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**UN CLIMATE REPORT: 'ATLAS OF HUMAN SUFFERING' WORSE, BIGGER**


**D**eadly with extreme weather now, climate change is about to get worse. It is all set to make the world sicker, hungrier, poorer, gloomier and way more dangerous in the next 18 years with an "unavoidable" increase in risks, a

Today's children who may still be alive in the year 2100 are going to experience four times more climate extremes than they do now even with only a few more tenths of a degree of warming over today's heat. But if temperatures increase nearly 2 more degrees Celsius from now (3.4 degrees Fahrenheit) they would feel five times the floods, storms, drought and heat waves

new United Nations science report says. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report said if human-caused global warming isn't limited to just another couple tenths of a degree, an Earth now struck regularly by deadly heat, fires, floods and drought in future decades will degrade in 127 ways with some being "potentially irreversible."

The report lists mounting dangers to people, plants, animals, ecosystems and economies, with people at risk and potential damages amounting to trillions of dollars. The report highlights people being displaced from homes; places becoming uninhabitable; the number of species dwindling; coral disappearing, ice shrinking and rising, and increasingly oxygen-depleted and acidic oceans

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## UKRAINE CRISIS

### PRESSURE MOUNTS ON RUSSIA FROM ALL SIDES

- 1** FIFA and UEFA suspended Russia from all competitions until further notice. The move makes it likely that Russia will be excluded from this year's World Cup and the women's Euro 2020 tournament
- 2** Disney and Warner Bros will pause theatrical movie releases in Russia, becoming the first Hollywood studio to weigh in publicly on the matter



- 3** Twitter labels tweets from Russian state media outlets to limit the publications' reach on its platform

### RUSSIA BROADENS ITS OFFENSIVE



**64-KM-LONG RUSSIAN ARMY CONVOY SPOTTED NORTH OF KYIV:** It seems Moscow is preparing to launch a new military push imminently. A huge Russian military convoy stretching some 40 miles was spotted by a US satellite imaging company just north of the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, which has already repulsed several assaults.

■ A set of mysterious symbols have emerged on various buildings in Kyiv, sparking fears that Russian saboteurs may be marking out targets for a major aerial assault. **Red and orange crosshairs have been painted onto various structures in the capital, including several high-rise buildings, with certain symbols only visible under UV light, the report said**

**RUSSIA BANS ALL RESIDENTS FROM TRANSFERRING MONEY ABROAD IN RESPONSE TO WESTERN SANCTIONS:** Vladimir Putin has ordered a ban on foreign exchange loans and transfers by Russian residents to outside of the country, the Kremlin said

■ Bans flights by airlines from 36 countries, including Britain and Germany

■ Russian troops have been advancing slowly on the capital city of nearly 3 million people.

#### UN unloads on isolated Russia for Ukraine invasion

Russia stood almost isolated at the United Nations on Monday as member states unloaded on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine. The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres himself berated Russia for its actions, calling its decision to put its nuclear arsenal on higher alert a "chilling development". Urging Moscow to pull back its troops,

Guterres said Russia's nuclear posturing was "simply inconceivable", adding "nothing can justify the use of nuclear weapons". Meanwhile, the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor said he plans to open an investigation "as rapidly as possible" into possible war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine — both alleged crimes committed before the Russian invasion, but also any new crimes that either side might have committed since the invasion started.

#### OPERATION GANGA IN FULL SWING; INDIA CALLS FOR CESSATION OF VIOLENCE

- PM Modi on Tuesday called on the Indian Air Force (IAF) to join the evacuation efforts. Indian Air Force is likely to deploy several C-17 aircraft as part of Operation Ganga
- India has issued a new advisory, asking its citizens to leave Kyiv urgently on Tuesday, as a student from Karnataka was killed in shelling in Kharkiv
- Over 9,000 Indian nationals brought out of Ukraine while a considerable number are now in safer areas, said MEA
- An Air India Express flight carrying 182 students stranded in the war-hit Ukraine reached Mumbai on Tuesday morning as part of the Operation Ganga evacuation process, officials

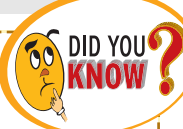


said. The eighth Operation Ganga flight reached New Delhi from Budapest.

■ New Delhi to help people from neighbouring countries stuck in Ukraine. Government said that the visit of four senior ministers as the government's special envoys to various nations will energise the evacuation efforts. It also sent humanitarian assistance to Ukraine

■ Meanwhile, at the UN India has said that it was deeply concerned over the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and reiterated its call for immediate cessation of violence and end to hostilities, saying all differences can only be bridged through honest, sincere and sustained dialogue

The cost of operating a two-way evacuation flight will be more than ₹ 1.10 crore and the amount will go up depending on the duration of the flights. The airline is operating the services with a wide-body Boeing 787 plane, better known as Dreamliner, from neighbouring countries of conflict-ridden Ukraine, including Romania and Hungary. The total cost will include expenses related to crew, fuel, navigation, landing and parking charges. The government is not charging people for the evacuation flights. Some state governments have also announced that they will bear the expenses of people from their respective states who are returning from Ukraine. The Dreamliner has more than 250 seats


**DID YOU KNOW?**

#### MEDVEDEV DETHRONES DJOKOVIC TO BECOME WORLD NO 1



**D**aniil Medvedev on Monday became the 27th player to reach No 1 in the ATP Rankings. The 26-year-old (8,615 points) surpasses Serbian Novak Djokovic (8,465), who has held the top spot in men's tennis for a record 361 total weeks. Medvedev is the third Russian to achieve the feat, joining Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin. Kafelnikov spent six weeks atop the ATP Rankings and Safin was in the top spot for nine weeks.

