

Exploring the Indian art and culture

Sachdeva Public School, Rohini organised a visit for the student of classes XI and XII to the renowned art museum exhibiting modern and contemporary works from India and sub-continent. 100 students exhibiting consistent and praiseworthy performance in art and craft were selected. The Curator briefed them about Shantiniketan the Art University started by the Nobel Laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore. He then showed them caricatures of many historical figures, politicians and sports persons like Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Jawahar Lal Nehru, Barack Obama, Bal Thackeray, Sachin Tendulkar and many more. The children were filled with awe and excitement on seeing the special ex-

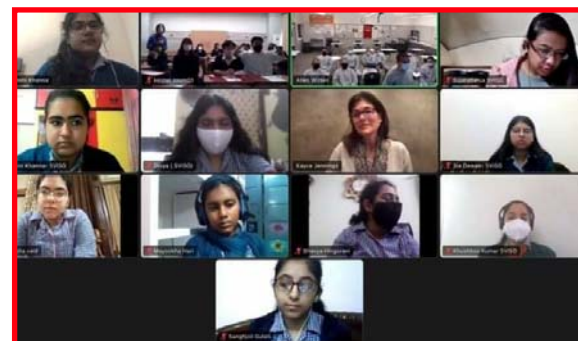


hibition Structuring Form: The Innovative Vigour Of Mahendra Raja™ detailing seven architectural projects raised by the structural engineering genius of Mahendra Raj. The projects included Hall of Nation, Akbar Hotel and NCDC office building. The museum exemplifies the dynamic relationship be-

tween art and culture and blends traditional art with the contemporary. The gallery has the artworks of various renowned artists on display. Students saw sculptures depicting the damage due to wars with traumatized emotions captured vividly. Pen art using pen strokes and many objects of Papier Mache depicting the symbols of unity. Each piece of art had its own hidden story when seen with love and compassion. The purpose of the visit was to help the students engage in the arts community and enable them to see the value of creative work. The visit gave them an opportunity to get involved and explore their own creativity, which is something that many don't get the chance to do.

Empowering girl child

Under the visionary leadership of school principal, Santosh Vyas, the students of Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls, Shanti Niketan had the opportunity to participate in a virtual symposium on global studies to discuss one of the most relevant topics of the 21st century- empowerment of the girl child. Kayce Jennings, the producer of the film, Girl Rising, equipped the students with thought-provoking ideas on how to contribute in the progressive transformation of the society. It was a treat to watch the

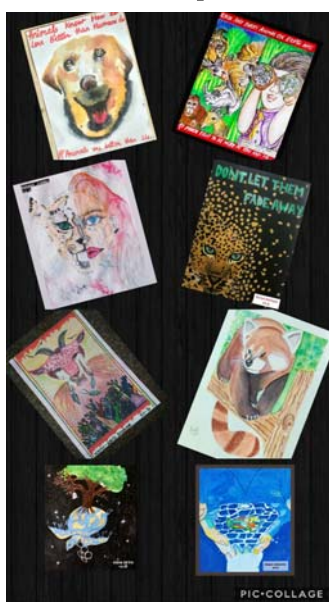


young learners of SVISG engage in a powerful exchange of ideas with the students of Keimei Gakuen School, Tokyo, Japan and Sunburst

Academy, California, USA and agree to embrace a revolution in the living conditions of the marginalized female gender.

Saving Earth's ecosystem

Animal Welfare Club - 'Aashrey' of St Marks Girls Senior Secondary School, Meera Bagh celebrated World Animal Day wherein different activities for classes VI-XII were conducted for classes like 'You and Your Pet' photo contest, poster making on 'Animals are more loyal than human beings' and 'Animal themed painting competition'. These activities instilled a sense of awareness and responsibility among students to make



Earth a better place for animals as they share the world with other organisms as well.

Spreading awareness and celebrating HEPATITIS DAY

Yashna Tanuja (XI) from Amity International School, Saket bagged top position in e-Poster competition organised by a renowned hospital to commemorate 23rd Hepatitis Day. Around 235 posters were presented online from 9 different Amity International Schools. The Team of AIS, Vasundhara, Sector 6 consisting of 11 students were declared winner with first prize position and the Team of AIS, Pushp Vihar consisting of 5 students got the second position in the virtual skit competition.

Two consolation prizes were also won by AIS students of sector 46 Gurgaon (from class 3) and



Vasundhara Sector 1 (from class 1) in the e-poster competition. The theme for 23rd Hepatitis Day Viral Hepatitis in COVID Times wherein a web Lecture on Hepatitis Awareness for School Children was organised to promote more active participation of students.

