

BOARD EXAMINATION

Problems are not to stay forever and the reality is that education gives the end result to these problems with positive solutions. It has been rightly said that 'Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.' The future of our nation are learners of the present. Undoubtedly, the crisis which the entire globe faces today has hit hard on our students. The year that defines their career ahead is bombarded with many and, if and but.

There is no denying the fact that the pandemic is one of the harshest realities today. The second wave has tested our forbearance towards the innumerable losses that we all bore and our never give up attitude in the worst of worst times. The cloud of gloom could not stop the overwhelming generosity that kept us moving ahead with smiles and tears. It's



JYOTI GUPTA, Director Principal, DPS Sahibabad and KR Mangalam GK-2

true that we have come out stronger through the worst and stand tall to face, if more are to come. Hence, challenges like con-

ducting a board examination will be overcome with the best solution. Having said that, let's not forget that board examination is one such assessment that holds utmost importance in a student's life. It is a path that paves the way to reach their goal and fulfil their aspira-

tions in life. So, completely doing away with board examination is not the right solution. Students are looking forward to seek admission in the best universities across the globe. So, mass promotion without an assessment would be unfair on those who have worked hard relentlessly. Also, it would be a tough call for the students as they will have to appear for difficult entrance examination, competing with the best and giving their best.

The government of India and all educated minds across the country are brainstorming to come up with the best alternative for the students of Class XII, keeping the well-being of the students as the highest priority. Ours is an awakened world and taking cognisance of the urgency of the situation we all need to be on the same page. It would be a unique accomplishment in its own way and a superb example of cooperation, support and the synergy of the efforts between various stakeholders for coming together to ensure the safety and future of the students.

Xaverians conduct session with doctors

The Covid-19 global pandemic presented major challenges for healthcare providers worldwide. St Xavier's High School, sector-49, Gurgaon organised a virtual open house session titled 'Frontline warriors: Doctors, our fearless healers'.

Students of class IV and V went live on Facebook in an interactive session with Dr Rinkesh Kumar Bansal, Dr Sonal Bansal and dietitian Shaveta Chopra.

The disruption from the Covid-19 pandemic has been unparalleled in our lifetime. The loss of lives and livelihood has made a huge dent to the whole world. In this crucial webinar on the Covid-19 pandemic, parent

times but also related to diet and fitness.

The webinar was lauded by the viewers with heartwarming, appreciating comments as it was a great opportunity for all the viewers to put forth their doubts and clear all myths related to Covid-19. This webinar related to Covid-19 brought ex-



The audience was completely enthralled by the doctors and the dietitian as they answered various questions not just related to vaccines, medicine, and precautions during these tough

parts together to share knowledge and support efforts to curb the spread of virus and ensure continuity of healthcare services more efficiently with the cooperation of each one of us.

DPS holds Scholar Badge ceremony

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon, held the virtual Scholar Badge Ceremony for classes IX and XI (2020-21), on May 27, to felicitate and applaud the achievements of meritorious students.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by director principal, Aditi Misra. She blessed the achievers and lauded their efforts. A visionary and a humanitarian, she emphasised upon the values of compassion and gratitude. She alluded to the students to use their time wisely and to adapt to the changing times. Applauding the efforts of her team of teachers, she praised them for their relentless support towards the smooth working of the school.

The school choir celebrated the wonders of the world through a beautiful rendition, 'Circle of life', echoing the thought that everything in the world is interconnected. Gautam Buddha's teachings of peace and truth were recalled through a soulful dance performance, highlighting the relevance of his principles in today's world, as the day coincided with 'Buddh Purnima'.

Dean student welfare, Sapna Dhawan, facilitated the ceremony. She appreciated the scholars for their hard work and congratulated them



for their laurels. It was a matter of great pride and joy for the young achievers of class IX to receive the Blue Blazers, Scholar Badges and Certificates of

Merit as a hallmark of true academic and co-curricular excellence. The names of the meritorious students of class XI receiving the Gold medal, Blue tie, Blue Badge I and II, Blue Blazer, and proficiencies in different subjects, along with their additional achievements throughout the year, were announced with fervour. The ceremony also witnessed students of class XI being honoured with Special Awards for the Session 2020-21 in different categories. These were Special Jury Award for Exemplary Work, Pro-Vice Chairperson's Award for Literary Activity, Chairman's Award for Academic Excellence and the Principal's Award for The Student of the Year.

