

# WHAT A FEELING!

On a cold day that felt like I was standing on sand, a breeze blew past my face, whispering in my ears...

"A gift, a gift for nature, to grow in beauty..." Months later, I said in my thoughts 'A remarkable view' as I admired the surroundings, while sitting on a chair beside a window drinking hot cocoa.

As I looked in the forest, I saw the inner beauty in the things around uphold.

I looked deeper into the forest, this time I saw a deer hiding in a small cave and feeling secured. It looked so happy as if it was to stay.

I looked deeper and saw a lion giving animals a shelter in the old wood factory.

How can we say that life did something unfair? Clinging to a leaf shiver in uncertainty, a cocoon waiting for its flight.

Moving on in the jungle, I noticed that all this time I had been looking in my heart.

My cocoon was with me helping me see, in the



time it gave me shelter like a lion and made feel secure like a deer in the cave.

The shelter he was giving was from rain, but my lion is protecting me from a virus. This lion helped me be secure like the butterfly in the cocoon. They say a cocoon is for transformation and it transformed me from a cool and a tender boy into a humane being.

My small house, it may not sound that nice,

but this house helped me see the inner beauty of love. This is my corona cocoon, which helped me become much more than I was before. A cocoon in which I share memories, a place far beyond greatness, and these memories shall forever bestow in me for as long as I live.

In a twisted swirl of events, a world of life and happiness was turned to sorrow and these words which I write, are in the times of these virus. Is this always the normal and our normal was just a dream? It may take ages to find it out, but I do know this is a valuable lesson that mankind learnt.

Days, weeks and months went by hoping every day with a new ray of light that today is the day I will come alive. I spun my cocoon to learn to slow down and learn the processes of life. I learnt a lot and now I await to shed my old skin and come out as good as a butterfly.

PARTH PHULL, class VIII, Bluebells School International, Kailash, New Delhi

## Simran shines in 'Khelo India Haryana'

Success is the objective of all the students of Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram as they march with unwavering approach and achieve their set targets.

Simran of class XI B, an ace sportsperson, participated in the 'Khelo India Haryana' Athletics District Trial which was held at Tau Devi Lal Stadium on August 16. She proved her accurate techniques and footwork by clinching the coveted first position in discuss throw and third position in shot put. Her



passionate performance displayed her expertise in both sporting events.

She has qualified for Haryana State Khelo India competition.

## YOUTH: Present and future of a strong nation

Youth is the future of the world, they make the impossible, possible and thus this phase should be enjoyed and celebrated. On August 12, St Michael's Sr Sec School, Pusa Road celebrated International Youth Day. The programme was organised by discipline committee under the leadership of Babu Joseph.

The event showcased the importance of

youth and their role and ability. The chief guest of the programme was Dr Sachin Gupta, IPS officer and an alumnus of St Michael's Sr Sec School, 2002 Batch. In his speech, he reminded the students about the importance of reading, being goal-oriented and of the facilities being provided by parents and school.

The programme displayed talents of our youngsters from class XI. Principal Rev Dr Sabu Joseph shared his thoughts on role of youth and thanked Babu Joseph and the discipline committee for presenting a wonderful programme.



ent and of the facilities being provided by parents and school.

The programme displayed talents of our youngsters from class XI. Principal Rev Dr Sabu Joseph shared his thoughts on role of youth and thanked Babu Joseph and the discipline committee for presenting a wonderful programme.

## Poetry recitation at St Mark's



St Mark's School, Meera Bagh organised 'Poetry beyond borders - in love with verses', a virtual session on poetry recitation and appreciation with participants from Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Malaysia and Taiwan. Besides English poems, participants recited works from their

local language. The event's keynote speaker, principal A Aggarwal spoke about her love for poetry and shared tips to understand and appreciate poetry from all genres. She also recited a poem on friendship to celebrate the bond between the schools and students of the participating countries.

