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**BRIDGE THE LEARNING GAP**

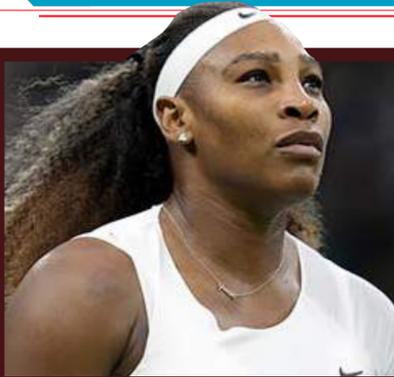


Schools have been shut since mid-March 2020 – one of the longest closures of schools in history  
Even though classes are being run online, experts believe that there are large learning gaps among students

A study by Azim Premji University found that 92% of children on average have lost at least one specific language ability, and 82% of children on average have lost at least one specific mathematical ability from the previous year across all classes

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## Serena Williams pulls out of US Open, citing torn hamstring

Serena Williams added herself to the list of big-name withdrawals from the US Open on Wednesday, pulling out of the year's last Grand Slam tournament because of a torn hamstring. Williams hasn't competed since injuring her right leg in the first set of her first-round match at Wimbledon in late June.

She joins Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in sitting out of the competition in Flushing Meadows, where play begins next Monday

Williams has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, a record in the professional era. Only one player in tennis history owns more, Margaret Court with 24  
Federer, Nadal and Novak Djokovic share the men's record of 20



# REOPEN SCHOOLS POST

## adult vaccinations: Govt panel

It's time to reopen schools, however, only after vaccinating the adults against the Covid-19 virus, said NK Arora, chairman of the Covid-19 working group under the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation. "Time has now come that schools should be opened in a phased manner. However, the adults – the parents and other members of the family – should be immunised against Covid," said Arora. "Similarly, in schools, teachers, employees, bus drivers whoever is coming in contact (should be vaccinated), so that there is a protective ring around children. Children don't get the severe disease or get very sick with Covid," he added.



The Centre too has asked to prioritise vaccination of teachers. Union minister of health has asked states to vaccinate school teachers on priority. We have requested all the states to try to vaccinate all school teachers on priority before Teachers' Day, which is celebrated on

September 5th," said minister of health and family welfare Mansukh Mandaviya  
Currently, vaccines are not available for school going students, as they fall under the age bracket of 18, and India has not started vaccinating the younger population

## You ask,

## We answer

Are you facing issues related to your academics, mental health, etc? Do you want to share your problems, but shy to reveal it with your near ones? Never mind, our expert, CBSE helpline counsellor, JAYDEB KAR will answer queries from students, parents, and educators. Your identity will be strictly protected...

I have a very difficult time during my studies. There is a lot of pending work for me to do and the workload seems unbearable! I get stressed... Please help

Large amounts of pending work can be executed, if you start breaking it down into smaller segments and start working on it immediately. Prioritise your work on a regular basis, which is important and urgent. Never procrastinate your work and start culturing this habit.

I am fed up with my home scenario, since I came in class X. Everyone around me, just wants me to study all the time. I am good in academics and scored good marks, but everyone in the



family just talk of Board exams.

Always understand, your parents are your well-wishers. Fix time for studies and recreation. Convince your parents, I hope they will understand that relaxing your mind is equally important during this time. Stick to your routine so that you keep the worth of your words; it will help in avoiding any kind of misunderstanding between you and your parents.

## IN OTHER NEWS

### TALIBAN DIRECTS AFGHAN WOMEN TO WORK FROM HOME

Admitting that women are not safe in the present Taliban regime, the outfit directed Afghan women to work from home. Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said at a news conference that women should not go to work for their own safety, undermining the group's efforts to convince international observers that the group would be more tolerant towards women than when they were last in power. As per Mujahid, the measure was necessary because the Taliban "keep changing and are not trained." When last in power between 1996 and 2001 the militant group banned women from the workplace, stopped them from leaving the home unaccompanied and forced them to cover their entire bodies.

