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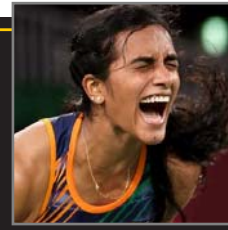
➤ Did you know the story behind the origin of the idiom 'beating around the bush'? Figure it out in the Wizard's Corner'

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Parity, at last: Govt nods to raising legal marriage age for women

FROM 18 TO 21



The Union Cabinet on Wednesday accorded in-principle approval to a proposal to increase the age of marriage of women from 18 to 21 years. The proposal clearance comes more than a year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the plan in his address to the nation on the 74th Independence Day.

In India, men are legally allowed to get married at the age of 21. The proposed reform will equalise legal marriageable ages for both genders. The government, after receiving the Cabinet's nod, is likely to make amendments to the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, the Special Marriage Act and personal legal instruments, such as the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955

STUDENTS REACT

■ The decision by the Union Cabinet will go a long way in creating a uniform law in the country with respect to boys and girls. More importantly, it will provide an opportunity for women to think about their education, decide on their careers and become independent before tying the knot. This change is really promising for Indian women, who have been victims of child and early marriages for long.
DIYA LOKESH, class VIII, DPS North, Bengaluru

■ This was long overdue. However, as they say, better late than never. Apart from reducing gender disparity, it will also ensure that women are not only physically and mentally prepared but also financially independent before taking the plunge.
TIWISHA KARRA, class X, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr College, Ambarnath west, Mumbai

■ Raising the age of marriage will allow girls to complete their education and become financially independent. It is a welcome move. But it needs to be seen how far it is implemented because despite laws, girls are married off at an early age, especially in poor families and rural areas. I feel awareness is the key to make it a success.
AARYA BHANUSHALI, class XI, Thakur college of science and commerce, Mumbai

■ A welcome move, it will be helpful for girls, especially from lower income families, who are married off as soon as they turn 18 by their parents, against their wishes. With this new law, we can hope that even the rural population will prioritise the education of girls, as they cannot marry them before 21.
SANYA SINHA, class XII, Manav Rachna International School, Faridabad

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'TOI student empowers young readers every day'



After giving an overwhelming welcome to the most-sought after newspaper TOI Student Edition that reached the school stands in Mumbai on Monday, **STUDENTS, PRINCIPALS, AND TEACHERS** **HAILED THE PRINT EDITION AS ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS AMID THE SEASON OF JOY.** Here's what they said...

The TOI, Student newspaper is a very good source of information for us students. The newspaper has all the information—from politics, sports and day to day happenings in our surroundings to 'Wizard's Corner', which the students love the most.
Parmreet Kaur, class IX, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi, Navi Mumbai

The TOI Student print Edition gives us the 'feel' of having a newspaper for ourselves. It brings back the feeling of normalcy. The newspaper is very attractive, filled with information, entertainment, DIYs, and much more.
Sara Jadhav, class IX, Nalanda Public School, Mulund

Children enjoy reading the TOI Student Edition. It is informative and also has news and articles by children from across different schools. The puzzles and other activities are fun and a good challenge for their young minds.
Nandita Sirur, academic head, SRCC CASE, Mumbai

I like the TOI Student Edition. My parents also read it. I find the newspaper interesting, the pictures and design are attractive. It carries the news of the day, plus encourages us to read novels. It gives information in a fun-filled way and helps me build my literary quotient.
Sai Redij, class VIII, Canossa High School, Mumbai

Durga Puja festival gets UNESCO Heritage tag

The UNESCO on Wednesday accorded heritage status to Kolkata's Durga Puja festival, bringing glory to the country, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief minister Mamata Banerjee lauding the move. Modi has hailed UNESCO's decision as a "matter of great pride and joy for every Indian".

On its website, the UNESCO said: "The festival has come to signify home-coming or a seasonal return to one's roots. Durga Puja is seen as the best instance of the public performance of religion and art, and as a thriving ground for collaborative artists and designers. The festival is characterised by large-scale installations and pavilions in urban areas, as well as by traditional Bengali drumming and veneration of the goddess."

BTS' V breaks two Guinness WORLD RECORDS WITH HIS INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

South Korean boyband BTS recently treated ARMY to a sweet surprise when they unveiled their personal Instagram accounts. While it only took the members a few hours to cross millions of followers on the platform, now it's V aka Kim Taehyung, who has smashed **two new world records with his current followers**. Meanwhile, besides V, other members including RM, Suga, Jin, Jimin, J-Hope and Jungkook currently have over 20 million followers each.