## Students excel in Khaitan MUN

Khaitan MUN 3.0 Global Thinkers Conclave provided opportunities to practice: research, public speaking, teamwork, negotiation, and writing skills in a safe and structured environment. In order to work, the debate required different people to fill different roles. The event offered a great learning experience.

Students from St Mark's Girls' School performed their best and won the following positions Prachi Jain (class XI-D) won the high commendation in the committee of 'Future of gaming industry



in virtual societies. Kanishka Jha (class XI-A) earned an honourable mention in committee of 'Question of democratic federalism and regional autonomy'. Suhani Juneja (class IX-B) got a special mention in the committee of 'Nation and well-being.'



## Student Corner



PRATEEK, class IX E, Army Public School Dhaulakuan



LUCKY, class X J, Army Public School, Dhaulakuan



## Vector Borne Diseases week held

Vector-borne diseases are infections transmitted by the bite of infected arthropod species, such as mosquitoes, ticks, triatomine bugs, sandflies, and blackflies. The Indian Heights

School sector 23 Dwarka observed 'Vector borne diseases week' wherein students were engaged in a plethora of learning and engaging activities. The students were shown a documen-

tary on safety measures as to how they can practice methods to prevent from vector borne diseases like wearing clothes which do not leave the body parts exposed. Likewise taking precautionary measures to avoid water stagnating in empty tyres, earthen pots, containers and open areas in order to prevent breeding of mosquitoes were also

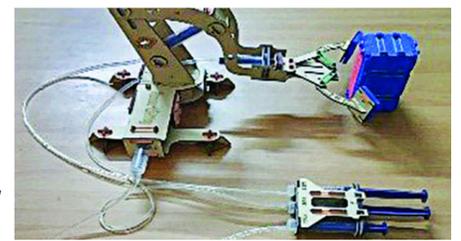
highlighted. The students participated in preparing of Lorax Collage on Malaria day. The week witnessed overwhelmed students participating in discussion on causes, symptoms and prevention of malaria and dengue. The week was an enlightening experience for everyone involved.

## Ever made a hydraulic crane?

I have been trying my hand in many things since lockdown. I painted, made craft and being a keyboard player, I tried composing music. Yet, I wanted to do something more engaging. And then, I stumbled across STEAM toys. They helped me understand STEAM concepts through hands-on experience.

I worked on a variety of machines, it made me more curious and taught me patience. I will tell you about my hydraulic crane. I bought wooden pieces that came in a box from online.

First, I made the base of the hydraulic crane which rotates the crane and lifts the grabber. Then I made the grabber (something like the



hook of the crane) that holds things such as a box or a cup. I made a box out of thermocol to test it. Then I made the hydraulic crane operator which controls its lifting, grabbing, and turning movements. At last, I fixed the syringes which hold the water and placed their pipes into a cup of water. When I pulled the syringe holder, the water filled the syringe and the crane began to function. Why not try making it?

Arnav Rejish Unni, class VI, The Choice School, Tripunithura, Ernakulam

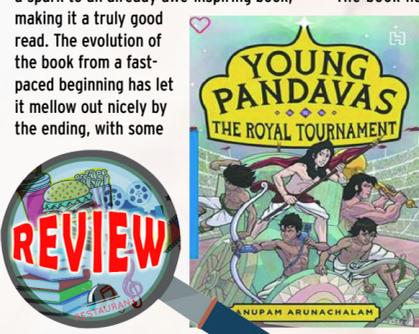


## YOUNG PANDAVAS: THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT BY ANUPAM ARUNACHALAM

Mysterious letters and masterful archers, dastardly plots and crooked traitors, massive tournaments and mystical weapons come together masterfully in the latest installment in the 'Young Pandavas' series by Anupam Arunachalam.

