

The untold success stories

Khaitan Public School, Sahibabad, hosted its third TEDx event on the December 24, 2021 in the school auditorium in hybrid mode. The tagline for the event was 'Surviving and Thriving: The Untold Success Stories'. The school played host to 10 illustrious speakers from varied areas of expertise to address the gathering of more than 500 online and onsite attendees. Among the 10 amazing speakers were three Khaitanians. The event was graced by the presence of the education director Mamta Kapoor; the vice principal Teaching and Learning Dr Himani Tyagi; the vice prin-



incipal Pastoral Care, Anand Kumar and the head of Senior School, Rishika Sharma. The diverse cast of speakers took the stage one by one, sharing their ideas and experiences over the course of their allotted time duration. The excited audience got a chance to inter-

act with each speaker and ask questions during the Q&A session, which transformed the event into a real and fruitful learning experience for all.

The fascinating journey began with a dynamic opening ceremony followed by a zesty dance performance

ing thoughts of Namya Joshi, Chhavi Koul, Devansh Bhardwaj and Advik Rohith were quite engaging. The closing ceremony was marked by the performance 'Malala', honouring the valour of Malala Yousafzai, the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate.

The event culminated with the vote of thanks extended by the event organizer, Snehlata Chauhan. The parents appreciated the efforts of the school for providing a platform to the students to exhibit their talent. The attendees left the venue feeling enriched and invigorated. The audience exclaimed that they felt intellectually and spiritually stimulated after the experience. TEDx Khaitan Public School has, once again, proven to be a vibrant red feather in the school's cap.

Initiation of vaccination drive for students

DAVPS, sector-49, Gurugram has been chosen as the first centre for covid 19 vaccination of children age between 15-18 years in Gurugram.

To mark this momentous occasion, Yash Garg IAS, the deputy commissioner of Gurugram lit the sacred lamp and marked the opening of the drive by blowing the conch. He thanked the parents for keeping faith and coming forward to help in

making India COVID free. He also motivated the students to be the ambassador of this mega drive.

The event was completed with the honourary presence of CMO, Virender Yadav, Dr MP Singh, immunisation officer, Gurugram, Dr JP Singh, surveillance officer, Gurugram, Dr Hardeep MO. Hundred students were successfully vaccinated on the first day with Covaxin. DAV Public School Sector 49 is ready to play its part for a Covid free India.



About animals and birds



Students of classes preschool to II of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi initiated a project on the fascinating world of animals and birds as a part of International Dimension in Schools.

The project aimed at the study of animals and birds from different countries such as India, South Africa and America. Activities like races, fashion show, mask making and posters were organised for the learners of classes preschool to II. The objective of the activities was to bring the children closer to the life on land. It helped in sensitising students towards the importance and various habitats of animals and help them develop the feeling of love and oneness for them.

RYAN NOIDA RANKS 9 IN EWSR



Ryan International School Noida is happy to share that it has been ranked at number 9 in city ranking by the Education World School Rankings 2021-22.

The euphoric moment was also graced by the CEO of the Ryan International Group of Institutions Ryan Pinto who appreciated this special recognition.

Sumita Mukherjee, the school principal received the award on behalf of students and staff, validating the progressive approach of the school.

THE EDUCATIONIST

PARENT OR A POWER PARENT!

While a parent steps back for their children to learn and grow, power parents step into their children's lives. They are present and involved, they're on top of the nature versus nurture debate, and are conscious that while their children will grow naturally, only through nurture will they grow extraordinarily.

In short, power parents have a clear roadmap not for what their children will do, what they will become, but of the role they must play in order for their children to achieve not only success, but their destiny!

The path to power parenting is simple and has but a single mantra - Do not clap for your children! Their success lies in their originality, creativity and ingenuity.

COMPARISON: Comparison is the death of ingenuity. Constant comparison of children achieves nothing but a poor shadow of what they were compared to. I'm reminded of something Adam Gilchrist was once asked, of whether Mahendra Singh Dhoni would become the next Gilchrist, Adam smiled and said that he wouldn't become the next Gilchrist, but the first Dhoni. Value your child's originality and creativity.



Nurture it and help them to become the best version of themselves, not a xerox of someone or something you admire.

LABELLING: Children are like clay, they become what you mould them into. Albert Einstein flunked in German, his mother tongue! If he were to be labelled for just that as the most stupid man on earth, Physics as we know, would not exist. Stop labelling your children for their shortcomings! Dive into their minds and find out their talent, their theory of relativity, help them discover how they will relate themselves into this world. If on the other hand you label them consistently and constantly, they will become restricted to that label and ultimately be buried under the burden of

a false truth that will become their identity.

