

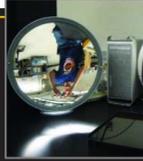


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STUDENT EDITION

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WEB EDITION

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Amid rise in Covid cases, #cancelboardexams2021 trends on Twitter

1 The situation in India is getting worse day by day. When there were only a few cases in the country, they cancelled the remaining Board exams last year, and now when the cases are at a peak they are planning to open schools. We urge the education minister to look into this matter, and cancel all the examinations to be held this year, as students are already under a lot of stress, a petition on Change.org said

2 "It is downright irresponsible of Boards like the CBSE to force students to sit for exams under the prevailing circumstances. The Board exams should either be cancelled, rescheduled or arranged in a manner that does not require the physical presence of children at the crowded exam centres," Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, general secretary, Congress, posted on Twitter

SHOULD BOARD EXAMS BE CANCELLED?



STUDENTS REACT

EVALUATE US ON OUR INTERNALS: I don't understand, when we have studied online throughout the year, why are we expected to give our paper offline? Like last year, the Board should evaluate us on the basis of the internal exams, for I feel, even if precautions are taken, there is crowd outside schools, which can be very risky. As far as postponing is concerned, I think it will be unfair for students, who want to apply for foreign universities. So, the Board should at least make it online like other class exams.
SNIGDHAA PATHAK, class XII, Venkateshwar International school, Sector-10, Dwarka



POSTPONING EXAMS, NOT A BAD IDEA: Conducting the Board exams in a situation where Covid cases are surging every single day, would be a highly-unwise decision. Keeping students' health and life as a top priority, the education ministry should, therefore, consider either cancellation, postponement, or conducting the exams remotely.
AMAN PATHAK, class XII, DAV Model School, Sec 15, Chandigarh



CONDUCT EXAMS WITH SAFETY NORMS: Though we are in the midst of tough times, it can't be ignored that many students have utilised this Covid time to give their best. So, denying them a chance to sit for the Boards will be unfair. Exams test our aptitude and preparation. So, it shouldn't be cancelled at any cost.
KASHI S NAIR, class X, Gregorian Public School, Ernakulam



CANCELLATION, NOT A GOOD IDEA: The Board exams shouldn't be cancelled. Our teachers have worked hard for the whole year and have made sure that learning is up to the mark. I am sure the CBSE/CISCE will follow all the necessary precautions, while conducting exams.
V V RAMARATHINAM IYER, class X, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad

CHALLENGES

■ I don't think it would be right to cancel the Board examinations. Students will be disappointed, as they have worked hard throughout the year. It would make admissions to colleges even more difficult. In the absence of accurate results, some admission-related malpractices may also take place.
SOBHA NAIR, sr Supervisor, Guardian High School & Jr College, Mumbai

■ Last year, due to Covid, few papers were cancelled and average marks were allotted. This has already put a question mark on the need for an annual assessment. In the absence of any other internal mechanism in the Covid year, it has become important for the Boards to assess the learning and teaching process through the final

exam. So, exams should be conducted with the SOPs in place, understanding the fact that assessments are a tool to evaluate the improvement in learning than a mere certification.
Surender Sachdeva, principal, DPS, Ahmedabad

EDUCATORS SPEAK

■ The Board exams play a key role in a student's life. Cancelling them is not a good idea. They can be conducted in batches with all the safety measures. How far we use our present education is secondary but to what extent our students have acquired knowledge can be assessed only through exams. We have already seen a huge learning gap among all the age groups. Cancelling the Board exams will only give students an escape route.
S V LAVANYA, director, Mount Litera Zee School, Bengaluru

WHAT THE BOARD SAYS

■ Both the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) have said that adequate safety arrangements are being made for students, and all the Covid-19 guidelines will be followed during the exams

■ In fact, the CBSE Board has reiterated that the class-



es X, XII examinations 2021 will be conducted as per the latest schedule, and it will start from May 4, 2021

■ Similarly, the CISCE has said that the schedule for exams "will remain the

same"

■ The CBSE Board had earlier announced that if any student fails to appear for the ongoing practical exams after the student or any of his/her family member tests positive, the schools will conduct re-tests for them at an appropriate time

■ The Board has, however, not clarified whether the same relaxation will be given to students in theory exams as well

Q: What's your take? Share your views at toinie175@gmail.com

Spotlight

Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra set to be next CEC



Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra is set to become the next chief election commissioner (CEC), sources said on Sunday. Going by the convention of appointing the senior-most election commissioner as the CEC, the government is learnt to have cleared his name for the top post at the Nirvachan Sadan.

