

# Spreading aura of patriotism

*'The nation's culture resides in the hearts and souls of the people.'*  
-Mahatma Gandhi

Freedom on August 15, 1947, brought with it another landmark requirement of making a new and permanent Constitution that laid out the rule for law for every Indian citizen. On January 26, 1950, the constitution came into effect. India became

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a democratic country. Our constitution accounts to our country being the largest democracy in the world and that calls for a celebration, year on year, to honour it and glorify our past and present to create Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat.

The school celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with immense patriotic fervour and zeal. A plethora of cultural programmes infused the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism among students.

In a unique tradition, academic toppers of the school are invited as chief guest and guest of honour on this occasion. The event began with the hoisting



of the tricolour flag by Saptam, who was the chief guest and Aadhya Uday, the guest of honour.

After the invocation, the head girl welcomed the assemblage.

A song sung melodiously by students instilled pride and patriotic fervour. A par excellence dance performance and a perfect dance-drama, ignited the fire of patriotism in everyone.

The chief guest and guest of honour were introduced by their beloved and proud teachers, enjoying the pride, as they talk about their achievements and accolades. The guests addressed the gathering, expressing their views

on the celebration. They motivated their friends to abide by the Constitution and serve the motherland at all times.

The day's celebration came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The day truly marked a sense of responsibility and gently nudged our patriotic senses, spreading the aura of patriotism. The entire country is resplendent in the shades of the tricolour on this day and shall be in every year to come.

'JAI HIND'  
Saroja Srinivas, teacher

The diversity of India brings out the essence of her beauty. Nowhere will you find such vibrant colourful festivals, flavoursome food and warm-hearted people. We are proud to be Indians indeed! January 26

## EUROSCHOOL, WHITEFIELD

was chosen as the day to announce India becoming a Republic in the year 1950 and on the same day, the Indian National Congress denounced colonial rule and proclaimed Purna Swaraj, "complete freedom from the British".

A virtual celebration by the students was indeed spectacular. The event started with a message from principal Shruithi Arun that stirred our hearts with nationalistic warmth. This was followed by dances, poems, songs and enactments all done in the zeal of patriot-



ism by the students across grades. Our tiny tots of the pre-primary were unstoppable, all dressed up in ethnic wear speaking of their country with pride. The week that built up to the celebra-

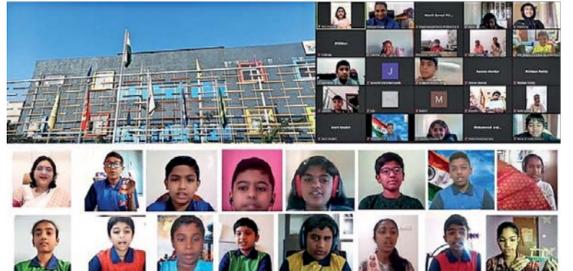
tion was filled with virtual Inter-house competitions and enrichment sessions that inspired the children with knowledge of Republic Day and its significance.

The school celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with immense patriotic fervour and zeal online.. Activities were organised to infuse the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism among the students.

The programme commenced with flag hoisting by principal Ritu Chauhan,

## MANIPAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

followed by students presenting and showcasing the history & significance of Republic Day, followed by a motivational talk highlighting the duties & rights of citizens. They showed in-



formative visuals, reiterating the importance of the Drafting Committee, headed by Dr B R Ambedkar.

The principal inspired students with her motivational words and urged

them to abide by the Constitution of their motherland and fulfill all their duties as responsible citizens.

The event concluded with the National Anthem.

Today's children are tomorrow's citizens. By celebrating Republic Day at schools, we can build commitment and dedication towards the country, in every student. This year's 73rd Republic Day too, was celebrated at school with much patriotic zeal and enthusiasm.

Eminent educationist and social activist T M Vijay Bhaskar was the guest of honour. The school band consisting of students of class X ICSE and CBSE,

## VISHWA VIDYAPEETH

along with the staff, participated in the parade, showing pride and composure as they marched past our National Flag.

Songs and dances made the celebration more colourful and beautiful. Awards were given to students and teachers for their contribution in various fields. The support staff were also acknowledged and appreciated. A yoga display was the highlight of the morning, where students of various ages showcased postures and formations.

The young learners also showed their fervour by participating in numerous activities online, with patriotic themes to make the day memorable.



Relevant topics were selected for each class, which were pre-recorded as a video and broadcasted during the as-

sembly. The activities included Mera Tiranga Meri Shaan (facts about our National Symbol), patriotic songs, Mon-



ument models with clay or any other biodegradable material, Declamation on Republic Day history, Indian Constitution- world's largest written Constitution, history of Tricolour and its importance, the first parade held on Republic Day in 1955, among many others.

