

# Should students be able to grade their teachers?

Assessment has been an integral part of academia and educational institutes have constantly been in a flux with the introduction of neoteric methods of assessment time and again. Every school has a policy of grading or assessing their students. This norm of grading seems to be widely accepted even though the process may differ with respect to different institutions. However, have we ever thought what if the teachers were also to be assessed, and that too by the students? How would it be? Would the teachers be comfortable getting report cards from students? Would the students be transparent enough while doing this assessment? Can it be possible? Will this be of importance or will the students lose respect for their gurus/facilitators/guides/teachers?

Multi-national corporations often adopt the system of a 360-degree appraisal, wherein an employee is not just rated by the superior, but by their peers, juniors and even their own selves. The intent behind such a system is to ensure that the assessment is fair, unbiased, and takes into account as many dimensions as possible to enhance performance of the employee in the best way possible.



VIBHA KHOSLA, Principal, Shri Ram Global School, Delhi West

To place a similar system in schools could do wonders, provided it is implemented with care. The other question that arises then, is to ensure that the assessment must be effective and of good quality. Given timely, it could be relevant, informative and focused on the behaviour which could perhaps, lead to a positive change. Structuring the assessment in a standardised way to holistically recognise and reward the good work in the form of appreciation, must also be ensured. While students can convey how their knowledge, capabilities, skills and competencies were enhanced through the teaching methodology, the teachers can use this knowledge to build or modify their teaching strategies, making the teaching style truly learner-centric. Such a feedback also harbours the propensity to strengthen the rapport and relationship between the student and the teacher. While students continue to strive and excel in scholastic as well as non-scholastic activities, teachers can learn to restructure or reorient their teaching methodology in order to impart unexcelled knowledge to the 21st century learner.

## COORG The best place to connect with nature

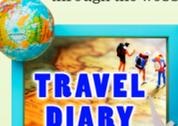
Coorg is the hill of happiness and calm, the medicine for stress. I went there too, with my parents a couple of summers back. The place welcomed us with its ice-cold breeze spreading like a blanket over us. Nights were awfully chill but fun to be in, as we don't experience a cold climate here in Chennai. Riding in the rough waters of the Kaveri river was an exciting experience, though it was slightly scary too, with the boat rocking all the time. Elephant camps were not really of my interest until I visited the Dubare camp. Clicking photos with those gentle giants was simply spectacular. Nothing beats

staying in a cosy hotel after a long day, with room service and tasty food, yep, exactly my thing. When I opened the windows of our room there, I saw a beautiful sight covered with fog, mountains and greenery. The clouds floated in our lawn area. It was such a heavenly sight. I was pumped when I went to the bamboo forest next. I entered through the wobbly



S K SOWMYA DURGA, class VII, Shree Niketan Patasala, Mannivakkam

hanging bridge straight into the trees. I also rode on a fabulous zip line, sliding on a rope tied to the highest point of trees on both sides. Honestly, it was incredible, even though I screamed a little like Mowgli! We also went to some viewpoints, one of my favourites was the Raja seat, where you stand on a platform with colourful tiles and look at the fog covering the mountains. At last, we saw the Raja's tomb with its splendid, ancient architectural work. We also bought some tasty natural coffee and some remarkable chocolates to take back home and munch along.



## Virtual mini Olympics fest at Manav Sthali

As the Tokyo Olympics 2020 took place in July-August 2021, Manav Sthali Global School, Double Storey too aimed to make the children realise and comprehend the need and importance of such sports events to build a healthy and active world.

Essentially Olympics are a celebration of friendship, unity and peace. To prove this adage correct, a virtual two week Olympics themed sustainable learning



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platform was provided to the little fledglings mainly to help and encourage them to teach qualities of leadership, discipline, sharing, teamwork, honesty and tolerance in their respective lives. With the parents' support, the teachers took charge of acquainting these little stalwarts about sports through various visual activities and worksheet modules via different subjects that involved all kinds of outdoor and indoor sports.

Children were taught and conveyed with the central message of friendship and peace to keep alive the spirit of never giving up and turning their dreams into reality.