- Chandra will assume charge on April 13, a day after incumbent Sunil Arora demits office
- Chandra was appointed as an election commissioner on February 14, 2019, ahead of the Lok Sabha elections
- He would demit office on May 14, 2022

IPL QUIZ

Which player has hit the most-number of sixes in IPL history?

CHRIS GAYLE

Punjab Kings' opener holds the record on his name. The 41-year-old has smashed 349 sixes in 131 IPL innings. Further, he has scored 3,630 runs in boundaries in the IPL. Gayle also holds the record of scoring the most-number of IPL centuries

FACTOID

1.7 MILLION YEARS

That's when modern human brain structures developed in the African Homo population, and after they had already begun walking on two feet, and had even started spreading out of Africa, according to a study.

➤ The first ancestors from the genus Homo emerged in Africa about 2.5 million years ago and walked upright, but had primitive ape-like brains, only about half the size of the present-day humans, according to researchers

➤ Besides the size, the team also found that their location and organisation of individual brain regions differed from the modern human brain



'Nomadland' bags four awards

Gig-economy Western 'Nomadland' won four prizes, including the best picture on Sunday at the British Academy Film Awards, which were handed out during a pandemic-curbed ceremony that recognised a diverse array of screen talent...



NOMADLAND... ALL THE WAY

- 'Nomadland' filmmaker Chloe Zhao became only the second woman, and the first woman of colour, to win the BAFTA for the best director
- Frances McDormand was named the best actress
- 'Nomadland' also took the cinematography prize

OTHERS

- Emerald Fennell's revenge comedy 'Promising Young Woman' was named as the best British film, while the best actor trophy went to 83-year-old Anthony Hopkins for playing a man grappling with dementia in 'The Father'
- Bakray, 19, won the Rising Star award, whose previous winners include Kaluuya, Kristin Stewart, Tom Hardy and John Boyega

BRAZIL BUILDING NEW GIANT CHRIST STATUE, TALLER THAN CHRIST, THE REDEEMER

Brazil is building a new statue of Jesus Christ in Encantado, which is set to be higher than the iconic Christ, the Redeemer, in Rio de Janeiro. The budget for the monument is about two million Brazil reals, and has been funded entirely through donations



Mobile-based banking now threatened by sophisticated malware

Cybercriminals are now using new and advanced techniques to attack mobile-based banking, and the geography of attacks has become more diversified and extensive, especially from a mobile financial malware perspective, a new report said. According to global cybersecurity firm Kaspersky, the financial threat landscape experienced a game-changing pandemic year. It was found that while the overall volume of threats via PCs or mobiles decreased during this period, the team noticed cybercriminals using new and advanced propagation techniques.



- 1 In 2020, the global situation changed, and all the targeted countries switched places on the list of countries with the highest percentage of users that encountered Android banking malware in 2019
- 2 Russia, a long-time leader in this category, moved down to the seventh place in 2020. At the same time, Japan and Taiwan, absent from the list of the affected countries in 2019, rose rapidly to occupy the top two spots



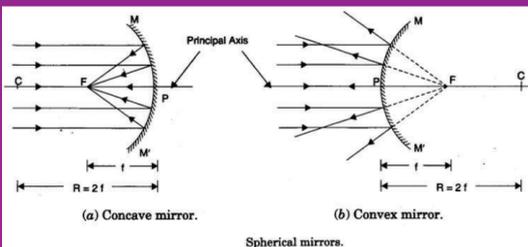
LIGHT ON MIRRORS

AS THE BOARD EXAMS ARE APPROACHING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERTAKE THOROUGH REVISIONS. THIS ARTICLE FACILITATES THE PROCESS. THIS INCLUDES A FEW VERY IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS AND FORMULAE FROM THE TOPIC LIGHT (REFLECTION).

