

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Delhi Govt Sr Sec Residential School, Issapur, celebrated Cultural Day and leaves behind a strong message of enjoying and celebrating Unity in Diversity. A special assembly was conducted by the collaborative efforts of multiple teachers to engage students virtually in the celebration of Diverse Culture in the school. The program was followed by welcome speech and address by the Principal. Her encouraging and motivating words have in-

fused enthusiasm among the students and school staff. This special assembly was organised under the visionary leadership of the CEO and joint efforts of class teachers and music teachers. Online program on google meet comprises prayer-'Teri Hai Zamin', 'Maine Rango ka Dibba Jo Khola', songs and Christmas Carol-'Santa Claus is coming' captured everybody's attention and participation from all the students. Teachers received marvellous responses from the students as well as their parents. Principal KISS

DGSSRS addressed this special assembly after the fabulous execution of all the performances emphasising the need for such programme on a regular basis. She also praised the support of management in organising the program. Sincere gratitude was extended by Vice-Principal. School was happy to see overwhelming response from the students, parents and the school staff, which came as a breather in the difficult times. The Founder of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Dr Achyuta Samanta has sent his Greetings for all the students, parents and school staff. He also wished good health and happiness for the students.

A TALK SHOW



The Eco-club of DL DAV Model School, Shalimar Bagh organised a talk show on Green Diwali-Green Warriors at the Desk. In the talk show, students made everyone aware of the harmful effects of burning crackers. Crackers not only cause air and noise pollution but are also detrimental to the health of elderly people, children and even animals. Students also discussed about the ongoing coronavirus pandemic which is a respiratory disease. They also made everyone aware that the crackers have been banned, urging everyone to celebrate green Diwali. A short film showing the effect of air pollution on

the life of humans in coming future was also screened during the talk show. Pretty and colorful rangolis made by Eco-club students with eco-friendly material were also shown during the talk show to encourage masses to opt for organic rangolis that can be made using flowers & eco-friendly colors. Students also requested everyone to use traditional earthenware diyas, to use leftover materials to make crafts, to give a planter etc to celebrate green diwali. School Principal Reena Rajpal applauded the efforts of the students and encouraged them to continue with their endeavor to spread awareness regarding Green Diwali

Recognition and felicitation

DPS Greater Faridabad was honoured with Awards on Wheels by EducationWorld in association with a Media Studies Program & Content Producer for K12 Schools and supported by a Mumbai-based initiative for the underprivileged children. The award is sponsored by an award winning e-learning app. The team personally visited the school to hand in the trophies and



certificates to felicitate school with award on national ranking at a special ceremony held at the school campus. The team interviewed the school principal, Surjeet Khanna and congratulated PRO VC Rohit Jainendra Jain and the management on the innovative and progressive approach towards education that has placed DPS Greater Faridabad in the top ranking institutions of the country.

AURA2020 in its online avatar

Maharaja Agarsain School, Ashok Vihar's Inter School Competition Fest AURA'20 broke all records with a smashing participation of 58 schools across Delhi, Delhi NCR and states like Rajasthan. Understandably, the theme for this year was Wellness. The Scavenger Hunt competition included a spectrum of sundry invigorating online competitions which had the participants rooting for the virtual trophy. The lockdown provided the opportunity for the parents to be co-participants who enthusiastically joined in the fun.



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Agarsainians, the ever-gracious hosts, presented live performances to liven up the event. The winning teams were conferred with E-Certificates whereas DAV PS took away the cake by bagging the 'Rolling Trophy' for participating in the maximum number of events. All participants and their families took away refreshing memories feeling rejuvenated with our mission of adding cheer and propagating wellness of one and all.

