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**STUDENT EDITION**

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## TOP 3 BUZZ OF THE DAY

### MANN KI BAAT

GO ALL OUT FOR #VOCALFORLOCAL, SAYS PM MODI



“In the 75th year of Independence, we can say with satisfaction that the pride that Khadi had in the freedom movement, today our young generation is giving the same glory to Khadi. Today, the production of Khadi and handloom has increased manifold and its demand has also increased”  
**NARENDRA MODI**

With Gandhi Jayanti around the corner, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the people to buy Khadi products to mark "Bapu's Jayanti with great fervour". Addressing the 81st episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi also remembered the contribution of Gandhi to the cleanliness movement and said, "Bapu was a proponent of cleanliness, he made cleanliness a mass movement and associated it with the dream of Independence," he said. On the occasion of the 'World River Day' on Sunday, he also urged the citizens to connect with the traditions, which are associated with rivers for centuries in our country.

### INNOVATORS

#### IISC STUDENTS CREATE LOW-COST SUBSTITUTE TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

Students at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore have created a low-cost, environment-friendly alternative to single-use plastic. The product is an affordable substitute to 'single-use' plastic, helping reduce plastic waste and deal with the problem of crop stubble. The polymer is made using crop stubble and an inexpensive and easily available non-edible oil that also contains cellulosic material derived from agricultural stubble. "The bio-derived polyurethane from non-edible sources can replace conventional single-use plastics in various sectors," researchers said. The polymer is biodegradable, non-hazardous, and leak-proof. Because the product is non-toxic, it is suitable for several consumer applications.



It is estimated that 3.3 million tons of plastic are produced each year in India alone, of which less than 9% are recycled. This has a serious impact on the marine and terrestrial ecosystems



### SPACE

#### A GAS STATION ON MARS?

Chemical engineers in the US are developing new ways to convert greenhouse gases to fuel to address climate change and get astronauts home from Mars.



#### How it works

■ The researchers used a carbon catalyst in a reactor to convert carbon dioxide into methane. Known as the 'Sabatier reaction' from the late French chemist Paul Sabatier, it's a process the International Space Station uses to scrub the carbon dioxide from air the astronauts breathe and gener-

ate rocket fuel to keep the station in high orbit ■ The Martian atmosphere is composed almost entirely of carbon dioxide. Astronauts could save half the fuel they need for a return trip home by making what they need on the red planet once they arrive ■ Scientists say, it's like a gas station on Mars. You could easily pump carbon dioxide through this reactor and produce methane for a rocket



## WHAT'S YOUR COFFEE footprint?

**Y**ou read it right. Scientists have developed a calculator that can reveal the amount of CO2 released into the atmosphere every year as a direct result of our daily coffee habit. Scientists say, the calculator lets human beings enter how many cups of different coffee drinks we consume each week. It then looks at the impact of the farming methods, milk production and even paper cups used to serve the drink, while calculating its impact on the environment.

Interestingly, based on your coffee footprint, the calculator will also give advice on how to drink coffee more sustainably, including switching to reusable cups

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND COFFEE

**1** Studies predict that the global demand for coffee will lead to production tripling by 2050 – around the same time nations have set a goal of not adding any additional carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere, known as net zero

**2** However, rising temperatures due to climate change could result in less intense varieties of beans, claim researchers. In other words, changes in temperature, rainfall and length of seasons, could affect the quality and



flavour of rich tasting beans, they add

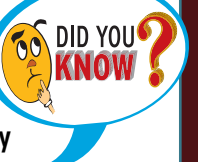
**3** Moreover, scientists say, the amount of milk, water, and coffee pods used, also feed into the environmental cost of the bean

## CO2 EMISSIONS FOR EACH COFFEE DRINK



ESPRESSO:	17.5kg CO2
AMERICANO:	18.4kg of CO2
CAPPUCCINO:	65kg of CO2
FLAT WHITE:	54.2kg of CO2
CAFE LATTE:	85.4kg of CO2

Around 400 million cups of coffee are drunk every day in the US and 95 million in the UK. It is the second most-traded commodity after oil. Although coffee has half the amount of carbon dioxide emission compared to the footprint of meat, it still goes as high as 15.33 kg of carbon dioxide for a single kilogram of green Arabica coffee, when produced through conventional means



