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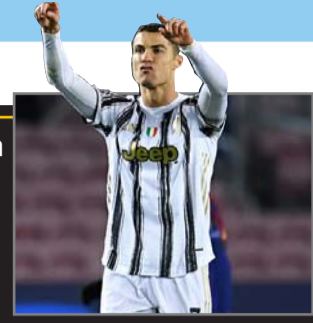
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**STUDENT EDITION**

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**WEB EDITION**

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## FORBES' MOST-POWERFUL WOMEN LIST

### Sitharaman is world's 41st most-powerful woman

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman is among the Forbes' ranking of 100 most-powerful women in the world. FM Sitharaman, 61, is ranked 41st. In May 2019, Sitharaman was appointed as the finance minister, and is also the minister for corporate affairs. She is India's first full-time female finance minister.



- Other Indians on the list include HCL CEO and executive director Roshni Nadar Malhotra (55th) and Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (68th)
- As the CEO of HCL Corporation, Nadar is responsible for all strategic decisions for the \$ 8.9 billion technology company
- Mazumdar-Shaw is the founder of the country's largest bio-pharmaceutical company

German chancellor **Angela Merkel** grabbed the No 1 slot for the 10th consecutive year, with European Central Bank head **Christine Lagarde** taking the second spot for the second year in a row. US vice president-elect **Kamala Harris** made it to the list for the first time—ranked at No. 3.



## Mount Everest GETS A NEW HEIGHT!

The World's highest peak got a bit higher on Tuesday, as China and Nepal finally agreed on a precise elevation for Mount Everest after years of debate. The agreed height of 8,848.86 metres was 86 centimetres higher than the measurement previously recognised by Nepal, and more than four metres above China's official figure (8,844.43m). The revised height of Mt Everest puts an end to the decades-long dispute between the two neighbours on the height of the world's tallest mountain that straddles their shared border. For 65 years, the consensus height had been 8,848 metres.

This discrepancy was due to China measuring the rock base on the summit and not — as with the new reading — the covering of snow and ice on the peak

### THE DISPUTE

The exact height of Mt Everest had been contested ever since a group of British surveyors in India declared the height of Peak XV, as it was initially called, to be 8,778 metres in 1847

The Nepal government decided to measure the exact height of the mountain, as some geologists suggested that there might have been some changes due to various reasons, including the devastating earthquake of 2015



### PEAK DIPLOMACY

The measurement was significant, as China and Nepal settled their border dispute in 1961 with the boundary line passing through the summit of Mt Everest. The peak of Mt Everest played a significant role in the settlement of the boundary between Nepal and China, after Beijing gave up its claims over the whole mountain as part of its territory after it took control of Tibet in 1950. The dispute was finally settled in 1961 after the intervention of the ruling Communist Party of China founder Mao Zedong, who suggested that the boundary line should pass through the summit of

the Mt Everest, which was agreed by Nepal. The latest survey puts both the countries on the same page about its height, as Beijing seeks to firm up its strategic ties with Nepal, with huge investments in infrastructure projects, while enhancing its political influence over the Himalayan country

Mt Everest stands on the border between China and Nepal; the mountaineers climb it from both sides. It is known as Sagarmatha in Nepal, while in China, it is called as Mt Qomolangma, the Tibetan name for the world's highest peak



## Kerala girl wins the Raman Young Science Innovator Award

Nishika Shah, a class III student of The Choice School, Tripunithura, Ernakulam, is the winner of the Raman Young Science Innovator Award 20-21 in the junior category that was held recently. She won for her project, 'chromatography with different colours, types, liquids and papers'. Nishika won a cash prize of ₹ 20,000 and a citation.



**YOUNG ACHIEVER**

## FACTOID

**\$150 BILLION**

The economic loss caused by California's wildfires in 2018, claims a study. It is about 0.7 per cent of US GDP that year. Researchers found that direct capital impact accounted for \$27.7 billion, while \$32.2 billion came from the health effects of air pollution. They added that disruption of economic supply chains indirectly caused \$88.6 billion in losses

## CBSE BOARD EXAMS 2021 AS PER USUAL SCHEDULE?

If reports are to go by, the CBSE Board exams for class X and XII are likely to be conducted as per the usual schedule of February and March. CBSE's controller of examination, Sanyam Bhardwaj, in an interview, was quoted as saying that the Board had no plans to delay the CBSE Board Exams 2021. He has, however, stated that the Board is open to consider all options and employ the 'best-suited strategy'.

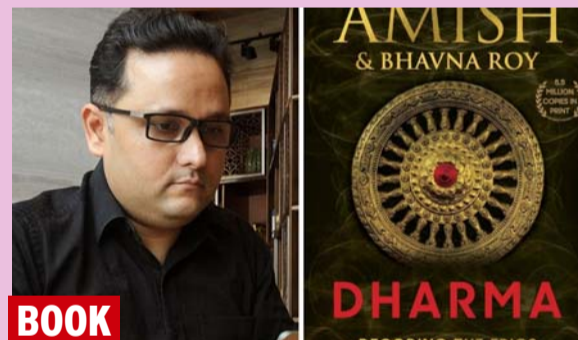


**EDUCATION**

As for the dates of the exam, he said, "There are no plans to delay the exams, and it will be held in February-March as usual. We are hopeful that the states will soon reopen schools and students will get time to prepare for the exams," he added

With regard to the practical examinations, which form an integral component of the class X and XII CBSE result, Bhardwaj said that the schools may be given more time to conduct the same, while following the social distancing norms

## Amish Tripathi's second non-fiction book, 'Dharma', to release on December 28



**BOOK**

The second non-fiction book by the best-selling author Amish will be released on December 28, publishing house Westland has announced. The book, titled, 'Dharma: Decoding the Epics for A Meaningful Life', offers practical, philosophical lessons drawn from ancient Hindu epics. It is co-authored by Amish's sister Bhavana Roy.

