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10 DEMONS, WEAPONS... LET'S DEFEAT THEM

DUSSEHRA 2020

1 THE VICE: #COVID 19

The coronavirus outbreak that started in January this year turned the world upside down, forcing worldwide lockdown. Though things have started moving, the pandemic is far from over. The rising cases worldwide are a case in point.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: VACCINE. A vaccine that can save humanity is the need of the hour. But, till then, masks and social distancing are the main shields to defeat this evil called corona. Each of us should take adequate precautions while going out.
NAOMI DEWICKA, class XII, Delhi Public School, RK Puram, Delhi

2 THE VICE: #ECONOMIC RECESSION

The global economic crisis is deep, mainly due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted the world growth to be - 4.4 per cent. It has caused businesses to shut down, mass unemployment, spending to drop and our economic financials to deteriorate. With less income, household spending has dropped further. One of the biggest demons this year, it has affected our daily lives practically.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: BUILD STARTUPS; PROMOTE NEW IDEAS. They say an idea can make a difference... It's time we promoted new ideas to shield our economy from sliding further. Governments should promote startups, especially home-grown businesses with small budgets in rural areas - it will work both ways: solve migrant problems and boost small scale industries, which in the longer run would help in reviving the economy.
SMV KAREESMAA, class X, Ryan Intl School, Kharghar

3 THE VICE: #UNEMPLOYMENT

Covid-19 has spurred high levels of unemployment, courtesy a decrease in demand as well as the disruption of the workforce faced by companies. Millions of people have lost their jobs in both formal and informal sectors. Job losses have resulted in rising cases of suicides and have affected the mental health of many.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: SKILL-BASED TRAINING. We should educate and train people to acquire skill-based knowledge so that they can start their own venture and generate jobs for others. Besides, we should promote online-based businesses, such as baking, language, art lessons, etc.
KEVIN THOMAS PAUL, class XI, Gregorian Public School, Ernakulam

4 THE VICE: #RACISM

Racism is one of the biggest demons that has crippled our society. The coronavirus has sparked a spurt in racism around the globe. People are being bullied, trolled and even killed because of the colour of their skin. The fears among the people have given rise to xenophobia and discrimination. Hate speech has erupted across social media.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: MAGICAL PAIR OF EYE LENS: We need a set of magical lens and fix them on the bigots so that they treat everyone as equal. As Antonio Guterres, UN gen secy, says, we must act now to strengthen the immunity of our societies against the virus of hate.
AADYA PANDEY, class X, Mount Carmel College, Lucknow

5 THE VICE: #VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

This year, courtesy Covid, violence against women has, in the words of the UN, become a 'shadow pandemic'. The strain created by security, health, coupled with isolation for women with violent partners, have worsened their situation globally.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: A BROAD MIND-SET. Every woman must understand that withstanding violence is a choice; so, don't make excuses for those who indulge in violence. Only women can stop themselves from being abused.
TANVI GARG, class XII, Prakash School, Ahmd

6 THE VICE: #LONELINESS

The lockdown has brought one of the major demons, loneliness, to the forefront that we had been battling inwardly for a long time. It has affected both our mental and physical health.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: STORYTELLING. In a recent 'Mann ki baat' programme, PM Modi urged everyone to promote storytelling. It not only keeps us engaged but also inspire us to face our problems and overcome loneliness.
LIKHITH L GOWDA, class X, DPS North, B'loru

7 THE VICE: #CLIMATE CHANGE

Global warming is the biggest demon that is all set to eat up our planet. The lockdown gave reprieve to nature for some time. But things are back to square one, as unlocking started. Pollution level is at an alarming high level; heatwaves and wildfires have destroyed many lives.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: REFORESTATION. We must plant at least a billion trees in all the possible forests. The power of reforestation is higher than any other weapon to combat climate change.
SUCHARITHA KATTA, class X, The Schram Academy, Chennai