Reimagining environment

The theme for the world Environment Day 2021 was 'Ecosystem restoration' and the focus is on Reimagine, Recreate, and Restore. To put the ecosystem restoration on a pedestal, the least we can do is, work for a greener environment by growing and nurturing saplings and trees in our localities, rewild our gardens, move to a plant rich diet to rebuild the environment and follow waste segregation and 'Say no to plastic.'

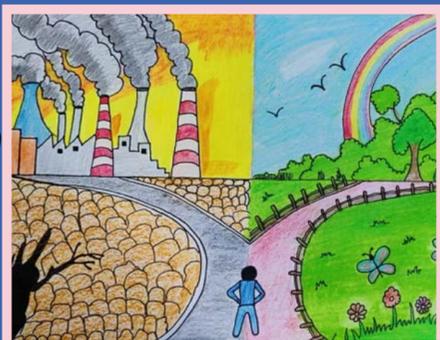
Remember breathing can't be stopped but we can change and

purify the quality of the air we breathe. Even as we battle this global pandemic, let's stay focused to conserve our environment because its only nature that can protect us from pandemic and even as the pandemic slows down, nothing can stop cyclones and floods if we continue to harm the environment.

We are the generation who can make peace with nature, Let's 'Nurture the Nature' so that we can have a better future.

PEEYA SHARMA, Principal, Ryan International School, Sohna Road Gurgaon

Student Corner



PRERNA, class XI, Navyug School Motibagh



NIKHIL, class VIII, Navyug School Motibagh

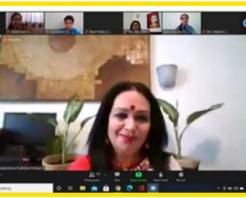
INDRADHANUSH: A MELANGE OF COLOURS

Aapeejay School, Panchsheel Park held a colourful and exuberant online event, 'Indradhanush - A melange of colours', to showcase the innate talent of students.

As part of this endeavour, participants from each house contested in the various events including 'Umang dance competition'; Instrumental 'Dil ki dhun/ Saaz ki awaaz'; Indian Vocal, 'Sur Sangam'; Western vocal 'Harmony of colours/Sing for souls' (live in harmony); 'Sanskriti quiz competition'; 'Flourescence: The art of flowering'/ Swachtha hi Sewa art competition; Poetry recitation 'Restore our Earth'; Alive gaming; Immuno boosters/ Food carving culinary competition and 'Sanskrit shloka gayan competition'. The event saw an overwhelming response as around 240 participants keenly con-

tested for the top slots in various contests.

The excitement of participants from class 6 to 12 was clearly palpable as students put their best foot forward even while being confined



in their homes and competed in various events on May 17 and 18, 2021.

The esteemed panel of judges including Alka Bahl, retired principal NDMC School; renowned artist Ganga Narayan Maharana, Sugandha Gumber, assistant prin-

cessor, Amity University; Eashana Arora, Yuvraj Maurya (Delhi Public School, Mathura Road); Shweta Oberoi, Neera Khanna greatly applauded the skilful performance of students.

In the prize distribution ceremony held on May 21, 2021, principal Ritu Mehta applauded students' efforts and said that healthy competition will provide students with a new source of confidence. Vice principal Shalini Agarwal saluted the spirit of positivity which motivated each participant. The chief guest of the event, Padma Shri awardee Pratibha Prahlad, a Bharata Natyam dancer said that cultural events help children reach their full potential. She said that apart from giving self-confidence art gives students critical thinking. The winners of various contests were awarded E-certificates.

THE EDUCATIONIST

Salute to techno teachers!

