

# Celebrate the essence of womanhood!

On International Women's Day, I am reminded of a beautiful quote by Diane Mariechild that says, "A woman is a full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform." This quote aptly denotes the significant role and potential that a woman has in transforming society. International Women's Day reminds every woman that we need to celebrate the essence of womanhood and move ahead taking upon ourselves the great role of nurturing and developing our society. It is the day not only to celebrate the innumerable women achievers and many unsung women, heroes, with their enormous contribution to society but also to encourage and re-

vive women's hope that the future is safe and promising with equal rights, freedom and opportunity in every sphere to lead a dignified life. There were times when a woman had to face a lot of indifference, discrimination, and inequality in society. However, it is evident in both emerging and developing nations that women are increasingly taking up leadership roles in every field today. Access to education has given a huge breakthrough to women to bring to the fore the economic potential and corporate stature they possess. We witness a formidable change being brought about through women's leadership and engagement. The theme of International Women's Day this year, 'Gender

equality today for a sustainable tomorrow', highlights the urgency for the world to focus on gender equality to build a sustainable future for all. Over the decades' efforts have been made but lots remain to be achieved when it comes to women's safety, violence, and discrimination. There is a need to ensure that every girl in the country gets equitable access to higher education, research, and development, as well as skill training to contribute immensely to the overall growth of our country. It is high time for the na-



tions of the world to come together and re-strengthen their efforts towards women's empowerment, their rights, and dignity. Being a woman is a special calling with a God-given purpose and potential to nurture and transform society. We have the power to change the world through the special traits and gifts of empathy, leadership, resilience, intuition, courage, persistence, multi-tasking, and tremendous networking abilities that te-

with. All that we need to do is to have the courage to break the glass ceiling and follow our dreams. Oprah Winfrey has wonderfully said, "The great courageous act that we must all do, is to have the courage to step out of our history and past so that we can live our dreams." I urge every woman to have faith in herself, embrace her individuality, believe in her God-given abilities, accept her unique skills and talents, and use them optimally and fearlessly to contribute to the world around her. You are born to win, think big, dream big, achieve big. Wishing you all a very Happy Women's Day! **DR GRACE PINTO, Managing Director, Ryan International Group of Institutions**

## Ryanites become national champions

Jahanvi Mittal of class V-C and Daksha Gupta of class V-A have brought laurels to the school by becoming national champions in All India Young Tagore Championship 2021 on February 8. They are the proud recipients of Golden Badge of Young Tagore Championship.

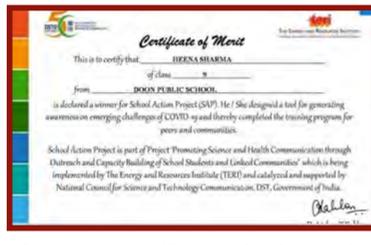


helped them to achieve this milestone. More than 10,000 students and 100 schools participated in the month long championship the mission of which was to make books great again for children again under the mentorship of our chairman and managing director. The chief guest of the competition was the CEO of Ryan International Group of Institutions congratulated all the participants and parents for their great zeal and enthusiasm.

Their expressive ideas, innovativeness and dedication

## More accolades for winners of School Action Project

National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NC-STC), Department of Science and Technology (DST) and The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) invited applications from students to participate in 'School Action Projects' (SAP) last year.



It gives us immense pleasure to inform that Heena Sharma of class IX-C and Sohun Malhotra of class IX-D from Doon Public School, Paschim Vihar who had won the SAP contest, have been awarded with mer-

it certificates and cash prize of Rs 3000 each. Heena Sharma created an informative website named 'B WARRIOR' that provides all the basic and additional information regarding the



queries that arise in the mind of general people. Sohun Malhotra created a game called 'Covid Race' which included relevant information about how to be prepared for the third wave of Covid19.

## Chairman's Cup prize distribution

Keeping the legacy of partnership in education and involving all stakeholders, Delhi Public School Ghaziabad Vasundhara organised a prize distribution ceremony for the young, promising and aspiring winners of the first Chairman's Cup Tournament on February 28 in the school grounds.