## Shubham Kumar tops civil services exam



Bihar's Shubham Kumar and Madhya Pradesh's Jagrati Awasthi have achieved the first and second ranks, respectively in the coveted civil services examination, results of which were announced on Friday by the UPSC. Kumar, who hails from Katihar in Bihar, is currently undergoing training at the National Academy

of Defence Financial Management (NADFM), Pune. A Bachelor of Technology (civil engineering) graduate from IIT Bombay, he has qualified the 2020 examination with anthropology as his optional subject. Second rank holder Awasthi, who hails from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, said, she would also like to join the IAS and work for rural development,

besides women and child development. "I got motivated from people around me. I would like to work for development of rural areas besides women and child development," she said. Awasthi, aged 24 years, believes skilling women, especially from rural areas, in handicrafts can make India a world leader in the sector.

## ODISHA STARES AT CYCLONE 'GULAB', GOVT LAUNCHES EVACUATION DRIVE

Barely four months after 'Yaas' wreaked havoc in Odisha, the coastal state is bracing for another cyclone, 'Gulab'. Coastal Odisha and Kalingapatnam in Andhra Pradesh are likely to bear the brunt, the India Meteorological



Department said. The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified into cyclone 'Gulab' on Saturday and an 'orange' alert has been issued for north Andhra Pradesh and adjoining south Odisha coasts, it said.

Cyclone 'Gulab', as named by Pakistan, lay centered about 370 km east-southeast of Gopalpur in Odisha and 440 km east of Kalingapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and it moved nearly westwards with a speed of 7 kmph in the last six hours, the IMD said

ONLINE TOI STUDENT EDITION

OMG! Oh My Gandhi! Gandhism for the present world

Happy Gandhi Jayanti 2 OCTOBER

WHAT WOULD GANDHI DO...

It's time to celebrate the Father of Our Nation. Join us as we wish him a very Happy Birthday and celebrate OG - the Original with an OMG!

We have known him as the Mahatma, a sadhu, a revolutionary, a lawyer, a Satyagrahi, a catalyst, and NOW...we get to know him as the New-Age Problem Solver.

From Wellness, Environment, Education, Global Politics, Fashion, Business, Management, Nutrition, Handlooms, and MORE - Gandhi can tackle it all.

ON THE WEBSITE Online Debate Session on Gandhi's relevance now where students can send us their videos: #OmGandhiChallenge as students send us daily tasks of Gandhi and report back. Reimagine Gandhi as Supergirl as we invite them to send us their art, poem, essays on all things Gandhi.

COLLECTOR'S EDITION

MARK YOUR DATE OCTOBER 2, 2021

The celebration starts early on our website from Monday, September 27, 2021



# "STORIES ARE HOW WE MAKE SENSE OF THE WORLD"



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It's hard to imagine that Veronica Roth wrote (and sold) 'Divergent,' her first book, while she was still in college. Learning about exposure therapy in psychology class inspired the author to write a story about a girl determined to find her place in a dystopian world. The book would go on to become an international best-selling trilogy and adapted into an equally successful film series. Since then the young adult sci-fi author has given us many more stories including 'Carve The Mark', 'The Fates Divide' and more. Recently, she branched out to the adult readers market with 'Chosen Ones' all the while remaining firmly in the sci-fi genre. According to Roth, stories are 'how we connect with each other' especially during 'hard times.' For her writing became a serious job only after the first book was published. Read on to know her take on 'Divergent' series, what she read during Covid and her remedy for living in the age of information-overload. Excerpts:

In an exclusive chat with Times NIE, bestselling author **Veronica Roth** shares her reflections on the 10th anniversary of 'Divergent', what inspired her to pen a story about young adults in a dystopian world, her favourite 'faction' and more



Nelson Fitch



The 10th anniversary of the 'Divergent' series is being celebrated with the release of special editions of the trilogy.

**?** April 2021 marked the 10-year anniversary of 'Divergent's' release. How does that feel?

I feel a little old, to be honest! I've written three novels and a small heap of short stories since then. But I'm so happy that the series continues to resonate with people around the world.

**?** What changed after 'Divergent' got out?

Before 'Divergent' was published, writing was a hobby – after, it was my job. It was tricky to navigate that at first, but I adapted. I became more methodical, more strategic. It made my work much stronger.