ASPIRATIONS: Your child is not a medium to fulfil your unfulfilled aspirations and desires. While it's important to make sure that they don't make the mistakes you made in your life, it is to be understood that your children are their own person, they have their own purpose. Hold them close to you but set them free, free to dream, to aspire. Nurture them, guide them and inspire them to fulfil their own glorious purpose.

PERSPECTIVE: Bridge the gap, talk to your children and see the world through their eyes. Your child belongs to a new generation, sees a different variation of the world than what you had 20 years ago. Do not go into parenting your child with the blinders of your perspective. My dear parents, these children are all unique, different from you, and from each other. Pat them on the back for who they are but do not clap for them.

KAINAAT MANSOOR,
TEACHER, UNITY
COLLEGE, LUCKNOW



Student Corner



NAZALIA KHAN, class VIII C, Hamdard Public School, Sangam Vihar

NATURE

*I wanted to write a poem,
a poem on nature.
I thought about everything,
and came up with a creative.
The greenery of plants,
the chirping of birds,
humans with home,
and birds who always roam.
Blossom of flowers,
and everyone has some power.
Ant or elephant,
everyone has a cowl.
Nature denotes green,
green means satisfaction.
From trees to plant,
both give oxygen.
Save nature save lives,
it will give wonderful vibes.*

Utsav KR Jha, class VIII, Mount Abu Public School, Rohini

DPSG hosts badminton tournament



Chairman's Cup, Inter DPSG Badminton Tournament was hosted by DPSG Sushant Lok on December 23 and 24, 2021. Various teams from the DPSG Schools from Delhi NCR participated in this two-day event. The tournament included matches for both Under 13 Boys and Girls and Under 17 Boys and Girls.

Vikram Singh Thakran, the general secretary of Haryana Badminton Association graced the occasion as the chief guest. The tournament was declared open with a lamp lighting ceremony followed by

a melodious performance by the school orchestra to welcome the chief guest.

The principal Meenu Chopra highlighted the benefits of sports for our physical and mental wellbeing. She also expressed her pleasure over the Double Height Badminton Court of DPSG Sushant Lok being put to an optimised use by the budding players.

DPSG Dehradun is the winner of Under17 Boys; DPSG Merrut Road wins the Under17 Girls as well as Under 13 Boys Category and DPSG Palam Vihar has won the Under 13 Girls Category.

Celebrating Christmas carnival with Cankids

Delhi Public School, sector 45, Gurgaon, celebrated its annual Christmas Carnival with the children of Cankids...KidsCan, an NGO that is dedicatedly working in the field of childhood cancer care. Before the pandemic every year, these bravehearts from Delhi NCR, were invited to spend one day of fun and frolic with the DPS family.

The script for the video was written, acted and directed by the students of class XI, which was a melting pot of Bollywood dances, Christmas carols, quiz and theatre. Santa Claus spread festive cheer and happiness along with popular cartoons like Doraemon, Chhota Bheem, Shinchan



and Motu Patlu. The message of hope and blossoming life echoed through the presentation.

The director principal, Aditi Misra, in her address, lauded the spirit of children battling cancer. She called them real superheroes and urged them to be positive as each day brings

new healing.

The virtual Christmas celebration organised by the Cankids Foundation saw performances by Kids Can Konnect (KCK) and the Path Pradarshak Parivarik Sahayak Group (P3SG). The cancer survivors shared their experiences after a cyclothon event.

Express YOURSELF

A habit that can bring enormous change in the world

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "be the change you want to see in the world". I believe volunteering to serve humanity is a step towards bringing a positive change in this world. As a privileged individual, it should be a sole duty to give back to the community as we are enjoying its liberties. Volunteering doesn't mean that we must join an organisation; it can be done in solitary just by putting in some time and effort.

Volunteering in an organisation lets you help a cause you appreciate, all while doing the work you relish. Volunteers are an integral part of the organisation, they level the playing field and are the glue that holds a community together and makes it a better place. When we volunteer, we speak for the causes that we praise and through which lives can be improved, for good. To quote Zach Sobiech, "What makes you happy is seeing someone else smile because you put it there. That's what's awesome about



living in this world." This quote explains the fact that helping others kindles happiness. Volunteers make little things count. They help in tasks that may seem minor but certainly have an impressive impact. They go from picking up trash, painting a community building, helping stray dogs to working at an animal shelter, educating the underprivileged, fighting for rights, chaperoning a field trip and many more. Volunteering constantly makes a difference whether it's

a large or a small task. They provide solace and comfort to all individuals by giving them hope and guidance who may be missing it by making dreams come true. They give hope to the impoverished kids in our society who are restricted to go to schools due to their family's orthodox beliefs or financial crisis by trying to educate them and making them realise their potential. Volunteering lays a significant impact on the youth's mind. All selflessly working for a good cause without expecting anything, creates a good emotion for the young ones. Thus, volunteers can also be taken as a role model.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference...it does." - William James

