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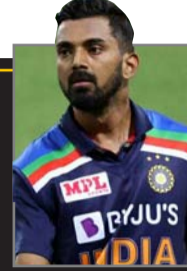
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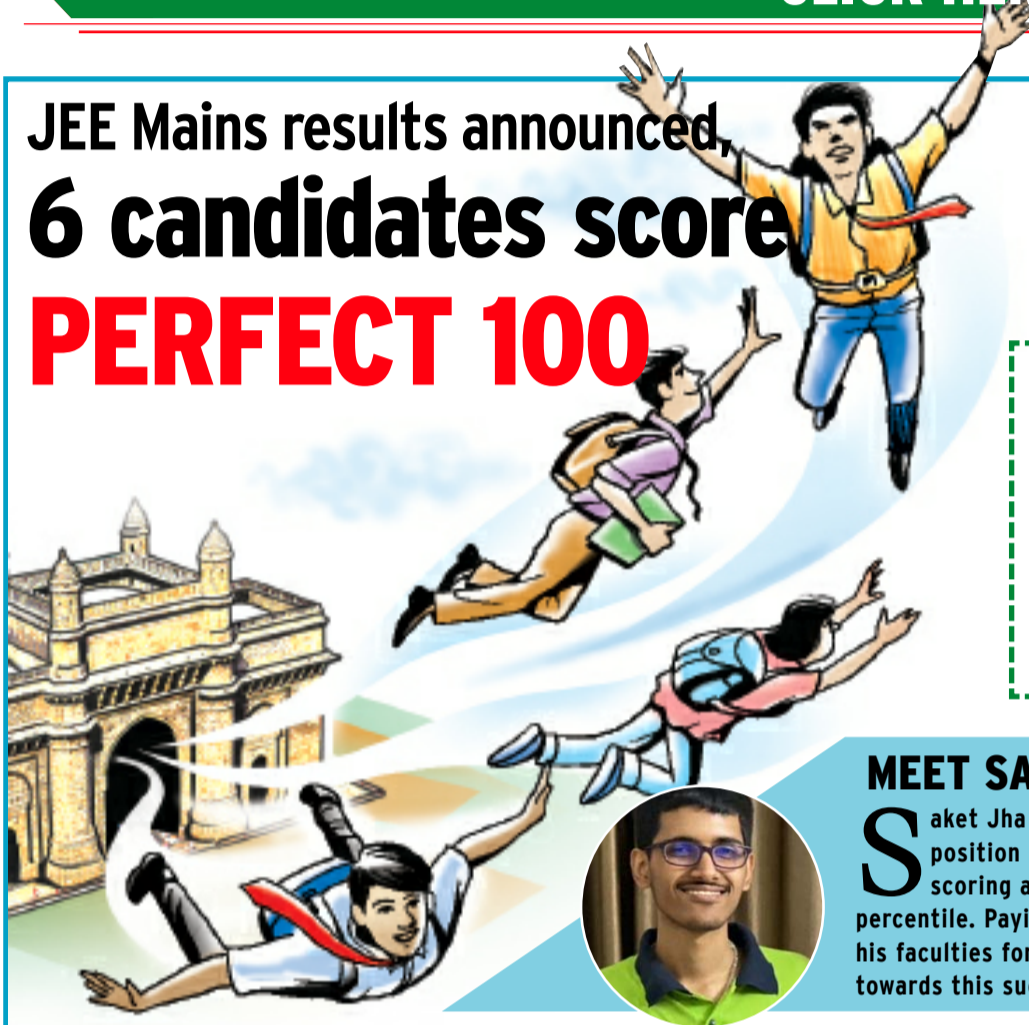
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## JEE Mains results announced, 6 candidates score PERFECT 100



Six candidates have scored perfect 100 in the JEE-Mains engineering entrance exam, the officials of the National Testing Agency (NTA) said. The perfect scorers are: Pravar Kataria and Ranjim Prabal Das from Delhi, Guramrit Singh from Chandigarh, Saket Jha from Rajasthan, Sidhanth Mukherjee from Maharashtra and Ananth Krishna Kidambi from Gujarat. According to officials, the NTA scores are normalised scores across multi-session papers, and are based on the relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session.

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➤ The NTA had conducted the February session examination from February 23 to 26, 2021. The exam was conducted at over 800 centres in 331 cities, including nine centres abroad—Colombo, Doha, Dubai, Kathmandu, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Singapore and Kuwait

➤ This year, a total of 6.52 lakh candidates had registered for the entrance examination, 95 per cent of whom had appeared in the BE/BTech papers; 81.2 per cent appeared in BArch/BPlanning paper

Starting this year, the exam will be conducted four times a year to offer students the flexibility and a chance to improve their scores. The next phases will be held in mid-March, April and May

### MEET SAKET JHA, PERFECT 100 SCORER

Saket Jha has secured a position in the top six, scoring a perfect 100 percentile. Paying tribute to his faculties for guiding him towards this success, Jha said,

he focussed on the NCERT-based syllabus and "went for a planned revision", while preparing for the exams. A student of Allen classes, Kota since class IX, Saket believes

in maintaining consistency in his academic career. Cracking the JEE Advance 2021 and securing good scores in class XII examination are his next goals.

## NASA names Mars rover touchdown site 'Octavia E Butler Landing'

NASA has named the landing site of its Perseverance Mars rover after the science fiction author Octavia Butler. The location of the rover's touchdown site is now being called the Octavia E Butler Landing, the US space agency said recently.

