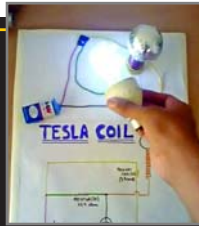




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TOP 3 BUZZ OF THE DAY

ENVIRONMENT

Climate clock reset shows the world is a year closer to 1.5 C warming

Global carbon dioxide emissions are expected to increase to almost 2019 levels this year, upending last year's unprecedented drop caused by Covid-19 lockdowns. This means that emissions are trending upwards again, when they should be in rapid decline if we are to meet the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels. The Climate Clock created in 2015 shows how quickly we are approaching 1.5 C, the lower limit of the Paris Agreement global temperature goal and a consequential threshold for climate impacts.



■ The clock tracks global emissions and temperature data, and uses the most recent five-year emissions trend to estimate how much time is left until global warming reaches the 1.5 C threshold. The new estimate of 2021 emissions removes almost a year from the countdown, which means that we are now only a little more than 10 years from 1.5 C

HONOUR

Sangya Malla named 2021 UN Woman Police Officer of the Year

Nepalese peacekeeper serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) was named the recipient of the 2021 UN Woman Police Officer of the Year. Superintendent Sangya Malla with the UN mission in the country, MONUSCO, is chief of its Police Health and Environment Unit, based in the capital, Kinshasa.

■ Malla, a medical professional by training, helped establish the unit, which is responsible for implementing policies and procedures concerning the health and well-being of personnel as well as UN Police environmental initiatives.

■ Her contributions have been especially important during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, past Ebola outbreaks, and natural and humanitarian crises such as the volcanic eruption in the city of Goma last May



SPORTS

Novak is No 1 for a record seventh year

Novak Djokovic of Serbia made history by securing the year-end No 1 ATP ranking for a record seventh time, breaking the tie with American legend Pete Sampras. Djokovic, who has won three majors this year - Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon, though he missed out on the US Open title after losing to Russian Daniil Medvedev in the final defeating Poland's Hubert Hurkacz in Saturday's Rolex Paris Masters semi-finals to eclipse Sampras's record.

Djokovic broke a tie with Sampras, who completed six straight year-end No 1 finishes between 1993 and 98. The Serbian has now achieved the feat in seven of the past 11 seasons (also 2011-12, 2014-15, 2018 and 2020)



CBSE issues guidelines for classes X & XII offline Term 1 exams

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued detailed guidelines to conduct offline Term 1 examinations for classes X and XII

Examinations for class XII will commence on November 16 whereas those for class X begins on November 17. Physical offline examinations will be conducted for 19 subjects in class XII and 9 subjects for students in class X



THE GUIDELINES

■ The circular from CBSE said that the Board will supply customised OMR (optical mark reader) answer sheets to examination centres having details of the students permitted to take those exams
■ The CBSE has finalised its all new OMR sheets for its Term-1 exams, which will consist of multiple choice questions. A total of 36 lakh class X and XII students will be appearing for

The exams will commence at 11:30am instead of the usual 10:30am, given the winter schedule, and will be held for 90 minutes with an additional time of a half hour

the exams this year
■ Each paper in the Term 1 exams will have a maximum of 60 questions with 90 minutes duration. Students have

to mark their answers on the OMR sheets only with pens
■ Schools may download the OMR sheet in advance as per the schedule given in the guidelines, said the letter
■ Schools are requested that based on the information provided by the CBSE, practice sessions may be organised for the students, it added
■ Prior to the practice sessions, teachers must also acquaint themselves well with the OMR

Longest lunar eclipse of this century will take place on November 19

Astronomers and amateur sky-watchers will get to see the longest lunar eclipse of this century this month. On November 19 (Kartik Purnima), the Earth will pass between the sun and the Moon, creating a shadow on the Moon's surface. The near-total lunar eclipse will peak just after 1:30pm IST, when the Earth will hide 97 per cent of the full moon from the sun's rays, said NASA. During this spectacular celestial event, the moon will acquire a reddish hue. It will be visible in some parts of India.