MANUSHRI SINGH,
CLASS XI, LA MARTINIERE
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ENGLAND CLING ON FOR DRAW



Australian players react as England's Stuart Broad (C) plays a shot on day five of the fourth Ashes cricket test between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground

Dramatic 4th Ashes Test denies Australia a series clean sweep

England's tailenders resisted Australia's bowlers in fading light Sunday to clinch a draw on a dramatic final day of the fourth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Jack Leach, Stuart Broad and then Jimmy Anderson batted out the final 10 overs under immense pressure, after Pat Cummins and Scott Boland took three quick wickets in the final session before Steve Smith removed Leach with two overs remaining to set up a nervous finale to a gripping test match.

ENGLAND'S BEST IN SERIES

At stumps, England finished 270-9 with Broad unbeaten on eight and Anderson not out on zero to give England its best result of the five-match series, which Australia leads 3-0.

With the final hour approaching, Cummins removed Jos Buttler and Mark Wood in the space of three balls to turn the test on its head after it was looking increasingly likely that England would earn a draw after its most determined bat-

ting effort of the series.

Scott Boland then continued his incredible start to test cricket by having first-innings centurion Jonny Bairstow caught at bat pad by Marcus Labuschagne for 41. It was Boland's 14th wicket in just his second test after making his test debut at Melbourne's 3rd test where he was named man of the match.

But Broad and Leach saw out the remaining 10 overs despite Australia

THE ASHES



having all its fielders around the bat in catching positions as the fading light meant Australia had to bowl spinners Nathan Lyon and Steve Smith in the final three overs.

Earlier in the session, Stokes, no stranger in proving to be an immovable object for Australia after his heroics in the 2019 Ashes series in England, did not appear to let the pain of his left side injury curtail his attacking shots as he crushed ten boundaries and a six as part of his 60 runs, to go with his 66 in the first innings. But Lyon

eventually made the vital breakthrough as he caught Stokes in two minds as to whether to play at the ball or leave it. In the end he did neither and guided a simple chance to Steve Smith at slip. It was the ninth time that Lyon has taken Stokes' wicket, including twice in this match.

As the final hour loomed, Cummins (2-80) made a big breakthrough trapping Jos Buttler lbw for 11. On-field umpire Paul Reiffel initially rejected the appeal before Cummins referred to the TV umpire, who reversed the decision. Two balls later Cummins dismissed Wood with a vicious in-swinging delivery that hit the tail-ender on the foot for a much easier lbw decision for Reiffel to confirm.

SURVIVAL GAME ON

Boland then had Bairstow caught at bat pad to expose England's tail, but Leach and Broad and then Anderson found a way to survive despite up to nine fielders in close catching positions. Before tea, Joe Root and Stokes combined for a 60-run partnership from 26 overs before Scott Boland had the English skipper edging through to wicket-keeper Alex Carey for 24 to give Australia renewed optimism it may be able to bowl England out.

Needing to bat out the day to draw the Test after being set an improbable 388 to win, the tourists lost a very defensive-minded Hameed (9) and Malan (4) in the morning session, but Zak Crawley decided that attack was the best form of defense as he unleashed eight boundaries on his way to a 69-ball half-century. Hameed was dropped by Carey off Pat Cummins, but only survived a few overs more as he again edged through to Carey, who made the catch, to give Scott Boland yet another wicket in his bright start in test cricket.

Lyon (2-28) was introduced into the attack and in his third over found a way through Malan's defenses to have England at 74-2 after the first hour of play.

Crawley's enterprising innings was halted at 77 after 13 boundaries when Cameron Green (1-38) captured the 23-year-old opener leg before wicket. **A**

Great game of Test cricket. We got close. Bitless weather might have got us there. Obviously would've loved 4-0, but good match. The forecasts are hopeless, I learned that this week. Getting close to 400, I felt we needed that. The wicket wasn't playing too many tricks. And I thought there was enough time. **AUSTRALIA SKIPPER PAT CUMMINS**

VINICIUS, BENZEMA SCORE BRACES



Real Madrid thrash Valencia 4-1, extend lead in La Liga

Real Madrid strike duo Karim Benzema and Vinicius Jr both scored a brace to give the La Liga leaders a 4-1 home win over Valencia on Saturday, putting them back on track after last weekend's disappointing loss to Getafe. Benzema opened the scoring shortly before halftime from the penalty spot, his 300th goal in all competitions for Real. He is the fourth player in the club's history to reach the milestone after Alfredo di Stefano (308), Raul (323) and Cristiano Ronaldo (450).