- Medvedev is the first player outside the 'Big Four' of Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray to hold the top spot in 18 years, three weeks and six days, since Andy Roddick on 1 February 2004
- The last time there was a new World No 1 was more than five years ago, when Murray made it there on November 7, 2016

#### Masks no longer mandatory for travellers in private car: Delhi govt

**A** day after the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) meeting, the Delhi government issued an order on Saturday stating that wearing masks for all travellers travelling in a private car in the national capital is no longer mandatory. Earlier, the Delhi government had exempted the single drivers from wearing masks while driving, however, the government revised the order recently and now all the people travelling in the private car have been given exemption.



#### India's market regulator gets its first woman chief

The government has appointed Madhabi Puri Buch as the new chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Buch is the former head of ICICI Securities and served on the SEBI board between 2017 and 2021...

##### THE FIRSTS

- She is the first woman to head the capital market regulatory body.
- Earlier, Buch was the first woman to be appointed as a whole-time member of SEBI as well as the first person from



the private sector to do so

- All members and chairman at SEBI before her were men from the public sector, Reserve Bank of India, or the Indian Administrative Service

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**Happy Women's Day**

**THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022: #BREAKTHEBIAS**

"She wasn't looking for a knight. She was looking for a sword." –Atticus

Come celebrate International Women's Day with us and our list of Wonder Women from India and the world

**What to expect**

**Inspiring profiles**

- Stories of courage, of women who thought differently, those who broke the glass ceiling, and those who challenged stereotypes

**The Next Gen**

- Along with established names, we bring you the change of guard, girls who are well on their way to become the icons of tomorrow

**Our Poll**

- Nearly 12k plus students and teachers took our poll to tell us their most inspiring women from all walks of life. We share the findings

**Love is success**

- How is it when one loves what they do. It changes the way they approach it. Featuring real-life stories of those who converted their passion into success

**PLUS :** Trivia | Voices | Icons and MORE

**ONLINE**  
 The celebrations continue online as we profile women and girls who are all set to #breakthebias

**MARK YOUR DATE**  
**MARCH 8, 2022**



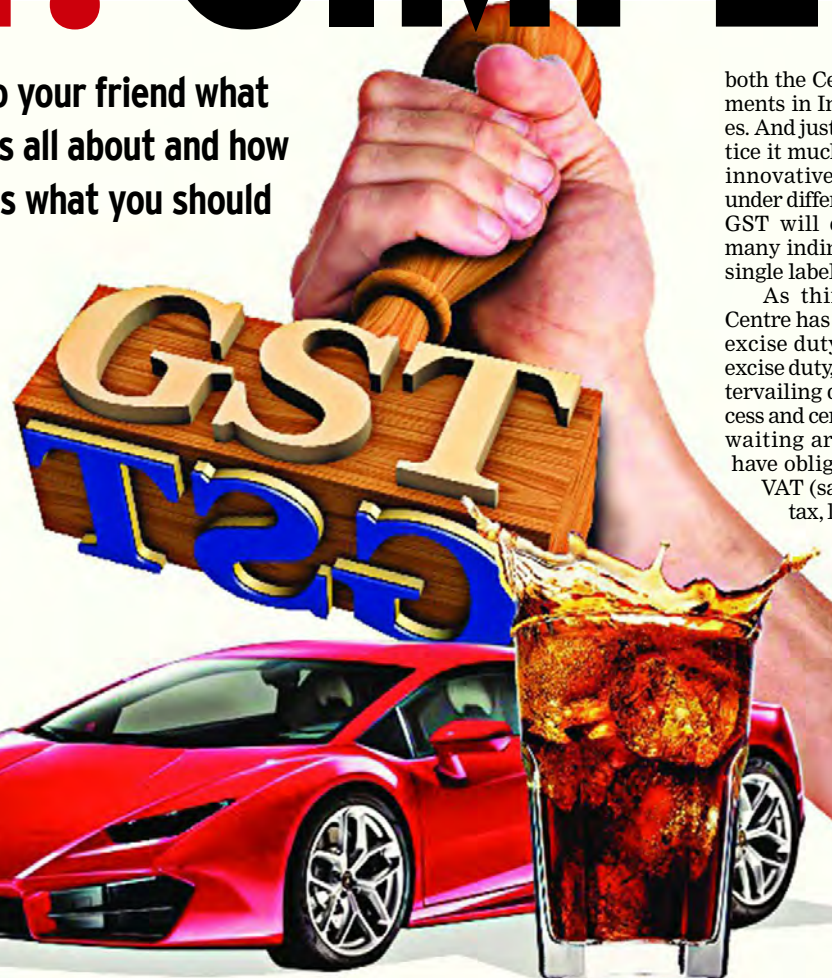
# GST: SIMPLIFIED

If you were to explain to your friend what Goods and Service Tax is all about and how can one calculate, this is what you should be reading