- The rover was launched on July 30 last year from the Space Launch Complex 41, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, USA. It reached Mars on February 18 after a 203-day journey.
- A key objective of Perseverance's mission on Mars is astrobiology, including the search for signs of ancient microbial life
- The rover will look into the planet's geology and past climate, pave the way for human exploration of the Red Planet, and be the first mission to collect and cache Martian rock and regolith—broken rock and dust
- According to NASA officials, subsequent missions, in cooperation with the ESA (European Space Agency), will send spacecraft to Mars to collect these sealed samples



from the surface and return them to Earth for in-depth analysis

■ The Mars 2020 Perseverance mission is part of NASA's Moon to Mars exploration approach, which includes Artemis mission to the Moon that will help prepare for human exploration of the Red Planet

## Spotlight

### Humpy wins BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award



Chess player Koneru Humpy has won the BBC India Sportswoman of the Year award for 2020. Humpy beat sprinter Dutee Chand, shooter Manu Bhaker, wrestler Vinesh Phogat and hockey captain Rani Rampal to win this award, based on a public vote.

- Humpy won the World Rapid Chess Championship in December 2019 after a two-year maternity break. She then won the Cairns Cup in 2020
- Humpy became the youngest grandmaster in 2002 at the age of 15. She received the Arjuna Award in 2003 and the Padma Shri in 2007

"I won matches because of my willpower and confidence. A female player should never think about quitting her game. Marriage and motherhood are just a part of our life, and they should not change the course of our lives"  
Koneru Humpy



India really stands out in terms of its vaccine policy. India has been at the forefront in fighting this pandemic, providing vaccines through grants to several of its neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar, and through commercial arrangements as well. In fact, if you look at where exactly is that one manufacturing hub for vaccines in the world, it will certainly be India. The country has been playing a very important role in helping the world in the global health crisis through its vaccination policies

**Gita Gopinath, chief economist, IMF, on India as a vaccine hub**

### MALALA YOUSAFZAI SIGNS APPLE TV+ DEAL

**DEAL SEALED**



Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai has signed a deal with Apple TV+ to produce dramas and documentaries, which focus on women and children. The multi-year partnership would "draw on her ability to inspire people around the world", the company said in a statement, adding that the content would also include animation and children's series.

### Nita Ambani launches women-centric digital platform 'Her Circle'

Reliance Foundation's Chairperson Nita Mukesh Ambani has launched 'Her Circle', an empowering and comprehensive content social media, and goal-fulfilment digital platform for women. Aimed at synergising women's power with the power of digital revolution, 'Her Circle' is envisioned to be a worldwide digital collective of women, beginning with Indian women but open to participation of women from all over the globe.

- It will cater to the rapidly-rising aspirations, ambitions, dreams and competencies of women from all social background
- The platform is designed to be a one-stop destination to provide women-related content, which is engaging and upliftment-oriented, even as it connects women with one another through a social platform
- It will also provide women with answers from Reliance's panel of



**NEW LAUNCH**

experts on health, wellness, education, entrepreneurship, finance, philanthropy, mentorship and leadership. The section on upskilling and jobs will help her find new professional skills as well as get job opportunities suited to her profile

■ While the content from videos to articles is open to all, the social networking part of the platform is only for women

## A mountain with 60-90% gold soil!



In a bizarre discovery, villagers in Congo's Luhahi, located in the country's South Kivu province, discovered gold in the soil of a mountain located in the area. A video shared by freelance journalist Ahmad Algobary on social media showed several villagers flocking the mountain with shovels and tools to dig out the gold. Some of them were seen using bare hands to dig the ground to extract gold. The villagers took the soil back home to extract gold after washing it. However, the authorities had to issue an order to ban mining on the mountain, after the small village saw a massive influx of those coming to dig the soil.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is considered a rich reserve of deposits such as copper, diamonds, cobalt, and other minerals