- Written in the form of conversations between characters set in modern-day India, the book offers different practical philosophical lessons from great Hindu epics like 'The Mahabharata', and Amish's bestselling fiction books, 'The Shiva Trilogy' and 'Ram Chandra series'
- According to Westland, the book aims to reach all those "intelligent minds" looking for deep pragmatic philosophies presented in a "reader-friendly manner"

## Desi female comic superhero fights a new enemy, Covid-19

**ANIMATION**

A popular Indian comic superhero, who usually fights rapists and traffickers, deploys her powers against a new enemy — coronavirus — in the latest digital book and film that was released recently. Priya, a rape survivor, who flies around on a tigress, has been spreading the message of gender equality by helping other women and girls get justice since 2014 in 'Priya's Shakti' (Priya's Strength) comics.

In 'Priya's Mask', India's first female superhero befriends a little girl, Meena, to show her the sacrifices made by the health workers, like her mother, and to spread compassion and battle Covid-19 myths, such as young people not being at risk



## WhatsApp rolls out new feature to notify users about in-app updates

**TECH BUZZ**

Instant messaging application WhatsApp has rolled out a new handy feature that will allow WhatsApp to make in-app announcements around new updates. Called 'in-app notifications', it will be used to make new announcements on WhatsApp.

Currently, WhatsApp makes all the new announcements through its blog. However, soon, users would be able to directly get these on the app. This feature will not be used by WhatsApp for advertising purposes

## BOWIE COIN LAUNCHES STARMAN INTO SPACE



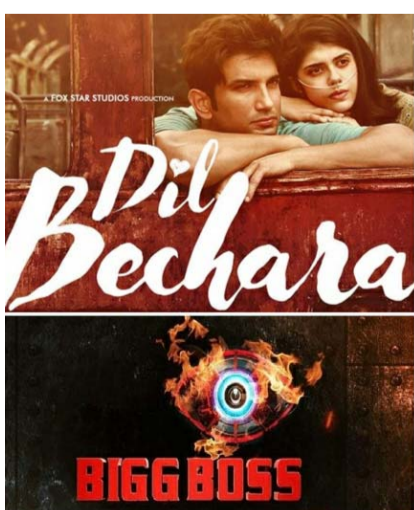
The Royal Mint has launched a commemorative coin celebrating the career of David Bowie. The Mint, based in Llantrisant, sent the coin to an altitude of 35,656m, as it revealed the third edition of its Music Legends series. The one-ounce silver proof coin journeyed for 45 minutes on the Earth's orbit before descending safely.

The commemorative coin — which includes the late singer's lightning bolt motif — is being offered as a prize by the Royal Mint as part of its "music legends" collection

The singer follows Queen and Elton John in being honoured with a coin

There are a number of versions, ranging in price from £13 for a £5 coin to £72,195 for a £1,000 denomination coin

## Big B, 'Bigg Boss', 'Dil Bechara' MOST TWEETED IN 2020



Amitabh Bachchan and the Sushant Singh Rajput-starrer 'Dil Bechara' ruled the virtual world of Twitter in 2020 among Bollywood topics, while Bigg Boss was the hottest subject from the small screen. According to #ThisHappened2020 Twitter report, Amitabh Bachchan, Vijay and late Hollywood star Chadwick Boseman had the top entertainment tweets of 2020 in India. Sushant's last film, 'Dil Bechara' led Hindi film conversations, with 'Mirzapur 2' and 'Bigg Boss' emerging as the most talked-about web and television shows of 2020.



1 Popular Spanish show 'Money Heist' was the most-talked about international web series of 2020, while the most-retweeted tweet in Indian entertainment was Vijay's selfie with his fans in February

2 In July, Big B took to Twitter to share that he has contracted the novel coronavirus, and that has become the most-liked and quoted tweet of the year

3 'Black Panther' star Boseman died in August after a four-year battle

with colon cancer at the age of 43. The tweet sharing the news of his demise was the most-retweeted, liked and quoted tweet in India, in the area of global entertainment

4 While 'Dil Bechara' was the most-talked about Hindi film of the year, Bigg Boss garnered attention among the audience as the most talked-about Hindi

TV show of the year. Web series too were a big favourite among the entertainment seekers

5 Among the Bollywood topics, 'Dil Bechara' was followed by the Deepika Padukone-starrer 'Chhapaak', Ajay Devgn's 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior', the Taapsee Pannu-starrer 'Thappad' and 'Gunjan Saxena' featuring Janhvi Kapoor





## TEACHER'S CORNER

# Class Zoom Fatigue!

## Tips to prevent online school burnout



### What Can You Do to Help Students?

With online learning likely to continue for an unknown amount of time, it's worth checking in with your students to see how they're feeling, and exploring ways to cut back on the number of live video meetings during the school day.

