

## Hosts take home coveted Mrs YGP Trophy

Overall Championship — Juniors & Seniors

Mrs YGP Trophy  
PSBB LLA - Bengaluru



The school conducts the Inter PSBB Millennium Quiz competition 'Questa' every year in the first week of January. Each year, this event is conducted with a lot of enthusiasm and joy, where the finalists from the four PSBB Millennium schools and the host school battle it out to bag the prestigious Mrs YGP Trophy.

This year too, the event was conducted virtually, where the finalists of the five schools, competed in the Questa Finals. As is the norm, Mr.Giri 'Pick brain' Balasubramaian, was the quiz

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master for the event. Principal of The Samhita Academy Jyothi was the chief guest and executive trustee of PSBB Group of Schools, Chennai Y G. Rajendraa was the special guest.

The junior and senior finals were telecast on January 8, 2022. PSBB LLA Bangalore emerged winners in the juniors category and PSBB MS GBKM, Chennai emerged winners in the seniors category after nail-biting and closely contested rounds of quizzing.

PSBB LLA, Bangalore bagged the Mrs.YGP Trophy. Principal of PSBB LLA Mahalaxmi Kumar felicitated the winners and the runner-ups in a virtual ceremony.

The 7th edition of Questa was a grand success with avid quizzing and enthusiastic participation, albeit in a virtual mode.

Started in 2015, Questa aims to build awareness and emphasise the importance of quizzing skills to enable students to look at the world from a holistic perspective.

Rajalakshmi Ramkumar, staff



## THE EDUCATIONIST

### Change makers in education must focus on conceptual and subjective integration

'Every word carries its own surprises and offers its own rewards to the reflective mind.' \_ George Armitage Miller

Education with technology is so inter-woven that we couldn't have explored, and tried to be innovative at the same time. Online teaching has proven to be the Genesis during these pandemic times. Having students back at school at the opportune time, the need is to maintain a balance between their emotional quotient and intelligent quotient. Many formative assessments make learning more reflective so that shift from teacher centric to student centric approach can be evidenced. Education now is multi-dimensional. Educators engaging and devoting time to hear their learners out and availing the space in the campus to take a walk with them is the conscious cycle of thought. In accordance with the traditional Guru-

Shishya Parampara of having lessons under the tree is one of the few initiatives to bring in the smile and co-construct in learning. With the aspects of brain-based behaviour, understanding the students' learning needs in the classroom is of paramount priority. Keeping the focus on "One Big Idea" for each session, hooks the learners' interest and their engagement and participation is more fruitful in the classroom. The students are rendered prospects to "reflect, revised thinking and report out" at the end of each session. This establishes a seamless transition to 21st century skills like communication, leadership, and building agentic learners.

To improve efficiency in everyday teaching, the need for "Assessment for Learning" as opposed to "Assessment of Learning" was looked



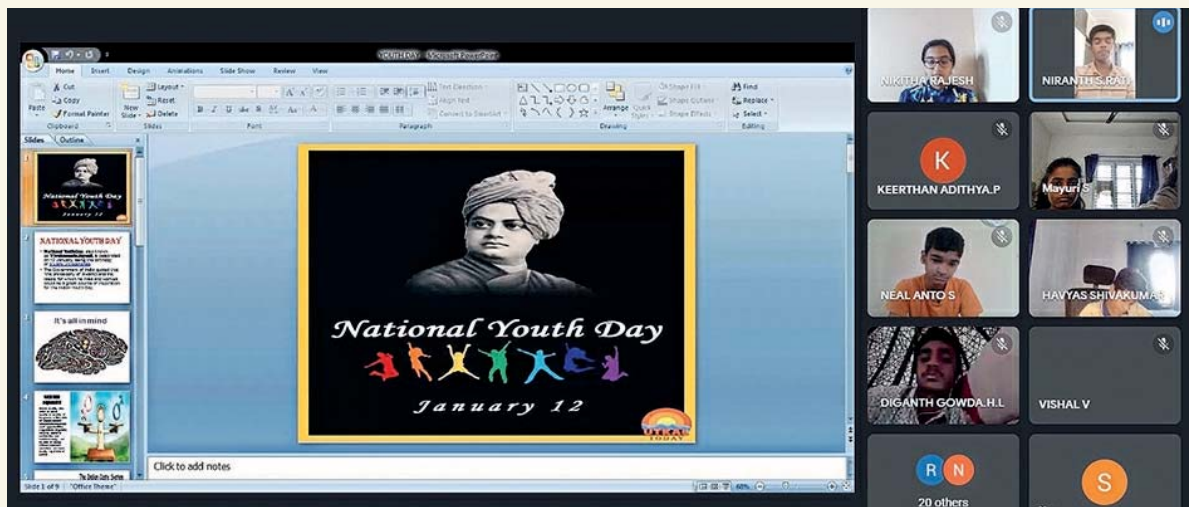
**Shanthi Seetharaman,**  
Principal-CBSE  
Vishwa  
Vidyapeeth-CBSE