**ENTERTAINMENT**

### 'Fast & Furious 9' pushed for the fourth time, will finally hit the theatres on June 25

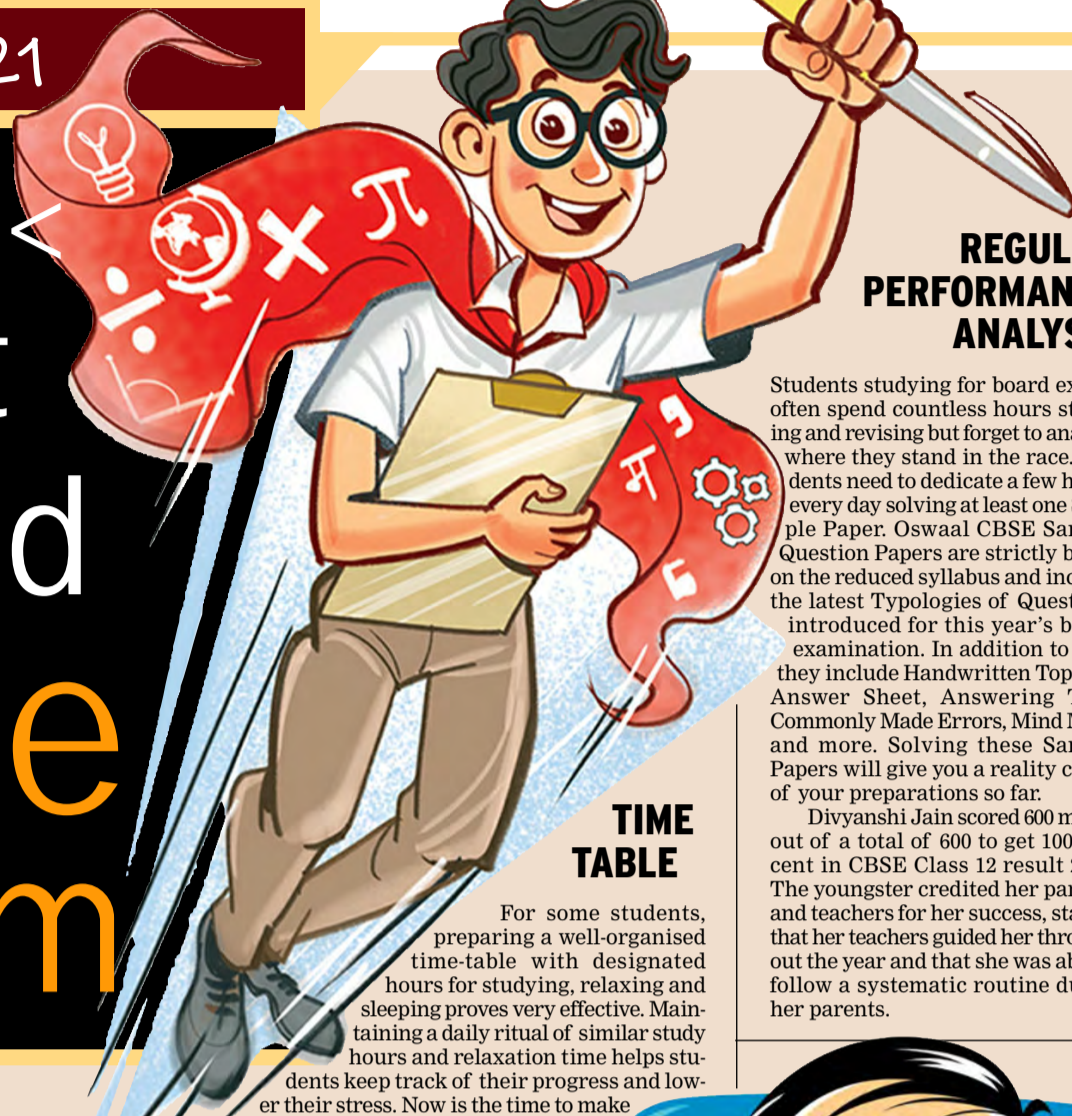
The ninth installment in the 'Fast & Furious' action franchise will hit the theatres on June 25. Action star Vin Diesel shared the new release date of the film via teaser, which he posted on Instagram. "Finally! Blessed and grateful," he captioned the clip.

- Directed by Justin Lin, 'F9' also features WWE wrestler-turned-actor John Cena, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson, Chris 'Ludacris' Bridges, Jordana Brewster, Nathalie Emmanuel, Sung Kang, Helen Mirren, and Charlize Theron
- 'F9' was originally scheduled to release globally in May, 2020, but Universal Pictures pushed the project to April 2, 2021 and then to Memorial Day, May 28, 2021, in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic

## CBSE Board Exams 2021

# Last 60 days! Here's what toppers did to score maximum

No matter how well you have prepared so far for CBSE Board Exams 2021, especially after the release of CBSE Date Sheet, the last two months before the exams are highly crucial. Presence of mind, perseverance, and the will to study are a few essential practices for students appearing for the board exams. Students should be patient, confident, sincere, and hard-working during exam time. Below mentioned are the top study tips students must follow diligently to score to the best of their abilities



## REGULAR PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Students studying for board exams often spend countless hours studying and revising but forget to analyse where they stand in the race. Students need to dedicate a few hours every day solving at least one Sample Paper. Oswaal CBSE Sample Question Papers are strictly based on the reduced syllabus and include the latest Typologies of Questions introduced for this year's board examination. In addition to this, they include Handwritten Toppers' Answer Sheet, Answering Tips, Commonly Made Errors, Mind Maps and more. Solving these Sample Papers will give you a reality check of your preparations so far.

Divyanshi Jain scored 600 marks out of a total of 600 to get 100 percent in CBSE Class 12 result 2020. The youngster credited her parents and teachers for her success, stating that her teachers guided her throughout the year and that she was able to follow a systematic routine due to her parents.

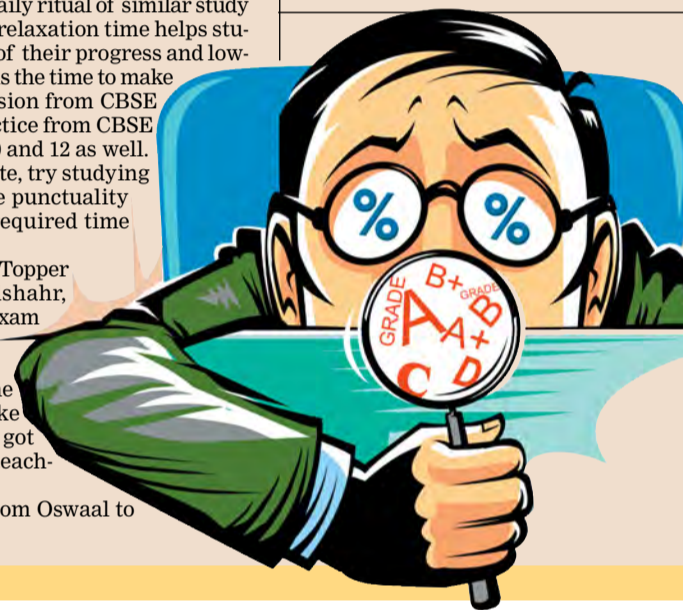
## TIME TABLE

For some students, preparing a well-organised time-table with designated hours for studying, relaxing and sleeping proves very effective. Maintaining a daily ritual of similar study hours and relaxation time helps students keep track of their progress and lower their stress. Now is the time to make sure you do daily revision from CBSE Question Banks and practice from CBSE Sample Papers for Class 10 and 12 as well. But if time-tables are not your forte, try studying at regular intervals and bring some punctuality to your study hours. Dedicate the required time for each subject.