8 THE VICE: #UNHEALTHY LIFESTYLE

This year, thanks to the fear and panic caused by Covid 19, there has been a rise in the cases of frustration, anxiety and panic among people. This has led to a chaotic lifestyle, which in turn has drastically affected our body and mind.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: CARE & LOVE. We can win our battle against unhealthy lifestyles by giving one another love, care and affection. It will soak in our frustrations, anxieties, insecurities, and spread warmth and good vibes in the universe.
KUNIKA SALUJA, class XII, PML SD Public School, Chandigarh

9 THE VICE: #MISINFORMATION

We're not just fighting an epidemic; we're fighting an infodemic," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) recently referring to fake news that "spreads faster and more easily than the coronavirus." Infodemics hamper an effective public health response and create confusion and distrust among people.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: PROMOTION OF FACTS is the need of the hour. It will not only slice through the evil of fake news but also replace it with the right facts. Softwares to bring facts to light can act as a weapon of change.
YOSHITA UPADHYAY, class X, DPS, Sec'bad

10 THE VICE: #INTOLERANCE

The world has become a warring zone. International politics is being deployed around economic insecurity and cultural fear. The policy of expansionism by some countries is on the rise at the expense of violation of border pacts.

WEAPON OF CHANGE: FORTITUDE. It's unfortunate that organisations like the UNO, WHO, etc, have lost their sheen. We need the weapon of fortitude to overcome intolerance for building a better world.
ASISH SINGH, class XII, St. Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore, West Bengal

Spotlight

MOHAMMED SIRAJ

Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj rolled over Kolkata Knight Riders' top order with superb figures of 3-8 as Royal Challengers Bangalore recorded a resounding eight-wicket victory in the Indian Premier League on Wednesday.

- Siraj became the first-ever player to bowl two maiden overs in an IPL game (leg byes are not scored against the bowler)
- He also picked up the most wickets (3) in the tournament's history before conceding a single run
- Finally, the Man of the Match bowled the most number of dot balls in a game - 12 - before conceding the first run in a match

FACTOID

6.7 MILLION

■ The number of deaths due to air pollution globally, according to the annual 'State of Global Air 2020' report. As far as India is concerned, air pollution, overall, is now the largest risk factor for death among all health risks in the country, the report added. The report noted that nearly two-thirds of those deaths were linked to use of solid fuels such as charcoal, wood, and animal dung for cooking, saying the most deaths for the youngest infants were related to complications from low birth weight and preterm birth.

FB, Instagram launch AR filters, GIFs, hashtags for Durga Puja

Facebook and Instagram have launched several features and content programming to help make virtual Durga Puja celebrations as entertaining as possible in the country. These features include AR filters and stickers to create fun and engaging Stories, Reels, Facebook posts and programming on specific hashtags like #DurgaPujo2020, #ShubhoMahalaya, #FBDurgaPujo, #IG-DurgaPujo.

- According to reports, the AR effect called 'Pujaparikrama' will allow people to virtually experience the Puja and pandal festive experience
- The specially-launched Durga Pujo GIFs, which are easily searchable with the word 'Pujo', aims to make the users' Instagram Stories and Reels fun

How to stay safe while celebrating Puja

- FOLLOW THE SOPS:** As PM Modi urged during his address to the nation, wear masks, maintain social distancing, wash hands regularly and use hand sanitiser to ensure that you and your loved ones stay safe.
- AVOID EATING FROM OUTSIDE:** Though there is no evidence that Covid-19 can be transferred through cooked food, it is always a good idea not to eat from outside during the festival. Reason: There is a higher chance of infection in crowded spaces, causing stomach infections that can affect your immunity and overall health.
- GREET WITH NAMASTE:** Avoid hugging; greet people with our traditional namaste, as it is the best way to avoid physical touching. You can greet your relatives and friends over a virtual party. Avoid crowded places during pandal hopping.



