

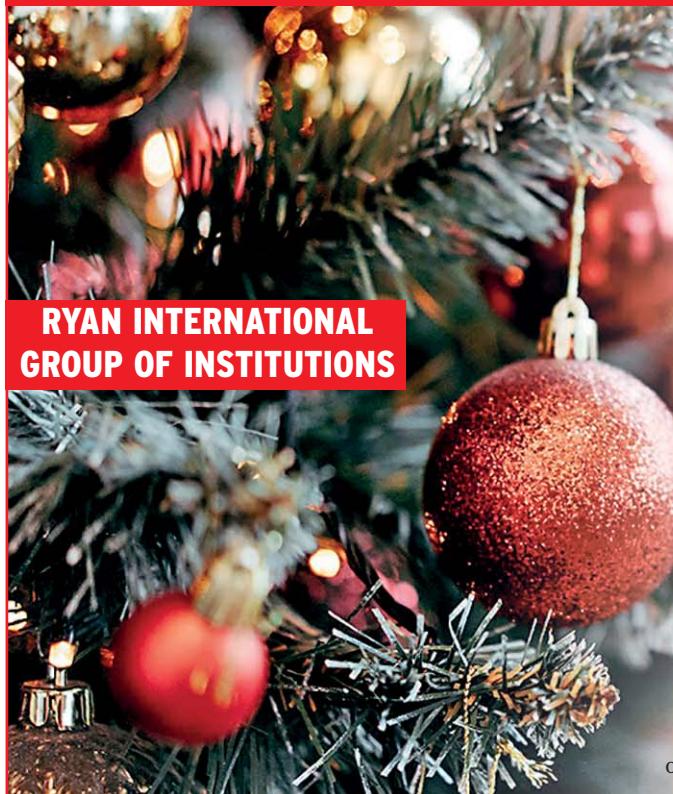
# SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

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## Share love to bring joy in those around us



**RYAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS**

"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Saviour." This quote of Max Lucado beautifully sums up the true meaning and essence of Christmas.

Christmas is a commemoration of God's love for humankind. God's unconditional love has no bounds; it is unfathomable. It is the love of God that sustains us all through.

Christmas is a time of healing and renewed strength. Even during these times of chaos and unprecedented situation due to the outbreak of the pandemic, Christmas brings hope and a message of goodwill that with God on our side we can be strengthened to overcome every situation. It is our trust in

God that will help us carry on with renewed vigor and not to give up. The birth of Jesus encourages us to look up in hope even as we walk through the troubled waters. The message of Christmas is also a joyous giving. This Christmas, let us realize that the best joy comes only through joyous giving.

In this context, a Chinese Philosopher Lao Tzu has rightly said, "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

Jesus lived a life in the essence of love that was beyond the boundaries of time or culture. His life was a life of unconditional love, the love that drives us to search for something better for all. His is a love that extends beyond ourselves and reaches out to others, and impacts the common good of all. Jesus' very nature and essence is love and we as children of God, have been engraved with this love in our hearts. This Christmas, let us strive to embody his love and share it with those around us in our own little ways that will certainly bring true joy in our lives.

Wish you a truly joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2021.

A F Pinto, chairman,



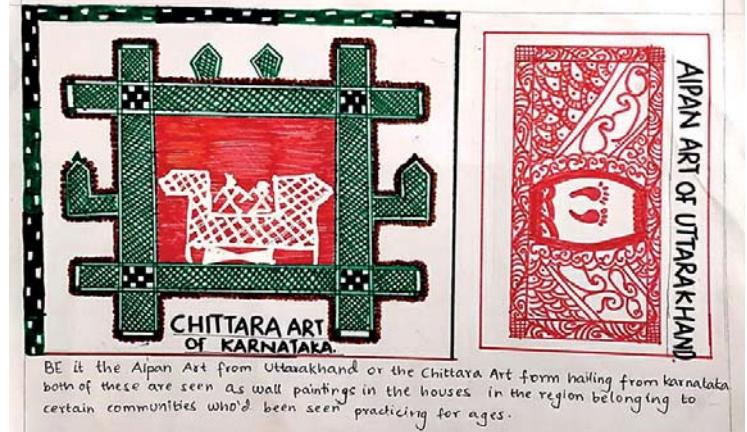
## Expression Series: Unifying minds through art and culture

**POLICE PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Art is the creative expression of an individual. Art and Culture plays an important role in overall development of an individual. Art integrated learning provides an opportunity for experiential learning and makes classroom learning joyful. India is a land of varied cultures and traditions. In order to provide a platform for students to creatively express their ideas and views



on art and culture, the CBSE Board announced the second Expression Series for the 2020-21 session.