Tushar Singh, a CBSE Class 12 Topper from Delhi Public School, Bulandshahr, secured full marks in his 2020 board exam – an incredible 500 out of 500.

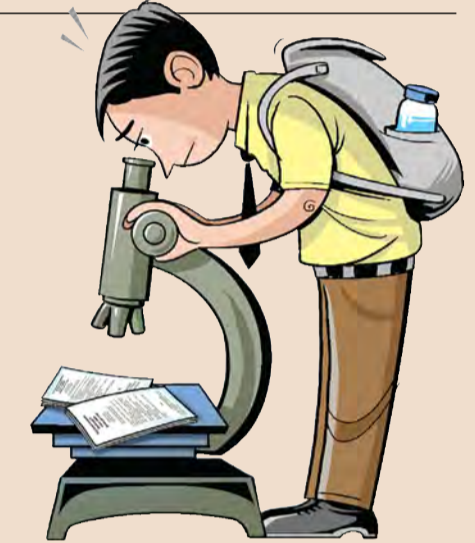
Here is what he says! "I didn't take any tuitions for the CBSE 12th board exams. I did take tuitions in class 11, but in class 12, I got my doubts solved from my school teachers only," said Tushar Singh.

He also solved sample papers from Oswaal to prepare himself further.



## SLEEP AND BREAKS

The biggest blunder most students make is to not get enough sleep during preparation. A regular 7-8 hours of sleep is indispensable. Sleep is the only time when the daily learning of a person gets absorbed or consolidated in the brain. Without sleep, students cannot retain what they have learned. So, sleep well every single day.



## REVISION AND BOOKS

By now, most of the students must have completed their syllabus in schools, institutes, and tuitions, and revision must have already started. But, merely by hearing the question is not a solution to scoring the highest marks. The highest marks are scored by students who not only remember what they have studied but also understand the concepts. It doesn't matter how many times you have learned if you didn't understand the subject in the first place.

Refer to a few good CBSE Question Banks for extensive practice of questions, varying difficulty levels and typologies.

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# A chef's top tips to quick cooking

In 'The Shortcut Cook', chef Rosie Reynolds turns author and shares her favourite shortcuts and creative solutions, so you can whip up your favourite recipes in no time at all



**1** Gather everything you need before you start cooking such as equipment, ingredients and a clean dish towel.

**2** Have a large bowl or a plastic bag nearby for food waste, to keep your workstation clean and clutter-free.

**3** Fill the sink with hot soapy water to keep your hands clean and to speedily wash up bowls and equipment for quick reuse.

**4** Make sure you have a clean cloth to hand for wiping, along with some paper towels for patting, drying and draining foods, which helps to cook them more quickly.

**5** Start your cooking sessions by putting on the kettle. This will mean you can make up stock from cubes quickly, rinse out tins to add the liquid to sauces and stews, or get

pasta on the boil much quicker.

**6** Boiling something? Popping on a lid will speed up the cooking process.

**7** Take your meat and eggs out of the fridge around 30 minutes before you want to start cooking or baking. Meat needs to be at room temperature before

going in the oven, and it will prevent eggs curdling your cake mix or being undercooked if boiled.

**8** Sharp knives will speed things up in the kitchen, a speed peeler will thinly and evenly slice, and a good pair of kitchen scissors will snip precisely.

**9** Make dressing in the salad bowl you are serving it in, then you won't have an extra bowl to wash up.

**10** Don't spend time scrubbing pans. To wash away stuck-on grime, use a little laundry washing powder as the detergent breaks down grease effectively and quickly.

**11** You can cook pasta in advance. Once cooked, cool under cold running water, drain and drizzle with a little oil then cover and chill until ready to use. It will then heat through in two to three minutes versus 10 minutes from scratch.



## FITNESS

# FITNESS FOR YOUR FACE



As the concept of slow beauty picks up pace, people are moving towards natural skincare practices. From facial yoga to *gua sha* – a fitness regime for sculpting and toning the face is the in thing right now. Also on the rise are yoga and energy healing practices that focus on the face.

Face yoga practitioner and facialist expert Vibhuti Arora explains, "For the longest time during lockdown, people couldn't reach out to dermatologists for their routine face lifting and sculpting practices during the lockdown. That is when everyone re-discovered these natural practices."

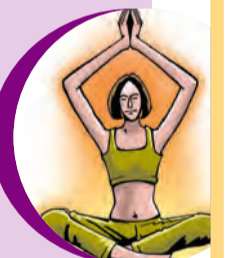
## Facial massages

Face sculpting and glow-enhancing tools like *gua sha* and jade rollers became especially popular during lockdown. Many people have invested in these at home, along with essential oils.