It's an honour and I'm proud to reach 301 goals with Real Madrid because they are the best club in the world. We played a great game for ourselves but also for the fans, who deserved it after the loss to Getafe. **KARIM BENZEMA**

Fan favourite Vinicius, who missed Real's last two games after testing positive for COVID-19, came back with a vengeance and scored twice early in the second half. Goncalo Guedes scored Valencia's consolation goal in the 76th minute with a header on the rebound after Thibaut Courtois had saved his penalty kick. Benzema sealed the emphatic win two minutes from the end with a low shot from inside the box.

TOP SCORERS

Real Madrid extended their lead at the top of the standings to 49 points from 21 games, eight points ahead of Sevilla, who have two games in hand, and host Getafe on Sunday. It took a while for Carlo Ancelotti's team to warm up on a freezing winter night at Santiago Bernabeu, where the fans are becoming used to gathering between scaffolding as Real

Madrid continue the 800-million-euro (\$908.72 million) renovation of their home.

After a flat beginning, Real found their rhythm late in the first half as Luka Modric struck a shot that rattled the crossbar. The hosts kept pressing until they found the opener after Casemiro fell inside the area when challenged by defender Omar Alderete. Benzema stepped up and rifled the ball into the top right corner beyond Jasper Cillessen.

Real kept up their pace after halftime and Vinicius scored twice in nine minutes, first after a beautiful combination with Benzema, clearing two defenders before finishing all alone in the box.

Benzema's goals meant he stayed clear at the top of the scoring charts in La Liga this season with 17, followed by Vinicius on 12. Together they have scored 29 of Real's 45 league goals this campaign. **REUTERS**



BOPANNA AND RAMKUMAR WIN ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL

Teaming up for the first-time on the ATP Tour, India's Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan won the Adelaide International doubles trophy with a hard-fought 7-6 (6) 6-1 win over top seeds Ivan Dodig and Marcelo Melo on Sunday.

Bopanna's excellent service returns at crucial times and Ramkumar's all-round game tilted the match in their

favour. In the one hour and 21 minutes contest, the Indians saved all break points and broke their rivals twice.

It was Bopanna's 20th ATP doubles title and first for Ramkumar. The win would be a huge confidence booster for Ramkumar ahead of the Australian Open Qualifiers, where he will aim to make the singles main draw of a Grand Slam once again. **PTI**



Rohan Bopanna of India and Ramkumar Ramanathan of India Mens Doubles winner hold up the trophy

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which cricket team has won the 2019-20 Vijay Hazare Trophy?

- a) Karnataka
b) Gujarat
c) Jharkhand
d) Tamil Nadu

Q2: In context of the Indian awards and honors in sports, which among the following is given as a lifetime achievement award?

- a) Dronacharya Award
b) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
c) Dhyan Chand Award
d) Arjuna Award

Q3: Who among the following served as India's first Test Captain?

- a) Nawab of Pataudi Senior
b) Nawab Mansoor Ali Khan
c) C. K. Nayudu
d) Lala Amarnath

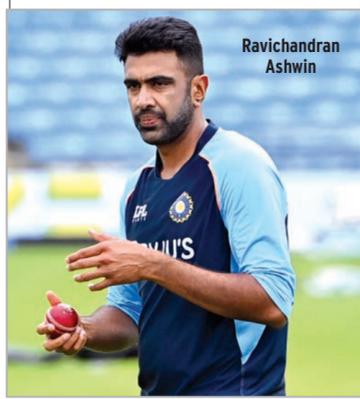
Q4: What does the globe in the ICC World Cup Trophy symbolise?

- a) World
b) All participating nations
c) Cricket Ball
d) Unity

Q5: Ravichandran Ashwin holds the record for the Indian

with the most Player of the Series awards in Test matches. How many times has won the award?

- a) 6 b) 9 c) 5 d) 7



Q6: When was the first UCI Mountain Bike World Cup held?

- a) 1999 b) 1996 c) 1989 d) 1985

Q7: Flame first introduced in the Winter Olympics?

- a) 1904 b) 1924 c) 1936 d) 1900

Q8: Which player is given the Golden Glove Award?

- a) Best player
b) Best Goal-keeper
c) Top Goal-scorer
d) Best Striker

Q9: Which among the following is the first country to win

the World Cup on home soil?

- a) Australia
b) India
c) England
d) West Indies

Q10: Which country won the 1st FIFA Football World Cup held in 1930?

- a) England
b) Uruguay
c) Argentina
d) Yugoslavia

ANSWERS: 1. a Karnataka
2. c Dhyan Chand Award 3. c C. K. Nayudu
4. c Cricket ball 5. b 9 6. c 1989
7. c 1936 8. b Best Goal-keeper
9. b India 10. b Uruguay