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Begin new session from April 1: CBSE to schools



The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has suggested that the next academic session be commenced on April 1, in a letter addressed to the heads of schools affiliated to it. The Board has also directed schools to identify and resolve the learning gaps and then conduct class IX and XI exams by following Covid-safety protocols. "While holding examinations/classes, Covid safety protocols should be followed strictly. It would be appropriate to start the academic session 2021-2022 from April 1 "to the extent feasible subject to the instructions of the state government. Schools are requested to follow the suggestions to make the next session more streamlined and ensure that learning gaps, if any, are addressed," Sanyam Bhardwaj, CBSE controller of examination, said in a letter to school principals. "For classes IX and XI, schools should take steps to identify and remedy the learning gaps and thereafter, conduct examinations by strictly following Covid- safety protocols. This exam will also help in identifying learning gaps, which could be addressed by the schools in the new academic session, at the beginning of classes, by having a bridge course specially-designed to address learning gaps," said Bhardwaj.

Schools had shut last March when the pandemic struck. Some of them reopened partially in a few states from October. However, schools in most other states continue to remain closed



THREE-FINGER SALUTE BY MYANMAR PROTESTERS

WHAT Defying military ban, protesters continue to throng the streets of Myanmar since the armed forces staged a coup recently. The striking feature of this swarming crowd, who has been demanding the release of Aung San Suu Kyi, detained by the army since last few weeks, is the three-finger salute displayed by the pro-democracy activists, a symbol of resistance against the military coup during their protest march. The new form of silent protest has resonated across the country for its anti-authoritarian message. According to a Business Insider report, protesters have also attached red ribbons, a symbol of solidarity, to their lapels, and have carried red flower cuttings at various rallies.



HOW THIS GESTURE IS DISPLAYED: The demonstrators display placards calling for the release of detained Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi and flash three-fingered salutes, a symbol of resistance against the military coup during their protest march. The new form of silent protest has resonated across the country for its anti-authoritarian message. According to a Business Insider report, protesters have also attached red ribbons, a symbol of solidarity, to their lapels, and have carried red flower cuttings at various rallies.

WHY THIS GESTURE: The gesture, which traces its origins to the Hunger Games books and movies by Suzanne Collins, was first used by the medical workers in Myanmar, protesting against the coup. It was then adopted by youth protesters, and subsequently was seen at the massive protests in Yangon last Monday, a week after the force-



X-PLAINED

THE HUNGER GAMES CONNECTION

In the Hunger Games franchise, the salute, in which three middle fingers are raised and the thumb crosses over them to reach the pinky finger, is displayed by the oppressed people to express solidarity in a dystopian world, ruled by a tyrant called President Snow. The gesture was popularised by a character called Katniss Everdeen, played by Jennifer Lawrence in the films



Despite the ban, the salute has been at several protests in Thailand since 2014. The symbol was also seen at Hong Kong's Umbrella Revolution in 2014



INDIAN ASTRONOMERS SPOT A FLARE FROM VERY RARE BLACK HOLE



In a significant discovery, Indian astronomers have reported one of the strongest-flares from a feeding supermassive black hole or blazar called BL Lacertae, some 10 million light years away...

- The analysis of the flare from this blazar, one of the oldest astronomical objects, can help trace the mass of the black hole and the source of this emission
- This, the team believes, can provide a lead to probe into the mysteries and trace events at different stages of evolution of the Universe
- According to the department of science and technology (DST), blazars or feeding supermassive black holes in the heart of distant galaxies receive a lot of attention from the astronomical community because of their complicated emission mechanism. "They emit jets of charged particles travelling nearly at the speed of light and are one of the most-luminous and energetic objects in the Universe," the DST said
- BL Lacertae blazar is 10 million light years away and is among the 50 most-prominent blazars that can be observed with the help of a relatively-small telescope. It was among the three to four blazars that was predicted to be experiencing flares by the Whole Earth Blazar Telescope (WEBT), an international consortium of astronomers
- The data collected from the flare observed will help in the calculation of the black hole mass, size of the emission region, opening doors to the origin and evolution of the Universe, feel astronomers

Donald Trump won't be allowed on Twitter ever again: Twitter CFO

Twitter will not allow former US president Donald Trump back on the platform even if he runs for office again, the company's chief financial officer said. "The way our policies work, when you're removed from the platform, you're removed forever, even if you're a commentator, a CFO or a current or former public official," Ned Segal said in an interview with the CNBC. "Our policies are designed to ensure that people are not inciting violence," Segal said. "If anybody is involved in it, we remove them from the service, and our policies don't allow people to come back," he added.