## Yoga for the face

Face yoga workshops are becoming popular, as people adopt asanas to get rid of double chins and crow's feet. The practice also focuses on smile and expression line and dark circles.



## Reiki

Energy healing practices like reiki are now becoming a popular skincare tool. Model Miranda Kerr swears by it. Reiki facials are supposed to clear negative blockages and promote self-healing.



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## March on!

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy

The third month of the year is named after Mars, the ancient Roman god of warfare, who also gives us the word 'martial'. Choose correctly to complete these statements on March

**1** In the early Roman calendar, March (then *Martius*) came  
A. First B. Fifth C. Sixth D. Seventh

**2** 'Beware the Ides of March' is a warning addressed to Shakespeare's  
A. Hamlet B. Titus Andronicus C. Julius Caesar D. Macbeth

**3** The Nature Forever Society has designated March 20 as the World Day of the  
A. Swallow B. Starling

C. Sparrow D. Skylark

**4** Idiomatically speaking, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a  
A. Leopard B. Lynx C. Llama D. Lamb

**5** A March festival is  
A. Easter B. Nowruz C. Shivratri D. Ugadi

ANSWERS: 1) A. First 2) C. Julius Caesar 3) C. Sparrow 4) D. Lamb 5) B. Nowruz

## QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

**Q.1) Which film includes the following quote, "Roads? Where we are going we don't need roads."?**

A. Mad Max: Fury Road  
B. Back To The Future  
C. Dawn of the Planet of the Apes  
D. The Transporter

**Q.2) Which is the world's first district with 5G coverage?**

A. Washington B. Seoul  
C. Tokyo D. Shanghai

**Q.3) Zuzana Caputova was the**

first female president of which country?  
A. Slovakia B. Lithuania  
C. Estonia D. Bulgaria

**Q.4) Which state has introduced the braille-enabled ballot papers at all polling booths?**

A. Assam B. Meghalaya  
C. Tamil Nadu  
D. West Bengal

**Q.5) Gala, Jonagold and Pink Lady are varieties of which popular fruit?**

A. Apple B. Orange  
C. Watermelon  
D. Cheeku

## ANSWERS

1. B) Back To The Future 2. D) Shanghai  
3. A) Slovakia 4. B) Meghalaya 5. A) Apple

## Understanding the essence of INDEPENDENT MINDS

**How important is communication and collaboration to the teaching-learning process of tech-savvy students? Do you think both communication and collaboration are significant in online and offline teaching modes?**

Communication and collaboration are critical to the success of any teaching and learning activity at school, be it online or offline. Students need to express their opinions well. Good communication skills make students confident and hence, teachers should give opportunities to students to voice their opinion. This will enhance the engagement of students in the class and promote teamwork. Collaborative projects are a great way to enhance team building among students and hence, students learn the importance of sharing and caring through collaborative projects. Whether online or offline, communication and collaboration are key to a lively, joyful and interactive classroom.



**DR PRATIBHA KOHLI,**  
Principal, Maharaja Agrasen Model School, Pitampura

**Why is critical thinking significant in the students of the present generation? How can teachers impart the skills of critical thinking among the students?**

Critical thinking prepares students for reasoning, problem-solving and decision making. It empowers the students to analyse and find out the best solution to a challenging situation. Teachers should ask open-ended questions and be like a facilitator to help students navigate to the right answer by rational thinking. It is important to discuss real-life problems in class and engage students in decision making. In-depth questioning strategies will help students learn through discovery.

**What is your message to the teachers and students of the 21st century?**

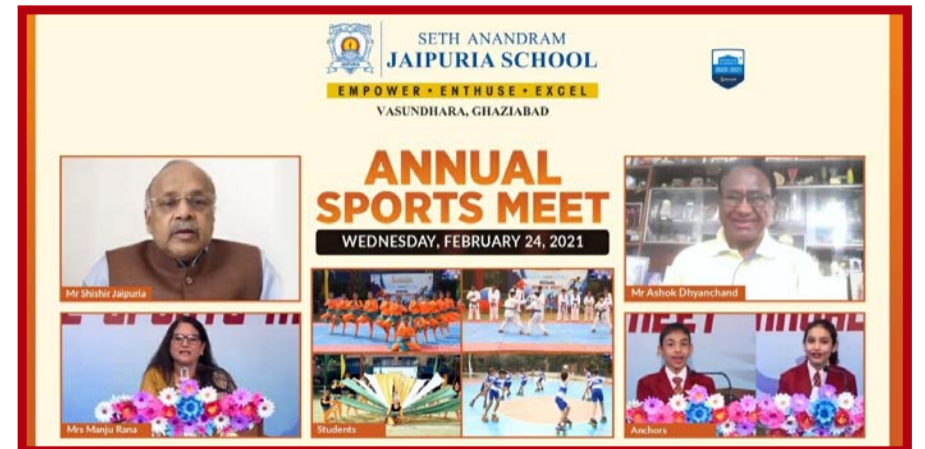
The students should possess the 4Cs of the 21st-century skills - Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity to be truly global citizens. As educators, we need to provide the right kind of environment and situations to our students who are ready to face the challenges of the future with grit and determination. The 4Cs should be interwoven in the life skills to provide a meaningful learning experience to the students. The NEP also lays a lot of emphasis on the synergy of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity at the school level for holistic education.