As per Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme (EBSB) our state Karnataka is paired with Uttarakhand. Various activities were conducted for students of classes I to X on December 14-15, 2020. Students of class I to V expressed their ideas through beautiful paintings of landscapes, temples, women in tra-



ditional wear, terrace farming of Uttarakhand and students of class VI to VIII through drawings showed the similarities in the art and culture of Karnataka with Uttarakhand, like Chittara art of Karnataka and Alpan art of Uttarakhand, dance forms etc.

Classes IX and X penned beautiful poems on how art and culture unifies us. Thus, our young citizens were introduced to the rich cultural and art form of Uttarakhand and in turn India's rich and vast cultural heritage.

## w E E K E N D PLAN A rejuvenating weekend getaway amidst nature



**KARNATAKA / UTTARAKHAND**  
Shivanasamudra is a small town in Mysore district of Karnataka about 145 km from my residence in Bangalore.

My family and I made an unplanned weekend trip to the Shivanasamudra Falls during the lockdown. We packed food from home, as we did not want to stop for refreshments on the way. I carried my small backpack with sanitizers, napkins, a water bottle and a few chocolates.

As soon as we reached the falls, I had food and set out exploring. Surprisingly, the place was overcrowded with lot of people without masks and not maintaining social distancing.

The parking lot, about 500 m away from the falls was almost packed.

However we took all precautions, wearing our masks, sanitising our hands frequently and staying away from

the crowd. We took pictures only when the crowds dispersed.

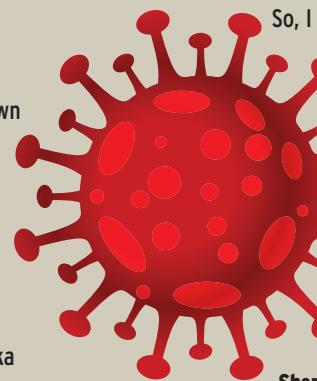
We spent about an hour watching the beauty of waterfalls. I loved the sort of lullaby created by the streams as it was very soothing. For me, Shivanasamudra Falls is better than any other falls because of the natural surroundings and wonderful scenery present there. The chirping birds filled the air with their harmony. The interesting part is that there are 12 streams in this fall, while most others have 1 or 2 streams. Since we went during the monsoons, the streams were full of water. This was surprising, as the level of water has been much lesser here during my earlier visits. Another interesting fact of Shivanasamudra is that there are 2 different falls just within 5 kms from each other. Therefore, just within 20 minutes I could explore 2 falls - Barachukki and Gaganachukki.

This weekend one-day trip turned out to be a good getaway after having been at home for the last 8 months. I loved this trip and look forward to more such.

Aarav Sinha, class VI,  
DPS Whitefield



## MY EXPERIENCE WITH INDIA LOCKING DOWN

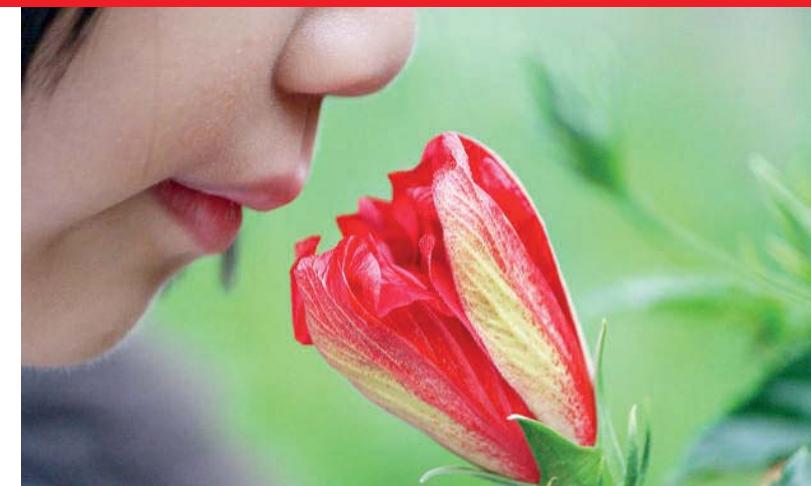


A few months ago...  
As I woke up one fine day  
heard everyone talking about it,  
In the TV, newspaper, and the whole town  
Corona, Corona, Corona.  
At first, I thought it was far away  
but still I dreaded it,  
and watched the news every day.  
Every day it would say  
"10 cases! 50 cases!"  
all the more I feared it.  
From China it came to India to Karnataka  
to Bangalore and to my very own place.

