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**STUDENT EDITION**

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## 2022: OVER THE MOON

**R**obotic missions to Mars and advances in space tourism dominated the space activities of 2021. But this year, the moon is likely to stand out, as companies and governments launch various moon-bound spacecraft. Most of those missions revolve around Artemis, NASA's multibillion-dollar effort to return astronauts to the moon later in the decade and conduct routine science missions on its surface in preparation for farther treks to Mars (a far more ambitious endeavour that will probably not happen in this decade)...

2022 is the year for initial steps towards the moon. Two new rockets central to NASA's lunar plans will launch to space for the first time, each with more power than the Saturn 5 rocket from the Apollo programme. Other countries are expected to join the march to the moon as well



### South Korea's first moonshot

The Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter, a box-shaped satellite, will be South Korea's first foray to the moon

### More global visitors

Lunar robots from three other countries – Russia, India and Japan – will also try to make their way to the moon this year. India plans to send the Chandrayaan-3 lander and rover to the moon in the third quarter of this year, attempting its third moon mission after the lander-rover bundle from India's Chandrayaan-2 mission crashed in 2019.



### NASA's moon rocket debut

After years of development delays, NASA's Space Launch System (SLS), could make its first journey to space – without any humans – as early as March. The mission, called Artemis 1, will mark the first in a series of flights under NASA's Artemis programme by SLS, NASA's centerpiece rocket system for getting moon-bound astronauts off Earth.

### SpaceX's next starship test

Central to NASA's efforts to return humans to the moon is SpaceX's Starship, which will be used as a human lunar lander in 2025. It will be the agency's first astronaut mission to the moon's surface since 1972. Designed as a fully reusable rocket system, Starship also stands at the centre of Elon Musk's ultimate goal of ferrying humans to Mars, and will be crucial to SpaceX's revenue-generating satellite launch business.



### NASA-funded moon robots

Three robotic moon landers under a NASA programme are scheduled to make their way to the lunar surface this year. Nova-C lander, a six-legged cylindrical robot, is expected to launch on SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket early this year carrying a dozen payloads to the lunar surface. Peregrine lander is a boxy, four-legged lander with an onboard propulsion system that will ease itself onto a basaltic plain on the sunlit side of the moon's northeastern quadrant.



### Testing a complex lunar orbit

Rocket Lab, which builds rockets for small launches, is poised to send in March a microwave-size satellite, or CubeSat for NASA called CAPSTONE from the company's launch site in New Zealand. The satellite will study an orbit around the moon. A future space station called Gateway, being developed by NASA and other space agencies, will reside in sometime in the next decade.

## Experts warn of a third wave as cases, hospitalisations rise



**P**ublic health experts say, India is hurtling towards the third wave, as parts of the country see surge in the number of Covid-19 cases and hospitalisation numbers begin to inch up. In the last one week, there has been an exponential increase in numbers and the data seems to indicate that a new phase of pandemic has begun. Gautam Menon, professor of physics and biology at the Ashoka University, said, the steep rise in cases seen in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata is comparable to that seen in South Africa and a number of countries in Europe from about a few weeks ago.

## VIEWPOINT

### Community service must be made compulsory for students: Vice President



**V**ice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said, community service must be made compulsory for students studying in government as well as private schools, as it would help them to develop an attitude of sharing and caring in their interaction with others.

Today, there is a dire need to inculcate the spirit of service from a young age in the youth of this country. Once this pandemic is behind us and normalcy returns, I would suggest that government schools as well as those in the private sector must make community service of at least two to three weeks compulsory for students

**Have you done community service? Share your experience at toinie175@gmail.com**

## iPhone 14 to get punch-hole screen, rumoured to ditch screen notch

**A**pple is planning to launch four new handsets iPhone 14, iPhone 14 Max, iPhone 14 Pro as well as iPhone 14 Pro Max in September, and now a new report has claimed that the iPhone 14 may come with a hole-punch display that eliminates the notch, alongside an updated iPhone SE with 5G connectivity. According to Mark Gurman's 'Power On' newsletter, Apple is planning to introduce a hole-punch screen that creates a compact window for a camera to shine through without needing to use a full notch, reports AppleInsider.

- The iPhone maker may come up with an alternative to keep using Face ID on its flagship devices
- In addition, Gurman also claimed that the iPhone SE would gain an update that would add 5G connectivity to Apple's entry-level iPhone
- Apple is also planning to launch iPhone models without a SIM slot by September


**TECHAWAY**

### 'Spider-Man' perched at No 3 spot among all Hollywood films ever released in India

**I**n just 18 days since its theatrical release, 'Spider-Man: No Way Home', with Tom Holland and Zendaya playing the lead roles, has become the third-highest grosser among Hollywood films in India, after 'Avengers: Endgame' (2019) and 'Avengers: Infinity War' (2018).