Creativity is ranked highest in Blooms Taxonomy and teachers should take up questions involving higher-order thinking skills. Creativity is conceiving a new idea and implementation of the idea leads to innovation. Atal Tinkering Labs in schools provide an ambient environment to make students neoteric innovators, ready to solve the problems of the community.

## KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF sportsmanship alive

Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad celebrated its Annual Sports Day. Integrating co-curricular activities with academics, to promote the holistic development of students has always been the school's philosophy. The extravaganza was showcased live to the audience in virtual mode, adhering strictly to social distancing norms amidst the ongoing pandemic, wherein the budding sportsper-

ja and other dignitaries and parents. The event initiated with the tradition of passing of torch by the Principal cum Director Manju Rana, to the Sports Captain of the school, Utkarsh Tyagi, followed by the oath taking ceremony. The Chairman, Seth Anandram Jaipuria Group of Educational Institutions Shishir Jaipuria apprised the audience about the multifarious initiatives undertaken by the school such as design thinking and in-



sons of SAJS Vasundhara, overcame all odds by rendering a spectacular performance. The melodious musical rendition of the students 'Shubh Swagatam' enthralled the audience.

The school principal cum director Manju Rana extended a warm welcome to the distinguished Chief Guest Ashok Dhyanchand, Chairman, Seth Anandram Jaipuria Group of Educational Institutions, Shishir Jaipuria, Vice Chairperson Sumita Jaipuria, Senior Advisor Vinod Malhotra, Director-Schools, Harish Sandu-

novation, ATL projects, SITAR Training Academy, adopting contemporary digital technologies, enhancing Social and Emotional Skills, thereby equipping students with the 21st-century skills and sensitising them to grow into the responsible citizenry.

The performance of the students in the yoga display 'Split Rangers', showcased a perfect amalgamation of mind, body and spirit. The intricate poses and 'asanas', depicting the mental and physical pose of students were outstanding.

To express their solidarity for sports, the students presented the spirited composition, 'Khelo India' anthem.

Hockey stalwart, Shri Ashok Dhyanchandji, commended the efforts and performance of the students and their mentors. He asserted that sports and games go a long way in preparing students to face the challenges of life and congratulated the school for nurturing a rich sporting culture. The event culminated with a vote of thanks proposed by the Head Mistress Indu Kohli.

## Acknowledgement and appreciation

The Administrator of The Scholar School Delhi Okhla, Qazi Muhammad Miyan was honoured with International Education Pride Award-2021 for 'Excellence in Education' by the International United Educationists' Fraternity at the 4th IUEF International Summit & International Education Pride



Award. The event was held at Amalika Institute of Management and Technology, Lucknow. The

award was presented by Major Harsh Kumar, Secretary NCERT, Squadron Leader Toolika Rani (the first woman from UP to climb Mount Everest), Dr Anita Sharma, Principal SD Public School, Delhi and member NCERT Bhartiya Shiksha Board (BSB), and Dr Jayant Chowdhuri Chairman IUEF. The chief guests of the summit were Anurag Tripathi, Secre-

tary CBSE, and Sanyukta Bhatia, the Mayor of Lucknow.

The theme of the summit was 'Educational Quality & Standards vs Paradigm Shift Towards Global & Sustainable Development in School & Higher Education'. A few of the topics included in the summit were an overview of NEP-2020 (New Pedagogical & Curricular Structure), Technology Integration in Education Sector, Educational Policies and Strategies and Human Resource Management (HRM) in the School Sector.

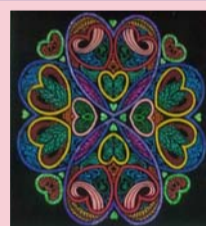
## Student Corner



**VIVAAN MARWAHA, class V,**  
Inspire School, Paschim Vihar



**SURYANSH MEHTA, Inspire School, Paschim Vihar**



**ANWITA SRIVASTAVA, class VII,**  
Mayur Public School, IP extension

## VISUAL ART INTEGRATION ADDRESSING PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

A child is a born artist who needs mere guidance to canvas his feelings and thoughts. Emotions are more accurately revealed when presented artistically. Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder; each and every piece of art enlivens the surroundings to its fullest. Admiration and guidance are the two forces that give a boost to the visual world of the child, the child fantasises, enlivens his thought process using various mediums - like colours, sketches and shading. The world has so much to share, just keep your eyes open, recollect the emotions in tranquillity and spread the aura on the canvas with those lively hues and colours. The school is the right place which is the stepping stone for the success which



**DAYAL CHAND GARG, Chairman, SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh**

lies yonder. SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh is yet another stepping stone for all the young artists. Such an institution under the expertise of the Chair-

man, Shri Dayal Chand Garg, the Manager, Gopal Krishan Gupta and the industrious Principal, Umesh Kumar Chhikara is a very prominent institution that helps the young artists to climb the ladder step by step.

A webinar was arranged by SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh to help the children visualise their creative world, be it dance, drama, music or art. Three eminent guest speakers spared their precious time to support the young aspirants. All three of them are famous artists namely - Professor Nuzhat Kazmi, the Dean of Faculty of Art at Jamia Millia Islamia University, Pankaj Guru, an International Visual artist and Fauzia Jamal, a research scholar. The workshop was live and had 30000 views in two days.

## Training to the best potential

Aryan Kohli (IX) of Ryan International School, Sector-31, Gurgaon secured the 'Best Bowler' award in the field of cricket. The tournament namely First Gurugram Emerging Talent Tournament was organised by AP Sports Academy. The match was against Push Cricket Academy, Gurgaon.