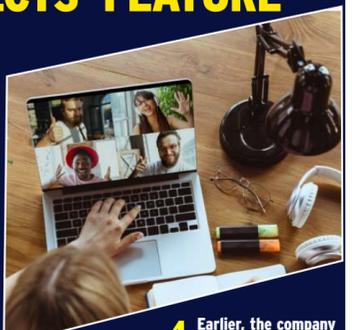
➤ Trump's "de-platforming" by Twitter came after a violent uprising by his supporters, leading to a siege at the US Capitol on January 6. Facebook and other social networks also banned Trump after the incident ➤ Trump was a prolific user of Twitter. ➤ During his campaign, and in his four years at the White House, he used the platform for policy announcements to settle scores, and for his political campaign ➤ He had more than 80 million followers when his account was suspended ➤ Meanwhile, he has been acquitted of impeachment



ZOOM'S 'STUDIO EFFECTS' FEATURE MAKE MEETINGS FUN

VIDEO CONFERENCING APP ZOOM HAS COME UP WITH A FEATURE "STUDIO EFFECTS" THAT ALLOWS USERS TO ADD A VARIETY OF EYEBROWS, FACIAL HAIR AND LIP COLOUR DURING LIVE VIDEO STREAMS..

- 1 According to The Verge, the feature, still in beta, isn't really new - Zoom announced this in September 2020 for Windows and macOS - but it is the first time many Zoom users are discovering it
- 2 Users can start up a Zoom session and go to video settings. From there, select "background & filters" and look for "studio effects (Beta)" in the lower right-hand corner. After that, users can introduce any look they want, the report said
- 3 As of now, the feature is available for the Desktop app, and only select Zoom users have access to it



4 Earlier, the company added features, such as weird backgrounds to use for online family gatherings, friend chats, and for business meetings. Last week, the company announced the general availability of new Zoom Room innovations that will help organisations safely re-enter the office and sustain an 'everywhere workforce'



Tobey Maguire & Andrew Garfield won't appear in Spider-Man 3: Holland

Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield are definitely not in 'Spider-Man 3', Tom Holland has reiterated. In an interview, the actor said that unless this information has been kept from him, there's no way that the Spider-Man alum are starring alongside him. Holland previously said that he knows all spoilers pertaining to 'Spider-Man 3', adding that Garfield and Maguire's appearance would be too big of a secret to keep. 'Spider-Man 3' will just be a continuation of the story that came before it, which is about as vague as it gets, he pointed out.

- Rumours have swirled in the past few months about the untitled 'Spider-Man: Far From Home' sequel and its massive cast
- From villains to love interests and the web slingers themselves, 'Spider-Man 3' is shaping up to be a massive film, even if only half the rumours are true

Life is as you bake it, says **11-yr-old** Chief Baking Officer Vinusha

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We all know of children playing and humming to the tunes of 'pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,' but meet Vinusha M K, a fifth-grader from Amrita Vidyalayam Higher Secondary School, Chennai, who has upped the game to the next level. A girl who believes 'life is as you bake it' has set up her own pastry shop, Four Seasons Pastry, and likes being addressed to as the 'chief baking officer'—a post she takes rather seriously. The icing on the cake are the accolades she has earned in her journey of setting up shop from September 2019 until now. She has even been featured on magazines, anchored various culinary shows, earned praise from the likes of chef Sanjeev Kapoor, worked with corporates like Amul, won the 'young changemaker award' from a radio channel and what more, 'young baker' from the Govt of Tamil Nadu.

In a tete-a-tete with Times NIE, Vinusha M gives the perfect recipe for success.

What inspired you to take up baking and how did you set up shop?

When I was 8 years old, I loved watching baking and cooking shows but never really tried making anything. After I turned 9, I thought let me give it a shot and baked a cake for my mother on her birthday with some help from my friend. It came out well, and that led me to my second attempt. But my friend found it boring and decided to back out. I realised it was time to fly solo.



