

Mount Olympus hosts MOSMUN 2.0

On July 30, Mount Olympus School, Gurgaon hosted the second edition of MOSMUN on Google Meet for the students of class VIII to XII, allowing them to participate in the event from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

The session commenced with a formal opening ceremony which included the lighting of a virtual lamp by the principal to invoke the blessings of the divine powers. The session was graced by the presence of honourable director Arjun Saini, principal Dr Neeti C Kashik, vice principal Manish Khanna, members of the executive board and teachers.

MOSMUN 2.0 hosted three com-



mittees for a total of 76 delegates representing various nations and Indian political identities. The three

committees were: United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), United Nations General Assembly

(UNGA) and All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM). The chairperson of UNHRC was Toyam Khanna and the

vice chairperson was Priyanshi Mittal. The agenda of the committee was 'The Israel Palestine conflict with special emphasis on human rights violation'.

Another committee AIPPM headed by Bismar Singh as the speaker and Indraneel Sengupta as deputy speaker with the agenda 'Legislative Assembly elections in 2021 with special emphasis on West Bengal elections'.

'Concerns and solutions on cyber warfare and cyber-terrorism' was the point of discussion in UNGA where Vanshika Kharbanda and Gaurika Arora presided the session as the chairperson and the vice chairperson respectively. The students had a fantastic time immersing themselves in

the hypothetical perspectives of the countries. On the floor of the house, the delegates stated their country's position and pledged to support it to the end. All of the committees made significant progress on their particular subjects thanks to the executive board's leadership.

As the argument progressed, all participants gradually overcame their first stumbling blocks. As a simulation of the United Nations, this conference allowed well-prepared students to discuss global issues and problems in a professional setting. All EBs and OC members were thanked for their outstanding performance at the closure and were presented with honours and recognitions by the principal.

Expressions: Inspiring and kindling minds

Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar organised its virtual annual inter-school event 'Expressions 2021' on July 31 with 'Resilience' as its theme. The event aimed at kindling young minds and inspiring them to spring back to life with strengthened emotional and social wellbeing, mindfulness, renewed purposes, and positive outlook despite all odds. The event provided a platform of creativity, intellect, and an atmosphere of holistic learning to all the participants who show-



cased their talent in numerous ways.

As many as 160 students from 20 prestigious

schools of Delhi participated in various competitions and competed in the realms of performing arts, literary

and scientific challenges. The students gave expression to their talent and skills in diverse competitions such as 'Little Einstein', 'Cinephiles gather', 'Ad selfie', 'Connect the dots', 'Doodling wonders', 'Hall of humour' to name a few.

School's principal, Rashmi Mehta expressed her gratitude for the enthusiastic participation. The trophy was won by Indraprastha International School, Dwarka. All the position holders and the participants of the inter school competition were conferred with e-certificates of merit.

MATER DEI HOLDS FIRST-EVER GENERAL BODY MEET

Mater Dei School organised its first ever virtual annual PTA General Body Meeting on July 31. The principal, Sister Stella extended a warm welcome to the PTA executive members as well as the parents and expressed her gratitude for their whole hearted support and cooperation especially during this pandemic time.

The annual report of the school was presented through a power point presentation highlighting the

main events and achievements of the students and teachers. The school counsellor, Ruby Thomas gave a session on the New Education Policy 2020, explaining its salient features. The retired staff members were felicitated for their dedicated service to the school. The official part of the proceeding of the PTA General Body Meeting was conducted by Dr Lisa Robin, the vice-president of the PTA. The meeting concluded with singing of the National Anthem.

Plantation drive at Wisdom Valley



To honour mother earth, a plantation drive at Wisdom Valley Global School, Palwal was campaigned in association with the BEO office, Palwal. The drive's main aim was to direct students' minds towards constructive activities in the direction of taking care of their surroundings, earth and hence ensuring a healthy, green, balanced environment.

Inter-class debate competition at Greenway Modern

Debate is one of the academic activities that gives students creative room to express what they feel.

On the occasion of World Population Day, Greenway Modern School organised online event for classes IX and X on August 4 and 5, respectively. The debate was graced with the presence of Deepa Patole, a senior faculty, who adjudged the competition. She welcomed the participants and conveyed her best wishes for the competition.

There were three rounds: intra-class debate, inter section debate and inter-class debate. The topic for the final day was, 'Does population explosion have a harmful impact on wildlife and vegetation?' Participants argued for and against the motion. The teams were well prepared and undoubtedly convinced the teachers and the judge of their beliefs and views. The participants armed with statistics and data made their arguments more emphatic with their facial expressions and voice modulation. They exhibited great oratory skills.