The ceremony opened with a welcome address by the sports captain, Prakhari Bist. The event was punctuated with the rendition of shlokas by the school

choir and a classical dance performance. Appreciating the zeal, collaboration, tenacity and sportsmanship of the young sports persons, school principal, Trilok Singh Bist, lauded their efforts and participation in the field of foundation domain, as

much as they do in the scholastic arena. The chief guest for the ceremony was Pramod Sharma, former principal, Mayo College, Ajmer and vice president, Genesis Global School, Noida. Speaking on the occasion, he praised the initiative and complimented the school principal, staff and students for the smooth conduction of the ceremony with all the Covid protocols. A vote of thanks was presented by the captain of Yamuna House. The event concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem.

## Student Corner



AYESHA CHADHA, class IX, Modern Era Convent, Janak Puri



PROBEN SARA BANERJEE

### United Nations: A peacekeeping organisation

Hello everyone I am the UN women And today let's learn about United Nations In short and brief discussion

Have you ever thought Why in the old-time people fought They were fighting for the greed And that was foolish of themselves, indeed

There was World War 1 There was misery and pain, not any fun People formed the league of nations To keep peace the among the nations However, it failed to Prevent the Second World War And this war brought More and more sore

There was a need To stop the greed And form a world Full of peace

This led to the birth Of the United Nations To form good relations Among worldwide nation

The United Nations Also provides five agencies Which also discuss About the SDG's

The United Nations Works for the entire world And take care for people To be happy on the earth

JAGRIT KAUR, class V-A, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School

## Health is the greatest possession

Dayanand Vidya Mandir, Greater Noida, organised a free health check-up camp for students and teachers in the school premise on February 26 by collaborating with the NIMMS Hospital - a super speciality Hospital, located in Haldoni, Greater Noida. The free check-up was conducted under the supervision of experienced



doctors and staffs of NIMMS by following all Covid protocols. Students and teachers participated in this health camp with great enthusiasm and spirit. The event concluded with the certification ceremony by the team of NIMMS Hospital and vote of thanks by the principal Smita Verma who also received souvenirs from the team of NIMMS.

# WHAT A COMIC RELIEF!

School life is certainly a book full of funny incidents. I think my classmates are a bunch of comedians and I am sure if we give some auditions, we would definitely star in some of the biggest comedy movies in the world!

There have been so many incidents in all my growing up years, with the fun and funniest classmates regaling us and making campus fun. I will never forget the first interactions we have every year, as everyone introduces themselves, the awkwardness of it all adding great spice to the class atmosphere. I'm sure that every class has this one person who we all find funny all the time. Whatever they do - like literally if they walk, if they eat, they drink, even if they move from the chair, everything makes others laugh. I have a pair of friends like them in the class. They carry on their comic streak even in online

classes. Just the other day a classmate showed his toothbrush online, which made no sense but it was funny! When I asked him about it, he simply said he wanted to disturb others like the back-benchers do in class! I know it might not make you break into laughter, but for me it was; I am laughing the whole time writing this article. Recalling these little silly comic moments brings a wide smile to my face!