Manish Sisodia, Dy chief minister, Delhi released video on Hepi School (Hepatitis Education Program in Schools). Dr

Satyendar Jain, health minister, Government of Delhi also released a video.

Dr Ashok K Chauhan, founder president, Amity Education Group, who is the mentor of the Hepatitis campaign of the liver and biliary science hospital, called upon focusing on maintaining good liver health as it is an integral body organ.

A presentation on 'Viral Hepatitis in COVID Times' was also made by Dr SK Sarin, Dr Ekta Gupta and Dr Manoj Sharma from the renowned hospital. Present among various dignitaries were Vijay Kumar Dev, chief secretary, GNCTD, Dr SK Sarin, director, renowned hospital, Dr Prathap C Reddy, chairman of a hospital group and Prof VS Chauhan, chairman, NAAC Council.

New beginnings for young CEOs

Under the ongoing International School Award Project (ISA), a webinar was organised for the students of classes XI and XII of Ramjas School, Pusa Road to help them develop an understanding of the skills required to be a successful entrepreneur. This session was part of the activity, Role of Startups in the World Economy.

Somesh Jagga, a successful entrepreneur was invited to address the students. A major shareholder in an award-win-

ning creative agency and a sponsorship consultant for the peak body of sport of Athletics in South Australia. Jagga shared his extraordinary journey of exceptional entrepreneurship with the students.

Finding opportunities in challenges, transforming them into business plans and overcoming the risk factors involved were some of the tips shared with the students. Students were motivated to nurture hobbies, develop creativity, work on a business idea and have a strong drive to start their own venture. This was followed by an interactive session where questions related to financial management, his experience and problems faced in his journey were asked.



Get vocal for local



Paridhi Gupta (XII) of Suncity World School, Gurgaon founded Mitti to Katka to economically uplift the local artisans. We sold scrunchies that we made using scrap cloth, to buy essentials for the sellers, said Kriti Malik "President of Mitti to Katka" adding that 25,000 were raised from these sales to purchase atta, dal edible oil and soap for forty Banjara families.

Anandini Rastogi and Akshi Luther have also facilitated the initiative. Mitti to Katka's Page

is managed by Rohit Ayyalasomayajula, Mrityunjaya Thakur and Varun Rao.

Another achievement of the project has been the establishment of a Self-Help Group under Mrityunjaya's management.

Finance Head Arjun Kalra said that all the money collected has been directed to the female potters Self-Help Group. Likewise, Anmol Das and Manasvi Kalra have taken steps in the direction of social justice by increasing awareness among the potter community.

Editor-in-chief Pankhuri Chaturvedi believes that the empowerment process is an ongoing one.

Celebrating annual Appreciation Day

Apeejay School, Pitampura organised its virtual Annual Appreciation and Cultural Evening. It was presided over by Sanjay Singh (IPS), special commissioner of police, New Delhi, as the chief guest and guest of honour, Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj controller of examinations, Central Board of Secondary Education along with a galaxy of dignitaries and distinguished members of an education society.

The school Principal Veena Goel presented the school report which gave a glimpse of events and achievements of the schools. She also read the message from Sushma Paul Berlia the co-promoter & president of an education group, chairper-

son of an education society, co-Founder & chancellor of a renowned university, chairperson of an education research foundation. After the audio-visual presentation the



prize distribution ceremony facilitated the meritorious students for excellence in academics and co-curricular activities. Sanjay Singh motivated all and said that respect, honesty and passion are the qualities the children need to imbibe.

Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj praised the efforts of the school and teachers for carrying out the online teaching so meticulously and also assured that everything would be done keeping in mind the interest of the students.

The school orchestra set the tempo for the programme with their performance. The highlight of the cultural programme was At The Bend play in which children from primary till senior school participated showcasing their talent from the comforts of their homes. The theme was how the human race which was showcased as the child of the Sun and the Earth, has always looked after its greed and has shredded Mother Earth. The play ended on a note with a message to brush away the doubts, buy hopefulness in heaps, to be good stewards of the earth and believe that together there can be a better world.

The vote of thanks was proposed by vice principal Dr Sujeet Masih, the programme culminated with the school song sung by the school choir.

THE EDUCATIONIST

Cyber vigil in times of online childhood

THE transition from traditional learning to remote learning has been challenging for educators and students. So, it's very important to educate our students the basic online safety tips and keep them updated.

In the current situation, our children spend much of their time online as they are exposed to new perils which we (as kids) were not taught to be vigilant about - simply because there were none. But today every child has access to the web, apps and social media. So should we teach our children about the perils of the online world?

