang. "RBI tells a banking comic story to kids" my friend had messaged. "When are you going to finish your book?"

I gritted my teeth and closed my eyes. Newsreader read, "Messi wins his first major title!! Yesss, go Argentina". "So, you have finished your book". My publisher said smugly.

I placed the book on his desk. He opened the book and paused. "Euro2020, Home or Rome? The End". He turned other pages. His said, "I don't understand....". I smiled grimly at him.



MATH MAGIC

NUMBER SERIES

- 1 What comes next in the series?
1 2 4 8 16 32 ?
A. 64 B. 45 C. 33 D. 18

Answer: A

- 2 What is the missing number in the series?
2 3 5 8 ? 17 23
A. 10 B. 12 C. 15 D. 18

Answer: B

- 3 Can you find the next number in the series?
3 5 7 11 13 17 19 ?
A. 20 B. 22 C. 23 D. 18

Answer: C

- 4 What is the next number in the series?
25 24 22 19 15 10 ?
A. 4 B. 5 C. 8 D. 9

Answer: A

- 5 Can you find the next number in the series?
0 3 8 15 24 ?
A. 25 B. 28 C. 33 D. 35

Answer: D



Learn a NEW LANGUAGE FRENCH

- 1) À quelle heure est-ce que s'est ouvert?
Meaning: At what time is it open?

- 2) À quelle heure est-ce que s'est fermé?
Meaning: At what time is it closed?

- 3) Je cherche un sac/un e carte postale/un livre
Meaning: I am searching for a bag/a post-card/a book.

- 4) Combien ça coûte?
MEANING: How much does it cost?

- 5) C'est trop cher!
MEANING: It's too expensive!

Work sheet

- Q:1 How will you ask for the cost of the product?

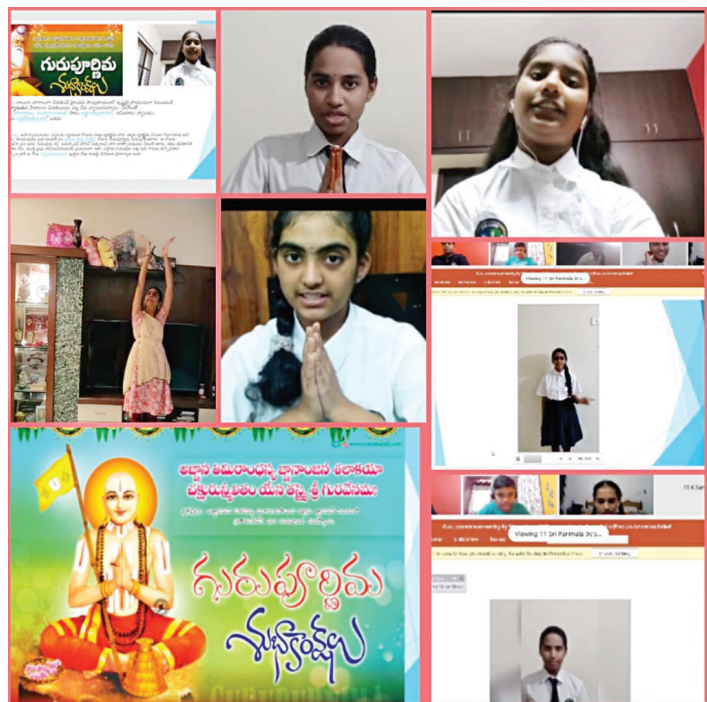
- Q:2 How will you ask for a post card?

- Q:3 How will you ask for a book?

- Q:4 How will you communicate that price is too high?

1) Monsieur, Combien ça coûte?
2) Je cherche, un e carte postale
3) Mademoiselle, Je cherche, un livre
4) Monsieur, C'est trop cher!

REVERENCE FOR TEACHERS' DEVOTION



The students from class IX of Pallavi Model School, Alwal, paid tributes to teachers and sought their blessings on the occasion of Guru Purnima.

The presentation commenced with *Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu* mantra coupled with a dance performance explaining its importance. It also showcased the way to celebrate the day, by paying respect to their teachers who have guided them.

The students enlightened the assembly with the mythological

Nandini Sree, class IX D, Pallavi Model School Alwal

facts associated with the occasion. They explained that Guru Purnima is also the day that marks the birth anniversary of Maharishi Ved Vyasa, the author of the great Indian epic, Mahabharata. Padmavathy and Vaidehi from the Telugu Department were the key coordinators of the assembly.



Sri Gurudatta High School Nallakunta

Students of Sri Gurudatta High School, Nallakunta paid their reverence to teachers by celebrating Guru Purnima with much fervour on a virtual platform. The teachers also expressed their respect for each other in a bid to demonstrate to the students that teachers learn from each other to enrich and grow in order to impart teaching to the students.

