

'The Verdant Vasundhara, Vibrant Vasundhara'

DPSG holds cross country race

In an endeavor to develop resilience and positivity in the children and reconnect them with nature and the world around them, **DPSG Vasundhara** organized the Verdant Vasundhara, Vibrant Vasundhara Cross Country Race on April 24. This high-spirited marathon was flagged off from the start point, the DPSG Vasundhara Campus, by the chief guest, Mahender Singh Tanwar, Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Ghaziabad.

Over 600 athletes from 60 schools from Delhi and NCR, parents, teachers, alumni, first-time runners, and the run ambassadors made a dash for this pulsating marathon, spread across five categories: Under 12 Boys & Girls (3 km), Under 14 Boys & Girls (6 km), Under 16 Boys & Girls (8 km), Under 19 Boys & Girls (8 km) and Above 19 Boys & Girls (8 km).

In the U-12 Boys race, Rohit Kumar of DPSG Vasundhara finished first with Aarav Gautam and Karthikeya Srivastava in second and third place respectively. Meanwhile, in the U-12 Girls category, Akansha Balmal of Indirapuram Public School timed first while Sachi Manglik of St. Francis School, Indirapuram came second with Aradhya Upadhyay of Police Modern School in the third place.

Himanshu of Kendriya Vidyalaya finished first in the U-14 Boys race, followed by Abhinandan Rawat of Indirapuram Public School and Aditya Sharma of DPSG Vasundhara in the 2nd and 3rd positions. In the Girls category, Priyanshi Sharma of DPSG Vasundhara timed first, with Jiya Adhikari of Indirapuram Public School and Ruchi Sharma of G. S. Modern School in the next two places respectively.

Ankit Kumar of Baba Inter College clinched the 1st

place, while Pushpendra of Baba Inter College and Luv Choudhary of DDPS secured the 2nd and 3rd position in the U-16 Boys race for 8 km. The Girls U-16 race was won by Anney Toppo of Baba Inter College while Harshita Gautam of Rally International School and Sachi Singh of host school timed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The U-19 Boys race was won by Chetan Yadav of G. S. Modern Public School. Vishnu of G. B. S. S. Gita Colony, New Delhi, and Mohd. Aashif of R.S.B.V. West Vinod Nagar, Delhi,

secured second and third place in the race. Meanwhile, Ananya Sharma of DPSG Vasundhara finished first while Navya Kandpal of DPSG Vasundhara and Priyanka Patel of Indira-

jan Bhardwaj from HCL, and Shweta Kasana, DPSG Vasundhara (Alumna) made headway by securing the first, second, and third place respectively in the Above-19 Girls category.

The guests of honor and other dignitaries who came to cheer and encourage the runners were Manju Tyagi (Parshad, Ward No. 54), Sanjay Kumar Singh (Parshad, Ward No. 100), Sanjay Gupta (President, Rotary Club, Vasundhara), Prince (Secretary, Rotary Club, Vasundhara), Sunil Tyagi (Director, ICON Group of Schools), Dalip Singh Sabharwal (BYCS), Arsad (Star Enterprises), Naveen Kumar Verma (Kumar's Car World), Rahul Singhwal (Panchsheel Group) and Ankit Verma (Kumar's Car World). The event was also graced by a prestigious runners' group, the BYCS, and IPR, who participated in the cross country to motivate the young and budding runners.



Graduation is not the end, it's the new beginning of life

The new normal that we all have experienced in teaching-learning during recent times is unforgettable. However, it has not affected the dedication and hard work of the students and teachers. To commemorate the progression of students, Graduation Day for students coming to class VI was celebrated at **KIIT World School** where young and enthusiastic learners were applauded for their praiseworthy performance in the session gone by.

Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, along with other digni-



ties and parents graced the occasion. The program began with the ceremonial Ganesh Vandana. This was followed by a beautiful rendition by the choir group depicting their journey of learning and joy. A lively and vivacious dance performance by students highlighting their wonderful journey as toddlers to young adults, left the audience asking for more. The event concluded on a high note where group photographs were taken with students holding their 'graduation degrees'.

