

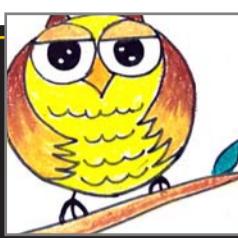


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## CBSE introduces financial literacy booklet for students



The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have joined hands to introduce a financial literacy curriculum for students of class VI. Launched as part of the new elective 'financial literacy' subject, which will enable students to have an understanding of basic financial concepts at a preliminary stage of their education, the textbook covers crucial topics on financial awareness.

### Education

- From core concepts like currency, banking, savings, and investments to advanced concepts like IMPS, UPI, USSD, NACH, PoS, mPoS, QR codes, and ATMs, this book covers all that a child might find very useful in a later stage in their life. Building upon the context of modes of digital payments, the book elaborates the role of UIDAI and the importance of Aadhaar, and Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)
- It also entails the origin of banking, the transition from coins to paper money, types of banks and major operations and services carried out by banks
- The textbook also elucidates the significant role of RBI and GOI in providing an impetus to the digital payments movement
- Complete with activities, illustrations, and practice exercises, the textbook can be accessed online on the CBSE website. NPCI has also been working for course content development with the CBSE for class VII and VIII

## Indian-American Abhimanyu Mishra Becomes youngest GM in chess history



Indian-American prodigy Abhimanyu Mishra just became the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster after he scored his third GM norm in Budapest, Hungary, according to a report. The 12-year-old from New Jersey in United States became a GM from International Master, having crossed the required 2500 Elo rating barrier, chess.com website said.

### YOUNG ACHIEVER

Mishra broke GM Sergey Karjakin's record that has stood for 19 years. On August 12, 2002, Karjakin, a world championship challenger in 2016, secured the Grandmaster title at the age of 12 years and seven months.

Mishra, born on February 5, 2009, took 12 years, four months, and 25 days to obtain the highest title in chess, the website said. Mishra spent several months in Budapest, playing back-to-back tournaments, chasing the title and the record.

## FORGET MARS, TIME TO LOOK BEYOND IT

With China, UAE and US closely monitoring the Red planet with various explorations, mission Mars appears to be the flavour of the moment. According to scientists, the Red Planet, with its Earth-like temperatures and atmosphere, is the most realistic extra-terrestrial world, ripe for human colonisation. But this isn't to say that the solar system isn't teeming with other cosmic objects that deserve exploration. Check them out...

### VENUS

The enigmatic planet, similar in size, geological composition and mass to our own Blue Dot, have signs that it still has active volcanoes. However, its ultra-dense atmosphere, composed mostly of carbon dioxide, surface pressures equivalent to being thousands of feet underwater, and ground-level temperatures, make it inhospitable. But further study of the planet could provide insight into how Earth itself may evolve, given that there is evidence to indicate that Venus may have once had livable conditions. The news of NASA greenlighting two missions – an orbiter called VERITAS and an atmospheric probe called DAVINCI+ – to Venus in the coming years is more than welcome.

### TITAN

When it comes to hospitality, Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is another contender. With a nitrogen-rich atmosphere, it is the only cosmic body in our solar system with clear evidence of surface lakes. However, these lakes aren't filled with water but methane. Still, scientists believe that some primitive life may be able to exist in these lakes. But there is still a great deal to learn about the planet's atmosphere. NASA's Dragonfly rotorcraft drone is set to launch in 2026.



### JUPITER AND EUROPA

The Juno probe, launched in 2011, arrived at Jupiter in 2016, and has, since, paved the way for numerous discoveries that aid in understanding the king of the planets. It gave us the first glimpse of the giant planet's poles and the devastating cyclones that take place there. It also offered clues into the chemical composition of the planet, along with its complex magnetic fields. But Europa, Jupiter's fourth-largest moon deserves equal attention. Scientists theorise that it may have a subsurface ocean of warm, liquid water, and despite extreme conditions, may be able to host life in underground hydrothermal vents. Minerals associated with organic life have also been found on Europa. The hope is that the ESA's Jupiter Icy Moon Explorer, expected to launch next year, and NASA's Europa Clipper scheduled for launch in 2024, will shed more light on whether Europa harbours extra-terrestrial life.

