



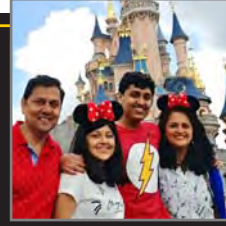
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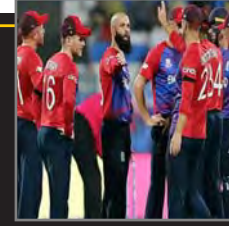
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## SKILLS ASSESSMENT: A NEW CHAPTER FOR KIDS

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) will conduct a National Assessment Survey (NAS) in government and private schools soon to check children's learning skills. The survey, which will cover lakhs of children in more than 700 districts, is aimed at finding out the learning skills of children and what changes are required in curriculum post-Covid-19 pandemic. The subjects on which learning capability will be assessed are Maths, EVS, Science, among others...



**1** Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan had earlier announced that a survey to assess children's learning skills is likely to be held in November this year

**2** For children of classes III, V, VIII and X, the NCERT conducts National Sample Survey (NSS) to make the assessment

**3** Earlier, the NSS was conducted on November 13,

2017 covering over 22 lakh students of classes III, V and VI

**4** On February 5, 2018, the NSS was conducted for class X

**5** The NCERT is also providing counselling to

address the mental health concerns of the students in the schools, which are reopening after Covid-19

**6** The experts and officials of the NCERT will connect with the students

online and help them to deal with their mental and social concerns

**7** Through various online channels, NCERT experts will interact with students of classes VI to XI

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The real danger comes not from killer robots but from people—because people still have a monopoly on evil. There is simply no evidence that machines are threatening us. The true threat comes from 'the dictatorial, totalitarian countries and the terrorists who will use this technology to harm us. You should treat computers like it's another human creation. It is not a magic wand, but it is not a terminator. You don't expect this to bring you to heaven, but it is not going to open the gates of hell. Machines made us stronger, faster and intelligent machines will make us smarter if we know how to use it  
**Garry Kasparov, chess grandmaster, allaying fears that AI is a threat to humanity**

## Indian-origin teen wins Children's Climate Prize 2021

For the third consecutive year, Indian teenagers are shining and showing their 'green thumbs up', as they work towards achieving a cleaner environment and earning the coveted Children's Climate Prize. This year too, the winner of 2021's Children's Climate Prize is an Indian-origin teen **Reshma Kosaraju**, a 15-year-old from Saratago, US. Reshma's project, AI against forest fires, uses AI technology to predict forest fires.



I'm happy and my hope is that this win will lead to more people hearing about AI against forest fires, and that it will become a universally accessible tool for predicting forest fires  
**RESHMA KOSARAJU**

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**THE PROJECT:** Reshma's project can predict forest fires with almost 90% accuracy. Reshma uses open data, such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, soil moisture and human behaviour with the help of AI to calculate where and when the probability of a forest fire occurring is greatest. Reshma hopes the Children's Climate Prize will draw attention to her project, so that more people can become aware of the AI model's existence

## Wang Yaping becomes first Chinese woman to walk in space

**HONOUR**

Wang Yaping has become the first Chinese female astronaut to conduct spacewalk outside the Tianhe space station module, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA). Yaping along with Zhai Zhigang, and Ye Guangfu, which form the Shenzhou 13 crew, had launched to the Chinese space station on October 15 to kick off a six-month expedition to the orbital lab.

The spacewalk marks the first of the Shenzhou-13 mission, and the third of its kind during the country's space station building period, the CMSA said.



## Unveiled: A new search button by Twitter

Twitter has rolled out a new search button on some accounts that allows users to more easily



Twitter users have always been able to search their own or other users' tweets, using the format 'from:[handle] [search term]' in the regular Twitter search bar

scan through a specific person's past tweets. The button, located in the top right corner next to the 3-dot (or hamburger) menu, had started appearing for a small number of users in October. It is now rolling out more widely on the iOS Twitter app, XDA Developers reported.