■ Till date, the film, which has globally surpassed the \$1-billion-mark, has grossed ₹ 259.67 crore in India, netting ₹ 202.34 crore after tax. That makes it No

3 among all films released in India in 2021, after Allu Arjun's 'Pushpa: The Rise' and the Akshay Kumar-led 'Sooryavanshi'. ■ Among Hollywood films in India, 'Spider-

Man' is within leaping distance from the pickings of 'Avengers: Infinity War' (₹ 227.43 crore), but is still quite far from 'Avengers: Endgame' (₹ 373.22 crore).


**Entertainment**

### UNSC permanent members call for further prevention of nuclear weapons

**T**he permanent member nations of the United States Security Council (UNSC) has called for the further prevention of nuclear weapons stressing that a nuclear war will have far-reaching consequences, cannot be won, and must never be fought. "China, France, Russia, the UK, the UK, and the US consider the avoidance of war between the Nuclear-Weapon States and the reduction of strategic risks as our foremost responsibilities," the permanent five-member nations said in a joint statement. The permanent nations underlined the desire to work with all states to create a security environment more conducive to progress on disarmament with the ultimate goal of a world without nuclear weapons with undiminished security for all.



### Species found beneath Antarctic ice



**R**esearchers have discovered a trove of marine life hidden far beneath the ice shelves of the Antarctic. Despite occupying nearly 1.6 million square kilometres, ice shelves are among the least explored environments on Earth. The team discovered 77 species, including sabre-shaped bryozoans (moss animals) and serpulid worms, more than the total number previously known from all the frozen continent's ice shelves. The team also notes that with climate change and the collapse of these ice shelves, time is running out to study and protect these ecosystems.



# The World

## this week

## WHY

### IN THE NEWS FOR

The spike in Omicron cases has prompted several state governments to impose Covid-related restrictions during New Year celebrations to contain the highly infectious variant. So far India has reported 781 cases of Omicron variant with the highest number of infections in Delhi (238), followed by Maharashtra (167). The sudden spike in Covid cases in the country has forced the eight states to impose night curfews and other curbs.



## only few states have put curbs?

### WE SPEAK

There is no science behind night curfews when it comes to tackling the spread of Covid variants, WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan has stressed. In a TV interview, she said that countries like India must formulate science-based policies for curbing the spread of the virus. "Things like night curfew, there is no science behind it. One has to take evidence-based measures. There is a whole list of public health measures," she told CNBC-TV18. "Entertainment venues are places where these viruses spread the most. It's natural to bring in some restrictions there," Swaminathan added. She said that Indians need to be prepared, but not panic.



### YOU SPEAK

I believe that the Central Government is on the right track, maintaining a vigil on the states that have seen a significant spike in Omicron cases. It is good that states like UP, Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have started putting in restrictions as the cases in these places need to be contained. I don't think that a uniform lockdown across states would be advisable as it would only affect low-wage workers and affect the economy. Hence, containment zones, stricter checks and curfews are the best ways to tackle the situation.