Investiture ceremony at BBPS

On the occasion of the 18th Investiture ceremony of **Bal Bharati Public School**, Noida, Secretary CBSE, Anurag Tripathi graced the occasion to herald a brand-new student council for the academic session 2022-



23. Anurag Tripathi lauded the school for its student-centric approach to education. For the senior school, Simran Sharma was appointed president of the student's council, and the head girl's post went to Divija Bansal while Abhiraj Ghose was appointed head boy for this academic session. Apart from the 7 supreme council members' positions, 22 students assumed the mantle of responsibility as they be-

Disaster management drill at ASN

ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar-I conducted a 'Disaster Management Drill' to ensure that all the students and

staff are well acquainted with the steps which need to be taken during unforeseen circumstances. The school disaster management



demonstrated the procedure to put off the fire and conducted the evacuation as per the safety norms. These regular preparedness exercises help the staff and students to feel more secure and confident in case of an emergency.

Celebrating world heritage day

The preparatory wing of **Maharaja Agarsain Public School**, Ashok Vihar celebrated "The International Day for Monuments and Sites, also known as World Heritage Day on 18th April with an aim to increase awareness about the importance of protecting culture and diversity.

Class III students chose one monument of any country of their choice. On the A3 size sheet, they pasted the picture of that monument and also wrote 5 lines on it



followed by a presentation. Class IV students made a pamphlet on an A4 size sheet in which

they have also written about their favorite country's food, pasted a picture of a flag, location, etc. Class V students made beautiful posters on world heritage day on an A3 size sheet.

The objective behind conducting these activities was to enlighten students about the value and significance of the world's heritage. Protecting and preserving was the take-out from this special day celebration. It was an informative activity for the students.

Chill out in the charming Munnar hills

After a long stay-at-home period owing to the pandemic, my parents planned an outing for us when the restrictions were eased. And, I got a chance to go to Munnar, a popular hill-station in Idukki district - away from the scorching heat of the city.

We were a big group. Our family, along with my father's friends' families set out on April 22 night in a van.



It was great to travel after a long gap and all of us sang and danced inside the van. Around 4 am, we reached Munnar and headed for the hotel we had booked in. We went to our room, refreshed and changed our clothes. It was a bit cold and we went to bed.

The next morning, when I woke up it was colder than the night before. We

woke up at 7 am and after our bath, felt frozen. We went to a nearby teashop and had tea. Then we got ready to explore the place and got into the van. We visited the hills that were stretches of green with tea plantation that looked beautiful. We visited the national park and saw a variety of deer, which was a new experience. It was difficult to identify them, as they were against the backdrop of

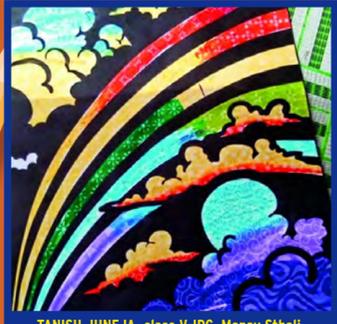
rocks of the same colour. The next day, we visited the tea-factory where the tea leaves were dried, processed and packed. An official explained to us the production method and the history behind green tea. We bought some packets of tea. After that we visited the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park, which is a protected area and we saw lots of monkeys and deer. Later, we went boating in the area and saw deer drinking water. The sanctuary is vast with a big Periyar lake where tourists go boating.

We enjoyed the trip a lot. It was a refreshing change and we felt relaxed. We returned home on April 25. It was a memorable and interesting trip.