at very carefully. The classroom learning merged with engaging activities focused on conceptual and subjective integration, contributed to the structural paradigm shift from rote learning to competency-based learning. The change from traditional to cognitive learning was subtle but intentionally consequential.

This is keeping in mind of "What you are doing" and "Why you are doing"?

Incorporating inclusive activities like setting the tone, engaging strategies with initial thoughts and challenge questions, are part of the unique methodology of teaching that can be used. Brain breaks to break the monotony and an optimistic closure with reflections are some of the emotional and social learning techniques that teachers have adopted to make reflective teachers and students.

## National Youth Day celebrated



The Youth of Today are the Leaders of Tomorrow

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, maker of Modern India, the school celebrated National Youth Day virtually with great joy and enthusiasm on January 12, 2022 with the primary aim of sensitizing the students about the philosophies, principles and ideas of Swami Vivekananda. The students were motivated to be good citizens of India, thus contributing to the development

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of the country.

With the theme for the year "It's all in the mind", students came up with many activities like speech on the importance of the day, quiz, and presentations. Education is the only tool that could foster growth and give optimized solution; Absence of jealousy, the fear of almighty and helping the ones in

need are the three things that can make anyone great; A society's progress firmly stands on gender and caste equality; Yoga and meditation are pertinent in maintaining a healthy lifestyle; Follow the three P's, purity, patience and perseverance for success are some of the topics on which they made presentations.

The programme concluded with an aspiration to instill these values and qualities in the youngsters of today, who carry the promise of building a New India tomorrow.

## Pongal celebrated with enthusiasm

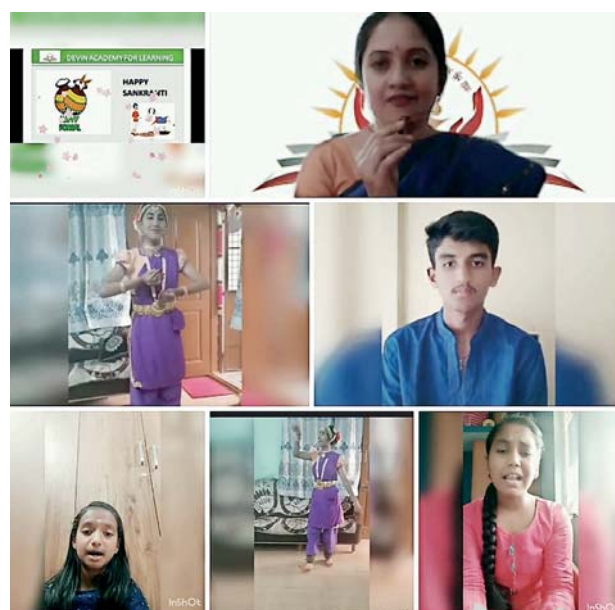
Pongal was celebrated virtually on January 12, 2022 in an engrossing manner, with great zeal.

A special assembly was held. Principal Asha Iyengar stated that the school follows all the traditions and customs and celebrates the festivals with great enthusiasm.

**DEVIN ACADEMY FOR LEARNING**

Many programmes were held under the guidance of teachers. Divya of class VIII and Keerthana of class IX presented a song. Chaitanya of class VIII presented a semi-classical dance depicting the importance of Sankranthi. Siddharth of class IX gave a speech about the Pongal festival.

Sankranthi is celebrated in different states by different names as it is one of the biggest festivals in India.