The results for the inter-class debate are:

CLASS IX:
 > **First Position:** NITYA AND PRISHA (IX C)
 > **Second Position:** AAKARSHIT AND DEVESHI KAITA (IX-B)
 > **Third Position:** ANSHIKA PANWAR AND CHITRAKSHI (IX G)

CLASS X:
Star Speakers:
 > NUPUR BUBNA (X A)
 > CHARVI RAO (X A)
 > ESHITA NAGARICA (X E)
 > MIHIKA (X F)
Best Team: ABHAV SOOD AND ANUBHAV ANAND (X B)
 School principal Mohit Sachdeva applauded the efforts of the students and teachers.

Cycle ride to Taljai Hills

It was after the lockdown when I and my friends, Manas, Daksh and Ayan decided to go on a morning sunrise cycle-ride over the Taljai Hills, 20 kms from Pune city. There is a famous temple of Taljai Mata Devi located atop the hill. It adds a mystical charm to it making it rejuvenated and green.

The road to the temple is a zigzag bituminous trail along the forest area which you have to hike as no vehicles reach up to the summit of the hill. Since the forest is not dense, you have a good opportunity to explore the place as you hike up to the temple.

During the trip we spotted a number of migratory birds, rare species of butterflies, peacocks and rabbits in

their natural habitat. The temple area was well maintained with a paved sitting area where travelers can sit and rest for a

while. En route the Taljai Mata temple we came across a pond where we saw ducks swimming in playful moods. It is a delightfully rare sight to behold! Taljai Hills is a perfect spot for out-



door picnic and excursions where one can be with nature and unwind the fetters for some time. From the temple top, we had a 360-degree panoramic view of Pune city at the backdrop of the emerald green Western Ghats.

VEER CHHATJIA, class XI Commerce, Bishops Junior College, Undri



BALVANTRAY WINS

TOYCATHON-2021

Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan Anguridevi Shersingh Memorial Academy-morning shift won Toycathon-2021 under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'. Toycathon-2021 was conceived to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualise novel toy and games based on Indian civilisation, history, culture, mythology and ethos.

Toycathon 2021 was an inter-ministerial initiative organised by Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell with support from All India Council for Technical Education, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

It was launched on January 5 with multiple rounds/phases of competition for students of schools/colleges/professional institutes at different levels. Toy/Games concepts based on Indian civilisation, heritage, culture, mythology, history, ethos, technology, ethnicity, national heroes and important events. Using eco-friendly, indigenous, non-hazardous or recycled material. Focus on promoting Vedic Mathematics. Toys for pedagogy (for teaching students' difficult concepts in Maths, Science, Languages, Social Sciences etc)

A team of five girl students, Mandvi Shukla (XII A), Bhumika Basist (X B), Ikshita (X B), Ishmeet Kaur (IX D) and Ridhima Kanojia (IX D) participated in the national level event under the mentorship and guidance of Shelly Gandhi, TGT (Maths.). The team



presented the 'Redefining Bagh Chhaal' and got selected in top seven for the grand finale.

The school patrons S Regumathan, Arun K Jain, Gp. Capt (Retd) S C Bahri, director of the school, Geeta Mallick, consultant-IE/ Admn and Vandana Baberwal, Offg principal-morning shift extended their heartiest congratulations to the school team.

Online gaming leads to social isolation among young adults

'Gaming' has become such a common addiction among teenagers that social interaction has taken a back seat. That one word makes the young adults compulsive as they develop a hostile attitude towards their family and friends. Those interesting action and shooting games enthrall our minds to such an extent that we can't even spend a few minutes to talk and share our daily problems with our near and dear ones.

Research studies have proven that gaming addiction is one of the major causes of social anxiety. Teenagers are fearful of blending in with social gatherings and hence, cannot express their opinions assertively. People might argue by saying that multiplayer games like Minecraft, Fortnite can bring back the socialising trend within us, however, here is a question, "Can an online communication ever replace a face to face interaction?"



PREENA SENGUPTA, class IX, Pawar Public school, Hadapsar, Pune

Playing soccer improves one's teamwork abilities and social skills, so why do people consider that playing online squad games does not allow the child to interact with people? Many people are not comfortable talking to people. Gaming and online resources allow them to communicate efficiently. During lockdowns, people couldn't meet each other. However, friendship is a significant relationship, so playing games helps the children stay connected. Parents say that games that include violence impact the behaviour of the child; they get aggressive and depressed, but during difficult times, we need interaction in the most unique ways possible. Some friends and family get separated, so reaching them is challenging. Family games like Ludo also help communicate. People who become professional gamers are invited to compete with players of other countries, which improves their ability to socialise with different people. Some games are mind games too—these help in solving problems between people. People who stream their gaming on apps like YouTube are invited to VidCon, where they meet different people. So, I ask you, is gaming as grave as you thought it was?