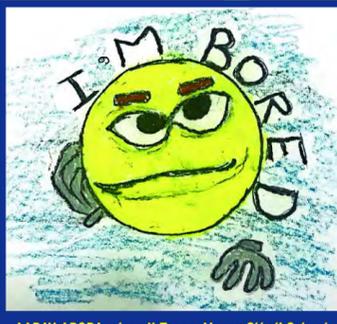
Abhishek S, class X, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram



Student Corner



TANISH JUNEJA, class V-IPC, Manav Sthali School, Rajendra Nagar



AARAV ARORA, class II-Topaz, Manav Sthali School, Rajendra Nagar

NCC girls' battalion at Ahlcon



Ahlcon Public School has had the honor of raising the National Cadet Corps sub-unit under the command of Unit 1 Delhi, Girls Bn NCC Kashmiri Gate recently. The NCC unit with Kumkum Thakur, as the official

teacher-in-charge, has enrolled 25 girls in the junior wing category after a formal selection process at school. The cadets will be given regular training besides participation in camps and other centrally organized activities of NCC. Principal Deepak Bisht congratulated the new unit and urged the cadets to make the best of this one-of-its-kind opportunity for the common good.

Vaccination Drive at Yuvashakti Model School

Yuvashakti Model School, Rohini organised vaccination drive on April 22. The drive provided vaccines to the age group 12 to 14 to develop immunity against Covid-19. Both 1st and 2nd doses were provided. Sudha Sharma, Usha Narwan from Govt Dispensary and CD Vij from Delhi Civil Defence were a part of this drive. YMS Rohini is taking regular initiatives to support government for this Vaccination Drive.



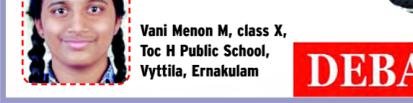
COOKING SHOULD BE MADE A PART OF SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Cooking is an art, which should be inculcated in children through training, just like dance and music. It helps in learning time management too and is a stress-buster. Mastering this art boosts self-esteem, discipline and independence. Children learn faster than grownups. Some countries in the west are considering including cooking classes in their school curriculum as a compulsory subject.

If cooking is taught in schools, children fraternise with their team members and help each other, which results in realising the value of teamwork. It sharpens cognitive skills, and helps understand the importance of abiding by the rules.

It would also offer a base for those interested in taking up food-related careers. At a time when children are falling sick with food poisoning and turning obese with junk food, learning to cook at a tender age will prompt them to cook and eat healthy homemade food rather than order junk food from hotels. They will learn about nutritious ingredients and

healthy cooking methods. It would lead to a healthy society and a healthy nation.



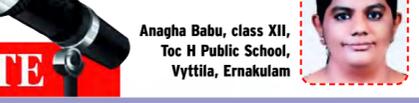
Vani Menon M, class X, Toc H Public School, Vyttila, Ernakulam

Inclusion of cooking in the school curriculum could have adverse effects. Teaching cooking may sound like a good idea, but it may spur students to deviate from their actual goal. Many schools find it difficult to complete the portions of the main subjects in their curriculum. Schools have a scheduled time for graded subjects such as Computer Science, General Knowledge, Physical Education and so on in their curriculum. Teachers struggle to complete their portions within the time allotted for their subject.

In rural schools, it would be difficult to set up labs for learning cooking, as stove, gas, refrigerators and others appliances are quite expensive for low budget schools and students may have to source them.

It could be dangerous too. Teachers should be monitoring the children always as there are chances of some children playing with fire, gas and ingredients that are not very safe. Recent technologies have proved that without getting any base or support from schools, anyone can become an excellent chef.

Besides, robotic kitchens are becoming popular.



Anagha Babu, class XII, Toc H Public School, Vyttila, Ernakulam

DEBATE

DC AIM TO BOUNCE BACK AGAINST RR

DELHI NEED TO WIN ALL THREE MATCHES FOR A SHOT AT PLAYOFFS



Sanju Samson

Rishabh Pant

Delhi Capitals will aim to quickly recover from their loss in the previous match to stay in the IPL play-offs race while Rajasthan Royals will be eager to hold on to their winning momentum when the two teams clash on Wednesday. The Capitals have lost six of their 11 games and although they are fifth on the points table, they are bunched alongside Sunrisers Hyderabad and Punjab Kings, who also have 10 points from as many games. Delhi has the advantage of a positive Net Run Rate (+0.150) but the Capitals need to win all their remaining three matches for a shot at the playoffs.

ence as the South African hasn't been able to replicate his fiery performance from the previous seasons. Khaleel Ahmed has been economical while Axar Patel has bowled well.