No one succeeds without effort... Those who succeed owe their success to perseverance

-Ramana Maharshi

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BE IT A ₹10 LEAD PENCIL OR AN EXPENSIVE STYLUS PEN, EDUCATIONISTS BELIEVE THAT ART OF WRITING WITH HAND ON PAPER OR EVEN A TABLET SHOULD NOT FADE AWAY AS MILLENNIALS TAKE TO TYPING AWAY AT LIGHTNING SPEED ON THE KEYBOARD

THE MIGHT OF PENCIL IN E-WORLD

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The pencil's mightier than the sword, and will always remain so, stress educators across India, when asked if they'd ever trade-off writing for typing, or encourage the children to do so, keeping in mind the digital transformation that the educational fraternity is witnessing owing to the pandemic.

Corroborating a recent study by Professor Audrey van der Meer of the Norwegian Institute of Science and Technology that states "children yield better learning and retention power when choosing to handwrite over typing on keyboard", Pallavi Bhansali, teacher, Birla High School, Kolkata, says: "handwriting unleashes creativity and expressiveness in individuals. Typed notes lack soul and personal touch whereas a handwritten note reflects one's personality."



SYNERGY WHEN PENCIL TOUCHES A SURFACE

According to van der Meer, "The use of pen/pencil on paper gives the brain more 'hooks' to hang your memories on. A lot of senses are activated by pressing the pen on paper, seeing the letters you write or the sound you make while writing. These sensory experiences create contact between different parts of the brain and opens it up for learning and retaining." Psychiatrist Dr Sanjay Chugh says, "There is a phenomenon called neuroplasticity, which enables the brain and the nervous system to retain what-ever new you are learning. The greater the challenge that is placed on the brain, the greater the learning experience. Typing is a repetitive task and hence, it's a lesser challenge for the brain."



IN E-AGE, TIME FOR DIGITAL PENCILS?

With today's digital reality involving more of 'typing, tapping and touching' for children, tablets have replaced paper, which has its own pros and cons, say educationists, adding, "it is important to marry technology with some old, good practices."



TECH REACHING OUT TO ALL

Closely studying the needs of educationists and that of the market, Susan Prescott, Apple's vice president of markets, apps and services, says: "We have worked alongside teachers for 40 years and devised various educational programmes. We've seen community students build food security apps for their campus and watched middle school educators host virtual coding clubs over summer break. We are now adding a new professional course for educators to learn coding and teach the next generation." The firm recently added features such as Scribble to iPad Pro with Apple Pencil, allowing users to write in any text field that will be converted to typed text with low latency. The objective is to ensure a clean and private (won't go on cloud) writing experience.



A SENSE OF PRIDE IN WRITING

Stressing on how shapes, strokes and loops matter, Simpy Dadiala, teacher, DPS, Vasant Vihar, Delhi, says: "The formations make our work stand out from the rest. Moreover, scribbling with our favourite pen/pencil, provides a sense of pride that typing can never match. Having technology at our disposal is an additional asset. We encourage children to write down their assignments on paper and then 'turn in' (submit) the assignment in the digital format. Most schools avoid accepting typed notes, in order to discourage the habit of copy-paste work."



I prefer typing or scribbling notes with e-pencil on a device rather than writing them on paper because we can play with fonts and colours and can also highlight the important words. It looks neat and organised. I also don't have to worry about losing notes.

Garvit Agarwal, class X, NL Dalmia High School, Mira Road (E), Thane



I prefer typed notes over the handwritten ones. Most of the times, we lose our pages here and there, but typed or e-pencilled notes can be stored in a single device, avoiding the hassle of paperwork.

Zainab Iqbal, class X, St Sebastian's School, Kolkata



Writing stimulates our communication and thinking skills. There is something about typing that leads to mindless processing, so the reasons for taking handwriting seriously are worth considering.

Teertha Santosh, class VIII, Elgi Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore



TIMES NIE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TELL US WHAT IS INVIGORATING: WRITING BY HAND OR TYPING?

I prefer writing notes by hand because it improves my understanding of the subject and helps me retain. Also, I feel writing and expression are closely linked. A handwritten note is unique to you.