I understood that I had the passion for baking but needed to learn techniques to enhance my skills. This made me attend many classes. After I perfected my skills, I thought of going to level 2, which involved meeting entrepreneurs, who inspired me to set up my own brand. This led to Four Seasons Pastry. I thought of this name as I felt every season has its own flavour and sweetness. Desserts should be there all through the year, all through your life.

Which chef inspires you the most and why?

I like Chef Sanjeev Kapoor as I interacted with him and he has played a big role in encouraging me to realise my dreams. He is an entrepreneur and chef, and I close-

ly follow him on social media.

What according to you are the most crucial ingredients to become successful at your age?

I believe life is as you bake it and following your passion with utmost honesty and hard work is the perfect recipe for success. You have to follow steps while baking for a perfect cake and hence, there aren't really any shortcuts.

You are just 11, and so successful. What are your future plans?

I have three plans on my agenda. Firstly, I really wish to establish 'Vi-

nusha's Baking Kit' and I hope to sell it pan-India. Secondly, I want to start a baking institute in this country as there is no world-class baking institute in India. Lastly, I hope to make 'Four Seasons Pastry' the No. 1 brand in the F&B industry.

Do elders take your idea seriously and how did you go about negotiating?

Most elders ask me how is it that I find time for school amid running the shop. But once they hear my business plan and how serious I am about baking, they encourage me and support my ideas.

How do you manage studies amid all this?

I finish studying quickly so, I have time left for other things. It is all about managing time. If you know what you are passionate about, you work around other things to squeeze in time to pursue what makes you the happiest.

If you were to create a new dessert, what would it be like?



It would be like an interesting fusion of cheesecake, soufflé and macaroons.

If Vinusha was to be described in one line...

A young enthusiast baker and an entrepreneur.

Your tips to children who plan to take up baking as a profession...

Patience: Always be patient, if one door closes another door is opening for you.

The best moment in your life so far...

When I received appreciation from Nestle CEO Suresh Narayanan and unexpectedly, last week when I visited the Hindustan Cocoa Cola Beverages, I received a warm welcome there. I felt very over whelmed.

FIX YOUR BODY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD



If you want to maintain your weight in 2021 and stay healthy, here's all you need to know...

If you are someone who struggles to maintain a healthy weight, don't beat yourself up about it, says British physician and author Dr Rangan Chatterjee. Follow these points to forge a new relationship with your body and food.

Let's start with 'what'

What we eat can directly influence how much we eat. One of the most powerful pieces of health advice is: Eat more real food. That is food that's minimally processed, close to its natural state and instantly recognisable – fish that looks like fish, vegetables that look like vegetables and so on. This one simple habit has three almost magical benefits: You will feel less hungry. Your body will automatically manage your weight for you. You will be less tempted to eat "blissy foods."

'Blissy foods'

These are ultra-processed products that are about as far away as possible from real foods. They are created by scientists to be utterly irresistible to the human brain – and they tend to be high in calories. Once opened, it's extremely hard to stop eating these chocolate bars, crisps, sweets and salty, fatty meals, and they have been engineered to hammer

at your hunger signals. When our food contains these flavours in certain combinations (salted caramel, chips and colas are good examples), the brain releases dopamine, which helps create intense feelings of reward. This motivates us to repeat the behaviour – eating those blissy foods over and over again. It's

actually a vicious cycle.

One-ingredient foods

Real foods are one-ingredient foods. They are the foods that don't come with ingredient labels – wholefoods like vegetables, fruit, lean meat, wholegrains, fish, eggs, nuts, seeds and pulses. They



5 eating tips for healthy weight loss

You don't necessarily need to do all of these; just have fun and see what works for you.