### Ask for Feedback

Check-in with your student to see how they're feeling about their schedule. It's been months since many schools went remote, so the novelty (and hopefully some of the panic) will have worn off. It's a good time to reach out and ask if they're feeling okay, if they have the tools they need, and whether there is anything they think your school could do better right now.

### Prioritise!

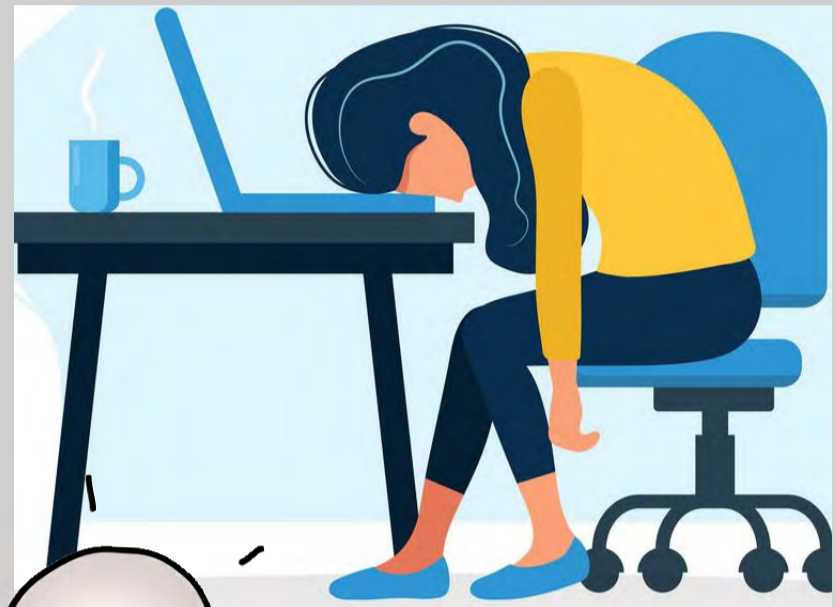
Only schedule meetings for the most impor-

tant situations. Before you schedule a live call, consider whether there is another effective way to share information without disrupting everyone's day. Would a quick recorded video be a better option? Or could you deliver your thoughts in an email, instant message, or an interactive poll?

### Keep Live Class Meetings Short

Especially while learning from home, it's easy to get off topic during your class time and take longer than necessary. Try to stick within a certain time limit for meetings, and be mindful of everyone else's schedules. If you want to keep talking or explaining things, you can always jump on a private call with a student afterward.

Let's face it. We are kind of getting sick of Zoom, or Teams, or whatever other videoconferencing tools we are using. It's exhausting. Being in front of a computer all day long is tiring. We are in the spotlight all the time, all of the sudden. Zoom classroom fatigue is real and more common than we can imagine. In this article, we go through simple strategies that will help you and your students fight online classroom fatigue. Here is what some experts have to say...



### Record a Video

Need to introduce a class topic, or explain directions for a student project? Instead of sending an email, record a video! That way you can address your class face-to-face, but they can watch it on their own time. For quick announcements, just record with your webcam and screen recorder. With content creation tools like Screencast-O-Matic, you can record your screen, webcam, or both at the same time. You can also draw on your screen and add text, highlights, or images to help get your message across. The other advantage to recording your videos is that your class can save, share, and rewatch them as needed, saving you the trouble of repeating yourself later.

### Try Less Disruptive Communication Tools

Live video meetings will continue to be impor-

## WHY 'ZOOM FATIGUE' HAPPENS

It's never easy to stay focused on live video calls. To understand your students, let's check out why this happens.

**1** Distractions - It can be hard to focus on live video meetings with distractions going on in the background. From siblings, pets, or parents, there are a number of things to distract a student at home.

**2** Physical Tiredness - It can be exhausting watching live video calls all day. Even though they aren't moving, they may feel physically tired or act 'zoned' out during live meetings.

**3** Numerous Meetings - A student's schedule can get hectic, especially those in high school. If a student has a number of classes with different teachers, then it's likely they attend several live meetings in a day.

### Keep Students Engaged

Students may be overwhelmed by the multiple video calls they are attending every day. With this in mind, it's best to check in with them and see how they're doing. Ask them what they would like you to do to keep them engaged. Understanding is the key: Not all homes and families are alike. Keep parents updated and make sure they understand all the tools you are implementing in your virtual classroom. It may be best to give students a break so they can learn on their own time. You'll still get everything done, and your students will thank you for it.

# Funniest books for you to read

### WE FOUND A HAT

by Jon Klassen

Jon Klassen is the Tig Notaro of hat-based humour. His deadpan game is so strong, SO strong, and he's brought his deceptively dead-on timing to a trilogy of just ridiculously funny picture books. The simple premises are conveyed by the titles — 'I Want My Hat Back', 'This Is Not My Hat', and (finally) 'We Found A Hat' — but Klassen's knack with visual humour make them all pure comedy gold.



### PRESIDENT TAFT IS STUCK IN THE BATH

by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

William H Taft is every child's favourite US President. Or, at least, he becomes their favourite president once they hear the urban legend that, because he was so hefty, Taft actually once got stuck in a White House bathtub. Barnett and Van Dusen turn Taft's woes into a laugh-out-loud comic caper with the whole government doing their best (and failing) to get the poor president unstuck.