## MDPS celebrates Founder's day



Keeping up with tradition, this year Mother Divine Public School, Rohini fraternity assembled in the school premises to pay tribute to the founder of the school Manohar Lal Budhraj on the occasion of Founder's Day on September 6. A hawan was organised in his memory followed by prasad. The whole atmosphere vibrated with spirituality which made everyone gratified at the noble profession of education.

## VSPK celebrates International day of charity

To inculcate the values of kindness and empathy among the young learners VSPK International School, Rohini celebrated International Day of Charity on September 5 under the guidance of

the chairman SK Gupta, manager Pramila Gupta, directors Kapil Gupta and Pankaj Gupta. The event was unfurled by principal Dr Shipra Kumar, with impactful inputs by the academic coordinator Priti Pas-

richa and in charge Anuradha Arora. The budding learners donated clothes, soft toys, food to the people in need and contributed to bringing out a smiling curve on the faces



of others. All of them felt satisfied on experiencing the joy they were in after they donated and saw the smiles and gratitude in the people's eyes.

## Dewang Mehta Memorial Inter-School IT Symposium held

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Copernicus Marg's Mehta Vidyalaya hosted the Dewang Mehta Memorial inter school IT symposium recently in collaboration with NASSCOM. The 21st edition of this mega event saw an overwhelming response from 45 leading schools of India including Bhavan's schools pan India and six international schools.



Dr Anju Tandon, principal Mehta Vidyalaya accorded a warm welcome. Ashok Pradhan, director Bhavan's Delhi Kendra in his address spoke about how this event carries forward late Dewang Mehta's vision and commemorates his 59th birth anniversary this year. Debjani Ghosh, chief

guest, congratulated the staff and students for smooth conduct of this illustrious competition and for its continued growth each year. Indraprastha World School, Paschim Vihar bagged the winner's trophy with Bhavan's Vidyalaya, Panchkula standing as the runners-up.

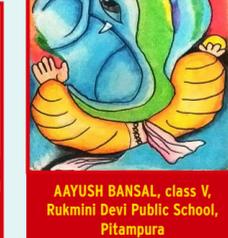
## Student Corner



AADI, class VI, DAV Public School, Sec 14 Faridabad



AANSHI GUPTA, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura



AAYUSH BANSAL, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura

## BOOKS HAVE LOST THEIR CHARM AS E-BOOKS ARE THE WAY TO GO

I will be honest. I love paper books. We all grew up reading those. The way they feel, their smell, that feeling when you turn the last page, the texture of paper and that fantastic, exciting, humbling feeling you get entering a library full of them, I love it all! But soon, I realised that saving paper was more important to me than how a book made me feel. Once I was clear about that in my head, I could only see the various advantages e-books offer. To begin with, you save tremendous space, and you don't feel sad because your paper book is slowly reaching the end of its life. Your books are easily portable and readable on multiple devices. You don't have to worry about hoarding

books. While there are many positives in opting for e-books, I couldn't agree with the notion that books have lost their charm with the arrival of e-books as there are still many people who long for the feel of a good print in their hands. As Charles W Eliot once said, "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers", so it does not make much of a difference as to where or how you read a book, as long as it serves its purpose.

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them in boxes. I have had the same trusty old Kindle for many years now. I can read on it comfortably, lying down, switch between books easily, not worry about it taking up space in my tiny bag. I take it pretty much anywhere I want, and at any given point in time, it can contain more books than I can fit in all of my family's bookshelves put together. It's not the hundreds of physical books that are now my best friends. It's my Kindle. The only disadvantage I see is that I can not have an author autograph their book for me. But hey, I like selfies too!



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# EVERTON GOAL RUSH STUNS BURNLEY

Hosts appear battered but turn match around to prevail 3-1 in EPL

**E**verton produced a remarkable comeback with three goals inside seven minutes to beat Burnley 3-1 in the English Premier League. Everton looked battered and beaten after Ben Mee marked his 200th Premier League appearance with the opening goal in the 53rd minute. However, within the space of 379 seconds - which included a tactical substitution and formation change - the hosts turned the match on its head via a Michael Keane header against his former club, a stunner from Andros Townsend, and a clinical one-on-one from fellow new arrival Demarai Gray. And all this was achieved without last season's leading scorer Dominic Calvert-Lewin, who is likely to

be out for at least two to three weeks with a broken toe and thigh injury.