Achievement and glory

Sanjana Bakshi Datta, Principal DAV RK Puram has been feted with Rashtriya Shiksha Ratan Award 2020. The award was given during the Teacher's Ambassador Ceremony 2020. The programme was organised by the collaboration of two renowned foundation and proprietary busi-



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ness communication platform. Sanjana contributed to the education sector as a PGT chemistry teacher at DAV Public School, Push-

India- Lithuania students cultural exchange

Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj virtually collaborated with Lithuania school of art and drama. The event was spread over two meetings each of 45 minutes. Wherein each team of 3 members was supposed to present a PPT/ Video/ animation etc. to showcase any of the topics provided by the host. Team Ryan Vasant Kunj comprised of Ananya Rajawat, Jheel por-



wal and Sohinni Natta. The collaborative effort of Ryan School team resulted in a nicely edited video packed with humour, creativeness

and positive vibes. The topic that the group chose was "what do we do in our free time?". This topic was considered because the students wanted to make a video wherein everyone on the meeting resonates with their video. Furthermore, they included a part where they showed Christmas as the central theme because they wanted to show that Christmas brings the same kind of happiness and joy regardless of the spatial location. It indeed was a very fulfilling experience. The students had a great time exchanging their cultures.

Student Corner

Thanks to Nurses
Thanks to Police
Thanks to all the workers
For maintaining peace

In this time of epidemic
You are treating the sick
You have a family too
Still some people are troubling you

Hospitals are open
Restaurants, schools and offices
are close
Police is working too

To treat this virus there is no dose
No handshake, No face touch
Only Namaste. Is it such...?

Yes! It is right to only do Namaste
Turn off your lights and light
Diyas at night
Obey government rules
They are absolutely right!

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SANYA JADWANI, XI,
Manav Sthali School,
Rajendra Nagar

ATHARV GARG, VII,
Rukmini Devi Public
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Fun-Wiches: Fun to create 'N' eat

One of my favorite recipes is, a Sandwich Medley or as I call them 'Fun-Wiches', is simple, easy to make and packed with nutrients.

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 slices of sandwich / brown / multigrain bread (Toasted or as is)
- Spreads: Peanut butter / cream cheese / Fruit Preserves / mint chutney / hummus
- Cheese slices
- Fresh fruits: Blueberries /

- Bananas / Strawberries / Apples / Pineapple / Kiwi / Olives / Avocado
- Veggies: Tomatoes / Corn / Cucumber / Dill or Jalapeno pickle / Spinach / Lettuce

PREPARATION:

- Spread a piece of sandwich bread with a spread of your choice.
- Top it with your choice of fruit or veggie slices.
- Cut with a cookie cutter into fun shapes.

This recipe will give you

- Spinto-Wiches (spread-cheese; topping-spinach / tomatoes), Berry-Wiches (Spread-peanut butter; topping-blueberries / strawberries), Oli-Wiches (cheese with olives / pickles), Rainbo-Wiches (spread-hummus; topping-lettuce / tomato / cucumber / olives), Mint-o Wiches (spread-mint chutney; topping-cucumber / radish) and Fru-Wiches (spread-chocolate spread, topping-kiwi / apple / bananas).

Nyasa Madhav, IV, Maxfort School, Paschim Vihar

THE EDUCATIONIST FILL UP NEW YEAR'S BOOK WITH HOPE, LOVE & HAPPINESS

RITU BALI, PRINCIPAL, AKSIPS SMART SCHOOL, SEC 41, CHANDIGARH

On 1 January 2021, we entered a new year leaving behind our fears and worries. Today we are wiser, stronger and humbled. The year 2020 has taught us to value our relations with family and friends; it has brought us closer to our loved ones. It has reminded us to preserve nature and work to improve our environment. We have learnt the important lesson of charity i.e. to share our good luck with the lesser privileged.

It is time to make New Year's goals to renew our zest for life in the year to come. Remember, goals give direction to our life.

Ponder over a few things - what would you like to achieve this year? What all would you like to leave behind in 2020 and the things that you would like to carry forward in 2021?



The year 2020 took away a lot from us but also left us with many lessons, some of which I would like to share with you all.