➤ NASA said the lunar eclipse will last 3 hours, 28 minutes, and 23 seconds, which would be longer than any other eclipse in 100 years between 2001 and 2100 ➤ The Earth will witness a total of 228 lunar eclipses in the 21st century. Mostly, there will be two lunar eclipses in a month, but there can also be three eclipses, it added

Normally, the Moon's face is illuminated by sunlight reflecting off its surface. But during a lunar eclipse, the Moon, sun, and the Earth align in a straight line. The Earth blocks the sunlight from reaching the moon and thus, the lunar object appears eaten from Earth

Five years after note ban, cash in use now at record 14.5% of GDP

The ratio of currency in circulation as a proportion of GDP touched a new high of 14.5% for fiscal 2020-21. The surge came as the pandemic increased the demand for cash and shrunk the GDP. At the same time, the surge in every form of digital payments continues on the fifth anniversary of demonetisation - whether it is Unified Payments Interface (UPI), credit and debit cards or FASTag - demonstrating that the shift to digital as well as cash intensity are not mutually exclusive. The post-pandemic increase in currency in circulation has been a global phenomenon, described as a 'dash to cash' under extreme uncertainty. This has been experienced by the US, Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Brazil, Russia and Turkey. Meanwhile, digital payments are nearly three times what they were in FY18. The Reserve Bank of India's digital payments index, which has 2018 as the base year at 100, has risen to 270. This index also captures the spread of digital, taking into account growth in the payments infrastructure.

Of the four key objectives of demonetisation, India appears to have done well on three. There has been a rise in digital transactions. Besides this, there has also been a drop in fake currencies. Counterfeit notes detected continued to fall from 310,000 in FY19 to 290,000 in FY20 and 200,000 in FY21. There are also indications that the economy is getting more formalised

Ducati unveils its 'most advanced' E-SCOOTER



Italian motorcycle brand Ducati has unveiled its most advanced electric scooter yet, the Ducati Pro-III e-scooter at \$924. The vehicle is switched on using innovative NFC technology, the contactless connection method...

■ PRO-III is equipped with a token to start the scooter simply by bringing it close to the display, allowing the use of the vehicle only to the owner in possession of the chip

■ The riding experience is made even safer by the 10-inch wheels with anti-puncture tubeless tyres, the braking system consisting of double front and rear disc brakes and the powerful LED lights that allow to see even in low light conditions and at night

■ The frame is made up of magnesium alloy, and the vehicle weighs a maximum of 100kg

■ The scooter's display is equipped with a USB port that allows you to recharge the smartphone or other devices while in use

■ The Pro-III has a 350W motor that can provide a top speed of 15.5 mph, which is far below the 150 mph top speeds Ducati claims it can achieve in its motorcycles. The Pro-III has a 468 Wh battery pack with a range of 31 miles

■ The integrated app, available on both Android and iOS, allows the owner to constantly monitor the performance of the vehicle and its location



CLASS: XII - 2021-22

SUBJECT:
POLITICAL SCIENCE
(CBSE)

Maximum Marks: 40

GAUGE YOUR STRENGTH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE



PRACTICE PAPER SET BY SHIPRA, UDGAM SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, AHMEDABAD

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

There are 40 questions and all are compulsory.

SECTION-A

Q1. Which of the following statements does not reflect the objectives of NAM?
a) To enable newly decolonized countries to pursue independent policies.[1]
b) Not to join any military alliances
c) To follow a policy of neutrality on global issues.
d) To focus on elimination of global economic inequalities.

Q2. The high point of the Cold War was [1]

- a) Cuban Missile Crisis
b) Atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
c) Establishment of SEATO and CEN-TO
d) Establishment of NATO

Q3. Which set of the countries belonged to the NATO Group? [1]

- a) Poland, Britain, Romania
b) USA, Czech Republic, France
c) Britain, France, West Germany
d) Spain, France, East Germany

Q4. Which of the following statements about the NIEO is false? [1]

- a) Obtain access to Western markets
b) Reduce the cost of technology from the Western countries
c) Give the LDCs control over their natural resources

Q5. Addressing the 18th NAM summit, India strongly criticized the [1]

- a) Cooperation
b) Globalization
c) Unity
d) Terrorism

Q6. Which of them is not a founder leader of the NAM? [1]

- a) Gamal Abdel Nasser
b) Josip Broz Tito
c) Jawaharlal Nehru
d) Kranwle Nkrumah

Q7. The first Gulf War was known as [1]

- a) Operation Infinite Reach
b) Operation Enduring Freedom
c) Operation Desert Storm
d) Operation Iraqi Freedom

Q8. Commonwealth of Independent States was established in [1]

- a) 1991
b) 1992
c) 1990
d) 1919

Q9. _____ was a series of anti-government protests and uprising that took place in the Middle East and North Africa beginning in 2010 and 2011. [1]

- a) Arab Spring
b) Tunisian Revolution
c) Taliban Insurgencies
d) Operation Enduring Freedom

Q10. Study the passage given below carefully and answer the questions (10-12) that follow. [1]

The Collapse of communism was followed in most of these countries by a painful process of transition from an authoritarian socialist system to a democratic capitalist system. Privatization of state assets and corporate ownership patterns were to be immediately brought in.