### 17 THINGS I'M NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANYMORE

by Jenny Offill, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

You will adore this book and it will make you very, VERY nervous. A young girl has begrudgingly created an illustrated list of 17 things that she's never allowed to do again. 17 things that will have you wondering "WAIT, she actually did that stuff?!" The scenarios are so wicked, funny, and filled with brilliantly sadistic kid logic that you'll find yourself laughing way too hard and find yourself wondering, "Maybe I should do it too!"



### INTERRUPTING CHICKEN

by David Ezra Stein

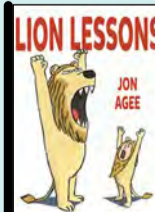
This book, all about bedtime reading, might actually be too funny to read at bedtime. A little chicken wants her daddy to read her a bedtime story, but she can't stand to watch her beloved fairy tale characters make mistakes. So she interrupts and interrupts — all in an attempt to rewrite her favourite stories. Stein's book shows kids that being an active participant in storytelling can be both exciting and very, very funny.



### LION LESSONS

by Jon Agee

It's common knowledge that there are seven steps to becoming a lion. (You didn't know? Where have you been?) When a rather sheepish boy decides to train with a Lion Expert — that is, a



lion — he's put through his paces: Looking Fierce, Prowling Around, Roaring, Blowing Out That Luxurious Mane, and the like. You will love earning your own stripes with the ultimate knowledge that Looking Out for Your Friends is the bravest step of all.

## 5 ways to experiment with long cardigan trend

It's officially sweater weather and the one cosy sweater that is making a comeback this winter is the long cardigan. Don't believe us? As per Google Trends, 'long cardigan' is one of the most searched keywords on the internet! The long sweater is all about comfort and can be styled in numerous ways. Here are five styles...

### With matching trousers

A movie night at home with family? A long cardigan paired with matching knit trousers will keep you snug and also stylish at the same time.

cardigan. To elongate your figure, style it with flared or boot-cut style of jeans.

### Add a pop of colour

Wearing a monochrome outfit? Give your one-shade outfit a touch of colour with a colourful and pretty cardigan.

### Wear it as a dress

If you have a button-down cardigan, then you can style it as a dress and even layer it over a matching-length dress. Button it up and style with thigh-high boots to make a statement.

### Belt it up

If you're not a fan of flowy silhouette, add shape to the silhouette with a statement belt. Wear it over a top or a dress and cinch with a belt.

### Keep it classic with jeans

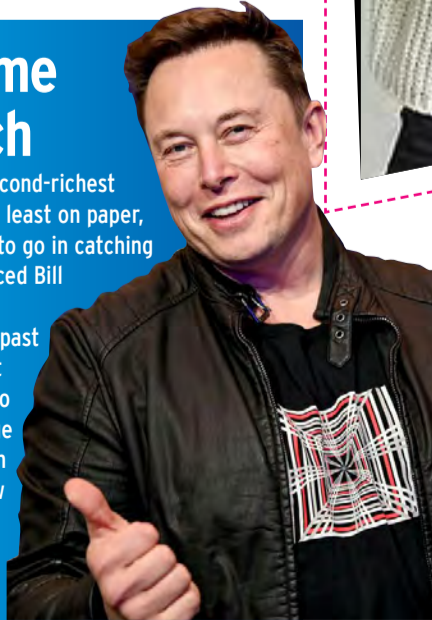
Love your jeans and blouse combination? Layer it up with a stylish long cardigan with a belt.



We give you a peek into what 2020 had in store for us across all fields! Watch this logo unit to follow our exclusive wrap up

## Elon became richie-rich

Elon Musk is now the second-richest person in the world, at least on paper, but he has a long way to go in catching up to the newly-displaced Bill Gates in impact. The Tesla and SpaceX mogul's wealth edged past the Microsoft founder's at just under \$128 billion, according to Bloomberg, thanks to the surge in Tesla's market capitalization to \$500 billion — still far below Microsoft's \$1.6 trillion but equivalent to a dizzying 133 times next year's forecast.



## KNOWLEDGE BANK (BOOKS)

**Q.1) Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is associated with which of the following organisations?**

A. CERN B. ISRO  
C. NASA D. JAXA

**Q.2) Who is the author of the book 'Tiger Woman'?**

A. Sirsho Bandopadhyay  
B. Joy Goswami  
C. Shahabuddin Nagari

**D. Alokaranjan Dasgupta**

**Q.3) Who has been appointed as the new UNDP Goodwill Ambassador?**

A. Kal Penn B. Alpina Singh  
C. Padma Lakshmi D. Mira Nair

### ANSWERS

1. A) CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) 2. A) Sirsho Bandopadhyay 3. C) Padma Lakshmi





# Continual process of wisdom

**QUES 1:** Are the students confident enough when pitted against their global counterparts? How can we equip them with the knowledge, skill and understanding that won't be redundant in the digital economy?  
**ANS:** Our students are trained to be self-supportive, values and morals ingrained into them to make them confident to take the world in their stride.

We can ensure that our students are well equipped and well informed of the digital platforms that are available online. Our students may be exposed to specific e-learning platforms that would cater to their skilling needs, given that technology 4.0 is already catching pace in the market space.

**QUES 2:** What are the different challenges that is faced by the students of different wings of a school? And as a principal how do you keep your teachers motivated to get through those challenges?