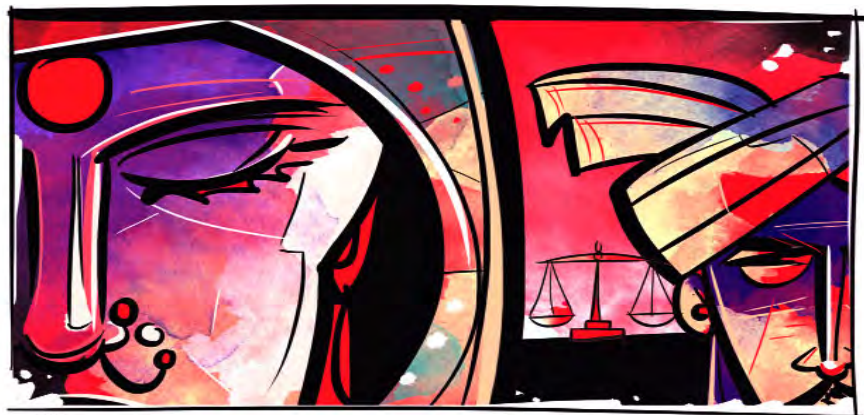


SUSHIANA SONDH, class IX, Mother's International School, New Delhi

## IS change in marriageable age of girls going to bring in parity?

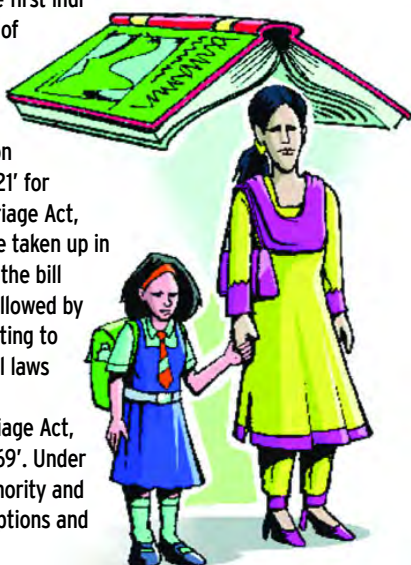
### IN THE NEWS FOR

With the Cabinet approving the proposal to raise the legal age of marriage for girls from 18 to 21 years, bringing it at par with men, the government has set in motion the process for a major change in law that has been a point of debate for long. The big test for the bill will be in Parliament as any change in age will have far reaching implications.



### Amending Sharda Act of 1929

The age of marriage for women was increased from 15 to 18 in 1978 by amending the erstwhile Sharda Act of 1929. The first indication of an upward revision in the age of marriage of girls came in PM Narendra Modi's speech on Independence Day last year. Recently, the Cabinet approved the introduction of 'Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021' for amending 'The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (PCMA)'. The bill is expected to be taken up in Parliament soon. According to sources, the bill once approved by Parliament, will be followed by consequential amendments in laws relating to age of marriage. These include personal laws governing marriage of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Parsis and 'the Special Marriage Act, 1954' and 'the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969'. Under scrutiny are related laws like 'Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956' and 'Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956'.



### WE SPEAK

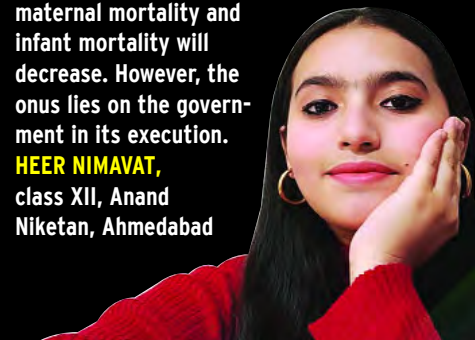
### National Family Health Survey

Despite a decline over decades, underage marriages remain a concern even though there is a long-standing prohibition on child marriage. As many as 23.3% of women aged 20-24 were married before they turned 18, the legal age of marriage, as per National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21). The latest survey shows the problem is more prevalent in rural India at 27% whereas in urban regions, underage marriage accounted for 14.7% of all marriages. The government sees the proposed legislation as a strong measure to bring women on equal footing with men in keeping with the vision of the Constitution on gender equality.

### YOU SPEAK

Generations of young girls have had to sacrifice their rightful childhood, educational rights, and lifelong aspirations at the altar of child marriage. Of course, patriarchal interpretation of marriage is a concept that cannot be diminished with legality and must evolve with time and awareness. So, I must acknowledge and appreciate the government's attempt to bring in parity. If the Bill gets passed in Parliament, this would be a big social reformation as many girls will be able to complete their education up to graduation, employability will increase, maternal mortality and infant mortality will decrease. However, the onus lies on the government in its execution.

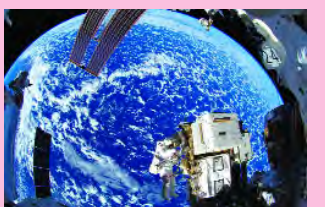
HEER NIMAVAT, class XII, Anand Niketan, Ahmedabad



## WHAT NASA missions are you excited about?

### IN THE NEWS FOR

Some of the most exciting space missions are ready to kick off in 2022. This year, expect the first images and science results from the recently launched James Webb Space Telescope, see a new mission launch to study an unexplored world and watch a NASA spacecraft deliberately crash into an asteroid's moon.



The wealth of space missions launched in 2021 guarantee a year filled with new findings from across the solar system – and beyond. Several countries are planning for 2022 to be the year they send robotic explorers to the moon – while planning ahead for the return of humans to the lunar surface in the future.

### WE SPEAK

- 1 Prepare for inspiring new flights by NASA's Ingenuity helicopter, and the beginning of the Perseverance rover's investigation of the intriguing remains of an ancient river delta on Mars beginning in the summer.
- 2 Prepare for more stunning images from NASA's Juno mission, which has been orbiting Jupiter since 2016.
- 3 NASA will launch the Psyche spacecraft in August, sending it on a four-year journey to an unexplored potato-shaped world in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.