Why has the process of transition been described painful?
a) The transition has been described as painful because it underlined the collapse of communism which was followed by a shift from an authoritarian socialist system to a democratic system.
b) The transition has been described as painful because it underlined the upliftment of communism which was followed by a shift from a democratic system to an authoritarian system
c) The transition has been described as painful because it underlined the collapse of democracy.
d) The transition has been described as painful because it underlined the upliftment of authoritarian system

Q11. Which political system existed before the transition? [1]

- a) Communist political system
b) An authoritarian political system
c) Democratic political system
d) Socialist-Intellectual system

Q12. What does privatization imply? [1]

- a) A reduction in state planning and it encourages private ownership of property and means of production.
b) An increase in state planning and it encourages public ownership of property and means of production.
c) Privatization means absolute control of private property.
d) No change in state planning and keeping strategies as they are.

Q13. In which year did Gorbachev turn out to be General Secretary of the Communist Party of USSR? [1]

- a) 1985
b) 1990
c) 1987
d) 1989

Q14. USA launched 'Operation Enduring Freedom' and attacked Al-Qaeda in [1]

- a) Afghanistan
b) Pakistan
c) Iraq
d) Russia

Q15. The questions (15-20) consist of an assertion and a reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer. [1]

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
c) A is true but R is false.
d) A is false but R is true.

Assertion (A): Left parties in India believed in the ideologies of Marxism, Socialism, Maoism, Egalitarian society, state ownership and pro-poor programs.

Reason (R): In 1950, national planning committee of the Indian National Congress was set up with Jawaharlal Nehru as its chairman.

Q16. Assertion (A): The first five-year plan, which commenced in 1940, was drafted by K.N Raj. [1]

Reason (R): The objectives of planning are to make the economy self-reliant and plan strategies and to activate distributive justice among various sections.

Q17. Assertion (A): Since 1947, the government is paying more attention to economic development. [1]

Reason (R): For this, many modifications and improvements are made in this process.

Q18. Assertion (A): Growing two crops



on the same land increased crop production and its variety. [1]

Reason (R): The introduction of high-yielding varieties of seeds and the increased use of chemical fertilizers and irrigation led to the increase in production.

Q19. Assertion (A): The States of Maharashtra and Gujarat were created in 1960. [1]

Reason (R): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was the first Home Minister of India.

Q20. Assertion (A): The Peasantry in Telangana were the main victims of Nizam's oppressive rule; so, they were against his rule. [1]

Reason (R): Nizam of Hyderabad 'Saddam Ali Khan' followed oppressive policies against the masses.

Q21. Match the following: [1]

A) Mapping of boundaries of religious grounds	I) Pakistan and Bangladesh grounds
B) Mapping of boundaries on grounds of different language	II) India and Pakistan
C) Demarcating within a country on administrative and political grounds	III) Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh
D) Demarcating within a country on geographical zone	IV) Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

a) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
b) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III
c) A-IV, B-II, C-III, D-IV
d) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III

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b) A-IV, B-III, C-III, D-I
c) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV

d) A-IV, B-II, C-III, D-I
Q23. Select the correct option. When was the McMahon Line decided? [1]

- a) 1916
b) 1961
c) 1915
d) 1914

Q24. The Shimla Agreement was signed between these two countries. [1]

- a) China & India
b) Tibet & India
c) Pakistan & India
d) Bangladesh & India

Q25. Bangladesh emerged as an independent nation in: [1]

- a) January 1972
b) December 1971
c) March 1971
d) November 1971

Q26. Expand NEFA [1]

- a) North-Eastern Frontline Agency
b) North-Eastern Frontier Agency
c) North-Eastern Frontline Agreement
d) North-Eastern Frontier Alliance

Q27. Choose the correct option for the given statements: [1]

- A) Non-alignment allowed India to gain assistance both from U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.
B) India's relationship with her neighbors has been strained from the beginning.

C) The Cold War has affected the relationship between India and Pakistan.
D) The treaty of Peace and Friendship in 1971 was the result of India's closeness to the U.S.A.