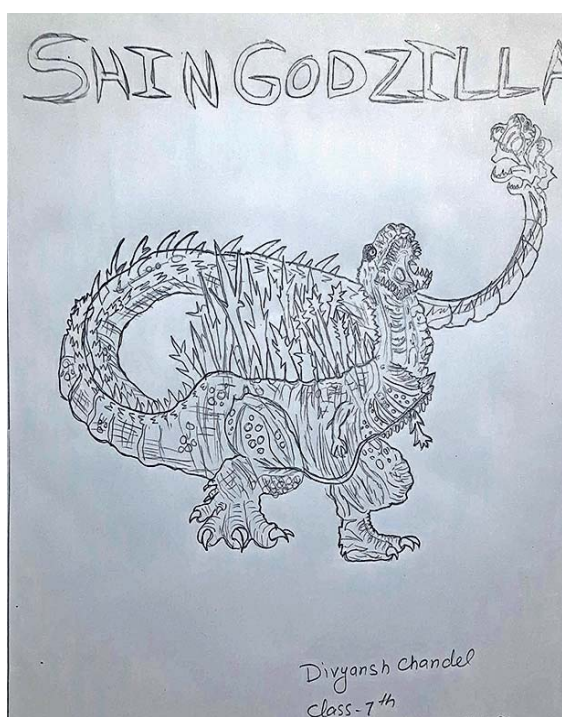
## Painters' Gallery



**STILL LIFE:** Sai Pavan, class VI, Sherwood High



**CHARLIE CHAPLIN:** Rajat R Pai, class VII, Geethanjali Vidyalaya



**SHIN GODZILLA:** Divyansh Chandel, class VII, KV BRBN-MPL Mysuru



**BEAUTIFUL PARROT:** Fasiha Israr, class IV, The Oxford Senior Secondary School

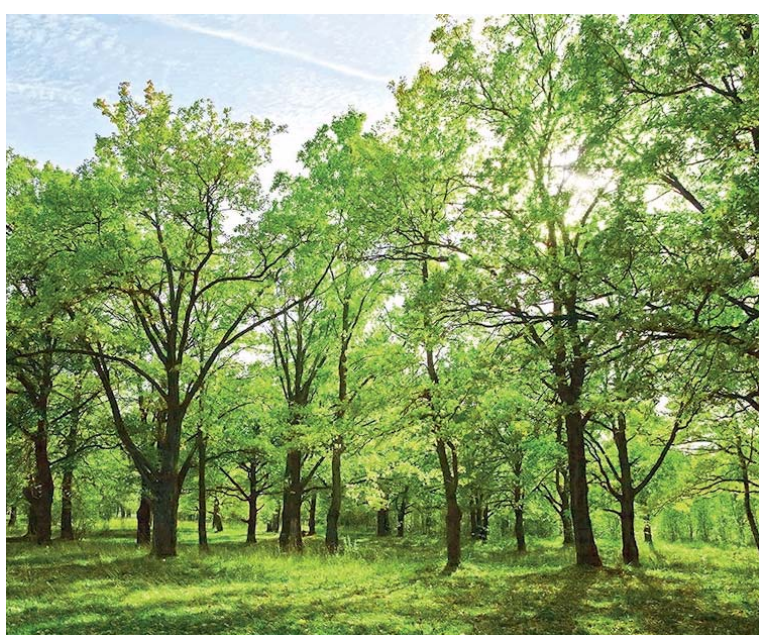
## Express YOURSELF

### Trees are good friends

One warm afternoon, I was eating a big juicy mango. Once I ate the mango, all I had was its seed in my hands. I thought "Maybe if I plant this seed, I will get to eat more juicy & fresh mangoes".

So I went out into my garden, found a nice place for the tree & planted the seed. A few years later, the tree grew big & strong. It had grown some mangoes too. By the time the tree grew, I had completely forgotten about it. On a fine day, when I was roaming around in my garden and came by the mighty mango tree. Suddenly, I noticed the mangoes. I was tempted to eat one of those delicious & yummy-looking fruits.

So, I climbed the tree and reached for a mango nearby. Suddenly, the tree stood up. I fell to the ground with a "thud!". I got up & looked in front of me. I saw the big & mighty tree. It stared down at me. At that moment, my body froze & I had a funny feeling within me. After some time, the tree spoke up & said "Hey, Um... That mango is not quite ripe. Why not try this big, juicy & ripe mango?". Then the humongous tree plucked a big mango from its



little, letting my guard down. The tree replied "Good". All of a sudden, I woke up & realized

highest branch & held it near me. I gulped & looked at the mango.

The mango tree sat down on the soft, green grass & said "If you ever need help getting mangoes, ask me...". "Uh...?? Okay...." I replied. I relaxed a

that it was all just a dream. I looked around & got out of my bed. I started to walk out of my room but suddenly saw the mango from my dream on the table... I could not believe it! Could it be that it was not a dream & that now I had a tree friend? Just to be sure, I ran out to my garden and went to the mango tree. I hugged my tree & said: "Trees are sure good friends".