The Guinness World Records has confirmed that V lead the charge of follower count for the fastest time to reach **one million followers on Instagram within just 43 minutes**. Soon after this ARMY was quick to make it to **10 million after just four hours 52 minutes**, creating a new record for the fastest time to reach 10 million followers on the social media platform

MUSIC

Arctic records 38 degree Celsius temperature in 2020

The United Nations agency World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has confirmed that Arctic and Antarctic regions have recorded high temperatures of 38 degrees Celsius and 18.3 degrees Celsius, respectively in 2020 raising alarm about the intensity of global warming. "The average temperatures over Arctic Siberia reached as high as 10 degrees Celsius above normal for much of summer last year, fuelling devastating fires, driving massive sea ice loss and playing a major role in 2020 being one of the three warmest years on record," the World Meteorological Organisation explained in a statement.



The WMO said, the Arctic is among the fastest warming regions in the world and is heating more than twice the global average. It is possible, rather likely that greater extremes will occur in the Arctic region in the future, it added

OMR sheets to go to CBSE, not schools, for evaluation

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday said, the optical mark recognition (OMR) answer sheets will henceforth be sent to the board instead of being evaluated by schools. Among

other changes enforced by the board, mails with passwords will be sent to schools, followed by the operation code at 10.45am. The CBSE circular said that centre

superintendents will ensure that the students appearing in an exam are present at the centre latest by 10.45am and in case anyone reaches late, he/she should be frisked properly.



Gen Naravane takes charge as Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee

As a stop-gap arrangement before the appointment of a new Chief of Defence Staff following the demise of General Bipin Rawat, the Centre has placed in an old system and appointed Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane as the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. The old system was in practice before creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff two years ago.



ICC Women's World Cup 2022:

INDIA TO PREP FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAKISTAN ON MARCH 6



India will take on arch-rival Pakistan in their opening clash of the 2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup on March 6 at Tauranga, New Zealand. The quadrennial event will be held from March 4 to April 3 in 2022 across six cities - Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Tauranga and Wellington - with host New Zealand taking on the West Indies in the opener. The first set of games will also see two

massive rivalries take the centre stage, with Australia taking on England at Seddon Park in Hamilton on March 5 and India facing Pakistan in Tauranga the following day. The tournament will also mark the return of the women's global event since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The last global women's event played was the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Australia in March 2020, which the hosts won by beating India in the final.

■ Australia, England, South Africa and India qualified for the event on the basis of their position in ICC Women's Championship 2017-20 while New Zealand automatically qualified as hosts.

■ The tournament will be played in the league format, where all eight teams will face each other once, at the end of which the top four teams will qualify for the semi-final

CATCH UP
 Heard of Twixmas? We tell you what it is and how can you make the most of it.
PLUS: Brush up your Christmas vocabulary

HISTORY WATCH
 On Dec 18, 1940, Adolf Hitler authorised Operation Barbarossa

HEALTH
 Superfood shots, gummies - should you be eating them?

TRIVIA TIME
NEW PAGE Introducing a new page on all things topical to that month. This issue, we

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celebrate a few important birthdays in December and some interesting facts about these interesting personalities

FILMS, BOOKS
 A list of Bollywood releases that were inspired from hit international films
PLUS: Learn the art of embracing simplicity and enjoying the holidays - all inspired by books

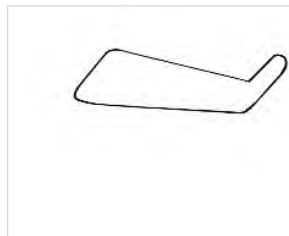
SPORTS
 Decoding the sport of Handball

Your Weekender

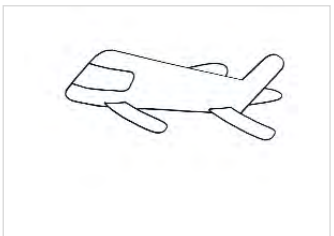


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Art Educator
Bodakdev School For
Children, Ahmedabad

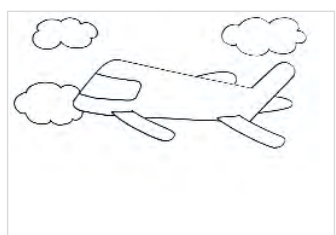
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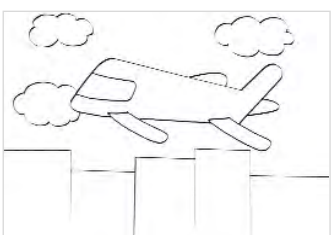
Step-1



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Step-6

LEVEL-1



1) RCLIOF

- a. Fun b. Free
c. Frolic d. Freeze

2) EICYTLVO

- a. Velocity b. Veteran
c. Vice d. Victor

3) EWEST

- a. Sweat b. Sugar
c. Sweet d. Sweeter

4) IMAELRTA

- a. Metal b. Material
c. Lamer d. Elater

Answers: 1) c. 2) a. 3) c. 4) b.