- a) A- True, B- False, C- True, D- False
b) A- True, B- True, C- True, D- False
c) A- False, B- True, C- True, D- False
d) A- True, B- True, C- False, D- False

Q28. Who accompanied the Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama during the official Chinese visit to India in 1956? [1]

- a) Hua Guofeng
b) Zhao Ziyang
c) Zhou Enlai
d) Li Peng

Q29. Indian foreign policy is affected by: [1]

- a) Cultural factors
b) Domestic factors
c) International factors
d) Domestic and International factors

Q30. Which state was not created in 2000? [1]

- a) Jharkhand
b) Chhattisgarh
c) Uttaranchal
d) Telangana

Q31. The Cities that were divided into

'communal zones' during the partition violence were [1]

- a) Lahore, Amritsar, and Calcutta.
b) Kashmir; Lucknow, and Allahabad.
c) Madras, Hyderabad and Mysore.
d) Delhi, Mumbai, and Gwalior.

Q32. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [1]

Eventually, his voice was simply ignored and the _____ was made to merge with _____.

- a) NWFP, Pakistan
b) East Bengal, Pakistan
c) East Punjab, India
d) East Punjab, Pakistan

Q33. On which date State Reorganization Act was put into practice? [1]

- a) November 1, 1956
b) December 1, 1956
c) November 15, 1954
d) December 7, 1956

Q34. The United Nations agency concerned with the improvement of standards of education and strengthening international co-operation in this field is: [1]

- a) UNICEF
b) UNESCO
c) ILO
d) UNEF

Q35. General Assembly of the United Nations meets in a regular session - [1]

- a) Once a year
b) Twice a year
c) Once in two years
d) Occasionally

Q36. Who of the following was the U.N.O.'s first Secretary General from the African continent? [1]

- a) Kofi Anan
b) Boutros Boutros- Ghali
c) Javier Perez de Cuellar
d) Ban ki-moon

Q37. Which of the following is the headquarters of IMF? [1]

- a) Geneva
b) Paris
c) Washington
d) Hague

Q38. Which of the following is world's center for co-operation in the nuclear field? [1]

- a) IEAA
b) CTBTO
c) IAEA
d) INEA

Q39. Where is the Headquarter of "UN-ESCO"? [1]

- a) Geneva
b) Rome
c) Washington
d) Paris

Q40. Under whom recommendations the UN General Assembly suspends the UN membership? [1]

- a) International Court of Justice
b) Security Council
c) International Court of Justice and Security Council
d) All the above

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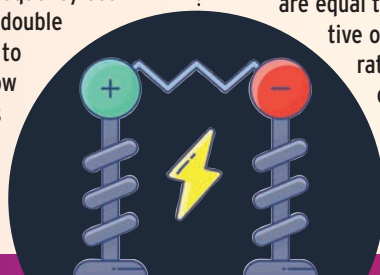
MY SCHOOL PROJECT TESLA COIL

WIRELESS WONDER

TECH ADVANCES

The world of wireless technology is here. Innumerable wireless applications like wireless powered lighting, wireless smart homes, wireless charges and so on have been developed with the advances made in wireless technology. One such great invention is a Tesla Coil.

Invented about 100 years ago by Nikola Tesla, a Tesla coil is a radio frequency oscillator that drives the air core double tuned resonant transformers to produce high voltages with low currents. Nikola invented this Tesla coil with the intention of transmitting electricity through air.



WORKING PRINCIPLE

The principle behind the working of this is the Faraday's Law of Magnetic Induction. This law states that "the induced electromotive forces in any closed circuit are equal to the negative of the time rate of change of magnetic flux enclosed by the circuit".

COMPONENTS USED

RESISTOR

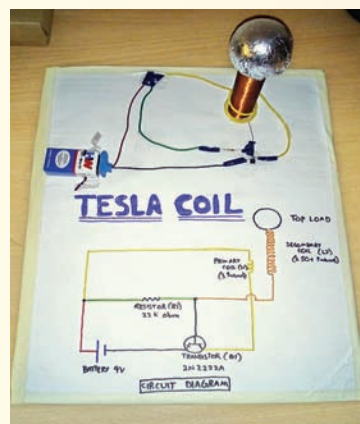
A resistor opposes a flowing current. Every conductor has certain resistance, if one applies a potential difference V at the terminals of a resistor, the current I passing through it is given by:
 $I = V/R$ (Ohm's law)
A 22k Ohm resistor is used in this project.

TRANSISTOR

A transistor is a type of a semiconductor device that can be used to both conduct and insulate electric current or voltage. It basically acts as a switch and an amplifier. In simple words, we can say that a transistor is a miniature device that is used to control or regulate the flow of electronic signals. A 2N2222A transistor is used in this project.