NIYATI KESWANI, class VIII, Vidya Valley, Pune



INDIA ELATED AFTER 'LATE I-DAY' WIN

Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Cheteshwar Pujara and KL Rahul of India celebrate as Jimmy Anderson of England is bowled



A charged team beat England in impressive Test at Lord's

India captain Virat Kohli promised there would be no let-up from his side following an impressive 151-run win over England in the second Test at Lord's on Monday, which he labelled a "day late" Independence celebration.

Bowlers show their might

This match was in the balance early on the final day before a ninth-wicket stand of 89 between Mohammed Shami (56 not out) and Jasprit Bumrah (34 not out), both of whom made their highest Test scores, allowed Kohli to declare India's second innings on 298-8. That left England chasing a target of 272, but with Mohammed Siraj taking 4-32 and fellow paceman Bumrah 3-33, they slumped to 120 all out.

Victory, which left Kohli's men 1-0 up in this

five-match series, came just a day after India's Independence Day on August 15 and the tourists enjoyed plenty of vocal support at Lord's. "We fed off that energy," said Kohli. "It's a day late celebration for Independence Day. It's the best feeling we can give the Indians here and back in India."

No let-up ahead

"We have three matches to go and we will be just as intense," added Kohli, looking to lead India to just a fourth Test series win in England after successes in 1971, 1986 and 2007.

Reflecting on what was just India's third win in 19 Tests at the 'home of cricket', Kohli said: "I feel super proud of the whole team. The pitch didn't offer much in the first three days. 'The way we played this morning with Mohammed

IF YOU SLEDGE ONE, YOU SLEDGING WHOLE TEAM: RAHUL

If any rival player tries to sledge one of ours, the remaining 10 would only come hard at the opposition and that's exactly what had happened with England, said India opener KL Rahul.

The on-field altercations started after Mark Wood dished out short-pitched stuff targeting Jasprit Bumrah's head, resulting in an argument with England skipper Joe Root and Jimmy Anderson.

Someone comes after our player and rest of the 10 guys get pumped as well. That's the kind of atmosphere and team bonding that we have. If you go after one of our guys that means you are going after whole team," Rahul said.

Shami and Jasprit Bumrah with the bat was important. "We believed we could get them out in 60 overs and the bowlers were outstanding."

England captain Joe Root made a superb 180 not out in the first innings – his fifth Test century this year – and top-scored again for his side with 33 on Monday before falling to the third ball after tea. The England team, without all-rounders Ben Stokes and Chris Woakes, as well as injured quicks Stuart Broad and Jofra Archer, offered only limited resistance in the absence of yet another major contribution from Root.

Root takes blame

England have now gone seven Tests without a win – a sequence that includes a campaign loss in India. Root, perhaps somewhat harshly, blamed himself for England's lack of tactical discipline

with the ball on Monday after his pacemen repeatedly bowled too short at Shami and Bumrah.

"As captain, you take responsibility," he said. "I don't think I coped with that partnership well enough... Maybe we could have looked at attacking the stumps a little bit more frequently, using the short ball as more of a surprise. I don't think there's any hiding from it, we do need to get better," said Root. "We need to score heavier. But the guys all know that, they're working extremely hard."

The teams now head to Headingley, Root's Yorkshire home ground, for a third Test starting on August 25, with the England skipper insisting: "There's still a lot of cricket to be played in this series. More than anything we just need to stay calm and try not to panic and make sure we're in a really good frame of mind when we turn up to Leeds." AFP

OSAKA BREAKS DOWN AT PRESSER

Takes a brief break to compose herself, but does not shy away from answering questions

Naomi Osaka briefly left a press conference in Cincinnati on Monday after she appeared to get upset with a line of questioning about her relationship with the media, leading her agent to describe a reporter as a "bully". Osaka withdrew from the French Open earlier this year after being punished for refusing to do media conferences, saying her mental health was adversely impacted by certain lines of questioning.

On Monday, a reporter from a Cincinnati newspaper asked the 23-year-old: "You're not crazy about dealing with us, especially in this format. Yet you have a lot of outside interests that are served by having a media platform. How do you balance the two?"