Manani Shah, class VIII, Udgam School, Ahmedabad



In the fastest-fingers first age, the chances of distractions while typing and the difficulty in remembering things have made me prefer penning things down.

Manavi Kapoor, class XII, PML SD Public School, Chandigarh



India still faces digital apartheid and so not all would necessarily have access to computers and tablets with stylus. Hence, the beautiful inked handwritten notes on paper will stay and survive the onslaught of e-devices.

Deeksha, class VI, CPS Global School, Chennai



The future is anyway gadgets and technology for all, let the children enjoy some old school notebooks and pens while they're in school.

S Sowmya, teacher, SBOA School and Junior College, Chennai



Learning while interacting with each letter using hand helps students retain the content. Handwriting can help students to engage deeply with their thoughts. Handwritten notes are more intimate.

Begum Iqbal, Advisor, Siva Sivani High School, Visakhapatnam



I prefer to write by hand. Although typing is less messy, writing helps me see my thoughts developing.

Rebecca Thomas, class XI, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Thiruvananthapuram



Although handwritten notes may consume more time than when typed, they allow the children to retain better and develop good writing and thinking skills.

Roopma Anand, TGT English, Kendriya Vidyalaya INS Dronacharya, Ernakulam



Writing fosters comprehension and retention, and imprints the content more firmly and permanently in the brain. There's something humble and unique about the experience of writing vis-à-vis typing.

Manjit Kaur, English Teacher, Delhi Public School, Secunderabad



Amid a copy-paste culture, I believe that handwritten word is definitely more empowering.

Dr Sobhana Nair, coordinator, Guardian High School and Jr College, Dombivli



I prefer to type my notes, especially during online classes. It gives me control over keeping my notes organised and the best part is, I never lose them. Typing is faster than writing on paper, which gives me more time to listen to the teacher in class instead of taking down notes most of the time.

Tanishka Wagh, class X B, Ganges Valley School, Hyderabad



With inputs from all centres

Manage time to sail through Boards

I feel that 'time' is one single factor, which if one is able to manage properly, will nullify any stress in board year. If one has already prepared everything beforehand, there won't be any stress in the last minute. One needs to set up a time-table and honestly follow it. Taking breaks in between, keeping your mind boosted, adopting healthy eating habits also play a significant role in one's preparation period. Last and the most significant part of one's preparation period is to stay motivated and set goals. It is said that need determines one's motive, thus I would advise all students to set their own targets and try to practice self-monitoring, abide by the rules and you will definitely be successful in achieving whatever you want.

Inayat Kapoor, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula



IT'S MY BOARD YEAR

AND THIS IS WHAT I AM DOING:



1 Charting out a schedule for every week and trying my best to follow it religiously.

2 Avoid spending a lot of time watching the television and playing with electronic gadgets.

3 Started studying right from the beginning of the academic year and preparing in advance, so that there is no stress and tension towards the end.

4 Am attentive in class, regular in studies and prepare organised notes from time to time.

5 Practice mock test papers and solve the previous year question papers to gain an idea as to how prepared I am and to evaluate myself well.

Samyukta Sivakumar, Ryan International School, Kandivali East, Mumbai

How to tell a great bedtime story

Finding the time to tell a bedtime story to a child has huge benefits - both for the child and the storyteller. It helps children relax, boosts their learning and improves bonding with parents...



TAKE THE STORY IN AN UNEXPECTED DIRECTION

Diane Ferlatte has participated in storytelling festivals on five continents and her 2006 album of Brer Rabbit stories earned a Grammy nomination for Best Spoken Word Album for Children. She is, in short, a storyteller's storyteller. Her advice? Use pitch, pacing and pausing to keep your child on the edge of their seat (or pillow). "Pauses are very important," she said. "It lets that curiosity and suspense in." You can use strategic pauses to let your child ponder what happens next, and then

take the story in an unexpected direction. Or just to make sure they're paying attention.