- 1 Focus on one-ingredient foods:** This will help reduce your hunger signals, increase fullness and nudge your weight point down.
- 2 Dinner for breakfast:** Prioritise a real-food meal for your first meal of the day. This can have a dramatic impact on your subsequent food choices, increase your energy and improve your mood and focus.
- 3 Greens go first:** Starting meals with a generous serving of salad or non-starchy vegetables, like broccoli or leafy greens, will help you slow down and eat less.
- 4 Quench your hunger:** Drink one or two full glasses of water 30 minutes before each meal.
- 5 Learn to cook:** Being able to cook is a crucial part of moving to a real-food diet – teach yourself five simple meals that you really enjoy.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

CATEGORY: PICTURE

LITTLE BLUE TRUCK'S VALENTINE

by Alice Schertle.
Illustrated by Jill McElmurry.
Little Blue Truck delivers Valentine's Day cards to all his farm animal friends.



(Ages 4 and up)

WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS

by Carole Lindstrom.
Illustrated by Michaela Goade.
Standing up for environmental justice.



(Ages 3 to 6)

CHAMP AND MAJOR: FIRST DOGS

by Joy McCullough.
Illustrated by Sheyda Abvabi Best.
Champ shows Major the ropes of the White House.



(Ages 2 to 5)

IN MY HEART

by Jo Witek.
Illustrated by Christine Roussey
An exploration of feelings.



(Ages 2 to 4)

AMBITIOUS GIRL

by Meena Harris.
Illustrated by Marissa Valdez.
A celebration of female ambition.



(Ages 4 to 8)

LOVE FROM THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

by Eric Carle.
A ravenous insect returns with its appetite intact.



(Ages 3 to 5)

LOVE FROM THE CRAYONS

by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers.
The Crayons show the colours of love.



(Ages 5 to 8)

SUPERHEROES ARE EVERYWHERE

by Kamala Harris.
Illustrated by Mechal Renee Roe.
A girl discovers superheroes in her family and friends.



(Ages 3 to 7)

NEWBIE

Heard of 'skincare fridge'?

A skincare or beauty fridge is a sleek and compact mini-version of a regular refrigerator, which is only meant for storing your cosmetics. These portable fridges come in sleek designs and various colours, and make for a great gifting option. They can easily fit in your bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, or even your car, since they come up with compatible chargers and batteries.



SKINCARE PRODUCTS TO STORE IN THE FRIDGE
Fragrances, Nail paint, Eye creams, Sunscreen, Anti-acne products, Lipsticks, Liquid makeup

BENEFITS OF THIS CUTE FRIDGE

- It keeps products fresh and extends their shelf life
- Cold temperature helps keep your skincare products bacteria-free
- Cold products help in exfoliation and removal of dead skin cells
- Depuffing gels, eye gels, jade rollers, or any kind of under-eye creams might have a nice cooling effect and help reduce puffiness if refrigerated

THE EDUCATIONIST

'Important to adapt to new normal'

Neha Srivastava, headmistress, Jasudben M L School Mumbai has steered her school through the pandemic, she shares her experiences with Soumi Mitra

Q: 2020 was a challenging year for educational institutions and students. Was it difficult for your students to acclimate to online classes?
Yes. It was especially difficult for my primary school students as they were attending online classes for the very first time. Initially they were unable to concentrate in classes as they missed the classroom environment. But yes, though it took them some time to learn, now they are used to it and actually love online classes.

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Q: It might take time for things to go back to normal once schools reopen, what should students expect once they are back on campus?
I have noticed that students are excited to go back to school. Even their parents have expressed a similar desire. I feel initially it is going to be difficult for them to get accustomed to the discipline that physical classes demand as online classes are relatively more relaxed. It is also easier for teachers to dismiss online classes.

Q: Talking about the NEP 2020 which promises to make education more accessible, is there something in the policy that you particularly liked?
I have 18 years of experience with the MOE Indonesia; and the NEP 2020 is very similar to the international curriculum followed there. It will facilitate practical learning to help students go beyond bookish knowledge. It will also ensure their learning is concrete. So yes, I really want this policy to be implemented because of its focus on the child's holistic development.

School wins accolades



Jaipuria School Sanpada, Navi Mumbai has been at the forefront to provide quality education for the students of Navi Mumbai.

We take immense pride to announce that the school has been rated as a "Promising K12 school" with a five-star rating by the Centre for Education Development (CED) foundation-India. CED foundation, a training and assessment unit registered under MSME, Government of India conducted a survey of schools across the country. Out of the 574 schools nominated for this category only 63 schools were ranked. Jaipuria School has been accredited as the "Promising K12 School" with a 5 star rating.