**?** With all that's changing in the world and in your reader's lives, what purpose can stories really serve? (Especially in the post Covid world)

Stories are how we make sense of the world. They're how we connect with each other and how we find meaning in what we experience. They are even more important in hard times than in easy times. They always will be.

**?** What did you find yourself reading in 2020/2021? Is there an offbeat genre that we should all be obsessing over?

I found it easier to read short fiction last year! Short fiction really shines in science fiction and fantasy. I'd recommend Ken

**?** Liu and Martha Wells, to start.

When it comes to the 'book vs film adaptation, which is better' debate, where do you find stand? Did being on the set of one film impact what you'd write later?

I try to view movie adaptations as distinct from their source material. Sometimes they stand on their own as a good work, sometimes they don't. But no, being on set didn't really impact my work. I write books, and I don't think about movies when I work – that would paralyse me creatively. If they get adapted someday, great. If they don't, that's fine – they're supposed to be books.

**?** What is your antidote to living in the age of information overload?

I try to be deliberate about how I take in information. I don't check things all the time, I don't post everything I do or see on social media. I read an entire article instead of just a headline. I slow myself down.

**?** What genre would you like to take on next?

Last year I branched out from the young adult market and wrote a book for adult readers called 'Chosen Ones', about a group of people who saved the world when they were younger, navigating a new, fraught world as adults. So I'm sticking to science fiction and fantasy, but exploring a wider readership.

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## SUPERFANS X ROTH

The author answers a few questions from her **TOI Student readers**

**?** WHAT MADE YOU GO BEYOND THE REALMS OF RELIGION, AND IMAGINE A SOCIETY WITH 4 MAIN FACTIONS - BASED ON THE ABILITY OF A PERSON?

I'm not sure the faction system is at odds with religion! Each faction actually has its own approach to religious belief and practice. But I've always been interested in categories. As a kid I took a lot of personality tests – I always wanted some external measurement to tell me who I was. But as I got older, I realised those definitions were limited, and that's probably one of the reasons I wanted to write the faction system.



RITU MENDIRATTA, Principal, The Stepping Stone School, Pune

**?** WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE FACTION AND FAVOURITE CHARACTER IN THE SERIES?

My favourite faction is probably Dauntless – that's why I wrote the whole book about them. It's an approach to life that is totally different from my own, which makes it fun to explore. And my favourite character – apart from Tris, who really is my favourite – is probably Evelyn, Tobias's mother. She was always a surprise to me, I was never sure what she would do next until I was writing a particular scene.



SUDHIKSHA INNAMJE, class XII, DPS South, Bengaluru

**?** DO YOU THINK THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT A SYSTEM OF 'FACTIONS' HAS A CHANCE OF BEING IMPLEMENTED IN REALITY IN THE FUTURE?

I don't really think of 'Divergent' as a 'warning' the way some dystopian fiction is, but it's good to keep your eye on our tendency to form 'in' groups as a way of keeping each other 'out' – that's something people have always done, and will probably always do.



**?** IS THERE GOING TO BE A THIRD BOOK FOR 'CARVE THE MARK'?

No, that series is complete. But I'm glad you liked them enough to want more.



HARINI PURANIC, class XII, DPS south, Bengaluru

**?** DID PERSONAL LIFE EVENTS INSPIRE YOU IN ANY WAY WHILE WRITING THE 'DIVERGENT' SERIES? HAD IT BEEN YOU, WHICH FACTION WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO BE A PART OF?

I got the idea for 'Divergent' when I was in a psychology course learning about exposure therapy, which is what the Dauntless fear simulations are based on. I later did exposure therapy for my anxiety disorder, but I didn't know that I would do that before I wrote the book – so you could say that writing it prepared me to take better care of myself. As for my choice of faction, it keeps changing as I change. Right now I'm trying to be a more curious person, so I think I might choose Erudite.



KHEWA MALHOTRA, class XI, Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh

**?** WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO TELL FOUR'S STORY AS A SPIN OFF AND WHY NOT IN THE MAIN SERIES?

I actually tried to write the series from Four's perspective before I created Tris! But at the time, it just wasn't that interesting to me to write about a boy in a repressed environment who seeks adventure in Dauntless – that's the kind of story we read a lot. A small, reserved young woman choosing Dauntless...that felt more interesting to me.

**?** HAS ANY CHARACTER BEEN CARVED OUT FROM YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AND MIRRORS YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES?

