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## FLEATHER: alternative to animal leather

**WHAT** Fleather is a bio alternative to animal leather, which has been created by a Kanpur-based firm Phool.co, a flower recycling firm backed by IIT-Kanpur. They have been awarded the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) Innovator Award 2021. BIRAC is a non-profit set up by the department of Biotechnology, Govt of India.



be customised for aesthetic expression, flexibility, density, etc.

**HOW** Fleather is made from temple flowers and farm waste by Phool. Incubated at Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIC) at IIT-Kanpur, Phool developed a biomaterial that is almost like leather. Fleather is built on the principles of biomimicry and can

**WHY** The process of making Fleather is ultra-sustainable. It not only cuts down several traditional downstream leather tanning processes but is also helping provide better job opportunities to women from the marginalised sections of society. IANS

■ "We humans love leather. It delivers status, luxury and comfort. But leather is a co-product of the livestock industry that produces around 18 per cent of the total earth's greenhouse emission. Fleather can perform like leather while significantly cutting down the emission and reusing temple and farm waste."

ANKIT AGARWAL, founder, Phool.co

■ "It is a great business. It also provides livelihood to many women from marginalised sections of the society."

PROFESSOR ABHAY KARANDIKAR, director, IIT Kanpur



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## CBSE THROWS

# AI CHALLENGE @TEENS

**W**ith an aim to empower children with future skills that would make them job-ready, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has collaborated with Intel to launch the AI Student Community – a platform where students can come together to learn and share their experiences.

This will be a youth-driven platform to encourage collaborative learning, sharing and creating AI-enabled social impact solutions, CBSE said.

"AI Student Community (AISC) has been envisaged to help build a digital-first mindset and support an AI-ready generation. It

has been designed as a youth-driven community, enabling collaborative learning, sharing, and creating real-life social impact AI solutions," the CBSE said.

The platform will be launched in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. "The NEP acknowledges the importance of AI and emphasises on preparing students for an AI-driven economy. The policy focuses on making education experiential and future-oriented, building crucial skills such as data analysis, computational thinking, etc. from a young age through teaching contemporary subjects such as AI," the CBSE said.

### WHY SHOULD YOU ENROL?

■ Students who register will have access to different online and offline events, which may include learning sessions by coaches certified by Intel, talks by industry experts and leaders, etc.

### HOW TO REGISTER

■ Visit <http://www.cbseacademic.nic.in/> and click on 'AI Student Community' tab



### WHO CAN APPLY?

Students from schools affiliated to CBSE and other boards will be able to register for it. Registered students will be able to learn skills related to Artificial Intelligence (AI), access learning resources, attend webinars and boot camps, participate in online challenges, etc.

## FACTOID

# 56 LAKH



➤ The price of a rare 10.9 gram gold coin of Kam Bakhsh, the fifth son of Mughal King Aurangzeb. The coin went under the hammer in B'uru

➤ Marudhar Arts, a leading numismatic auction house, held the auction. However, they did not disclose who bought the coin.

Rajendra Maru, the CEO of Marudhar Arts, said Kam Bakhsh took active part in wars. In 1707, he seized the control of the Bijapur Fort and declared himself the king. Gradually, his rule extended across much of Deccan – winning control over Hyderabad, erstwhile Gulbarga, Shahpur and Wakinkhera. PTI

## No licence, no car – mum drives Bayern starlet Musiala to training

**B**ayern Munich starlet Jamal Musiala has revealed that his mother has to drive him to training while the 18-year-old works on getting his driving licence.

"So far I've been very happy that my mum has been so nice as to drive me to training," Musiala told magazine 'Sport Bild.' Last Friday, Musiala signed a five-year contract – his

**Musiala signed the deal, which will reportedly earn him five million euros (\$6 million) per year**

first as a professional – with the club world champions, which he described as a "childhood dream come true". Just a week after his 18th birthday, Bayern's players each receive a car provided by the club's sponsor. Musiala says he has no idea which car he will be given, but he doesn't mind "as long as it drives and has a good music system."