This new button simplifies the process, providing a search field where you can enter the terms you're looking for and find a post, response or even an article more quickly

## US lifts pandemic travel ban, opens doors to visitors

The US has lifted restrictions on travel from a long list of countries including Mexico, Canada and most of Europe, allowing tourists to make long-delayed trips and family members to reconnect with the loved ones after more than a year and a half apart because of the pandemic.

**TRAVEL**

Starting Monday, the US accepted fully vaccinated travellers at the airports and land borders, doing away with a Covid-19 restriction that dates back to the Trump administration. The new rules allow air travel from previously restricted countries as long as the traveller has proof of vaccination and a negative Covid-19 test. Land travel from Mexico and Canada will require proof of vaccination but no test



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## Get Up, Get Fit, Get Moving

**D**iamond Jubilee High School for Girls, Mumbai (DJG) has recently ranked in the top 10 Best Girls School in Mumbai and also the best State Board School in Greater Mumbai from over 2500 schools, students of DJG focused on demonstrating their prowess on the sports field during the week-long Virtual Sports Meet between 29th August and 3rd September 2021.

The consequences of COVID-19 on sport and active living were disastrous. Considering all of this, DJG, managed by Aga Khan Education Service, India (AKESI), which ranks amongst the country's most respected education and early childhood education brands, held a week-long celebration to encourage its students to be fit and healthy.

This was done on National Sports Day, which is the birth anniversary of Major Dhyani Chand, widely regarded as the greatest hockey player of all time.

To commemorate and celebrate this special day, students were engaged in fitness activities, including indoor and outdoor games, while adhering to the COVID-19 social distancing and safety protocols.

The idea of a Virtual Sports Meet was conceived by the teachers, and realistic games were devised to engage students. Each class was assigned fun, age-appropriate games that could be played over a suitable online platform. Students were provided with informative videos for each event.

The students then chose their events and registered themselves online. Next, the teachers scheduled and facilitated online sessions for classes 1 to 10 during the Sports Meet.

The virtual activities included yoga, a sports quiz, an online chess competition and a discussion on careers in sport. The students also participated in their favourite physical activities with their families, such as skipping, skating, gymming, cycling, and freehand exercises. The students created posters to raise awareness.



This also resulted in families spending quality time together.

Mrs. Shahana Khan (a parent), stated, "While our kids celebrated National Sports Day virtually, we (parents) were also equally involved in fun exercises like skipping and jogging. I was overjoyed that the school taught children the value of sports and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle."

Saifa Shaikh from Class 9 student added, "We all had a good time participating in various activities, such as poster-making, cycling, rope-skipping, running, and playing sports, and in sharing our experiences. We had the opportunity to spend quality time with our families in a fun and engaging way, while also contributing to our mental and physical health."

Dr. Mohd Iqbal Shaikh, a former athlete and Western India's boxing gold medalist in 1984, was very appreciative saying, "My daughter, Saifa, participated in the virtual activities for her school, and as much fun as it was to engage in various activities with my daughter, I also found it very helpful for her in terms of physical health and interaction. As someone who has spent the majority of my life dedicated to sports such as boxing, volleyball, and various martial arts, I find it heartening to learn that the importance of sports is being promoted in the lives of children in school, even while in distance learning mode."

## Young Pico Pride

The students of Primary section of N.L Dalmia High School unleashed their creativity by participating in Young Pico Pride, ICT Competition to express their ideas, expand their imagination, skills and explore the digital platform to their best creativity.

The competition inspired the young learners to create their Masterpiece in Comix strip. The students created their own Interactive Stories and Games with Animation.

The students enjoyed utilizing the technology tools, informative tools, constructive tools, and communicative tools.



## BUDDING CYCLING TALENT

**S**avion Babu, grade 8, student of Euro School North Campus- Yelahanka, has once again brought laurels to the school by winning the silver medal in the National MTB Cycling Championship. The championship was organised at Pune on 30 and 31st October, where Savion represented Karnataka State. He stood second among 40 participants who cycled for 10 km to win this race.