Honestly: not really! I don't base characters on people I know. I do take certain aspects of my own identity or personality and exaggerate them – that way I identify with my characters in a very real way...even the antagonists.



MAHITHI REDDY, class X, Edify World School, Hyderabad

**?** WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THE ALLEGIENT FILM TAKING A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TURN FROM THE ORIGINAL NOVEL?

It was weird, but at the end of the day, the novel stands on its own, and I was really pleased to have experienced the adaptation process not just once, but three times.



AMRUTHA VARSHINI THOTA, class XII, FIITJEE, Hyderabad

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### MENTAL HEALTH

## A LITTLE STRESS CAN BE A GOOD THING!

Small amounts of stress have been scientifically proven to stimulate the production of 'neurotrophins', which strengthen connections between brain neurons. "In the short term, this can boost concentration and propel us into action," explains London-based consultant psychologist Dr Elena Touroni. "For instance, a certain level of anxiety and stress helps us prepare more effectively for an exam."



The body's response to stress over time also helps build immunity. "Mild stress raises production of cortisol, which triggers our fight-or-flight response. That stimulates our immune system to fight whatever is attacking it," she adds.

A 2012 study on rats showed that exposing them to mild stress produced a 'massive mobilisation' of numerous immune cells in their bloodstream. However,

long-term chronic stress will only weaken the immune system.

### EXTRA CONFIDENCE

A little stress helps you perform better. "Overall, we learn to adapt by being exposed to challenging experiences in life," explains Dr Touroni. This helps build resilience. "A certain level of stress can be helpful, provided it doesn't overwhelm us," she adds.

DAILY MIRROR

## Walking efficiently takes next to no thought

Scientists have revealed that humans do not have to think in order to walk efficiently, they adapt automatically. Whether sauntering beside a lake or clambering up a mountain, humans adjust their strides to make sure that they consume the least energy possible. "People are continuously sensing their energy expenditure and adapting their gait to minimise costs. We adapt all kinds of gait characteristics - the speed we move at, the length and width of each step - to minimise the calories we are burning,"



### REVELATION

said researcher Jessica Selinger from Queen's University in Canada.

However, it wasn't clear how our bodies pull off this feat. After conducting the study, researchers found that when people adapt to energy optimal ways of walking, they do so without consciously having to think about it. This ability to adjust our movements without thinking allows us to focus on other things, including watching out for obstacles on the road and managing our mental tasks. ANI



## THE PLOGGERS

It is often remarked there is no planet B, so care for the planet.

Well, you would agree that we all need to look after the planet better, and undoubtedly, learning about nature needs to be an integral part of the school curriculum. But somehow, and unfortunately, most of the learning remains in the books and does not become a part of experiential learning, in the true sense of the word.

As an educationist with about thirty years of experience, I love to interact with young minds, the minds of my students. Talking to them, listening to their ideas helps me read their minds.

Indeed, the best opportunity a



principal could give to the students is to let them speak their minds. The most interesting aspect of discussions with students is that it almost always leads to exceptionally amazing thoughts and ideas.

It was the last week of September 2019 and the mid-term exams had just concluded. The students were bubbling with excitement at the thought of taking up something novel for the Gandhi Jayanti celebration. It would give

them a much-needed break from the arduous hours of study.

A group of students came to my room and said "Ma'am, are we just having a special assembly on Gandhi Jayanti? We want to take up an activity on October 2".

I could sense the feelings of the students and understood soon that they were ready with a plan, a novel way to observe Gandhi Jayanti. The gleam in the eyes of the students showed they were to observe

Gandhi Jayanti with a difference. And, how could I not encourage my students?

So, what did **Maharaja Agrasen Model School** take up to celebrate the birthday of the Mahatma?

The assembly saw the chanting of the favourite bhajans of Mahatma and a skit highlighting the life of the apostle of peace. The students enjoyed watching a mini-exhibition memories of the Mahatma in the school corridors.

What was planned for the next day, October 2?

The students and I, along with my team of teachers zestfully planned and organised a campaign for the environment, 'Fit India Plog Run' on October 2, 2019, to mark the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. The happiness and excitement of being the warriors and saviours of the environment could be seen on all faces.