**ANS:** One of the major challenges that children face these days are the increasing incidences of broken homes. Teachers



K SUDHA, St Martin's Diocesan School, Delhi Cantt

are encouraged to take these deeply wounded young minds under their wings so that they become emotionally stable.

Counselling sessions, separately and together with the parents bring in positive results.

Often, parents of children with differential needs hesitate to acknowledge that their child requires special care. The parents are counselled to team up with the school to make such children feel at ease with their teachers and through meaningful peer relationships.

**QUES 3:** What is that one change that you want to see in the students, society and the nation at large?

**ANS:** I want my students to be of well-balanced mind, true to our School Motto 'Light begets Light' by shining bright, bringing hope for their less privileged counterparts in the City of Delhi and our nation at large; empathetic as they take up and participate in projects which will uplift the society by educating the young and the less privileged.

**QUES 4:** There are issues like relationship anxiety or depression etc that don't come

under the purview of the set syllabus. How to veer around these issues as a parent, as a teacher and as a leader of the institution?

**ANS:** The stressful environment around today's young child makes him prone to behavioral manifestations of anxiety and depression. The parents and teachers should be timely sensitized to be more prudent and caring towards the sensitive child; to address the tantrums and other expressions of the child's trauma with concern and maturity.

**QUES 5:** Is the society ready to give way to the new age thoughts so that students have enough space to build critical analysis and question learnings or teachings that is pushed on to them as a legacy?

**ANS:** Yes, our society is ready to accept, manifest and communicate the new age thoughts effectively to our students. At this juncture, where knowledge is ready access and at the fingertips, the students should be spearheaded into critical thinking and its applications.

## Redefining the new learning normal of contemporary times

**A** rmy Public School, Noida organised an Inter-School Event- A Journey from Darkness to Light. The aim of hosting this series of competitions was to redefine the new learning normal of contemporary times by incorporating technology with talent and zeal. Around 555 participants from 39 schools across the country participated in the 17 competitions which were con-



ducted in a week. A panel of judges ranged from journalists, doctors, educators, performing artists, published authors, chefs, linguists and painters. Some of the events were- Envisage Crusader: portrayal of favorite Super heroes, Mythblasters: blasting commonly held myths with Science, Mathkriti: blending Art with Mathematics and many more. The event culminated with live streaming of the final rounds of Bataille De Rap - Dreamz, Lot Pot and Gen-Z Wants to Know. School principal, Jyoti Rana, addressed the participants and the winners of the various events were felicitated.

## SERVE AND SMILE

**A** SN Int'l School, Mayur Vihar compels its children to think twice before they plan to discard their old clothes or overfill their almshouses with varied stuff like stationery items, eatables, toys and many others. Besides lightening candles, sharing e-cards, distributing sweets, decorating homes, the students of ASN initiated to donate

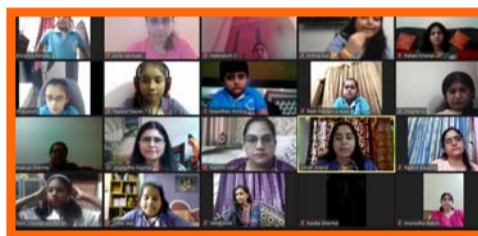


study material, eatables, story books, clothes etc. for the under-privileged children. The parents and students of the school strived ahead for a good cause as it was an initiative well re-

ceived by them, for more than the money, right values were instilled in children. The collections were diverted towards community service programs via NGOs. With a huge variety and established standards, the motto of the school 'Faith & Follow, Act & Achieve, Serve & Smile' resonated and henceforth, encouraged civic responsibilities, inculcated the spirit of giving back to the community and created compassionate and selfless partnership.

## Instilling literary habits in students

**J** M International School, Dwarka structured a Literary week to hearten and guide student's perceptive and love for literature, improve written and spoken expression, and to instill the habit of reading in the students through interesting activities on a virtual platform. A series of activities including literary games, quizzes, researching authors of all times and many more were organised.



Competitions in different patterns including oral, written and play were part of the fest. It was a week of flurry and exhilaration, with the children being fruitfully engaged and get-

ting exposure to literature in different ways from the modern to the old masters. However, the final day ceremony of the lit fest was celebrated with great optimism and zeal witnessing performances of various contests and competitions held in the week. On the last day parents and teachers witnessed great self-esteem and confidence amongst the students because of literary fest.

## 'Barriers to growth, become motivation to succeed'

**W** ith motion of General Assembly emphasizing on holistic approach to achieve Sustainable Development, every country has been working on the principle of 'Leaving no one behind' by attaining various goals to overcome social and economic barriers.

In this regard, St Giri Sr Sec School, Rohini also provoked its students to understand this global term by involving them in various knowledgeable activities. Tiny tots exhibited good habits and showcased pictures and masks of aquatic and endangered animals with the idea of highlighting importance of natural resources and how to protect them.

The students from primary classes to class V focused on Cleanliness and Climate change through speech, to appeal for a better environment to live in and how to cope up with change in season. Important issues for development like peace and justice, education, gender equality, renewable resources were portrayed by students of VI to VIII with alluring posters and catchy slogans.