**CLASSROOM ANTICS**

**MAHITHI REDDY, class X, Edify World School, Hyderabad**

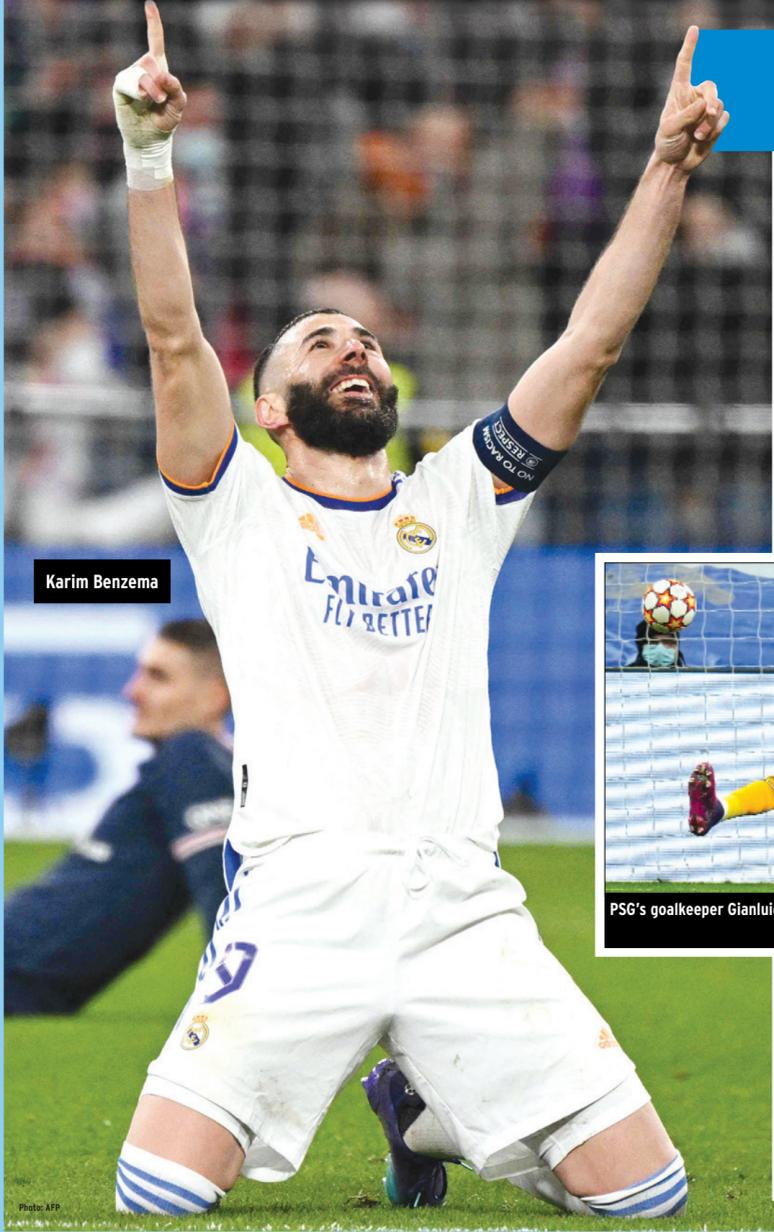
## IF I WERE A SYRINGE

If I were a syringe, I would not make babies cry while injecting vaccines into their bodies. I would tell the babies it's only to protect them and inject without any pain. If I were a syringe, I would not hurt the tired patients with painful pokes. I would tell the nurses to be careful and considerate with me, as for them it's a job and for me it's my life. I would have a very short life span. People watch me in fear, though I try to help them. It's painful for me to watch their fear and pain. I would perish after injecting their medicine, so please let me go in peace, not with pain and remorse. I would be there to save all from Covid-19, so I would wish the world remembers me as a saviour, not just as an instrument of pain. As I too have a heart which thinks of good for humans and animals, my only purpose of existence would be to save lives. So next time when you are getting an injection, please give me some love for the way I protect you, fear me not and I will not hurt you, it will be just an ant bite but a life saviour.

**ELUPARAMBIL RANJIT EESHWAR NAIR, class IV, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad**

# BENZEMA'S HAT TRICK STUNS PSG

## REAL MADRID ADVANCE TO QUARTER FINALS OF THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Karim Benzema

**K**arim Benzema scored a second-half hat-trick in just 16 minutes to inspire Real Madrid to a 3-1 win over Paris Saint-Germain to see his side through to the UEFA Champions League quarter finals 3-2 on aggregate. All the pre-match talk centered on PSG striker Kylian Mbappe's likely summer move to Real Madrid, and the Frenchman's first-half goal put PSG 1-0 up on the night and 2-0 ahead on aggregate.