Sheir seconds Ferlatte's advice. "When you're making up a story, the voice is so important," she said. "You can vary your rhythm, pitch, intonation, your pacing. You can speeditup! You can slow ... down ... your ... words. You can move your voice up! if someone is climbing a mountain, or move your voice down if they're climbing down," she says.

REMEMBER THE BASICS OF STORYTELLING

If you're making up a story, remember every story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Every story should have a conflict and a resolution. Need help? Consider the folk tale.

On 'Circle Round,' the children's storytelling podcast from Boston, host Rebecca Sheir draws from folklore as source material for entertaining, audio-only stories for kids. "I've drawn from my admittedly limited knowledge of Homer's 'Odyssey' (which was originally passed down orally) and the 'Bible' (David and Goliath works pretty well). This saves you the mental effort of coming up with an original story every night," she says.

Several experts recommended stories from Aesop's Fables, which has been delighting children for mil-

lennia and includes 'The Tortoise and the Hare.' Why? Because for kids, the protagonists "aren't really animals, they're people". They visualise the characters and identify with them, and the nuanced morals — slow and steady wins the race, for example — are things any kid can understand.

USE YOUR WHOLE BODY

One advantage of telling, rather than reading, a story is that you don't have to look at and hold a physical book, which frees your face and hands to gesture and make eye contact. It's the difference between some guy reading a joke book and Chris Rock or Ali Wong doing stand-up. As Ferlatte puts it, "If books could give us sound and movement and voices and facial expression, that'd be wonderful. But they can't."

Use your hands to show whether something is huge or tiny, tap on nearby objects to imitate knocking on a door or whoosh your hands when something happens quickly. This physicality involves your children in the story. As Isbell puts it, when we're telling a story to another person, "We're dancing. We're moving together."



ENCOURAGE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

One of the things with a story told is you can change it around," Isbell says. If your daughter wants the protagonist to be a mermaid instead of a snail, you can change that. A voyage through the high seas can become a journey to Mars. "You can change the sequence, you can change the characters, you can change the phrases. This nurtures that fluency of ideas that we want our children to develop."

As with singing a song, you can encourage call and response, or use rhymes to keep the child actively engaged. Ferlatte recommends letting the end of a sentence and letting your child fill in the blank. "When you're telling stories, you want them to be involved in the telling," Isbell advises. "We want them to be co-creators of the story," she adds.



In a time when physical bookstores and libraries remain off-limits for many of us, storytelling is a way to introduce new tales into our daily life. It's also a way to bond with your child, to tap into her natural imagination while, perhaps, reawakening yours.

Decoding Ayurveda for kids' nutritional needs



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3 EASY TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY AND REDUCE STRESS LEVELS

1. Eat Healthy (fresh home-made food)
2. Say no to junk food
3. Eat on time

Boosting children's immunity should be a priority, not only for keeping them safe from the infectious Covid-19 virus but also for the overall development and well-being of young bodies and minds going through the upheaval, stress and uncertainty of the current times. To keep their health in top gear, ayurvedic expert and author of the book 'The Ayurvedic Cookbook: Get Fit in Just Two Weeks' Gita Ramesh gives handy tips to parents.

How to keep children healthy?

Give kids a balanced diet, which is light, has a lot of fibre, fresh fruits and vegetables (seasonal), whole grains, millets and milk. Food should be well cooked and fed warm; and have spices such as garlic, ginger, cinnamon, turmeric, nutmeg, cloves, cumin seeds, pepper.

For robust immune system

Children should be adequately hydrated at

all times, which means plenty of water intake throughout the day.

Chawanprash should be given to kids daily as it rejuvenates the body and ups immunity levels. Now that the weather is cooler, Chawanprash can be reintroduced in kids' food plan to keep seasonal cold and cough at bay.

Herbs like ashwagandha, triphala, rasayana are especially good. Ashwagandha is used to help improve physical and mental well-being; it enhances energy, calms frayed nerves and relieves stress and anxiety.