CLASS: X
SUBJECT: PHYSICS
TOPIC: LIGHT - REFLECTION

DEFINITIONS

- THE CENTRE OF CURVATURE (C) of a spherical mirror is the centre of the hollow sphere of glass of which the mirror is a part.
- THE RADIUS OF CURVATURE (R) of a spherical mirror is the radius of the hollow sphere of glass of which the mirror is a part.
- The centre of a spherical mirror is called its POLE (P).
- The straight line passing through the centre of curvature and pole of a spherical mirror is called its PRINCIPAL AXIS.



- The portion of a mirror from which the reflection of light actually takes place is called the APERTURE of the mirror. If the aperture is small, we get a sharper image.
- THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF A CONCAVE MIRROR (F) is a point on its principal axis to which all the light rays which are parallel and close to the axis, converge after reflection from the concave mirror.
- THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF A CONVEX MIRROR (F) is a point on its principal axis from which a beam of light rays parallel to the axis, appears to diverge after being reflected from the convex mirror.
- THE FOCAL LENGTH (f) is the distance between pole (P) and

principal focus (F).

- $f = R/2$
R is the radius of curvature.

- MIRROR FORMULA
 $1/f = 1/v + 1/u$
v is the image distance.
u is the object distance.

- LINEAR MAGNIFICATION (HEIGHT)
 $m = h'/h$
h' is the height of the image
h is the height of the object.
- LINEAR MAGNIFICATION (OBJECT & IMAGE DISTANCES)
 $m = -v/u$



IMPORTANT RULES TO BE FOLLOWED TO SOLVE NUMERICAL PROBLEMS (REFLECTION)

- The object distance (u) is always negative.
- If the image is formed behind the concave mirror (virtual), the image distance (v) is positive. If the image is formed in front of the concave mirror (real), the image distance (v) is negative.
- The image distance (v) for a convex mirror will be always positive.
- The focal length (f) of a concave mirror is negative.
- The focal length (f) of a convex mirror is positive.
- The height of an object (h) is positive
- The height of the virtual image (h') is positive.
- The height of the real image (h') is negative.
- If the magnification (m) has a positive sign, then the image is virtual and erect.
- If the magnification (m) has a negative sign, then the image is real and inverted.
- If $m > 1$, the image is magnified or enlarged.
- If $m < 1$, the image is diminished or smaller than the object.
- If $m = 1$, the image is of the same size as the object.

Concave Mirror

Convex Mirror



NOTE

- A concave mirror can form images which are smaller than the object, equal to the object or bigger than the object. ($m < 1$, $m = 1$ or $m > 1$).
- A convex mirror forms images which are always smaller than the object. ($m < 1$).



T Suja Christobel, Delhi Public School, Electronic City, Bengaluru

WHEN UNCERTAINTIES LOOM

We are surrounded by uncertainty more than ever today due to Covid-19. My father's job doesn't allow work from home. He risks his health every day for his family. I am proud of him and also fearful at the same time. As a student, communication with teachers online is not easy. Fear of the virus keeps us at home with reduced physical activity and online studies have led to increased eye strain. I may need spectacles soon. All we can do is be optimistic, take correct measures and have faith in the Almighty.

Fighting the Net

The internet has become the most distracting for us students. I use applications available online that keep track of my individual app usage, so I can reflect on them later. Making a schedule helps me stop wasting time in unnecessary activity. I personally try to meditate to improve concentration. Nowadays I have been leaving my mobile phone with my parents when I study. This helps me keep clear of social media distractions.

SUBJECTS

I am super confident in science. Why? Because everything in science is conceptual, you understand it once and remember it forever. Everything is closely related to our everyday surroundings. Physics constitutes maths too, yet the formulas are easy to remember.

The subject I am super nervous in is Maths! There are a lot of reasons why, but the major reason is the uncertainty of correct answers. For me, it is difficult to go through each answer after finishing the paper. So after giving the exam there is a fear if the calculations done are correct.