The teenager has so far made 27 appearances for the Bundesliga leaders. He

scored his first Champions League goal in the 4-1 win over Lazio in the last 16, first leg. Stuttgart-born Musiala came through Chelsea's academy and played for England Under-21s last November but has opted to play senior football for Germany. AFP



## A choco jab, this EASTER?

**W**ith spring and COVID-19 vaccines within sight, Hungarian confectioner Laszlo Rimoczi is sending a message of hope for Easter by creating chocolate bunnies holding vaccine syringes. Rimoczi said the vaccines, made of fine Italian chocolate and sprinkled with silver food

colouring powder, signalled there was a way out of the coronavirus pandemic. Unlike his Christmas chocolate Santas, Rimoczi's bunnies no longer wear masks. "There is no filling in the vaccines at all, it is just a 100% good quality Italian milk or dark chocolate," he said. Reuters



# TALK OF INVENTION: A SCARF THAT SPEAKS?

## Scientists develop message display fabric

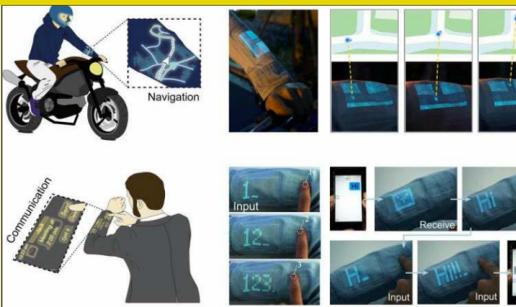
**A**t first glance, the fabric looks like a pretty if not especially original scarf, with turquoise, blue and orange stripes in an open weave. But this fabric can communicate.

It's wearable, foldable and washable, but it's also a fully

functioning display – capable of flashing messages or images, or even being used with a keyboard.

The fabric, described in a study in the journal 'Nature' this month, is the work of a team led by Huisheng Peng – a professor at Shanghai's Fudan University.

Peng sees a variety of options, including a dynamic sleeve display that could allow a driver to view a GPS map on their arm as they move around. But he is hopeful the material could also help people overcome difficulty communicating because of health problems.



## HOW HAS IT BEEN CREATED?

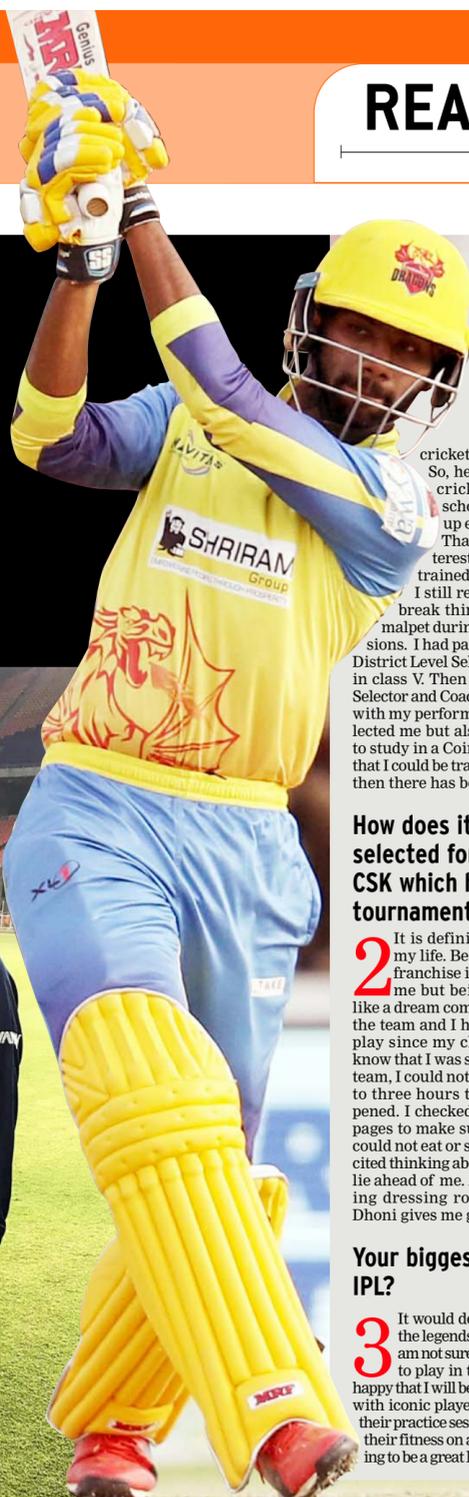
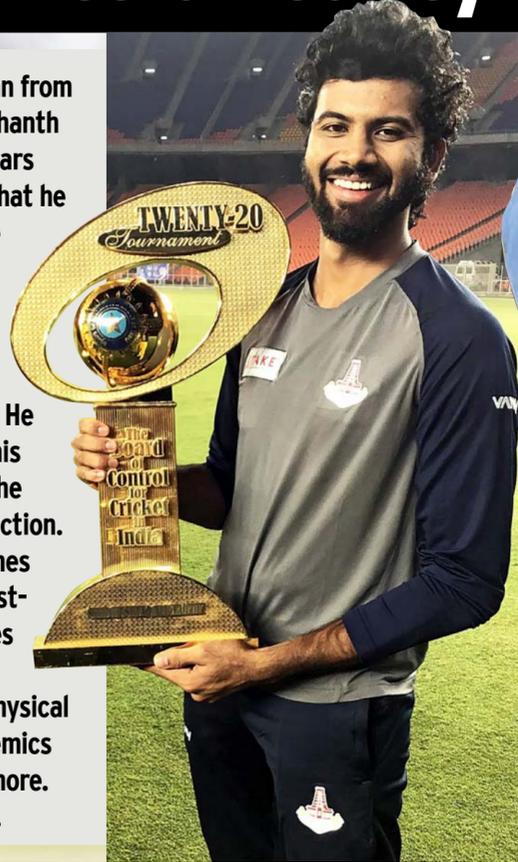
**1** The breakthrough came after examining the structure of textiles and the way threads intersect with each other in the warp and weft of a woven piece. **2** The team decided to try to create minuscule points of light where the fibres of a woven cloth meet. To make these tiny

