

## CONFLICTS SNUFFING OUT DREAMS, HOPES, AND ASPIRATIONS

War singularly represents armed conflicts between different countries, but on a broader connotation, it represents a state of convergence of forces of conflict-climate change, growing inequality, ethnic cleansing, poverty, pandemic, and the final stroke is the nations at war. Much has been written, discussed on this subject impelling afrethought on negating the vectors that trigger suffering among the young ones and how to make the experience of a nation, which is in a war zone less damaging for children, their education. Yet the attacks, the conflicts continue unabated with constant flouting of dictates for the protection of children.

Post pandemic, as nations bat- tle ceaselessly to put the economy back on track, we stand to witness yet another conflict between Ukraine and Russia. The pervasive and protracted nature of war triggers an inflationary storm, impacting the future of an entire generation of children, debarring them from access to conditioned education, the skill set to sustain themselves. It is not the school's infrastructure but their hopes, dreams, aspirations that stand destroyed.

This unabated wave against children has been the highest in the last 30 years. The sordid testimony to the aftermath is displaced, enslaved, traf- ficked, abused, and exploited chil-



driven countries. One particularly damaging effect of conflict on education is the proliferation of attacks on schools, as children, teachers, or school buildings become the targets of attacks. Parents fear sending their children to school. Girls are particularly vulnerable to sexual violence, besides exacerbating marginalisation in society.

Over half of the world's primary-aged children out of school are estimated to live in conflict-affected fragile states. Haven't these conflicts snuffed out the dreams, hopes, and aspirations of the entire generation? Can't the politics of man look beyond and be futuristic? Is EFA (Education for All) a distant dream?

LAKSHMI VENKATESH, Principal, Prince Public School, Budh Vihar, Phase 2

## Expressions Unlocked at Kulachi Hansraj

Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Ashok Vihar, presented Expressions Unlocked on March 8 as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The wonderful play, 'If Love was a Colour' by the students of classes PP to II was an aesthetic presentation, which spoke volumes of the confident communication and theatrical skills of the young learners. The performance enthralled the hybrid audience.

Principal Sneha Verma, in her address, congratulated the members of the school for the Golden Jubilee and appreciated the children for presenting the theatre—one of the best forms of learning.



er awarded Title Prizes to the deserving Young Kulachians and inspired them to turn dreams into reality.

In the vote of thanks, Sunita Sindhwani, the Headmistress thanked everyone for making Expressions Unlocked special, and promised on behalf of the fraternity that "together we shall continue to progress with positivity and patience."

Adarsh Kohli, the school manag-

## Cambridge organises adventure camp

Cambridge School, Indrapuram organised an adventure programme for students of classes VI to VIII with the leaders in Adventure Sports, Rocksport. After a long time, students were finally back in school and the excitement of coming back could be seen on their faces.



fun-filled and engaging but also help in developing many qualities in a child,



including confidence, focus and willpower. With team tasks like Hamster wheel and tug of war, students learnt the importance of coordination and team work. Such programmes are instrumental in creating school a happy place and learning a happy process.

## World Pi day

World Pi Day was celebrated in Cambridge School, Noida on March 14. To celebrate this event, children of class VI came together to present the different attributes of the Greek letter 'Pi'.

Along with Pi Day, the children remembered and discussed the achievements of one of the greatest scientists, Albert Einstein, on his birthday.

A live experiment on calculating the approximate value of Pi was done, where children

collaborated on the google sheet to measure, record and calculate the ratio of circumference to diameter of a circular object from their surroundings.



The day concluded with children presenting PI-KU poems composed in '3:1:4' pattern.

## Graduation day brings beautiful chapter to a close

The Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2022 of Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, was held on Saturday, March 12 in the school. The chief guest for the day was Bani Yadav, Rally Driver & Car Racer, National Champion, and Asia Pacific Rally Cup Winner, Ladies.