PRIMARY COIL

This is made up of copper wire with 250+ turns. This is the coil where the current due to varying magnetic field is induced.



SECONDARY COIL

This is made up of insulated copper wire with 3 turns. This is the coil from which the varying magnetic field is produced.

BATTERY

An electrical battery is a device consisting of one or more electrochemical cells that convert stored chemical energy into electrical energy. We used a 9v battery.

CONNECTING WIRES

HOW WE WENT ABOUT IT

This project was done in the times of COVID-19 pandemic, when we were restricted to limited resources. Keeping the idea of creating wealth out of waste, we used things we could find at home like an old light bulb, some used cardboard, unused copper wires and other materials to make our project. Due to the lockdown we couldn't meet each other to make this project, therefore Nishanth S (XII A) made the model and I, Ashrith Kumar (XII B) did the research, theory part and explanation. We presented our project to Baishali Garai, assistant professor at Dayananda Sagar University at the event Einstein's Backyard conducted by our school, Delhi Public School, Whitefield under the supervision of our Science HOD Sumana Sinha Das.

Ashrith Y Kumar, class XII-B & Nishanth Satish, class XII-A, DPS, Whitefield, Bengaluru



A visit to the school for the blind

Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day. The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to make his world a better place.

CCA, Sector 4 Gurugram believes that a happy and fulfilling life includes being a part of the close-knit community where we can share, care, help and support the people we care about. The students of class V visited the Captain Chandan Lal Special School for the Blind, along with four teachers. This school is located in



Beherampur in Gurugram. There are 110 students in the hostel of the School for the Blind, from Rajasthan, UP, Bihar, Delhi etc. The school runs on charity and has

classes up to 8. The admission here is on the basis of an interview. Some teachers in the school are also blind.

A collection of books and cash

were presented to the school authorities. The teachers and students of CCA also visited their classrooms, dining hall, resource room and the computer lab. In the music room, the students played the harmonium and sang the song-aa chal ke tuihe, mai le ke chalun...which was mesmerizing.

It was a touching experience for our students and teachers. They expressed that they had understood how powerful the will power of a person can be. The students at the hostel were so happy and energetic. The children there, are definitely an inspiration for all of us.

Technophilia 2.0 held at MMS

A virtual digital venture, an array of interschool live and online events Technophilia 2.0 was held at Mamta Modern Vikaspuri from October 13 - October 27. The event saw a participation of more than 100 schools and approximately 2000 students pan India. The closing ceremony was graced by the auspicious presence of Dr. Joseph Emmanuel (Director, CBSE Academics). The closing ceremony was initiated by address 11 of the chief guest. It was followed by inaugurating the event in a technical way by showcasing "Sarvdharm" in scratch software. The primary students of Mamta Modern School also developed a Smart Home AI enabled solution in



Pictoblox. The event Coordinator and the President of Technophilia club thanked all the young innovators from the participant schools for making this event a big success.

The ceremony showcased all the glimpses of the event, and concluded with the result declaration for all the events.

Air Force Day Celebration at DAV

The students of DAV Public School, Sreshtha Vihar Class IV paid salute to Indian Air force by making beautiful poster depicting salute and jai hind to Indian Air Force, with drawing showing small jet planes flying in the sky. The students enjoyed by making small jet planes.

The students were told about the history and achievement of Indian Air force. Students were told about Sukhoi Su-30, the crown jewel landed at national highway in Rajasthan.

The main aim to raise awareness among the students about IAF as an



organization that works towards strengthening national security.

School Principal Suhasini K.Nath really appreciated the efforts done by the students.

Aryan bags 2 gold medals



Aryan Goel, a student of class II at Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, won 2 gold medals in 5-7 age group (boys- quad skates) in 48th Delhi State Roller Skate Championship 2021 conducted by Delhi Skating Association (DSA) (affiliated with Roller Skating Federation of India (RSFI)) at ISKATE Centre, Bawana Delhi. Aryan Goel participated in 2 lap and 3 lap quad rink races

and won gold medals in both the races. Aryan started skating at the age of 4 years at Major Dhyan Chand Sports Complex, Ashok Vihar. On the basis of points scored in the State level Championship, the top scorers will be eligible to participate in National Roller Skating Championship (likely to be held in December 2021).

Interact Club organises painting workshop in slums

Delhi Heritage School believes in spreading happiness and inculcating benevolence amongst its students. The Interact Club of Delhi Heritage School Rohini sponsored by Rotary Club of Delhi Uptown, District 3012 is working hard to achieve the motto 'serve to change lives'.

