

## GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

### Festival brings in celebratory atmosphere

The students participated in the Ganesha Festival activities with the sole purpose of staying rooted in the

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Indian culture and enabling them to understand the significance of these festivals.

The children arrived at the given time slots to maintain Covid protocols and made beautiful clay idols of Lord Ganesha

with their parents. It created a beautiful moment for all the students and their parents.

They also enhanced their gross motor development through a fun-filled game, where the objective was to collect the most items laid out on the ground.

The session ended with a soothing storytelling session by the teachers which the tiny tots enjoyed immensely.

The children went back home happy smile on their faces.



"Vakratunda Mahakaya Surya Koti Samaprabha Nirvighnam Kuru Me Deva Sarva-Kaaryeshu Sarvadaa"

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Ganesha Chaturthi was celebrated virtually on September 8, 2021.

The festival celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesha, who is the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. It is also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi.

According to the Hindu mythology, Lord Ganesha is "Pratham Pujya" and worshipped first amongst all Gods. The festival signifies the arrival of Lord Ganesha with his mother god-

dess Parvati to the human realm from the Kailash mountain. The festival celebrates Lord Ganesha as a God of New Beginnings and the Remover of Obstacles as well as the God of wisdom and intelligence.

On the occasion, our students made their own eco-friendly Ganesha idols with lentils, leaves, veggies, clay, and coconut shells and enjoyed the festival with their Bal Ganesha.

A special assembly was hosted by the students with a lot of enthusiasm on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.

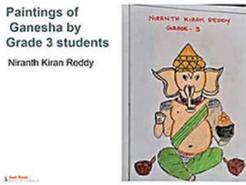
Ganeshji was welcomed with beautiful Ganesh stuti songs performed by a few students. There were dances, songs and story telling in praise of Lord Ganesha. At the end, the students displayed their artistic skills by portraying their drawings of Lord Ganesha, hand-made eco-friendly Ganeshas and

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posing with the idol.

The whole meeting of nearly 100 participants was filled with festive fervour and the audience shouted in unison "Ganpati Bappa Morya".

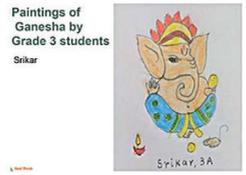
Paintings of Ganesha by Grade 3 students  
Niranth Kiran Reddy



Grade 3 students worshipping Lord Ganesha



Paintings of Ganesha by Grade 3 students  
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Grade 3 students worshipping Lord Ganesha



### Students win accolades at MUN

The opportunity to confer over world topics and to be able to question, confront and explore possible solutions to issues of most modern-day global significance does not come along every day. Our students are blessed to be given this highly privileged chance.

Three students from the school took part in BHISMUN 2021. Sanjana Baliwada, who represented India as its delegate in the UNGA (United Nations General Assembly), won the Honorable Delegate Award. Ayaan Doddamani, who represented France, got the Best Delegate in UNSC.

The students found the experience at the MUN exhilarating! Not only were the discussions packed with information, but the debates were also smartly argued. All delegates had to do their research, think critically and constructively to answer thought-provoking questions.

Ayaan has been to five MUNs previously and has been awarded one special mention, one outstanding delegate, one best delegate, and one best position paper. The school is proud of Sanjana and Ayaan and congratulates both students for their noteworthy achievement!

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### Celebrating rakhi festival with soldiers an amazing experience

Raksha Bandhan is one of the most-awaited festivals in India. It honours the special relationship between brothers and sisters. On this day, sisters tie a sacred thread or knot i.e. Rakhi, around their brothers' wrist. This thread is supposed to protect their brothers from evil, while brothers in return promise to protect their sisters for their lifetime. This day

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stands for protection and love.

This day also reminds us of our soldiers, who have to stay away from home and don't get to celebrate festivals as we do. They stay at our country's borders and work tirelessly to protect us all.

Fortunately, this year we had the golden opportunity to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with our dear soldier-brothers on August 28. We, the members of Rotary inter-



act club, were extremely excited to meet them and tie rakhis around their wrists as a symbol of our hope that it would protect them, just as they protect our country. This was the most cherished moment, and though short, it touched our hearts. We felt lucky and blessed as we tied the rakhis on the soldiers. Each one was very friendly

with all of us and gave us the opportunity to capture many pictures with them. The day was as amazing as they are.

We thank our principal J A Vani Sharma and Rotarians from Rotary Junction 3190 for giving us this opportunity. Thank you all! We can proudly say that this is our finest moment ever.

