

Effect of war on education

War, often quoted as a 'necessary evil' – whether necessary or not, is certainly evil. Only the dead see the end of the war, while the survivors are likely to be scarred forever, and continue to battle against the ill effects of war at a personal and national level, that may sometimes span over generations, as was the case of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

War statistics may focus on the numbers, who died fighting for the country, but there is hardly ever a tally of those maimed for life, or the numbers orphaned, women widowed, or old parents left childless. In fact, with diminishing geographical boundaries and rising global citizenship, war between two countries, has a definite worldwide impact.

The education sector is amongst the foremost casualties of a war. Students recently evacuated from Ukraine might have saved their lives, but with disrupted studies, uncertainty looms large making them fearful of what the future holds for them. They may have to begin all over again – which indeed entails wastage of efforts, resources, and time. Yes, when survival is ques-

tionable, normal routine life is disrupted with children not being allowed to go to school, leading to a major learning loss.

Education will further be negatively impacted, as the focus would be to heal the traumatised minds and building resilience, rather than intellectual, personality and skills development. During a war, all resources of a nation are likely to be channelised towards fulfilling the requirements of war, and later towards restoring the overall economy of the nation, such that education yet again, more often than not, would take a back seat. The duration of war is always directly proportional to the magnitude of gap in learning and its effect on the progress of the nation. It is difficult to imagine the sorry state of a nation at a war, wherein, a whole generation of learners are not able to complete their studies and qualify as doctors, engineers, scientists, lawyers etc. Without access to education, a generation of children living in conflict will grow up without the skills needed contribute to their countries and economies. The pervasive atmosphere of fear may also lead to inequity in educational opportunities based on gender, age, economic

and social background. During wars, students are likely to be in a state of limbo, trying to make sense of the pandemonium that pervades their lives. Indeed, when war takes place, it annihilates generations of dreams, hopes, and possibilities exacerbating the already desperate situation for millions of children and their families.

Education is a fundamental right. Access to education, even during armed conflicts has far-reaching benefits in promoting mental well being and development of the necessary skills of the children, thereby safeguarding the fu-



LV SEHGAL, Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg

ture of the nation and the global society, at large. Thus, in 2015, the 'Safe Schools Declaration', which was initiated for state endorsement in Oslo, Norway, seems to be the way forward. The declaration is a "...political commitment to better protect students, teachers, schools, and universities during armed conflict, to support the continuation of education during war; and to put in place concrete measures to deter the military use of schools".

However, as per the old adage, prevention is always better than the cure. Thus, it would be advantageous to base our policies on the profound wisdom encapsulated in the words that "...Information and education are powerful forces in support of peace. Just as war begins in the minds of men, so does peace."

Farewell ceremony for outgoing batch of Ramjas

Ramjas School, Pusa Road, organised a special felicitation ceremony to bid adieu to the outgoing batch of class XII, session 2021-22. The two day event was presided over by the school principal, Surabhi Dua. The ceremony started with the lighting of the lamp, followed by 'Saraswati Vandana', invoking the blessings of the goddess.

The students were conferred with citations by the Principal and teachers during the ceremony. Prizes were also given away to the best outgoing students in various categories.

In her address, the principal reminded the students about the day they had entered the school premises and how



years rolled by shaping them into confident, competent and committed individuals.

She made a special mention of the untiring efforts of the teachers who switched from offline to online mode of teaching to ensure that learning continued despite the pandemic. The day was memorable for the outgoing batch and teachers. The ceremony left everybody feeling nostalgic and yearning for the days gone by.

Freshers bash at DLF

Online classes and multiple lockdowns caused by the pandemic have resulted in a deep sense of isolation among children, especially those who joined a new school. DLF Public School, Ghaziabad devised an innovative way to help the new entrants overcome their hesitation in making friends and help them feel welcomed.

The school organized its first 'Freshers Bash'. A host of games and activities were organized for classes pre-nursery to XI with the aim of fostering new friendships between the existing and new students and give them a taste of experiential

learning. Nearly four hundred students and parents attended the vibrant soiree.