Each little effort contributes in a large way towards helping the society. Young Interactors of the School take-up meaningful projects that help the under privileged find moments & reason to smile.

After grand success of 'Feeding the Stray Animals', the students of DHS organized a painting workshop for the children of nearby slums. Many children had a creative and beautiful Sunday morning, depicting their tal-



ent on paper with colours.

The students distributed sanitizers, refreshments and then began the joyous hour. Attractive certificates and prizes were given away.

It was a very successful project, enjoyed equally by the organizers and participants. The Head of School, Vibha Gupta and President of Rotary Club of Delhi Uptown VK Gupta congratulated the student for their endeavour and encouraged them to take up more such programs.

Student Corner



SIMRANJEET KAUR, class VII D, Army Public School, Dhaulakuan



RAJNANDINI, class XI B, Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar

GIS basketball team shines in zonal competition

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships. With this ideology, Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna shined again by winning Zonal Basketball Championship. Our zealous team Under 19 as well as



Under 17 secured gold and silver medals respectively in the Zonal Competition held at St. Froebel School, Paschim Vihar.

Excelling in sports and establishing new benchmarks have been the tradition of GIS. The school management and mentors including Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta, Bharat Gupta, Director Colonel Ashok Kaul and Principal Swati Joshi applauded the grit and dedication of the players and wished them success in their future prospects.

Adrenaline rush & creativity at its peak

DPSG, Palam Vihar has always been known for its enthusiasm towards extra-curricular activities. Recently, the school organised multiple arts and sports competitions for students of the VI to XII standard. Each of these was an inter-house competition, and the purpose was to keep the competitive spirit alive among students.

Categories had been decided as per classes. Students from VI

to VIII participated in category 1, while those from IX to XII participated in category 2.

The Ganga house boys stole the thunder in the category 1 volleyball competition, while the runners-up were Kaveri house boys.

Ganga house won the first prize in category 1 while Yamuna House bagged first position in category 2 in the greeting card making competition using their exemplary creative skills.

On the other hand, Yamuna house secured first position in Rangoli making competition in both the categories. In Basketball competition Kaveri House bagged 1st position category 1 both for boys and girls and in category 2 the 1st position was secured by Yamuna House girls and Kaveri House boys.

The school Principal, Srividhya Sridhar congratulated the winners and gave away the prizes and certificates.

KAKASANA (Crow Pose)

Kakasana is one of the balancing poses from the ancient Hatha yoga. It is now practiced by modern yoga enthusiasts too. It helps to calm our mind in a busy world and brings us to a state of subtlety for a period of time.

There are a few preparatory poses one must do before attempting Kakasana:

- Surya namaskar ■ Cardio workout ■ Any warm up exercise

The steps for Kakasana:

1. Sit comfortably on a yoga mat in Malasana (Squat or garland pose), with feet flat on the ground.
2. Place your hands forward, at a distance from your legs
3. Lift your hips, and body on your toes
4. Slowly, shift your body weight on to your hands
5. Try to balance, while lifting one leg first.
6. Now, try to balance lifting both the legs.
7. Hold the pose and then slowly revert back to squat pose
8. Lie down for about 10-15 minutes



Kakasana By Mihira Zade



Benefits:

- Strengthens core muscles
- Strengthens your arms
- Helps in concentration and improves balancing

Precautions:

- Use a pillow while practicing Kakasana.
- Do not spread out your arms much - so that you don't hurt yourself.
- Try to not look back at your heels, it can unbalance your body.



MAHIMA ZADE, class IX Elegant, Blue Ridge Public School, Hinjewadi, Pune

Because Humans Can Be Demigods

Rick Russel Riordan, born on June 5, 1964, is best known as the author of the internationally acclaimed series - Percy Jackson and The Olympians.

This series became little Sindhura's obsession and stayed throughout middle school. These books transported this young teen to the world of Greek gods, heroes, love, and camaraderie. For someone like me who thrives on the many worlds of fantasy I cooked up in my head, this was the perfect series!

As I grew older, the series started losing its appeal, as is expected of one meant for children.

Some years later - I picked up the books once again, for the sake of nostalgia and fell in love with them all over again, this time for completely different reasons. The author has managed to write

something that very few others have accomplished-diversity of characters.

Riordan tells stories of a cross section of people - there are people of colour, people with disabilities, transgenders, and other such identities. His books break down the many stigmas surrounding these people. To be able to see people like them doing heroic things, owning their identities, and being loved by everyone gives so much hope to all the young readers.