It is weekend, and you wish to go to a pizza joint. You dig into your favourite mozzarella cheese chicken pizza, and you have to pay up ₹1,000 at the pizzeria. But wait, there is a long list of taxes added by the restaurant to your pizza. Let's say ₹56 as service tax, ₹2 as Krishi Kalyan Cess, ₹2 as Swachh Bharat Cess in addition to ₹20 as VAT that are included in the total cost.

The service tax (at 14 per cent on 40 per cent of bill value, plus two cesses of 0.5 per cent each) goes to the Centre for the restaurant services that you availed of. The state extracts VAT for the pizza you consumed. So, what the Goods and Services Tax (GST) does is that it makes life simpler by unifying all these indirect taxes. It is noteworthy that the taxes won't disappear, it just combines everything to one.

We all know that



both the Central and State governments in India love indirect taxes. And just so that we don't notice it much, they label them innovatively and put them under different heads. What GST will do is to sweep many indirect taxes into a single label.

As things stand, the Centre has agreed to sweep excise duty and additional excise duty, service tax, countervailing duty, surcharge and cess and central sales tax into the waiting arms of GST. The states have obligingly agreed to give up VAT (sales tax), entertainment tax, luxury tax, taxes on gambling, octroi and entry taxes, cess and purchase tax. GST will thus replace all of these taxes.

## Rates

In short, GST will simplify taxes on your purchases. But there will still be a Central GST and a State GST, and three or four GST rates to deal with. The rates are 0, 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent depending on the services availed.

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## How is GST collected?

Let's understand the trading chain. (see pictograph)

A MANUFACTURER is selling a watch. The cost of making the watch is ₹150 and he adds a profit of ₹50 and sells it to wholesaler at ₹200. Now, THE WHOLESALER sells it at ₹250 (₹200 + profit of ₹50) to the retailer. THE RETAILER, in turn, adds ₹50 and sells it at ₹300 to the consumer. Hence, every mediator is making a profit of ₹50 in this particular example. NOW AFTER GST OF 12PC ON THE WATCH: The manufacturer will collect 12% of 200 from the wholesaler;

## TAX DIRECT TAX:

- What an individual or organisation pay on their income directly to the government
- It is based on ability to pay principle, which means higher-income groups pay more

## INDIRECT TAX:

- What an individual pays for goods and services availed. For example, at restaurants, airlines, hotels, malls etc. It is the price of product + tax. He pays to the retailer, who pays to the government. Types of indirect taxes are: Excise Duty, Custom Duty, Octroi, Sales, Luxury Tax, Entertainment Tax and Value Added Tax
- With effect 1 July, 2017, all the above taxes have been combined to Goods and Service Tax under the plan "one nation, one market, one tax"



Zero per cent	5%	12%	18%	28%
Goods: Salt, milk, fruits	Goods: LPG, Sweets	Goods: Butter, Mobile, Jam	Goods: Perfume, computer etc	Goods: AC, Fridge, Tobacco
Services: Education, health	Service: Air Transport, Railways	Service: Guest house, Printing work etc	Service: Cinema, Currency etc	Service: Casino, Water park etc

which is ₹24 to give it to the government. The wholesaler will collect a GST of 12% of ₹250 from the retailer, which is ₹30. The wholesaler has already paid ₹24 to the manufacturer, so he will be paying ₹30 minus ₹24 = ₹6 to the government.

The retailer will collect a GST from the consumer, which is 12% of ₹300, which is ₹36 and as he has already paid ₹30 to the wholesaler, he will be paying ₹36 minus ₹30 = ₹6 to the government.

The total GST paid to the government is actually paid by

the consumer. Hence, the consumer will be paying ₹300 + (₹24+₹6+₹6) = ₹336

## How will it be divided?

The GST on every transaction within a state is to be split equally into a Central GST and a state GST. When goods are shipped from one state to another, the Centre will collect an integrated GST from the seller which rolls both into one.

# HISTORY OF TAX SYSTEM IN INDIA

## Tax derived from Latin 'taxo'

The word 'tax' is derived from the Latin word taxare or taxo. It means 'to assess the worth of something'. Taxes are imposed by government for the use and service of the state. They are levied and collected by the state for the purchase or sale of merchandise or a service. Taxes provide revenue to the state, and is therefore, one of the most significant aspects of any system of administration by any form of government.

## How it determines strength of economy

The strength of an economy depends upon how good the tax system is. A just tax system can propel the economic growth of a country and lead to its prosperity. This, in turn, makes its citizens happy and more productive. An efficient taxation policy leads to growth in GDP; it is considered sound if it performs allocative, distributional and stabilisation function in the economy.