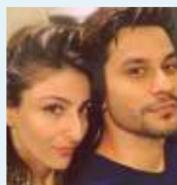


### YouTube removes 1 mn videos for dangerous Covid misinformation

Google-owned YouTube has removed 1 million videos related to dangerous Covid-19 misinformation, like false cures or claims of a hoax, since February 2020. "Misinformation has moved from the marginal to the mainstream. No longer contained to the sealed-off worlds of Holocaust deniers or 9-11 trutheers, it now stretches into every facet of society, sometimes tearing through communities with blistering speed," YouTube said.

### Soha Ali Khan, Kunal Khemu to co-author children book series

Penguin Random House India (PRHI) has announced the acquisition of a series of picture books from actor-couple Soha Ali Khan and Kunal Khemu. The series, consisting of three picture books, is tentatively titled 'Inni and Bobo'. The first book of the series will be released next year, they said. A story about a little child finding friendship and the beauty of adopting dogs, the 'Inni and Bobo' series would help young readers learn about empathy along with some other "imperative life lessons" and more.



## FACEBOOK PLANS TO FORM AN ELECTION COMMISSION

Facebook has approached academics and policy experts about forming a commission to advise it on global election-related matters, said five people with knowledge of the discussions, a move that would allow the social network to shift some of its political decision-making to an advisory body...

The proposed commission could decide on matters such as the viability of political ads and what to do about election-related misinformation, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the discussions were confidential  
It is expected to



announce the commission this September, though the effort is preliminary and could still fall apart  
Outsourcing election matters to a panel of experts could help Facebook sidestep criticism of bias by political groups, two of the people said

There are several elections in the coming year in countries such as Hungary, Germany, Brazil and the Philippines, where Facebook's actions will be closely scrutinised. Voter fraud misinformation has already begun spreading ahead of German elections in September. In the Philippines, Facebook has removed networks of fake accounts that support President Rodrigo Duterte, who used the social network to gain power in 2016

## Brazil has a lake named Coca Cola!

Yes, you read that right! There is a lake in Brazil, named Coca Cola Lake, where you can swim in a lake full of Coca Cola - like water! According to reports, this lake is known to have minerals in soil and water that is beneficial for health. In fact, the official Brazil Tourism website also states that the Coca-Cola lake has rejuvenating properties despite its unusual colour. The lake's natural water body is safe for bathing, swimming, or boating, and the locals strongly vouch for the healing powers of the lake.

The lake is actually called Araraquara, but it soon became popular by the name of Coca-Cola because of its colour being similar to the beverage. Located in Mata da Estrela, a great Atlantic rainforest reserve, the lake is neither carbonated nor polluted. The lake gets its colour due to the high concentration of iodine, iron, and pigment from the reeds near the shore

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As things get back to normal, youngsters seek adventure and want to travel to offbeat, unknown destinations. PLUS: Latest travel buzzwords for you

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The new skin elixir is a cup of coffee – not to drink but to put on your face!

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August 29 is National Sports Day. Here's why we celebrate it

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The most sustainable fashion piece is the one you own. Here are celebs who have made repeating clothes cool

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Eat right to save the planet – little changes you can do to make your diet more eco-friendly. PLUS: Be a sustainable pet parent

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## BE PARTNERS IN CHANGING LIVES

**D**arshan Education Foundation was founded with the intention of bringing about love, unity and peace and has established a chain of 24 schools in India and abroad. The Foundation provides holistic education and is the pioneer in blending school education with a spiritual curriculum in order to help every student reach his/her highest intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual potential.

At Darshan Academy students learn not only to excel in academics and physical activities, showcase their skills at numerous national and international forums but also to be well rounded citizens of tomorrow with the highest ethical and moral values. We start our



day with ten minutes of meditation using simple techniques. Education imparted in our school takes on a new meaning where knowledge leads to wisdom and right thought gives our students a tool to succeed in all spheres of life

as envisioned by the founder chairman H H Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj.

Our school has always been pioneering in undertaking service to society projects since its inception. Until last year, a voluntary com-

munity service project was initiated 'Padhenge toh badhenge' wherein needy children of slum areas in the vicinity and children from disadvantaged groups from different localities were taught offline and now online on daily basis by volunteers of the school and the society running the school.