Nisha & Jahnvi, class X,

## 'LIVE THE YOGA LIFE'

Yoga is an ancient practice that promotes a healthy mind and body. The exercises balance the elements of our bodies. In addition, it helps us to meditate, relax, and keep control of our mind.

People nowadays are consumed with trying to look younger and healthier. What if we just start by bringing awareness to our body?

Yoga can help us live well at any stage of life. It's just a matter of working within your abilities. It might even help you age better, keeping you flexible and building strength.

It is highly beneficial when children start practicing yoga at a young age as it lays the foundation for their lifelong fitness. Practicing yoga helps children in their physical and mental growth and improves other body functions, such as the immune system, to protect them from diseases. Yoga helps teenagers to be fit and alert. As people step into their middle ages, some become new parents, move to new cities, or step up their careers. Yoga can help them be strong and healthy enough to take these changes head-on.

Benefits of practicing yoga include a higher chance of preventing all common lifestyle disorders like hypertension, arthritis, heart problems as one grows older. Even blood pressure and cholesterol can be reduced with yoga.

Yoga is an excellent option as it requires no equipment and can be practiced anywhere. So start practicing yoga today and encourage your family to do the same.



#### CHANGE YOUR ROUTINE

Every day take out time and let your body be free, Exercise and yoga is the only way to make yourself glee. Yoga helps us to be fit mentally, And teaches us to be strong physically.

Daily work and no exercise will make you dull, If you don't do any exercise or yoga, you will fall sick soon. Nobody likes to visit the hospital and have medicines,

Therefore start to take precautions and follow a healthy routine. Start to do yoga exercise and eat all green,

Please understand you are a human, and your body is no machine. It is okay to be a couch potato, sit, and consume caffeine, But in the long run, it will ruin your health, and your health will decline. It's never too late to start a new life, Draw a line before its too late, for then you will have no time.

V NIKHILASREE, class X A3, Atkinson Senior Secondary School, Vijayawada

PRIVADARSHINI SUR, English Teacher, Little Angels School, Visakhapatnam

## 11-year-old wins global record as youngest coding teacher

Anushkaa Kolla S of class VII has been awarded the title of World's Youngest Online Coding Teacher by the International Book of Records.

Anushkaa, now 11-years-old, got the title for teaching coding to students of classes II to X during the pandemic. She developed a love for coding at the age of 7 and be-

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came an expert in it that led her to teach coding, and eventually set the world record. Apart from coding Anushkaa is passionate about Carnatic music, and reading books. She also plays the guitar. Her motto is "Tech Education for all."

International Book of Records is a platform for people to showcase their unique talent and inspire the world to go one step further. The IBR collates and publishes notable records of all types, from first and best achievements.

Overwhelmed by this achievement, Anushkaa said, "It is a proud moment for me to get the title." She credits her parents, school and coding teacher for her success. They played an important role with their continuous efforts and



cooperation, she says, adding, "I hope this achievement of mine will inspire many of my junior grade mates."

Expressing happiness, principal Vandana Gupta, said, "Anushkaa has brought great pride to our school after being titled by the International Book of Records. She has been a meritorious stu-

dent since her inception in school. She has done a commendable job by winning this title during the lockdown period. I take a moment to thank our teachers for guiding her in her journey to explore and discover her passion and also to her parents for motivating her in her mission."

## THE WARRIOR QUEEN

Draw inspiration from the one and only Rani Lakshmi Bai whose contribution to our country's freedom struggle has been immense. Rani Lakshmi Bai was also known as 'Jhansi Ki Rani.' During the 19th century, she became an icon for the freedom struggle against British rule.

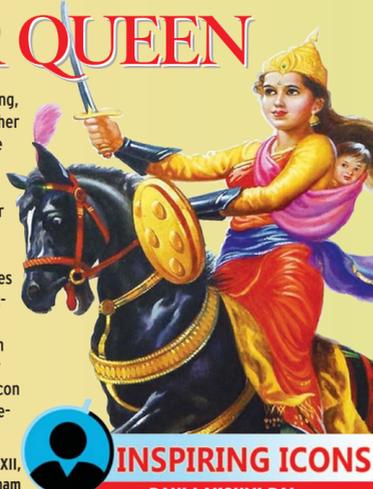
Her childhood was not easy as she lost her mother at the tender age of four and was raised by her father. Under his guidance, she learned archery, self-defence, and shooting.

Rani Lakshmi Bai was fiercely

independent and also peace loving, but when the British demanded her to surrender Jhansi, she became rebellious. She was so determined to save her motherland that she even tied her son to her back during the war with the Britishers and fought bravely.