Principals B Deekshit and S Padmaja felicitated founder Y S Sarma and also retired principal for relentless service.

The founder appreciated the staff for their constant endeavour to enrich themselves in the 'new normal' online teaching. He also applauded their flair for teaching and for following innovative methods to transform the virtual classes almost into physical classes by making it more interactive.

The teachers expressed their gratitude to the school authorities for encouraging



them to be innovative and giving them a free hand to expand their horizons in making the teaching learning process indelible for the young minds.

The teachers with much enthusiasm composed and sang songs in the praise of their counterparts.

Venkata Krishna Kammari, Vice-Principal, Delhi World School Shadnagar



India is a land of spiritual masters, teachers, and gurus. Guru Purnima was celebrated at Delhi World School with great devotion by felicitating teachers for their relentless service in providing education, guidance and support to students. There are a few historical references associated

with the day. For Hindus it coincides with the holy birth anniversary of Veda Vyasa, the compiler of the four Vedas and 18 Puranas. Buddhists observe this day as Lord Buddha gave his first sermon on this day. Guru Purnima is a wonderful day that reminds every one of the importance of teachers in our lives.

The management, teachers, staff and students of Delhi World School, Chintal celebrated Guru Purnima virtually with great reverence, enthusiasm and devotion. The special assembly started with a floral tribute to Goddess Saraswati, lighting of the lamp followed by rendition of a devotional song and speech by teachers. Students presented a unique blend of artworks and articles to mark the occasion. Principal Sujatha Naidu enlightened the gathering on the significance of the day and urged teachers to inculcate traditional values in students.

Sujatha VP, Principal, Delhi World School Chintal

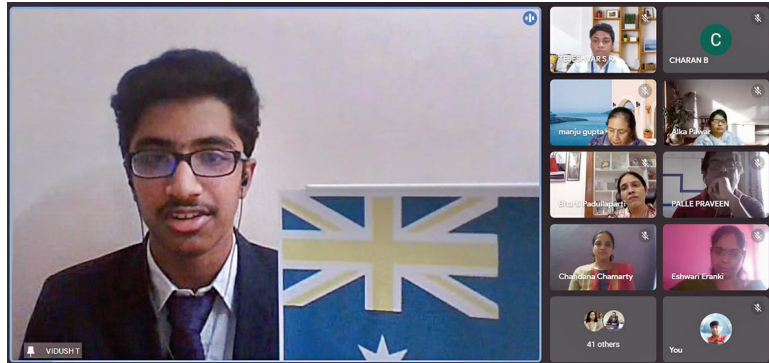
Deliberating on key global concerns

Delhi School of Excellence Attapur

Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur conducted its first virtual Inter-House competition for the academic year 2021-22 recently. The MUN (Model United Nations) conclave was organised to educate students about public speaking, debate, diplomacy, problem-solving, persuasive writing, and teamwork.

Professor A V Satish Chandra, Department of Political Science, Osmania University and Manju Gupta, educational consultant, at St Michael's School, were the eminent judges of the day.

The four houses, Knights, Samurai, Spartans, and Trojans presented their position papers with agendas which included Broadening The Scope Of Women's Citi-



zenship, Leadership & Political Participation (Csw), Disease Control In Humanitarian Emergencies (Who), Establishing Indian Ocean As A Peace Zone (General Assembly) And Eliminating Child Labour (UNICEF) respectively.

The competition started

with an introduction of the United Nations followed by an explanation of MUN and what it entailed. The students learned about the importance of coming together to achieve a common goal in the true spirit of the United Nations. There was a noticeable change in the students' demeanour as they opened debate.

Shedding all their fear, the students

transformed themselves into delegates representing different countries.

Every delegate had thought provoking and eye-opening speeches which were articulated eloquently and emphatically.

Principal, Augustine Thomas appreciated the participants for their research into global issues and delivering it perfectly. Judges Satish Chandra and Manju Gupta shared their views and valuable inputs with the delegates and praised the participants for their well worded and riveting speeches.

The Knights secured the first position while the Spartans won the second prize. The 'Best position paper' award was bagged by Koundinya Srivardhan from Trojans and the 'Best delegate' award went to T Vidush of Spartans.

This competition threw light on the essential issues in international relations and the structure, aims and procedures used by the United Nations to resolve disputes between nations.

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CLASSROOM ANTICS

PULLING PRANKS IN ONLINE BREAKS!

I would like to share one funny incident that happened recently during our online classes. When I was in class I, my friends and I waited for the teacher to disconnect the line and leave after the class. The short wait for the next teacher, brought the animal in us out and we started making animal sounds to scare other friends and it's the parents who got more scared. Everyone had a great laugh.