Riding with the Riddle

You cut me,
slice me, dice
me, and all the
while, you cry.
What am I?

Answer: An onion

DISCOVER DECEMBER!

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

4 Nobel Prizes are presented on December 10 in

- A) Santiago B) Seoul
C) Sofia D) Stockholm

5 Judaism's festival of lights, ending on December 6, 2021, is

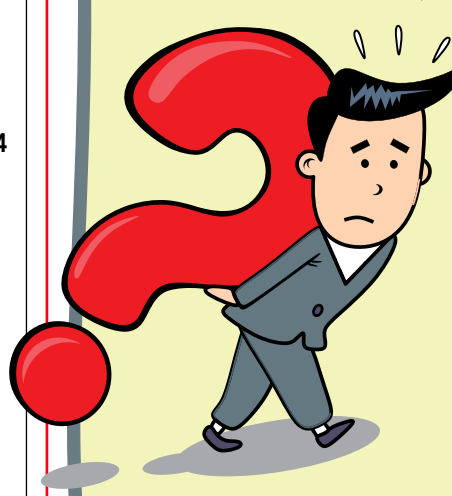
- A) Hanukkah
B) Purim
C) Passover
D) Rosh Hashanah

6 Not born on December 25 was

- A) Isaac Newton
B) Muhammad Ali Jinnah
C) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
D) Robert Boyle



Quiz TIME



Complete these statements about this month. Choose Correctly!

1 In the old Roman calendar, December was month number

- A) 10 B) 8 C) 6 D) 4

2 December starts the same day as

- A) April B) June
C) September D) November

3 December 16 (Vijay Diwas) marks a victory in

- A) 1999 B) 1971
C) 1965 D) 1947

Answers: 1) A. 10 2) C. September 3) B. 1971
4) D. Stockholm 5) A. Hanukkah 6) D. Robert Boyle

LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

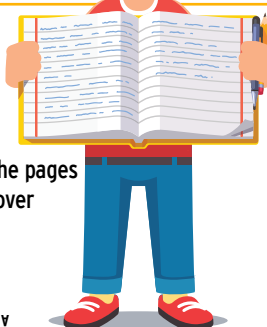
SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Amit's classmates praised his English project. "You have put in a lot of effort," they said admiringly, "and it has turned out really well." Before submitting his assignment, Amit decided to go through it once more. While doing so, he accidentally upset a jug of water over it. The pages were completely soaked. Amit had to work on his project all over again, right from the start.

- A. All in one piece B. Back to square one
C. One for the road

Answer: B



When asked if she had cheated, Asha spoke at length about the test being difficult, evading a direct answer.

- A. Beat about the bush
B. Beat someone at their game
C. Beat one's head against a wall

Answer: A



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A popular idiom has been in use since the 16th century. People trying to trap birds knew that they sheltered in the undergrowth. Attempting to draw them out, hunters would repeatedly strike the shrubs. There was often more hitting than catching, despite the latter being the aim of the exercise. 'To beat about/around the bush' is to talk in a roundabout way about something unpleasant, without getting to the point.

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) Going Dutch! F1 gets a new world champ!!
- 2) Miss Universe 2021
- 3) Plastic waste sculpture museum to come up near Bengaluru
- 4) BE DILIGENT TO BOND WITH CHEMISTRY



And the winner is...

RIYA KRISHNAN
class VIII, Bethany High,
Koramangala, Bengaluru

COLOURS OF WINTER

Winter is nice in Bangalore but reading about the White Blanket in Srinagar reminds me that White Christmas is possible in India. I love the snow and would like to visit this dream destination—Srinagar. It could help boost its economy too. Nobel Laureate, Abhijeet Banerjee talks about giving back to society, as India is still below the 2019 level. I think this Christmas, we can organise fund raisers in our respective societies to help people in need. We can also give homemade food, to cut down on processed food to save the Earth. At school, our chemistry project is on the topic, "Global Warming", I was surprised to know food wastage leads to global warming. Wastage of food causes significant increase in carbon footprint along with causes such as transport, industrial, fossil fuels, fishing etc. I like to follow news about the royal family. Prince William talks about his family's fondness for walks. He also recollects going to school with his mother, singing all the way, much like I used to when we were kids carpooling.