### CERES

Last year, Japanese Space Agency (JAXA) accomplished a remarkable feat when it not only landed a spacecraft on an asteroid but managed to gather samples, and then slingshot back to Earth. The Hayabusa2, which was launched with asteroid 162173 Ryugu in 2018, has paved way for other such missions. Ceres, the largest asteroid in our solar system, may be worth a visit. Ceres, which may have an icy crust, a salty underground ocean, and ice volcanoes, may have once been habitable.



### STUDENT EDITION

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## Quote unquote



The judiciary cannot be controlled directly or indirectly by the legislature or the executive, or else the 'Rule of Law' would become illusory. At the same time, judges should not be swayed by the emotional pitch of public opinion either, which is getting amplified through social media platforms. Judges have to be mindful of the fact that the noise thus amplified is not necessarily reflective of what is right and what the majority believes in. The new media tools that have enormous amplifying ability are incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong, good and bad, and the real and fake. Media trials cannot be a guiding factor in deciding cases extremely vital to function independently and withstand all external aids and pressures. While there is a lot of discussion about the pressure from the executive, it is also imperative to start a discourse as to how social media trends can affect the institutions. For the judiciary to apply checks on governmental power and action, it has to have complete freedom

NV Ramana, Chief Justice of India, addressing lawyers at the 17th Justice PD Desai memorial lecture on 'Rule of Law'



## HEAT DOME GRIPS US



The western United States is currently under the influence of an epic heat dome, an expansive region of high atmospheric pressure characterised by heat, drought and heightened fire danger. A heat dome is a weather phenomenon in which high-pressure atmospheric conditions trap air coming in from the Pacific Ocean, heating the air column while compressing it down like a lid on a saucepan

**You ask,**

**We answer**

Are you facing issues related to your academics, mental health, etc? Do you want to share your problem, but shy to reveal it to your near ones? Never mind, our expert, CBSE helpline counsellor, JAYDEB KAR, will answer queries from students, parents and educators. Your identity will be strictly protected...

As academics have gone virtual now, most of my time is spent glued to the laptop screen. But my parents do not trust me and frequently keep a check on me. What should I do, as I don't like this attitude?

No doubt, the pandemic has taken education to the virtual world, and mobile and computers are necessary for the children. In this scenario, you need to identify what act of yours hurt them and they lost trust in you. Gradually, work on gaining their trust back with your actions and communication. There is no harm in keeping your room door open and letting them check

a few times. They will trust you, once they are satisfied.

I am a student of class X. I along with my parents will be shifting from our present city to our native place. Will it be possible for me to get admission to a CBSE school during the lockdown period?

CBSE has a provision of direct admission in class X for CBSE Schools for reasons like relocating of family, job transfers, etc. Kindly contact the school you are aiming for admission at your native place. The school will process your application as per the SOP issued by the board.

## BOOKER PRIZE-WINNER NOVEL 'SACRED HUNGER' TO GET SERIES ADAPTATION

Author Barry Unsworth's Booker Prize-winner novel 'Sacred Hunger' will be adapted into a series. According to 'Deadline', executive producer Chris Bongirne and his company Smokestack Films has joined hands with financier Stephen Leist to buy the rights to the 1992 book.

### Entertainment

- The story follows the journey of a struggling young English doctor aboard 18th century slave ship – the Liverpool Merchant
- In 1992, 'Sacred Hunger' shared the Booker Prize with Michael Ondatje's, 'The English Patient'

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### RETHINK

Heard of Mottainai – the Japanese eco-friendly philosophy?

### CELEBRATE THE MONSOONS

From self-care, to health to counteracting monsoon moods, welcome the rains with us

### ENVIRONMENT

Are you signing up for Plastic Free July? We look at the history of the movement and how you can be part of it

### FILMS, BOOKS

Books to fight pandemic procrastination. PLUS: The best laugh riots from the world of cinema