Note: For specific dosage of ashwagandha, check with an ayurvedic doctor because the requirement may vary for different age groups.

Include holy basil in regular diet

Holy basil or tulsi has great health benefits. It is a potent expectorant that works to get rid of phlegm and air pollutants in the respiratory system, and reduces and also prevents chronic respiratory problems like asthma. Boil few tulsi leaves in water for 10 minutes and have it to keep your respiratory system healthy.

Parent's Corner

LET'S NOT HECKLE OUR KIDS

Children are very comfortable when they are not heckled all the time for the work they are doing. My daughter Maitreyi is my closest friend. She is creative and wants to be a part of every activity held in her school. She has a craze for science experiments but

sometimes she doesn't get enough supplies needed. I always help her in her studies, experiments and give enough time to my children. I tell her lots of motivational stories. Sometimes she doesn't score as per our expectations but her mistakes are a proof to me that she is trying. I never try to scold her for

getting low marks but I appreciate her that she could do better every time. I have never tried to make her feel less valued due to her grades. I respect the effort she is putting into her work to achieve something. We all should try to do that.

DHIRAJ KUMAR SINGH, father



BE KIND

Children's minds are delicate and open to learning new things. They're always eager to know about the things around them so, behave gently with children, always. If you get angry with them they will fear you and this will block their learning. Don't scold them too hard. Try not to punish them without knowing the whole situation. Listen to them first. Raise your children with love by hugging them. These acts of love can trigger feel-good hormones.

K SHAGUFTA NASREEN



MORALLY, YOURS

It is our moral responsibility to bring up our children as civilised and independent individuals. When our child steps into the society, he/she represents us. People judge them by their behaviour with others. As a mother of a 16-year-old girl, I always try to understand her. Teenagers have mood swings. Sometimes their behaviour makes us angry but we should control our anger. I also get annoyed but if it's my fault, I apologise.

DARSHANA PRABHUTENDOLKAR

BRIGHTER ANGLE OF LOCKDOWN

Lockdown is like meditation; the process seems to be simple if followed without excuses. For us, the routine begins at 5am with Suryanamaskaram followed by a glass of warm honey water. As we move from dawn to morning, we slip into our daily chores. As a single child, my 10-year-old daughter is always happy using her space. But as time changed, the lockdown taught us to share our things and space. We have been happy in these times too. We engaged her in online keyboard classes. She is fond of cooking, so we are all eating well and eating healthy.

ACHUTA SARIPALLE Hyderabad

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QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Who has become India's first female flight commander?

- A. Sarla Thakral
- B. Shalizi Dhani
- C. Bhawna Kanth
- D. Avani Chaturvedi

Q.2) What was the theme of the 12th India Security Summit?

- A. Protecting Identity



Shalizi Dhani is India's first woman Flight Commander

of an Entity
B. New National Cyber Security Strategy
C. Phising Under Security
D. New National Cyber Security Strategy

Q.3) Who has become the first IPS officer

- A. Manikandan K
- B. Prabhat Raju Koli
- C. Wangchuk Sherpa
- D. Aparna Kumar

ANSWERS

1. B) Shalizi Dhani 2. B) New National Cyber Security Strategy 3. D) Aparna Kumar

KNOWLEDGE BANK (WILDLIFE)

Tiger

The Bengal tiger is the most common tiger. These animals live between 20 and 26 years



in the wild. Adult tigers generally live alone. Unlike most other cats, tigers are great swimmers and actually like the water. Cubs are born blind and only open their eyes 1-2 weeks after birth. Cubs start learning to hunt at six months but stay with their moms until they are about 18 months old. Around half of the tiger cubs don't live beyond two years. Tigers can easily jump over 5 metres in length.

CAN KXIP, RR FINISH IN TOP 4?

Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) defeat against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) has opened the playoff race for Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) and Rajasthan Royals (RR)

HOW KXIP CAN QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS

1 Fresh from registering a hat-trick of wins over table-toppers Delhi Capitals (DC), second-placed RCB, and defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI), a reviving Kings XI Punjab can see themselves fighting for the final playoff spot with a resurgent Rajasthan Royals. Punjab have become the tournament's new dark horse after defeating DC, MI, and RCB.

2 The Rahul-led side will have to continue playing every game like a virtual eliminator in order to keep their playoff hopes alive this season. Punjab will play Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Saturday (24th October) and a crestfallen KKR on Monday (26 October). Kings XI Punjab will then lock horns with Rajasthan Royals on 30 October before playing the return leg with Chennai Super Kings on November 1.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- KXIP and RR have eight points each from 10 games
- Lately, both RR and KXIP are seeking revival before the league stage of the elite tournament comes to a conclusion on November 3
- Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) are placed fourth in the points table after playing 10 matches

HOW RR CAN QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS

1 Steve Smith-led RR still have a decent outside chance to make it to the playoffs this season. However, it will be the results of KKR, SRH, CSK and KXIP that will have an impact on RR's fate this season. Rajasthan Royals are placed sixth in the points table while Punjab are occupying the fifth spot after playing the same number of games.

2 The Net Run Rate (NRR) can have a major say if the points table continues to show the two teams neck and neck. RR will play David Warner's SRH on Thursday (October 22) and Mumbai Indians on Sunday (October 25).

3 Royals will then cross paths with KXIP in the battle of equals on October 30. The meeting with KKR on November 1 will be their final league fixture for this season's IPL. Royals will have to win at least three out of their remaining four games to stay afloat in the playoff race this season.

4 While DC, RCB and MI look to have cemented their spots in the top 4, it is KKR's position (No. 4) that KXIP, RR, SRH and even CSK have eyes on. With the Knight Riders incurring a defeat on Wednesday, the teams in the bottom half of the points table have certainly been given a boost.



Chris Gayle



Ben Stokes

'Wanted to deliver 'magical performance' for RCB'



After guiding Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) to a win against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), pacer Mohammed Siraj said the franchise supports him a lot and he wanted to deliver a "magical performance" for the team. During his first two overs, the pacer clinched three wickets. The bowler gave away just eight runs from his four overs in the match as RCB restricted KKR to just 84.

"Everyone in the RCB supports me a lot, even the fans. So, I wanted to deliver a magical performance for the team and it was a magical performance," Siraj said. Before the game, Siraj had an economy rate of 9.29 — the worst among 92 bowlers with at least 100 overs to their name.

We just saw back to back centuries in an IPL for the first time recently. Now, back to back maiden overs for the first time ever from Mohd Siraj.

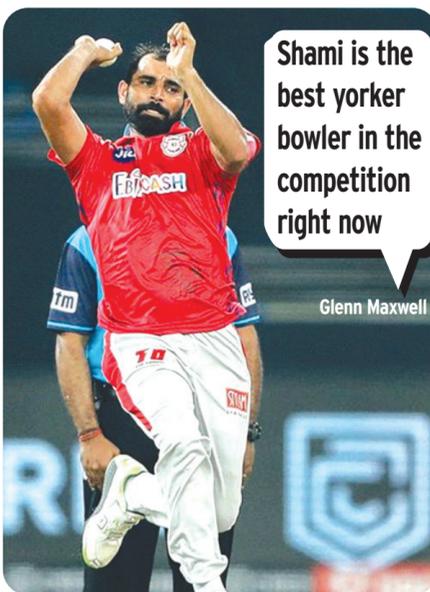
Harsha Bhogle

Happy to see @mdsirajofficial do well, did catch our eyes with his pace, persistence and most importantly his attitude during my last professional season for Hyderabad in 2016.