Informative slide presentation on 'Hunger and Poverty' along with speech on 'Reducing Inequality' and essay writing about Economic Growth remained high point of the initiative taken up by the school. The whole concept of Development enlightened students and they developed compassion to make present generation life comfortable inclusive of all people irrespective of their abilities, social and economic status and ensure that peace and prosperity are achieved by 2030.

## Preparing leaders to tackle global challenges

**T** he students from all across India participated in the virtual Indian Model United Nations Conference. The event hosted by the Ryan Group of Institutions saw a participation of over 300 students from more than 30 schools pan India. Students represented the governments of various countries and debated on issues of international concern



ranging from the Israel-Palestine conflict to INTERPOL's role in the coronavirus pandemic. Inaugurated by the CEO of the Ryan Group Ryan Pinto, the

Model UN conference was presided over by a number of personalities such as Venu Rajamony, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Netherlands and Major General Vikram Dev Dogra. Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj emerged as the best school delegation and were followed up by Ryan International School, Mayur Vihar as the runner-up school.

## Visit of a dynamic personality

**H** eera Public School, Samalka was honoured by the Veteran Bollywood actor Raza Murad Saheb. He distributed the certificates to the outstanding students of Class XII who passed out in the



2019-20 session. The Chairman of the School, Dr Pawan Kumar Vats and Vice Principal, Talat Parveen welcomed the guest and said that the influence of great personality can never be erased. He was honored by the Management with a memento and a shawl to facilitate his presence in the School.

## WEEKEND PLAN

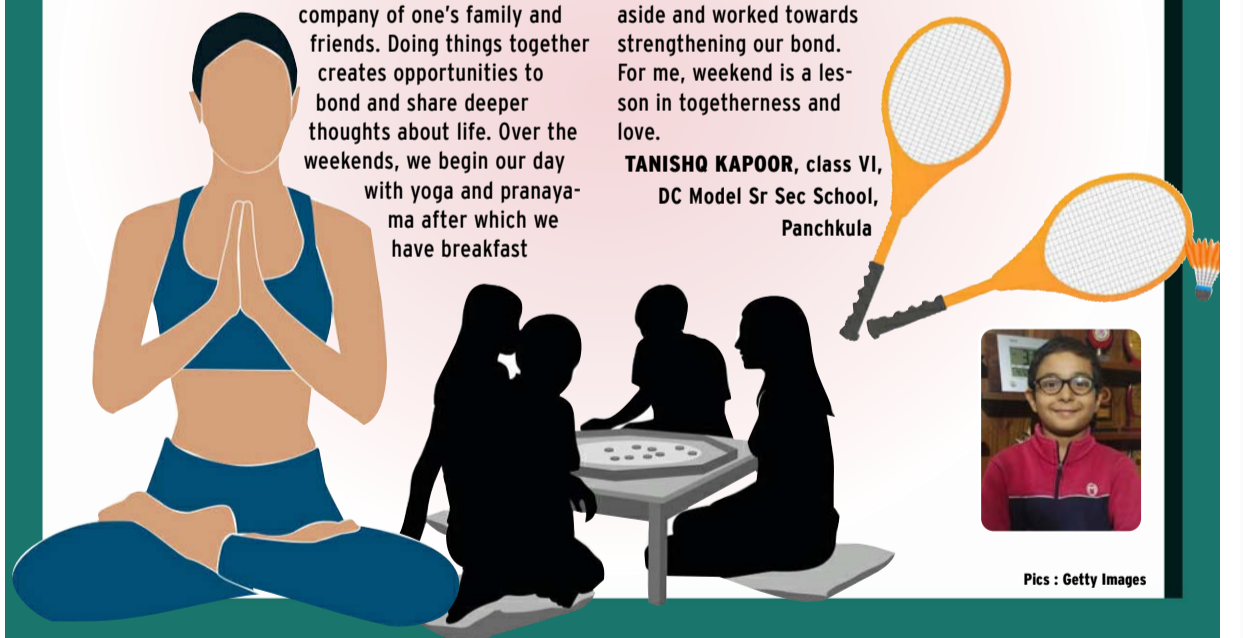
### JOYFUL WEEKENDS OF TOGETHERNESS

**W** eekends are important to us as we relax and take a break from our routine work. But these days due to the pandemic, all of us have been forced to find new ways to enjoy at home with our family. I believe one needs to find time and company of one's family and friends. Doing things together creates opportunities to bond and share deeper thoughts about life. Over the weekends, we begin our day with yoga and pranayama after which we have breakfast

together. We enjoy a round of indoor games like ludo, carrom and monopoly during the day and in the evening we play badminton. But the best part about the weekend is the dinner cooked by my dad.

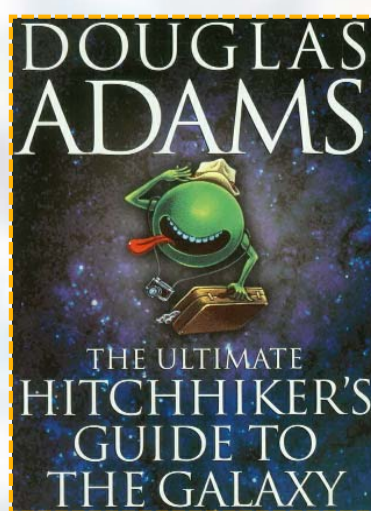
As a family we try to keep our electronic devices aside and worked towards strengthening our bond. For me, weekend is a lesson in togetherness and love.