Interestingly, all the students, be it participants online as well as off-line, and the spectators enjoyed the unique performances that truly inculcated patriotism in them.

# FLAVEDO LAMP

We all have seen a clay lamp; it is mostly used during festive seasons. But isn't it monotonous to see the same clay lamps again and again? So, here I have brought an alternative for it. It's the flavedo lamp. I guarantee you that it's going to bring you a delightful experience. If you are still wondering about the meaning of flavedo, it's nothing but the outer covering of an orange.



### METHOD TO PREPARE THE LAMP

1. Slice an orange into two halves.
2. Remove the pulp from the orange with a spoon.
3. Let the flavedo dry for 10-15 minutes.
4. Pour oil into the flavedo.
5. Keep the candle wick in the middle of the flavedo.
6. Now light the flavedo lamp, it's ready!

- ### THINGS REQUIRED
- 1 Orange
  - 1 Candlewick
  - 30ml of oil (approximately)

PRATHIBHA S,  
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## BUDGET 2022

# Allocations need more focus

### GROWING AS A NATION

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced formation of digital universities owing to the COVID-19 scenario, expansion of educational TV channels from 12 to 200. The Union Government has allocated Rs. 1,04,278 crores. I feel this great initiative would immensely benefit all the students, educational institutes, and would bring about a phenomenal positive impact on the education sector of our country. I believe it would help in bringing up the education level of children in poverty-trodden families. This would in turn provide all with equal opportunities and benefit everyone profusely. Because, as one nation, it's only together that we can grow.

Varsha R, class XII, School Of India

from those from economically and socially backward classes is much appreciated. The fact that all courses will be available in all Indian languages promotes and sustains regional diversity and literacy. This is also a move which could make the education system in India immune to natural disasters such as the ongoing pandemic. After all the youth is the future of tomorrow and these measures are widely called for. However, the budget could have focused more on developing and funding existing universities, promotion of indigenous arts, skills and studies, and most importantly - improving the quality of teaching.

V Harshini Priya, class X, School Of India

from the previous year. From the point of view of a student, I feel like the budget is pretty reasonable, considering the fact COVID-19 is spread widely across the country with a huge number of cases coming out every day. Many people don't have the means to get devices to attend online classes. I hope one day we all overcome this pandemic and start having regular classes to ensure a better, interactive educational system.

Disha Nair, class X, School Of India

### NEED FOR PROMOTION OF INDIGENOUS ARTS, SKILLS

The union government's plan for a digital university and a one class-one tv channel for all chil-

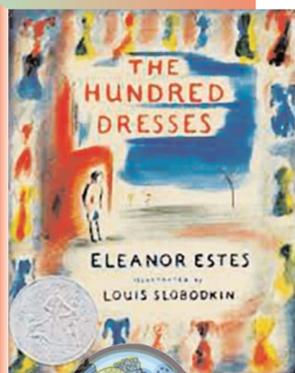
### REASONABLE ALLOCATION

The total budget allocation for the ministry of education got an 11.85% increase

# A MARVELLOUS READ

To make the most of our free time, reading books could be the best technique for finding bubbles of calm and true consolation. 'The Hundred Dresses' is my favourite novel. Eleanor Estes is the author of this book. This book brings me a lot of joy every time I read it. This novel is about Wanda Petronski, a quiet and lonely Polish girl who teaches a valuable lesson about not making fun of introverts.

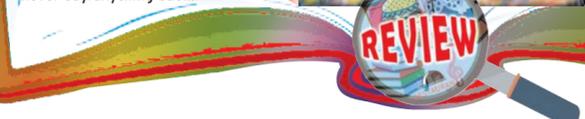
As a result of her gentle disposition, Wanda was frequently mocked by her classmates, particularly two girls named Peggy and Maddy. They would tease Wanda, but she'd never say anything back.



Wanda, on the other hand, drops out of school one day. Wanda's long absence makes the two girls believe that teasing is really painful.

This book is excellent since it offers guidance on how to treat introverts equally. If society as a whole learns to accept that some people are introverts, it will go a long way toward improving things. And, as Gandhi beautifully said, "you may rock the world in a gentle way."