Achieving one come-from-behind win, at home against Southampton on the opening day of the season, after all their previous problems, might be considered fortunate. To do it twice in successive matches points to something else; an engendering of resolve and resilience to dig deeper and fight for the shirt, something the Goodison Park faithful have felt has been missing for some time.

## Fighting spirit evident

After Mee ran through a crowd of blue shirts to head home from close range, Everton's fighting spirit emerged in a crazy period kicked off by Keane powerfully

flicking home a near-post header from Townsend's cross. Manager Rafael Benitez immediately made a change to 4-3-3, withdrawing center back Ben Godfrey for midfielder Andre Gomes, and the match changed in an instant.

Doucoure featured heavily as first he picked out Townsend from the halfway line and the winger cut inside onto his left foot to lash home a brilliant, looping, dipping shot. He then sliced Burnley apart with a through-ball to send Gray racing through to make it 3-1 and the Frenchman was denied a deserved goal himself only by an offside flag as Everton ran riot.

It is four matches unbeaten now for Benitez and victory lifted Everton into fourth but level on 10 points with Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool. **AP**

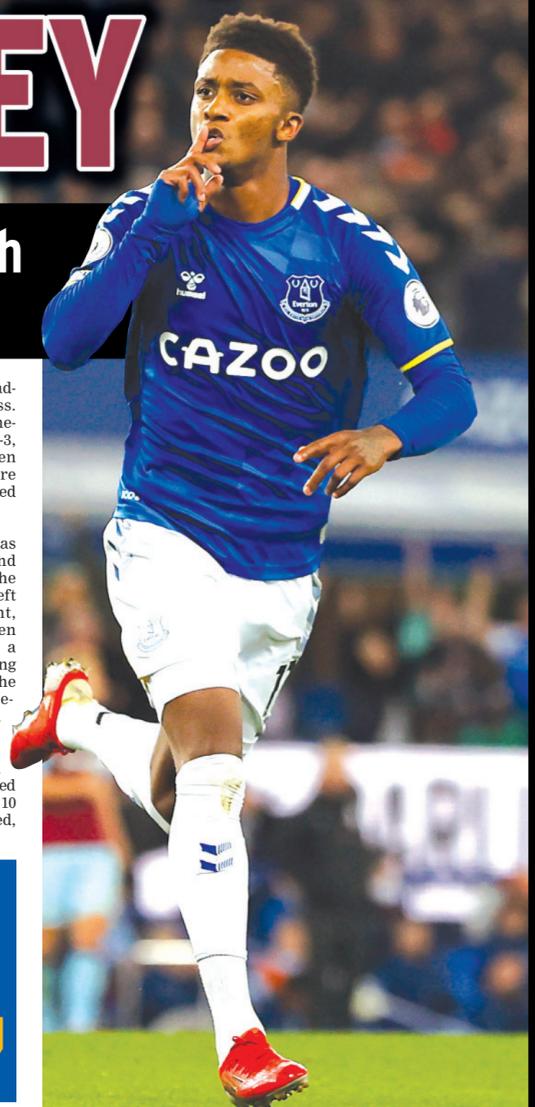
Demarai Gray and Andros Townsend have quality and are good pros. They are keen to learn, even Andros at his age. The main thing in this team, everyone said we needed wingers. Richarlison did a great job also and the two wingers helped the striker do better. When we scored our goal, we had more confidence, played 4-3-3, created more chances and could have scored more goals. Really pleased with the connection between the team and the fans. We are looking to build a fortress here.

Everton manager RAFA BENITEZ



Michael Keane

Photo: AFP



Demarai Gray

Photo: REUTERS

# KOHLI TO BE CAPTAIN IN ALL THREE FORMATS

BCCI says no question of change as long as team doing well

**V**irat Kohli will continue to captain India in all three formats, a top national cricket board official said Tuesday, after speculation that the batting great could be replaced as skipper for limited-overs games.