**DR PRATIBHA KOHLI, Principal, Maharaja Agrasen Model School, CD-Block, Pitampura, Delhi**

## Ritu Kohli joins as principal DPSG Faridabad

Ritu Kohli brings with her a rich experience of more than thirty years in different dimensions of education- academics, administration, counselling and educational research.

Prior to joining **DPSG** she worked as vice-principal Apeejay, Noida and principal Eicher School Faridabad.

A masters in English Literature



and education she trained at some of the best institutions like the university of Hull, UK, NCERT, IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Kozhikode.

She received CBSE national award in 2006.

She is enthusiastic about educational change, theatre, gardening and public speaking. Raising the level of parenting has been an area of focus.

She believes in transformation through personal touch.

## DPS organises 'Alphanode-2021'

**Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon**, organised its annual IT Fest, 'Alphanode 2021', on virtual platform from August 14 to August 21. The fest

promoted the spirit of inquisitiveness and innovation among the participants. Twenty-two schools from Delhi NCR participated in various competitions of the event.

The live event, 'Geekathon', was held on August 21 on Zoom wherein the knowledge of the participants on latest developments in the IT sector was tested. Tanya Gupta and Abhimanyu Gupta, alumni, DPS Gurgaon, were the esteemed judges.

The director principal, Aditi Misra, in her address, stated, that digital learning is an essential component in developing 21st century competency skills. The fest saw some



spectacular ideas shared by young digital enthusiasts.

DPS International, Gurgaon, received the 'Letter of Honour' and was declared the overall winner of the IT Fest, Alphanode 2021.

## N C Jindal holds investiture ceremony

With a mission to instill leadership capacities amongst students, **N C Jindal Public School, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi**, organised the investiture ceremony on September 9, 2021 on the virtual platform.

School principal, Dr D K Pandey, invoked the blessings of the almighty by reciting the school prayer.

The newly elected head boy, Saksham Arora, and head girl, Anshita Arora, inspired the students not to feel restricted due to the challenges posed by the

pandemic but to be creative in their approach to handle challenges.

Principal urged the students to translate the vision of the school into



reality. He also encouraged the students to be committed towards significant issues and always be sentient of the fact that leadership comes with veracity. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Vice Principal, Bharti Pushkarna, encouraging students to inhale gratitude and exhale positivity.

## Himanshu makes DAV proud

**DAV Jasola Vihar** added yet another feather in their illustrious cap with their budding student making their alma mater proud when Himanshu Chauhan, a student of DAV Public School Jasola Vihar got selected for Delhi (DDCA) team for BCCI under 19 trophy. The series will start from September 28 and the matches will be played in Mohali.

Principal, Dr V K



Barthwal congratulated the physical education teacher Ravi Goswami for his hard work and dedication. He congratulated all the teachers of the school and Himanshu for his laudable achievement.

## student Corner

### It's ok only If...

It's ok to stop the change makers,  
It's ok to stop the peacemakers,  
It's ok to spread hatred and anger,  
It's ok to fight brutal battles,  
It's ok to snatch opportunities  
Of distressed and poor,  
It's ok to rain them down  
With torture,  
It's ok to force a ban.

It's ok only if,  
You have another plan,  
To find them solutions to hunger.  
It's ok only if,  
Happiness you can spread,  
By providing them a loaf of bread.

You can do all the criminal offense,  
Only if that can bring better prospects,  
Only if it can fill their future  
With bright aspects.

But alas!  
No,

This injustice won't bring  
The dawn of peaceful civilisation,  
It will only bring devastation.



Why to create more problems,  
When you already have a solution,  
In form of peace, justice  
And strong institutions.

**RUMISH ALI SAIF, class XA, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School**

## OUTSTANDING OLYMPIAD RESULT

Students of **GMS, Dilshad Garden** shone in Olympiad examination organised by **SOF** in 2020-21. Many students achieved prestigious ranks in various Olympiads.

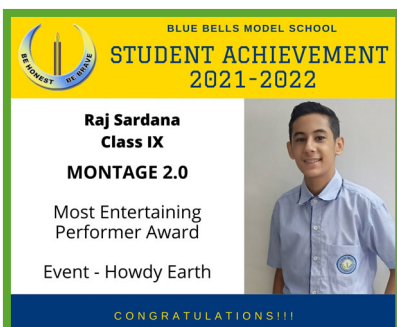
Following students secured outstanding ranks along with gift vouchers:

Siddharth Sinha of class IV C secured second international rank in IEO and fifth international rank in IMO. He also won gift voucher of ₹1000 each in both IEO and IMO. Ananya Tyagi of class X F secured seventh international rank in IEO and a gift voucher of ₹1000. Vaibhav

Srivastav of class XI C secured second international rank in NSO and a gift voucher of ₹500. Apart from these, students also won 22 medals in different Olympiads: gold medal - 14; silver medal - 02; bronze medal - 01; and medal of distinction - 05.