The Annual Conference of the foundation was held on the 27th of Jan 2021 at Delhi and was addressed by Sh. Anurag Tripathy, Secretary CBSE, Dr. Abdulla Rashid Ahmed, Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Maldives and Dr. Sanyam Bharadwaj, Controller Examination.

The coveted rating was conferred to the awardee, Principal of Jaipuria School, Dr. Rashmirekha Saha. The event was also attended by the school's honorable chairman Nawanit Jaipuria and mentor Rashmi Jaipuria.

Dr. Rashmirekha Saha in a statement said that, "This recognition will further help the school to promote quality education to one and all."

CBSE Board Exams conduct and implementation

INDRANI BASU

CBSE, Central Board of Secondary Education released the date sheet for forthcoming 10th (SSC) and 12th (HSC) Board examination for 2021. The board examinations are scheduled to be held from May 4 to June 10 but in offline mode. Though the board has announced the examination date three months before with an intention to provide sufficient time to schools as well as the students for the study plans and also to overcome the problems faced during Pandemic, the CBSE schools across the city are much ahead with effective plans and programs. The schools have chalked out their plans since October 2020 and have implemented various methods and means for mentoring their students to appear for offline mode.

New Horizon Public School has released an internal SOP or standard operating protocols to conduct the examinations for all New Horizon schools across the city, as informed Dr. Nicholas Correa, the executive director and the principal from New Horizon Public School, Airoli. He



said, "We have started our preparation since October -November and already made everyone, including students and their parents ready for the Board examination. Since the students have been attending online classes for last 11 months, we understand their problem to sit for a physical examination. To induce confidence, we schedule our next prelims offline in March." He added, "During online examination the students were instructed to go for one standard size of answer paper and later submit the scanned answer paper online. For objective type ques-

tions they were asked to use MS forms. For uninterrupted online education we prefer Microsoft Team, instead of Zoom. We also keep vigilance with the help of online camera while conducting online examinations and prelims for board appearing students." He further informed, "Following the safety protocols set up by the Government, we are planning to call 10 students at a time for practical classes at school's lab, as well as for practical examination, whereas for written examination 12 students will be called on a single day. One student will be al-



lowed to sit on each bench. After every class or examination sanitization for entire area will be done. We are sure our students are quite confident for their forthcoming board examination, as they have been taught and also received the best study materials, during their online classes held every day during school hours."

As per the 'Panvel City Municipal Corporation' or PCMC Guidelines, the schools in Panvel, Kharghar and other zones under PCMC have reopened on January 27 only for class X and class XII stu-

dents. "We reopened following all guidelines. The students are attending their regular classes physically while visiting their school on every alternate day following the safety protocol", shared Seema Maindiratta, the principal from DAV International School Kharghar. She informed, "Every student is allowed one learning desk and after the dispersal, proper sanitization is being done in the room as safety protocol. Online preliminary examinations have been undergoing for a particular section of higher-class students wherein answer books with

school stamp have been handed to them well in advance. The answer books are collected at a dropping point. Assessment as well as monitoring have been done by teachers. Students who wished to give physical exams are allowed to come to school. The school SOP clearly marked out the vantage areas to maintain social distance to make students feel comfortable."

Similarly, Podar International School CBSE Nerul is upgrading their students for the forthcoming Board examination. "We are conducting various remedial classes, 1:1 student-teacher effective learning, monitoring, peer learning for providing our students effective method of teaching. Our students are confident to sit for physical examination on May 4. We are planning for an offline pre-test examination for our tenth board students", shared Soma Chatterjee, the principal of the school. "We have started few learning techniques like creating model paper, thorough book reading sessions to help all the students to cope up with the current situation." She lamented, "the pandemic and subsequent lockdown has taught us to fight with all adversities, 'online teaching' is the best example and we, all teachers, are confident enough to conduct effective online teaching from anywhere anytime."

Express YOURSELF

SOCIAL MEDIA: NETWORKING OR SEPARATING?

Haven't we all heard a myriad of times to be careful with social media? But are we?