dots of light, they needed a luminescent warp and a conductive weft that could be woven together with cotton or similar fibres. **3** Applying an electrical current caused the layer on the yarn to light up where it was in contact with the conductive gel fibre.

**4** The amount of power needed to light up the display material was limited, producing no significant heating, the authors say, and the fabric survived a number of stress tests. The study says the fabric can be powered with batteries or even use solar energy. AFP

# Always dream big and put all your efforts to turn that dream into a reality

The 24-year-old batsman from Coimbatore - C Hari Nishanth - could not believe his ears when he was informed that he would be playing for the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the upcoming IPL 2021. For the diehard fan of CSK, it was a dream come true. He was bought by CSK for his base price ₹20 lakh in the final round of the IPL auction. In a tete-a-tete with Times NIE, Hari Nishanth, a post-graduate student, shares about his childhood dream, importance of physical fitness, balancing academics and sports, and, much more. Read on to know more...



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## How did cricket happen?

**1** My father is PT teacher in a school. Even though he was passionate about cricket, he could not pursue it. So, he wanted me to become a cricket player. During my school days, we used to wake up early and watch matches. That's how I developed an interest in cricket. It was he who trained me in the beginning and I still remember how we used to break things at our home in Udumalpet during the indoor practice sessions. I had participated in Coimbatore District Level Selection match when I was in class V. Then the Coimbatore District Selector and Coach Guru was so impressed with my performance that he not only selected me but also offered a scholarship to study in a Coimbatore-based school; so that I could be trained under him and since then there has been no looking back.

## How does it feel being selected for a team like CSK which has won the tournament three times?

**2** It is definitely the best moment of my life. Being picked up by any IPL franchise is indeed a great thing for me but being picked up by CSK is like a dream come true. I am a huge fan of the team and I have been watching them play since my childhood. When I got to know that I was selected to be a part of the team, I could not believe it. It took me two to three hours to realise what has happened. I checked Instagram and Twitter pages to make sure it was not a dream. I could not eat or sleep for days. I was so excited thinking about the opportunities that lie ahead of me. And the thought of sharing dressing room with *thala* (leader) Dhoni gives me goosebumps even now.

## Your biggest takeaway from IPL?

**3** It would definitely be learning from the legends and stalwarts of cricket. I am not sure whether I will get a chance to play in the team or not. But I am happy that I will be sharing the dressing room with iconic players. I can learn a lot about their practice sessions and the secret behind their fitness on and off the field. This is going to be a great learning experience for me.

## Tell us about importance of physical fitness during childhood if one wants to pursue a career in the field of sports?

**4** With the boom of internet, physical fitness among kids has taken a back seat. Children prefer playing games on gadgets than playing on open grounds. The importance of physical fitness cannot be undermined during the early childhood and it does not matter if you want to make a career in sports or not. You will have to engage in some kind of physical activities on a daily basis. I urge children to start doing some simple exercises to stay fit and healthy. We all know a sound mind resides in sound body.