Various events such as 'DLF-A-THON', 'Tastetastic', 'Art minutes', and 'Dance your way' were conducted across different venues in the sprawling school campus. The highlight of the event was 'Dus Ka Dum' – a street play organized by the Dramatics Club. The evening saw an active participation from the parents who joined the flash-mob dance and sing-along planned by the students.



TIE & DYE

DO IT YOURSELF

MATERIAL REQUIRED:

- Fabric preferably white colour
- Rubber bands
- Camel Fluid Acrylic Colours
- Water, Polybag



PROCEDURE:

STEP 1: Take any fabric that you wish to dye. Preferably in a white colour for better effect. I have taken a white shirt and white dupatta. Tie rubber bands at equal distance and damp the cloth as shown in images. Drain extra water.

STEP 2: Take the colour of your choice, I have used yellow and Red

for dupatta and Green and Red for T-shirts. Colours used (Camel Fluid Acrylic Colours). Fold the dupatta in half and keep sides separate, start putting colours alternate red and yellow. Repeat till you reach the end. Similarly, for T shirt tie ends of both sides and colour alternate red and green.

STEP 3: Wait for 5 to 10 mins and then very carefully keep the dupatta in a poly bag. Leave it overnight. For maximum effect leave it for 24 hours.

STEP 4: Open the rubber bands and wash the dupatta after 24 hours in cold water.

You can try it with a T-shirt, Shorts, saree, track pants in various tying methods like rainbow, crumpled, kaleidoscope and dye with your favourite palette.

PEARLEEN AHUJA, Class V, Zebar School For Children, Ahmedabad



Blood donation camp held at MCS

Mount Columbus School, New Delhi organised a donation camp for the underprivileged students of Parkshala, a Noida based NGO on the occasion of

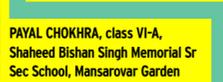
Foundation Day on March 11. Books and snacks were donated to the students. A session of art was conducted. Students took part enthusiastically and unleashed their inner artist. This was an act of great service to humanity.



Student Corner



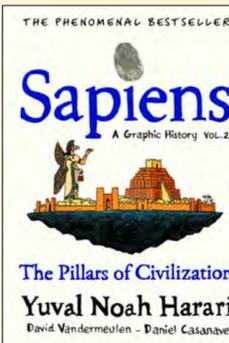
RATTAN SINGH, class VIII-A, Shaheed Bishan Singh Memorial Sr Sec School, Mansarovar Garden



PAYAL CHOKHRA, class VI-A, Shaheed Bishan Singh Memorial Sr Sec School, Mansarovar Garden

BOOK: SAPIENS: A GRAPHIC HISTORY VOL.2

Sapiens: A graphic history II by Yuval Noah Harari is a mind-blowing and captivating book in a comic form, which tells how sapiens, that is us, went from being nomads and hunter-gatherers to farmers and settlers. You'd expect history books to be quite solemn and boring. Not this one. It's very hilarious at times, with characters such as Prehistoric Bill and Cindy. It also has different story plots in every chapter to keep the reader entertained. The story starts with the three main characters: the author, his niece Zoe, and Professor Saraswati. They go to a theatre to watch a play that showcases the time-period when humans were hunter-gatherers and how they started



next chapter starts with a hilarious edition of the comic prehistoric Bill and Cindy. It also shows, at the time when most people became farmers, some still chose hunting-gathering.

Then an interesting character, Doctor Fiction, explains how fiction is related to all of this. The next chapter has a few more new characters and explains how we use fiction for mass day-to-day cooperation. And the last chapter explains how Homo Sapiens dominated not just the other species of humans, but they also spread across the world, damaging the ecosystems behind them. Originating from Africa to all the continents on Earth to even the moon and beyond, Sapiens is the story of us, Homo Sapiens.