## Creativity, an art of expressing inner beauty

When one pursues excellence with devotion and industriousness, one irrefutably becomes a winner. Versatile **Blue Bellians** evidenced this adage by securing a number of coveted positions in Montage 2.0 organised by Vidya Mandir Public School, Faridabad. The event was a medley of events which includ-



ed activities ranging from Arts to Science. Raj Sardana from class IX A bagged the 'Most

Entertaining Performer Award' in 'Howdy Earth: A Solo Act Competition', Riya Khohal and Aditya Mittal from class XB won the 'Second Runners Up Trophy' in 'Science Hunt Science Quiz', Prassiddhi Sachdeva from XI E clinched the 'Best Style and Structure Award' in the event 'Embark', Varnika Singh from class IV A won the 'Honourable Mention Title' in 'Tell-a-Tale Story Telling Competition' and Bhavya Piplani from class XII F won the 'Honourable Mention Award' in the event 'Science Expo'.

## For a safe schooling during pandemic

As schools get reopened, extreme precautions need to be taken both inside and outside the classrooms to prevent the spread of Covid 19. Most of the students are excited to come back to school after a long day. It's the action plan of the school, which will determine the class attendance. Before commencing the school, teachers and staff need to be briefed about the SOP's and make them understand the reason behind implementing very seriously. Schools should ensure that all their staff members have been vaccinated at least the first dose. SOP's need to be adhered very strictly and this will gain confidence among the parent to send their wards to school. Schools need to conduct a virtual parent meeting and discuss on the operational procedures.

### THE EDUCATIONIST

The meeting should encourage parents and students to interact and clear all their doubts. A circular mentioning all the SOP's as advised by the government need to be sent to them. Students should be advised to inform their class teachers if any of their family members staying with them is infected or shows any symptoms. Teachers should cross-check with the parents regarding the same. Students may still fear the repercussions of the infection as they attend school. They need to be addressed on the concerns and fears

from time to time, and administrators need to revisit the necessary precautionary measures to make everyone feel safe. Teachers should not start the lesson as soon as the students start attending the physical classes. Students should be given ample time to settle down first. A bridge course syllabus needs to be framed keeping in mind the content taught during the last few months and important concepts of last year. Teachers should not be hasty in completing the syllabus. They need to adopt a very different strategy with a lot of patience to ensure that the students are comfortable during this crucial situation. The school heads must train the teachers to handle the hybrid type of teaching and feel comfortable.



**K K GANESH, Principal, ELGI Matriculation Hr Sec School, Coimbatore**

## Express YOURSELF Save earth to save lives

Our concerns about the environment are surely increasing but, as a matter of fact, real developments are not proportional. It is not the fault of the corporate world, rather it is of mankind, as-a-whole. Our wants require the exploitation of nature and environment which contribute significantly to our carbon footprint aside from our needs. It is, therefore, of utmost importance that we, individually, take some easy-but-impactful steps. Switching to bicycles or adopting public transport to cover distances can level down our emissions that our conventional automobiles were responsible for. Eating



**YASHRAJ BISHOYI, class IX, The Indian Public School, Cambridge, Erode**

healthy and avoiding meat, on a daily basis, is another where health is prioritised over taste. This leads to not only lower risks of serious health issues but our energy use reduces as meat is not to be processed again. Reusing materials like plastic bags and bottles in their original forms apart from their inappropriate disposing could further lower down our footprints. The plantation of trees on barren lands would compensate for the loss of greenery due to urbanisation. There is a lot that we can do to reduce our contribution towards the killing of our home, but the steps taken ought to be taken in a disciplined manner, sincerely.