## Types of taxes

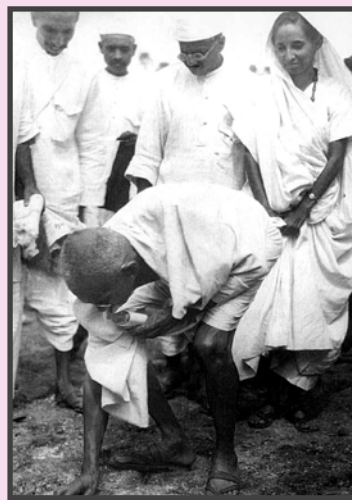
There are two types of taxes – direct and indirect. **DIRECT TAXES** are those that an entity remits to the government directly, and include income tax, property tax, etc. **INDIRECT TAXES** are those that an entity remits through third parties. Service tax is an example of indirect tax imposed by the government of India.

## Characteristics

**1 It is mandatory:** since any form of tax is imposed by the government for the benefit of the country, it is required by law to pay taxes.

**2 It is a contribution:** Tax is a contribution made by citizens for the betterment of their country. The government of India provides basic healthcare, infrastructure, defence, etc. with the money collected from taxes.

**3 It is for public benefit:** The purpose of collecting taxes is for the benefit and upliftment of the society in general. Taxes are not supposed to favour specific individuals. Disaster maintenance and rescue is an important aspect of the money collected in the form of taxes.



tax. It is said that even before the Mauryas, tax was mentioned in Manu Smriti, one of the most ancient scriptures of India. The subsequent Mughal invaders brought with them their own taxation system. The infamous **JEZIA** was a tax imposed on the non-Islamic people of the land. **IN INDIA, IT WAS ABOLISHED BY AKBAR.**

The income tax as we know today was first introduced in India in 1860 by the British. It was introduced to compensate for the losses sustained by the government due to the rebellion of 1857.

The Income Tax Act was passed in India in 1886, and there have been constant revisions and refinements in the Act since then. After the first World War, a new Income Tax Act was passed, in 1918, again to counter the residual effects of economic devastation caused by the war. This income tax Act was in place till 1922, when it was replaced by another Act.

## How does government tax the income

- Income from salary
- Income from business or profession
- Income from capital gains
- Income from property
- Income from other sources

After 40 years, and 15 years after India gained freedom from the British, the Income Tax Act was modified again. The current Income Tax Act has been adopted in 1961, and bought into force with effect from April 1, 1962.

## History of Taxation in India

A formal tax system was in existence in India since the time of **MAURYA DYNASTY**. The higher class of citizens contributed 1/6th of their income as

# TAX TALES



By Elizabeth Thomas  
Chief Mentor,  
Tale Tellers,  
Training the teachers with Tale Tellers Jr, Elizabeth comes in with over 10 years experience in human resource management. She also has a rich industry experience in the banking sector

While my 9-year-old son told me, "Let's make burgers at home for dinner tonight, mom," I got a quick idea, why not try to teach him the concept of GST and taxation in a simple way? As a teacher, I always believe that for holistic skills in children, a basic understanding of taxation is very important. It not only makes them financially wise, but a responsible citizen too.

## IF DAD IS CENTRAL GOVT AND MOM IS STATE GOVT...

Let's try this at home and make dad, the central government and mom, the state government. Let's make kids assume that all apartments are states.

**CGST AND SGST** - Make the kid play a businessman and manufacture or let's say make 5 burgers using all the ingredients in his factory. He sells his burger, (with profit and tax), to his sister who stays in his house (within the state). Now, the little sister pays tax to dad (central government) and mom (state government), who in turn use that for the overall development of the family. This is how GST functions.



## LET'S LAY DOWN 3 EASY STEPS TO HELP KIDS UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPTS OF TAX



## Who is government?

**1** Casually, over a conversation bring in the word government and make them understand what a government is and why it exists? Please keep your political views away as our objective is only to get them familiarised with the overall concept of governance

## Teaching them on the go

**2** While family outings make them take notice about the road, the street lights etc, let them know who pays for all this. Make them understand how the government facilitates these services for public and therefore, as responsible citizens, why we need to pay taxes

## Making them play the family tax game

**3** Introduce them to the 'family tax' game where everyone contributes to the tax box from their income or even pocket money and thereby, setting up a small corpus that can be used for family outings, dinners, and other family activities.



## Strategy to score good grades in English

For this year's board exams, the CBSE announced a two-term schedule with a 50 per cent syllabus for grades 10 and 12. Now the second term will be subjective and the syllabus is different from that of the first term. Due to the new exam format and syllabus, students have arrived at the beginning of the exam period. This has caused a stress and unrest among them.

Apart from it, there are some pupils who believe that learning English can be done in a matter of hours. It is a misconception since English, like other disciplines, has a 100-point question paper and requires strategic preparation. It is a scoring subject that can increase the total percentage if properly prepared and decrease the percentage if not properly prepared.