### DONNARUMMA BLUNDER

However, on the hour mark, Benzema took advantage of an error from PSG keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, who made a complete mess of a ball at his feet to gift Madrid a way back into the tie. After 15 min-



PSG's goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma fails to stop Real Madrid's Karim Benzema's shot on goal

utes, Benzema leveled the aggregate score after neat work from Vinicius Jr and Luka Modric, slamming home from the right-hand side of the area.

### DECISIVE GOAL

VAR checked to see the second goal was onside, and just 12 seconds after the restart Benzema completed his hat-trick after PSG gifted Madrid the ball from the kick-off, allowing Vinicius again to feed Benzema to net the decisive goal, reports Xinhua. Ben-



It turned out to be a spectacular night for us, it was a difficult match and it got even more complicated after their first goal. We suffered a lot. But after we scored the atmosphere in the stadium changed and the fans began to push us again and the players began to believe that they could finish the comeback. **Madrid coach CARLO ANCELOTTI**

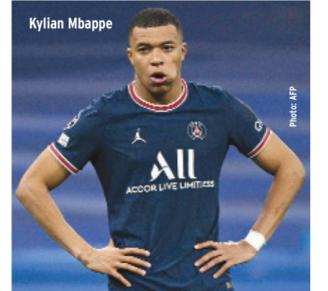
### CURLING EFFORT

Real Madrid, with Toni Kroos, who passed fit to play, started strongly, creating a couple of half-chances, but PSG were able to weather the storm and after 15 minutes they began to take control. Neymar Jr saw a shot saved by Thibaut Courtois, and the attacking trio of Messi, Neymar, and Mbappe began to combine well, although Donnarumma did well to tip away a curling effort from Benzema at the other end. At the other end, Messi clipped the ball over Courtois, but it drifted just wide of the post, before Mbappe's low drive was correctly ruled out for a tight offside.

### DUMMIED COURTOIS

Benzema headed just wide and straight at Donnarumma before Mbappe put PSG

ahead on the night after being set up by Neymar, who won a loose ball, before threading him through on goal. The French international then dummed Courtois, and will no doubt be delighted if he does join Real Madrid in the summer, which after the second half looks more likely than ever.



In the UEFA Europa League, Real Betis lost 2-1 at home to Eintracht Frankfurt, who took the lead through Filip Kostic after 14 minutes, and although Nabil Fekir equalized on the half-hour, Daichi Kamada netted the decisive goal two minutes later as the German side showed their threat on the break. The result would have been worse for the Spanish side had goalkeeper Claudio Bravo not saved a second-half penalty. **WMS**

### MAN-CITY REACH QUARTER FINALS

- Manchester City drew a rare home blank against Sporting CP but had already done more than enough to reach the UEFA Champions League quarter finals on Wednesday.
- The Premier League champions advanced to a fifth straight UEFA Champions League quarter-final after a 0-0 draw with Sporting CP confirmed a 5-0 aggregate triumph.
- With one foot already in the last eight, City lacked their customary fluency for much of the first half and it was not until Phil Foden's cute pass played in Raheem Sterling that Antonio Adan was required in earnest.
- Gabriel Jesus looked to have broken the deadlock soon after half-time but his effort was ruled out for offside.

# ROHIT EYES CLEAN SWEEP

India strong favourites to stay unbeaten in pink-ball Tests against SL

India will be strong favourites to stay unbeaten in pink-ball Tests at home as new captain Rohit Sharma eyes a clean sweep of Sri Lanka in the second Test starting Saturday. The hosts thrashed Sri Lanka inside three days in Mohali to lead the two-match series 1-0 and the visitors need to quickly get their act together under the lights in Bangalore.

### Unbeaten 175

The world's top-ranked all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja hit an unbeaten 175 and took nine wickets to stand out in Rohit's first Test since

replacing Virat Kohli as captain in all formats earlier this year.

"Rohit, we all know how tactically strong he is and how good he is. But I saw a lot of human elements in the way he led the side," off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin said this week.

