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We all have such emotions for our children in our heart. There is nothing more than their child for the parents. Really it's true and when it comes to child's career, they do all their efforts.

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# Are Marks Affected by the Handwriting of Students?



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Students are always advised to work on improving their handwriting in schools. In fact, they are provided curative writing books, writing exercise and even during vacations practicing writing on daily basis is included in student's holiday homework. But, why so much value is given to handwriting in students' lives? The conflict arises when people start comparing or even criticizing an individual on the basis of handwriting. This comparison and ensuing criticism have led to the debate on whether handwriting should be a criterion to decide marks of any student.

### Understanding the role of handwriting in a student's life

Handwriting is a beautiful art. It is not only about putting letters on paper but it also indicates how organized and methodical a person is. Good handwriting is important even in this era of computer typing and talking writing tools. Educators & parents should start focusing on handwriting from an early age itself; say 4 or 5 years (Preschool and Kindergarten). It will help the young hands to gather control of their motor skills and also devise their unique writing styles which will develop as they grow up thus adding to their personalities. When the child starts writing, it creates an invisible yet very strong connection between the brain and content, thus giving them a much better and intense understanding of the matter. A good handwriting always attracts attention and appreciation, and subconsciously helps in studies as well. Many types of research have shown that there is a constructive association between good handwriting and better academic performances. Scientists have attributed this phenomenon to the fact that writing using pen and paper enhances memory hence adding up to the remembrance, which is vital at the time of tests and exams. The impact of hand-



It is believed that students with good handwriting ideally get more marks as compared to students whose handwriting is not so good

written notes is beyond words, be it a greeting card or a letter, nothing can replace the charm of written letters. Moreover, when we write we are more dedicated and focused which lets us be as clear-cut and easy as possible. If we inculcate the habit of good handwriting early in our lives then it will benefit us way beyond our student lives right up to the professional lives. So if the students are given a few extra marks or grades for their exceptional handwriting it will only provide them with an advantage in the long run.

### Understanding the other side of the Coin - Handwriting should not be the only criterion

Every person is born unique and has an independent identity so it will not be reasonable to judge all the people, especially students on the basis of just one factor, handwriting. No doubt that

anyone who has a good attractive handwriting is appreciated and liked by peers and teachers but that does not mean that the students who do not possess this quality should be punished for it, on the other hand student should be encouraged to improve it for their benefit in longer run. Bad handwriting does bring with it its own disadvantages and is very much likely to cut our marks and grades. If the student has a bad handwriting and the test written by him/her than teacher is not able to read it properly so they would certainly get fewer marks, though the student is conceptually clear but as the teacher is not able to read the writings it serves as a negative point. It is very much possible that if they say them verbally they will secure good marks.

There are very few people who are left-handers and they find it very difficult to adjust to everyday life because every equipment in the world is made according to the convenience of right-handers, just like desks in class. It is so difficult for left-handers to use the support which is on the right side and write properly. Many times, most talented students have a lot of thoughts racing through their minds that they write very quickly resulting in bad handwriting. What they have written might be something very special, original, and innovative. They should be encouraged and appreciated.





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## Satyameva Jayate International School Ahmedabad



SJIS students depict on the frame the beauty of nature amongst silence & birds chirping. Our students enjoy nature, and draw their version of this beauty at SJIS green school campus amongst silence and birds chirping. This happens only at SJIS.



### Science LAB

Lab is central, integral & sacred. More than a mere place where one does the practical but a place to explore, analyse & think beyond the landscape of mind. Taping the Back to School enthusiasm, to set an inspiring tone to school through hands on practicals and activities in Science laboratories. KG to X is at experimental exposure.

### "Save ozone layer else you may lie in no zone."

The Tagore House Students of SJIS, have put forth the much-needed alarming message before all of us, in today's morning assembly, through a beautiful skit presentation. Reduce depletion of ozone, otherwise you will be in the Redzone. If you like drinking water, stop ozone slaughter! Every ozone hole is a threat to our soul.



## Teachers Day Celebration By Tripada International School



The Teacher's Day i.e. birthday of Dr. Radhakrishnan was celebrated today marvelously in Tripada English School, where five aspects were included. First and Foremost the Grandparents were invited to narrate mythological story to young learners imparting values and culture. The students of std eighth played the role of teachers. The parents in different profession were invited and they provided knowledge as per their expertise or field. One group of teachers and few students visited The Manav Gulzar, NGO, where children were involved in activities of art/craft/story, action songs and games. Musical program, games and garba was organised for teachers. The motivational speech was delivered by our academic director were all the teachers were heartily thanked for their support and dedication.