**Here are a few proven and true strategies for achieving more than 95 per cent in English:**

- Students must establish good reading habits if they hope to do well on comprehension passages.
- Always remember to put yourself in the question/character when answering writing section questions. It indicates that you must imagine yourself in the circumstances described in the question, ponder it, and then come to a conclusion. The examiner will be compelled



to award you marks because it will be innovative and emotive.  
■ Keep in mind that answering a question with more than the allotted word count will result

in both a loss of points and a loss of time. It's easier to make grammatical mistakes if you write much. So write precisely and neatly.

■ Another important instruction is to make paragraphs in the compositions. Paragraphs are used to help your reader follow the logic of your argument, to emphasise an important point or to indicate a significant transition between points.

■ The only way to get a high score in the grammar section is to practice as much as possible. Many pupils struggle with this area. Do as many illustrative documents as you possibly can do. Also, try chapter-specific questions to help you focus on certain areas like tense, voice, and speech.

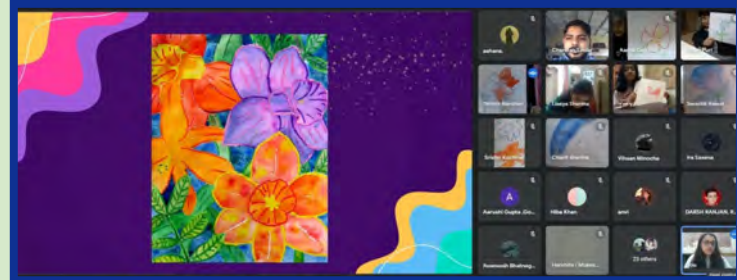
■ It is vital to study the CBSE textbooks thoroughly in order to understand the theme of the lessons. There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to questions from the lessons. Keep in mind the characters' full names as well as the author's. In order to answer a question correctly, you need to use the same tense as the question itself. What you say must be relevant and to the point.

■ Broadly speaking, the evaluation criteria are used to evaluate relevant content, grammatical accuracy and fluency.

■ Finally, in order to succeed, you will need to devote a significant amount of time and effort to learning to write well in exam. You can achieve tremendous results quickly if you devote yourself intensely. Try to stay focused and improve certain parts rather than frantically attempting to catch up with everything at once.

SWATI JAIN, PGT English,  
Mount Olympus School, Gurgaon

## Art pursuits at Tagore International School



It is universally acknowledged that arts play a seminal role in holistic education. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore was the first to emphasise this, saying that the arts are the key to the all-round development of the individual for harmonious adjustment to reality. At Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, enhancing the artistic potential inherent in each child has always been a guiding principle.

Recently the students of classes VI, VII and VIII showcased their creative journey during this session in a series of lively online events. Students of painting, theatre, Indian music Western music and public speaking were

delighted to be able to display some of the skills they have honed over the course of this academic session. After a 'Ganesh vandana', there were tributes to Birju Maharaj and Lata Mangeshkar, quizzes on artists, and art forms, musicians and genres of music. There was an online creative activity for the painting students; with colourful and joyful expressions of their aesthetic sensibilities.

The theatre students called their segment 'Pitaara', with short plays reflecting the students' concerns with contemporary issues as well as lighter skits based on the ever popular Akbar and Birbal stories.

## World Wetlands Day

At SN Mayur Vihar's Lower primary wing PW students of class I-C conducted an e-assembly on the theme 'Rethink Plastic: Save our oceans to celebrate the World Wetlands Day and highlight the importance of water bodies like lakes, oceans, and wetlands.

The students raised awareness through a talk supported by visuals about role of oceans and wetlands in

increasing water tables reducing global heating, pollution and supporting biodiversity. The audience was mesmerised by beautiful dance and sing performances by the students where they spread the message of collective responsibility of individuals to conserve and protect earth.

A skit on plastic monster by students showed the menace of plastic and how oceans and

wetlands are converted in to garbage sites. The students sensitised the audience about adoption of 3Rs in our lifestyle and how saying no to single use plastic can help create a better and clean environment. Principal Luthra applauded the efforts of young student in creating awareness on such pertinent issues. Wing In charge Dr Rawat said that our collective drive and actions can definitely bring a positive change and help save the oceans and the fragile wetlands.

## Can we continue fantasising?

A web search of the word 'fantasy' provides its literal meaning which is 'situations that are not true, that you just imagine'. The Missile Man of India, APJ Abdul Kalam had laid emphasis on dreaming to the extent of what seems unachievable by quoting, "Those who dare to imagine the impossible are the ones who break all the human

limitations." He had put forward his opinion over this argument in order to drive ones mindset towards the stairs of success.

The following queries have no debate and are quite fathomable.

Are dreams caged behind bars? Do they hamper ones identity? Do people require an approval for something to dream of?

It'd be not untrue to state

that in today's era, the living souls find themselves prisoned amid materialistic gains. They are observed being crystal clear in their intentions to compete in the race they participated in long ago, though their victory stands uncertain as its end doesn't seem near.

People have put their invaluable lives on a pause by doing away with the adventures which are healthy for

their heart. They've stopped dreaming meaningful. Dozing off with a heavy head tends the stress hormone to release in a person's body which compels them to not have sound sleep and wake up dizzy.