While that's a question that needs to be answered, social media can be pretty useful too...like uploading pictures after editing them using like 7 different apps! waiting for likes, replying to every comment...just kidding! But I guess that is all what most of us do on the Internet right?

I mean it isn't wrong to post pictures of yourself, but constantly thinking about how many likes you'll receive and caring about every little comment is addiction! As teenagers, it is normal for us to go through stuff like this, and sooner rather than later, we realise that all of this is just part of a virtual world. People are out there who will judge you, troll you for being yourself, and that's ok, all

you can do is ignore because people will definitely have opinions especially when it's not their business. Social media can trick our minds into trying to become someone we



are not; once you've posted something, all you can think about is what to post next, as if your account is not meant for you but for others to comment on, right?

But all of this is just a part of being a teenager; it is more like a phase, and sooner rather than later, we all are going to realise that Instagram and Facebook and stuff are just part of a virtual world.

Being teenagers, social media has become a huge part of our lives. It is impacting our lives more than it should...and WE are responsible for it.

But in the end, social media is all about networking and sharing. Let it not separate you from the reality.

Twisha Karra, class IX, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr College, Ambarnath West



A TEENAGER'S CONUNDRUM

Being a teenager, you would expect me to stay up till midnight on New Year's Eve, scream Happy New Year along with my friends, and wake up at 10 am the next morning. But, my routine is far away from that, and I am not the only one. This is a classic case of stereotyping. I don't think there exists any other age group that has the most number of labels and clichés than teenagers. We are called moody, angry, fussy, and a host of other names. But, the truth remains that these labels are suited only to a fraction of the teenage population. In this world,

normal things don't catch attention, but abnormal things do. And when teens do something that's not normal behavior like mood swings due to the influx of hormones flooding our bodies, we are termed as 'volatile'. The strangest part is that these names are created by the very people who once underwent the age of puberty. Personally speaking, I am a teenager that sleeps at 10 pm every night, reads books, has responsible fun with friends, and has mutual respect for everyone. I get into fights and mood swings occasionally but not to the exaggerated anger that society has established

as the norm. These labels often contribute largely to our thought processes and may even sometimes influence us to act like that. Our actions are a product of what we see and hear. At the age of 13, we often hear from the society that we are about to enter a "dangerous phase", but in all honesty, with the right guidance and influence, we can all be normal. So, stop stereotyping and start loving!

Samyukta Sivakumar, Former Star Correspondent



VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY



Nelson Mandela has rightly said, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does". With this thought, PARLE TILAK VIDYALAYA (ICSE) organised a virtual Sports Day on 31st January, 2021.

Regular sports classes have helped the children deal with the stress of the pandemic days when all were forced to stay indoors.

The preliminary rounds of the Sports events were conducted from 18th January to 22nd January, 2021 for Primary as well as Secondary section.

Almost all teachers were working before and after school for the preliminary rounds. The timings for the Primary section was from 9am to 1pm and the Secondary

Sport has the power to change the world ~ Nelson Mandela

section had their preliminary rounds from 3:45 to 6:15pm. There were 644 students who participated in the Virtual Sports Day. These events sensitized the children about sports and games which play a crucial role in the overall development of children.

This COVID-19 pandemic could not deter the enthusiasm of young PT'vians as they participated with great zeal and showed true sportsman spirit by taking part in the age-appropriate activities allotted to them.

The Sports day commenced with the principal, Dr. Arnavaz Bhagat motivating the children and congratulat-

ing them for the effort they put in for all the events.

This was followed by the introduction of the chief guest, Kalpesh Jadhav who is a Shiv Chhatrapati awardee in Mallakhamb and has showcased his sport in various countries around the world.

Glimpses, through a virtual platform, of both the primary as well as secondary section sports events were shared followed by the prize distribution which was beautifully done.

The best house trophy was won by the Savarkar house. The Sports Day ended with the vote of thanks and the national anthem.

Overall, the celebrations saw wholehearted participation from the students and the facilitators involved in it with the staff, parents and the students enjoying the programme.