**5** I am a huge fan of the team and I have been watching them play since my childhood. When I got to know that I was selected to be a part of the team, I could not believe it

## How did you manage academics and sports?

**5** Right from my school days, I had support from my parents and school in balancing both sports and academics. I had to miss my classes a lot of time as I had to go for tournaments. But thanks to my teachers as they took extra effort to help me out during such times. Sometimes it is difficult to focus, but nothing is impossible when you are determined. You have to learn to strike a perfect balance between academics and sports, which will definitely help you in the long run.

## Your message to children?

**6** Always dream big and put all your efforts to turn that dream into a reality. There is no substitute for hard work. I would also urge parents and teachers to support children in all aspects of life to pursue their passion and keep motivating them.

# Can exercise make you more creative?

If you exercise often, there's a good chance you are also more creative, according to a new study on the links between physical activity and imagination. It finds that active people come up with more and better ideas during tests of their inventiveness than people who are relatively sedentary.

Science already offers plenty of evidence that physical activity influences how we think. But creativity is difficult to quantify and its relationship with exercise has not been clear in past studies. Most studies examined the short-term effects of physical activity under tightly controlled conditions in labs or similar settings. They did not examine the potential linkages, if any, between everyday activities, like going for a walk, and the workings of our imagination.

inations, or how being active could possibly affect creativity in the first place.

For the new study, researchers at the University of Graz in Austria decided to track the normal activities of a group of average adults, measure their creativity to see whether and how

two might align, and if moving made them happier, which in turn boosted creativity.

In all, 79 healthy adults were given activity trackers for five days, and then asked to visit the lab to conceive new uses for car tyres and umbrellas and finish partial drawings. The researchers then rated their output on different measures. They found that the most active volunteers were also the most creative, especially if they often walked or exercised moderately. Active people also tended to be happier, although their moods were highest if they engaged in vigorous activities like jogging or playing sports.

But the relations between activity, creativity and moods were slight. People could walk often and be creative but not happy, suggesting that it was not improved moods that influenced creativity.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

# WHY DO flowers smell?



**I** magine walking through a tropical forest as a sweet scent wafts through the air. A little farther down the path, the putrid stench of rotting flesh makes you catch your breath. Upon investigation, you find that both odours originate from flowers - but why do flowers smell like anything at all?

It's part of a strategy that helps flowering plants reproduce themselves and spread their species. Certain scents help these flowers solve a big problem.

Plants flower to produce seeds that can go on to become new plants. To make a viable seed, pollen from one part of the flower must fertilise the ovules in another part of the flower. Some plants can self-pollinate, using their own pollen to fertilise the ovules. Others require pollen from another plant of the same species - that's called cross-pollination.

So how does one plant get some other individual plant's pollen where it needs to be?

Sometimes gravity helps pollen fall into place. Sometimes wind carries it. Wind-pollinated flowers, like those of many trees

and grasses, don't produce a scent.

Other flowers are pollinated by birds, bats, insects or even small rodents carrying the pollen from one flower to another. In these cases, the flowers might provide a little incentive. Animal pollinators are rewarded by sweet energy - and nutrient-rich nectar or protein-packed pollen they can eat.

Flowers that need the help of insects and bats go one step further, producing a floral scent that acts as a fragrant and nice kind of welcome sign for just the right pollinator.

An orchid blooming in the tropical forest or a rose in your garden needs to attract a pollinator to bring pollen from flowers of the same species.

However, there are flowers which look similar but are from other species. To differentiate itself from other flowers, each species' flowers puts out a unique scent to attract specific pollinators. AP

## QUIZ TIME (HISTORY)

**Q.1) The Turko-Afghan rule in India lasted for about \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Two centuries  
B. Three centuries  
C. Four centuries  
D. A little over one century

**Q.2) The 23rd Jaina teacher, Parsva, the immediate predecessor of Mahavira, enjoined on his disciples four great vows. To these Mahavira added which of the following as the fifth vow?**

- A. Abstinence from stealing  
B. Non-injury

C. Brahmacharya  
D. Non-attachment

**Q.3) The Uprising of 1857 was described as the first Indian War of Independence by \_\_\_\_.**

- A. S N Sen B. R C Mazumdar  
C. B G Tilak D. V D Savarkar

**Q.4) The Venetian traveller who travelled with his wife and reached Vijayanagar around 1420 was \_\_\_\_.**

1. B) Three centuries 2. C) Brahmacharya 3. D) V D Savarkar  
4. A) Nicolo de Conti 5. C) Punjab

## ANSWERS

## KNOWLEDGE BANK

### Abhimanyu

He was reincarnation of the son of the moon god (Chandra). When the moon god was asked to let his son get reincarnated on Earth, he made a pact that the son would only remain on Earth for 16 years as he could not bear to be separated from him. His strength and bravery is the stuff of folklore.



## EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Develop a story based on the pictures in around 250 words. Send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at [toime175@gmail.com](mailto:toime175@gmail.com)



# Year of learning and unlearning

Owing to the pandemic, as the lockdowns were imposed suddenly across the world, human beings, isolated and confined within their spaces, were disconnected from the world outside. Even as this time and space were utilised to strengthen bonds with families, reconnect with one's own being, and pursue hobbies etc technology helped everyone to remain connected and continue the journey of life forward.

With school buildings shut down, we all know, how like a phoenix, the educational ecosystems revived almost immediately, by switching over to the online mode. Educators, the world over, whether trained or not, with great tenacity collaborated and adapted to the online mode of education. Students, for whom mobile phones and laptops till then were, a means of entertainment, realised their immense potential as tools of learning and attended the



L V SEHGAL, Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg

online classes with great alacrity. Meanwhile, the management of educational institutions and the parent community too, left no stone unturned, to smoothen the shift to virtual classrooms. It was heartening to note that besides the efforts of the government and different NGOs, many people also donated electronic devices to the underprivileged sections of the society, so that their learning could continue unhindered.

Beyond the transaction of curriculum and conducting assessments, the virtual schools, also focussed upon co-curricular activities, such as, storytelling sessions, inter-school competitions, workshops, morning assembly programmes, MUNs, counselling sessions, selection of the prefectorial boards etc thereby, engaging learners

in structured routines and ensuring their holistic development, irrespective of the chaos that dominated the macrocosm of our existence. Meanwhile, educators and different educational websites flooded the internet with an enriching repository of subject-based resource material as well as that pertaining to the development of varied skills of the learners.

Noting the fast-paced development in the education sector, one wonders how much time, effort, and resources this kind of progress would have required, had there been no pandemic. Certainly, the pandemic pandemic necessitated innovations that have revolutionised the educational systems, and definitely, these changes are there to stay. The varied stakeholders of the education sectors are envisioning hybrid models of learning that will help promote holistic, individualised, skill-based learning, for the greater good of each learner. In India, the blended learning approach would also go a long way in the successful implementation of the NEP 2020, for the overall progress of the nation.

Thus, as we continue, "reading the past, to write the future", one cannot deny that 'every cloud has a silver lining' and, indeed it is true for the year 2020, as well.

# CELEBRATIONS AND PRIDE

LT Atul Katarya Memorial School conducted an online Graduation Ceremony with great fervour and gaiety, to mark the significance of schooling in the lives of toddlers. The function started with the invocation of Maa Saraswati by the little ones. The kindergarten students exhibited their talents by the group song, dance performance, a musical parody which mesmerised one and all. Little toddlers were very excited on passing out from Class UKG to Grade I and received their degrees virtually. The parents of the students were present to witness the ceremony.



parents and sent her warm wishes to the students. She said that parents and teachers are the ones who shape and mould the child with tender love, care into a confident individual.

On this occasion, Chief Guest the Chairman of the school Col Dhanraj Katarya blessed the students and the Director congratulated the

her warm welcome to all the parents and lauded the parent's efforts, perseverance, motivation and support that contributed to the successful com-

pletion of their child's preschool. She highlighted the hard work put in by the kindergarten teachers who have always delivered key learnings for children through innovative and fun activities that lead

the tiny tots to grow like a mighty tree. She urged the parents to put nutrients in their child's life make them reliable, determined and resolute in action. She assured that the children will continue to be nurtured with knowledge, values and dedication as they continue their education at LAKMS. The ceremony ended with a thank you song. The online event was a grand success.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION

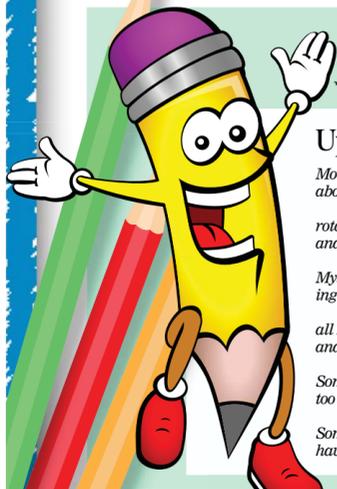
Anuroop Kaur, the Principal of Bharat Ram Global School, Indirapuram got the best Principal award by the Global Talk Education Foundation. Dr Kaur was felicitated for her achievement in making the teaching and learning process inter-



esting, for giving importance to student health and subject related activities. She was commended for providing positive environment to the students in the school. She has been an inspiration for developing various skills and for making 'Online Education' interesting.