BREAK THE OVERDEPENDENCE

In the batting department, David Warner has enjoyed a good run but the Australian has got little assistance from his opening partners, who have ranged from Prithvi Shaw to Mandeep Singh to Srikar Bharat. This biggest downer for Delhi has been Rishabh Pant's form. He has shown glimpses of his destructive power but the team would want more from its skipper who can single-handedly turn around any game.

The Royals have arguably the best bowling side. With 22 wickets at 14.50, Yuzvendra Chahal leads the bowling charts this season and alongside R Ashwin, Trent Boult and Prasidh Krishna, the Rajasthan attack has the ability to defend any total. One of the positives for the Royals is that they have been able to break the overdependence on Orange Cap holder Jos Buttler, who has had a quite couple of outings. Given a chance to play after over a month, young Yashasvi Jaiswal shone with a fine half-century against Punjab, providing the otherwise faltering batting department a boost. But going ahead Sanju Samson and Devdutt Padikkal need to shoulder more responsibility. The Royals will miss the services of Shimron Hetmyer who flew back to Guyana for the birth of his child. The last time the two sides met drama ensued in the final over due to the no-ball controversy. RR ended up winning the clash and Delhi would hope they can be on the right side of the result this time round. AGENCIES

TWO WINS TO QUALIFICATION

Rajasthan, on the other hand, are sitting on the third spot with 14 points and need just two wins to be certain of qualification. They have a healthy 0.326 NRR, which could come in handy even if they lose their remaining games. DC have been one of the most inconsistent teams in the league this season as they have struggled to keep the winning momentum going. After a moral-boosting win against Sunrisers, they were handed a 91-run thrashing by CSK.

Their bowlers looked clueless against Devon Conway, who was hitting boundaries and sixes at will as CSK set a 200 plus target. Delhi's bowling department hasn't inspired confidence. While Kuldeep Yadav is having a good season, the left-arm spinner has gone for runs aplenty in the previous two games. The return of pace spearhead Anrich Nortje has also not made much of a differ-

Delhi Capitals will have to fire on all cylinders against a formidable Rajasthan side

Upcoming IPL Match



VS



MAY 11

7.30 PM

Dr DY Patil Sports Academy, Mumbai

INDIA CRUSH USA 4-1; ENTER QFs

SINDHU DOMINATES BOTH THE GAMES

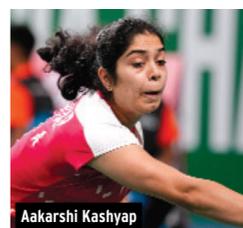
India stormed into the quarterfinals of the ongoing BWF Uber Cup 2022 after crushing USA 4-1 in Bangkok. In the Group D encounter, World No. 7 PV Sindhu started the proceedings against Jennie Gai. Sindhu completely dominated both the games and clinched victory 21-10, 21-11 in a match that lasted 26 minutes.

UBER CUP 2022

In the second clash, the women's doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Treasa Jolly thrashed Francesca Corbett and Allison Lee 21-19, 21-10 in the encounter that lasted 34 minutes.

Aakarshi Kashyap locked horns with Esther Shi in the third match. The USA shuttler lost 18-21, 11-21 in 34 minutes.

Then, the duo of Shruti Mishra and Simran Singh lost to Lauren Lam and Kodi Tang Lee. After losing in the first game by 12-21, the Indian pair made a



Aakarshi Kashyap

comeback winning the second game 21-17. But the pair from the USA clinched victory in the third game 21-13.

In the final clash, Ashmita Chaliha took on Natalie Chi. The Indian shuttler beat her opponent 21-18, 21-13 in 31 minutes.