Sudden closure of schools due to pandemic resulted in teachers switching to the online mode. All teachers started teaching, unlearning, and re-learning with the help of few colleagues or their own children and started the online classes.

They were not prepared for this technology boom and were clueless about how to handle teaching as well as the logistics. But the courage and determination that each one has shown is commendable. They conquered the technology blues with long hours of training.

With no maids, no help, and long working hours they have done their job



with dedication. Teachers started making Teaching-learning material (TLM) with whatever little they had at home, with just one thought in mind that their students should understand the concepts and enjoy the classes. Teachers have surfed the net more than ever, finding different ways to engage their students. The management of the school offered all the help, tools, train-

ing, and devices required to take online classes. But they knew that it is the teachers who have to fight their own battle. The management provided whatever they could, but the ultimate performers were the teachers. The training and support truly made the teachers 'Aatma Nirbhar'.

BIJAL RAVAL, supervisor, Zebar School For Children, Ahmedabad

Express YOURSELF

SMALL STEPS, BIG IMPACT

It is important to take care of the environment we live in. For the last 100 years, Earth has been facing the problem of pollution. Pollution of air and water has made our life difficult. Overpopulation, use of atom bombs, cutting of trees, industrial development, excessive use of vehicles, and plastic are responsible for environmental degradation. Due to environmental degradation, the environment is taking random twists, we witness excessive droughts and rainfall, the temperature is rising, earthquakes and cyclones are more frequent. Due to pollution of air and pollution of

water; every year, lakhs of people die and lakhs of people become sick. Cancer, TB, asthma, heart disease, skin disease, headache, cholera are the outcomes of a degraded environment.

We at an individual level should take all precautions to save the planet by not polluting it and saving the water bodies. Tree plantation should be our first duty and use natural resources judiciously. Also, encourage the use of solar and wind power to reduce pollution. By such small steps we can make our environment pure and green again.

DHYEY JOSHI, class IV, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rajkot

Painters' Gallery



VEER BHATT, class V, St Kabir School, Ahmedabad



ADYA CHAWLA, class IV, Udgam School for Children, Ahmedabad

EURO 2020 CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF WITH ERIKSEN ON MIND

Denmark players overwhelmed, lose to Finland



Christian Eriksen

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand said several of his players were too overwhelmed with emotion to finish their opening Euro 2020 match

against Finland on Saturday, after teammate Christian Eriksen collapsed on the pitch and was rushed to the hospital. Eriksen was surrounded by his teammates while being treated on the pitch and then stretchered away. The game was eventually restarted an hour and 45 minutes later after news came through that he had regained consciousness.

Finland won 1-0 with their only goal attempt of the match. "I completely understand that you can't play a soccer match at this level after watching one of your best friends fight for his life," a visibly drained Hjulmand said after the game. Players were given the option to finish the game on Saturday evening or on Sunday, Hjulmand said, adding there had been no pressure from UEFA to finish the match on Saturday. "It was more manageable to go in again and honestly just get it over with," Hjulmand said.

Players too upset

Several players, including captain Simon Kjaer who plays for Milan in Italy, were too upset to finish the game, he said. "Simon Kjaer was deeply, deeply touched. He



Denmark's Christian Eriksen is seen down on the pitch after collapsing during the match

was in doubt whether he could continue and gave it a shot, but ultimately he couldn't. I completely understand that," Hjulmand said.

A hush fell over the crowd of 16,000 fans while Eriksen received treatment on the pitch, and outside around central Copenhagen people gathered, many in tears, while the player's condition remained unclear. Hjulmand said the players came together in the dressing room, supporting each other and allowing themselves to show their emotions. "I cannot be more proud of this group of people who take such good care of each other at this time, when a loved one is fighting for his life," he said. "It was a very tough night and we were all reminded what's the most important in life."

Team doctor Morten Boesen said at the press conference that Eriksen received life-saving cardiac massage on the pitch. Boesen added that he talked with Eriksen before he was taken to the hospital, while soccer officials said the player's condition was stable.