Fantasies are etched in our brain neurologically. However, they are left unconsidered often. Dreaming demands nothing but your vision.

Bhavya Aggarwal, class XI,  
Maharaja Agrasen Model  
School, Pitampura, Delhi

## Student Corner



SIMRAN KAUR, class X-B, Shaheed Bishan Singh Memorial Sr sec school, Mansarovar Garden



## Motherland of millions

India; the motherland of millions  
Home to billions  
We call her our motherland  
As we admire this land

Gifted with history  
One day evolved the IVC  
In the Vedic Age called Saptsindhu  
The land of seven rivers  
Indus, Jhelum, Beas, Ravi, Sutlej, Sarasvati, Chenab  
Centuries with strife  
Always ending with peace  
Flourishing with life

Hinduism the main religion

But there are Christians, Muslims, Jains, Buddhists and more  
Ethnically diverse  
Tamil, Punjabis, Gujaratis, Bengalis and more  
Thousands of languages  
Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Kannada and more

Astronomy and mathematics  
Philosophy and science  
Always fascinating  
And creating

Everyone is different  
But they are united  
As they are one  
Under the tricolour  
All stand

Against the enemy  
Unity in diversity  
Always filled with tranquility  
Our nation

Freedom fighters  
Holding lamps  
Emitting hope and harmony  
Fighting for the nation  
Mahatma Gandhi  
Leading the pacifists  
Against the imperialists  
To free our land  
Father of the Nation

Blessed with natural beauty  
Filled with animals  
With tall and stunning trees  
Small but significant

plants  
Dense and lush forests  
Everywhere there is greenery  
Surrounded by mountains  
Hindu Kush, Karakoram and Himalayas  
Western and Eastern Ghats  
Spectacular landscapes

Magical and mystical  
Chimerical and fantastical  
This is India  
Land of mysteries  
Land of unity  
In diversity  
Home to billions  
Motherland of millions

AGASTYA SHARMA,  
class VI-J, Kulachi Hansraj,  
Ashok Vihar

## HISTORIC VIJAYAWADA

Travelling in covid times has picked up a new meaning. So many procedures, precautions and measures add to the experience of travelling today. Not so recently, I had visited my hometown in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. The usual chaos and queues at the airport was now a much more calm, organised affair. Because school was fortunately online, I didn't have to miss it. We went to my native place, a beautiful, serene village on the banks of river Krishna. The place is truly picture perfect, with tall coconut trees and vast, green farms, untimely rains, minimalistic churches, vibrant and bright temples, the village will always remain one of the homeliest places for me. We then left for the city side to visit my cousins. Vijayawada is a surprisingly urbanised city, nothing short of a high-status metropolis. Though this was a place we visit often, stepping outside after a long while and travelling together again in these circumstances, was a different experience altogether.

Twisha Karra, class X, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School And Jr College, Ambernath West



## CAN WARS BE AVOIDED TOTALLY ?

The world is in a state of conflict. World leaders are imposing sanctions on Russia and people are doing what they can to support Ukraine. While all this is happening, a question arises- could all of this have been avoided? Is warfare the inevitable answer to disagreement between nations? The greed for power, authority and being willing to suppress anything that's against one's belief is often the reason and especially right now, for causing bloodshed. Humanity is greater than this, fraternity should always remain superior to baseless and ruthless violence. All of what's happening today, could have been prevented if the people in command were inclined towards peaceful, diplomatic dialogue instead of impulsive decisions. War has consequences that will benefit no nation, no man. Albeit disagreements and disputes cannot be avoided, violence and loss of life, can be. To sum up my case, a quote from "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu- "The greatest victory is that which requires no battle."

Twisha Karra, class X, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School And Jr College, Ambernath West

DEBATE

For as long as we exist as nations, for when we sew the flags together, to ask; will the borders still bleed? Turn away for moments of justified hopes and expectations for humanity to exist together, mercifully; I ought to bring you the colder flip of the coin. Humans will continue to wage wars for as long as we exist with differences.

No, it won't be for we are different; no. But because we realise there's a disparity. Having distinct land and resources, variance value systems and environment will always cause a confrontation, which can't be solved by non-rooted establishments of "respecting each other" or "diplomatic relations". We've failed at this couple before for obtrusive reasons. Now, wars also exist beyond heavy blades and dusty rifles, we've grown to destroy with the inconspicuous; take biological wars or cyber warfare for example. Wars will exist for as long as we feel human sentiments; borders will bleed and how do I hope still we welcome true goodwill on our ground of humanity to soak up finally the now red mud.

Kritika Agrawal, FYJC Arts, Jai Hind College

## BERGIN MUSIC MEET

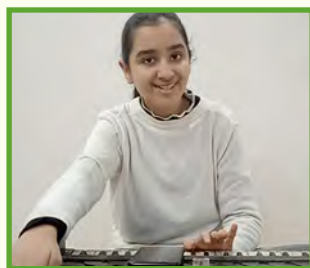
Mount St Mary's School, Delhi Cantt held the '39th Bro Bergin Memorial Music Meet', a platform for the budding musicians of various schools in and around Delhi to showcase their talent and share their love for music, virtually this year.

