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Spotlight



T20 WORLD CUP

Mahi back as India's mentor



The BCCI, on Wednesday, pulled off the biggest surprise of the season by convincing a reticent Mahendra Singh Dhoni to become the national team's mentor for the T20 World Cup, while bringing back senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin from his white-ball wilderness.

INDIA WILL OPEN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAKISTAN ON OCTOBER 24

WHY DHONI WAS ASKED...

Being the only Indian captain to win all three ICC white ball trophies, the 40-year-old astute leader knows how to pull off big games, and with only six weeks left in head coach Ravi Shastri's tenure, it is understood that Dhoni's suggestions will have a great bearing on how the head coach and captain select their playing XI in the UAE



12-yr-old's 'Action for Nature' wins him an award

A 12-year-old environmental activist from Mumbai has been named as a 2021 International Young Eco-Hero in recognition of his efforts to solve tough environmental problems. **Ayaan Shankta** won the third place in the 8-14 age category for his project **Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake**.

He is one of the 25 young environmental activists from across the globe honoured by the Action For Nature (AFN) as a 2021 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognises eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16, taking crucial steps to solve environmental issues

“My mission is for the Powai Lake to regain its past glory as a clean and vibrant body of water. Moreover, cleaning the lake will not only help in bringing about an ecological balance in the thickly-populated city of Mumbai, it will also help to conserve endangered species **Ayaan Shankta**”

WHAT'S HIS MISSION?

His project aims to raise awareness about pollution, clean-up of the lake, and protecting its ecosystem. In addition to working with NGOs to raise awareness and organise clean-ups, Ayaan authored an action report on the lake's condition, and is currently working on a documentary about the Powai Lake

Eco-warrior

NDA cadets will welcome women to their rank soon

The Armed Forces have decided to induct women cadets into the Pune-based National Defence Academy (NDA), the Centre informed the Supreme Court on Wednesday. A decision has been taken at the highest level of the Armed Forces, as also the government, that females will be inducted for the permanent commission through the NDA.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

MEANWHILE, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM WELCOMES FIRST BATCH OF GIRL CADETS: For the first time in history, after the foundation of the only Sainik School in the state since 1962, the first batch of girl cadets took admission in Sainik School, Kazhakoottam (SSKZM), clearing All India Sainik School Entrance Examination (AISSEE 2021) for the academic year 2020-21. This year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 75th Independence Day speech announced that all the 33 Sainik schools will ensure admission of girl cadets from the current academic year. As per this, 10 per cent of the total seats of each year's admission will be reserved for girls in every Sainik school in the country.

The Centre and the services' decision is a welcome change in attitude towards women in the Armed Forces, who have long been at the receiving end of patriarchal mores. Several untenable reasons have been touted for years to deny women parity in the forces – from protecting women's honour and lack of gender sensitivity among male soldiers to needing to lower standards for women officers. All of this is hogwash. Women in the forces have repeatedly proved themselves to be equally capable as their male colleagues when given same opportunities. Plus, a woman officer or cadet is fully aware of the risks involved in her profession. Only a patriarchal mindset feels the need to shield her.

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Meet the oldest known living animal on Earth



No, it's not a human being. It's a giant tortoise born circa 1832, five years before England's Queen Victoria's coronation. Named Jonathan – the tortoise, which currently resides on Saint Helena Island, a British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic Ocean – is 189 years old. Born in Seychelles, an island in the Indian Ocean, it was brought back in 1882 when he was 50-years-old. He was given the name Jonathan in the 1930s by the then Saint Helena Governor, Sir Spencer Davis.

His age was estimated on the basis of authorities saying that he was brought to his current residence when he was "fully mature", which is 50 years for tortoises. Hence, Jonathan was not born later than 1832, claim experts

FOR THE RECORD

Jonathan is also featured in the Guinness Book of World Records, as the giant tortoise is even older than Paris' famous Eiffel Tower, which was completed in 1887

Teenage rush at the US Open

Two teenagers defied age and rankings to reach the semi-finals of the US Open women's singles, opening a window into an exciting future for the sport...



1 Leylah Fernandez (in pic) of Canada outplayed fifth seed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(5) in a high-quality quarter final on Tuesday, a day after she turned 19, extending a dream run that includes wins over four-time major champion Naomi Osaka in the third round, and three-time Grand Slam winner Angelique Kerber in the fourth. She thus became the youngest US Open semi-finalist since Maria Sharapova in 2005. That record, though, was broken less than 24 hours later.

2 Emma Raducanu of Britain beat Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Belina Bencic 6-3, 6-4 to become the first qualifier to reach the semi-finals of the US Open, at the tender age of 18. She is only the third player ranked outside 100 to reach the last four.