NUMBER SERIES

1 Excluding stoppages, the speed of a bus is 54 kmph and including stoppages, it is 45 kmph. For how many minutes does the bus stop per hour?

- A) 9 minutes B) 10 minutes
C) 11 minutes D) 6 minutes

Answer: B

2 Two boys starting from the same place walk at a rate of 5kmph and 5.5kmph respectively. What time will they take to be 8.5km apart, if they walk in the same direction?

- A) 17 hours B) 18 hours
C) 10 hours D) 12 hours

Answer: A

3 A car travelling with its actual speed covers 42 km in 1 hr 40 min 48 sec. Find the actual speed of the car.

- A) 12 km/hr B) 26 km/hr
C) 10 km/hr D) 35 km/hr

Answer: D



Learn a NEW LANGUAGE

GERMAN

1) Januar	Meaning: January
2) Februar	Meaning: February
3) März	Meaning: March
4) April	Meaning: April
5) Mai	Meaning: May
6) Juni	Meaning: June
7) Juli	Meaning: July
8) August	Meaning: August
9) September	Meaning: September
10) Oktober	Meaning: October
11) November	Meaning: November
12) Dezember	Meaning: December

Work sheet



Q:1 How will you say month of May?

Q:2 How will you say November-December?

Q:3 How will you say month of March?

Q:4 How will you say month of June?

Answers: 1) Monat Mai 2) November-Dezember
3) Monat März 4) Monat Juni

Challenges posed by immoderate use of technology

Technology has given the world accessibility to excessive information during these unusual times. Students have become digital natives and have constricted themselves to a self-made wall of technology which has affected their social skills, creative minds and ability to interact with the world beyond the internet clique. Addressing the challenges posed by the immoderate use of technology, **Delhi Public School**, sector 45, Gurgaon, organised its wellness webinar series 13.0, 'Let's Talk', on December 8, on the theme, 'Tech Addiction, Fear Of Missing Out (FOMO) and Social Anxiety: Impact and Solutions'. The panel was formed by director principal, Aditi Misra, parent representatives, Sumbul Khan and Suvasis Ghosh, occupational therapist,

Lovey Sharma and students' representatives, Shlok Singh, Shrija Singh, Heerein Jetley and Sehar Vaish from grades IX and XI. Anya Kapoor and Pranav Lall, students from grade XI, moderated the session.

The conversation encompassed the causes and effects of tech addiction that resulted in social anxiety and FOMO. Stating personal experiences, the student panelists shared how they confronted obstacles related to the issues at hand and found solutions for the

same. Khan said that technology is not only for information but also for entertainment's sake, as families are socially isolated. She further concluded that technology should be considered as an aid and

not something that cripples anyone. Ghosh advised the students to focus on their strengths rather than being influenced by social media. He further stated that children suffering from social anxiety should communicate and share their problems with their elders.

Aditi Misra advised the students to regulate the intervention of technology in their lives by observing tech-free times and connecting to real life. She stated that making mindful choices and having a purpose in life can keep an individual fully engaged. She said that the mantra to be happy and positive was to go back to the old ways of doing things.

The insightful and thought-provoking perspectives shared by the panelists resonated with the audience. Everyone agreed that there is no denying that technology has made life easy, but it all depends on an individual to use it as an addition or an addiction.



Why 'fake it till you make it' works

It is hard to crack a joke when you are totally down cast but what if I say that by doing so you can trick your brain into thinking that you are happy.

This might feel a bit wacky at first but this has been shown by Simone Schnell and David Laird in one of their studies from 2003 that, changing our outer state can change our inner state. If you find it strange to be happy in a stressful situation, then find a reason to smile. You could smile at the prospect of your smile itself making someone else feel happier. They might smile back at you, give you a genuine reason to smile alive. In fact, our whole body and psychology can affect our emotions and level of serotonin in one's body.

What if I tell you to behave like

a depressed person: you would slump your head down and make a grumpy face. If I ask you to show me how a person would look if he is angry, you can do it with ease too. But why? This is because your mind knows how a person would appear in diverse circumstances.

You can change your state of being too, just by changing the negative signals into positive ones

For instance: if you are under-confident and conscious about yourself, start imagining yourself as a confident person and start acting like it. This imagined confidence will then gradually start to become genuine confidence, and the closer you get to it, the more genuine it becomes.