# Unified Cyber Olympiad 2020

Kavya Mittal, a student of class IV K, DPS Indirapuram secured rank 1 in the Unified Cyber Olympiad held in December 2020. The Olympiad conducted annually is a competitive exam based on computer education and IT related questions. It focused on strengthening the students' mental ability, logical reasoning and computer knowledge. Kavya did the school proud by securing the first position across the country.



## student Corner

### Up in the night sky

Moons, stars, planets floating above in the night,  
rotating planets, glistening moons and stars twinkling bright.  
Mystic and creative bodies revolving up in the space,  
all have different characteristics and distinct phase.  
Some bodies are too cold; some are too hot,  
Some have multiple rings; some have a large spot.

When...I see up in the night sky,  
I wonder what would happen if it all gave me a bye?  
Celestial bodies and the universe are too epic,  
we saw them and observed by using Apollo and Sputnik.  
Stars and constellations gave us most of the information,  
observatories and space station for their analysis and observation.

SWAGYA, class VIII, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School



AVISHKA JAIN, class VI, Manav Sthall Global School, Rajendra Nagar



NISHITA RASTOGI, Modern Public School, Shallmar Bagh

PARI PARMAR, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Gzb



# BEAUTIFUL AND POWERFUL

Gyan Devi Public School, Senior Secondary, Sector - 17, Gurgaon celebrated International Women's Day.

The programme was graced by the Chairman of Gyan Devi Group of Schools, Capt JS Yadav, Managing Director Of Gyan Devi Group of Schools, Neena Yadav, Guests of Honour: Principal, Vice Principal, staff Members and students of classes X and XII.

The guests of honour were given a warm welcome. The programme started with the lighting of the holy lamp by the guests.

Karishma of class XI presented a motivational poem on 'Nari Shakti'. The girls of class-

primary teacher. The Principal introduced the guests of honour to the audience. The guests delivered powerful speeches, highlighting the contributions of women.

In his inspirational address, Chairman thanked the guests of honour and encouraged the students with his words of wisdom.

Managing Director handed over creative artwork and Tulsi plants as a token of love and appreciation to the guests of Honour. The programme ended with the rendition of the national anthem.



# THE EDUCATIONIST

## "An indomitable will is needed"

Vice Principal of Apeejay School shares her insights on online schooling and the year that was, with Avani Pandit, class IX, Apeejay School, Nerul

**Q:** What was the immediate response of the school after the lockdown imposed in March?

As the saying goes, "The mind is everything. What you think, you become". It was the indomitable spirit of every member of the Apeejay Styra family to ensure that learning does not cease and to take it forward in the best possible way- virtual. With the foresightedness of our president, Sushma Paul Berlia and innovative technical support from Aditya Berlia, a user-friendly global platform was introduced to the learners. Zoom app was introduced for teaching and learning, with technical support from the head office to familiarise one and all to the app making it safe and secure for the learners. Modular Object Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment (MOODLE) is a learning platform designed to provide educators, administrators and learners with a single robust, secure and integrated system to create per-



Namita Anand, Vice Principal

sonalised learning environments. MOODLE platform proved to be of immense help. Armed with the above tools, resilience and confidence, the school started its new academic session as planned in April 2020.

**Q:** How was the annual day celebration conducted this year? Apeejay is known to conduct all its activities to perfection. Hence the

Annual Appreciation Day also saw all the regular features: Invocation Dance, president's message, Annual Report, chief guest's address etc. The chief guest, Bipin Kumar Singh, IPS, Commissioner of police, Navi Mumbai, in his address emphasised the challenges for youth and ways to overcome them. The first ever Virtual Annual Appreciation Day was live streamed on Facebook as well.