## OUR FREE DAY FROM THE PERIL DAY...

It was a silence,  
After a heavy violence,  
We had endeavoured,  
To make them away forever,  
It was the new moon day,  
Where everyone Rome away,  
It was an elated day,  
When they were out of our way,  
Everyone was in out-glow,  
When the British were in throw,  
It was because of  
our freedom fighters,  
Who saved and gave our country to the all mighty,  
Our new country began there,  
And continued to be here,  
It will be our Memorial Day,  
Because that day made us free,  
We should remember forever,  
Until our life becomes an underground departure...

**ASWANTRAM N M, class IX Nava Bharath National School, Coimbatore**



IPL 2.0

# RR LOOK TO KEEP THEIR PLAY-OFFS HOPES ALIVE

Skipper Sanju Samson needs support from his batsmen as RR look to return to winning ways against laggards Sunrisers Hyderabad

**R**R are currently placed seventh in the standings with eight points from nine games, while SRH are already out of contention following just one victory and eight reverses. In the second leg of the T20 league, RR defeated Punjab Kings by two runs before losing by 33 runs against table toppers Delhi Capitals on Saturday. SRH, on the other hand, lost by eight wickets and five runs against DC and Punjab, respectively, post IPL's resumption in the UAE. RR would definitely fancy their chances against SRH in the battle of strugglers. In the first leg in India, RR defeated SRH by 55 runs. In their game against DC in the second leg, the RR bowling unit continued its impressive show, restricting the opponents to 154 for six. But it is the batting department that let RR down with Samson (unbeaten 70) playing the lone hand.

## Impressive pace trio

The likes of young Yashasvi Jaiswal and Mahipal Lomror, who starred with the bat against Punjab, and Liam Livingstone and David Miller all failed to stitch a partner-



ship with Samson. All-rounders Riyan Parag and Rahul Tewatia didn't help their cause either. But RR would get confidence from the performance of its bowling unit in both the matches. The pace trio of Mustafizur Rahman, young Kartik

**I wouldn't worry too much about the lower middle-order, they got us out of a lot of trouble in the first half of the IPL this season, and I am sure they will come good, as we go along.**

**RR coach, KUMAR SANGAKKARA**

Tyagi and Chetan Saklariya have been impressive with the ball, while South African Tabrez Shamsi and Tewatia have delivered the goods in the spin department.

## SRH have nothing to lose

SRH, on the other hand, have had a disastrous campaign this season, suffering eight losses out of nine games they have played so far. With nothing to lose after being knocked out of the tournament, bottom-placed SRH will look to play party-poopers from here on. For SRH, it is all about enjoying the remaining few games and ending on a high. With Johnny Bairstow, their season's leading run-getter, pulling out and Australian opener David Warner in poor form, SRH have found the going tough. The likes of skipper Kane Williamson, Manish Pandey, Wriddhiman Saha, Kedar Jadhav and Abdul Samad also failed to provide the much-needed impetus to SRH's batting. SRH's bowling is over reliant on spin sensation Rashid Khan as it has been a mediocre outing this season for the likes of Khaleel Ahmed, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jason Holder. **PH**

Sanju Samson

## PSG win without Messi ahead of MANCHESTER CITY showdown

Idrissa Gana Gueye and Julian Draxler scored as the Ligue 1 leaders beat Montpellier 2-0

**S**enegal midfielder Gueye crashed a shot into the roof of the net from 20 metres to give PSG an early lead at the Parc des Princes and substitute Draxler added a late second as Mauricio Pochettino's team maintained their perfect start to the French season. They have won eight matches out of eight in Ligue 1 and are already 10 points clear of second-placed Marseille, who do nevertheless have two games in hand. However, this was once again a far from completely convincing performance from PSG, who in the last week had scored stoppage-time goals to claim respective 2-1 wins against Lyon and struggling Metz. "I don't know if this was a perfect evening but it was a good evening. Eight matches, eight victories," said Pochettino. His side host Manchester City in the Champions League on Tuesday looking for revenge for their defeat at the hands of Pep Guardiola's side in last season's semi-finals. "The Champions League is such an important objective for this club that it's best to prepare for it by winning and avoiding any more in-

juries," Pochettino added.