Savion Babu won the silver medal by grabbing 5th place at the National MTB Cycling Championship held recently. After winning multiple events under the International Time Trial followed by the under-14 category, Savion got qualified for the upcoming National Championship held in Pune on 30th and 31st October, where he represented the Karnataka State.

Elated on receiving the silver medal, Savion, said, "The pressure to perform well at the national championship was there. I practised hard to win this championship. I am grateful for all the support I received from my coach, parents and my school. Without their encouragement, it was not that easy for me to bring this medal home."

Delighted with Savion's achievement, Vandana Gupta, principal EuroSchool, North Campus- Yelahanka, said, "We are delighted to announce that our student Savion Babu has made all of us proud through his achievement. I am sure he will be an inspiration to other students who will follow in his footsteps. Students like Savion are a manifestation of our mission at EuroSchool - we nurture our children and help them discover their true passion."



State MTB Cycling Championship is organised by the Cycling Federation of India (CFI), an organization that is a pioneer in the promotion of cycling sports in India affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) and Union Cycliste International (UCI). This is the sole body recognised by the Ministry of youth affairs and sports, Govt. of India for the promotion of the sport of cycling in India.

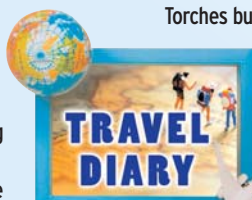
## Parisian roller-coasters

**M**y family and I visited Disneyland Paris about two summers ago. It was so exciting! We had reached the hotel late in the evening, but I was up at the crack of dawn. I was so raring to go that I got everyone to reach before the park even opened. We started off on the 'Hyperspace mountain' ride. Well, it was just a start for my brother and I, while my parents decided to call it a day after just the first roller-coaster. They went to the parade and we made our way to 'Big Thunder Mountain'. This roller-coaster was based in the 'Old West' theme, complete with cacti and canyons. At this point my brother and I decided to check on my parents. We found them at a café, eating candy floss and cheese fries. We



Maitreyee with her parents and brother at Paris, Disneyland

left them there to go on the 'Indiana Jones: Temple of Peril'. It was exactly like it sounded. Torches burnt with fire as we beheld half-broken tracks.



And then came the best part. The 'Tower of

Terror'. My brother joined me as my parents explored more food stalls. I tried, but they absolutely refused to get on another rollercoaster. So the two of us waited in line for over two hours, where we met some very nice teenagers and chatted away till it was time. The ride was unlike anything I have ever

experienced. They started by leading us through a dusty, cobwebbed corridor. We then made our way to the elevator, the actual ride. We sat in seats, buckled in our seatbelts and held on to our bags (a helpful tip from the teens!). And then we fell. Imagine being trapped in an elevator and then just falling. The elevator lurches to a stop. This continued and at one point, we got the top (and most breath-taking) view of Disneyland. The ride ended immediately after.

My brother and I now got back to our parents, and we ended the day with the 'It's a small world' boat ride. I tossed my coin in the well, I wished for the day to never end! I'll always cherish these memories and look forward to the day we return.

**MAITREYEE GANGAL**, class IX, Vidya Valley, Pune

## Climate change: Greatest threat in history

**C**limate change is not a disaster in waiting, unfortunately it's a phenomenon already alive and kicking. The point of no return has already been crossed and if the global population can mindfully react to this situation, it could buy us more time to sustain mankind, rather than accelerate the freefall to Armageddon.

Increased greenhouse emissions have resulted in global warming thereby precipitating in increased sea levels, unseasonal cyclones, storms and weather disruption.

**FOR** We are knee deep into this problem, the only way forward is up. All countries need to commit to the clauses in UN Climate Change policy & Paris accord to start with. Cutting down on pollutants from fossil fuels, air pollution from vehicles and switching to natural renewable sources could be a way forward.