### YOU SPEAK

I feel like there is so much more to be discovered on the moon. Lunar Ice Cube is a CubeSat mission to study the distribution of water and organic volatiles on the Moon from lunar orbit. I am especially excited for this because the primary scientific objectives of the mission are to enable broadband spectral determination of composition and distribution of volatiles in regolith on the Moon and determination of major minerals.

SUDHIKSHA INNANJE, class XII, DPS South, Bengaluru



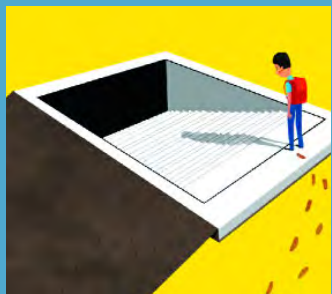
As a space enthusiast, I am most excited about the Psyche mission by NASA. The results of this mission will bring out the information on formation of our solar system and its history by studying the Psyche asteroid belt.

ANAGHA B POOJARI, class X, MES Kishore Kendra Public School, Bengaluru



## HOW

## do you think the assessment system in schools can change?



### IN THE NEWS FOR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said when India completes 75 years of Independence in 2022, every student should be learning as per the National Education Policy-2020. This is our collective responsibility, he said while addressing a conclave on School Education in 21st Century where he called upon teachers, administrators, voluntary organisations and parents to cooperate and participate in this mission.

### WE SPEAK

Students under the new policy would learn under a curricular that is scientifically oriented. It is a curriculum that focuses on critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, curiosity and communication.

### YOU SPEAK

The current system of one final exam at the end of the year puts a lot of stress on students, as they have to go through the whole syllabus in a short time and the weightage given to each topic is minimal. The better way would be taking two half-yearly exams, which will decrease the stress that comes with total focus on just one final exam. It will also give more importance to each individual topic. Due to the pandemic, this system was adopted and has received great response.

ADITYA SINGH, class XII, Sadhu Vaswani International School, Pune



## DO

## you see the Net evolving to next level in 2022?



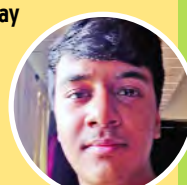
### WE SPEAK

"By 2025, more than 50 billion devices will be connected to the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)," McKinsey predicts. Robots, automation, 3D-printing, and more will generate around 79.4 zettabytes of data per year. Digital connections, powered by 5G and the Internet of Things (IoT), have the potential to unlock economic activity, states McKinsey.

### YOU SPEAK

Certainly, the Internet will evolve this year with technologies such as Web3, AI and the Metaverse coming into the picture. However, I don't think there will be major platform-wide changes as of now. Most of the Internet is under the stronghold of the big tech firms such as Google and Amazon, and the decentralised Web3 will be a slow transition away from them. The Metaverse has the potential to change our life by going digital, but I feel a trend of social isolation will emerge if we rely solely on digital interactions aided by VR. I feel AI and machine learning will have a huge impact.

ABHIRUP TADAPAR, class X, Marble Arch School, Mumbai





## VGS's initiative against e-waste pollution

The global pandemic of COVID-19 has led to confinement in homes in most countries in the world and has caused an increase in the usage of electronic devices and gadgets for work, education and leisure. This surge in demand for electronic products across the globe may have made life easier for millions of us but has also resulted in an increase in electronic waste which is one of the largest and most complex waste streams in the world. According to a recent survey, the world generated 53.6 metric tons



of e-waste in 2019. It is a matter of concern especially for countries like India, which not only produces their own E waste, but also imports it from other developed countries. Venkateshwar Global School, Rohini, sector 13 has joined hands with the RiseUp4 E-waste group to spread awareness about this rising mammoth which is mostly ignored by the masses. Venkateshwarians are now aware that electronic devices when discarded become hazardous because their components contain toxins that can be dangerous to human health if not dismantled

in a certain way. They add harmful chemicals like mercury, lead, cadmium, polybrominated flame retardants, barium and lithium to our soil and water and can easily affect organs like brain, heart, liver, kidney and skeletal system. They have started doing their bit by enhancing the knowledge of their family members, friends, and neighbours by making posters and taking online awareness sessions. In this campaign we seek the co-operation of each one of you. It is the duty of every tech savvy person to dispose of used electronic devices in a proper way. Now many companies have started taking back the waste and ensure their proper dismantling. So next time if you see this mark on any device, neither put it in the dustbin nor give it to local scrap dealer. Just look for an authorised recycler in your area or submit it to the nearest electronic shop which is collecting it.

## Rainbow hosts slogan writing competition

Rainbow English Senior Secondary School Janakpuri organised 'Zonal Slogan Writing Competition' for the students under both junior and senior categories on December, 24, 2021.