This year, following the school motto, 'Be good, do good, be one', we made efforts to get/procure smart phones from some societies, NGOs and parents so that needy children can continue to study and get quality education without additional burden on their parents. Our firm belief in the doctrine that we belong to the Almighty's family made us arrange brand new mobile phones within a span of a month or two to extend a helping hand to the needy deserving children. It was a delight to witness where our zealous commitment to hand over mobile phones to all those students who were not able to attend online classes to continue their education with the new device in their hand. B S Aggarwal, deputy director of education was the chief guest on the occasion.

## Developing sense of cultural integration

**I**n an effort to develop sense of cultural integration, collaborative activities were organised between the students of DAV R K Puram and KRM Public School, Chennai. The topics were traditional games, cuisines and historical monuments of Delhi and Tamil Nadu. Students learnt about themselves and their culture as a first step to comprehend cultural complexity. More



importantly, learning about a new culture cultivated an enthusiasm for understanding and appreciating diverse ways of living, facilitating positive regard and sharing an implicit message: Our differences are valuable and honourable.

It was a great learning experience for all. The students of both the schools participated with great enthusiasm and zeal.

## Yoga: A lifestyle of health and positivity

**7**th International Day of Yoga was celebrated virtually by the students and teachers of Inspire School, Paschim Vihar with great zeal and enthusiasm. Warm up exercises were taken along with sitting and standing asanas. Importance of these asanas was explained simultaneously by the yoga instructor. Inspirians were motivated to practice regular yoga to remain fit and improve concentration.

Asanas like Vajrasana, Pada Hastasana, Ardhha Matsyendrasana, Bhujangasana,



Paschimottasana were practiced. Young Inspirians motivated their parents to be a part of this yoga drive.

## Chunauti milestone challenge 2021

**A**peejay school, Saket hosted an inter school competition 'Chunauti 2021'. Five students from classes VII-VIII participated in the competition: Milestone Challenge.

The event was based on global challenges such as agriculture,

poverty, educating women, plastic, pollution etc. Participants were required to make a video for a duration of 1 minute and 55 seconds as a team, briefly explaining about any one global challenge that we face today.

The screening of the videos was conducted on August 7 on

Zoom. The Online Valedictory ceremony took place on August 8. This event provided a unique opportunity to both teachers and students to interact and exchange ideas. Out of a total of 24 schools in the competition, Mount Saint Mary's school bagged the first position.

## Developing good citizenship in DPSGPV

**A** cultural program was held featuring a medley of patriotic songs and a fusion dance recently at DPSG Palam Vihar. This was followed with the gifting of furniture to the principals of government schools in the immediate neighbourhood of Gurgaon.

Chandrakant representing the DPSG society,

handed over token pieces of furniture to Dhanvanti, science officer of the DEO Gurgaon, principal GGSS Sarai Ahlawadaadi and Narendra Dua, principal GGSS, Arjun Nagar.



Thereafter National Flag being hoisted by Brigadier Sukhbir Singh, member of the working committee PVRA. He was accompanied by the President of the PVRA Rajan Sagar, who is also an alumnus of the school.

Next, the football teams were led to the field and the kick-off of the friendly match was done by Rajan Sagar alumnus of the batch 1996.

The match was thrilling with the senior alumnus (2005) team scoring a decisive 4-1 win over the 2015 alumnus team.

## Quiz time at Ramjas School

**R**amjas School, Pusa Road, successfully conducted an online inter-class quiz competition: Quiz Time 2021. The quiz was organised on MS-Teams platform and consisted of five teams, one from each section of class XII.

The quiz comprised of six interesting mind boggling rounds consisting of questions related to various aspects. These included a vocabulary based round, a visual round with questions based on India, an audio - visual round on the entertainment industry, a logical reasoning

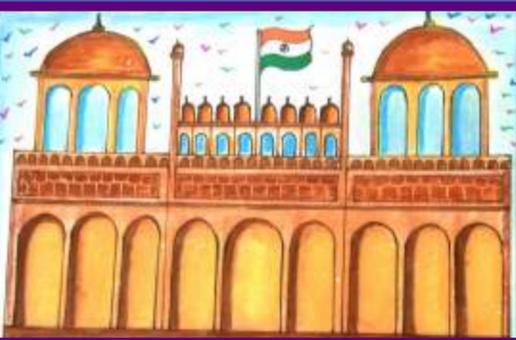
and the rapid fire round. Class XII Sc (A) bagged first position and class XII Sc (B) was declared as the first runner-up.