Every individual must do his bit to alienate this problem by saving energy at home, vehicle pooling, focusing more on recycling and reuse and preserving nature

**ISHIKA RAHUL**, class IX, Pawar Public School - Amanora, Pune



similar pattern; that being humans are at the core of these problems. We cause our own doom. Climate change could've been prevented - or at least accelerated slower - if we hadn't been so reckless.

**ISHA KULKARNI**, class IX, Vidya Valley School, Pune

**AGAINST**

**DEBATE**

## Is Cinderella a tale for the 21st century?

**A**ll of us have grown up reading the story of Cinderella. And chances are, we have also romanticised certain elements of the story. But I want to ask you - is Cinderella a suitable bedtime story in this day and age? The seemingly harmless tale of 'Cinderella' seduces us with its magical elements (fairy godmother, pumpkin carriages et al.) while transmitting sexist values to young impressionable children - an act that has wider sociological ramifications.

The story 'Cinderella' presents a parochial view of women. It perpetuates the notion that women's rescue from miserable suffering is contingent on fate, a prince and wedlock. Cinderella is an archetype of virtuous suffering - a docile woman who accepts the abuse and mistreatment meted out to her without a question.

The love at first sight narrative reflects that the prince is attracted to Cinderella only because of her physical beauty. He doesn't even know her name; hence he resorts to finding her using the glass slipper. This detail symbolises that she is not an individual to him; only a beautiful, petite woman with her dazzling dress and sparkly glass slippers. Young girls are taught to tend to their bodies to become attractive and hence, easily marketable to land their prince. It is quite disturbing how the prince chooses Cinderella from a swarm of girls and women. This is a reflection of the time when women were actually considered a property of men and were treated like chattel.

The reasons why the rags-to-riches story of Cinderella gained currency in the past is twofold. In 1697, when the Frenchman Perrault first wrote Cinderella (originally 'Cendrillon'), there wasn't an equal distribution of wealth in the society. The situation was further exacerbated as women were considered inferior to men and were debarred from being independent. Holy matrimony into a rich household was their only escape from the shackles of poverty. This troupe is largely irrelevant in today's world where women can get educated, be financially independent and live life on their own terms.

We need to scrutinise traditional and contempo-



rary literature and evaluate whether these stories keep up with the times. Women are no longer victims of their circumstances. We don't have to cling to men for survival and success. As Pei-Ti Feng wrote in their essay, 'Cinderella: A Tale that Promotes Sexist Values': 'Today we need not be Cinderella - we can be the Prince!'

Although, it should be noted that Disney is moving away from stereotypes and has made many movies with strong role models that girls look up to. Moana, Mulan, Merida from 'Brave', Elsa and Belle are a few examples of fearless and ambitious characters who didn't need men to achieve their dreams. We must stop reading patriarchal tales to children and instead narrate stories with inspirational and determined protagonists.

**Tejashree Sonawane**, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai





## ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021

# TITLE FAVS ENGLAND FACE CONSISTENT NZ

**Team will rely on X-factor players to upstage NZ in likely high-scoring first semifinal**

**T**itle favourites but injury-hit England will bank on their X-Factor players to upstage a remarkably consistent New Zealand in the first semifinal of the T20 World Cup in Abu Dhabi, on Wednesday. England were the pre-tournament favourites and played like one for the majority of the Super 12 stage. However, their loss in the final group game to South Africa showed that they were not an invincible outfit. The absence of Jason Roy, who suffered a calf injury against the Proteas, is a big blow to the team heading into the semifinals. Roy and Jos Buttler made arguably the most destructive opening pairing of the tournament.

With Roy ruled out of World Cup, there is a strong possibility that Jonny Bairstow will be promoted to bat alongside Buttler, who will be expected to play another match-winning knock on Wednesday. Sam Billings is likely to come into the team and bat in the middle order. A big positive is that most of the batters have spent valuable time in the middle going into the knockout game.

## BOWLING CONCERNS FOR ENG

However, concerns have emerged in the bowling department after Tymal Mills was ruled out of the tournament with a thigh injury. Mills was doing a brilliant job in the death overs but now, it will be one area that the opponents would look to exploit.