"He was looking out for anyone in the team, how everyone would feel, how everyone's confidence is important for the engine room to function."

### Near-perfect performance

Rohit said the hosts put up a "near-perfect" performance. India were the last of the

big Test teams to play a five-day game under lights, seeing off Bangladesh in 2019 in just over two days in Kolkata.

But at the Adelaide Oval in December 2020 Australia skittled the Kohli-led side for 36, India's lowest Test total.

The team got back to winning ways in a floodlit Test when they thrashed England in two days at the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad in February last year.

### Unpredictable

India will be expected to beat Sri Lanka again but Ashwin warned that day-night Tests can be unpredictable.

"It's very hard to prepare for a pink-ball Test because you don't know what to expect," he told the website of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

"The light's also going to matter... (there are a) lot of variables going into the game, but (we) just take the confidence from the previous game. Looking forward to the challenge and hopefully the spinners will have a say." **AFP**



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# MURRAY DONATES PRIZE MONEY TO UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray has pledged to donate his 2022 prize money to help children in Ukraine.

Earlier, women's World number 18 Elina Svitolina announced she will donate all of her prize money directly to the Ukrainian war effort. Similarly, Ukrainian refugee and Lyon Open finalist Dayana Yastremska joined her compatriot and will do the same.

The British tennis star said he's working with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to provide urgent medical supplies and early childhood development kits. Murray also highlighted how the war in Ukraine is disrupting children's schooling.

"Children in Ukraine need peace - now!" "It's vital education continues, so UNICEF is working to enable access to



Andy Murray

learning for displaced children, as well as supporting the rehabilitation of damaged schools, together with replacement equipment and furniture," he said.

As the war between Russia and Ukraine rages into its second week, the tolls, displacement and damage done looks set to continue and even increase. **WMS**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which player was conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for 2021?

- a. Yogeshwar Dutt
- b. Sunil Chhetri
- c. Vijay Kumar
- d. Vijender Singh

**Q2:** How many players were up for selection at the IPL auction 2022?

- a. 600
- b. 659
- c. 654
- d. 1000

**Q3:** With the win against Sri Lanka, India has recorded 40 T20I wins at home. Which team's record did they better?

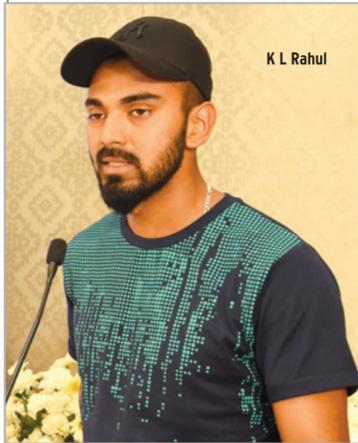
- a. Australia
- b. Bangladesh
- c. New Zealand
- d. Afghanistan

**Q4:** Who has scored the fastest goal ever in a Euro final?

- a. Harry Kane
- b. Luke Shaw
- c. Robert Lewandowski
- d. Emil Forsberg

**Q5:** In IPL 2018, KL Rahul played 14 matches with

659 runs. What was his highest score in the season?



K L Rahul

Photo: TOI

- a. 100
- b. 95 not out
- c. 95
- d. 101 not out

**Q6:** Which player has the most ducks in ODI?

- a. Shahid Afridi
- b. Chris Gayle
- c. Sachin Tendulkar
- d. Sanat Jayasuriya

**Q7:** Which U19 Indian player was the most expensive buy in IPL 2022?

- a. Harnoor Singh
- b. Ishan Kishan
- c. Nishant Sindhu
- d. Ravi Bishnoi

**Q8:** Which type of shooting championships were discontinued in 1991?

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

### ANSWERS:

- 1. b. Sunil Chhetri
- 2. a. 600
- 3. c. New Zealand
- 4. b. Luke Shaw
- 5. b. 95 not out
- 6. d. Sanat Jayasuriya
- 7. b. Ishan Kishan
- 8. d. Special Air gun championships