Lukaku eases Belgium past Russia

Romelu Lukaku struck twice as Belgium confirmed their status as one of the favourites for Euro 2020 with a confident 3-0 victory over Russia. Despite being without key performer Kevin De Bruyne, world number one ranked Belgium were rarely in trouble against a Russian side that struggled to impose themselves.

Roberto Martinez's Belgium top Group B on three points, ahead on goal difference of Finland who beat Denmark in the group's other game in Copenhagen. The Red Devils are unbeaten in 10 games in all competitions and have suffered just one defeat in their last 24 outings. They have also scored in each of their last 31 games. The visitor's grabbed the lead in the 10th minute when Andrei Semyonov failed to deal with a ball into the box from Leandro Dendoncker, and Lukaku turned and fired into the bottom corner.

Lukaku celebrated his goal by running to the television camera and shouting "Chris, Chris, I love you" in tribute to Christian Eriksen, the Danish midfielder and his club team-mate at Inter Milan, who had been rushed to hospital after collapsing during the earlier game in the group. Belgium were calm in possession and finding plenty of time and space against a Russia side who struggled to get a firm grip on the game.

Russia lack energy

The Russians reached the quarter-finals in the World Cup they hosted in 2018 but the energy of those performances was missing, despite playing at home in front of more than 26,000 fans. Stanislav Cherchesov struggled to find either the tempo to their attacks or a way to provide quality service to striker Artem Dzyuba who was too often left isolated. It was no surprise when the second goal came, in the 34th minute, when Russia keeper Anton Shunin could only parry Thorgan Hazard's shot towards

Thomas Meunier, who made no mistake.

Russia applied some pressure after the interval but the Belgians coped without too much panic and the game

I cried a lot because I was scared, obviously. You live strong moments together. I spent more time with him than with my family. My thoughts are with him, his two kids and his family. I enjoyed the game but for me, it was difficult to play because my mind was with Christian. I hope he is healthy and I dedicate this performance to him.

LUKAKU, on the Eriksen situation

already felt decided before Lukaku wrapped up the win with a well-taken effort after racing on to a through ball from Meunier. Cherchesov conceded his team had struggled after falling behind to Lukaku's opener. "Our tournament is continuing. We are doing our job. We chose our system, it worked partly but then started to break down. The Belgians scored and then it was difficult to get the ball off them."

The Russians host Finland on Wednesday and will need to quickly get their campaign on track.



Romelu Lukaku

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BARBORA KREJCIKOVA WINS FRENCH OPEN

Dedicates the Grand Slam victory to former mentor, the late Jana Novotna

Barбора Krejčíková threw her head back and smiled before blowing kisses skywards. The 25-year-old, the world No.33, paid a moving tribute to Jana Novotna, her mentor, who lost her battle with cancer four years ago. Krejčíková was with the Czech champion in her final days. "Literally her last words to me was 'just enjoy, win a Grand Slam'. For the last two weeks, I felt she has been looking down on me. All this happened because of her." Krejčíková, who edged out the injured Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1 2-6 6-4 in just under two hours to clinch her first major singles crown, was fittingly presented with the Coupe Suzanne-Lenglen by Czech-born American Martina Navratilova. Krejčíková, cheered on by compatriot Jan Kodes, is the first

OLD VS NEW AT MEN'S FINAL

As significant as it was for Novak Djokovic to eliminate Rafael Nadal in the French Open semifinals, it is the outcome of the final against Stefanos Tsitsipas that will matter the most. This is his 29th final, 28 more than his much younger opponent. He has made perfectly clear that all he really cares about at this stage of his career is winning. He is just one win away from the men's-record 20 accumulated by rivals, Roger Federer and Nadal and means he can join Rod Laver and Roy Emerson as the only men in tennis history to win each of the four major tournaments at least twice, something Federer and Nadal haven't done.

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Czech woman after Hana Mandlikova, in 1981, (playing for Czechoslovakia) to win the French Open.

Krejčíková got off to a good start. She was broken in the opening game of the match, but won six straight games to seal the set. On a 11-match win streak, she broke the Russian at love in the seventh of the decider.