SANVI KONDAL, SAM International School, Dwarka sec-12

RSSS holds workshop on holistic learning

Ramakrishna Senior Secondary School, Vikaspuri organised a Teacher-Enrichment Programme on November 20 in the school premises. The purpose of the workshop was to cast light on "Holistic Learning" as recommended by NEP - 2020.

The resource person Dr Yukti Sharma, professor, Department of Education and academic secretary at the Institute of Lifelong Learning University of Delhi, focused on the aim of Holistic Education that encompasses a wide range of philosophical orientations and pedagogical practices.



developing all the domains of learning, viz knowledge, understanding, application, etc.

Professor Sharma concluded by explaining that a holistic teaching/learning approach caters to the fact that people have different psychological characters and learn in different ways. Henceforth various techniques must be introduced to foster the learning process for different learning styles and psychological types. The programme made our teachers more aware of how

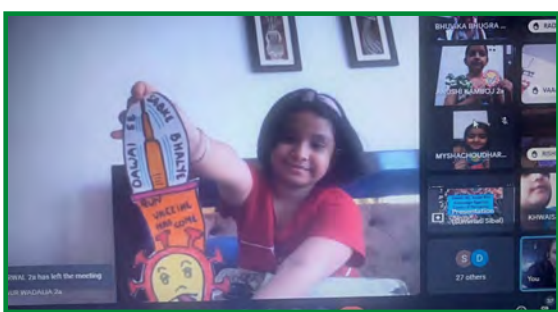
holistic learning can be brought into practice to make the teaching-learning process effective.

She apprised of its wholeness, enabling the learners to attain the full knowledge of the course contents, as also

'Dawai bhi, kadai bhi'

Sachdeva Public School, Pitampura organised a campaign, 'Dawai bhi, kadai bhi', an awareness initiative against the COVID 19 pandemic that has led to uncommon and unusual challenges needing befitting changes in human behaviour. The school and its students took initiative in taking this message forward and bringing about fruitful changes in their life.

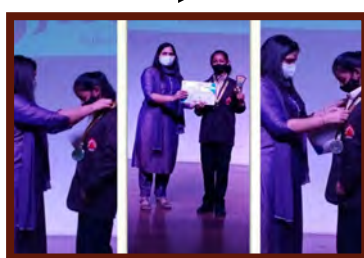
Various activities for different classes like badge making, slogan writing, and speech on 'Dawai Bhi, Kadai Bhi' were taken up. The students were also shown powerpoint presentation and videos on Covid appropriate behaviour. The students designed their masks with great interest and enthusiasm and had hands-on experience of the same. The students also conveyed their views through slogans and



speeches to reiterate the message of safe behaviour and persuaded their parents and neighbours to adopt COVID apt lifestyle for their own safety and for the safety of their near and dear ones.

The plethora of activities conducted during this tough time brought cognisance amongst the students about the various aspects of COVID 19 appropriate behaviour. The active participation of all the members of the school brought positivity and hope for better times.

Simran makes JKG proud



Simran Sharma, student of **JKG International School**, Ghaziabad class VIII bagged second position in Mount Everest Dance Sports Championship 2021, an international championship for India, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

She also secured the second position in solo-semi dance category in National Dance Sports Championship 2021, a national level dance competition organised by Dance Sports Council of India (DSCI), Dance Sports Association (DSA) hosted by council of Punjab.

Honour for Parinita Gupta



Parinita Gupta of **Noida Educational Academy** was honoured with Shikshak Samman-2021 by New Saraswati House Publication for her innovative and exemplary contribution in education during corona period. Her dedication for providing education to underprivileged kids with her 'Scout and Guide' team was recognised and appreciated immensely.

ASN observes Human Rights Day

ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar-I celebrated Human Rights Day with the aim to sensitise the young minds to promote equality, freedom, justice and liberty. Children showed their enthusiasm by participating in various activities like slogan writing, freedom of expression through dance, talk show with famous human rights activists (enacted by children) across the globe. Students also discussed how they could be instrumental in spreading the message of human rights for all.

School principal, Swarnima Luthra appreciated the efforts



of the children in bringing up a pertinent issue. She said that this day reminds us of our powers to stop any injustice or abuse by any authority.

COMPLETE MAYHEM AND FUN

A scramble through time's best. I rummage through broken sheets of cardboard and I prepare my voice to speak words; powerful. I run off in corridors to have kids lend me a stapler and I wear blazers in flurry to rise on stage. Such was the chaos that built me my heights of character and skills.