50 schools participated from Delhi West Zone School, and about 170 students showed their enthusiasm and illustrated their creativity in writing the slogans on important issues like 'Women Empowerment' and 'War against Covid.'

The school welcomed Dr Bhawna Sharma (Sharda Ukil College of Arts) and sculptor Ashish Tanwar (master in fine arts) as distinguished judges for the event. School head-

mistress Sonia Kashyap greeted them with saplings and handmade Christmas wreaths made by the students to cherish the Christmas spirit.

All the participant schools were warmly welcomed. The school followed and motivated everyone to follow COVID-19 rules strictly to ensure safety of all.

## Creativity grows out of curiosity, imagination

Bal Bharati Public School, Manesar is committed to provide holistic development to the students. Drama is an art form of social encounters, both to teach creatively and to teach for creativity. It fosters children's creative engagement and enriches their imaginative development. To engage our students creatively and to enhance their social, critical, communication and creative thinking skills, the school has incorporated theatre in education.

As a part of it as we are aware that environmental pollution is one of the biggest issues that the modern world is facing today, which includes man-made disasters and global warming. It is essential for all to realise that every little deed matters when it comes to saving of the environment.

To make a difference with their creative ideas and to sensitise people the



students of class VI of BBPS, Manesar staged a play on 'My Environment, My Responsibility' which was shared with parent fraternity in a series. Through the play, the students have suggested many creative ideas to dispose e-waste, to seg-

regate dry and wet garbage and to minimise the level of air, land and water pollution. They beautifully conveyed the message that the gifts and blessings which nature endows on us are priceless and we all need to conserve it.



## Blessings, birthday, and beach....

Dwarka is one of the most precious places as Lord Krishna selected this area as his home and kingdom after leaving Mathura. I visited this place with family and friends this month. It was an absolutely memorable trip for me.

In a private bus, travelling for 10 hours, with 20 people, we reached Dwarka eating, singing and dancing. We reached Dwarka around 3 pm and after having lunch, we rested in our rooms. Evening, it was time to visit Dwarka temple. There, I learned a lot about dwarkadish. We attended aarti and came back to our

resort. It was my brother's birthday the next day, so we decorated our room and surprised him!

Day 2 was exciting as we were going to the beach. At the beach, we enjoyed the view and took a lot of pictures because memories stay forever.

The next day, the whole group decided to wear yellow-coloured clothes. We all were looking so bright in that colour. We took lots of pictures too. Then few people wanted to just jump into the pool, and some wanted to go to the beach. I went to the beach for some fun with the waves. While

coming back from the beach we had so much fun on the bus, we danced and sang. Same night, all the girls planned a night of fun, where we shared jokes and had a lot of fun.

It was time to pack our bags and return. During our return trip, we played a game called Dungeons of Dragons and to be honest it was one of the best games I had played. It was just so much fun.

It was one of the best trips I had ever had in my life, especially after 2 years!

**MANINI SHAH,**  
Class X, Udgam School,  
Ahmedabad



## Student Corner



**NAZALIA KHAN,** class VIII C, Hamdard Public School, Sangam Vihar



**DIVYASH JINDAL,** class V-A, Adarsh Public School, Rohini



**TEJASKI JAIN,** class V-A, Adarsh Public School, Rohini



**JANHVI JAIN,** class V-A, Adarsh Public School, Rohini

## DISPOSING OF BIOMEDICAL WASTE IS NO CRISIS DURING COVID

Come COVID and there was an unexpected increase in biomedical waste. But then, people in charge of removing Biomedical waste from the environment, did not shy away from their responsibility. Several systems and procedures are in place to ensure that there is no open disposal of biomedical waste. To start with Autoclaving which is about steam sterilisation to destroy micro organisms. Besides, incineration, microwaving, usage of chemicals are few other procedures that are being used. To keep a check, CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board) has developed a waste tracking application namely 'COVID19BWM' in May 2020 for accounting of Covid 19 BWM. To further ensure proper disposal, containers have been colour coded in yellow, red, blue, and black categories. So indeed, handling biomedical waste is no crisis.

**NAMYA SHRIVASTAVA,** Class IX, Zebar School, Ahmedabad

In a developing country, where we see garbage mountains roadside as people lack civic sense, biomedical waste generated due to COVID further added on to plight.

Even as the government has put systems in place to ensure proper disposal, people in general refuse to abide. Despite colour coded bins, people

throw waste in the open as the mantra is, "Keep your house clean, rest who cares about the colony, city or country." Amidst hues and cries, the crisis poses a major challenge. Open grounds have emerged as mask dump yards, a subsequent point of virus spread. The need is also for hospitals to understand that clinical waste needs to be stored in a secure facility that is off-limits to the public and well separated from any areas that might be used for food consumption. So, government spelling policies are of no use, till each one of us acts responsible and ensures that biomedical waste is handled in the way outlined by the government.