## Grandparent's Day Celebration By Tripada Gurukulam English School, Viramgam



Grandparents are the mega bound personalities who train the two generations. They are the one who were very strict with their daughters and sons but melts as butter with their grandchildren; as they see the shadow of their foot fall in their grand children. In order to give tribute and honor to these great mentors, Tripada Gurukulam English School celebrated 7th Sep'2019 as 'Grandparent's day'. The grandparents were welcomed by giving "Hanuman Chalisa" and doing "Tilak" on their Forehead to show our piousness.

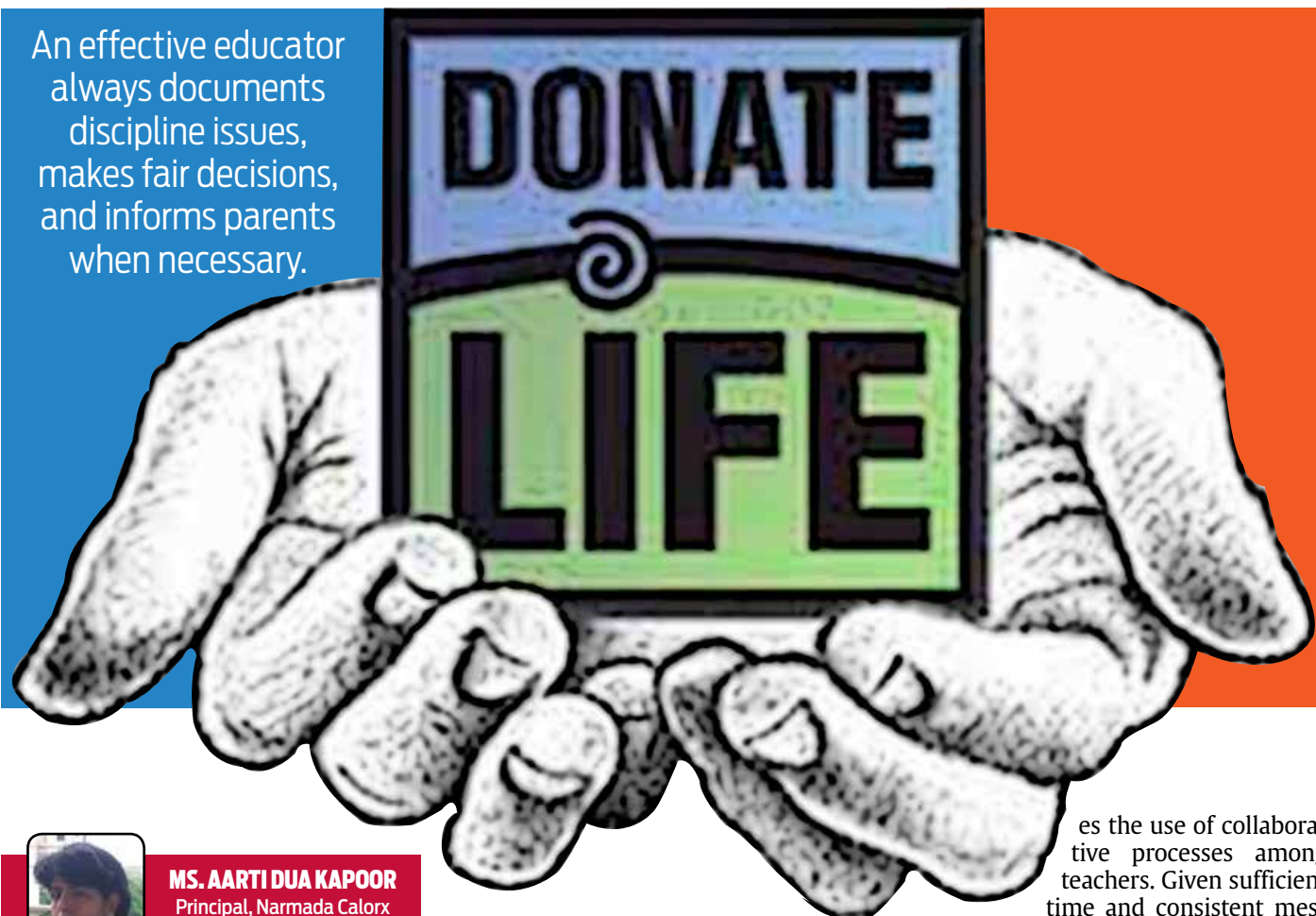


CCIS S G Campus organized Clay Modelling Activity



# One Word, One Donation

An effective educator always documents discipline issues, makes fair decisions, and informs parents when necessary.