So, I ran to my native feeling that I would be very safe,  
and here I am,  
almost forgot about that dreadful thing,  
in the joy of meeting my family and friends and  
celebrating life.  
Honestly, it's a bliss to be with my family.  
And I feel that we are much closer than ever.  
And gives a strong feeling that "you are not alone".  
It was great to be locked with family with no  
outside activities.

Taneha Gokul, class VI,  
Sherwood High

## A WHIFF OF THIS AND A WHIFF OF THAT



A whiff of this,  
And a whiff of that,  
This one smells very bad,  
While this one makes me very glad!

Sometimes a small one,  
Sometimes one that makes me sneeze,  
The red one is very fun,  
The yellow one makes me wheeze.

You'll never guess what is,  
And trust me its not what you assume,  
So let me just tell you,  
Its my mother's perfume!

Gaargi Singh, class V, Sherwood High

## FABULOUSCHOOL!

I love my school;  
Because it's so cool...!  
There we can study, play and enjoy;  
Which brings us such wonderful joy.

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School is nice and we all like little mice;  
I eat my treat at break; with a buttery  
loaf and velvet cake.  
Together we will have our lunch;  
With a sumptuous munch and noisy  
crunch!

Library hour is the knowledge mine;  
There our hunger brains would have  
royal dine!  
Learning, exploring and playing still;  
We heed our school's long bell until!

We get excited on the muddy ground;  
Our joyful moments where we found!  
The best day is Children's Day, nay nay,  
Each day is best at United, we could  
say!

Yea, UIS is the amazing nest;  
With a range of lovely birds from East  
and West!

I miss my School much at this lockdown;

I pray, God to destroy the evil and  
knockdown!!!

Nehemiah John, class VII, United  
International School



"Without self-discipline, success is impossible, period."  
Lou Holtz, former rugby player

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# FIELDING HAS TO BE UPPED WITHOUT ANY DOUBT: TENDULKAR

The only way out for the Indian team to overcome the crushing defeat to Australia in the first Test is for the players to work on their footwork, punish loose deliveries and lift the fielding standards, cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar has said in an interview

**Mayank Agarwal managed to hold on to this catch, but India's fielding has been poor of late**



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## I can't really compare myself to Ashwin: Lyon

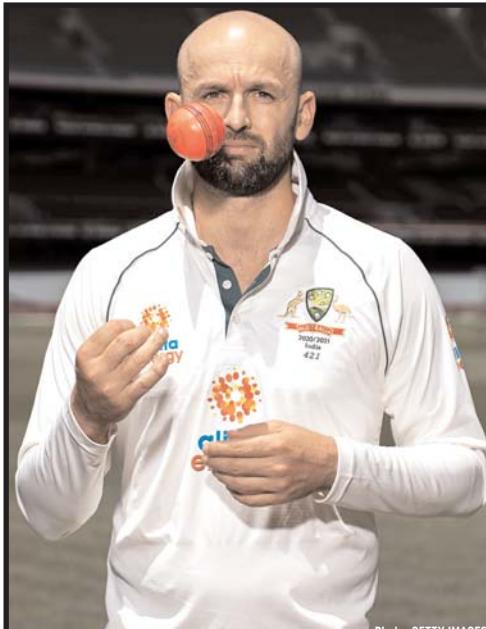


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### Ashwin is a very talented bowler

Ashwin is a world-class bowler. I have watched him a lot, especially when I had gone to tour India and the subcontinent to try and learn of him. He's very cagey with the way he changes his pace. We are similar in a way but very different as well, so I can't really compare myself to him. I think his records speak for his own.