S Badrinath

Shami is the best yorker bowler in the competition right now

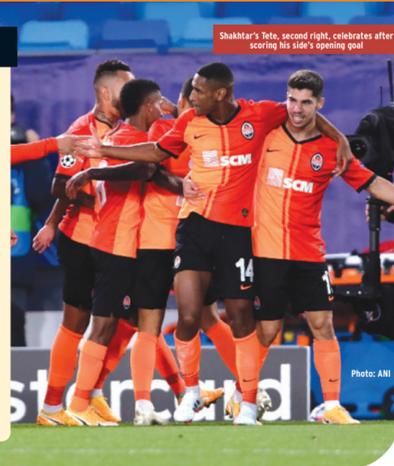
Glenn Maxwell



REAL MADRID STUNNED BY SHAKHTAR DONETSK IN CL OPENER

HIGHLIGHTS

- Liverpool beat Ajax Amsterdam 1-0 away with a fortunate own goal in their opener.
- Atalanta cruised to a 4-0 victory over Midtjylland in another opener.
- Manchester City defeated Porto 3-1.
- Inter Milan draws 2-2 with Borussia Muenchengladbach



Shakhtar's Tete, second right, celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

CRICKET QUIZ | IPL

Q1: How many players were sold for the IPL 2020?

- a) 57 b) 62 c) 76 d) 89

Q2: Which Australian bowler became the most expensive overseas signing in the history of the tournament after Kolkata Knight Riders acquired him for a whopping ₹ 15.50 crore?

- a) David Warner b) Pat Cummins c) Steve Smith d) Ben Laughlin

Q3: Which is the only team in the history of IPL to win

the title four times?

- a) Royal Challengers Bangalore b) Chennai Super Kings c) Mumbai Indians d) Kings XI Punjab

Q4: In the year 2019, who became the first keeper to score over 500 runs and take 15 dismissals in a single IPL season?

- a) Mahendra Singh Dhoni b) Quinton de Kock c) Dinesh Karthik d) Wriddhiman Saha

Q5: Which team did Mumbai Indians beat to win their first-ever IPL trophy?

- a) Royal Challengers Bangalore b) Chennai Super Kings c) Mumbai Indians d) Kings XI Punjab

Q6: Who is the coach of Delhi Capitals?

- a) Stephen Fleming b) Ricky Ponting c) Anil Kumble d) Simon Katich

Q7: In the IPL 2010, who won the Orange Cap with 618 runs to his name?

- a) Virat Kohli b) Ricky Ponting c) Rohit Sharma d) Sachin Tendulkar



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Q8: In IPL 2020, who is the coach of Kings XI Punjab lead by KL Rahul?

- a) Stephen Fleming b) Simon Katich c) Anil Kumble d) Brendon McCullum

Q9: By how many wickets did Kolkata Knight Riders beat Chennai Super Kings to win the IPL 2012 trophy?

- a) 10 b) 7 c) 5 d) 6

Q10: In IPL 2009, who won the finals against Royal Challengers Bangalore by six runs?

- a) Mumbai Indians b) Chennai Super Kings c) Deccan Chargers d) Kolkata Knight Riders

Q11: Chennai Super Kings defeated which team by eight wickets to lift IPL 2018

trophy at Wankhede Stadium?

- a) Mumbai Indians b) Sunrisers Hyderabad c) Deccan Chargers d) Kolkata Knight Riders

Q12: The first-ever IPL trophy was lifted by which team at DY Patil Stadium?

- a) Rajasthan Royals b) Sunrisers Hyderabad c) Deccan Chargers d) Kolkata Knight Riders

Q13: Who is the captain of Sunrisers Hyderabad?

- a) Virat Kohli b) David Warner c) Rohit Sharma d) Trevor Bayliss

ANSWERS: 1 b) 2 b) Pat Cummins 3 c) Mumbai Indians 4 b) Quinton de Kock 5 b) Chennai Super Kings 6 b) Ricky Ponting 7 d) Sachin Tendulkar 8 c) Anil Kumble 9 c) 5 10 c) Deccan Chargers 11 b) Sunrisers Hyderabad 12 a) Rajasthan Royals 13- b) David Warner