Kohli was felicitated with a trophy, medal and certificate of achievement. RIS Sector-31 has its own cricket team too which is guided by a good and qualified sports teacher. While felicitating Aryan Kohli, School Head N Geeta Srivastava appreciated his efforts and urged other students to get motivation from such a winner.



## WAVES OF FOND MEMORIES

I love beaches and one of our annual trips with family and friends was to the beautiful Puducherry, where we stayed in a scenic beach resort. The trip was truly a refreshing break that we all needed.

As the holiday coincided with my brother's birthday, the fun simply doubled. We spent all the time on the sea shore, playing throwball and making sand castles. We picked some shells but later forgot those in the hotel room. We saw fishermen and their boats as they set out to the sea for their daily catch. We returned with a lot of fond memories.

I wish that old times come back so that we can travel and make memories. I pray to God that Covid ends soon and we all get vaccinated so that we need not stay trapped in our homes.

**YASHASVI MUTPUR, class I,**  
Jubilee Hills Public School, Hyderabad



## Moments to learn and cherish

Someone once said, 'Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere', but according to me if that learning is combined with fun then it will have a lasting impression on both the minds and hearts, just like the way things are at my school.

As I look around my school, I cherish those moments in abundance. During the years from my initial days to high school now, I have experienced the transformation of the growing wisdom and understanding inside me, thanks to my teachers who



make students think differently in every situation.

The activities also gives us a better understanding of the contemporary world, where winning or losing never matters thus paving a path to building a sportsmanship spirit. School is also fun for giving us a platform to mingle with students from vibrant cultural backgrounds, it not only enables us to understand them but also develops mutual respect for those cultures. I see this at its peak

during our lunch breaks when we share our food among classmates, where every lunch box has to offer the world's best cuisine seasoned with love and warmth of rich culture.

Our school is an epitome of all our teachers who are backed with rich knowledge coupled with the mastery of imparting their teachings much more than just the facts, always giving better understanding through apt examples, thus making learning more engaging with lots of fun!

**P LASYA,**  
class IX,  
Gitanjali Devashray, Hyderabad



# Dhawan vs Rahul, Iyer vs Suryakumar, Pant vs Kishan



KL Rahul

It is going to be a tough question as far as the selection of the second opener is concerned, there is no doubt about that because Rohit Sharma is an automatic choice in white-ball cricket. But I will still go with KL Rahul because over the last few months and years, I think the Indian team management went with KL Rahul as an opening batsman and he has done really well in that position.

VVS LAXMAN, former India cricketer

The Indian team will have quite a few tough selection calls to make as Virat Kohli & Co. take on England in the 5-match T20I series beginning Friday

Rohit Sharma was one of India's best batsmen in the Test series against England. His batting acumen in the T20Is is probably second to none, which means he would be a starter for the hosts in the T20I series. With Shikhar Dhawan and KL Rahul the other choices in the opening department, the team management is likely to rotate the three at the top in the 5 matches. To begin with, however, the Rahul-Rohit combination is expected to get the nod.

## THE NO. 4 SPOT

Shreyas Iyer isn't probably the perfect T20 batsman a team wants batting at second-down position. With the much-talked-about Suryakumar Yadav getting his maiden call-up to the national team, Iyer faces stiff competition for his spot. Though it looks like Iyer might get the nod to begin with, Suryakumar will surely be breathing down his neck in the series. If Dhawan and Rohit open for India, Rahul can also be slotted in the middle-order.

England's T20I squad is completely different from their Test squad, and includes only 5 players who played at least one Test match. Morgan will lead the side consisting of Jason Roy, Dawid Malan and Chris Jordan, to name a few. Jofra Archer is nursing an elbow issue and is unlikely to feature in the T20I series.

## RISHABH PANT vs ISHAN KISHAN

KL Rahul has taken up the wicket-keeping role in the team for a while now but the inclusion of two full-time stumpers in the form of Rishabh Pant and Ishan Kishan might see Rahul return to an outfield position once again. But who among Pant and Kishan will get the nod? While Pant has been spectacular since the Australia tour, Ishan has also been in phenomenal form in the shortest format. It will surely be a difficult call to make.

## YUZVENDRA CHAHAL'S PARTNER

There's no doubt that Chahal will be the first-choice spinner in the team but the second spinner's spot is much debatable. There's once again going to be a tough competition for the spot with the likes of Varun Chakravarty, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Rahul Tewatia vying for the same role. Either Chakravarty or Sundar are likely to be chosen initially. If the team wants an additional hitter, Tewatia could get the nod.

## NO PLACE FOR DEEPAK CHAHAR

The return of Bhuvneshwar Kumar might force the team management to bench Deepak Chahal. The two are very similar kinds of bowlers and the status of Bhuvni is likely to see him get the nod over Chahal. Among Shardul Thakur, T Natarajan and Navdeep Saini, two of them could partner Bhuvneshwar in the pace attack.