Your Weekender

### SPORTS

All you need to know about the sport of cycling

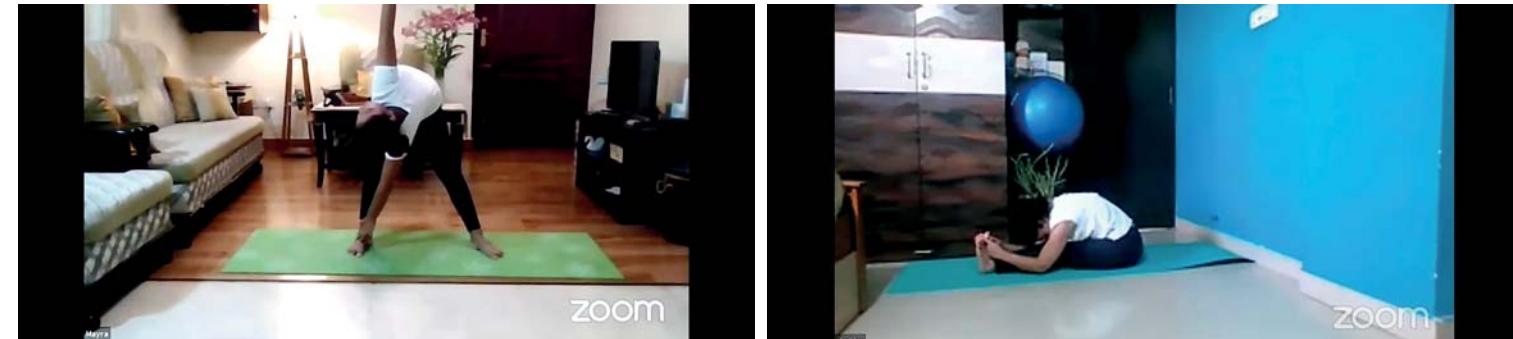


It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL**!

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## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

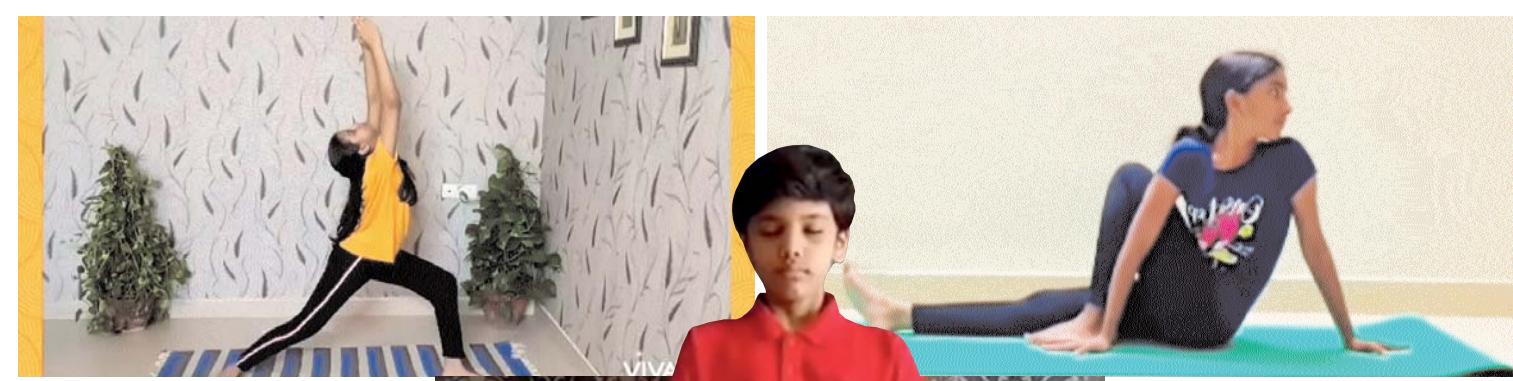
# Yoga session held for students



International Yoga Day is celebrated annually to reinforce the importance of our spiritual and physical well-being. Yoga plays an important role in overcoming physical and psychological difficulties, especially during this pandemic. To celebrate the 7th International Yoga day, we held a special assembly where the teachers and

students shared their perspectives on the importance of Yoga, along with demonstrations by the students and Yoga teachers.

As part of the celebration, we conducted a yoga competition where the participants were required to perform



The students of classes I to IX participated in the yoga day celebrations on June 21, 2021. HoD of PE department Deeksha P Shetty, yoga

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instructor Jagadevi Bhoske along with the PE department planned an instructional video for the students to practice.