**TANISHQ KAPOOR**, class VI, DC Model Sr Sec School, Panchkula



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## BOOK REVIEW: THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY BY DOUGLAS ADAMS



**N** ever before have I been so entertained while reading about the end of our planet. This hilarious novel by Douglas Adams that was published in the year 1979, is the first book from a series of five books. In this novel, Adams tells us the story of Arthur Dent and how a series of improbable events lead him on an adventure of a lifetime. From Earth to outer space to almost losing his limbs in a spaceship, the protagonist, accompanied by one of his closest friends, Ford Prefect, meets new companions and reconnects with an old acquaintance as he journeys through the cosmos. The book's well written and had engaging characters. One of the things I appreciate the most is that the descriptive passages from the eponymous book are written in such a way that they don't bore the readers. I also enjoyed the character of Zaphod Beeblebrox and his flair for dramatics. I found this book to be a page-turner and I can't wait to read the next book in this series. Rich in comic dialogue and humorous logic, anyone looking for a little afternoon amusement will find this book to be an absolute delight.

**DIVYA KAUSHAL**, class XII, St Joseph's Sr Sec School, Chandigarh





# RONALDO OUTSHINES MESSI

Barca paid 'penalty' for Messi's no-show as Ronaldo won the battle of GOATS in Champions League

The Bianconeri (The Black and Whites) avenged their previous mauling at the hands of Barcelona by thrashing Ronald Koeman's men 3-0 to dethrone Barcelona from the top spot of Champions League's Group G. While Barcelona paid the 'penalty' for Messi's no-show, former Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo turned Barcelona's fortress Camp Nou into his hunting ground yet again by netting two goals for the Turin giants. Having said that, let's discuss the three talking points from Juventus' epoch-making win over Barca in the Champions League.

## 1 CR7 REIGNITES STELLAR RIVALRY WITH STUNNING BRACE

At last, the decade-old rivalry between the two behemoths was reignited with the mouth-watering clash between Juventus and FC Barcelona. Messi and Ronaldo were all smiles moments before the kickoff when they greeted each other with utter-most respect. After ninety minutes plus additional time, it was Ronaldo who had the last laugh as the charismatic Juventus striker scored twice in the high-voltage clash. Nicknamed CR7, the Portugal captain scored the opener in the 13th minute and the Juventus forward netted his second goal through another penalty in the 52nd minute.

## 2 ONLY ONE GOAT IN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Interestingly, Ronaldo never managed to score a goal in all of his previous meetings with Messi-led Barcelona in the Champions League. The infallible sniper made amends in his sixth meeting by scoring not one but two goals to end his dubious run against Barcelona in the Champions League. For the record, this was Ronaldo's only second win against the Messi-starrer Barcelona in Europe's elite competition at club level. The five-time Champions League winner also extended his record-goal tally to a whopping 134 with the twin strikes against Barcelona. The second-highest scorer in the history of Champions League and four-time winner Messi is still stuck on 128 goals.

## 3 THE LAST DANCE: WHAT'S NEXT FOR BARCA AND MESSI?

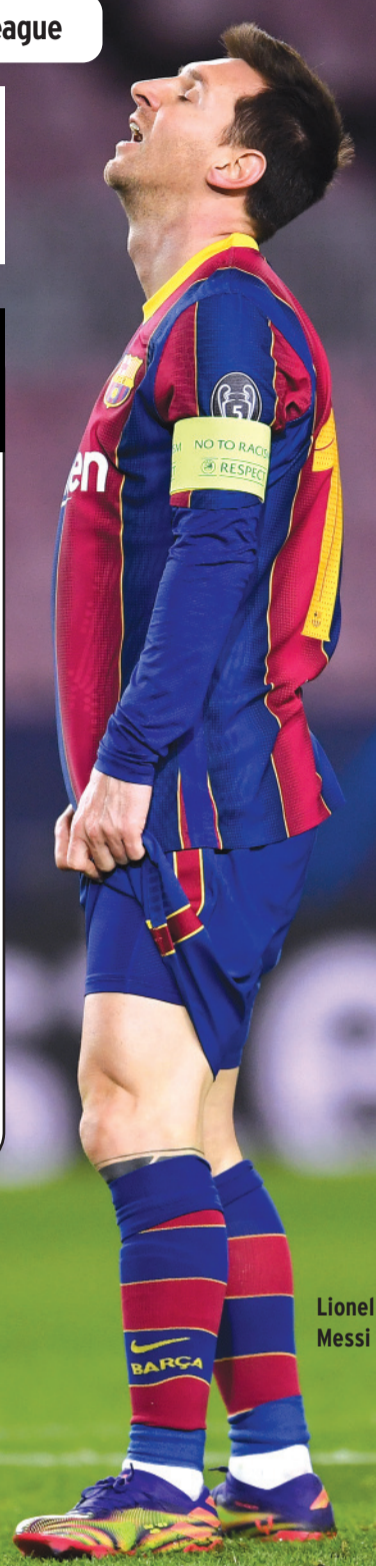
Since both Messi and Ronaldo are embracing the twilight phase of their respective iconic careers, many pundits and followers of the beautiful game believe that the Barcelona-Juventus meeting can turn out to be the Last Dance between the two flagbearers of world football in the modern era. For a troubled Barcelona side, the ongoing season can also be Messi's swansong as far as the never-ending transfer saga of the Argentine talisman is concerned. Messi is heavily tipped to join either Pep Guardiola's Manchester City or Neymar-starrer Paris Saint Germain (PSG) at season end. Barcelona are also struggling in La Liga in the ongoing season of Spanish top flight. The Messi-led side is placed ninth in the La Liga standings after 10 matches. Messi and Co. will next play Levante on Sunday.