FIRST IPL SALARY OF MARQUEE CRICKETERS

The emergence of the Indian Premier League (IPL) has been a big boon for the BCCI and the cricketers. The board has minted crores by successfully staging 13 editions of the tournament while players have also pocketed handsome incomes. Foreign players have also benefited from the league. The likes of Ben Stokes, Chris Morris and others have earned huge amounts by plying their trade in the league. It took years for players to fetch the multi-crore contracts that they now have. Today, we revisit the inaugural season of IPL and have a look at the first salary of marquee cricketers

VIRAT KOHLI (₹12 LAKH)

Despite winning the U-19 World Cup just a few days before the U-19 draft, Delhi Capitals passed on the opportunity to pick Virat Kohli. Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) picked him on a contract worth ₹12 lakh. The RCB management trusted him and he was the only player they retained ahead of the IPL 2011 auction. IPL's highest run-scorer, Kohli now sits at the 3rd spot on the list of highest earners. The RCB captain has a salary of ₹17 crore/season, ₹2 crore more than the highest retention amount.

ROHIT SHARMA (₹3 CRORE)

Unlike Kohli, Rohit was already a capped player going into the auction and was considered to be the next big thing. Rohit emerged as one of the top picks in the IPL 2008 auction and joined Deccan Chargers for ₹3 crore. The franchise released him ahead of IPL 2011 auction and he joined Mumbai Indians (MI), a team which he has been leading since 2013. Rohit, who has led MI to five IPL title victories, and has a salary of ₹15 crore.

MS DHONI (₹6 CRORE)

The biggest face in the IPL 2008 auction, MS Dhoni was already a T20 World Cup-winning captain and unsurprisingly emerged as the costliest pick when Chennai Super Kings bought him for ₹6 crore. He has always remained CSK's first-choice retained player and now has a salary of ₹15 crore. Under him, CSK have won 3 IPL trophies and qualified for the second round in 10 out of 11 seasons. He is confirmed to lead the Yellow Army in IPL 2021.

AB DE VILLIERS (₹1.2 CRORE)

One of the five players to have drawn over ₹100 crore from IPL, AB de Villiers had started his career with Delhi Capitals, who had bought him for ₹1.2 crore in 2008. They released him ahead of the IPL 2011 auction and De Villiers joined RCB, a team which he has been representing since then. De Villiers now earns ₹11 crore every year and he will get a pay raise if the BCCI increases the amount to be paid to retained cricketers.

HARDIK PANDYA (₹10 LAKH)

MI's second-choice retained player now, Hardik Pandya had first joined them at his base price of ₹10 lakh, in 2015. A little-known Pandya forced the selectors to take note of him and he was fast-tracked into the national team. Pandya was a capped player before the next IPL season. Since he is MI's second-choice retained player, Pandya has a salary of ₹11 crore now.

Was it a good decision to rest Bumrah?

By selecting a rank rookie over the world's leading new ball bowler, India followed cricket's global trend of resting and rotating players keeping in mind their workload. But, was it a wise move?

I think it is a good decision to rest him. He will be ready to go into the pink ball Test match. There is nothing for the fast bowlers here and he has bowled a lot of overs in Australia and the first Test match, so I think it was a very good decision from the team management's point of view. You would want to have Jasprit Bumrah for the crucial Test matches, the pink ball one and the fourth Test and there will be hardly any gap between the two. So, I think it is the right decision.

GAUTAM GAMBHIR,
former India opener

I don't quite understand the decision to rest Bumrah, especially considering there's a 7-day break between the second Test and the third. These are not the cricketers of the past but belong to a generation of players that is supremely fit.