Yes indeed, we have to start educating our children about cyber hygiene at the earliest age possible. We might think that five-year-olds are too young to learn about the dangers of the internet, but what we need to remember is that kids of that age have about 3-4 years of experience in using connected devices, be it smart phone, tablet or laptop.

TO ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE A SAFE EXPERIENCE, ALWAYS KEEP THEIR DEVICE USAGE IN YOUR SIGHT AND FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- Use child-friendly search engines.
- Block or disallow the use of instant messaging (IM), e-mail, chatrooms, mobile internet, text, picture and video messaging, and access to or message boards at this age.
- Start teaching children about privacy. Tell them never to give out information about themselves or their family when online.
- Create a personalised online environment by limiting your children to their list of "bookmarked" sites.

Needless to say, cyber security is a priority, which we all often ignore but currently cyber hygiene practices should be baked into remote learning plans. Without them, we will be more susceptible to security and privacy threats.

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Express YOURSELF

DREAM BIG!

Dreams are not something that you see while you are asleep, they are the things that do not let you sleep. Dreams are the start of big things. You can never imagine too much. There is no dream that is too big. All you need to do is to dream, work, believe and achieve.

Dreams can do anything. They do not always make sense, but they will when you try it out. Never let it be said that to dream is a waste of one's time, for dreams are our realities in waiting.

In dreams we plant the seeds of our future. Let those seeds be big, the realities be big! If you can dream it, you can do it. A heart without dreams is like a bird without feathers. Be ready to dream anything, and be ready to do everything you need to do to achieve your dream.

If you cannot imagine anything, you cannot do anything. And remember, you can imagine anything. You can do anything. And if you dream big enough, nothing is impossible. Always remember, **DREAM BIG!**

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HAS PANT DONE ENOUGH TO TOPPLE SAHA?

Rishabh Pant found his mojo back with a sublime century against Australia A in the 2nd warm-up game. Pant looked in destructive touch enroute to his 73-ball hundred in Sydney. Is the quickfire century enough to put the left-hander ahead of Wriddhiman Saha in the pecking order for the 1st Test against Australia?

Rishabh has an impressive record with the bat in Tests while Saha's wicketkeeping skills are unmatched

1 Pant was omitted from ODIs, T20s

In what has been a short but eventful international career so far, Rishabh Pant has already seen his fair share of ups and downs. From being touted as the natural heir to MS Dhoni's throne for Team India to being snubbed from the white-ball squads, Pant has not seen much success coming his way at the highest level. He has not played a white-ball game for India since January this year and is currently not part of either the ODI or the T20I squads with KL Rahul emerging as India's first-choice white-ball keeper. In Tests as well, Pant seems to have fallen behind in the pecking order with Wriddhiman Saha emerging as the first-choice keeper ahead of the Australia Tests.

3 Pant decimated the Aussie bowlers

Pant was batting on 81 and needed 19 to get to his century before the start of the final over from Jack Wildermuth on Day 2 of the warm-up game. The left-hander was hit on the ribs by a short ball to start the final over but he made his intentions clear with a scathing assault against the pacer. Pant slammed 4 fours and a six off the next five balls to score 22 off the final over and complete his hundred in 73 balls. It was the kind of intent and attacking display that Pant is known for but has not quite managed to produce in recent times. In IPL 2020, he did do well in patches but batted not quite in his usual swashbuckling style.

2 Saha has not shown the 'spark'

While Saha featured in the first warm-up game for India A against Australia A ahead of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Pant was left to warm the bench, indicating that the youngster might not keep the wickets in the first Test against the hosts in Adelaide starting from December 17. But a duck and 54 from Saha in the practice game paved the way for Pant's return in the 2nd warm-up game currently underway in Sydney. The pink-ball practice match saw Indian batsmen disappoint in the first innings before they bounced back in the second with Pant at the forefront of the incredible comeback by the visitors. The wicket-keeper batsman made a mockery of the Australian bowling attack to smash a quickfire hundred.

4 Seemed to have found his old mojo

The knock was enough to prove he deserves a chance ahead of Saha, who has so far scored 54 runs in three innings in the practice games against Australia A. Pant was the second-highest run-getter for India when the visitors scripted history last time around by becoming the first Asian team to beat Australia in a Test series Down Under. Pant had 350 runs in 4 games for India and remains the only wicket-keeper to have scored a Test hundred in Australia for the visitors. His return to form has certainly once again heated up the wicket-keeper debate and it remains to be seen if his hundred was enough to convince the team management of his chance in the Adelaide Test which will be a crucial one for India to find the momentum in the gruelling series.