As a cisgender, heterosexual white man, any misrepresentation could have called for severe backlash, yet each issue, each minority was well written and I respect him for that.

Thus, Rick Riordan became my favourite author. Someone to look up to..

SIRI SINDHURA RAJYAM, class XII, The Kalyani School, Pune



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ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021

IT SHOULD BE NATION OVER IPL: KAPIL DEV

Former WC winning captain says responsibility of BCCI to plan tournaments better



Indian team coach Ravi Shastri, center facing camera, speaks to the players

NO FEARLESS CRICKET IN ICC EVENTS

India doesn't play "fearless" brand of cricket in ICC events, feels former England captain Nasser Hussain, and said absence of an alternate plan and selection issues were the reasons for the team's early exit from the T20 World Cup. "You have got to go out and express yourself. They (India) have got so much talent. That may be the only thing that's holding India back in ICC events," Hussain said. "They don't quite play the fearless brand of cricket that they deserve to because they are so talented."

"I had them (India) as favourites. They had been playing IPL here, are a star-studded side. They got a setback in that first game. The way Shaheen Afridi bowled in the powerplay, those two deliveries that Rohit and Rahul got would have got a lot of great cricketers out. 'That's sometimes the problem with the Indian side. They are so good at the top, some of the middle-order don't get much of a hit and suddenly you need a Plan B and that was found wanting.'"

Former New Zealand pacer Simon Doull said, "India had to be at their best from the start and they weren't. Having been in these conditions for the last month and a half, you might have thought they'd adapted better. But you can't take away anything from Pakistan. They were brilliant. India slipped and then New Zealand were outstanding. 'If you are below your best against top-quality sides you'll get found out and they were.'"

World Cup-winning former India captain Kapil Dev believes the country's cricketers "prioritise IPL" over national assignments and the onus is on the BCCI to make better schedules to avoid the "mistakes" committed during the ongoing T20 World Cup. India failed to make it to the semifinals of the ICC event, paying heavily for the back-to-back early losses in the Super 12 stage. New Zealand clinched the last available semifinal spot to knock Virat Kohli's men out of the tournament. "When players prioritise IPL over playing for the country, what can we say? Players should take pride in playing for their nation. I don't know their financial condition



Kapil Dev

so can't say much," the 62-year-old former captain said but did not dwell on the specific reason for his statement as the IPL has not clashed with any India matches.

The event did, however, end very close to the T20 World Cup this year because of the scheduling issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

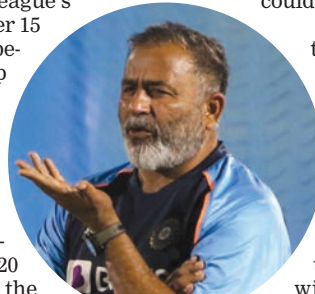
"...I feel that first in line should be the country's team and then franchises. I'm not saying do not play cricket there (IPL), but the responsibility is now on the BCCI to plan its cricket better. To not repeat mistakes we committed in this tournament is the biggest learning for us," he added.

NEEDED A BREAK

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah and outgoing bowling coach Bharat Arun had highlighted the issue of mental fatigue for players who have been on the road for close to six months since the IPL began in April. Both had said that a break was perhaps needed after the league's second leg that ended on October 15 in the UAE, little over a week before India's first World Cup match. Arun said that bubble fatigue contributed to the team's indifferent performance. India had lost their first two games to Pakistan and New Zealand.

Kapil also said there should have been a gap between the second leg of the IPL and the T20 World Cup. "It's time to look at the future. You should start planning right

away. It's not that since the World Cup is over, the Indian team's entire cricket is also over. Go and plan," said the 1983 ODI World Cup winning all-rounder. "I just feel that there should have been some gap between IPL and the World Cup. But this is certainly there that our players today have a lot of exposure but they could not make the most of it."



Bharat Arun

It is the first time since 2012 that India made an early exit from an ICC event and Kapil said "everyone should take ownership of the loss. ...They (top players) have done well in their careers but if you don't do well, you will face criticism... Ravi Shastri, Virat Kohli have good track records but if you don't win ICC events, it will hurt them more..." he said.

LIVERPOOL STUNNED BY WEST HAM

25-game unbeaten run comes to an end after 7 months



Pablo Fornals

Goalkeeper Alisson Becker helped West Ham score three goals, and end Liverpool's 25-game unbeaten run. A 3-2 victory Sunday allowed West Ham to dislodge Liverpool from third place in the Premier League, extending an impressive start to the season for David Moyes' side.