**Q:** What do you think is the biggest challenge that students must be facing while learning from online classes? As in all transitions, teething problems are always there. However, with webinars and strong support from the Head Office and Management, we could overcome these challenges by promotion of e-learning through effective communication and implementing a learning environment that encouraged collaboration at all levels.

# Express YOURSELF

## RESPECT EVERYONE EQUALLY

We all want to be respected and treated in a certain way, we all crave appreciation; No matter how much we might deny it. But why, why do we forget to appreciate certain people in our lives and don't give them the respect they deserve? Everyone deserves to be respected equally; there's no sense at all in treating people differently because of their job or occupation. Doesn't everyone work hard? We shouldn't treat some people differently, or respect them any less just because of their economic status. If we are a country that believes in equality, we need to break down all barriers of the socio-economic divide. There's already so much hate in this world, we can only end all of it by spreading good vibes, appreciating the ones



around us once in a while despite what work they do because it really shouldn't matter! Sometimes, or every time, you smile at someone and say 'thank you', it makes their day and motivates them to keep doing what they do!

Twisha Karra, class IX, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr College, Ambar Nath

## Painters' Gallery



NATURE INSPIRES: RADHIKA CHOPRA, class IX, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi

# CAN RCB LIFT THEIR MAIDEN IPL TROPHY?

## Three reasons why Virat Kohli-led RCB can end Mumbai Indians' reign by winning their maiden title in IPL 2021

RCB can't just depend on Kohli and De Villiers for winning games

**P**erennial underachievers Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), led by Virat Kohli, will hope to put an end to their title drought in the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Even though the Bangalore-based franchise have become a force to reckon with under the leadership of run machine Kohli, the three-time runners-up have failed to lift the famous trophy since the inception of the cash-rich league tournament in 2008.

In the quest of their maiden title in the 2021 season of domestic cricket's biggest extravaganza, the Bangalore-based franchise had made significant gains at the IPL 2021 auction held in Chennai last month. Known for splashing the cash in the IPL auction ceremony, the RCB franchise did not disappoint their fans by securing eye-watering deals for some of the household names in T20 cricket. With a rejuvenated RCB side looking forward to ending their trophy drought, let's discuss the three valid reasons that make Kohli and Co. strong title contenders in the IPL 2021.

### 1. World-class bowling attack

It goes without saying that the Bangalore giants have become a balanced side under the leadership of skipper Kohli. Though the Kohli-led side opted to part ways with Aaron Finch and Chris Morris on retention day, RCB's

Each team is set to play at four venues during the league stage. Out of the 56 league matches, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru will host 10 matches each while Ahmedabad and Delhi will host 8 matches each.

One of the highlights of this edition of the IPL will be the fact that all matches will be played at neutral venues, no team will play at their home venue. All teams will play at 4 out of 6 venues during the league stage.

think tank has shown faith in Indian superstar Washington Sundar and Yuzvendra Chahal. Besides the world-class spin duo, RCB also have a potent pace bowling attack featuring Indian speed merchants Navdeep Saini and Mohammed Siraj. RCB have also roped in New Zealand star player Kyle Jamieson for a whopping ₹15 crore to bolster their bowling department. Jamieson is also known for playing small cameos with the willow in domestic cricket.

### 2. The capture of 'Big Show' Maxwell

To strengthen their title bid, RCB opted to break the bank by acquiring the services of Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell. Though Maxwell turned out to be the biggest flop in IPL 2020, the power-hitter has made amends by putting up a show for the Australian side on the international circuit. Maxwell showcased his batting onslaught against Team India, in late 2020, and the flamboyant batsman also earned plaudits in the recently concluded New Zealand series.

### 3. Less dependence on Virat Kohli

There is no denying that skipper Kohli will remain RCB's go-to-man in the next instalment. However, RCB have managed to fight tooth and nail even when Kohli had a forgetful day at the office. With the arrival of Jamieson, Maxwell, and Daniel Christian, RCB are frontrunners to end Mumbai Indians' dominance in their second title-defending season. The 2020 edition also saw South African legend AB de Villiers successfully hitting a purple patch for the Kohli-led side. Accompanied by exciting young talent Devdutt Padikkal, the Proteas batting icon will be sharing Kohli's workload at RCB this season.