The book has been written from the perspective of Saha, one of the younger Pandavas, carefully narrating the events with plenty of plot twists, ingenious battle planning, and unexpected new foes and obstacles at every step of the way. The book has managed to adapt the greatest epic of all time into something younger audiences

would enjoy reading. Fun, playful illustrations bring life to the book, and are very tightly knit with the narrative. They bring a spark to an already awe-inspiring book, making it a truly good read. The evolution of the book from a fast-paced beginning has let it mellow out nicely by the ending, with some



nice, well-written action, finally leaving the reader with a bit of well-crafted suspense at the end.

The book has been well authored, and the relationship between the text and the illustrations are spot on, lacking that edge of disconnect found so often in books. I eagerly await the next installment, and the next level of progression in the series.

Neil Binoy, class IX, Naipunnya Public School, Ernakulam



September 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

# melio

## ALL-ROUNDER CUP

India's premier e-competitions platform

Online Challenges for Classes 1 - 8

Compete from Anywhere through Live Video Call | Earn Rewards, Recognition & Points | Compete with Global participants

Prizes worth 3 LAKHS to be won

Book a challenge now!

support@mello.co.in | www.mello.co.in | 9686534166

ABC  
Spelling Bee

Public Speaking

Speed Math

GK Quiz

Storytelling

Filmy Dance

Special Times NIE Offer: Only Rs 99/- per challenge!

## INDIA LOOK TO REGAIN MOMENTUM



## Spotlight on Ashwin in 4th test at venue that favours spinners

Vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane's wretched form and senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's probable inclusion will have the most significant impact on the Indian team's efforts to move on from its Leeds debacle when it takes on a stronger England in the fourth Test at the Oval starting Wednesday. The high of an inspirational victory at the Lord's was followed by back-to-back batting debacles at Headingley and the penultimate game at Oval would certainly have an impact on both sides as the series heads towards its business end. Skipper Virat Kohli had said that a victory at Lord's didn't guarantee a win in the next Test and a defeat at Headingley doesn't mean that an encore would happen at the Oval with the series locked at 1-1.

## Middle order woes

Not the one to believe that outside noise (fans and experts) should be given much credence, the Indian captain, in his heart of hearts,

knows that all is not well with his batting unit and the biggest problem is the performance of its three middle-order stalwarts – the skipper himself, Cheteshwar Pujara and his deputy Rahane.

Pujara might have redeemed himself with a knock of 91 which was high on "intent quotient" but the same can't be said about Rahane, whose form is shaky despite a crucial 61 in the second innings at the Lord's.

## Inconsistency worrisome

In all likelihood, Rahane would get another chance but over the past two years, his inconsistency has hurt this team badly. What many people have found baffling is that even a hundred at Melbourne or a fifty at the Lord's hasn't inspired confidence and he has never looked like getting back into some kind of form.

A total of 95 runs in five innings at an average of 19 is not an indicator of Rahane's qualities but a spunky strokeplayer like Suryakumar Yadav or an orthodox batter like Hanuma Vihari might bring in a bit of freshness in the middle-order. If Rahane is dropped at all, then Vihari has a better chance of coming in as he also bowls off-spin.

England never allows any team to win easily in England. India also does not lose at home. That is why it is said that if you win away tours, it is a big achievement. Last 10 years, England has a bowler who utilises the conditions better than anyone else and that bowler is James Anderson. Any Indian batter will tell you how tough it is to face Anderson. Former India pacer ASHISH NEHRA

However, skipper Kohli has shown that he can be dogmatic even if suggestions to contrary come from some of India's biggest cricketing legends including Sunil Gavaskar, who feels that playing an extra batsman might help them. An exhibit of it is his decision of not compromising with the five-bowler theory despite batting failures save for openers Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul (who had a poor third Test).

Ravindra Jadeja in this series, with two wickets from three games, has played primarily as a No.7 batsman whose willow-wielding skills are considered to be far better than Ashwin, who is perhaps the world's best spinner at the moment.