Mark Wood, who has the pace but not the variations of Mills, was the most expensive bowler against South Africa. England would be hoping it was just one bad day in the office for their pacers as all of them leaked runs.

The role of spinners Moeen Ali and

## QUICK FACTS

- ❖ England and New Zealand will lock horns for the first time in an ICC knockout game since the 2019 ODI World Cup final.
- ❖ England eye a third final of the ICC men's T20 World Cup.
- ❖ New Zealand will be aiming for the finals slot of the T20 World for the first time since the inception of the event in 2007.
- ❖ In case semi-final games are tied, a Super Over will be played and if that also doesn't help in deciding the winner then another Super Over shall be staged until there is a clear winner.
- ❖ As per ICC, after a tie, if weather conditions prevent the Super Over from being completed, or if the match is abandoned or it is a no result, then the side that finished first in its Super 12s Group will progress to play the summit clash.
- ❖ The 2019 ODI World Cup final witnessed a first-ever Super Over in which England defeated New Zealand to lift their maiden title on the basis of boundary countback rule at the Lord's Cricket Ground.
- ❖ In the Super Over, both teams managed to score 15 runs each but England was announced as the winner as they had hit more boundaries in the allotted overs.

Adil Rashid will be massive as they will aim to provide the wickets in the power-play and middle overs.

## NZ LOOK SET FOR FINALS

Players will also have the 2019 ODI World Cup final at the back of their minds where both teams could only be separated by a boundary countback rule. Since then, New Zealand have displayed that they are not just a very consistent team in ICC events, they can also go all the way with their triumph in the World Test Championship final. The "nice guys" of world cricket look good to finish first in this competition too.

New Zealand have been arguably the best bowling unit in the tournament, restricting India to 110. Even a dangerous side like Afghanistan could only muster 125 against them. The seasoned new ball duo of Trent Boult and Tim Southee has been very hard to put away as they both have been immaculate with their line and lengths. Lockie Ferguson's unavailability could have easily disturbed their plans but Adam Milne has proved to be an able replacement. Both the spinners, Ish Sodhi and Mitchell Santner, too have been impressive. Sodhi has provided wickets in the middle overs which has not allowed the opposition to break free.

New Zealand's batters have also made an impact during the course of the tournament. Opener Martin Guptill has been their leading run getter with his partner Daryl Mitchell also in decent form. Skipper Kane Williamson got runs in the last game and will be itching to make another memorable contribution in the all important semifinal.

Abu Dhabi has had the best batting surface across the three venues of the showpiece, so one can expect a high scoring affair. **PH**



Jos Buttler

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Ish Sodhi

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

# IN ROHIT, INDIA HAVE CAPABLE GUY

**He is ready and waiting in wings, says outgoing coach Ravi Shastri**

**R**avi Shastri, who completed his highly eventful tenure as India's head coach, feels that Rohit Sharma is "ready and capable" to take over the T20 captaincy from Virat Kohli and sharing the leadership burden isn't such a bad idea in a post COVID-19 world. Rohit, who will be taking over T20 captaincy from the New Zealand series, is also being tipped to lead India in the 2023 ODI World Cup and the formal announcement in that regard may happen sooner than later.

"I think in Rohit, you have got a very capable guy. He has won so many IPLs, he is the vice-captain of the team, he is ready in the wings to take that job," Shastri said, making it clear that at this point, no other candidate is being looked as a potential leader.

He, in fact, welcomed the idea of Rohit leading in shorter formats and Kohli captaining in Tests.

"I think multiple captains is not such

## EMOTIONAL, BUT LEAVING TEAM IN A BETTER STATE

Ravi Shastri did admit that he was indeed feeling "very emotional" having been part of this set-up for close to six and half years. Asked if he feels that there's anything missing? the straight-talking outgoing head coach said, "I don't look at missing parts. When I took over there were 10 missing parts. Now there are only two."