Over the years, the 'Bro Bergin Music Meet' has become an abiding testament to unity in diversity as it brings together schools from every corner of Delhi and the NCR. More importantly, the thirty-nine years that the Bro Bergin

Memorial Music Meet has been in existence, is an abiding testimony to its popularity, universal appeal and spirited promise for the future.

This year, students from 16 schools participated in the

event which comprised of 37 performances in Indian and Western. Eminent personalities from the world of music judged the virtual programme. The judges were enthralled by the mesmerising renditions by the budding musicians. The much awaited results of the competitions were declared online.





# SOUTH AFRICA OUTSMART NZ

Win by 198 runs to draw series and deny home team history-making opportunity

**S**outh Africa outwitted and outplayed New Zealand in a crushing 198-run second Test victory in Christchurch on Tuesday to draw the two-match series 1-1.

New Zealand, facing a record fourth-innings chase of 426 to win, were all out for 227 eight balls after tea on the final day. It completed a remarkable turnaround for South Africa who read the conditions far better than New Zealand after being thrashed by an innings and 276 runs in the first Test on the same ground.

## RISK PAYS OFF

Captain Dean Elgar set the tone when he became the first captain to win the toss and bat first at Hagley Oval, demanding his side "front up" after that humiliation and they obliged. "It paid off for us. I am one for taking risks. This is a big one in terms of playing well away from home," he said. "We needed to rise up and level the series. We have shown in the past that we have a lot of character in the team." In terms of South African Test victories "it ranks quite high," he added.

A century by Sarel Erwee laid the base for a first innings 364. Kagiso Rabada took five for 60 as New Zealand folded 71 in arrears and an unbeaten 136 from Kyle Verreynne in the second innings tightened the clamp on New Zealand.

A disappointed New Zealand captain Tom Latham, who saw the chance of a history-making first series win over South Africa slip away, put the blame on his batsmen. "Our blueprint is about putting a big first innings score on the board, if we were able to do that things might look slightly different," he said. "Unfortunately we were not able to build partnerships in the first or second innings."

## SALVAGE ATTEMPTS FAIL

New Zealand started the final day at 94 for four and while Devon Conway and Tom Blundell were at the crease they held hope they could salvage a draw. But it was a forlorn hope and their 85-run partnership ended shortly before lunch when Conway went leg before wicket for 92.

New Zealand's hopes of salvaging a draw rose again at 227 for nine when rain forced the players from the field, but it was a brief respite. The South African-born Conway, who averages a remarkable 63.91 from 12 innings, had added 32 to his overnight 60 and was in sight of his fourth Test century when Lutho Sipamla claimed the wicket with a pinpoint yorker.

Blundell pressed on with Colin de Grandhomme and went to lunch looking set on 44 only to be removed soon after the resumption without adding to his score. He mistimed striking a

short ball from Marco Jansen and skied it to Temba Bavuma at mid-wicket. It started a rich spell for Jansen, who also took the wickets of Colin de Grandhomme for 18 and Kyle Jamieson for 12. Kagiso Rabada removed Tim Southee and Keshav Maharaj ended the match with Matt Henry lbw for nought.

## DISAPPOINTING FINISH

It was a disappointing result for New Zealand after their comprehensive win in the first Test and who were searching for a first ever series win against South Africa. They went into the Test with an unchanged side, relying on a pace attack and no spinner which has become customary on the usually emerald Hagley Oval wicket.

But South Africa noted the second Test wicket was more khaki than green, promoted left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj into the starting eleven and he became a significant point of difference. Maharaj set the stage in the second innings when he was introduced early and bowled top-order batsmen Henry Nicholls and Daryl Mitchell after Rabada had claimed openers Latham and Will Young. He then finished off the Test with Henry's wicket to leave New Zealand yet again without a series win over South Africa after 17 attempts over 90 years. **AFP**



Kyle Verreynne

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## TEST CROWN TEETERING

**N**ew Zealand's hopes of defending their World Test Championship suffered a major setback with the loss to South Africa. It was New Zealand's third defeat in six Tests over the past three months, and their second at home. A defeat in India in December was followed by a shock first defeat to

Bangladesh at Mount Maunganui in January before being outclassed by South Africa at Hagley Oval.

New Zealand's focus was on gaining World Test Championship points to put themselves in a position to defend the title they won last year. It leaves New Zealand sixth in the nine-team standings with 28 Test Championship points from six Tests while South Africa are fourth with 36 from

five matches.

With the teams ranked by the win percentage, Sri Lanka head the championship table with two from two (100 percent), followed by Australia (86.66 percent) with four wins from five followed by Pakistan with three from four for 75.00 percent. England are bottom of the table having lost six of nine Tests with two drawn for a 9.25 win percentage.