Atulika Bajpai,
class X A, DAV Public School,
Nerul, Mumbai



SCALE UP DRAWING SKILLS

CLASS: XII, CBSE
ENGINEERING GRAPHICS

GUIDELINES

- The foundation of Engineering Graphics is technical drawing. Once you master the art of drawing, science of Engineering Graphics will come to you naturally.
- In all Assembly drawings, half sectional front view will definitely be asked. Side/End view or Top View/Plan will be drawn without section.
- In all Disassembly drawings, only two orthographic views (one of the two views may be half in section or full in section) will be asked of any two parts only.
- (a) In all sectional views, hidden lines/ edges are not to be shown. (b) In all full views, hidden/edges are to be shown.
- All the dimensions are in millimetres. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
- Scoring is not done according to one's own interpretation. CBSE Marking Scheme is strictly followed.



WHAT TO PRACTICE

- Practice free hand sketching as much as possible, apart from sketching using tools.
- Under Isometric projections question on Prism, Pyramid, Cylinder, Cone, Sphere, Hemisphere or Combination of solid will be asked exam. Also hidden lines will not be required.
- Improve your visualisation skills as this is an important way to score in projections.

IN THE EXAM HALL

- Before you start writing, utilise the first 15 minutes to read the question paper thoroughly.
- Divide your time well between short and long answers so that you don't run out of time while attempting the last questions, keeping at least 15-20 min for revision.
- In every question, first determine exactly what is being asked as often Engineering Graphics exam questions are confusing.
- Revise the different symbols, line styles and other details that you will need to answer ques-

- Once you are thorough with the concepts in free-hand, practice important questions with full tools to increase your speed and surety of hand.
- Master each type of assembly and dis-assembly drawing, first practicing in free hand but also doing it with tools.
- Practice drawing objects in first & third angle.
- Study theory by making short notes. This will help you answer multiple choice questions.

- tions in the exam regarding a full drawing.
- Highlight the important points, difference line using different grade pencils, drawing figure neat and clean.
- Print the title and the scale used. Draw the projection symbol. Give the important dimensions. So don't forget it.
- Don't erase the necessary lines. Only erase the unnecessary lines which is shown in answers.

Udgam School for Children, Ahmedabad

MY SCHOOL PROJECT TABLE LAMP



WHAT IS IT?

- It is a table lamp that can also be used as a torch.
- It can be moulded into any direction according to need.
- I got the idea of making it after attending a session on best out of waste.
- It is cost efficient and can be made easily at home.

- Take a plastic bottle and a small plastic box.
- Separate the upper part of the bottle by cutting it in the middle.

SALIENT FEATURES

Helps during power-cut as it is powered by battery. Can also be kept as a showpiece in your room.

As the pipe can be bent, it works as a torch whose light reaches nooks and crannies.

HOW TO MAKE IT?

- Make holes at the following places:-
- Near the bottle cap (roughly 5 cm from the cap).
- In the plastic box near the centre.
- Take a waste pipe and fix its both ends in both these holes.
- To make the pipe tougher from the bottom, wrap it with a

thick sheet of paper. The structure is ready.

- Take wires and fix a switch and a battery. Add small light bulbs to the setup.
- Pass the wire from one end of the pipe and attach the switch and battery inside the plastic box.
- The project is ready.

LESSON LEARNT

I have learnt from this project that innovative and eco-friendly things can also be made from waste materials.

Abhishek Kumar, class X, AKSIPS Smart School, Sector 41, Chandigarh

Grace Pinto receives LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021

Grace Pinto, managing director, Ryan International Group of Institutions was recently bestowed with the 'Life Time Achievement Award 2021' during the Education Conclave (NEP) and School Excellency Awards 2021 organised by Udaan, an NGO working in the field of theatre art, education and social issues in collaboration with Edu Advice. Dr Snehal Pinto, director, Ryan Group of Institutions received the award on behalf of Pinto from Ramdas Athawale, minister of state for social justice and empowerment, in the presence of Dr Sridhar Srivastava, joint director, NCERT and Major Harsh Kumar, secretary, NCERT during the ceremony on March 20, 2021, New Delhi.



While speaking about this award, Pinto said, "We are grateful to 'Udaan' and 'Edu Advice' for recognising our efforts in the segment of education and bestowing the 'Life Time Achievement Award 2021'. We thank our Lord for his continual blessings upon us. We dedicate this award to

all our stakeholders – our dedicated team of staff and teachers, our parents and students for their hard work, collaboration and efforts to achieve greater outcomes in the segment of education. As a group, we continue to nurture lifelong, global citizens through 21st century holistic education.