On days when project deadlines were consequently greeted with a regular "today what! lecture 3rd, got it!". On days when homeworks were never done in homes and work submitted in class was never devoid of some snatching and mayhem, pressure and ultimate relief.

On the days we rose to our stand and gave speeches composed on pages torn and crippled moments ago, as heads turned, some in awe, some wondering, some unbothered and your best friends laughing; I think we weaved the best of our works and memories through this simple innocent haste.

A simple hustle I more than so often

wish to; once again get lost into! Kritika Agrawal, FYJC Arts, Jai Hind, Mumbai



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Student Corner

VAISHNAVI BHARDWAJ, class VI E, DAV Public School Sector14 Faridabad

GURSHREEN KAUR, class VI, Shaheed Bishan Singh Memorial Sr sec school, Mansarovar Garden

Online gaming and minds training

This era of technology is popular and pro in its nature, not because of its usage, but it captures! Captures what? It captures and traps innocent minds. As the result, it makes them blind, and blocks the creativity of master-minds. These electronic demons can be easily accessed, PCs, phones, tablets are the nests. So what's the fuss about the online gaming? Playing online games lead to addiction and can cause gaming disorders. Let's direct these young minds to be skateboarders or book readers. But how it is possible? Yes it is possible with training of mind. And practicing outdoor games reminds, The creativity in itself is a key, Supported with hard work, with zest and zeal.

UJJAWAL, class V-B, Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School, Dwarka

Shilpa Goel excels with flying colours

At **Maharaja Agarsain Public School**, Ashok Vihar not only students learning is a priority but also the training and development of teachers are equally important. Keeping this aspect in view, Shilpa Goel was given an opportunity to learn and enhance her professional skills with the Cambridge



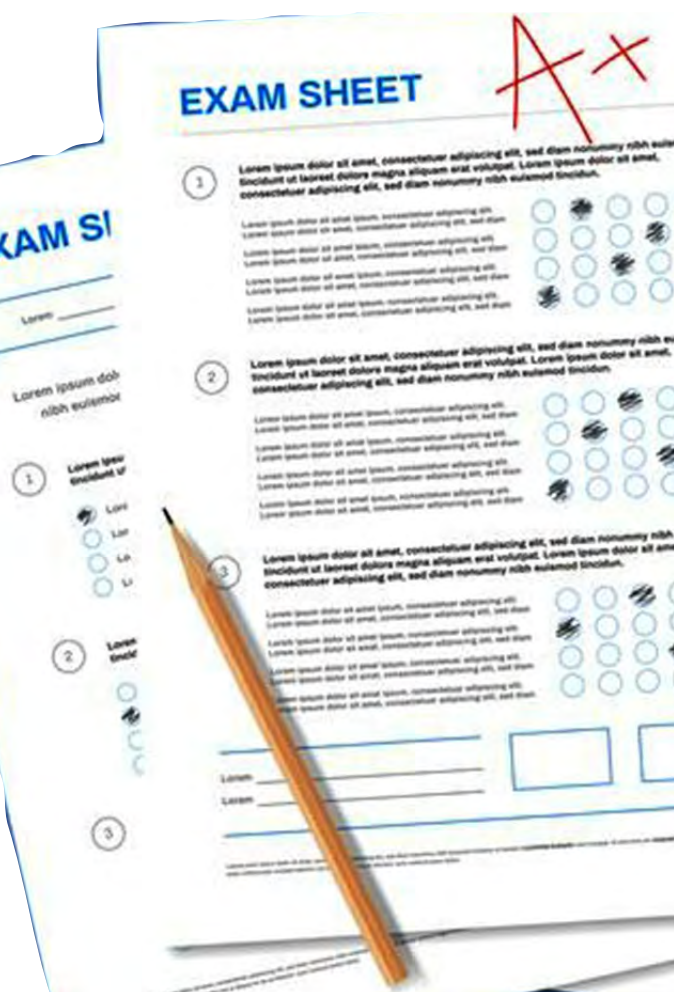
International Certificate in Teaching and Learning (CICTL).

She excelled with flying colours by getting distinction in all four subjects under the mentorship of Rupam Shah.

CICTL is an innovative, reflective, and globally acknowledged professional development course recognised from Cambridge University UK.



it's not in my hands after all, is it? Not that I remember myself having any hands in the first place. So all I can do for you is say... Best of luck! Noyonika Sharma, class XI, Apeejay School, Nerul



ARSENAL BEAT 10-MAN WEST HAM

Put captaincy tumult behind them to win 2-0 for place in the top four of Premier League

Arsenal quickly forgot about the team's off-field distractions with forward Gabriel Martinelli and substitute Emile Smith Rowe scoring in a 2-0 win over 10-man West Ham on Wednesday that put the Gunners in the top four in the Premier League.