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themselves within their work context. Scholars who are asked to engage in open and honest communication with the facilitator, to contribute their suggestions, and to voice their knowledge are much more likely to follow the direction set.

## Developing People:

Much of the focus in education literature regarding the educator's role in developing novice has been on instructional leadership, which emphasizes the teachers' role in providing guidance that improves their classroom practices. Group book studies, lesson study in critical friends' groups, professional development sessions at conferences, or visits to high-performing schools all provide intellectual stimulation.

## Redesigning the Character:

Educators strengthen school culture when they clearly and consistently articulate high expectations for all students, including subgroups that are too often marginalized for not making adequate yearly progress. The organization (students, teachers and principals) operate in can sometimes thwart their best intentions to use effective practices. Organizational structures can be modified, for instance, by changing schedules to ensure that teachers share common planning time and use that time to discuss improving instruction. This kind of restructuring also reinforces

es the use of collaborative processes among teachers. Given sufficient time and consistent messages about the value of collaboration, students learn to trust their classmates and are more willing to share their challenges.

A good teacher will go through all sides without jumping to conclusions. A teacher role in student discipline is much like that of a judge and a jury. You decide whether the student get appreciation of an obedience or would become an example for others.

Furthermore, what penalty should be enforced to the student who is guilty of a disciplinary infraction. An effective educator always documents discipline issues, makes fair decisions, and informs parents when necessary.

Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges. Alexander the Great stated the importance of teachers saying, "I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well." It is not an exaggeration to say that a great teacher can change a student's life.

There are an endless amount of great teacher stories that attest to the benefits of a strong relationship between an educator and pupil. Teachers are founts of experience.

They have already been where their students are going, undergone what they will go through and are in a position to pass along lessons, not only regarding subject matter, but lessons on life. Thus, ONE donation in terms of word, of yours, will make a significant difference, for LIFETIME.

## Hygiene



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Foundation

### Meaning:

Hygiene means conditions or practices conducive to maintain health and prevent disease, especially through cleanliness.

### Introduction:

The exercise of proper personal hygiene is one of the essential parts of our daily life. Many people in rural areas may not understand what good or bad personal hygiene is. The prevention of communicable diseases, like diarrhoea, trachoma and many others is highly possible through the application of proper personal hygiene.

### Personal hygiene:

Personal hygiene is a concept that is commonly used in medical and public health practices. It is also widely practised at the individual level and at home. It involves maintaining the cleanliness of our body and clothes. Personal hygiene is personal, as its name implies. Generally, the practice of personal hygiene is employed to prevent or minimise the incidence and spread of communicable diseases.



## Importance of personal hygiene:

### Preventing faeco-orally transmitted diseases

The fingers may get contaminated with one's own faeces, either directly or indirectly and may facilitate the transmission of infections.

### Aesthetic values of personal hygiene

Cleaning oneself produces pride, comfort and dignity at home and in public places. Caring about the way you look is important to your self-esteem.

E.g. a person with clean hands is proud while eating because they feel confident of preventing diseases. A teacher in a school is always happy to see their students with clean faces and eyes, and dressed in clean clothes.

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## Library Day Celebrated by Hanumant School



## Workshop on solar panels at LML



Lalji Mehrotra Lions School played the host to the Aspire Disruptive Skill Foundation. The students of classes VIII to XII actively participated in the workshop conducted by the Foundation. All the students were assembled at the Kala Kendra, where they waited eagerly for the session to begin. Mr. Manoj Kumar Pundir, the General Manager at ADSF, created an interactive environment by getting the students involved in the talks. He first started by talking to the students about their career options. He also motivated the students to pursue their goals regardless of what people have to say about it. The students were really inspired by his speech. Next, he explained the students about solar panels and their process of manufacturing. It was again something which the students eagerly paid attention to. Mr. Pundir explained how the Sun's rays fall upon solar panels and force them to generate electricity. After the explanation, the students were shown the actual demonstration of the working of a solar panel on the school grounds itself. It was another day to be enjoyed at LML!

—Nisarg Patel, Class XI

## FORGIVENESS

One of the revolution that Jesus taught us was the power of forgiveness. During a time of revenge and equal compensation, Jesus flips everything on its head and says, "Forgive"

The problem is forgiveness is hard!

Yet it is freeing.

Sometimes freedom is hard. Sometimes freedom is a push. But when you taste freedom, you realize just how worth it, it is. As Cook and Baldwin point out in their fantastic book *Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness*, 'Forgiveness is not compromise.' "Forgiveness means letting go. It means being willing to accept that we are all mortals flawed and suffering, imperfectly made and trying our best."