MOHAMMED ALAM SHAH KHAN, class II, Little Flower High School, Abids

Emphasis on Skills

The National Education Policy 2020 is aimed at paving the way for reforms in education. July 29 marked NEP's first anniversary. The journey so far on the road to reforms...

The NEP 2020 outlines the vision of India's new education system. Implementing the new policy, we have decided to work on Foundation Stage and Secondary Stage for the academic year 2021-2022.

At Foundation Stage, our lesson plans are based on Multiple Intelligence which caters to different levels of learners. The approach is to integrate the curriculum through Theme Based Learning.

At Secondary Stage, the emphasis is on Work Education/Skill Based Education along with the academics for classes IX to XI, which includes app development, jewellery designing, hardware processing and art classes on the

online platform too. Once the offline school starts, sustainability skills like electrical, plumbing, electronic skills etc. will be introduced by entering into an MoU with a technical institution (MANNU).

As a school, we are looking forward to CBSE for sharing further insight and clarity on implementation of NEP from the makers of the policy.

The response has been good and encouraging from the students as well as the parents' end so far.

MARY SHANTI PRIYA, Principal, Vista School



IF I WERE A TREE

If I were a tree, I would be very hurt by the way humans treat me. I would be very ashamed of them for being so ungrateful. I will be very upset and sad that even though I give humans their important needs, they cut me down, and do not like to adopt me. By destroying me, they are destroying the animal's habitat as well. I would also be happy that amongst these ungrateful people, there are also few good souls, who take care of me, and adopt me. To conclude, I would like to say that if I were a tree, I would make sure my production is only used by people who respect me.

SAHANA, class VII B, The Global Edge School, Kokapet

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INDIA SEAL QUARTERFINAL BERTH IN MEN'S HOCKEY

The Indian men's hockey team stormed into the quarterfinals of the Olympic Games with a comprehensive 3-1 victory over defending champions Argentina, scoring two goals in the final two minutes of its penultimate pool match on Thursday



Indian team celebrates after the win

After goalless first two quarters, India broke the deadlock in the 43rd minute through Varun Kumar before Vivek Sagar Prasad (58th) and Harmanpreet Singh (59th) struck in the closing minutes of the match to seal the contest. It was India's third win in Pool A at the Oi Hockey Stadium. Argentina's lone goal came from a penalty corner conversion by Schuth Casella in the 48th minute. By virtue of this win, India have consolidated their position in the second spot of Pool A with three wins and one loss out of four games, behind Australia. Argentina are struggling at the fifth spot in the six-team pool and need to beat New Zealand in their final preliminary match on Friday to stay in the hunt for a quarterfinal berth. The top-four make the last-eight stage from each group. India will play hosts Japan in their final pool match on Friday.

India dominated the first quarter

■ The Indians were aggressive and put pressure on the Argentine defense from the very beginning, attacking in numbers. India completely dominated the first quarter, mounting attacks after attacks but the Argentines defended stoutly to frustrate their opponents. The Indians nonetheless dominated possession and penetrated the Argentine circle on numerous occasions but the final pass was missing. Manpreet Singh's hit from close range from a Simranjeet Singh pass was nicely saved by Argentina goalkeeper Juan Vivaldi. The midfield, led by Manpreet, played a great game in the first quarter which was evident from the circle penetra-

I would say, this win is a confidence-booster at this stage. We earned three valuable points, but still a long way to go. We just kept things basic and played to our strengths. However, there are few more things where I think we can focus and work on

MANPREET SINGH, Indian Skipper

tion statistics. India had 16 against Argentina's two. India were almost rewarded in the 27th minute when a diving Simranjeet's effort sailed over the post. Two minutes later, Argentina had the first real scoring opportunity but Nahuel Salis' powerful shot from right corner of the circle was padded away by Sreejesh's outstretched hands.

Argentina's strong defense

■ It was a frustrating first half as both the teams failed to secure a single penalty corner to head into the breather goalless. The script was similar in the third quarter as India continued to waste chances. First Gurjant Singh missed from close range in the 35th minute and then Rupinder Pal Singh wasted back-to-back

penalty corners minutes later. Soon the Indians had their hearts in their mouth when the defense was caught off guard by Argentina but Matias Rey couldn't beat Sreejesh from a one-on-one situation. It took India 43 minutes to break the deadlock through Varun who scored from the team's third penalty corner. Seconds from the end of the third quarter, India wasted four consecutive penalty corners as Argentina defended bravely. It was even in the 48th minute when Casella scored Argentina's first penalty corner. They had two more chances — one from a field effort from Lucas Villa which was saved by Sreejesh and another from a penalty corner which Indians defended stoutly. Two minutes from the hooter, Vivek restored India's lead tapping in from a rebound after Dilpreet's attempt was saved by Vivaldi and then in the nick of time Harmanpreet drew the final nail in Argentina's coffin by converting the team's eighth penalty corner. ■