Pavlyuchenkova struggles with injury

Pavlyuchenkova, who turns 30 in three weeks, went for the lines, threw in drop shots and changed the pace of play to work her way back into the match. The Russian, who was clutching her leg between points, said she was "struggling to serve". Krejčíková has claimed the singles crown three years after becoming the Roland Garros doubles champion.



Barbora Krejčíková

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'MIRABAI CHANU WILL FIGHT FOR GOLD'

Indian Weightlifting Federation's (IWLF) secretary-general Sahdev Yadav feels weightlifter Mirabai Chanu will fight for gold medal in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) confirmed that Mirabai has qualified for the Tokyo Games in the women's 49kg category. Mirabai had booked her place by winning a bronze medal in the Asian Championship in April with a world record in Clean and Jerk and she has now qualified on the basis of her standings on IWF's absolute ranking.

"It's very good news for the federation after a long time we have got this opportunity. Last time in Rio Olympics we had this chance but we didn't get success at that time. Mira has worked hard in the last four years and I am sure this time she will get the success and will fight for gold," said Sahdev. "It is positive news not just for us but for the nation, she is training in America and I am closely watching the way she is working and I have no doubt she will fight for a gold medal," he added.



Mirabai Chanu

The IWLF secretary-general said Mirabai will show her potential in the Tokyo Olympics. ANI

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who won the Azerbaijan GP 2021?

- a) Max Verstappen b) Sergio Perez
c) Lance Stroll d) Esteban Ocon

Q2: Which long distance runner broke the women's 10,000 meter world record set by Sifan Hassan only recently?

- a) Letesenbet Gidey b) Hellen Obiri
c) Faith Kipyegon d) Genzebe Dibaba

Q3: Which Russian tennis player reached the quarter finals of the French Open 2021 after a decade?

- a) Svetlana Kuznetsova
b) Vera Zvonareva c) Anastasia Myskina
d) Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova

Q4: Who is the second fastest woman in history clocking a world - leading 20.63 seconds for the 100m?

- a) Elaine Thompson
b) Shelly-Ann Fraser - Pryce
c) Allyson Felix d) Veronica Campbell Brown

Q5: Who won the 2018 NBA most improved player of the year award?

- a) Victor Oladipo b) CJ McCollum
c) Brandon Ingram d) Jimmy Butler

Q6: Golfer Lydia Ko's world ranking this week dropped for the first time in 2021. Where is she now placed?

- a) 12th b) 8th c) 4th d) 16th

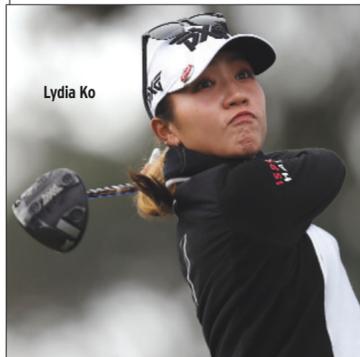


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Q7: Scott Dixon won on the IndyCars circuit, his first win of 2021. Where is he placed in the overall drivers' standings after four rounds?

- a) Third b) Fifth
c) First d) Second

Q8: Which team will Nelson cyclist George Bennett lead at the Giro d'Italia?

- a) Ineos-Grenadiers b) Jumbo-Visma
c) Deceuninck Quick-Step
d) Team BikeExchange

Q9: How many players are on each side of the net in beach volleyball?

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

Q10: With which car did Fernando Alonso win his first title in Formula 1?

- a) Mercedes b) McLaren
c) Renault d) RedBull

Q11: Who was the champion of the Tour de France from 1999 to 2005?

- a) Lance Armstrong b) Jan Ullrich
c) Luke Armstrong d) Floyd Landis

ANSWERS: 1. b. Sergio Perez 2. a. Letesenbet Gidey 3. d. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 4. b. Shelly-Ann Fraser - Pryce 5. a) Victor Oladipo 6. b. 8th 7. c. First 8. d. Team BikeExchange 9. a. Two 10. c. Renault 11. a. Lance Armstrong