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**STUDENT EDITION**

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## CBSE CLASS X RESULTS...YET AGAIN,

# GIRLS SCORE POINTS OFF BOYS

Girls outshone boys by a slender margin of 0.35 per cent, while 99.04 per cent students passed the class X exams, the results of which were declared by the CBSE on Tuesday...



**1** According to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) data, 57,824 students have scored above 95 per cent marks, while 2,00,962 candidates have scored between 90 and 95 per cent.

**2** As stated earlier, while 20 marks for each subject were for internal assessment as every year, 80 marks were calculated

on the basis of the students' performance in various tests or exams throughout the year.

**3** CBSE has decided to issue a combined mark sheet-cum-certificate for over 21.5 lakh students this year. Usually, the marks sheet and certificates are two separate documents. This year, the merit list was also not released.

**Twitter permanently scraps Fleets – its short-lived disappearing story feature**

**TECHAWAY**



Twitter has pulled the plug on Fleets, its Snapchat-like ephemeral stories, which has turned out to be one of the most-copied features across social media platforms. This is possibly the shortest duration for a Twitter feature to exist on the app. Twitter started testing Fleets last year in March and made it widely available later in November.

The idea behind launching Fleets, according to Twitter, was for people, who felt anxious tweeting and ephemeral stories could be a way for them to still talk on the micro-blogging site. It looks like people are still anxious, as Twitter hasn't seen an increase in the number of new people using Fleets.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

Twitter found that people like "quickly sharing photos and videos" on Fleets, so it plans on adding some features to the tweet composer and camera. These features include the full-screen camera, text formatting and GIF stickers. Twitter will start testing these updates soon. Fleets will no longer be seen on top of the Twitter timeline

## Natasha Peri, an 11-year-old Indian-American girl, declared one of the brightest students in world

Natasha Peri, an 11-year-old Indian-American girl has been judged as one of the brightest students in the world by a top US university for her exceptional performance in the SAT and ACT standardised tests.

Both the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) are standardised tests that many colleges use to determine whether to accept a student for admission. In some cases, companies and non-profits also use these scores to award merit-based scholarships. All colleges require students to take either the SAT or the ACT and submit their scores to their prospective universities

**YOUNG ACHIEVER**



► Peri, a student at Thelma L Sandmeier Elementary School in New Jersey, has been honoured for her exceptional performance on the SAT, ACT, or similar assessment taken as part of the Johns Hopkins - Centre for Talented Youth (CTY) Search  
► She was one of nearly 19,000 students from 84 countries who joined CTY in the 2020-21 Talent Search year. CTY uses above-grade-level testing to identify advanced students from around the world and provide a clear picture of their true academic abilities



## A BIOPIC ON MIRABAI CHANU'S LIFE IN THE WORKS; IT WILL BE IN MANIPURI

**MOVIES**



A Manipuri film, based on the life of Olympic medalist Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, is all set to be produced. An agreement in this regard was signed recently between Chanu's side and Imphal-based Seuti Films Production at her residence in Nongpok Kakching village in Imphal East district. The film will also be dubbed into English and various Indian languages.

## Rare back-to-back flybys of Venus will happen next week

Two spacecraft will fly past either side of Venus next week in the span of just 33 hours. The rare double flyby gives researchers an opportunity to observe the planet from multiple vantage points at nearly the same time. The two vehicles are the Solar Orbiter and the BepiColombo Mercury mission.



The two spacecraft will fly by Venus on August 9 and 10, respectively, with the Solar Orbiter passing from a distance of about 5,000 miles and BepiColombo practically grazing the planet at just 350 miles away

# THE STORY OF VICTORY BOUQUETS AWARDED TO MEDALISTS

Did you know the bouquets received by the medalists at the Tokyo Olympics have a deep and meaningful story behind it? We unravel it for you...

**1** The flowers in the victory bouquet are believed to have been grown in three districts of north-east Japan, which were wrecked by the Tohoku earthquake, the tsunami of 2011 and the Fukushima nuclear plant disaster

**2** Interestingly, each flower in the bouquet too has a deeper meaning. The sunflowers are said to have been grown in the Miyagi prefecture, where parents who lost their children to the tsunami, planted sunflowers in



This year, for the first time, Olympic medals have been made by recycling old electronic gadgets, which are being given to the winners. The gadgets were donated by the residents of Japan. They donated about 62 lakh old mobile phones for making medals. A total of 32 kg of gold was also deposited to make gold medals.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

their memory. The kids are believed to have sought shelter from the tsunami at the spots where the flowers now grow.

**3** The other flowers, such as the eustomas and Solomon's seals – the white and purple flowers in the bouquet – were grown in the Fukushima prefecture to revive the still-reeling local economy.

**4** The blue flowers match the Tokyo Olympics 2020 logo.

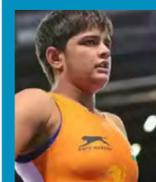
**5** The Olympic bouquets also have a plush Miraitowa (the Olympic mascot) in gold, silver or bronze.

**6** The small blue flowers in the victory bouquets, called gentians, were grown in Iwate, which was struck by the disaster of 2011.

**Around 5,000 bouquets are being handed out to Olympics and Paralympics athletes**

## INDIA @ TOKYO

Men's hockey team lost to Belgium in the semi finals. They will now fight for Bronze



Sonam Malik bows out of women's 62kg freestyle wrestling after losing to Mongolia's Bolortuya Khurelkhuu



**TOKYO TALES**