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OLYMPIC WATCH July 30, 2021 | INDIANS IN THE FRAY

ATHLETICS
 Women's 100m
 Round 1 Heats
Dutee Chand

Mixed 4x400m Relay Round 1
 Heats
Alex Antony, Sarthak Bhambrni, Revathi Veeramani, Subha Venkatesan

BADMINTON
 Women's Singles
 Quarter-Finals
PV Sindhu vs A Yamaguchi

BOXING
 Women's Lightweight
 Round of 16
Simranjit Kaur vs S. Seesondee

EQUESTRIAN
 Eventing Individual
 Qualifier
Fouaad Mirza

PV Sindhu to face Akane Yamaguchi in quarterfinals

The badminton player stormed into the quarters with a 21-15, 21-13 victory against Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark

Sindhu, who will now face Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the quarterfinals, is just two wins away from winning her second medal at the Games, a feat not achieved by any of the Indian women so far. Sindhu said she was rushing in defence in the first game. "I started off well. In the first game, I was rushing in defence a bit but my coach told me that I was playing the wrong way and I was able to change how I played. And then in the second game I think it was fine, I maintained the lead and was under control," Sindhu told the BWF website.

On reaching her second successive quarterfinals at Olympics and raising her game on big occasions, Sindhu said, "A lot of people have told me that. I will take that as a complement. But for me each and every game is important. It's important to focus on every point, and not the match."

Sindhu secured an early lead

Playing a much better opponent for the first time at the event, Sindhu started on a cautious note. She waited to get the feel of the court and relied mostly on taps near the net, half smashes and drives. She soon secured an 8-4 lead and

went into the break with a comfortable lead of 11-6. After the break, Mia upped the ante and tried to exploit the backhand corner, perhaps Sindhu's only weak spot. The Dane reduced the lead to 11-13 before Sindhu regained momentum, increased the pace of her strokes and found gaps in Mia's court. However, Mia was up for the challenge when she came as close as 15-16. But a couple of unforced errors helped the Indian to power ahead. With a five-point burst, Sindhu clinched the first game. She was made to work hard in the second part of the first game.

In the second game, Sindhu started on an aggressive note and started with a 5-0 lead. Though Mia tried to come-back, she looked a lot tense and even made a couple of service errors. Sindhu was much sharper in the second game. She moved well and secured points at will. Once she secured a 16-11 lead, it was Sindhu all the way. Mia hardly put up a fight in the second game. Surprisingly, Sindhu was not that aggressive against Mia. She played an all-round game, nudging the shuttle looking for gaps and perfecting her defence. The Indian looked as if she was gearing up for the long-rally match against Yamaguchi in the quarterfinals. ■

Satish Kumar sails into boxing quarterfinals

In the battle of the debutants, the 32-year-old Satish prevailed 4-1, a comfortable win for him despite the split verdict. The two-time Asian Championships bronze-winner, who has been a multiple-time national champion, was helped by Brown's poor footwork throughout the bout though he did end up sustaining two cuts — one on his forehead and the other on his chin. "He got cuts because of three head butts during the bout. But it was a very measured performance by Satish, he could have been in trouble had Brown connected because he was huge and powerful," said Indian boxing's high performance director Santiago Nieva.

Sharp responses

Next up for Satish is Uzbekistan's Bakhtodir Jalolov, the reigning world and Asian champion. Jalolov out-punched Azerbaijan's Mohammad Abdullayev

5-0 in his last-16 bout. "He is not unbeatable. Satish has never won against him, but the last time they fought in the India Open, it was a split verdict. He ran him close," Nieva said. Satish, also a 2018 Commonwealth Games silver-medallist, dominated with his right hand and allowed Brown to repeatedly make the mistake of lunging in with very little balance. Brown seemed to be looking for that one big punch that could unsettle the Indian but failed miserably, owing to his inability to move away quickly enough. Satish, in comparison, was light on his feet and thereby sharper in responding to Brown's attacks. "The



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India's first super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer to compete in the Olympics, Satish Kumar eased into the quarterfinals of his debut Games, defeating Jamaica's Ricardo Brown in his opening bout on Thursday

idea was to score and pull back because Brown's power could have been dangerous. Satish did well to tire him out by moving around the ring and it definitely helped that our boy had lighter feet," Nieva said.

The late bloomer from Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr is an Army man, who used to play kabaddi. He was introduced to boxing owing to his good physique by the Army coaches. ■



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