- Make a resolution to learn a new skill or maybe a new language to reinvent yourself; stay in tune with the latest in technology.
- Be the harbinger of hope for others, a chance to change things for

better around you. It may not be easy but then it isn't impossible.

- Do not let the newly discovered master chef in your die, continue to air your cycle and yoga mat to remain fit - physically and mentally.
- Love yourself. Take out time for yourself and your loved ones. Express gratitude and count your blessings.
- Slow down. Learn to relax. Get out of the rat race to amass wealth and material goods. You don't need much to live you already know that.
- Continue to practice the New Normal - wearing the mask, sanitising hands and maintaining the social distancing.

The New Year symbolises the first chapter of a book waiting to be written, so let us fill up the pages with our story that has hope, love, and happiness.

Express YOURSELF

WELCOME 2021 WITH RENEWED SPIRIT

Gazing at the ghastly year 2020, it is certainly hard to predict what 2021 has in store for us. From doubtfully contemplating on the antidote - vaccine to the new strain of mutated virus posing another threat, one may feel simply entangled. We are confronted with the true uncertainty of human existence and the true vulnerability of human life.

How often have we subconsciously believed that humans are supreme masters of the world, ignoring the uncertainty of our existence, mistaking it for probabilities generated by our statistical models?

The Covid-19 pandemic showed us how wrong we were. We are brought face to face with the most basic questions of life - what are we here for? What have we done with our lives? What / who is it that we truly cherish? The pandemic led us to some painful insights. While some might've found answers to these questions and others might have not, one thing

that 2020 has taught each and every one of us is to always anticipate the unexpected.

So, even though I'm not sure on what path I will tread in 2021, I believe

strongly that in 2020 "simple joys tied us together, sweaters of kindness kept us warm. Humans became sunshine when, 2020 engulfed the new dawn". Let's enter 2021 leaving a room for miracles to show up and hope that God may give us renewed strength.

SHREYA CHAWLA, class XII,
St. Joseph's Sr Sec School,
Chandigarh



BE APPRECIATIVE OF EACH OTHER

First January is not just a day it is a bag full of emotions; emotions of having accomplished or failed the past year and the feeling of doing better than next year. The year 2020 perhaps might have not been the best year but we should all be appreciative and thankful for what we did for ourselves and others and what others did for us, as in the end, all we have is each other or our selves. The virus struck humanity and many of us lost our precious ones or the bonds with them due to social distancing. We stopped going outdoors, spent more time with our families. While some of us were blooming, growing, and glowing, there were also people who lost their jobs and livelihoods, many teenagers could not cope with their abusive families and this led them to depression and of course, there were people who caught the virus and were sick. Considering all this, we should be happy to enter the New Year in the best of health and spirits with our loved ones and we should also appreciate ourselves and others around us. And instead of dwelling on the sorrows of the past year we should work on ourselves and strive to be better.

GHRIATIKA SETIA, class IX,
Yadavindra Public School, Mohali



WHY IS INDIA RELUCTANT TO TRAVEL TO BRISBANE FOR THE 4TH TEST?



While reports have emerged that the Indian team is reluctant to play the fourth Test of the ongoing series at the Gabba in Brisbane due to harsher bio-security protocols they will be subjected to there, the Australian team confirmed it will go ahead with the schedule even if it means making sacrifices and enduring strict conditions

INDIAN VIEWPOINT

WE WERE IN A HARD BUBBLE FOR NEARLY A MONTH BEFORE COMING OUT

The third Test in the four-match series is slated to start at Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday after Cricket Australia decided not to move the match in the wake of an outbreak of Covid-19 cases in the city's northern beaches. On Monday, both squads will fly to New South Wales, which reported eight new locally transmitted cases of the virus and ramped up social distancing measures on Sunday.

Reports in the Australian media, citing sources within the touring party, said India's players, many of whom have been in some form of quarantine or other for six months, would refuse to travel if they were going to be subjected to a hard lockdown.