Shetty stressed on the importance of yoga in our day-to-day life. Regular

### SILVER OAKS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SARJAPUR

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any two asanas and send the video. This helped our young acrons to develop an interest in it. To spread awareness about the importance of yoga in our day-to-day life, a 21-day Surya Namaskar challenge was thrown to the students, parents and

grandparents. Founder of Sukshma Yoga Foundation, Lonavala, Pankaj Sharma, who was the guest speaker, spoke about the importance of yoga in our daily life. With enriching speeches, challenging competitions and exuberant participation, we embraced this auspicious day to the fullest.

Adit Ryan John, class VIII



practise can relieve one from all kinds of stress and helps in building a wholesome personality as yoga encompasses the balancing of mind, body and soul. The session started with the prayer. Students demonstrated a number of asanas under the able guidance of the instructor. Various yoga asanas like Parvatasana, Vajrasana, Tadasana and Bhujangasana were performed. The power of meditation was also emphasised.

## (OUT) STANDING STUDENTS

It was the last day of 8th grade and it was the last period. We had debates among teams going on as a part of an activity. It was stimulating and I was thoroughly enjoying it. When the time was up for us, we returned to our seat. But, both our teams continued our debate (on the topics that were being given to other students)! We were warned thrice by the teacher and yet, no one was willing to listen. It ended with loudest 4 of us getting punished (standing outside the class). I remember this particular incident so vividly because that was the first time I was made to stand out of the class for disobedience!

Aarya Bhanushali, class X,  
S.V.D.D. English Medium  
Secondary High School,  
Mumbai

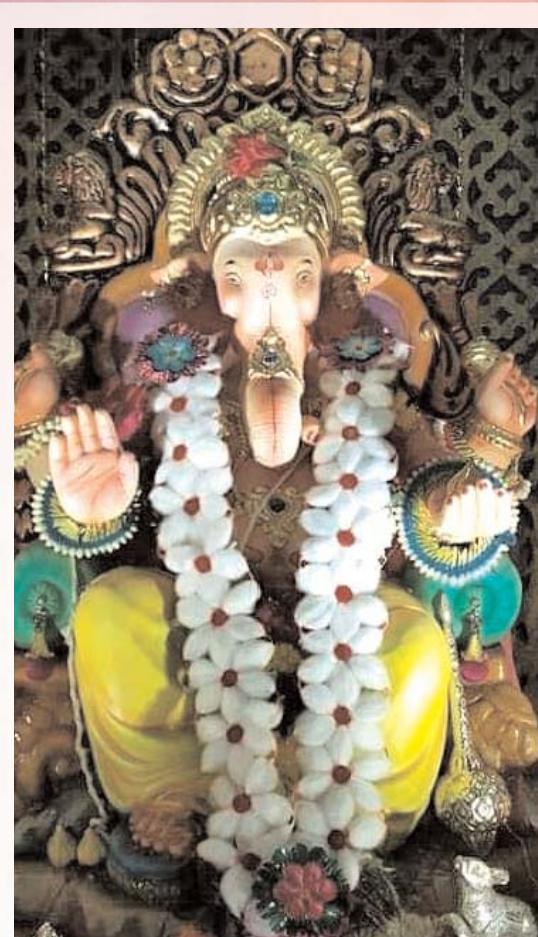


I would love to be a Ganesha idol. I would have a short, yet exciting life. I'd be lovingly sculpted out of mud, with the artist carefully mixing vibrant colours to get my shade just right. Everyone would handle me gently, with the same smile that someone has while holding a child. Then I'd be proudly displayed until a bustling little family would pick me. On the auspicious first day, I'd be welcomed at their home like a king, a blessing, with the kids pushing past each other just to get a good look at me. For ten days, I'd live a grand life, being pampered with scrumptious foods, offerings, and songs sung in my praise twice a day. Kids (also adults even if they don't admit it) would silently thank me and wish for their innermost aspirations to come true. After ten days of being showered with

### IF I WERE A GANESHA IDOL

love, they'd bid me a tearful farewell, and the gentle handling would be replaced by rough jostling as I'd be passed around for the visarjan and dropped in the water beside several other idols. And I would slowly dissolve back into the Earth, with the water body consuming me and carrying me to a place unknown, ready for another adventure.