The one thing that inspires me the most is her brave outlook towards everything. Her fearlessness, liberal thoughts on women's empowerment, and her prime sacrifices, made her the icon of the Indian independence movement.

YASHODA SHARMA, class XII, Sophia School, Visakhapatnam



#### INSPIRING ICONS RANI LAKSHMI BAI



#### AUTUMN DAYS

The leaves change, and float down; The trees coloured gold and brown.

The warm summer flew by; Giving way for the winter dry.

Shradha Satish, class VI, Sishu Griha Senior School

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# BATTLE OF EXPLOSIVE TOP-ORDERS

Chris Gayle

## Rajasthan Royals meet Punjab Kings in IPL

Sanju Samson

**L**iam Livingstone and Evin Lewis's explosive batting will meet its match in Chris Gayle's power and KL Rahul's finesse when Rajasthan Royals lock horns with Punjab Kings to improve upon their mid-table position in the Indian Premier League in Dubai on Tuesday.

### Leadership will matter

The two IPL teams have been perennial under-achievers in the league and would be desperate to change their fortunes after disappointing one and all with their underwhelming performances over the past few seasons. More so for Punjab Kings, the only team that has lacked any kind of stability over the 14 seasons of IPL with captains and coaches being changed like musical chairs. For skipper KL Rahul, who has been a prime performer in IPL, it will not just be about the runs he scores but also about how he leads the team with guidance from Anil Kumble, who will also want to prove his mettle as a franchise coach.

However, the match on Tuesday will be more about the kind of starts that the top-orders players provide. Liam Livingstone has been a rage in the short-format for the last couple of years now and is coming into his own with some great performances in "The Hun-



dred'. His potential opening partner is likely to be West Indies man Lewis, who has often been Indian cricket team's nemesis in various games. If Livingstone and Lewis can be explosive in the Powerplay overs, Royals will expect skipper Sanju Samson to be more consistent in that number three position.

Power-hitting is something that I've worked really hard at, trying to get that consistency. Ultimately, it's sort of a super strength for me at the moment and hopefully, I can continue with it. I've really enjoyed my cricket over the last few months. I certainly wouldn't have expected to do what I've done, if you would've said at the start that this was going to happen, I wouldn't have believed you. So, it's nice to see my hard work starting to pay off.

RR batsman, LIAM LIVINGSTONE

### Bowling line up shaky

Mohammed Shami is expected to be partnered by either Chris Jordan or Nathan Ellis. What will be Royals' advantage is Punjab's weak Indian bowling set-up save Shami as they have to depend on either Adil Rashid or Ravi Bishnoi for wrist spin. Their pace line-up with left-armer Arshdeep Singh as the domestic pick doesn't look the strongest.

Royals' third and fourth foreign player in the playing XI will be interesting choices as Chris Morris as an all-rounder is a certainty, while the fourth slot will go to either David Miller in the middle-order or world's No 1 T20 spinner Tabraiz Shamsi. However, it is the Indian players like Rahul Tewatia, Rryan Parag, Jaydev Unadkat and Chetan Sakariya, who will like to step up their game in the next four weeks to ensure a play-off berth for Royals, which many believe is the weakest unit in absence of Ben Stokes, Jofra Archer and Jos Buttler.

Similarly for Punjab Kings, Rahul and Mayank Agarwal are expected to open with Chris Gayle still an enforcer par excellence at the age of 41, which will keep the Rajasthan bowlers on tenterhooks.

In the middle-order, Nicholas Pooran, who had a horrendous outing in the first phase will like to put a far better account of himself along with M Shahruxh Khan.

## MESSI looks angry at being replaced

**L**ionel Messi hit the crossbar with a curling free kick and looked angry at being taken off in the 75th minute in his home debut for Paris Saint-Germain. Substitute Mauro Icardi scored deep into stoppage time as PSG scraped a 2-1 win over Lyon in the French league to make it six straight victories. Messi stared sharply at PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino and appeared to snub a handshake as he came off. The six-time Ballon d'Or winner, who is still chasing his first PSG goal in his third appearance following his shock move from Barcelona, sat glum-faced on the bench. As he was coming off, Messi made a gesture with his hands apart as if to say he didn't understand, and Pochettino attempted an explanation afterward.

"Everyone knows we have great players in the squad, we have 35 players. But we must make decisions for the good of the team. Sometimes they lead to a positive result and sometimes not," Pochettino said through a translator. "These are decisions we need to take. Sometimes it pleases people, or it doesn't. I asked him how he was, and he said he was fine." On the field, Icardi found space to head in Kylian Mbappe's precise cross from the left in the 93rd.