# THREE CLUBS CR7 CAN JOIN after Juventus' shocking Round of 16 exit

With three back-to-back Champions League exits, Ronaldo's future at Juventus remains uncertain. Even at the age of 36, Ronaldo has shown no signs of slowing down, which means CR7 is more tilted towards leaving Juventus for a greater challenge than calling time on an iconic career. Having said that, let's take a look at three possible destinations where Ronaldo can ply his trade if CR7 opts to leave the Old Lady

## 1) REAL MADRID



Why not? A series of embarrassing exits for Mr Champions League might trigger one of the most shocking returns in world football. Though Santiago Bernabeu is unlikely to be an ideal destination, Ronaldo's partnership with Zinedine Zidane was indeed a win-win situation for both parties. Zidane and Ronaldo guided Real to three back-to-back Champions League titles. It should be noted that Ronaldo left Real following Zidane's self-volunteered exit in 2018. So if Juventus declare Ronaldo is for sale in the next transfer window, Zidane-backed Real can easily compete for his signature.

## 2) MANCHESTER UNITED



Ronaldo was even slammed for breaking the wall which coined Porto's sucker punch in the extra time of the 2nd leg at Allianz Arena. Juventus ultras were quick to slam Ronaldo for his unforgivable error. At a time when Ronaldo's following has taken a massive hit, the Portuguese stalwart can prepare his fairytale return to Old Trafford. Man United will always be a sentimental favourite when it comes to Ronaldo's Premier League return. From his maiden Ballon d'Or to his first UEFA Champions League crown, Ronaldo was a beast at United before CR7 turned into a demigod in Madrid.

## 3) PARIS SAINT GERMAIN



After three Champions League disasters, the Juve think tank will not consider Ronaldo's arrival at the age of 33 a value for money deal. Juventus contested two Champions League finals against Ronaldo and Messi before the Portuguese stalwart parted ways with Real Madrid. When it comes to splashing money and breaking the bank in the transfer window, Ligue 1 giants Paris Saint Germain (PSG) will remain frontrunners in securing mammoth deals. If Juventus plan to recover Ronaldo's transfer fee in the future, PSG are likely to give Ronaldo an offer he can't refuse.

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who holds the record of the highest score in the Indian Premier League 2017?

- a) Sanju Samson  b) Hashim Amla   
c) David Warner  d) Ben Stokes

**Q2:** Who won the 2016 US Open men's title?

- a) Dominic Thiem  b) Alexander Zverev   
c) Novak Djokovic  d) Stan Wawrinka

**Q3:** Who is the current coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad?

- a) Trevor Bayliss  b) Stephen Fleming   
c) Mahela Jayawardene  d) Anil Kumble

**Q4:** Who made the most assists in German Bundesliga - 2019-20?

- a) Jadon Sancho  b) Jonas Hofmann   
c) Joshua Kimmich  d) Thomas Müller

**Q5:** Royal Challengers Bangalore have been runners-up three times in the history of IPL. How many titles do they have under their name?

- a) One  b) Two  c) Three  d) Zero

**Q6:** Who is the top scorer of German Bundesliga - 2016-17?

- a) Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang   
b) Nils Petersen  c) Niclas Füllkrug   
d) Robert Lewandowski

**Q7:** In which year did Maria Sharapova win her last grand slam title?

- a) 2012  b) 2013  c) 2014  d) 2015



**Q8:** Kings XI Punjab changed the team name to \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of the IPL 2021 auction.

- a) XI Punjab Kings  b) Punjab Kings   
c) Punjab XI  d) Kings Punjab

**Q9:** Who was the second top scorer in the Spanish La Liga games 2020-21?

- a) Luis Suárez  b) Alexander Isak   
c) Gerard Moreno  d) Karim Benzema

**Q10:** Which of the following stadiums is the home ground of Royal Challengers Bangalore?

- a) Wankhede Stadium   
b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium

- c) MA Chidambaram Stadium   
d) Eden Gardens

**Q11:** In which year did Serena Williams play her last grand slam singles final?

- a) 2016  b) 2017  c) 2018  d) 2019

**Q12:** Who made the most assists in Spanish La Liga - 2020-21?

- a) Joan Jordán  b) Ángel Correa   
c) Lionel Messi  d) Jorge de Frutos

**ANSWERS:** 1 c) David Warner  
2 d) Stan Wawrinka 3 a) Trevor Bayliss  
4 d) Thomas Müller 5 d) Zero  
6 a) Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang  
7 c) 2014 8 b) Punjab Kings 9 a) Luis Suárez  
10 b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium 11 d) 2019  
12 c) Lionel Messi