Udaan in collaboration with Edu Advice, a web news portal which has revolutionised the school education hosted this conclave and the award ceremony to acknowledge the noteworthy contribution and work of educators and legends who have made a difference across the country. The awardees were identified and nominated through a humongous process by a team of educationists, anthropologists, administrative achievers.

A virtual road safety week was organised by SDPS in which students were encouraged to learn about this important subject while also participating in various activities including quizzes, storytelling that brought out their creative side

Road safety week observed at SDPS



Roads seem endless and the future oblique but yes, everyone needs to be alert when one is on the roadside or in a chaotic situation. The logical thinking develops with experience, guidance and motivation. The role of the institutes is just incalculable. Though silent, yet they nurture a lot. The penetrating minds penetrate and try and polish the skills with the help of steadfast team. The chairman, Dayal Chand Garg, manager, Gopal Krishan Gupta and the principal, Dr Umesh Kumar Chhikara helped in organising a road safety week virtually. The learners were encouraged to participate in various activities at various levels. The strategy was simple – to refurbish their knowledge. The

students of standard 1 – 5 participated in collage making competition whereas the students of classes 6 – 8 had the opportunity to test their knowledge by quizzing on the topic 'Sadak Suraksha – Jeevan Raksha'. These young also took oath to follow all the necessary rules and regulations on the roadside. Story narration was served as another platform where children visualised various situations and were transported to the world of imagination. The students of classes IX and X participated in story

narration and slogan designing competitions. The presentation of views in the form of extempore is yet another platform where the young ones share their views and the learning is enhanced. The students of classes XI and XII expressed their views and along with examples that added weight to their thoughts. The best policy is to be 'Alert today, alive tomorrow'. And as is well said 'Safety needs to be practiced at home'. Always follow the rule, – 'Safety starts with 'S' and it begins with 'You'.

GDPS bids farewell to class XII

Gyan Devi Public School Senior Secondary, sector 17, Gurugram gave a fond farewell to the outgoing batch of class XII students. Captain J S Yadav, chairman of the Gyan Devi Group of Schools, was the chief guest of the function. The event was also graced by Neena Yadav, managing director along with director academics, principal, vice-principal, teachers and students. The programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, the head girl and the head boy. Shafali and Darshan Lohia compared the event, which was an ensemble of performances in music, song, games, poems and a ramp walk by the students of class XII.



In her message, the managing director gave an insightful, philosophical and spiritual message from the Bhagwad Gita by reciting certain shlokas with their meanings and

highlighting the essence and meaningful perspective of life. Then the chairman announced the names of Mr and Miss GDPS for the session 2020-21 which was bagged by Prince Bhambhui and Akanksha Yadav respectively.

The principal wished the students success in their forthcoming board exams and encouraged them to scale great heights. The chairman delivered a motivational speech and inspired the students to excel in their examinations. The programme ended with the rendition of the National Anthem, followed by lunch for the staff and students, which was hosted by the management.

Parents' involvement must for children

Studies show that when parents are involved in the education process, of their children in positive ways, the children capitalise on their untapped potentials and are more regular to school and demonstrate positive attitude and behaviour. The foundation of good parent teacher relationship is frequent and open communication, mutual respect and a clear understanding of what is best for each individual child.

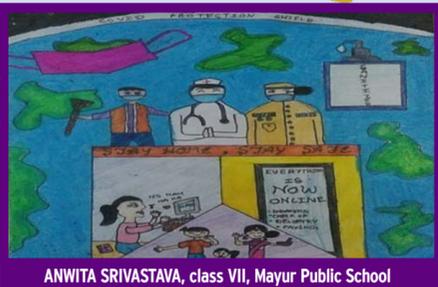
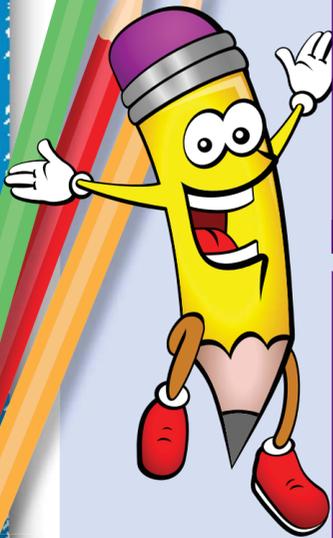


Pramila Gupta extended a warm welcome to the new members of VSPK family.