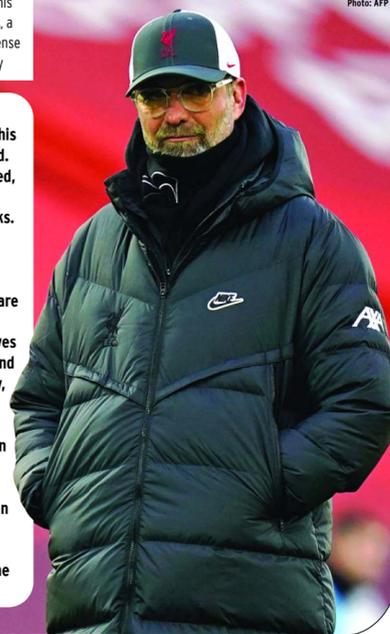
SUNIL GAVASKAR,
former India captain

Sunil Gavaskar, reflecting on the decision to swap Bumrah with Siraj, said that he doesn't quite understand the 'rest' philosophy considering there's a gap of 7 days between the second Test and the third. Jasprit Bumrah was among the pick of the bowlers for India in the first Test, picking 4 wickets (3 in first innings and 1 in second). It was also his first Test match at home, having played all of his 17 Tests before the game outside India. Siraj, who comes in place of Bumrah, had a phenomenal outing in Australia where he was India's most successful bowler despite not playing the first Test at Adelaide. Siraj was benched for the first Test against England as Ishant Sharma returned to the line-up after missing the entire tour of Australia due to an injury.

Klopp concedes PL title after another Liverpool collapse

The Liverpool manager had just seen his team collapse at Leicester to a 3-1 loss, a third straight defeat in its faltering defense of the English Premier League trophy

Jürgen Klopp composed himself, gave a little chuckle, and rubbed his nose. "Yes," Klopp eventually said. "I can't believe it. But yes." Indeed, Liverpool's meltdown has been bewildering over the last six weeks. Since a 7-0 thrashing of Crystal Palace just before Christmas, the champions have won just two of their 10 games in the league and are drowning in their defensive shortcomings. They find themselves in fourth place and 13 points behind relentless leader Manchester City, which beat Tottenham 3-0 later Saturday for an 11th straight league win. City still has a game in hand over Liverpool and second-placed Leicester, which is seven points adrift. "I don't think we can close that gap this year, to be honest," said Klopp, whose team might be out of the top four by the end of the round.



QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who holds the record of most career catches in Women's Test matches?

- a) Hazel Sanders b) Carole Hodges
c) Lyn Fullston d) Sudha Shah

Q2: Who is the first male player to win 100 singles matches at a Grand Slam tennis tournament?

- a) Roger Federer b) Rafael Nadal
c) Andy Murray d) Novak Djokovic

Q3: After Chris Gayle, which player has the highest score in IPL history?

- a) Rishabh Pant b) KL Rahul

- c) Brendon McCullum d) AB de Villiers

Q4: Which football player has scored most goals in Women's FIFA World Cup Finals?

- a) Alex Morgan b) Carli Lloyd
c) Toni Pressley d) Marta Vieira da Silva

Q5: In 2020, who made history by becoming the first fast bowler to take 600 wickets in Test match cricket?

- a) Sam Curran b) Dale Steyn
c) James Anderson d) Glenn McGrath

Q6: Who is the first male 'Career Super Slam'?

- a) Boris Becker b) Andre Agassi
c) Thomas Muster d) Pete Sampras

Q7: In which year did Pullela Gopichand become only the second Indian badminton player to win the All England crown?

- a) 2001 b) 2002
c) 2003 d) 2004



Pullela Gopichand

Q8: Who won the 2014 NBA award? Sixth Man of the Year

- a) Jamal Crawford b) Lou Williams
c) Joe Johnson d) Eric Gordon

Q9: Which athlete has won the most Archery Women's Compound World Cup titles?

- a) Alexis Ruiz b) Jessica Stretton
c) Sara López d) Natalia Avdeeva

Q10: Who holds the record of most career wickets taken in Test matches, One-Day Internationals and Twenty20 Internationals combined?

- a) Glenn McGrath b) Mitchell Starc
c) Chaminda Vaas d) Muttiah Muralitharan

Q11: Who has taken most wickets in a series at ICC Men's World Cup?

- a) Glenn McGrath b) Mitchell Starc
c) Chaminda Vaas d) Muttiah Muralitharan

Q12: After Virat Kohli, which Indian cricketer has made the most runs in IPL?

- a) Suresh Raina b) Rohit Sharma
c) Shikhar Dhawan d) MS Dhoni

ANSWERS: 1- b) Carole Hodges 2- a) Roger Federer 3- c) Brendon McCullum 4- d) Marta Vieira da Silva 5- c) James Anderson 6- b) Andre Agassi 7- a) 2001 8- a) Jamal Crawford 9- c) Sara López 10- d) Muttiah Muralitharan 11- b) Mitchell Starc 12- a) Suresh Raina