PSG fell behind in the 53rd when Brazil midfielder Lucas Paqueta finished neatly, after forward Karl Toko Ekambi picked him out with a

low cross. Neymar equalized from the penalty spot in the 66th after he was fouled by 18-year-old right back Malo Gusto. Lyon coach Peter Bosz was unhappy with the call. "It's not Malo who fouls Neymar, it's Neymar who puts his hand on him and fouls him," Bosz said. "I can understand if the referee didn't see it, but then there is VAR." Lyon's long-serving president, Jean-Michel Aulas, went even further by calling the decision "an aberration" and saying the referee should have used video review.

Messi almost scored in the 32nd. He found Neymar down the left and sprinted to meet Neymar's clever reverse pass, but goalkeeper Anthony Lopes read Messi's low shot and denied him with his legs. Four minutes later, Lopes was stuck to the spot as Messi hit the crossbar with a free kick from 25 meters. Messi, whose last Champions League goal for Barca was away to PSG in last season's round of 16 return leg, also hit the bar in Wednesday's 1-1 draw at Club Brugge.



Messi reacts as he leaves the pitch

Karim Benzema

## BENZEMA, VINÍCIUS Jr, lead Madrid to victory

### 2-1 win at Valencia takes side to top of La Liga with 13 points

**O**nly a few games into the season, Real Madrid already knows it has an attacking duo it can rely on. Vinicius Junior and Karim Benzema added to their impressive starts to the season by scoring late goals in Madrid's 2-1 win against Valencia in the Spanish league. Vinicius Junior scored his fourth goal of the season in the 86th minute, and Benzema netted his sixth two minutes later to give Madrid its third straight win in the league. The victory leaves Madrid top with 13 points, two more than defending champion Atlético Madrid, which was held 0-0 at home

by Athletic Bilbao on Saturday. "It's always hard to play here and it was even harder after they scored," Vinicius Junior said. "Things were not going our way but in the end we found a way to rally and get the victory."

### Winning combination

Vinicius Junior and Benzema have combined for 11 of the team's 15 goals in its first five league matches and top the league's scoring charts. Valencia, which entered the weekend tied for first with Madrid and Atlético, opened the scoring with a goal from Hugo Duro in the 66th after a mistake by Madrid defender Lucas Vázquez, who replaced the injured Dani Carvajal in the first half.

"We played great during the first 80 minutes," Valencia coach José Bordalás said.

"It's a shame that in the last 10 minutes we sat back and they got the goals in two isolated actions."

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** The Commonwealth Games started from which of these countries?

- England
- Australia
- Canada
- India

**Q2:** What is the title of the autobiography of Major Dhyanchand?

- Goal
- Hockey Days
- Hockey - My Life
- Me & My Hockey

**Q3:** Who was the first Indian to score a century in Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- Gautam Gambhir
- Manish Pandey
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Rahul Dravid

**Q4:** How many red balls are used in a game of snooker?

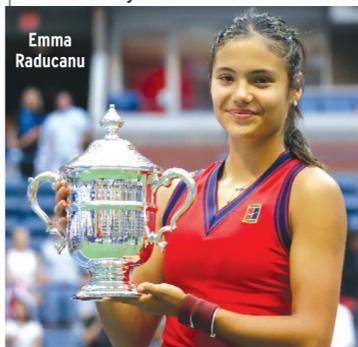
- 13
- 15
- 17
- 20

**Q5:** Which Indian has recorded maximum number of wins in the Fed Cup?

- Nirupama Sanjeev
- Sania Mirza
- Manisha Malhotra
- Karman Kaur Thandi

**Q6:** Emma Raducanu, who won the US Open, was among the youngest to win a grand slam. Who was the youngest?

- Serena Williams
- Boris Becker
- Martina Hingis
- Rafa Nadal



Emma Raducanu

**Q7:** Who won the 2018 Diamond League javelin throw event for men?

- Andreas Hofmann
- Jakub Vadlejch
- Tomas Walsh
- Darrell Hill

**Q8:** Which racing event is associated with the UCI Continental Circuits?

- Road racing
- Mountain racing
- BMX
- All of the above

**Q9:** Who is the assistant coach of India men's national hockey team?

- Chris Ciriello
- Scott Conway
- Richard Allen
- Jugraj Singh

**Q10:** Who holds the record for most Olympic appearances in any track and field athletic event?

- Allyson Felix
- PT Usha
- Merlene Ottey
- Marita Coach

**ANSWERS:** 1. c. Canada 2. a. Goal  
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