The principal, Dr Shipra Kumar enlightened the gathering by walking through the vision and philosophy of the school. Parents were given an insight upon the VSPKian learning system which is based on the belief that is locked within every child is the inherent potential for greatness.

Keeping this in mind, VSPK International School, Rohini organised Parent Orientation Programme 2021-22 on April 3, 2021. School chairman S K Gupta and manager

Student Corner



Science has no boundaries

- Science is human and human being is science
- There are no boundaries, it is a vast ocean of knowledge
- A torch is required to illumine the world around
- And gather the wisdom from experience.

Another name for science is innovation, science for society, science and sustainable development. Life in the absence of scientific knowledge is a shallow path which needs to be elevated for the welfare of the society. The great scientists are born when they are nurtured with love and care, guided and motivated, their brains are shaken and they are given the food for thought. Problem sharing and critical thinking are the most important components

and skills which are handled at school level. They act like an appetizer, satisfy the basic human needs and energise the minds.

Fulfillment and satisfaction are correlated terms. Similarly, imparting the education in the right direction and using the appropriate tools at the right time lead to fertile brains with sufficient amount of fertilisers. There is no dearth of institutions in the city which are catering to these requirements and SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh is one such institution where all such aspects are taken care of. The ratiocinators of the school – Dayal Chand Garg, the chairman, Gopal Krishan Gupta, manager and Dr Umesh Kumar Chhikara, principal have a crystal-clear vision to nurture the young minds in the right direction at the right time. SDPS is the ideal place where the child seeks admission to epitomise his capacity

Time and again SDPS organises workshops and competitions for the betterment of the society. The school helped the children participate in National Science Day on February 28, 2021 where the theme was – Future of STI: Impact on Education, Skills and Work. Various activities were initiated to steer the ship in the desired direction to experience the depth of the ocean and reach the shore. The students of classes VI – VIII were awestruck when they watched 'Back to the Future' on MS Teams. The educators of the school were available to satisfy their queries. The students of classes III – VIII participated in other fruitful activities online and revealed their emotions and thought process with the help of art integrated learning.

The creator of the universe governs the principles And man, simply discovers and executes them.

UTTHANAPRIHATASANA

It is also called the lizard pose as it resembles a lizard crawling up the wall. The twist is a variation of this asana by raising the right hand up.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Stand straight and inhale. Go into downward dog pose (athomukha swanasana) as you exhale.
- Bring the right knee forward and outside the right hand and inhale. Let the left knee touch the ground, exhale.
- Rest the left elbow flat on the ground, inhale.
- Stretch the right hand up to 90 degrees and look towards the right palm, exhale.
- Stay in the posture for 5 deep full, breaths.
- Repeat with the other leg.
- Relax in child's pose.

BENEFITS

- Calms the mind and controls stress.
- Reduces extra belly fat.
- Strengthens quadriceps femoris and anterior thigh muscles, gluteal muscles.
- Improves flexibility by relaxing the hip muscles.
- Strengthens pelvic organs and excellent pose for a sportsperson.

PRECAUTIONS

People with the above problem should not try this asana.	1. Knee injury/ surgeries/ pain	3. Sciatica
	2. Chronic lower back pain	4. Shoulder injury
		5. Spondylitis

UMA BALASUBRAMANIAN, Yoga teacher, PSBB Learning Leadership Academy, Bengaluru

*The views expressed in the above article are those of the author's and the newspaper takes no responsibility of it. *

THE CUTEST KNOW-IT-ALL

I wouldn't be wrong if I said that Hermione Granger is a character every Potter head (a lover of the 'Harry Potter' franchise or novel series) adores and looks up to. With her witty comments and unmatched intelligence, she's often given the title of a Know-It-All... someone I'd like to be, quite frankly!