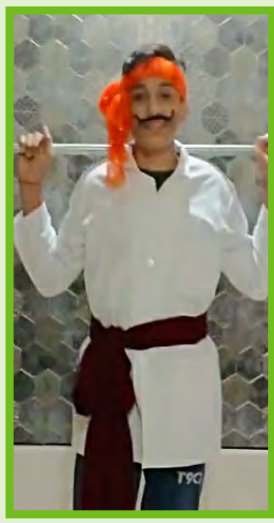
**PRITIKA SADHWANI,** Class IX, Zebar School, Ahmedabad



## National Farmers Day observed

Following the visions of chairman Dr AF Pinto Ryan International School, sector -31, Gurugram observed the National Farmers Day in India is also known as 'Kisan Divas' in Hindi. Farmer's Day is celebrated every year on December 23, on the birthday of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Choudhary Charan Singh, also a farmer's leader, who introduced many policies to improve the lives of the Indian farmers. It was celebrated by organising various programs role play.

School head N Geeta Srivastava praised the sincere efforts of the students who participated in various activities to celebrate this special day.

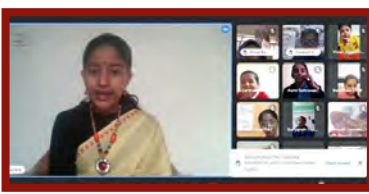


## REALISING IMPORTANCE OF EXPRESSING AND READING

JM International, sector 6 Dwarka has always been instrumental in recognising the importance of reading and the significance of expressing in a student's life. To actualise this thought, the school conducts many enriching events, one of them being the 'Literacy Fest'. This programme lasted for a week, from November 24 to 30, 2021. Grades II to VIII participated wholeheartedly through the digital platform.

An exemplar show was put up by the eager enthusiasts. Spontaneous 'Readathon' contest was the theme for Grade II, 'Value-Drome' edging on ethics for III graders, grade IV had keen story tellers, biographic narrations of inspiring personalities by grade V students, 'Humorous

poem/ Hasya kavi Sammelan' by grade VI learners, 'Quote - Unquote' where they had to enact their cherished characters, from any iconic story/novel for grade VII students. The last in line was



an anecdotal and reflective talk on the theme 'Gandhigiri' by Grade VIII.

The event was successful due to the perfect planning, mentoring from teachers, enthusiastic participation of students and in depth involvement and unconditional support of the esteemed principal Dr Amita Saxena.

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# MBAPPE HAT-TRICK FIRES PSG

## Covid-hit team eases into French Cup last 16 with 4-0 win over Vannes

**K**ylian Mbappe scored a hat-trick as Paris Saint-Germain overcame their Covid crisis and a drone-related interruption to ease into the French Cup last 16 on Monday with a 4-0 win over fourth-division Vannes. Despite the absence of five PSG players, including superstar Lionel Messi and Danilo after positive tests for Covid-19, Mauricio Pochettino's side were never worried by the Brittany minnows.

Defender Presnel Kimpembe, wearing the captain's armband, headed in after 28 minutes just after the match had been interrupted for a minute after a drone flew over the Rabine Stadium in western France. Goalkeeper Clement Petrel made a couple of smart saves before Kimpembe stooped to score a powerful header from a Nuno Mendes corner.

### EMPHATIC HAT-TRICK

Mbappe was kept quiet by the Vannes defense in the first half on a rainy night in the Brittany region of northwestern France. But he made it 2-0 in the 59th when he latched onto Kimpembe's long pass from defense to sprint clear and finish with a low shot that looped in. His next goal was far more emphatic as he arrowed a shot high into the net from 20 meters, after good work from midfielder Marco Verratti allowed 18-year-old Dutch midfielder Xavi Simons to send Mbappe through in the 71st. His third goal was from close range after swap-

ping passes with substitute Eric Ebimbe in the 77th. It marked his 18th goal in 25 games overall.

PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino also picked 18-year-old French midfielder Edouard Michut, who impressed with his technical ability albeit against modest opposition.

### INTERRUPTIONS GALORE

Monday's drone incident was another in a series of problems French football have had since the start of the 2021/22 season.