The reading out of the citations, valedictorian speeches and the 'handing over of the charge' by the Main Cabinet to the Assistant Main Cabinet were the main features of the ceremony. The pledge for the new Main Cabinet members was administered by Yadav. The Rabindra Ratna Award, conferred on the most outstanding student of class XII, was given to

Malvika Chawla. Some of the cultural presentations were song 'Hall of Fame' by the school choir and a classical group dance on the song 'Kanha re'.

Bani Yadav, in her address, emphasised the need for every student to hold on to passion and self-belief. She im-



explored the parents in the audience to stand by their children no matter what. The ceremony concluded with all rising up for the rendition of the School Song 'Aham Yogyasmi' and the National Anthem.

## Student Corner



ANGAJA SINGH, class XII C, Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute, Subroto Park



AZEEM US SHAN, class VII F, Hamdard Public School



ANGAJA SINGH, class XII C, Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute, Subroto Park

## Primary sports day at SGNPS

The Primary Department of SGNPS, Adarsh Nagar, conducted Annual Sports Day on March 17; with great zeal and fervour. The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, S. Kuldip Singh Saini; Honorary Chairman of SGNPS, S. Baldev Singh Puri; School's Honorary Secretary and other prominent members of School Managing committee.



The programme began with the release of balloons by the Chief Guest. The In-charge of the Primary Department, Harpreet Kakkar, extended formal welcome

to the Chief Guest and the distinguished guests

A number of racing events participated by students stirred the ambience with thrill and excitement. Students displayed re-

markable team spirit, competence and exultation reaching for the finishing line in the Joker Race, Covid Rules Race, Healthy Food Race, Three Legged Race etc. The Lemon Race participated by the primary teachers, made the event a breath-taking spectacle.

The winners of all the races were graced with trophies by the Chief Guest during the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The school principal Shikha Gupta gave the vote of thanks. The event was a wonderful recreation and a great learning experience for the fraternity of Sri Guru Nanak Public School.

## Where there is a will there is a way

When man wanted to fly, he made an airplane. Then, he decided to invent a ship. By making a ship, he is playing on the ocean's chest. The common thing here is desire, a desire with immense potential. This desire is called Willpower.

Willpower is a positive attitude that reflects how a person handles challenges in life. It outcasts the confidence of a person whether he can perform any task or not. The willpower of an individual helps him to achieve

his goals. Willpower is like any muscle in the human body that is affected by internal as well as external factors like lack of discipline, stress, negative thinking and lack of sleep.

We can increase our willpower by planning ahead, not taking too much at once, avoiding temptation, rewarding oneself, getting sup-



port from others. One must always remember that with a strong willpower one can move mountains.

So, friends remember: This is your world, you are the creator. Find freedom on this canvas and always believe that you can do it.

RAKSHITA SETHI, XII-C, DAV Public School, Sec-14, Faridabad

While the pandemic confined us to our homes, I can't help but feel nostalgic for our lives before the virus went global. The moment of normalcy, which I remember most evocatively, is my last vacation—a trip to Prague, the capital of Czech Republic.

I distinctly remember the narrow cobblestoned streets and the miraculously bright blue skies adorned with Romanesque architecture of the beautiful city of Prague. I spent four exquisite days there with my family in the summer of 2019. We had rented an apartment in the Old Town Square where jazz music intertwined with the aroma of freshly-brewed coffee wafted from the open windows every morning.

Our first evening there, we walked into the centre of town as dusk was falling on the golden city in search of the Astronomical Clock. Through jigsaws of light, shadow and greenish-gold stone, stood the massive clock tower. While the



Picture used for representational purpose

## TRIP TO PRAGUE

hourly chime that people line up for was anti-climactic, the exquisitely ornate astronomical dial and intricate artistry of the clock make it one of the most beautiful in Europe.

From the balcony of the Prague castle, we witnessed a magnificent view of the city—from the setting sun glinting off church domes to the people resting on benches enjoying the sudden sunshine. We walked through the varied city aesthetic to the Charles Bridge, whose Gothic and Baroque architecture made it look outstanding. We stood

there and watched the flow of the Vltava River; city lights glistening on the clear water while a Scottish bagpiper serenaded us.