India's cricket chief Sourav Ganguly said way back in July that the team would tour Australia but called for shortened quarantine periods for players. "We don't want the players to go all that far and sit in hotel rooms for two weeks. It is very, very depressing and disappointing," he had said at the time.

That is supported by the report from Cricbuzz, with a source inside the Indian team telling the news site that they are not keen on travelling to Brisbane in the current environment. "If you look at it, we were quarantining for 14 days in Dubai before landing in Sydney and doing so for another 14 days. That means we were in a hard bubble for nearly a month before coming out. What we don't want now is to quarantine again at the end of the tour," the source told Cricbuzz.

We aren't keen on going to Brisbane if it means being stuck in the hotel again, except for going to the ground. Instead we don't mind being in some other city, playing both Test matches there to complete the series and returning home," he added. "All we're saying is the boys have been in various states of lockdowns and bubbles for nearly six months now. And it's not been easy for anyone."

But Queensland government (Brisbane is the capital of Queensland) members hit back at team India. The state's Health Shadow Minister Ros Bates bluntly said: "If the Indians don't want to play by the rules, don't come."

AUSTRALIAN VIEWPOINT

THE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ROLLED OUT, WE WILL STICK TO IT

The Gabba in Brisbane has been a fortress for Australia, who haven't lost a Test there in 30 years. India have a poor record at the Gabba, losing five of the six Tests they have played while drawing one in 2003, which too was curtailed by rain.

While the schedule was rolled out well before the start of the series and the BCCI accepted it, reports of them boycotting emerged over the last 24 hours after Cricket Australia announced an investigation into a possible breach of Covid-19 bio-security bubble protocols by five Indian players who had gone out to eat in a Melbourne restaurant.

Australia batsman Matthew Wade was on Sunday told about the possibility of India boycotting the Gabba Test. He said they are looking forward to the Gabba Test and willing to make sacrifices to follow the schedule. Asked if he would like to play back-to-back Tests in Sydney due to harsher quarantine in Brisbane, Wade said, "No. Obviously we would prefer not to. The schedule has been rolled out, we stick to that. There was speculation about staying in Melbourne. Cricket Australia was firm that we will stick to the schedule that we rolled out at the start of the summer."

The 33-year-old, who has been turned into a makeshift opener for this series, felt that shifting the last Test from Brisbane would hurt Australia. "It could do. It is no secret that we all like starting the season there exactly for that reason as our record is very good there and we tend to play good cricket there. India has got a great bowling line-up and great team...we certainly won't take it for granted when we get there and play them but yeah we would love to play at the Gabba. Two games at SCG, we wouldn't want to do that. No secret there. We love Gabba and we want to get there."

Though Australia have traditionally opened their Test season, especially with a four or five-Test series, at the Gabba and drawn early advantage, India have in recent times not been given the series opener at the Gabba unlike on previous tours. The leeway to India has attracted criticism from Australia cricketing icons like Allan Border and Matthew Hayden.

Ajinkya Rahane will look to replicate his form in the 3rd test

WHERE SHOULD ROHIT SHARMA BAT?

Rohit Sharma's elevation as a Test opener in the home series against South Africa last year was a huge success but lack of match practice and the circumstances in which he has arrived in Australia, means Rohit is not a certain starter at the top of the order

It will be a toss-up between Mayank and Vihari. Dropping Mayank will be a tough call since he has scored hundreds and double hundreds over the last 18 months. I am still not sure about Rohit opening because he is coming after a long break. Will he prefer to open or bat in the middle order? That is another question. And what kind of role is the team management expecting from Rohit. That is also a factor. Whether they want Rohit to give the team a flying start or anchor the innings in the middle?

MSK Prasad, former chief selector

I will have Mayank - Rohit opening, Gill in middle order, and Vihari goes out for the third Test.

Sunil Gavaskar, former India captain

We will have a chat with him to see where he is placed physically because he has been in quarantine for the last couple of weeks. Also got to see how he feels before we take the call.