MAITREY DAVE, Class IX, Rachana School, Ahmedabad

Students of PPS win accolades in zonals

The students of Prince Public School, Budh Vihar participated in Zonal Activities 2021-22, organized by the DOE and won accolades for the school. In the senior category of zonal, Rahul Solanki of class XII, won a gold medal in shot put throw as well as in javelin throw. Kanak of class XII, added another feather to the cap by winning a gold medal in shot put throw and a silver medal in discus throw as well as javelin throw. Ansh Saroha of class X, brought laurels to the school by winning the first position in shotput throw as well as discus throw. Shaan of class IX bagged the third position in discus throw. In the junior category, Khushi

Gupta of class VIII won the first position in slogan writing competition and Bakhtiyar Hussain of class VII, made us proud by bagging the first position in instrumental music by playing tabla. Karan Sharma of VII brought laurels to the school by bagging the second position in painting competition. Gaurika of class VIII also stood second in drawing category and Sejal Gupta of class VIII bagged third position in English poem recitation activity.

The students received their medals and certificates in the Zonal Prize Distribution Function organized by the Sports and Cultural Activity Zone- XIII, Distt North-West 'B2'.



Preeti Sharma wins National ICT Award

Union Minister of State for Education Annpurna Devi presented National ICT Awards to 49 teachers across the country on February 28. Preeti Sharma, PGT History of DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, Delhi was conferred the same award for the year 2018.

She was selected for her effective usage of ICT tools and innovative activities in teaching history, social science, school entrepreneurship program etc. It was appreciated that she has integrated teaching aids and ICT tools in classroom activities.

She had been consistently building capacity of teachers of India and different countries of world on project based learning. She often uses platforms like Edmodo, Teams, Google classrooms etc. In tandem with the vision of NEP-2020, she already promotes knowledge of India through her ICT based teaching aids



and group activities. She also promotes joyful learning using ICT and promotes her students to make memes, riddles integrating images, videos, and all these also promoted happiness during Covid times.

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I AM SPENT

World number one goes out on top, after claiming dream third Grand Slam title

World number one Ashleigh Barty who dropped a bombshell on the tennis world on Wednesday with her retirement announcement at the peak of her game, says she had fulfilled her dreams and was "spent physically".

Citing fatigue with life on the Tour, the 25-year-old walks away with 15 titles to her name, the last coming at Melbourne Park where she ended Australia's 44-year wait for a home champion. "I know how much work it takes to bring the best out of yourself... I don't have that in me anymore," she said in video posted on her Instagram account on Wednesday. "I don't have the physical drive, the emotional want and everything it takes to challenge yourself at the very top level any more. I am spent."

SECOND RETIREMENT

It marks Barty's second retirement from the sport, having walked away from the game as a teenager in late-2014 after becoming disabled by the Tour. She returned in 2016 and rose rapidly up the rankings, earning global acclaim for her tennis and fans' affection for her sportsmanship and laid-back demeanour.

Spending 121 weeks as world number one, Barty won the 2019 French Open and Wimbledon in 2021 and appeared well set for more Grand Slam success to take her place among the game's greats. However, she never made any secret of her dislike for the touring life and her battles with homesickness.

She said realising her "one true dream" by winning Wimbledon last year had changed her perspective. "Ash Barty the person has so many dreams she wants to chase after that don't necessarily involve travelling the world, being away from my family, being away

ONE TRUE DREAM

■ In her retirement message Barty, who won the French Open in 2019, described her Wimbledon crown as her "one true dream".

■ "I've had a lot of incredible moments in my career that have been pivotal moments and Wimbledon last year changed a lot for me as a person," she said, describing the emotion of an athlete who has worked hard her entire life "for one goal".

■ "To be able to win Wimbledon, the one true dream that I wanted in tennis, really changed my perspective."

■ "There was just a little part of me that wasn't quite satisfied, wasn't quite fulfilled. And then came the Australian Open."

■ In January, Barty became the first Australian to win her home Grand Slam in 44 years.

from my home, which is where I've always wanted to be," she said in the video, interviewed by her close friend and former doubles partner Casey Dellacqua.