Kohli's recent sketchy form with the bat has led to reports that changes could be made after the T20 World Cup, which begins next month in the United Arab Emirates. But Kohli received a vote of confidence from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah. "There is no such proposal (to re-

place Kohli) and the team is led by Virat and we are backing him," said Shah. "We are sensitive to the fact that such a proposal is not in the interest of Indian team when it will take part in a World Cup," Shah told website Cricbuzz.

Media have reported that opening batsman Rohit Sharma could take over as Twenty20 and 50-over captain and that the change had been discussed by the BCCI. "As long as a team is performing, the question of change in captaincy doesn't arise," Shah was reported as saying.

India have not lost a Twenty20 series under Kohli, but they have failed to win either the 50-over Champions Trophy,

World Cup or T20 World Cup since he became white ball captain in 2017. Kohli led India to a landmark Test series win in Australia in January and they were leading 2-1 in England when the fifth and final Test was controversially cancelled last week because of a coronavirus outbreak in the tourists' camp.

Shah said India have offered to play two extra T20 matches in England next July in place of the cancelled Test. The England board suffered huge financial losses due to the cancellation. "Instead of three T20s, we will play five T20s. Alternatively, we will play a one-off Test as well. It is up to them to choose." **AFP**



Photo: AP

## LOVE PLAYING AUS FOR THEIR COMPETITIVENESS: SMRITI MANDHANA

**I**ndia opening batter Smriti Mandhana has said that her side loves playing against Australia as the ultra competitiveness of the Southern Stars rubs off on the Girls in Blue. India and Australia will be locking horns in a multi-format series, comprising three ODIs, a one-off day-night Test and three T20s. The first ODI will be on September 21.

"We all love playing against Australia, because they are one of the best teams in the world and quite competitive. When it comes to Australia, you're a bit more pumped because the level of competitiveness of the Australian team just rubs off on us and we also start being extra competitive," Mandhana said. "Australian wickets have a true bounce and I think everyone loves batting in Australia. No one will tell you they



Smriti Mandhana

don't like batting in Australia. We are all just really happy to play cricket," she added.

"The team has grown massively. COVID was a big break after the T20 World Cup and a lot of girls had a chance to go back and understand more about their games, where they lack as an individual and come back stronger," said Mandhana. **ANI**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which of these is not a golf obstacle?

- Water
- Rough
- Hurdle
- Trap

**Q2:** Which coloured clothing and shoes are players required to wear at the Wimbledon Championship courts?

- Green
- Black
- Purple
- White

**Q3:** Which country has a fanatical supporters group that is known as the "Barmy Army"?

- England
- New Zealand
- India
- Australia

**Q4:** Who was the first woman to win tennis's Grand Slam?

- Billie Jean King
- Maureen Connolly
- Margaret Court
- Martina Navratilova

**Q5:** Against which of these countries did Sachin Tendulkar hit his 100th

international century?

- Sri Lanka
- Bangladesh
- Pakistan
- South Africa



Sachin Tendulkar

Photo: TOI

**Q6:** Which two countries (men) played the first T20 International tied match?

- Ireland and Scotland
- Canada and Zimbabwe
- New Zealand and West Indies
- India and Pakistan

**Q7:** What is the name of Usain Bolt's main running coach?

- Bill Bowerman
- Glen Mills
- Jerry Thompson
- Joel Campbell

**Q8:** The Centre Court at Wimbledon is also known by what famous postcode?

- MW41
- SW19
- WC12
- BS14

**Q9:** The "Marquess of Queensberry rules" is a code of generally accepted rules in which of these sports?

- Chess
- Boxing
- Hockey
- Tennis

**ANSWERS:** 1. c. Hurdle 2. d. White  
3. a. England 4. b. Maureen Connolly  
5. b. Bangladesh  
6. c. New Zealand and West Indies  
7. b. Glen Mills 8. b. SW19 9. b. Boxing