### Milestone wicket doesn't bother

Doesn't worry me, if it's (Mayank) Agarwal or (Jasprit) Bumrah, just that it would be a nice feather in the cap (400 Test wickets) to get there. It is going to be a pretty amazing moment when I play my 100th Test match. If I am able to get there, I will be the 13th player for Australia.

### Aus pace attack is the best in the world

I have said many times before, in my eyes, this is the best bowling attack in the world. We are all best mates and no day goes by when there is not a banter being thrown around in the WhatsApp group.

### Pujara will be a big challenge for the rest of the series

Pujara is a world-class batter and he is going to be a big challenge for us for the rest of the series. We spoke about him (Pujara) in depth before the series started, it was good to see a couple of plans come off in Adelaide. It is always fun challenging yourself against the best players in the world and Pujara is definitely one of those guys.

Nathan Lyon

Ashwin is India's premier off-spinner, and has taken 370 wickets from 72 Tests. Ace Australian spinner Nathan Lyon is close to touching the milestone of 400 with 391 wickets from 97 Tests. He will also be playing his 100th Test in the final match of the series

**Q:** Were you expecting this result, particularly in the manner in which the Indian batting line-up capitulated in the second innings?

**A:** No, I wasn't expecting it because I thought in the first innings we batted well and showed a lot of resilience. In the second innings, there was not much playing and missing by our batsmen. The ball wasn't moving around too much; just a little bit. Normally, when batters score runs we don't look at other elements, like the number of times he was beaten etc. But here we talk about a number of aspects when the batter has edged the ball. Off similar deliveries when you got beaten and when you are scoring runs and nobody talks about those.

**Q:** After the defeat, Virat Kohli admitted that the capitulation was due to a "lack of intent". Was it also due to Indian batsmen's lack of correct technique or inability to soak in the pressure?

**A:** They have dealt with pressure situations. Barring Prithvi, and possibly Mayank, all the players have played enough. Virat, Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara (and Wriddhiman Saha) have been around while Hanuma Vihari, compared to these guys, has played less. So, players have the ability to soak that pressure and they did their best. But sometimes you also need luck to be on your side. And as I said there were not a number of occasions when the batters were getting beaten and continuing to bat without losing wickets. That did not happen. The edges were going straight to fielders and they were carrying. So, when you ask about a lack of correct technique, I'd say if you take a big stride forward you obviously cut down the distance (between bat and ball) and don't allow the ball to do much — and it helps you keep your hands close to your body and that is the best way to defend on front foot.

**Q:** There is no all-rounder except Ravinder Jadeja, who was also missing in Adelaide. Do you feel India desperately missed an all-rounder?

**A:** Ravichandran Ashwin can really bat well. He is capable of getting a good partnership,



## INTERVIEW

handy and important runs. When we talk about Ashwin and Jadeja, it boils down to whose bowling on a particular pitch would be more useful and then you pick that bowler. Their batting is an added bonus; both can bat.

**Q:** India's fielding also left a lot to be desired, as players dropped several catches in the second innings, including the crucial one of Tim Paine in the first innings.

**A:** While growing, I remember, (Ranakant) Achrekar sir had told all of us: catches win matches. It has stayed with all of us. So don't drop catches. Fielding has to be upped with out any doubt.

**Q:** Our bowlers performed well in Adelaide. Your impressions on their performance.

**A:** I thought their performance was very good,

According to me the ideal transition would have been that after the IPL you go to Australia and start with the T20 series, ODIs, and then the Test series with the red ball (regular Test match timings), and the last match being with the pink ball. By playing red ball Test matches first, the transition would have been a smoother to pink ball Test, according to me.

In foreign conditions, I feel a good stride forward against fast bowlers becomes important. A half and half defence (short stride) can always trouble you and if there's a little more movement off the seam then your hands tend to compensate for the lack of footwork.