Osaka twice asked the reporter to clarify his question and turned down an offer from the moderator to "move on to the next question" before giving a full reply. "Ever since I was younger, I have had

it's because of my background as well," said Osaka, who is of Japanese-Haitian heritage but grew up mainly in the United States. "I can't really help that there are some things that I tweet or some things that I say that kind of create a lot of news articles or things like that... but I would also say I'm not really sure how to balance the two. Like I'm figuring it out at the same time as you are, I would say."

When another reporter began to ask about her preparations for the summer hard-court season and her pledge to donate her prize money from this week's Western & Southern Open to Haitian earthquake relief efforts, Osaka appeared to wipe away tears.

The moderator called for a pause to the proceedings and Osaka left the room for a few minutes but returned to complete the news conference.

Osaka's French Open withdrawal not only led to her revealing that she has struggled to cope with depression for a number of years but it also prompted

her to pull out from Roland Garros and Wimbledon for the sake of her mental well-being. After losing early at the Tokyo Games, where she was given the honour of lighting the Olympic flame at the opening ceremony, she said she struggled to cope with the huge pressure and expectation placed on her.

Osaka's agent, Stuart Duguid, condemned the reporter's line of questioning on Monday in a statement provided to Reuters. "The bully at the Cincinnati Enquirer is the epitome of why player/media relations are so fraught right now," said Duguid. "Everyone will agree that his tone was all wrong and his sole purpose was to intimidate. Really appalling behaviour. And this insinuation that Naomi owes her off-court success to the media is a myth - don't be so self-indulgent." The reporter did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Osaka has used her platform to call attention to mental health issues and she said at the news conference

she felt supported by her fellow athletes. "The biggest eye opener was going to the Olympics and having other athletes come up to me and say they were really glad that I did what I did," she added. "I'm proud of what I did and I think that it was something that needed to be done."

REUTERS



T20 WC: INDIA TO SQUARE OFF AGAINST PAK ON OCT 24

India will open their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan in the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup in Dubai on October 24, the ICC said on Tuesday.

As per the schedule announced by the ICC, India's next opponent will be New Zealand in Dubai on October 31, followed by match against Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi on November 3. India's remaining two Super 12 matches are against the winner of Group B (November 5 in Dubai) and second placed side of Group A (November 8 in Dubai).

The tournament's first round kicks off on October 17 in Oman, with Oman taking on Papua New Guinea and Bangladesh playing Scotland.

Group A consists of Sri Lanka, Ireland, the Netherlands and Namibia, while Group B has Bangladesh, Scotland, Papua New Guinea and Oman.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super 12 stage.

The Super 12s – round two of the tournament, with two groups – will begin on October 23, with Australia facing South Africa in Abu Dhabi and England up against West Indies in Dubai.

The first semifinal will be held in Abu Dhabi on November 10, while the second will be played in Dubai on November 11.

The final will be held in Dubai on November 14 with November 15 marked as reserve day. 📧

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which countries were jointly declared as the winners of FIDE Chess Olympiad 2020?

- Brazil and Russia
- France and Russia
- Italy and France
- India and Russia

Q2: Who became the first Indian to win a Grand Slam singles main draw match in seven years?

- Sumit Nagal
- Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- Rohan Bopanna
- Yuki Bhambri

Q3: Who has clinched the 2020 US Open women's singles title?

- Naomi Osaka
- Serena Williams
- Victoria Azarenka
- Sofia Kenin

Q4: Which city is confirmed as host of the 2028 Summer Olympics?

- Barcelona
- Munich
- Los Angeles
- Brisbane

Q5: Who did Lydia Ko face in a playoff for the minor medals before she secured bronze

in the Olympic women's golf?

- Nelly Korda
- Aditi Ashok
- Mone Inami
- Emily Pedersen



Lydia Ko

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Q6: Which country won the Olympic women's football gold medal match?

- Sweden
- USA
- Canada
- Australia

Q7: What did French runner Morhad Amdouni do during the men's marathon that created controversy?

- Knocked over bottles at a drinks station
- Shoved a rival runner
- Tried to take a shortcut
- None of the above

Q8: Which one of the following sports will be added to the Olympic programme in Paris in 2024?

- Dodgeball
- Chess
- Squash
- Breakdancing

Q9: What was the score in the Italy vs England Euro final at the end of extra time?

- 2-2
- 1-1
- 0-0
- 3-3

ANSWERS: 1. d. India and Russia
2. a. Sumit Nagal 3. a. Naomi Osaka
4. c. Los Angeles 5. c. Mone Inami 6. c. Canada
7. a. Knocked over bottles at a drinks station
8. d. Breakdancing 9. b. 1-1