The Oval track has traditionally helped spinners and therefore Ashwin, who had a six-wicket haul in a county game for Surrey (vs Somerset) might just bring in his 400 plus wicket experience to trouble the English batters who have been wary of him in the past. But Kohli, whose fascination for four pacers is well documented, might want to replace an

off-colour Ishant Sharma with Shardul Thakur, who is more of an all-rounder and it remains to be seen if Ashwin comes in place of Jadeja, who hasn't been penetrative enough.

## Root the man to watch

If their middle-order is a cause of concern, the other aspect that's bound to give them sleepless nights is the form of rival skipper Joe Root, who has already tallied over 500 runs in just three games with a hat-trick of hundreds. If Ashwin gets a look-in, Root versus Ashwin will be a contest that a lot of cricket fans will be looking forward to.

For England, Dawid Malan, in his comeback match, was in good touch. Add to it, Mark Wood's blistering pace and Chris Woakes' incisive swing bowling and it is enough to ensure a bit of workload management for James Anderson. PH

For the 4th Test, India needs to keep up the momentum that saw them triumph in the second test against England



Photo: AFP



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Photo: ANI

## DJOKOVIC TOPS TEEN RUNE AT US OPEN



Photo: USA TODAY

## Wins comfortably as he bids for a calendar Slam

If the last-name chorus of "Ruuu-uune!" in support of his relatively unknown teenage opponent at the US Open bothered Novak Djokovic, he never let anyone know. Nor was there any visible evidence that Djokovic was shaken by the shaky patches he went through while dropping a set Tuesday night as he began his historic bid to complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since 1969 and collect a record-breaking 21st major singles championship.

## Just needed a win

Djokovic was not perfect - "It wasn't the best of my performances," he acknowledged - but he didn't need to be. All he needed to do was win, and he did, just as he's done every time he's played a Grand Slam match this season, whether on the hard courts of

the Australian Open, the red clay of the French Open, the grass of Wimbledon or, now, the first of what he hopes will be seven times on the hard courts of Flushing Meadows.

Quickly regaining control after a second-set blip, then wearing down his cramping foe, Djokovic beat Danish qualifier Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune 6-1 6-7 (5) 6-2 6-1 to reach the second round. "I mean, obviously you always wish to have crowd behind you, but it's not always possible. That's all I can say. I mean, I don't know; I've been focusing on myself and what I need to do," said Djokovic, who next faces Tallon Griekspoor, a 25-year-old from Netherlands ranked 121st who got into the field when Roger Federer pulled out. "I guess I have to just see how it feels on the court and try to keep it together. That's all I can do."

## Stark differences

So many differences between the two players in Arthur Ashe Stadium on a muggy Tuesday evening.

Djokovic is 34; Rune 18. Djokovic is ranked No. 1; Rune 145th. Djokovic owns 20 Grand Slam titles, the men's mark he cur-

rently shares with rivals Federer and Rafael Nadal; Rune, the junior champion at Roland Garros two years ago, had never played a match in the main draw of a major tournament until Tuesday.

Djokovic's on-court career earnings entering this week were more than USD 150 million; Rune's were less than USD 150,000.

His descriptions of this match sounded as if they arrived from someone very much his age: All in all, he found it to be a "crazy experience" and "a dream come true," and the crowd support was "unbelievable" and a "pretty sick feeling."

Rune did come in on a 13-match winning streak, built on the lower-level ATP Challenger Tour and the qualifying rounds in New York. The fans, back at the U.S. Open after all spectators were banned last year because of the pandemic, gave him some serious backing, responding to his pumped fists and uppercuts and pleas for more noise when he was playing at his best in the second set.