Sunday's Cup match between fourth-division Jura Sud and Saint-Etienne, in Louhans, was interrupted for about 20 minutes due to smoke and fireworks launched by supporters of the Greens. Jura Sud goalkeeper Cedric Mensah described his shock on Monday after crowd trouble "cut the legs" of his team in a 4-1 French Cup defeat to Ligue 1 outfit Saint-Etienne. "I heard a powerful bang and felt a pain in my right ear. I had the impression that a bomb had exploded and felt the pitch vibrate," he said. "The doctor explained to me that if it had exploded closer, I could have pierced my eardrum. At the time, it really shook me."

Vannes' Cup dream was over with the Brittany side also missing out on their hoped for bonanza after the French government's crowd restrictions with 5,000 spectators only permitted at outdoor events. Vannes had been hoping for a 9,600 sell-out and according to their president Maxime Ray are set to miss out on revenue of 250,000 euros (\$282,000). "We are missing out on what is a fortune to us," he said. AGENCIES

### MOUTINHO'S STRIKE STUNS MAN UTD

**J**oa Moutinho scored a late winner as Wolverhampton Wanderers inflicted Manchester United's first defeat under Ralf Rangnick with a 1-0 victory at Old Trafford on Monday.

This victory is Wolves' first league win at Old Trafford since February 1980. Starting the match at a quick pace, visitors set the tone in the first half as they racked up 14 shots - a club record in the Premier League.

Bruno Lage's side were frustrated by David De Gea, who denied Daniel Podence and Ruben Neves with excellent saves before Jones made a brilliant



Joao Moutinho

Photo: AP

block to stop Nelson Semedo's 45th-minute ball from reaching Neves. United grew into the match following the introduction of Bruno Fernandes on the hour-mark and the substitute hit the woodwork seven minutes later from Nemanja Matic's cutback.

Romain Saiss also clipped the bar for Wolves with a 75th-minute free-kick before Moutinho produced the winner. The defeat leaves Man Utd seventh on 31 points, four behind fourth-placed Arsenal. Their first PL win at Old Trafford moves Wolves up to eighth.



Kylian Mbappe

Photo: REUTERS

Despite the absence of five PSG players including superstar Lionel Messi and Danilo after positive tests for Covid-19, Mauricio Pochettino's side were never worried by the Brittany minnows. Defender Presnel Kimpembe set up Mbappe just before the hour mark with the French forward completing a hat-trick in an 18-minute spell. Mbappe added a second after 71 minutes after good work from Marco Verratti and Xavi Simons adding a third six minutes later for his 150th goal in a PSG jersey. "I'm happy to get started again," said World Cup winner Mbappe. "It was not an easy match for us, but we were there."

## SANIA-KICHENOK, RAMKUMAR-BOPANNA ADVANCE

### Indian pairs win comfortably in tune up tournaments for Australian Open

**O**n an all-win day for Indian tennis players, Sania Mirza and the pair of Ramkumar Ramanathan and Rohan Bopanna emerged victorious in their respective first round matches, albeit in contrasting fashion, in the ATP and WTA tournaments, at Adelaide on Tuesday.

Sania and her Ukrainian partner Nadia Kichenok overcame a first-set thrashing to knock out second seeds Gabriela Dabrowski and Giuliana Olmos 1-6 6-3 10-8 in the WTA 500 event.

In the ATP 250 men's event, the Indian combination of Ramkumar and veteran Bopanna, pairing up together for the first time on the ATP tour, had an easy day out. They trounced American Jamie Cerretani and Brazilian Fernando Romboli 6-2 6-1 to set up the pre-quarterfinal with eighth seed American pair of Nathaniel Lammons and Jackson Withrow.

"We had a good match. Both of us served And returned well. We combined well and stuck to the plan," Ramkumar said. "We had practiced once with the same team before the draw which helped us. I am always happy to play with Bops (Bopanna), who is so experi-

### RUSTY OSAKA ADVANCES, MURRAY LOSES

Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka was rusty on her return to action in four months on Tuesday but advanced to the second round of the Melbourne Summer Set tournament with a 6-4 3-6 6-3 win over Alize Cornet. Osaka last played competitively in the third round of the U.S. Open in September, losing to Leylah Fernandez.

Former world number one Andy Murray was bundled out of the first round of the Melbourne Summer Set tournament by unheralded Argentine Facundo Bagnis 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Murray, now ranked 134th following career-saving hip surgery in 2019, was last month granted a wildcard into the Australian Open, a tournament where he has been a finalist five times.

enced and is someone who has always been of good support and helps me with my tennis with all the experience he has," he added.

Since India will host Denmark on grass courts in New Delhi in their next Davis Cup tie in March, it is a possibility that Bopanna and Ramkumar, who has developed a fantastic serve and volley game, may pair up for the doubles. This tournament will give them the opportunity to find out what works for them, if the captain fields them as a team.