Mihika Ramesh, class V, Silver Oaks International School Sarjapur



# COUTINHO CAPS VILLA REVIVAL

## Frustrates Man Utd with a late goal to draw 2-2

**P**hilippe Coutinho came off the bench to score a late equalizer on his debut for Aston Villa in a 2-2 draw against Manchester United in the English Premier League. United had just taken a 2-0 lead, thanks to Bruno Fernandes' second goal of the game, when Coutinho entered as a substitute to loud cheers at Villa Park. The Brazil playmaker played a part in Jacob Ramsey's 77th-minute goal that gave Villa hope, then turned in a low cross from Ramsey at the far post five minutes later in front of the Holte End. Four years after he last played in the Premier League with Liverpool, Coutinho made an instant impact on his return to England following his loan move from Barcelona this week.

It was a second match in six days between the teams, with United having edged a somewhat fortuitous 1-0 win in the FA Cup on Monday.

Ralf Rangnick's side looked on course for another hard-fought victory against Villa after Emiliano Martinez let a long-range shot from Fernandes squirm through his grasp and through his legs in the sixth minute. Fernandes, the stand-

in captain with Harry Maguire and Cristiano Ronaldo still missing because of injuries, added a brilliant second in the 67th from a shot in off the crossbar after Villa lost possession in its own half.

### WILD END TO ENCOUNTER

Coutinho provided a wild end to a thrilling encounter that United started impressively without Ronaldo for a second straight game. United stayed seventh, a point behind Tottenham having played two games more. Spurs were due to play Arsenal on Sunday but the game was called off on Saturday.

Coutinho suffered a disappointing time at Barcelona, but Gerrard is confident he can bring the forward back to his best after playing with him at Liverpool. "It was a good start. We've brought a quality footballer to the club. We need to get him up to speed in terms of his match sharpness," Gerrard said.

### DIFFICULT RESULT

"It is difficult to accept this result after being 2-0 up and in quite a few spells of the game, I think it was the best performance since I arrived," Rangnick said. "In the first half an hour, we completely dominated and controlled the game on

the ball. But again, when you are 2-0 up and throw away two valuable points, it almost feels like a defeat."

Cristiano Ronaldo was absent from the United squad after the Portugal star was unable to train on Friday due to the hip flexor injury that also forced him to miss Monday's FA Cup tie. United made the perfect start thanks to Martinez's blunder in the sixth minute. Fernandes' 25-yard free-kick left Martinez red-faced as the Villa keeper got both hands on the ball, only to let it drop through his legs and trickle over the line.

With Villa Park rocking and United suddenly in disarray, Coutinho raised the roof five minutes later. Ramsey returned the favour with a perfectly-weighted cross that evaded the United defence and gave Coutinho a simple tap-in.

### FRESH QUESTIONS

United have now gone two league matches without victory after losing to Wolves in previous game. With United languishing in seventh, there will be fresh questions about Rangnick. He has already endured reports that players were unimpressed with his coaching methods and his backroom staff. AGENCIES

## LEWANDOWSKI REACHES 300 BUNDESLIGA GOALS

**R**obert Lewandowski added another feather to his illustrious cap after the Polish striker smashed a hat-trick in Bayern Munich's 4-0 win against Cologne, bringing the 33-year-old to 300 goals in Germany's top division. He is only the second player to reach that milestone after Gerd Muller did so against Hertha Berlin in 1976. Lewandowski is continuing to make inroads on the German legend's all-time Bundesliga record of 365 goals. With 23 strikes to his name, Lewy has a clear lead



Photo: AFP

at the top of the scoring charts in this season. "For me it's something special," Lewandowski told bundesliga.com after Bayern's 15th top-flight win this season. "Before the game, I don't think about records or how many goals I have already scored or how many I have to score." "I do my job - I do my best. For sure it's a very nice number. I didn't expect I'd score so many goals in Bundesliga if you'd asked me ten years ago. Now I am here with 300 goals, and it means a lot."

# TASNIM MIR EYES OLYMPICS BERTH

**I don't like losing. In last 2-3 years I have been winning and I am performing well but as I step into seniors circuit, I am facing losses. So I feel it is very difficult. So I used to think about giving up earlier but then I feel from these failures I will improve more.**

**TASNIM MIR**

**N**ewly-crowned junior world No. 1, Tasnim Mir knows she has to take defeats in her strides on the senior circuit, which is full of challenges, as she is determined to realise her long term goal of representing India at the Olympics.

On Wednesday, the 16-year-old from Gujarat had become the first Indian to grab the top rank in the under-19 girls singles.