She's the girl who always has her hand raised in all the classes at school, the answers tumbling out of her mouth flawlessly. Every teacher is impressed by her. She's driven by a strong thirst to gain knowledge: to be, quite literally, the best. One can always find her at the library, ready



INSPIRING ICONS HERMIONE GRANGER

Granger is fierce and valiant. She is a wonderful warrior with her wand always at the ready, the best spells cleverly used. What's more? She always stands by her best friends.

To sum it up, Hermione is the perfect role model: someone exceedingly clever, kind, fierce and fearless...and most of all, the greatest friend one could ask for.

Pia Oza, class IX, SSPM's Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Borivali East



CLINICAL **KKR** HOPE TO GET IT RIGHT AGAINST NEMESIS **MI**

Fresh from their clinical display against Sunrisers Hyderabad, two-time champions Kolkata Knight Riders will look to set the record straight against nemesis Mumbai Indians in their second IPL match in Chennai on Tuesday

KKR is looking like a well oiled machine

- Having missed the last two playoffs, KKR looked a completely different unit, in the manner in which they defeated SRH by 10 runs in their IPL opener on Sunday. Be it the aggression shown by the top-order or the explosive finish by Dinesh Karthik, KKR displayed a fearless approach under skipper Eoin Morgan.
- Morgan's intent was evident right at the toss when he chose to leave out their most-trusted lieutenant, Sunil Narine. The left-right opening combination of Nitish Rana and Shubman Gill started to attack right from the first ball, clearly indicating that the new approach had Morgan's success mantra written all over it.
- Boasting of a solid middle-order in Andre Russell, Karthik and Morgan, 2020 was a season of promise for KKR but some rudderless planning did not help their cause. This time KKR have further bolstered their middle-order by adding Bangladesh superstar Shakib Al Hasan, while Morgan, in his full season as skipper, gives a new dimension to the side.
- Rana's deft wrist work and brute power was on full display on Sunday and it ensured that they stayed ahead despite Rashid Khan's twin blows in the form of Gill and Russell. After Rana's 56-ball 80, it was under-fire Karthik who hit an unbeaten 22-run cameo from nine balls to propel KKR to a winning total of 187 for 6.
- KKR would look to come out all guns blazing against the five-time champions on Tuesday. They have won just

once in their last 12 games against MI, and have an overall lopsided 6-21 head-to-head record. But eventually it will all boil down to a battle of wits between Morgan and Rohit Sharma, under whose captaincy MI won a record fifth IPL title last season in UAE.

MI will be desperate to register a win

- MI will pose a real challenge for KKR as the title holders would be desperate to secure their first win of the season after their two-wicket loss to Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL opener on Friday.
- KKR found it easy against SRH bowlers, which lacked firepower but in Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult, MI attack will be a completely different proposition. Gill's struggle to bat at T20 pace has been a concern for KKR and it will be interesting to see the young opener's approach against the finest in the business.
- Often known as slow starters, MI lost the other day due to individual brilliance of RCB's Harshal Patel and AB de Villiers on a two-paced wicket in Mumbai. In his debut match for MI, Chris Lynn was their top-scorer, albeit with some stroke of luck as he survived some edges and mishits.
- If Quinton de Kock is still in quarantine, MI may have to persist with Lynn at the top, otherwise they may go back to their preferred left-right opening combination of Rohit and de Kock. MI's explosive middle-order consisting Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan and the Pandya brothers — Hardik and Krunal — also failed to fire to be restricted to 159 for nine.



Nitish Rana



Jasprit Bumrah

'SHAW MADE A CHAMPIONS-LIKE COMEBACK'

Delhi Capitals opening batsman Shikhar Dhawan said that youngster Prithvi Shaw has made a comeback like a champion in IPL 14 after going through a bad patch earlier in the year

Dhawan and Shaw sealed the deal for their team with a partnership of 138 runs in their opening match of the Indian Premier League 2021 against the Chennai Super Kings at Wankhede Stadium on Saturday. Dhawan played a blistering knock of 85 from 54 balls, while Shaw smashed 72 runs off 38 balls to help Delhi Capitals defeat CSK by seven wickets.