We spent the rest of our days going from one cafe and restaurant to another, lazing around Petrin Park, getting lost among the trees and flowers and being assaulted by beauty in every corner. What made me fall in love with the city was that when life is pulling you in a thousand different directions, Prague is the place, which encourages

you to slow down and take in the smell of the roses.

We travel because our life is defined by experiences. We are what we remember and very often travel memories take a priority within this realm of experiences. I write this with a smile. We might not be able to travel due to the pandemic but our dreams and memories cannot be quarantined; all we have to do is wait for the right time.

SAUMYA LAL, CLASS XI, LA MARTINIÈRE GIRLS' COLLEGE, LUCKNOW



## COURSES IN INDIA ARE BECOMING IRRELEVANT FOR INDUSTRY NEEDS

I feel we need to work more on the infrastructure in our education system so that it may become conducive to industry needs. There is a huge gap where skills, creativity, and inventiveness are required to ensure the needs for the upcoming job sectors. Since ages, we have been embroiled in the basic theoretical part of education, which needs a major reboot. Many advanced countries focus on providing education with working and professional support, and they also concentrate on short term study structures for certain jobs. The professional skills extempore the students to get through with opportunities and projects. All streams, be it science, commerce or

humanities need major revamping. Some institutes do not provide quality education and the teaching faculty comprises weakness in knowledge and implementation. Hence the entire circle gets feeble and frail. There are multiple educational institutes coming up, but they have nothing concrete regarding a futuristic approach. Students taking the exams are like products from the common system, belonging and performing in the same mannerism. If this is not taken into cognisance, then very soon we will have an enormous vacuum which the country will not be capable of filling up in terms of stable jobs.

JAYESH TRIPATHI, CLASS XI, MOUNT LITERA ZEE SCHOOL, LUCKNOW



India is a country with vast expanse in culture and traditions. One of the largest democracies, it is unfolding its secrets towards growth and progress. We have unlimited offerings in research, medicine, philosophy, history, technology and many more subjects. In comparison to advanced countries, we may be slow, but we are on the road to progress. There are new industries offering new avenues and gradually the education infrastructure is adapting to the required skills. Students in India perform commendably and that's

reason enough that within a few years we are going to reach the top along with personal achievements.

The fee structure of many available courses also gives us the benefit of not having to venture out in foreign waters. There are innumerable degrees after school level, with diversity and opportunity. In recent times we have found traditional subjects like Ayurveda, and Indian languages take the seat of career options. Hindi and Sanskrit have become subjects in demand. If given attention, many complications can be swept away and we shall find ourselves amid progressive academics. It's how we look at the picture and work it out for ourselves. Although every system needs support, we can find avenues and bring them in the limelight.

UROOJ PAIKER FATIMA, CLASS X, LA MARTINIÈRE GIRLS' COLLEGE, LUCKNOW



## FOR DEBATE AGAINST

# RCB EYE FIRST WIN

## KKR HAVE TASK CUT OUT AS THEY LOOK TO CONSOLIDATE POSITION AFTER WINNING START

**S**eeing to consolidate their position after a winning start, Kolkata Knight Riders will have their task cut out as they take on a determined Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Indian Premier League on Wednesday.

The two outfits head into the game on the back of contrasting results. While the Shreyas Iyer-led KKR humbled defending champions Chennai Super Kings by six wickets, Royal Challengers Bangalore suffered a five-wicket loss to Punjab Kings, despite posting a 200-plus score.

### RCB BIG GUNS MUST BE CONSISTENT

For RCB, skipper Faf Du Plessis is in prime form after he made a scintillating 57-ball 88 and would like to continue in the same vein. Opener Anuj Rawat was unable to capitalise on a good start and would be aiming for consistency.

Unburdened by the captaincy pressure, Virat Kohli made a statement and played with more intent against Punjab. He will definitely look to rediscover his glorious touch and continue to torment the opposition bowlers like he did during his prime.

Wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik also played a significant role and his role would be crucial once again, if RCB have to set or chase a big total.

If these four go all guns blazing, then it would be a daunting task for the varied KKR attack.

While the KKR bowling unit will have to be particularly cautious of the six-hitting prowess of Du Plessis, which was on display on Sunday, RCB bowlers would have to quickly forget the hammering they received at the hands of the Punjab batters.

A profligate Mohammed Siraj, who leaked 59 runs, will have to pull up his socks. Another key bowler is death overs specialist and last edition's Purple Cap holder Harshal Patel. Even the role of Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga, who is capable of spinning a web around the batters, could decide the fate of the match.

### WILL BE THINKING OF ABD IF WE WIN IPL: KOHLI

**F**ormer RCB skipper Virat Kohli has said that he would be "very emotional" thinking about AB de Villiers if the team wins its maiden Indian Premier League title this season.

Kohli and De Villiers shared a 11-year-long bond at RCB before the South African decided to call it a day, announcing his retirement from all forms of cricket late last year. The former SA all-format player moved to RCB in 2011 and remained with the franchise till his retirement. He played 184 IPL games, scoring 5,162 runs at an average of 39.71 and a strike rate of 151.69.



An emotional Kohli said, "The other day, it got me thinking, if we manage to win the title in the coming seasons

(2022), I would be very emotional thinking about him (de Villiers) first.

Rather than what I would experience, I would actually think of him. "It would still mean a lot to him even if he is watching the game from home. He is a special human being as he has touched everyone. He has been amazing, and I don't think there is one person who can say that AB de Villiers has not contributed to their lives in some way or the other," said Kohli.

### MIDDLE ORDER CRUCIAL FOR KKR

For KKR, they ticked all the boxes in their lung-opener against CSK and they would be hoping that they can repeat their performance. The biggest positive for KKR

was Ajinkya Rahane finding his mojo and scoring runs. Although all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer managed only 16 runs in the first game, he is capable of pummeling any attack into submission.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer along with Sam Billings and Sheldon Jackson would need to shoulder responsibility in the middle-order.

On the bowling front, Umesh Yadav was sensational at the Wankhede. But others including Shivam Mavi, spinners Varun Chakravarty and Sunil Narine would need to put up an improved show. All-rounder Andre Russell's role with the bat and ball could eventually be the difference between the two sides.

KKR are unlikely to tinker with their winning combination. Being an evening game, dew would certainly be a factor and one can expect a high-scoring affair. MS

### Upcoming IPL Match



MARCH 30 7.30 PM

Dr DY Patil Sports Academy, Mumbai



Faf Du Plessis and Virat Kohli of Royal Challengers Bangalore

# MEDVEDEV MAKES LAST 16

## Osaka into quarters of Miami Open; Swiatek cruises ahead

**T**op seed Daniil Medvedev moved a step closer to reclaiming the world number one ranking as he beat Spaniard Pedro Martinez 6-3 6-4 to reach the last 16 at the Miami Open.

Medvedev, who can replace Novak Djokovic in the rankings if he reaches the Miami semifinals, fired down 14 aces and broke Martinez three times to secure victory in 84 minutes. "I just felt like I had to be more consistent, and the more consistent one today would win," Medvedev said. "I managed to just make a few less errors at important moments, serve even better, and it was a small margin but I managed to win and I'm really happy."

Up next for the Russian, who lost the number one ranking after a surprise third-round loss at Indian Wells, will be American Jensen Brooksby, a 6-3 5-7 6-4 winner over Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

Spanish 14th seed Carlos Alcaraz will meet Stefanos Tsitsipas after both enjoyed straight-set wins over Marin Cilic and Alex de Minaur respectively. The 18-year-old Alcaraz beat Tsitsipas in their only previous

meeting, a five-set thriller at last year's U.S. Open. "He is a great player," the Greek third seed said of Alcaraz. "For me it will be a great challenge, the ones that I like."