We were not good enough, they over-ran us in the first half, we lacked everything. A lack of attitude, desire, wanting to run, defending, attacking, everything was bad.  
Antoine Griezmann, forward Barcelona

I never saw him (Messi) as a rival. He always tried the best for his team and I tried the best for mine. I always got on well with him. I am sure he will say the same if you ask him.



Cristiano Ronaldo



Lionel Messi

## Virat Kohli hints at Natarajan's inclusion in India's T20 WC squad



Natarajan made his ODI debut in the third and final game of the three-match series and returned with two wickets to help India end the series on a winning note. In the T20I series, Natarajan played all three games in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and delivered the goods with the ball. He picked up six wickets in three games and finished as the highest wicket-taker in the series. Indian captain Virat Kohli is heavily impressed with his ability to stay calm under pressure and execute his skills well at crucial junctures. ANI

Natarajan, special mention for him. In the absence of Bumrah and Shami he delivered under pressure.

He looks composed, is very hard-working and very humble too. I wish him all the best. A left-arm bowler is always an asset on the field and if he can be consistent it will be a great thing for us heading into the World Cup next year.

Virat Kohli, India captain

## Glenn Maxwell is more serious about his golf than cricket in IPL



Glenn Maxwell

Virender Sehwag

## Important for batsmen to be able to ball: Suresh Raina

India were without a sixth bowling option as they lost to Australia in the third T20I at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and Suresh Raina feels the visitors are in dire need of part-time bowlers.



Suresh Raina

It is very important for any captain that a batsman chips in with 4-5 overs and just slows the proceedings before your best bowler is back in the attack. Sachin paaji bowled, Viru bhai took a lot of wickets. Yuvi paaji helped us win the World Cup with the momentum.

Suresh Raina, former Indian all-rounder

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

**Q1:** Which player has the record of highest individual score of 175 not out in IPL?

- a) KL Rahul  b) AB de Villiers   
c) Chris Gayle  d) Brendon McCullum

**Q2:** Who became the first Indian gold medalist in weightlifting at the 2018 Youth Olympics?

- a) Pardeep Singh  b) Deepak Lather   
c) Vikas Thakur  d) Jeremy Lalrinnunga

**Q3:** Which Indian athlete scripted history in 2019 at the World Universiade in Naples

with the first Indian gold in the 100m event?

- a) PT Usha  b) Dutee Chand   
c) Hima Das  d) Anju Bobby George

**Q4:** Which bowler has the record of most Hat Tricks in IPL?

- a) Yuvraj Singh  b) Amit Mishra   
c) Makhaya Ntini  d) Ajit Chandila

**Q5:** Who at 18 years, 345 days became the youngest women's Olympic slalom champion of all time, at Sochi 2014?

- a) Mikaela Shiffrin  b) Wendy Holdener   
c) Federica Brignone  d) Tina Maze

**Q6:** Which of the following players holds the record for most wickets in IPL?

- a) Lasith Malinga  b) Piyush Chawla   
c) Amit Mishra  d) Dwayne Bravo

**Q7:** In which year did Venus Williams win her first Olympic medal?

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



Venus Williams

**Q8:** Who is the all time top scorer in UEFA Champions League?

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo  b) Lionel Messi   
c) Raúl González  d) Robert Lewandowski

**Q9:** Who was the first English football player to win league titles in four countries: England, Spain, the United States and France?

- a) Frank Lampard  b) Wayne Rooney   
c) Gareth Bale  d) David Beckham

**Q10:** How many Olympic medals has American athlete Carl Lewis won in total?

- a) Five  b) Eight  c) Ten  d) Twelve

**Q11:** Who holds the record of most penalties scored in UEFA Champions League?

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo  b) Lionel Messi   
c) Ruud van Nistelrooy  d) Robert Lewandowski

**Q12:** Who scored a "perfect 10" on the uneven bars at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games?

- a) Mary Lou Retton  b) Nadia Comaneci   
c) Olga Korbut  d) Nellie Kim

**Q13:** Her tally of four Olympic medals, three of which are gold, are records for archery since its reinstatement in 1972. Who is she?

- a) Lillies Handayani  b) Yun Mi-jin   
c) Kim Soo-nyung  d) Natalia Valeeva

**Q14:** At the 2012 Olympics, who defeated Federer in the final for the gold medal?

- a) Rafael Nadal  b) Dominic Thiem   
c) Novak Djokovic  d) Andy Murray

**ANSWERS:** 1- c) Chris Gayle 2- d) Jeremy Lalrinnunga 3- b) Dutee Chand 4- b) Amit Mishra 5- a) Mikaela Shiffrin 6- a) Lasith Malinga 7- a) 2000 8- a) Cristiano Ronaldo 9- d) David Beckham 10- c) Ten 11- a) Cristiano Ronaldo 12- b) Nadia Comaneci 13- c) Kim Soo-nyung 14- d) Andy Murray