Earlier, Team India had defeated Canada 4-1 in their opening match.

With two back-to-back wins, India have secured their quarterfinals spot. ANI

SWIATEK READY FOR TITLE DEFENCE IN ROME

SHE FEELS LIKE A DIFFERENT PLAYER

Iga Swiatek said she feels like a different player from a year ago and will go into her Italian Open title defence having cemented herself at the top of the women's game following a blistering start to the season.

The 20-year-old, who went from being an unknown teenager to acquiring celebrity status after capturing a maiden Grand Slam title at the 2020 French Open, triumphed in Rome last year by hammering Karolina Pliskova 6-0 6-0 in the final.

Replacing Ash Barty at the top of the world rankings following the Australian's shock retirement in March, Swiatek has adjusted well to the pressure of having a target on her back.

She skipped this year's Madrid Open because of a shoulder injury and arrives at the venue of her first WTA 1000 crown looking to add to ti-

ties in Doha, Indian Wells, Miami and Stuttgart and extend her 23-match winning run.

"I feel like I'm a different player right now. Last year... I still was trying to find some kind of consistency in the wins I had and also confirmation that Roland Garros wasn't just like a (one-off) tournament," Swiatek told reporters.

Swiatek said the break after Stuttgart helped her stay fresh. "I had five or six days off without the racquet, which was nice," added Swiatek, who faces either Shelby Rogers or Alison Riske. "It's pretty good to have the opportunity to do something like that in between tournaments, in the middle of the season."

"I feel I'm more fresh... mentally and physically I had time to rest." REUTERS



Iga Swiatek

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: How many IPL finals has Mahendra Singh Dhoni played in?

- a) 5
b) 6
c) 7
d) 8

Q2: Up till 2021, which season(s) had the most number of hat-tricks?

- a) 2014
b) 2008 and 2017
c) 2009 and 2013
d) 2016

Q3: Which cricketer scored four hundreds in IPL 2016?

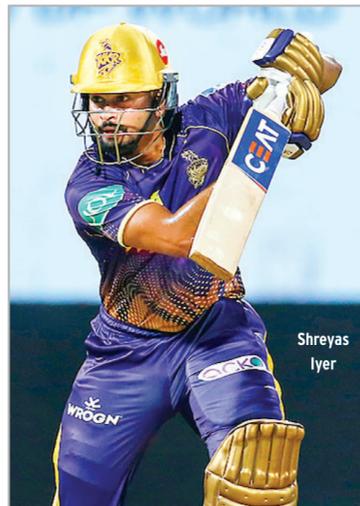
- a) Jacques Kallis
b) Suresh Raina
c) Virat Kohli
d) Brendon McCullam

Q4: Which cricketer hit the winning runs for Rajasthan Royals in the 2008 IPL?

- a) Shane Warne
b) Sohail Tanvir
c) Graeme Smith
d) Yusuf Pathan

Q5: Shreyas Iyer is the new captain of which IPL team?

- a) CSK b) MI c) RCB d) KKR



Shreyas Iyer

Q6: Which cricketer has won the greatest number of IPL titles so far?

- a) Gautam Gambhir
b) Virat Kohli
c) Dwayne Bravo
d) Rohit Sharma

Q7: Who was the captain of the Mumbai Indians in IPL 2012?

- a) Rohit Sharma
b) Sachin Tendulkar
c) Harbhajan Singh
d) Robin Uthappa

Q8: So far, which player was the oldest to win the

Purple Cap, given to the highest wicket-taker in the tournament?

- a) Imran Tahir
b) Lasith Malinga
c) Ashish Nehra
d) Harbhajan Singh

Q9: How many teams was Parthiv Patel a part of before IPL 2018?

- a) 6 b) 5 c) 4 d) 3

ANSWERS:

1. c. 7 2. b. 2008 and 2017
3. c. Virat Kohli 4. b. Sohail Tanvir
5. d. KKR 6. d. Rohit Sharma
7. c. Harbhajan Singh 8. a. Imran Tahir
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