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# BRAZIL STUN PARAGUAY

## Cement position at the top, end Paraguay's hopes of qualifying for World Cup

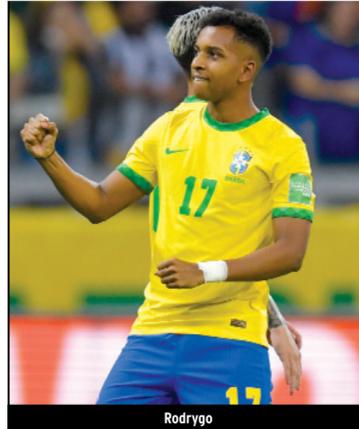
**B**razil scored twice in the last four minutes, including a first international goal for Real Madrid striker Rodrygo, to cap a comfortable 4-0 win over Paraguay in Tuesday's World Cup qualifier in Belo Horizonte. The defeat ended Paraguay's hopes of qualifying for Qatar and further cemented Brazil's position as one of the favourites to lift the trophy in December. Brazil topped the South American qualifying group with no defeats in 15 games and the win extended to 61 matches their unbeaten home record in World Cup qualifiers.

### NOT TASTED VICTORY

Paraguay, who have yet to win any of their first five games under coach Guillermo Barros Schelotto, are second from bottom of the 10-team group with 13 points from 16 games. It was a successful but frustrating night for Raphinha, who scored one, had another chalked off, and also hit the post. The Leeds United winger thought he had put Brazil 1-0 up after just 93 seconds only to see the goal ruled out after a lengthy consultation with the Video Assistant Referee (VAR).

### COMMANDING PERFORMANCE

However, with 28 minutes gone he superbly controlled a long ball from Marquinhos and wriggled between two defenders to put Brazil 1-0 ahead. He was unlucky not to get another early in the second half as he saw his volley come back off the post. Philippe Coutinho got a deserved second for the home side just after the hour when he placed a sumptuous shot into the top corner of the net from 30 meters out. Antony made the scoreline more reflective of the play with four minutes left when he curled a left-foot



Rodrygo

shot past a helpless keeper. And Rodrygo tapped home a minute later to round off a commanding performance from the five-times world champions.

### NEYMAR INJURED

Vinicius Jr, Matheus Cunha, and Lucas Paqueta also came close for Brazil, who, with qualification already guaranteed, fielded a much-changed side. Talismanic striker Neymar was out injured and there were rare starts for goalkeeper Ederson, midfielder Fabinho, left back Alex Telles and captain on the night Dani Alves. New Newcastle signing Bruno Guimaraes made a substitute appearance in the second half. AGENCIES



Antony

### ARGENTINA OUTSMART COLOMBIA

- Colombia will need a miracle to play in the next World Cup after its 1-0 loss to Argentina in South American qualifying.
- Lautaro Martinez scored the only goal of the match in Cordoba in the 29th minute on Tuesday after he was left alone in the penalty box by two Colombia defenders. Goalkeeper Camilo Vargas made several important saves, including three shots by veteran Ángel di María.

- Argentina did not count on superstar Lionel Messi, who is still recovering from COVID-19. But the team - and Brazil - have already secured their places in the World Cup.
- Colombia is in seventh place with 17 points. Peru, currently in fifth place with 20 points, will play later against Ecuador in Lima. If the Peruvians win, the closest rival to Colombia in a qualifying position will be Uruguay, with 22 points.



Brazil's Philippe Coutinho, left, celebrates with teammate Raphinha after scoring his side's 2nd goal against Paraguay

Photo: AP

Photo: AFP

## ICC U-19 WC: ENGLAND BEAT AFGHANISTAN TO ENTER FINAL

### End 24-year long wait to reach the title clash

**F**ancied England kept their nerve to reach the ICC U-19 World Cup final after prevailing over Afghanistan by 15 runs in an exciting last-four clash here, ending a 24-year wait for the side. Spinner Rehan Ahmed became the hero for the Young Lions, taking three wickets in the penultimate over when their opponents needed just 18 runs from 10 balls.

It was a remarkable turnaround for England from the previous tournament just two years ago in South Africa when they finished ninth. As for Afghanistan, they will head to the Coolidge Cricket Ground for the third-place playoff.

### Rain delay

Rain delayed the first of the two super league semi-finals at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground after England won the toss and chose to bat. Once both sides were eventually able to take to the field, it was Afghanistan who made

the stronger start. Jacob Bethell, who lit up the quarter-final tie with 88 against South Africa last week, was trapped LBW by Naveed Zadr, an early sign England faced a difficult task.

### Prest's early exit

Skipper Tom Prest then joined vice-captain Bethell in making an early departure, reducing them to 2-56, as the Young Lions struggled to command with the bat. George Thomas did steady the ship with an excellent 50, but was later beaten by a fine delivery from Noor Ahmad. Qhen William Luxton was clean bowled by Izharulhaq Naveed. Prest's team were five wickets down with 100 runs on the board. However, rain delayed play.