"It is a big confidence boost for me. Just like I became world number one in U-19, I want to continue that performance in seniors too," Tasnim, currently ranked 602 in seniors, said in a virtual press-conference on Sunday. "My long term goal is to improve my ranking in seniors as well, so that I can participate in Olympics and represent India. So my main aim is to play as many senior tournaments as possible and perform well in them so that my ranking can improve."

Tasnim's ascent to the top in the junior circuit has fuelled hopes that India may have finally found a successor to the likes of Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu. "There is a lot of competition at India level. In the India open, we have seen Malvika (Bansod) and Ashmita (Chaliha), Aakarshi (Kashyap), they are giving good performance." "I do feel the pressure and responsibility that the entire nation has high hopes from me. Of course I would try to improve myself and live up to the expectations."

Korea's An Seyoung has emerged as one

of the most sensational talents in the senior circuit in the last couple of years. Asked if she too would like to have a similar start like the 19-year-old Korean, Tasnim said: "An Seyoung's performance is unbelievable and it is going to be tough to emulate that and I want to perform like her, but it will take time..."

Tasnim has been simply sensational last year as she secured titles in three junior international tournaments to jump three places to grab the top position in the junior world rankings. However, she says she will have to learn to deal with failures as she graduates to the senior circuit. "When I would lose matches, I used to think that I won't be able to do it. If I would have given up then, I wouldn't have reached this stage," she said.

Talking about her training stints, Tasnim said: "I have been training under Edwin Iriawan for last four years. He has trained Saina and Sindhu, he is very experienced. So his training regime has helped me a lot. I have evolved as a player." **PM**

**Wants to  
improve senior  
ranking, learn to  
accept failures**

## DJOKOVIC FACES DEPORTATION AFTER LOSING COURT APPEAL

**N**ovak Djokovic was set to be deported from Australia after a court on Sunday dismissed his appeal against the government's cancellation of his Australian visa on the grounds that his

amidst Australia's worst outbreak of the virus.

Chief Justice James Allsop said the Federal Court ruling was based on the lawfulness and legality of the minister's decision in the context of the three grounds of appeal Djokovic's team lodged.

"It is no part of the function of the court to decide upon the merits or wisdom of the decision," Allsop said, adding the decision was unanimous among the three judges. Full reasoning behind the decision would be released in coming days, he said.

It was not immediately clear when the government would seek to remove Djokovic. The verdict brings to a climax a rollercoaster 10 days during the world's top tennis player was detained by immigration authorities, released and then detained again ahead on Monday. The Serbian champion was escorted to his lawyers office by immigration officials for the hearing. **REUTERS**



Photo: AFP

decision not to be vaccinated posed a risk to the country.

Djokovic had appealed immigration minister Alex Hawke's use of discretionary powers to cancel his visa on the grounds that he was a threat to public order because his presence would encourage anti-vaccination sentiment

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** The word "Agricultural shot" is used sometimes in which of the following sports?

- a) Cricket
- b) Hockey
- c) Golf
- d) Polo

**Q2:** In which year did Paula Radcliffe establish her women's marathon world record?

- a) 2001
- b) 2005
- c) 2004
- d) 2003

**Q3:** In Kho-Kho, what are the players that occupy squares known as?

- a) Lobby
- b) Raiders
- c) Chasers
- d) Chukker

**Q4:** When was the Flag of the Commonwealth Games Federation adopted?

- a) 1990
- b) 1998
- c) 2000
- d) 2002

**Q5:** How many years did Virat Kohli serve as the Indian

Test captain?

- a) 4 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 7 years
- d) 5 years



Photo: AP

**Q6:** How many Olympic Gold Medals has Usain Bolt won?

- a) 14
- b) 11
- c) 8
- d) 5

**Q7:** When was the Olympic flag first hoisted?

- a) 1914
- b) 1926
- c) 1920
- d) 1928

**Q8:** In which year were the first Commonwealth Games held?

- a) 1926
- b) 1930
- c) 1934
- d) 1938

**Q9:** Which country's national football team is nicknamed "La Furia Roja"?

- a) Spain
- b) Brazil
- c) Argentina
- d) Uruguay

**Q10:** Who is the only tennis player who has completed a "Golden Slam"?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Steffi Graf
- c) Serena Williams
- d) Rafael Nadal

**ANSWERS:** 1. a) Cricket 2. d) 2003  
3. c) Chasers 4. d) 2002 5. c) 7 years  
6. c) 8 7. c) 1920 8. b) 1930  
9. a) Spain 10. b) Steffi Graf