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The 35-year-old added that a comprehensive victory in their first match of the season is a huge confidence booster for the team. When asked about Rishabh Pant's captaincy in his first match as DC skipper, Dhawan said, "We are missing Shreyas Iyer, and I am glad that his surgery went well. But I am happy for Rishabh Pant. He is a young captain and it's a great thing he has got a win in his first match as captain. He

was very calm and composed leading the side. He made good changes as well and I am sure that with experience, he's only going to get more refined."

The opening batsman feels Delhi Capitals can lift the title this season with continued backing from fans. Delhi Capitals will next take on Rajasthan Royals on April 15. ANI

It was lovely to watch Prithvi bat so effortlessly and timing the ball so nicely. He went through a bad patch earlier and has come back as a champion. He did so well in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, scoring so many centuries and a double century as well. And now, he has brought the same form in IPL. I am so happy to see him perform that well.

Shikhar Dhawan



Shikhar Dhawan with his opening partner Prithvi Shaw

'WILLIAMSON NEEDS BIT OF EXTRA TIME TO BE MATCH FIT'

Sunrisers Hyderabad head coach Trevor Bayliss said New Zealand batsman Kane Williamson was left out of their opening IPL match against Kolkata Knight Riders as he needs more time to be match fit. Batting at number four, Williamson had scored 317 runs in 11 innings for SRH last season, while Bairstow was equally impressive with 345 runs after opening the innings in the previous edition in the UAE. "We just felt that Kane needed a little bit of extra time to get match fit and a little bit more time in the nets," Bayliss said in the post-match press conference after SRH lost to KKR by 10 runs on Sunday night. "He would have played in place of Jonny Bairstow obviously if that had occurred. But we aren't too perturbed about that, Jonny has been in form recently in white-ball cricket here in India. Kane will obviously come into calculations as the tournament unfolds." PTI



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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: The word Gambit is related to which of the following sports?

- a) Chess b) Table Tennis
c) Polo d) carom

Q2: On which of the following courts is the Chennai Open tennis tournament played?

- a) Clay court b) Grass Court
c) Hard Court d) Carpet Court

Q3: Where was the first Cricket World Cup held and when?

- a) England, 1975 b) England, 1979
c) Australia, 1975 d) Australia, 1979

Q4: Which wicket keeper holds the record for most dismissals in World Cup?

- a) Ricky Ponting b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
c) Kumar Sangakkara d) Mitchell Starc

Q5: Which tennis player won the gold medal in men's singles at the 2016 Summer Olympics?

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

Q6: Which Indian badminton player won the bronze medal in men's singles in the 2019 BWF World Championships?

- a) Kidambi Srikanth b) Parupalli Kashyap
c) H.S. Prannoy d) B. Sai Praneeth

Q7: World No 1 Ashleigh Barty was bundled out of the 2021 Charleston WTA quarter-finals after a stunning upset. Whom did she lose to?

- a) Paula Badosa b) Belinda Bencic



Ashleigh Barty

- c) Sloane Stephens d) Madison Keys

Q8: Which F1 driver has the most wins with a single constructor, with 73 victories?

- a) Lewis Hamilton b) Michael Schumacher
c) Jordan Henderson d) Hollie Doyle

Q9: Triples is a new format of

- a) Boxing b) Judo
c) Chess d) Badminton

Q10: Who among the following sports persons won the first gold medal for India at Asian Games?

- a) Mihir Sen b) Sachin Nag
c) Dhyan Chand d) K D Jadhav

Q11: Who among the following won the gold medal in 10,000 meters race in Asian Athletics Championship, 2017?

- a) Govindan Lakshmanan
b) Adilet Kyshtabekov
c) Gopi Thonakal d) Chen Chich

Q12: Who is the only captain to have led the Indian hockey team twice in Olympics?

- a) Dilip Tirkey b) Paragat Singh
c) P R Sreejesh d) Dhyan Chand

ANSWERS: 1 a) Chess 2 c) Hard Court
3 a) England, 1975 4 c) Kumar Sangakkara
5 a) Andy Murray 6 d) B. Sai Praneeth
7 a) Paula Badosa 8 a) Lewis Hamilton
9 d) Badminton 10 b) Sachin Nag
11 a) Govindan Lakshmanan 12 b) Paragat Singh