### Osaka advances

Japan's Naomi Osaka reached the quarter-finals for a second consecutive year with a 6-3 6-4 win over American Alison Riske, recovering after falling behind 2-0 in the second set. She will face American Danielle Collins for a place in the semi-finals.

Osaka has responded strongly in Florida, advancing to the quarter-finals after leaving Indian Wells in tears earlier this month after being heckled by a fan. The four-time Grand Slam champion, who received a walkover in the previous round, is yet to drop a set and remains one of the favorites to land the title.

### Swiatek eases past

Poland's new world number one Iga Swiatek eased past 14th

seed Coco Gauff 6-3 6-1 and will next face Petra Kvitova after the Czech defeated Veronika Kuderमतova 7-6(5) 6-4 to reach the quarters.

Spanish fifth seed Paula Badosa beat 16-year-old wildcard Linda Fruhvirtova 6-2 6-3 and will next meet Jessica Pegula. AGENCIES

"I am definitely happy. Last year I got to the quarters in Miami after winning in Australia and I am winning matches here this year too but I feel more grateful -- this is one of the funnest times of my life. There were a lot of things running through my mind last year. Maybe it was trying to return to number one or other things which aren't that important but at the time was so heavy in my head. I am just happy to be healthy."

NAOMI OSAKA

# MITHALI, JHULAN RISE IN ODI RANKINGS

**I**ndia skipper Mithali Raj climbed two places to sixth while veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami also rose a couple of spots to fifth in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings released on Tuesday, taking into account the ongoing World Cup in New Zealand.

Raj, who struck a half-century in India's final league match against South Africa on Sunday, surpassed Australia's Rachael Haynes and Tammy Beaumont of England. However, the match ended in heartbreak for the Indian skipper as her team crashed out of the World Cup in a last-ball thriller.

Star opener Smriti Mandhana, who played a 71-run knock against South Africa, remained static on 10th.

In the bowlers' chart, Goswami, who missed the match against the Proteas, went past the South African duo of Marizanne Kapp and Ayabonga Khaka to be fifth.



Jhulan Goswami

However, she lost her ninth position in the all-rounders' list to Katherine Brunt of England. Goswami is now 10th with 217 rating points in her kitty.

Her compatriot Deepti Sharma held on to her seventh position. PH

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who was the first cricketer to be given out by the 3rd umpire?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. M S Dhoni
- C. Ricky Ponting
- D. Chris Gayle

**Q2:** Who clinched the women's singles title in the Odisha Open Super 100 badminton tournament in January 2022?

- A. Aparna Popat
- B. Ashwini Nachappa
- C. Manasi Joshi
- D. Unnati Hooda

**Q3:** In which event did Avani Lekhara win a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2021?

- A. Discus throw
- B. Shooting
- C. Badminton
- D. Shotput

**Q4:** Which of these trophies is awarded to women badminton players?

- A. Webb Ellis Cup
- B. Uber Cup
- C. Ranji Trophy
- D. Claret Jug

**Q5:** Kidambi Srikanth became first Indian male shuttler to claim a silver medal in the World

Badminton Championships? Whom did he lose to in the final?



Kidambi Srikanth

- A. Wang Tzu-wei
- B. Lakshya Sen
- C. Loh Kean Yew
- D. Kenta Nishimoto

**Q6:** Who was the first Indian female wrestler to win a medal at the Olympics?

- A. Geetha Phogat
- B. Babita Kumari
- C. Vinesh Phogat
- D. Sakshi Malik

**Q7:** When was the first football World Cup held?

- A. 1934
- B. 1930
- C. 1942
- D. 1946s

**Q8:** Which were the participating countries of the first-ever test cricket match that took place in 1877?

- A. England Vs India
- B. India Vs Australia
- C. England Vs Australia
- D. Australia Vs United States of America

### ANSWERS:

- 1 A. Sachin Tendulkar
- 2 D. Unnati Hooda
- 3 B. Shooting
- 4 B. Uber Cup
- 5 C. Loh Kean Yew
- 6 D. Sakshi Malik
- 7 B. 1930
- 8 C. England Vs Australia