Interestingly, Ramkumar got a chance to play with Denmark's top singles player Holger Rune in the singles Qualifiers and lost 4-6 6-7(7) in a close first round match. Rune, ranked 103, eventually qualified for the main draw. The match must have given him a fair idea of what to expect from Rune when he lands in Delhi for the Davis Cup. "It was a good match. I started off a bit slow where I got broken in the first game. But after that it was an extremely close and hard fought match. I was just a bit unlucky to not have converted those set points. He played good on a few of them and is quick, so all credit to him. Hopefully I can get him back on grass," Ramkumar said.

The Adelaide event is a tune up tournament for the Australian Open, starting Jan 17. PTI

## EBADOT PUTS BANGLA ON TOP IN 1ST TEST VS NZ

**E**badot Hossain bowled Bangladesh to the brink of a famous victory over World Test Champion New Zealand in a fiery spell Tuesday on the fourth day of the first cricket test.

Bangladesh and New Zealand collectively amassed 786 runs in their first innings - with the tourists taking a 130-run lead - Ebadot reduced New Zealand to 147-5 at stumps, a lead of only 17 runs.

After dismissing first innings century-maker Devon Conway for 13, Ebadot removed Will Young (69), Henry Nicholls (0) and Tom Blundell (0) in the space of six balls to fortify the strong position the batters had created.

New Zealand was just hanging on at stumps in the face of Ebadot's aggressive swing bowling. Veteran Ross Taylor, in his penultimate test match before retirement, was 37 and allrounder Rachin Ravindra was 6.



Ebadot Hossain

Photo: AP

Bangladesh hasn't won any of its previous 43 matches in New Zealand across all three formats and wasn't expected to test New Zealand in the absence of veteran players such as Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim Iqbal and Mahmudullah. But the tourists have steadily got on top of New Zealand, and Ebadot rammed home their advantage on Tuesday, finishing the day with figures of 4-39. AP

## QUIZ TIME!

### Q1: What does the Olympic Flame symbolize?

- a. Zeal to play sports
- b. Challenge
- c. Continuity
- d. Integrity

### Q2: Where is the world's highest hockey ground?

- a. Chail
- b. Shilaroo
- c. Parwanoo
- d. Delhi

### Q3: Which athlete has been called the "Queen of the Track"?

- a. Merlene Ottey
- b. Marita Coach
- c. Allyson Felix
- d. Jarmila Kratochvilova

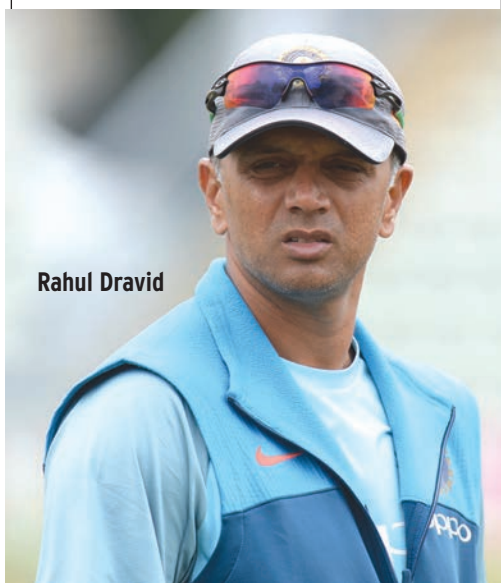
### Q4: After whom is the Sudirman Cup named?

- a. Rob Sudirman
- b. Tom Sudirman
- c. Dick Sudirman
- d. Pete Sudirman

### Q5: Rahul Dravid recently replaced \_\_\_\_\_ as

### Indian cricket head coach?

- a. Ravi Shastri
- b. Kapil Dev
- c. Sourav Ganguly
- d. Sunil Gavaskar



Rahul Dravid

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### Q6: Which Grand Slam tournament is played on Plexicushion?

- a. US Open
- b. French Open
- c. Australian Open
- d. Wimbledon

### Q7: How many team members are there in each team of a field hockey game?

- a. 5
- b. 7
- c. 9
- d. 11

### Q8: Which is the national winter sport of Canada?

- a. Ice Hockey
- b. Ice Skating
- c. Skiing
- d. Snowboarding

### Q9: Which country was the champion of the 2019 Cricket World Cup?

- a. New Zealand
- b. Australia
- c. England
- d. Pakistan

**ANSWERS:** 1) c Continuity 2) b Shilaroo  
3) a Merlene Ottey 4) c Dick Sudirman  
5) a Ravi Shastri 6) c Australian Open  
7) d 11 8) a Ice Hockey 9) c England