Photo: PTI

a bad thing because of the bubble and so much cricket being played, the players need to be rotated around and given the space they need to spend some time with their families and see their parents.

"When a guy doesn't go home for six months he might have his family with him but you have parents and other family and if you don't get a chance to see them, it's not easy at all, so I think it's not such a bad thing," he opined.

Shastri is convinced that despite their indifferent performance in this edition of T20 World Cup, India will continue to be a very strong T20 team in near future.

"...and as far as T20 team goes, we will always have a strong team. We might not have won this T20 World Cup but going forward, we will have a very strong team, because IPL throws a lot of young players into the mix and Rahul (David) will have his own ideas on how to take this team forward. I see this still to be a very good team." **PH**

## RAHI SARNOBAT, MANU BHAKER IN 25M PISTOL FINAL

**I**ndia's Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker qualified for the finals in the women's 25m pistol event on competition day five of the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's Cup in Wroclaw, Poland.

Both the Olympians shot identical scores of 583 in qualification, but Rahi took fourth place ahead of Manu's fifth on higher inner 10s. The eight-shooter final is scheduled on Wednesday.

It was triple delight for Bhaker as she also qualified for the gold medal match in the 25m rapid fire mixed team Pistol event, assuring her of at least a silver to add to the gold she won with Iran's Javad Foroughi in the 10m air pistol mixed team event.

Bhaker partnered Turkey's Ozgur Varlik to first make the second qualification stage of eight pairs and then finished second to the Chinese/Estonian combine



Manu Bhaker

of Xiao Jiaruixuan and Peeter Olesk to make the gold medal round. That final will also take place on Wednesday.

The inaugural ISSF President's Cup is a rechristened version of the ISSF World Cup Finals, where the year's top 12 shooters by world ranking are invited to determine the best individual athletes of the year. **PH**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who was adjudged the T20I "Player Of The Match" in the 2021 played between India and Afghanistan recently?

- a) Virat Kohli  
b) Hardik Pandya  
c) Rashid Khan  
d) Rohit Sharma

**Q2:** Which is the highest partnership in all the Cricket World Cup tournaments?

- a) Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli  
b) Gautam Gambhir and Virender Sehwag  
c) Chris Gayle and Marlon Samuels  
d) Martin Guptill and Lance Klusener

**Q3:** Who holds the current record for most wickets in all the Cricket World Cup tournaments?

- a) Mitchell Starc  
b) Glenn McGrath  
c) Mohammed Shami  
d) Zaheer Khan

**Q4:** Which Summer Olympics was the only one to have featured cricket?

- a) 1900 b) 1908 c) 1912 d) 1896

**Q5:** How many times has Brazil won the FIFA Football World Cup?

- a) 3 b) 5 c) 7 d) 11

**Q6:** What nickname was Rahul Dravid given in the cricket world?

- a) The Brick b) Master Blaster  
c) Captain Cool d) The Wall



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**Q7:** Which country houses the "International Tennis Hall of Fame"?

- a) Canada  
b) England  
c) United States of America  
d) Australia

**Q8:** Which professional boxer is nicknamed the "Hurricane Hank"?

- a) George Foreman  
b) Jack Jackson  
c) Henry Armstrong  
d) Jack Dempsey

**Q9:** Who is the youngest boxer to win a heavyweight title?

- a) Muhammad Ali  
b) Mike Tyson

- c) Joe Frazier  
d) James Toney

**Q10:** Who was the first independent India to win an individual medal in wrestling in the Olympics?

- a) K.D. Jadhav  
b) Sushil Kumar  
c) Dara Singh  
d) Vijender Singh

**ANSWERS:** 1. d. Rohit Sharma  
2. c. Chris Gayle and Marlon Samuels  
3. b. Glenn McGrath 4. a. 1900  
5. b. 5 6. d. The Wall  
7. c. The United States of America  
8. c. Henry Armstrong 9. b. Mike Tyson  
10. a. K.D. Jadhav