Alisson flapped in the air to allow Pablo Fornals' inswinging corner to go through his hands in the fourth minute. After Trent Alexander-Arnold equalized at the end of the first half, Jarrod Bowen ran at the Liverpool defense before slipping the ball to Fornals whose shot was helped into the net by Alisson's weak touch. Another assist came from Bowen in the 74th when a corner was headed in by Kurt Zouma through Alisson's raised hands.

Although Divock Origi pulled one back, scoring on the turn, Liverpool couldn't find another goal to avoid a first loss in any competition since being knocked out of the Champions League last season by Real Madrid in April. It's even further back into February since the 2020 champions lost in the Premier League.

West Ham is now only three points behind leader Chelsea after finishing sixth last season for a highest finish since being fifth in 1999.

There hasn't been much to celebrate at West Ham, especially in the five years since moving into the stadium at the centerpiece of the 2012 Olympics. But the team, whose highest top-tier league finish was third in 1986, is looking like title contenders two years after Moyes took charge of a team a point above the relegation zone.

OTHER MATCHES

- Arsenal moved up to fifth after Emile Smith Rowe clinched a 1-0 victory over Watford to go 10 matches unbeaten in all competitions after opening the Premier League with three losses.
- A new manager hasn't resolved Tottenham's attacking struggles in the league. Antonio Conte saw Tottenham fail to register a single shot on target on another lackluster day for Harry Kane in a 0-0 draw with Everton. Everton is in 11th place and Tottenham is two places better off.
- A curling finish from Harvey Barnes secured a 1-1 draw for Leicester at Leeds, canceling out Raphinha's free kick. Midtable Leicester has 15 points, four more than Leeds.

'HATERS' WILL APPRECIATE DJOKOVIC AFTER HE RETIRES: MEDVEDEV

World number one Novak Djokovic may not enjoy the same kind of adulation as Roger Federer or Rafa Nadal but even the "real haters" will come to appreciate his records and achievements after he retires, Daniil Medvedev said.

Djokovic avenged his US Open final loss to Medvedev by winning a record-extending sixth title in Paris and a record 37th Masters title, fighting back from a set down to win 4-6 6-3 6-3. He also sealed the year-end world number one spot for a record seventh time to move ahead of American great Pete Sampras.

"Ten years after he retires, there are going to be people who will start watching tennis just like me. I didn't see Sampras play, I was too young but I heard he was amazing — it's going to be the



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same (with Djokovic)," Medvedev told reporters. "That's when people are going to start to say 'Okay, that's amazing what he has done.'" Medvedev had denied Djokovic a record-breaking 21st Grand Slam singles title at Flushing Meadows, and a calendar slam, and the Russian said he knew the Serb would be gunning for him.

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: How many team members are there in each team of an ice hockey game?

- 6
- 8
- 10
- 12

Q2: Which South African cricketer announced retirement from all forms of cricket?

- Faf du Plessis
- Quinton de Kock
- Dale Steyn
- Lungi Ngidi

Q3: Which female tennis player has won the highest number of Grand Slams?

- Serena Williams
- Maria Sharapova
- Margaret Court
- Martina Navratilova

Q4: Tiger Woods won his first major in over a decade at which 2019 tournament?

- The US Open (Golf)
- The Open Championship
- The Masters
- PGA Championship

Q5: Xavi Hernandez has returned as head coach to the club he

was with for 17 years, where he won 25 trophies. Name the club.

- Benfica
- Barcelona
- Real Madrid
- Espanyol



Xavi Hernández

Photo: AFP

Q6: The National Football Museum, which keeps FIFA collection is located in which country?

- Switzerland
- Canada
- England
- France

Q7: Which former captain was named head coach of Indian men's cricket team?

- Rahul Dravid
- Anil Kumble
- Sachin Tendulkar
- V V S Laxman

Q8: When is the ball considered out of play in football?

- When it has crossed the goal or touchline on the ground
- When the referee starts the game.
- When a player heads it
- When it is a bicycle kick

Q9: Where was the first Ranji Trophy match played?

- Mumbai
- Chennai
- Kolkata
- Bangalore

ANSWERS: 1. a. 6 2. c. Dale Steyn 3. c. Margaret Court 4. c. The Masters 5. b. Barcelona 6. c. England 7. a. Rahul Dravid 8. a. When it has crossed the goal or touchline on the ground 9. b. Chennai