Sanisa Patrikar, class X,  
D.A.V Public School, Thane



## WORLD MUSIC DAY

Music is ethereal. It is a journey that transports itself from the ears to the heart. In the words of the Greek philosopher Plato, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

World Music Day is celebrated on June 21, in over 120 countries including the original country France where it was conceptualized on June 21, 1982. It is known as "fête de la Musique", which means the festival of music

### THE BRIGADE SCHOOLS

To commemorate the occasion, World Music Day was celebrated at The Brigade Schools on a virtual platform in yet another year of the pandemic with many soothing and soulful renditions by students. They created an atmosphere of relaxation and rejuvenation with music.

Students began with a unique song on greetings in various languages making Monday morning a musical melody. Students of the three schools showcased their innate talents by playing musical instruments euphoniously. The reverberating sound of the drums, the sound of the piano, the music of the violin, and the melodious playing of the keyboard enthralled the awestruck audience. Students strummed musical instruments and sang songs from a wide array of songs of yesteryears and contemporary Western and Indian.

"A great song should lift your heart, warm the soul and make you feel good."

The Brigade Schools have made an earnest endeavour to lift hearts and lighten minds through the medium of music, in pursuit of a silver lining in trying times.



## Students focus on evils of child labour

"Ah! Judgement thou art fled to brutish beasts and men have lost their reason", these words have never before rung more truth than in these days of mankind's travesty. Has the glamour of this so called progress blinded him, or has his depraved soul turned a blind eye to the blistering sores in society? Well, when the children hold up a mirror to the truth and show us where, we as an evolved species, have collectively gone wrong, there is no way we can turn our backs.

### NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, WHITEFIELD

That is exactly what the students of class IX did on June 16, the World Day against Child Labour. It is one of the evils that make us hang our heads in shame. But very often we look, and choose to turn our heads away. Not because the sight is ugly, but because the truth is hard to digest, that in some way, we are both responsible and condoning towards this act. Listening to children is vital to achieving

success in the fight against child labour is what was proved beyond a doubt by students of class IX as they came forward to express their views on Child Labour and its negative impacts through a meaningful assembly, to commemorate World Day against Child Labour. Prayer and a relevant thought for the day was presented. Insightful International and national news, was followed by an interactive Quiz, which compelled the students to put on their thinking caps, and ponder over the matter. Passionate speeches urged us to join hands against

this social crime and highlighted how child labour is detrimental to society, as a whole. Effective steps that can be taken as responsible citizens to rid ourselves of this disease, which clings on as a leprosy sore, were highlighted. Well-edited videos wound up the Assembly, to leave viewers a bit more wiser and slightly more aware. A large step is not what we are looking for, but we do realize that if complacency can be shed, the battle has definitely begun. These youngsters will certainly do their two pence worth, to make a difference.

## Students bag many awards at inter-school event

Cambridge learners of EuroSchool Airol hosted an amazing student-led inter-school event, Mathemagic 2.0, from June 14 to 16, 2021. The various categories were Math Extravaganza, Shark Tank, and Math Shorts.

### EUROSCHOOL, WHITEFIELD

More than 700 students from classes V to XII participated in large numbers. We are proud to say that our students did exceedingly well, winning in most of the categories. EuroSchool Whitefield bagged 28 winner awards!



## BLINK

There was a beautiful world once,  
There was a sonnet in every tree, a poem in  
every flower and green for the eyes to behold

As the water of the stream rushed over the rocks at its feet, it sang a song on repeat  
As the rain pattered on the tiled roof, it invited me into the world of heaven.  
It was all there,  
ONCE, for me to see.

Blink.

It was all gone.  
What the world gave me just to see,  
I took it all, for my glee  
I turned around after destroying the entire

world,  
To see myself in sadness and regret  
Polluted with the sediments of the industries,

Finding it difficult to breathe.  
I choked the fishes to death and killed the trees until they slept forever.  
Now I close my eyes but I cannot hear the sonnet of the trees  
Nor the poems of the flowers  
I strain myself to listen to the music of the waves  
But there is no melody I hear.  
It was all gone indeed.  
in just a BLINK.

Kavya M, class XI,  
HAL Public school