Principal Surabhi Dua congratulated the winners



and lauded the efforts of the participants. The event was a great success and enjoyed thoroughly by the students and the teachers alike.

## Student Corner



ARNAV SINGH, class VI A, Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School

PRATISTHA PARASHAR, class VI A, Vivek summit school

RIDDHI, class VIII, Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School



## FRANTIC WITH ANTICS!

**A**ll thanks to Covid-19, the very identity of a teacher is suffering a major existential crisis wherein he or she is struggling for basic validations like, "Am I visible?" or "Am I audible?" This is itself an antic of the given scenario! Apart from this, the students are indeed having a ball of a time where their presence in the class is at their disposal. I still remember, as students, how we attended some boring classes and yet pretended to be attentive and interested. Not only so, as a teacher I also remember those pitiful faces of students, when the mental self was miles away from the physical self, yet how hard they struggled to respect the fact, "the teacher is still in the class". But see how times have changed! Students 'join and leave', attend classes of their own accord. They can simply sneak out of the class any moment - when they are asked a question or when they face a tight corner or just when they have had "enough of



us" is convenient, isn't it? Later on, they come up with reasons like, poor connectivity, powercut (in the entire area at times!), device crashed, system update etc. What are these if not antics? Moreover, what can teachers like me do but be frustrated and wonder "Why all these catastrophes never happen in my area, at my place or even

### CLASSROOM ANTICS



with my device?" It also makes me reflect on am I a product of my time or just my job? Riya Khetan, teacher, Birla High School, Kolkata



## Independence Day and Investiture Ceremony at Mata Jai Kaur

**M**ata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar celebrated the 75th Independence Day festivities along with Investiture Ceremony on August 13 on a virtual platform. The occasion was graced by the presence of distinguished guest of honour Major Charanjit Singh, our alumnus, Justice G S Sistani, the school's chairman S Surjit Singh, Vice Chairperson Rasna Singh, and many other notable dignitaries.

The event saw the release of the school's annual e-magazine Sterling and the launch of the school's new website. The live streaming of the cultural program with the theme 'Viraasat-e-Hind: Ek sunehre kal ki bunyaad' aimed at upholding the legacy for a meaningful tomorrow. Investiture Cer-

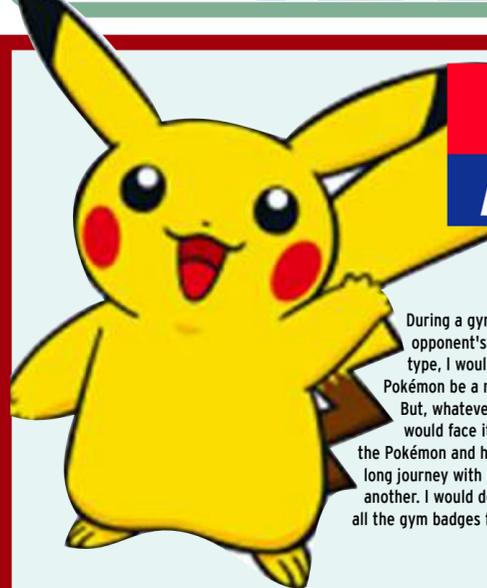


emony was also held to confer the titles to the newly inducted students' council. The school principal Rashmi Mehta administered the oath of allegiance to the newly appointed prefectorial board spearheaded by Tejarsh Singh and

Soasmi Kohli.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks delivered by Anuradha Babbar, the head mistress and singing of the National Anthem that filled every heart with patriotic fervour.

## IF I WERE A POKÉMON



**I**f I were a Pokémon, I would like to be a Pikachu - an electric-type Pokémon. I would be the best and truthful companion of my trainer. During a gym battle, I would always try my best to beat the opponent's Pokémon. If my opponent's Pokémon is a water type, I would have an advantage but, if my opponent's Pokémon be a rock or ground type, I would have a disadvantage. But, whatever would have come in my and my trainer's way, we would face it with courage and truthfulness. I would defeat all the Pokémon and help my trainer achieve his dream. I would go on a long journey with my trainer, from one region to another. I would defeat all the gym leaders and get all the gym badges for my trainer.

Akash Mishra, Class VI, Vivekananda Mission School, Kolkata