When there's an opportunity to score runs one should score runs; you can't let the bowler get away with an average delivery. Otherwise, you become a punching bag. A good delivery needs to be respected.

without any doubt. In the first innings, it was extremely disciplined and focused; and they kept the pressure on. The Australians also, on the other hand, were over defensive in their first innings. But there are occasions when batters should do something different to put the pressure back on the (opposition) bowlers. So, when there's an opportunity to score runs one should score runs; you can't let the bowler get away with an average delivery. Otherwise, you become a punching bag. A good delivery needs to be respected. IANS

## Cristiano Ronaldo's Juventus lose 3-0 to Fiorentina



Juventus fell to its first league defeat of the season as the 10-man Bianconeri lost 3-0 at home to relegation-threatened Fiorentina in Serie A. Juventus had to play most of the match at a numerical disadvantage after former Fiorentina winger Juan Cuadrado was sent off in the 18th minute. Juventus FC is at the fourth spot in the Serie A standings, seven points behind current leaders AC Milan. AGENCIES

We came on with the wrong attitude and when you go onto the field like this, you get into these bad situations.

Andrea Pirlo, Juventus coach

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



**Q1:** Which country holds the record for most consecutive wins in T20Is?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) England
- d) Ireland

**Q2:** Who was the top goal scorer in the English Premier League 2019-20?

- a) Raheem Sterling
- b) Danny Ings
- c) Jamie Vardy
- d) Mohamed Salah

**Q3:** He has captained most matches in ICC World Test Championship. He is \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Azhar Ali
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Tim Paine
- d) Joe Root

**Q4:** Which of the following players was the top scorer in season 2019-20 of La Liga?

- a) Luis Suárez
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Karim Benzema
- d) Gerard Moreno

**Q5:** In Women's One Day Internationals, which player has the highest career batting average?

- a) Smriti Mandhana
- b) Rachael Heyhoe-Flint
- c) Mithali Raj
- d) Lindsay Reeler

**Q6:** Who was the top scorer in UEFA Champions League

**2019-20?**

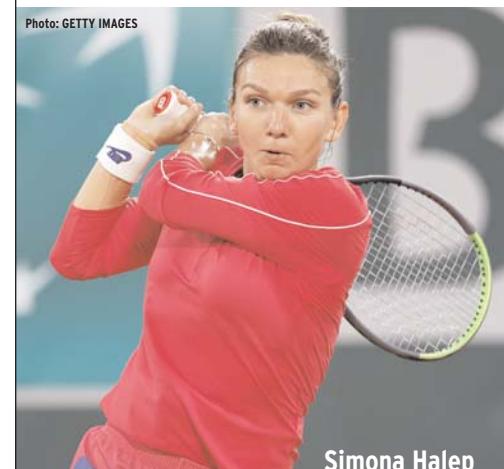
- a) Robert Lewandowski
- b) Erling Haaland
- c) Kylian Mbappé
- d) Erling Haaland

**Q7:** Simona Halep won the 2019 Women's Wimbledon title.

Who was the runner up?

- a) Marketa Vondrousova
- b) Serena Williams
- c) Garbine Muguruza
- d) Sofia Kenin

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Simona Halep

**Q8:** Which of these players made the most assists in UEFA Champions League 2019-20?

- a) Philippe Coutinho
- b) Ángel Di María
- c) Joshua Kimmich
- d) Kylian Mbappé

**Q9:** Which player scored the most runs in Chappell-Hadlee Trophy?

- a) Brendon McCullum
- b) Michael Hussey
- c) Martin Guptill
- d) Ross Taylor

**Q10:** The top scorer in Indian I-League 2019-20 was

- a) Willis Plaza
- b) Fran González
- c) Aser Pierrick Dipanda
- d) Phillip Adjah

**Q11:** The record for most career fifties scored in Women's ODIs belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Smriti Mandhana
- b) Stafanie Taylor

- c) Mithali Raj
- d) Charlotte Edwards

**Q12:** Which footballer made the most assists in German Bundesliga 2019-20?

- a) Filip Kostic
- b) Thorgan Hazard
- c) Thomas Müller
- d) Jadon Sancho

**Q13:** Name the wicketkeeper who holds the record for most dismissals in ICC World Test Championship?

- a) Wriddhiman Saha
- b) Tim Paine
- c) Jos Buttler
- d) Rishabh Pant

**ANSWERS:** 1- a) Afghanistan 2- c) Jamie Vardy  
3- d) Joe Root 4- b) Lionel Messi  
5- b) Rachael Heyhoe-Flint  
6- a) Robert Lewandowski 7- b) Serena Williams  
8- b) Ángel Di María 9- a) Brendon McCullum  
10- c) Aser Pierrick Dipanda 11- c) Mithali Raj  
12- c) Thomas Müller 13- b) Tim Paine