Starc's return will be huge for pink ball Test: Hazlewood

With vice-captain Pat Cummins, Hazlewood, Starc and spinner Nathan Lyon, the Aussies would have full strength

Australian team will be bolstered by the return of Mitchell Starc for the first Test against India as the senior speedster has been phenomenal in pink ball games, said his pace bowling partner Josh Hazlewood. The left-arm pacer, who has top bowling figures with the pink ball with 42 wickets at an average of 19.23 from seven D/N Tests, will re-join the squad in Adelaide on Monday after his 'compassionate leave' due to family illness. **PH**



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

He's (Starc) obviously a huge part of our team and attack. Everyone knows his numbers with the pink ball. We welcome him with open arms.

Josh Hazlewood, Australian bowler

KL Rahul my favourite current cricketer



Photo: AFP

Brian Lara

Criticism made Madrid stronger, says Zidane after derby win



Photo: REUTERS

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said they used the criticism thrown at them in recent weeks to their advantage in an emphatic 2-0 La Liga win over city rivals Atletico Madrid. Less than two weeks ago, Real had been smarting from shock defeats by Alaves and Shakhtar Donetsk and faced a triple whammy of tough looking fixtures against Sevilla, Borussia Monchengladbach and Atletico, with Zidane's future on the line. But they won all three matches, returning to the form they showed in the latter stage of last season when they stormed to the title. **REUTERS**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Which of the following players holds the record of most wickets in a career in all three formats?

- a) Glenn McGrath ☐ b) Anil Kumble ☐
 c) Muttiah Muralitharan ☐ d) Shane Warne ☐

Q2: Which of the following cricketers has made the most career runs in all three formats of the game?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ b) Kumar Sangakkara ☐
 c) Ricky Ponting ☐ d) Mahela Jayawardene ☐

Q3: Who holds the record for most catches by a fielder in

all three formats of cricket?

- a) Rahul Dravid ☐ b) Jacques Kallis ☐
 c) Ricky Ponting ☐ d) Mahela Jayawardene ☐

Q4: Who is the youngest player in the history of La Liga to score and make an assist in the same football match?

- a) Pedri ☐ b) Ousmane Dembélé ☐
 c) Ansu Fati ☐ d) Riqui Puig ☐

Q5: Who led the Chinese women's volleyball team to gold at Rio 2016? She became the first person to win gold as both a player and a coach.

- a) Yuan Xinyue ☐ b) Lang Ping ☐
 c) Hui Ruoyi ☐ d) Zhu Ting ☐

Q6: In which event did Kenya's Dennis Kipruto Kimetto complete the 42.195 km race in a record 2 hours 2 minutes 57 seconds?

- a) 2012 London ☐ b) 2013 Boston ☐



Dennis Kipruto Kimetto

- c) 2014 Berlin Marathon ☐ d) 2016 Olympics ☐

Q7: Who is the youngest Olympic table tennis medallist, winning a bronze at 15 years and 300 days at the 2016 Rio Games?

- a) Hina Hayata ☐ b) Mima Ito ☐
 c) Kasumi Ishikawa ☐ d) Tomokazu Harimoto ☐

Q8: How many Olympic medals Tianna Madison won?

- a) One ☐ b) Two ☐ c) Three ☐ d) Four ☐

Q9: Which of the following wicketkeepers hold the record of most stumpings together in Test, ODIs and T20Is?

- a) Romesh Kaluwitharana ☐ b) M S Dhoni ☐
 c) Kumar Sangakkara ☐ d) Moin Khan ☐

Q10: Which Olympian did Chandigarh-based golfer Karandeep Kochhar defeat in the third edition of the Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational golf tournament this year?

- a) Gaganjeet Bhullar ☐ b) Shiv Kapur ☐
 c) Shubhankar Sharma ☐ d) Anirban Lahiri ☐

Q11: Who is the first female Indian footballer to score in a professional league in Europe?

- a) Dalima Chhibber ☐ b) Ngangom Bala Devi ☐
 c) Aditi Chauhan ☐ d) Loitongbam Ashalata Devi ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) Muttiah Muralitharan
 2 a) Sachin Tendulkar 3 d) Mahela Jayawardene
 4 c) Ansu Fati 5 b) Lang Ping 6 c) 2014 Berlin Marathon 7 b) Mima Ito 8 c) Three
 9 b) MS Dhoni 10 d) Anirban Lahiri
 11 b) Ngangom Bala Devi