TWITTER LAUNCHES COMMUNITIES, AN ALTERNATIVE TO FB GROUPS

Micro-blogging site Twitter has announced a new feature "Communities" as an alternative to Facebook's popular "Groups", where people can share discussions on a specific topic. Twitter Community will have its own moderators who are able to set rules and invite or remove people. Twitter invited a handful of users to create the first Communities and will let anyone apply to create their own on its website.

"Communities are created and self-moderated by people on Twitter maybe even you! For instance, if you are passionate about birds of the Southern Hemisphere or soup, you could start a Community for that in the future," the company said in a tweet

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Your Weekender

DPSG felicitates 37 teachers for remarkable work

Delhi Public School, Ghaziabad Vasundhara celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5 with great gusto and glamour to appreciate teachers' role in the lives of students who are the leaders of tomorrow.

Niharika Pathak, a renowned social entrepreneur and a prime member of DPSG Society was the chief guest for the occasion and Om Pathak, the chairman of DPSG Society. Among other luminaries present were Anshul Pathak, vice chairman and treasurer, DPSG Society, Rohit Pathak, chairman DPSG Vasundhara and director HR, DPSG Society, Air

vice marshal (retd) L N Sharma, Dr Shabda Birfani Bedi, director Education Research and Development, DPSG Society and the principals of all DPSG schools.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by chief guest Niharika Pathak accompanied by other distinguished personages and the

school's principal. Trilok Singh Bist, the principal of the school, greeted all the guests. In his address, he said, "The teachers are the true pillars of a nation. It is a teacher alone who transforms ordinary citizens into valuable assets. The honour of a teacher is the honour of a torch-bearer of tradition, culture and wisdom."

The programme unfolded with a dance performance invoking the blessings of the Almighty. This was followed by the felicitation of 37 teachers of DPSG Society. The event interspersed with a comic act, and Indo-western dance performances spiced up the celebration.

In his address, Om Pathak, The Chairman DPSG Society, complimented and congratulated the teachers who received awards on completing their 15 years with DPSG Society and appreciated the principals for navigating the schools to greater heights. In addition, he applauded the teachers who walked the extra mile while preparing curriculum design 2020.

The head boy presented the vote of thanks, and the programme concluded with singing the National Anthem in unison by all present.



Teaching: A supreme art to awaken the joy of knowledge

Parents are the first teachers and teachers are the second parents who shape the future of the children. A teacher's selfless efforts in shaping the future of the nation are acknowledged at ASN Int'l School, Mayur Vihar phase 1, with great zeal and zest on September 4.

The students surprised the facilitators with a great show dedicated to them and felicitated them with a token of love and appreciation in their own unique ways. The whole event was meticulously planned. The colossal efforts of ASNites, in admiring their gurus, brought a smile to the teachers' faces and raised the excitement for the program. All the teachers cheered and motivated their colleagues with broad smiles and



beautiful messages. The school Headmistress, Shivani Khanna, mentioned many different aspects regarding the significance of Teacher's Day and urged the teachers to keep honing their skills in all possible spheres, as always.

Ryan hosts annual fest with zeal

Ryan International School, Mayur Vihar successfully hosted its fourth ATL and second annual ATL IT fest 'Imagine PY V2.1' under the mentorship of chairman, Dr A F Pinto, managing director, Dr Grace Pinto and CEO, Ryan Pinto.

The fest commenced on August 12, wherein more than 100 schools participated. It had 12 events, but 'Crypt.py', 'Smart-o-thon' and 'El juego' captured the audience attention and were



the most sought after events.

The official opening ceremony of the fest took place on September 1 when principal Sheetal Labru declared it open. For the opening ceremony, many eminent people from the IT sector were invited as guests.

The events conducted LIVE online via zoom platform were: 'Bombshell', 'Tech Meetup', 'Smart-athon', 'Crypt.py' and 'Coderelay'.

The closing ceremony took place on September 6 which was streamed live on YouTube.

Hillwoods celebrate English Week

Hillwoods Academy, Delhi celebrated 'English week 2021' from August 16 to August 21. The students participated in plethora of literary activities exhibiting their creative excellence. In addition, various online and offline activities were planned by the English teachers to enhance the students' linguistic skills.

The students showcased their talent and presentation skills through live performances on virtual platforms. Lit-

erary activities like monologue competition, role play, story narration, debate competitions were organised to enhance oratory, dramatics, and literary skills. Students of class XI and XII participated in a turncoat debate competition which boosted their public speaking skills.

The students of classes VI and VII stunned the audience with their acting performance. In addition, offline activities like writing stories with a

twist, self-composed poems, designing photo frames, and posters on thematic vocabulary helped students showcase their creative ability.