# ATALANTA THUMP SAMP

Stay on Juve's tail with one more game at hand in CL race

**A**talanta cruised past Sampdoria 4-0 to keep pace with Juventus in Serie A's race for the Champions League. Mario Pasalic's early strike, goals in each half from Teun Koopmeiners and Aleksei Miranchuk's late finish ensured that Atalanta stayed three points behind Juve, who sit in fourth after their win at Empoli on Saturday. Gian Piero Gasperini's side have a game in hand which if they win would move them above Juve, thanks to their superior head-to-head record.

## Breaking losing streak

A typically attack-minded display at the Gewiss Stadium gave Atalanta just their second win from eight Serie A games played since the turn of the year, ending a run of five league matches without victory. It was also their first league home win since the end of November, their fourth in Bergamo all season.

Pasalic opened the scoring in the sixth minute with a powerful header

## NO CELEBRATIONS

► Russia international Aleksei Miranchuk held his head down and didn't celebrate after scoring the final goal. Immediately after the goal, Miranchuk held his hands up to signify he wouldn't celebrate and was surrounded by teammates.

► In other circumstances, Miranchuk's goal would have been worthy of quite a celebration, because it was extraordinary. He dribbled by four defenders \_ diverting some of them by shifting his view across the field for an instant \_ before scoring from the edge of the area.

► Miranchuk is friendly with Ukrainian teammate Ruslan Malinovskyi, who celebrated scoring in the Europa League on Thursday by lifting his jersey to show a message "No war in Ukraine" on his undershirt.



Aleksei Miranchuk

Photo: AFP

which completely wrong-footed Wladimiro Falcone in the Samp goal. The Croatia international netted his ninth league goal of the season after replacing Ruslan Malinovskyi just before kick-off.

Koopmeiners added the second just before the half-hour mark when he slotted home a calm finish from Matteo Pessina's pass. And after Francesco Caputo missed two good chances to put Samp back in the game and had a goal ruled out for offside, Netherlands midfielder Koopmeiners made sure of the points for Atalanta in the 61st minute. Russian Miranchuk rounded off the scoring with a superb individual goal with four minutes remaining. **AFP**



Mario Pasalic

Photo: AFP

# SAURABH CHAUDHARY BAGS GOLD IN ISSF WORLD CUP

**I**ndian shooting ace Saurabh Chaudhary won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event, opening the country's account in the year's first ISSF World Cup at Cairo on Tuesday.

The Asian Games gold medalist shot 16 in the gold medal contest to finish ahead of Germany's Michael Schwald (6).

The bronze in the event was bagged by Artem Chernousov of Russia, whose country's flag was removed owing to its involvement in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

The 19-year Saurabh, an Olympian who also has a Youth Olympic gold medal to his name, was third in the men's 10m air pistol qualification stage with a total of 584 points, making it through to the elimination as one of the top eight shooters.

He topped the final stage relay 1 with a score of 38, mak-



Saurabh Chaudhary

ing it through to the medal match, which was contested by the last four shooters. There he again topped with a score of 42.5.

Esha Singh, Shri Nivetha and Ruchita Vinerkar are representing India in the 10m air pistol women's event.

Over 500 shooters from 60 nations are taking part in the Cairo World Cup which has 20 medal sets on offer. **PTI**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which of the following country has never won the U-19 Cricket World Cup title?

- a. New Zealand
- b. South Africa
- c. West Indies
- d. England

**Q2:** When did the South African team first participate in the World Cup after the Apartheid ban was lifted?

- a. 1990
- b. 1987
- c. 1994
- d. 1992

**Q3:** Who won Tour de France 2021?

- a. Jonas Vingegaard
- b. Tadej Pogacar
- c. Richard Carapaz
- d. Jasper Philipsen

**Q4:** How many times has Roger Federer been in a Wimbledon final?

- a. Eight
- b. Fourteen
- c. Twelve
- d. Five

**Q5:** Shreyas Iyer made 204 runs without being dismissed in three innings. Who is the only other player who has

made more runs in a T20I series without being dismissed?

- a. David Warner
- b. A B DeVilliers
- c. Chris Gayle
- d. Virat Kohli



Shreyas Iyer

Photo: PTI

**Q6:** What is the title of hockey legend Major Dhyanchand's autobiography?

- a. Goal
- b. Hockey Ground
- c. My Hockey Life
- d. Me & My Hockey

**Q7:** How many countries have hosted the FIFA World Cup so far?

- a. 5
- b. 16
- c. 17
- d. 8

**Q8:** Which country hosted the Commonwealth Games?

- a. New Zealand
- b. Canada

- c. Australia
- d. United Kingdom

**Q9:** Who was the captain of the Indian Men's National hockey team in 1928 when it won its first gold medal at the Amsterdam Olympics?

- a. Lal Shah Bokhari
- b. Jaipal Singh Munda
- c. Dhyan Chand
- d. Kishan Lal

**ANSWERS:** 1. a. New Zealand 2. d. 1992  
3. b. Tadej Pogacar 4. c. Twelve  
5. a. David Warner 6. a. Goal  
7. c. 17 8. c. Australia  
9. b. Jaipal Singh Munda