Barty suffered depression on the Tour after turning professional as a teenager, leading her to quit and briefly reinvent herself as a professional cricketer in her home state of Queensland. When COVID-19 halted tennis in 2020 she took nearly a year off to stay home with family rather than rejoin the circuit when it resumed.

As players battled at the delayed 2020 French Open, Barty was spotted in the crowd at an Australian Rules football match in Brisbane, cheering her beloved Richmond Tigers with a cup of beer in her hand.

CHASING OTHER DREAMS

Wearing a simple blue sports top and with her hair pulled back in her trademark bun, Barty wiped away tears during the interview with Dellacqua. "I know I've done this before, but in a different feeling," she said. "I'm so grateful for tennis, it's given me all of my dreams, plus more, but I know the time is right now for me to step away and chase other dreams and to put the racquets down."

She bows out with almost \$24 million in career prize money and as a national hero by beating American Danielle Collins in the Australian Open in the final in January.

As the second Aboriginal Australian to win a Grand Slam title, following in the footsteps of the great Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Barty has also become an idol for her country's Indigenous population.

Barty's bombshell triggered tributes from players and officials.

Australia will hope Barty's second retirement ends up like her first, broken by another comeback and more Grand Slam silverware. AGENCIES



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GUTTED FOR TENNIS

Barty's surprise retirement from tennis was met with shock and an outpouring of well wishes from current and former greats.

Ash, what can I say, you know I have tears right? My friend, I will miss you on tour. You were different, and special, and we shared some amazing moments... Be happy and enjoy your life to the max. What's next for you? Grand Slam champion in golf?
SIMONA HALEP, twice grand slam champion



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An incredible role model for so many not only in our sport, and she's always gone about her career in her own special way. Well done, Ash. A true Aussie legend.
Australian Coach DARREN CAHILL

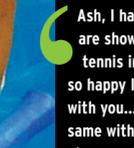


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Ash, I have no words... Actually you are showing your true class leaving tennis in this beautiful way. I am so happy I could share the court with you... tennis will never be the same without you! I admire you as a player and a person. Wishing you only the best!
PETRA KVITOVA, grand slam winner



Photo: AP

I particularly want to say "thank you" to you, Ash, for inspiring a generation of young people and particularly a generation of young Indigenous people in this country. "None of us will forget, of course, the triumphant win in Wimbledon and none of us will ever forget that incredible comeback down there at the Australian Open this year, which once again showed everybody what you can do when you really apply yourself."
Australian Prime Minister SCOTT MORRISON



Photo: REUTERS

Nothing but RESPECT for you @ashbarty!!! All the best in your retirement and congratulations on your distinguished career!
ELINA SVITOLINA, women's world number 20

'NOT TOO LONG TO GO NOW'

Virat Kohli starts countdown for IPL 2022 with throwback picture

Ahead of the start of the much-awaited season of the Indian Premier League (IPL), Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) batter Virat Kohli on Wednesday shared a throwback picture relishing his stylish knock in the cash-rich league. IPL 2022 begins with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) taking on the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at the Wankhede Stadium on Saturday.

RCB will lock horns with Punjab Kings in their first match of the tournament on Sunday. Kohli shared a picture expressing his excitement ahead of the opening match. "Not too long to go now", Kohli captioned the post on the micro-blogging app.

New captain

RCB has named former South



Africa captain Faf du Plessis as the new skipper of the franchise. Kohli is happy and excited to pass on the baton to du Plessis.

"First and foremost the most important news is that Faf is going to be the captain of RCB and I could-

n't be happier to pass on the baton to a good friend. Someone that I have known well over the years. We have been in touch for many years now and he is one of the few guys I have known apart from cricket and we get along really well. So, absolutely excited for him to lead RCB. To lead this amazing franchise and to play under him," said Kohli earlier this month.

The venues

The games will be played across stadiums in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and Pune with an audience occupancy rate of 25 per cent as per COVID-19 protocols. In all, 20 matches each will be held at Wankhede Stadium and DY Patil Stadium, 15 matches each at Brabourne and MCA International Stadium, Pune.