### Different dynamic

England's back-end partnership of 95 from George Bell and Alex Horton then managed to put a different dynamic on their innings. The duo attacked the Afghanistan seamers

fiercely to lift the final total to 231.

Weather interruptions meant Afghanistan had a revised DLS target to match this score and chasing their first ever U-19 World Cup final, they knew a good start was needed to seize control. Opener Nangeyalia Kharote was put out by English seamer Josh Boyden. Kharote's replacement, Allah Noor produced a marvelous knock including eight boundaries. Along with wicketkeeper Mohammad Ishaq, the pair got their team past 90, with Noor making a valuable half-century. AGENCIES

- England's crucial breakthrough came from a run-out for Ishaq with wicketkeeper Horton reacting quickly to a loose throw
- The 44th over turned the game for England with two no balls giving the opponents eight runs, before Abdul Hadi (37 not out) smashed a six.
- Ahmed's late flurry and a nerveless final over from Boyden carried England over the line.



Rehan Ahmed

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

## MITCHELL WINS ICC SPIRIT OF CRICKET ACCOLADE

**N**ew Zealand's Daryl Mitchell has been named recipient of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award after his gesture in the 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup semi-final against England in Abu Dhabi. Mitchell has become the fourth New Zealand player to win the award, following the footsteps of Daniel Vettori, Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson.

"It's an honour to receive the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award," Mitchell said in an official release. "To be part of that T20 World Cup in UAE was an amazing experience, and to receive an award like this is pretty cool. It's something that we pride ourselves on as New Zealanders, the way we go about playing our cricket, and yes, the Spirit of Cricket side. Personally, I felt I got in the way and we wanted to win on our own terms, and didn't want to be controversial in such a big game," he added.



Daryl Mitchell

Photo: REUTERS

Mitchell wins the award for refusing to take a single in the high-pressure semi-final. England had posted 166/4. New Zealand were on the chase. On the first ball of the 18th over, bowled by Adil Rashid, with the score at 133/4, Neesham bashed the ball down. Mitchell, at the non-striker's end, refused to take the run, conceding that he had impeded Rashid. Mitchell's gesture oozed class. AM

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who was the first male tennis player to win Grand Slam singles titles on grass, red clay, and hard courts?

- Andy Roddick
- Andre Agassi
- Chris Evert
- Arthur Ashe

**Q2:** Which athlete retired, and had his number-99 jersey retired along with him, in '99?

- Wayne Gretzky
- Steve Yzerman
- Pavel Bure
- Tim Horton

**Q3:** Which US gymnast completed her final vault with a sprained ankle to clinch Olympic gold for her 1996 team?

- Aly Raisman
- Betty Okino
- Alicia Sacramone
- Kerri Strug

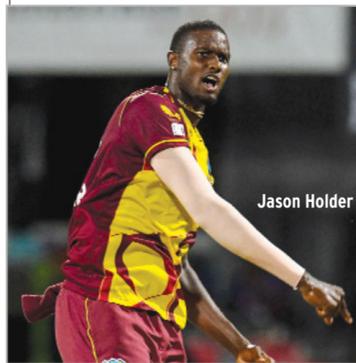
**Q4:** Which basketball team snagged the first four WNBA crowns?

- Miami Heat
- Chicago Bulls
- The Houston Comets
- New York Knicks

**Q5:** Jason Holder took four wickets in four balls which

included two golden ducks of

- Chris Jordan and Sam Billings
- Adil Rashid and Saqib Mahmood
- James Vince and Moeen Ali
- Liam Livingstone and Jason Roy



Jason Holder

Photo: AFP

**Q6:** Who holds the record for most goals in a calendar year?

- Lionel Messi
- David Beckham
- Kaka
- Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior

**Q7:** Who has won all 4 Grand Slams twice?

- Alexander Zverev
- Rafael Nadal
- Novak Djokovic
- Daniil Medvedev

**Q8:** Who was the first person to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl?

- Zlatan Ibrahimovic
- Zinedine Yazid Zidane
- Paolo Cesare Maldini
- Max Mcgee

**Q9:** Which team won the first championship in the Senior Professional Baseball League?

- New York Knicks
- Brooklyn Nets
- The Pelicans
- Boston Celtics

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. Andre Agassi  
2. a. Wayne Gretzky 3. d. Kerri Strug  
4. c. The Houston Comets  
5. b. Adil Rashid and Saqib Mahmood  
6. a. Lionel Messi 7. b. Rafael Nadal  
8. d. Max Mcgee 9. c. The Pelicans