Ravi Shastri, head coach

Shubman Gill was very impressive. He is a huge talent. He showed excellent skills and temperament in both the innings. In Agarwal's place, I would put Rahul in and Rohit in place of Vihari. Rahul has to play as he is your in-form player and has been in Australia for a while. Agarwal is a good player but looks short on confidence.

Dilip Vengsarkar, former chief selector

Real Madrid see off Celta Vigo to return to La Liga summit



Real Madrid beat an in-form Celta Vigo 2-0 at home, thanks to a goal and assist apiece from Spanish pair Lucas Vazquez and Marco Asensio, putting the side above city rivals Atletico Madrid at the top of La Liga. The win took the Spanish champions to the summit on 36 points, one ahead of second-placed Atletico. Real were smarting from a surprise 1-1 draw at struggling Elche in their last match and were missing captain Sergio Ramos, who was out with a stomach bug.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Which was the first team sport for female athletes introduced in the Olympic, at the 1964 Tokyo Games?

- a) Futsal b) Softball c) Volleyball d) Handball

Q2: Who is the first cricketer to make 100 Test match appearances as captain?

- a) Herschelle Gibbs b) Graeme Smith c) Ricky Ponting d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Q3: The longest tennis grand slam match was played between which two players?

- a) Julien Benneteau and Mike Bryan b) Max Mirnyi and Nenad Zimonjic c) John Isner and Nicolas Mahut d) Marcelo Melo and Henri Kontinen

Q4: Who holds the record of fastest 1,000 runs from debut in One Day Internationals?

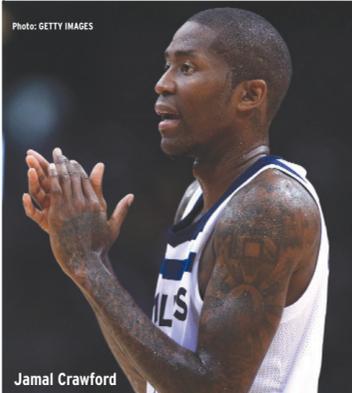
- a) Shikhar Dhawan b) David Warner c) Rohit Sharma d) Fakhar Zaman

Q5: Who was India's first woman Olympic medal winner, taking a bronze at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games?

- a) PT Usha b) Karnam Malleswari

- c) Mary Kom d) Anju Bobby George

Q6: In the year 2019, Jamal Crawford became the oldest player to score 50 or more points in an NBA game. Whose previous record did he surpass?



Jamal Crawford

- a) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar b) Kobe Bryant c) Magic Johnson d) Michael Jordan

Q7: Who is the first woman since 1932 to win individual gold medals in different sports at a Winter Olympics?

- a) Christa Luding-Rothenburger b) Ester Ledecká c) Marit Bjørgen d) Claudia Pechstein

Q8: The fastest long course butterfly (female) was completed in 55.48 seconds. Which of the following athletes achieved this?

- a) Sarah Sjöström b) Katie Ledecky c) Simone Manuel d) Penny Oleksiak

Q9: Who is the first male tennis player to defend 10 Grand Slam singles titles?

- a) Novak Djokovic b) Andy Murray c) Roger Federer d) Rafael Nadal

Q10: Which badminton-playing country holds the record of most consecutive wins in Sudirman Cup?

- a) Denmark b) Indonesia c) South Korea d) China

Q11: Who is the oldest Olympic gold medalist competitor to win an Olympic gold medal?

- a) Oscar Swahn b) Åke Lundeborg c) Per-Olof Arvidsson d) Walter Winans

ANSWERS: 1 c) Volleyball 2 b) Graeme Smith 3 c) John Isner and Nicolas Mahut 4 d) Fakhar Zaman 5 b) Karnam Malleswari 6 d) Michael Jordan 7 b) Ester Ledecká 8 a) Sarah Sjöström 9 c) Roger Federer 10 d) China 11 a) Oscar Swahn