Martinelli latched onto a throughball from stand-in captain Alexandre Lacazette that sliced past three defenders and set the Brazilian clear on goal from the left. Martinelli made up for a miss late in the first half by curling the ball into the far corner in the 48th minute at Emirates Stadium.

Smith Rowe sealed the victory with a clever run and a fine strike from the edge of the area in the 87th that wrong-footed West Ham goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski. The players ran to a corner to celebrate as manager Mikel Arteta could finally be allowed to break into a smile on the sidelines.

The win came a day after Arsenal stripped Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of the captaincy and was exactly what the Gunners needed to put the tumult at the club behind them. Arsenal is now in fourth place with 29 points, leapfrogging the Hammers, which are in fifth with 28.

"We needed a win," Martinelli said. "It was so important for the team. We know the potential we have."

The visitors had a chance to equalize in the 53rd when Arsenal midfielder Martin Odegaard lost possession and the ball fell to West Ham forward Jarrod Bowen. But his effort from just inside the box was pushed over the crossbar by goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale.

West Ham manager David Moyes bemoaned a string of injuries within his squad, especially in defensive positions, and he hopes that the club doesn't have to resort to the transfer market next month. He said Ar-

DORTMUND HALT BAYERN MUNICH

Erling Haaland scored twice as Borussia Dortmund beat last-place Greuther Furth 3-0 on Wednesday, preventing Bayern Munich from stretching its Bundesliga lead any further. Haaland took his tally to 13 goals in 10 league appearances and kept Dortmund six points behind Bayern with just over half of the season remaining.

Dortmund had to wait until the 82nd minute for Haaland to seal the result, however, with Donyell Malen getting the team's third. Dortmund missed the chance to take the Bundesliga lead when it lost 3-2 to Bayern earlier this month, then lost further ground with a draw at promoted Bochum. "It was important after the last two games to get three points again," Dortmund goalkeeper Gregor Kobel said.

Haaland's 33rd-minute penalty had given Dortmund the halftime lead against Furth, which claimed its first season win against Union Berlin. But the visitors were furious before the break when Jude Bellingham escaped a second yellow card after fouling Max Christiansen. Furth coach Stefan Leitl was booked for his protests. "If that had been a (Furth) player, he would have been gone," said Furth director Rachid Azzouzi, who suggested unequal treatment from referees.

senal was tough to handle, but that mistakes let his team down.

"There were a few poor bits of play that led to their goals," Moyes said. "The second goal that was given away was heartbreaking for the boys who were running for 90 minutes."

The Gunners failed to convert a penalty after West Ham right back Vladimir Coufal kicked Lacazette in the shin in the 66th. Coufal was sent off after being shown a second yellow card. Lacazette's spot kick was pushed away by Fabianski.

"I'm really pleased with the performance, the quality, the energy the passion that the team was able to transmit," Arteta said. "They are a really difficult team to play against."

CAPTAINCY ISSUES

Aubameyang was stripped of the Arsenal captaincy on Tuesday after another disciplinary breach, with Arteta saying the striker hadn't worked "to the rules and standards" set by the club. Aubameyang reportedly was allowed by the club to travel to France for a family matter last week, after the 2-1 loss at Everton on Dec. 6 which he started as a substitute, but he returned a day later than agreed upon.

The focus in Arsenal's match day program was about unity, with no mention of Aubameyang's troubles. Arteta said after the match that his players weren't distracted by the situation. "They were fully focused and they wanted to show how strong we are as a team," he said.

When asked if Lacazette would be Arsenal's next captain, Arteta said: "He's the next in line. And he's taking it with pride and commitment." AP



Erling Braut Haaland

SINDHU enters quarters

Beats Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand, will meet Tai Tzu next

Defending champion PV Sindhu stormed into the women's singles quarterfinals of the BWF World Championships with a straight-game win over Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand at Huelva, Spain, on Thursday.

The world number seven Indian defeated her Thai opponent, ranked three places below her, 21-14 21-18 in the pre-quarterfinal match that lasted 48 minutes.

With the win, Sindhu, seeded sixth in the showpiece tournament, extended her head-to-head record against Chochuwong to 5-3.

Sindhu also avenged her twin loss to Chochuwong this season -- group match of BWF World Tour Finals earlier this month and All England Championships in March.