## SQUADS

**IND** Virat Kohli (Captain), Rohit Sharma (VC), KL Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant (WK), Ishan Kishan (WK), Y Chahal, Varun Chakravarty, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Rahul Tewatia, T Natarajan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahal, Navdeep Saini, Shardul Thakur

**ENG** Eoin Morgan (Captain), Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow (WK), Sam Billings, Jos Buttler (WK), Sam Curran, Tom Curran, Moeen Ali, Dawid Malan, Ben Stokes, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Mark Wood, Reece Topley, Jofra Archer

# COULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

## Slow over-rate cost AUS WTC final



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Head coach Justin Langer said Australia were "really slack" in not maintaining their over-rate in the Melbourne Test against India, which eventually cost them a place in the World Test Championships final. Australia were fined four WTC points for being two overs behind in the second Test of the four-match series. India recently beat England 3-1 in a home Test series to set up a WTC final clash with New Zealand in June and Australia could have qualified in place of the Kiwis if not for that slow over-rate penalty. In the WTC standing, New Zealand finished 0.3 per cent ahead of Australia, who had decided not to travel to South Africa for a Test series due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## IPL performances will be given weightage

With India hosting the T20 World Cup later this year, Langer said IPL-bound Australian players' performances in the T20 league will be taken into consideration when they sit to select the team for the ICC event. "There's no better showcase for some of our players. They're playing in the same conditions (as the World Cup). We'll watch that really closely and see who performs well," Langer said.

"It's a great opportunity for a lot of players. They get to play a lot of cricket under pressure, that can only benefit them individually and us collectively." The IPL will run from April 9 to May 30 across six venues in India.

This might be the silliest thing I've ever said, but our manager Gavin Dovey ... he'd been away, he'd gone home for Christmas to be with his family. It wasn't until after the game that we realised our over rate was down. Now, that's really slack on our behalf.

I remember we were in the team room afterwards and I spoke to Paine (skipper Tim Paine) and Dene Hills, our analyst, about it. I was a bit grumpy about it and I thought imagine if this cost us the World Test Championship. I mentioned it to the players afterwards that two overs down could cost us the World Test Championship. And so, we have to get better at that and make sure it doesn't happen in Sydney and Brisbane.

It's very disappointing, but the lesson is the things that we can control, we have to control. And we can't relax for a second in Test cricket.

JUSTIN LANGER

## Chelsea cruise, West Ham win as top four race heats up

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Chelsea are unbeaten in 11 games in all competitions, winning eight times since Tuchel replaced the sacked Frank Lampard in January



Kai Havertz

Chelsea strengthened their hold on fourth place in the Premier League as Kai Havertz inspired a vital 2-0 win over Everton, while West Ham boosted their surprise top-four challenge with a 2-0 victory against Leeds. Havertz has endured a disappointing first season following his £70 million (\$96 million) move from Bayer Leverkusen last year.

But Germany forward was given a rare start by Chelsea boss Thomas Tuchel and he responded by playing the key role in both goals at Stamford Bridge. Havertz's shot was deflected into the Everton net for a Ben Godfrey own goal in the first half. Chelsea are two points ahead of fifth-placed West Ham, who have a game in hand in a tense race to qualify for next season's Champions League via a top-four finish.

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** In which year did Saina Nehwal become the fifth non-Chinese player and first Indian to win a Super Series women's singles title?

- a) 2006  b) 2007  c) 2008  d) 2009

**Q2:** Who holds the record for most dismissals by a wicketkeeper in the Women's World Cup?

- a) Jane Smit  b) Rachel Priest   
c) Taniya Bhatia  d) Trisha Chetty

**Q3:** The International Badminton Federation (IBF) was established in which year

as the world governing body for the sport?

- a) 1932  b) 1933  c) 1934  d) 1935

**Q4:** In 2013/14, Lionel Messi overtook which player's total of 369 goals to become the leading goalscorer of all time at FC Barcelona?

- a) Ronaldinho  b) César Rodríguez   
c) Luis Suarez  d) Paulino Alcántara

**Q5:** Prakash Padukone was the first Indian badminton player to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal and remained the only male player to do until \_\_\_\_\_ emulated him in 2014.

- a) Syed Modi  b) Parupalli Kashyap   
c) Chetan Anand  d) Anup Sridhar

**Q6:** Sofia Kenin won the 2020 Australian Open title against which tennis player?

- a) Garbine Muguruza  b) Jennifer Brady   
c) Marketa Vondrousova  d) Victoria Azarenka



Sofia Kenin

**Q7:** Who were the first male India at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona?

- a) Deepankar Bhattacharya and U Vimal Kumar   
b) Prakash Padukone and Anup Sridhar   
c) Chetan Anand and Syed Modi   
d) Pallela Gopichand and Nandu Natekar

**Q8:** Who is the current vice-captain of FC Barcelona?

- a) Neymar  b) Antoine Griezmann   
c) Luis Suárez  d) Sergio Busquets

**Q9:** After Deandra Dottin, who holds the record of fastest century in Women's T20 Internationals?

- a) Meg Lanning  b) Tammy Beaumont   
c) Harmanpreet Kaur  d) Alyssa Healy

**Q10:** In which year did Pallela Gopichand become All England Open Badminton Champion?

- a) 2000  b) 2001   
c) 2002  d) 2003

**Q11:** Who holds the record of most half-centuries in career in Women's Test Matches?

- a) Janette Brittin  b) Rachael Heyhoe-Flint   
c) Charlotte Edwards  d) Enid Bakewell

**ANSWERS:** 1 d) 2009 2 a) Jane Smit 3 c) 1934 4 d) Paulino Alcántara 5 b) Parupalli Kashyap 6 a) Garbine Muguruza 7 a) Deepankar Bhattacharya and U Vimal Kumar 8 d) Sergio Busquets 9 d) Alyssa Healy 10 b) 2001 11 a) Janette Brittin