In other action, Germany's Alexander Zverev won this 12 match with victory over Sam Querrey. Switzerland's Belinda Bencic beat Arantxa Rus 6-4 6-4. AP

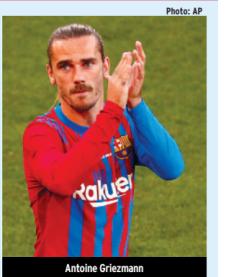
## ATLETICO WELCOME BACK GRIEZMANN; REAL SIGN CAMAVINGA

France forward Antoine Griezmann has made a shock return to Atletico Madrid just two years after leaving to join Barcelona, on the final day of a hectic European transfer window.

Real Madrid also bagged a French international star as Eduardo Camavinga arrived from Rennes, but their attempts to sign Kylian Mbappe from Paris Saint-Germain failed.

World Cup-winning 30-year-old Griezmann, who scored 133 goals in his first spell with Atletico, has rejoined on a one-year loan deal with an option to extend by another year and an obligation to buy, the club said. "Welcome back, Griezmann!" Atletico wrote on its website.

Barcelona have been struggling financially and had to allow six-time Ballon d'Or win-



Antoine Griezmann

ner Lionel Messi to leave for PSG last month. Midfield prodigy Camavinga, just 18, penned a six-year deal at Real, reportedly at 31 million euros (\$36.6m) plus 9m euros in bonuses. It is a considerable sum for the Angolan-born player, who was in the final year of his contract at Rennes. AGENCIES

## QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of the following tennis singles titles?

- a. Pete Sampras  
b. Jim Courier  
c. Roger Federer  
d. Rafael Nadal

Q2: Who won the 2019 US Open Men's Singles title?

- a. Rafael Nadal  
b. Roger Federer  
c. Daniil Medvedev  
d. Novak Djokovic

Q3: As of September 2019, the distinction of being the

youngest Indian Grandmaster was held by -

- a. D.Gukesh  
b. R. Praggnanandhaa  
c. Parimarjan Negi  
d. Raunak Sadhwani

Q4: Which of the following wrestling styles is part of the Olympics?

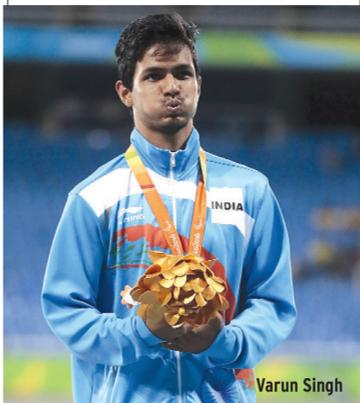
- a. Greco-Roman wrestling  
b. Men's freestyle wrestling  
c. Women's freestyle wrestling  
d. All of the above

Q5: Which of the following type of shooting championships were discontinued in 1991?

- a. 300m rifle  
b. Special Airgun championships  
c. Shotgun  
d. Running Target

Q6: What medal did Varun Singh Bhati win in high jump at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games?

- a. Gold b. Silver c. Bronze d. None



Varun Singh

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Q7: In which boxing championship are the boxers required to compete without protective headgear?

- a. AIBA World Boxing Championships  
b. AIBA World Series of Boxing  
c. Olympics  
d. Boxing World Cup

Q8: What is the meaning of the phrase umpire calling stumps?

- a. The batsman is out  
b. It is a no-ball  
c. The play is over for the day  
d. The whole match is over

Q9: Which woman athlete has won 5 gold medals in high jump in the IAAF World Indoor Championships?

- a. Stefka Kostadinova  
b. Natalya Nazarova  
c. Meseret Defar  
d. Maria Mutola

Q10: Which athlete has won four gold medals in the men's high jump in IAAF World Indoor Championships?

- a. Sergey Bubka  
b. Ivan Pedroso  
c. Javier Sotomayor  
d. Stefan Holm

ANSWERS: 1. c. Roger Federer 2. a. Rafael Nadal 3. a. D Gukesh 4. d. All of the above 5. b. Special Airgun championships 6. c. Bronze 7. b. AIBA World Series of Boxing 8. c. The play is over for the day 9. a. Stefka Kostadinova 10. c. Javier Sotomayor