The double Olympic medallist Sindhu faces top seed and world number one Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei, who beat Kirsty Gilmour of

ASHWINI - SIKKI BOW OUT IN PRE-QUARTERS

■ The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy on Thursday lost in the pre-quarterfinals match of the ongoing BWF World Championships 2021 in Huelva.

■ The Indian pair was defeated by Thailand's Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Rawinda Prajongjai in straight-sets 13-21, 15-21, in a match that lasted 38 minutes.

■ Ponnappa and Sikki earlier defeated Liu Xuan Xuan/Xia Yu-Ting 21-11, 9-21, 21-13 in 51 minutes to enter the pre-quarterfinals. ANI

Scotland 21-10 19-21 21-11, in the quarterfinals.

Sindhu took an early 5-1 lead but Chochuwong rallied to narrow the gap to 5-4 and then to 10-9. The Indian zoomed ahead from there on as she made it 15-10 and then 19-11 to pocket the first game.

The second game was a tighter affair though Sindhu began on the front foot with a 3-0 lead. Sindhu led 11-6 at the change of ends and the second half saw some long rallies with the Thai player winning a few of them.

Sindhu was leading 16-10 but Chochuwong made a comeback of sort as she reduced the gap to 18-15 and then to 19-18. But Sindhu won a crucial point after a long rally to make it 20-18 before winning the second game and the match.

Sindhu, who got a first round bye, had beaten Slovakia's Martina Repiska 21-7 21-9 in the second round. PH



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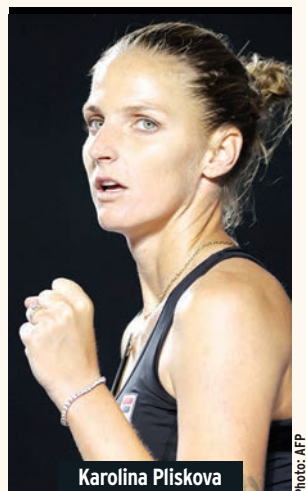
PLISKOVA OUT OF AUS OPEN DUE TO INJURY

Karolina Pliskova has withdrawn from next month's Australian Open and two warm-up tournaments because of a right hand injury sustained in training.

Australian Open officials on Thursday confirmed the world fourth-ranked player's withdrawal, and said in a tweet: "wishing you a speedy recovery."

Pliskova had earlier said on social media "unfortunately I hurt my right hand in practice yesterday and I won't be able to play in Adelaide, Sydney and Australian Open this year."

The 29-year-old Czech Republic player is a two-time Grand Slam finalist. She lost to No. 1-ranked Ash Barty in this year's Wimbledon title match and in the 2016 U.S. Open final to Angelique Kerber after Pliskova beat Serena Williams in the semifinals.



Karolina Pliskova

Pliskova's best finish at Melbourne Park was the semifinals in 2019, where she lost to eventual champion Naomi Osaka after beating Williams in the quarterfinals.

The Australian Open begins Jan. 17. AP

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who is the only athlete to participate in 8 Winter Olympics?

- Nathan Chen
- Sven Kramer
- Noriaki Kasai
- Wu Dajing

Q2: The term "16 yard hit" is associated with?

- Football
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Volley Ball

Q3: Which country ranks first in the FIBA Basketball Men's World Ranking?

- United States of America
- Spain
- Australia
- Argentina

Q4: Who became the oldest golfer to win the Men's US Open?

- Gary Player
- Hale Irwin
- Lee Trevino
- Nick Faldo

Q5: Who established the Olympic Charter?

- Pierre Trudeau
- Pierre de Coubertin
- Jesse Owens
- Edwin Moses

Q6: Mohamed Salah scored his 10th goal in 10 Champions League games for Liverpool and



Mohamed Salah

his 17th in all competitions this season. Against which team did he score the goal?

- Atletico Madrid
- Porto
- A C Milan
- Manchester City

Q7: Who was the captain of the Indian Women's Hockey team that won the Asian Cup in November 2017?

- Savita Punia
- Rani Rampal
- Gurjit Kaur
- Navjyot kaur

Q8: Which country is the champion of Men's Greco-

Roman Wrestling championship 2018?

- Japan
- China
- Russia
- Hungary

Q9: The Asian Games are normally held every ____ years?

- Four
- Two
- Six
- All of the above

ANSWERS: 1 c. Noriaki Kasai
2 b. Hockey 3 a. United States of America
4 b. Hale Irwin 5 b. Pierre de Coubertin
6 b. Porto 7 b. Rani Rampal 8 c. Russia
9 a. Four