The hope is that Messi will play in that match after he sat out a second straight game for PSG with the knee problem that led to him being substituted against Lyon. Messi has made just three appearances for the Qatar-owned club since arriving from Barcelona, playing a total of 190 minutes. Not that PSG — wearing their black and grey third kit — were short on attacking options, with Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Angel di Maria all playing but failing to find the net. Neymar clipped an effort onto the top of the bar early on and Mbappe was denied by Montpellier goalkeeper Jonas Omlin before Di Maria set up Gueye for the opener in the 14th minute. His superb left-foot strike was already his third goal this season. Ander Herrera's sliced half-volley came off the bar just before half-time and PSG were surprisingly flat after the break. The second goal only arrived when Draxler, just on as a substitute, collected a Neymar pass with his first touch of the game and fired in a low shot with his second. **AFP**



Idrissa Gueye



Mohamed Salah

## LIVERPOOL held to 3-3 draw by battling BRENTFORD

Striker Mohamed Salah scored his 100th Premier League goal for Liverpool

**B**oth sides had efforts cleared off the line in a lively opening before Ethan Pincock gave Brentford the lead, stabbing the ball home at the back post after a clever free kick routine caught the Liverpool defence flat-footed in the 27th minute. That lead was short-lived as Diogo Jota headed home Jordan Henderson's cross to put the Reds level four minutes later, and Salah put his side in front in the 54th with his 100th goal in 151 league appearances for Liverpool. The Bees refused to give up, levelling in the 63rd minute when defender Pontus Jansson swivelled in the box and hit the crossbar before Vitaly Janelt reacted quickest to

head home the rebound. Curtis Jones put Liverpool back in front four minutes later, cutting in from the left and unleashing a rocket that took a slight deflection before flying into the net as the visitors stepped up to a pace that Brentford struggled to match.

Salah could have put the game out of reach in the 77th minute but he lofted his chip just over the crossbar with only the keeper to beat. It was to prove a costly miss as Brentford snatched a dramatic equaliser through substitute Yoane Wissa in the 82nd minute. There was still time for more drama as David Raya pulled off a superb save to deny Roberto Firmino and Ivan Toney had what looked to be a

late winner for Brentford ruled out for offside. "It's what we dream for as kids," Brentford goal-scorer Janelt told Sky Sports. "Before the game we said we try the best against Liverpool, one of the best teams in the world, and now we draw 3-3." The draw means Liverpool climb to 14 points after six games, one ahead of Manchester City, who beat Chelsea 1-0 at Stamford Bridge earlier in the day. Brentford are ninth on nine points. "At 2-1 up we had one or two chances to finish the game off. It gives them that little bit of hope. That's football sometimes, we're disappointed with the result but we have to give credit to Brentford," Liverpool captain Henderson told Sky Sports. **REUTERS**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Euro Cup is related to which sports?

- a. Badminton
- b. Football
- c. Table Tennis
- d. Hockey

**Q2:** Which of the following games were previously called the 'British Empire Games'?

- a. East Asian Games
- b. Southeast Asian Games
- c. Olympic Games
- d. Commonwealth Games

**Q3:** In which of the following sport is the term

Interference used?

- a. Golf
- b. Chess
- c. Squash
- d. Table Tennis

**Q4:** Which player has made the maximum number of appearances in EPL?

- a. Ryan Giggs
- b. Frank Lampard
- c. Gary Speed
- d. Gareth Barry

**Q5:** Birdie and Eagle are two terms related to which of the following sports?

- a. Polo
- b. Golf
- c. Chess
- d. Billiards

**Q6:** P V Sindhu is one of two badminton players to win an Olympic medal. Name the other player.

- a. Saina Nehwal
- b. Tanvi Lad
- c. Rituparna Das
- d. None of the above



PV Sindhu

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**Q7:** Who is the captain of the Indian national football team?

- a. Sunil Chhetri
- b. Sandesh Jhingana
- c. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- d. Jeje Lalpekhlua

**Q8:** Which Indian cricketer has scored the maximum runs in ODIs?

- a. Kapil Dev
- b. Sunil Gavaskar
- c. Sachin Tendulkar
- d. Virat Kohli

**Q9:** Who is the only head coach to ever win two football World Cups?

- a. Vittorio Pozzo
- b. Sepp Maier
- c. Franco Baresi
- d. Gerd Muller

**Q10:** Where is the oldest bat, displayed?

- a. Australia
- b. India
- c. London
- d. South Africa

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. Football  
2. d. Commonwealth Games 3. b. Chess  
4. d. Gareth Barry 5. b. Golf 6. a. Saina Nehwal  
7. c. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu  
8. c. Sachin Tendulkar 9. a. Vittorio Pozzo  
10. c. London