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Commentary debut

Suresh Raina will lead the parade of glittering stars and cricketing heroes in the commentary panel for the upcoming season. There will be close to 85 commentators across languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Bengali, and the newly added Gujarati feed. Former Indian men's team head coach Ravi Shastri is making a comeback to the commentary panel. AGENCIES

GILL HAS EYE ON T20 WC



Photo: AP

Shubman Gill, who will be playing for Gujarat Titans in the IPL, is taking the upcoming season as an opportunity to make the cut into the Indian team for the ICC T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia.

"The player who will do well in the IPL will have a great chance to make it to the T20 World Cup. I am also looking forward to. If I do well in this IPL then I will even have a chance to get selected for the World Cup and if I am able to do that then I will be very happy," Shubman Gill said. The talented batter has played 58 matches in IPL after making his debut in this league in 2018.

PARA CLUB THROWER DHARAMBIR SETS ASIAN RECORD, WINS SILVER

Indian para athlete Dharambir set a new Asian record in the men's F32/51 club throw event enroute winning a silver on the opening day of the 13th Faza International Para Athletics Championships here.

India won three medals on the opening day with Devendra Singh also clinching a silver in the F44 men's discus throw event, while Jyoti Behera claimed a bronze in 400m women's final T37/38/47 final.

In the club throw F32/51 men's final, Dharambir, the 2018 Asian Para Games silver medalist, threw the club to a distance of 31.09m in his second attempt to finish second behind Algeria's Walid Ferhat (37.42m) on Monday. In the process, Dharambir also set a new Asian record.

Later, Devendra clinched the silver in men's discus



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throw F44 after hurling the disc to a distance of 50.36m in combined F42/43/44 category.

The championships kicks off the World Para Athletics' Grand Prix season with around 500 para-athletes from 43 nations in action at the Dubai. The event holds significance as athletes will aim to achieve Minimum Qualification Standard for this July's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and Asian Para Games this October. m

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which team clinched the Vijay Hazare 2021 title?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Delhi
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Q2: Which of the following players won maximum gold medals in the Tokyo Olympic 2020?

- a) Cealeb Dressel (USA)
- b) Emma Mckeon (Australia)
- c) Daiki Hashimoto (Japan)
- d) Vitalina Batsarashkina (Russia)

Q3: Who clinched the Wimbledon Open Men's Singles crown 2021?

- a) Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- b) Matteo Berrettini (Italy)
- c) Marcel Granollers (Spain)
- d) Daniil Medvedev (Russia)

Q4: Brisbane in Australia was officially announced as host of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in _____

- a) 2024
- b) 2028
- c) 2032
- d) 2036

Q5: Which national team does Romelu Lukaku represent?

- a) France
- b) Belgium
- c) Germany
- d) Poland

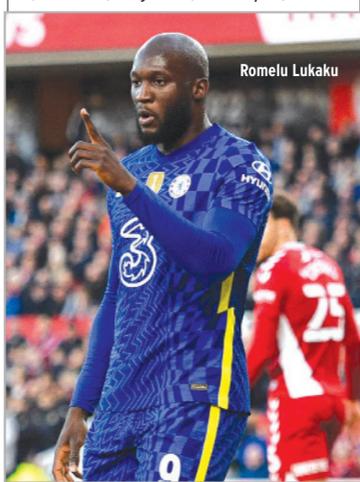


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Q6: Which of the following footballers has won the Ballon d'Or award most number of times?

- a) Robert Lewandowski
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Jorginho
- d) Karim Benzema

Q7: The term double fault is associated with _____

- a) Tennis
- b) Squash
- c) Rugby
- d) Long Jump

Q8: Where is the headquarters of The International Olympic Committee situated?

- a) Vienna
- b) Lausanne
- c) Geneva
- d) Madrid

Q9: Cue, Jigger and Break pot are terms associated with the game of _____

- a) Chess
- b) Badminton
- c) Rugby
- d) Billiards

- ANSWERS:** 1. d Himachal Pradesh
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