Rashmi Raj Biswal gets Teachers' award

Delhi government conferred State Teachers' award on principal of **DAV Public School**, Pushpanjali Enclave on September 5 for her exceptional contribution to school education. Award was conferred by deputy chief minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia at a glittering award ceremony held at Thyagraj Stadium, the dignitaries present recognised the many roles

awardees. It was a proud moment for DAV Pushpanjali as the award recognises the effort of students, faculty and the most supportive parents. Biswal has surely

carved a niche for herself with her tireless service towards the upliftment of school in all aspects and towards humanity in particular. This recognition has added more impetus and has further glorified the stature of the school. The school thanks Director of Education for giving the opportunity to exhibit the work done, management of the school, entire faculty, students and parents for paving the way for reaching this exceptional excellence.



student Corner



KASHIKA NAGPAL, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura



DRAVYANSH SINGH, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura



KAAVYA LAKHANI, class III, DAV Public School, Sec 14 Faridabad

Even after Independence to serve our nation, Many soldiers fight on borders without hesitation. They remain awake all night so that we can sleep, We never knew when they were happy and when they weep.

I thought, how many of them had fallen through years?

How many died for soil and how many mother's tears? It makes me a little upset to imagine that they give up their lives.

They give up their families, all this for us to survive. I wondered why when a flag-draped coffin, everyone feels so proud, Maybe, that is the reason which makes them stand out in any crowd.

Satvik Sharma, 5A, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad

OUR SOLDIERS, OUR PRIDE

I live in a beautiful country known as 'Sone ki chidiya'. Yes, I am talking about one and only India. I felt so happy when I looked up into the sky. I live in free India and want

to fly. But this freedom was not always there, so many freedom fighters died to bring us here. For all those who don't even give it a thought, Think of all the battles that they had fought.

When one wrong pronunciation made the whole class laugh

This is an incident that happened when I was in class II, but I remember it vividly till today.

We had a story-telling competition where we had to use props and narrate a story. I made full preparations, which included searching for a story, making appropriate props and even practicing to narrate it. My teacher helped with this work. Though I do not remember the story I narrated, I remember that I had made a huge banyan tree as a prop. Of course, the story was related to the banyan tree.

I was prepared for the competition and

I made sure that I carried all the props. I was excited for the competition which was in the last period.

One of my favourite teachers was teaching before the last period. She was very friendly as well as strict. She would usually finish her class before time and play with us.

The time arrived to narrate the story. The teacher asked all the participants to narrate their stories with the props. It was my turn and I wasn't scared but was

very excited. I took my tree, and started narrating the story. Back then I was not in the habit of reading novels. Being poor in English (both reading and pronunciation) I pronounced the word 'Banyan' wrong. Instead of pronouncing it as 'Banyan' I pronounced it as 'Banyaan' (vest). The whole class, including the teacher, started laughing. They laughed for more than five minutes. However, I had no clue on what was happening.



me that I had pronounced the word 'Banyan' wrong.

I was embarrassed about the mistake. I kept in mind to make sure not to make such a mistake in future.

I actually don't remember the result of the competition but decided to share this with all of you so you can have a hearty laugh!

Sathwik H Bhat, class X, MG School for Excellence, Bengaluru

Of treasure hunts and coral homes... life would be fun!

IF I WERE A DOLPHIN

If I were a dolphin, the whole ocean would be my playground. Obviously! I would love going to the surface of the water with my friends for oxygen. After all, we dolphins have lungs not gills. I would jump over the water and dive back deep under water.

I would be on a quest to find sunken ships and antique chests underwater. I would go looking for pearls and gold to toss them up at friendly people on happy boats. Oh what a spectacular sight that would be!

My home would be covered with corals of all kinds, with tiny fish to play around with when I would be bored. They come in varied colours and I would chase them around just for fun.

But I would also need to be alert all the time, because I could be captured and eaten any time. I would have to be especially wary of humans because they capture us dolphins and confine us to zoo

parks and aqua parks where we are forced to perform tricks. More than 300 dolphins get captured every year.

I would have been a topper in ocean school because dolphins are the smartest and the most intelligent aquatic animals. Dolphins have adapted and evolved a lot.

Being a dolphin would be super fun!
Prathmesh Mahesh Kangokar, class V, GJR International School, Bengaluru



KV CRPF observes National Sports Day

National Sports Day was broadcast live through digital platform on YouTube at Kendriya Vidyalaya CRPF Jharoda Kalan recently.

The program started with 'Saraswati vandana' and digital lamp lighting; after that Dr Sunil Kumar principal Kendriya Vidyalaya CRPF Jharoda Kalan welcomed everyone with his speech and expressed his views about the benefits of sports. The chief guest of the pro-



gram, Arjuna Awardee Shri Paramjit Singh Second in Command (CRPF), addressed the students and provided essential information related to sports and

the magician of hockey. Then, master Kavik, a student of class XII Science, shared the experience of physical activities done at home during corona period.