—SABIHA A SAIYED, YRC Member  
Kameshwar International School

## Teachers' Day Celebration at CCIS Green Campus





## Rainbow Day Celebration at NalCE the Primary School



## Teachers Day Celebration by Mother Teresa Memorial School Shela



# Inauguration of Sanskardham Sports Academy



Sanskardham had organized a 'Mega Event' comprising Inauguration of 'Sanskardham Sports Academy', Inauguration of 'Khel Mahakumbh' and felicitation of outstanding Indian Sports personalities on 8th September 2019.

The function was graced by the Hon. Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Anandiben Patel, whose benign presence led the function to its success. Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri. Vijaybhairu Rupani inaugurated the Khel Mahakumbh while the Hon. Minister of State of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri. Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Sanskardham Sports Academy.

The outstanding sports personalities who graced the occasion were Shri. Pulllela Gopichand (Chief National Badminton coach), Shri. Viswanathan Anand (Chess Grand Master), MC Mary Kom (Olympic Champion in Boxing), Deepa Malik, (the first Indian Paralympic Games winner), Shri Gagan Narang (Country's Ace Shooter) and Elavenil Valarivan (Air Rifle Champion). They interacted with the student fraternity of 'Sanskardham' and motivated the children to stay fit, healthy and develop the spirit of sportsmanship to succeed in life. There was questionnaire session between students and Sports Icon on 'Fit India Movement'. Their answers encouraged students to include physical activity and sports in their everyday life.



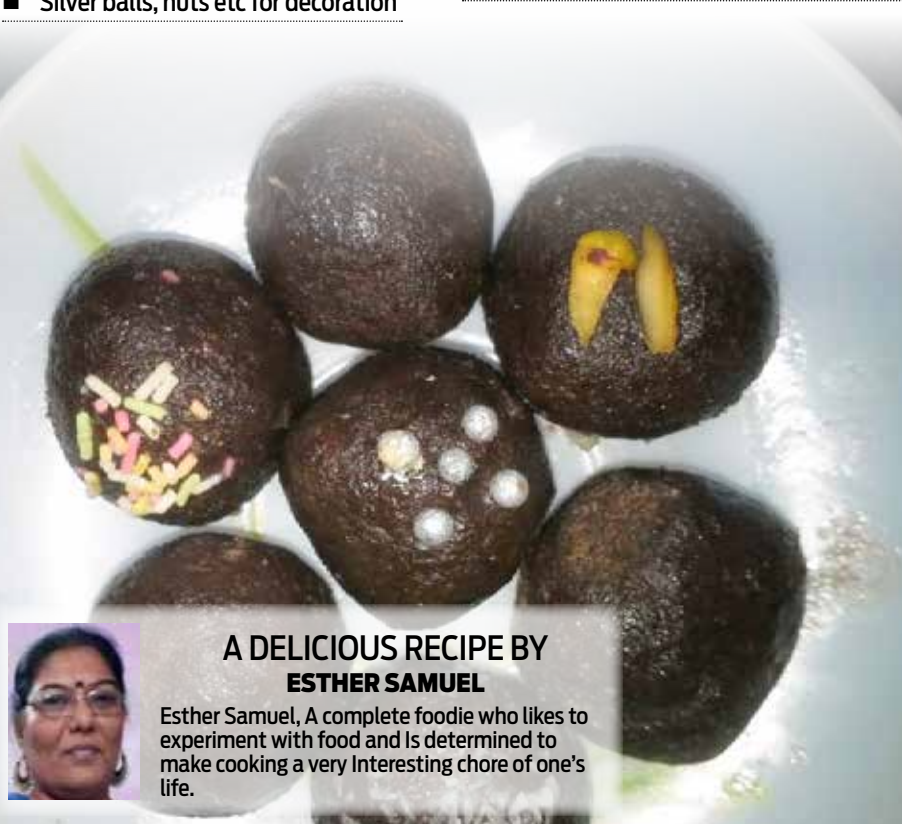
# Oreo Balls

## Ingredients

- 20 Oreo biscuits
- 3 tbsp milkmaid
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp ghee
- Silver balls, nuts etc for decoration

## Method

- 1) Crush the biscuits into fine powder.
- 2) Add milkmaid, milk and ghee and mix properly.
- 3) Make balls from this mixture.
- 4) Decorate with silver balls, nuts etc. and serve.



### A DELICIOUS RECIPE BY ESTHER SAMUEL

Esther Samuel, A complete foodie who likes to experiment with food and is determined to make cooking a very interesting chore of one's life.



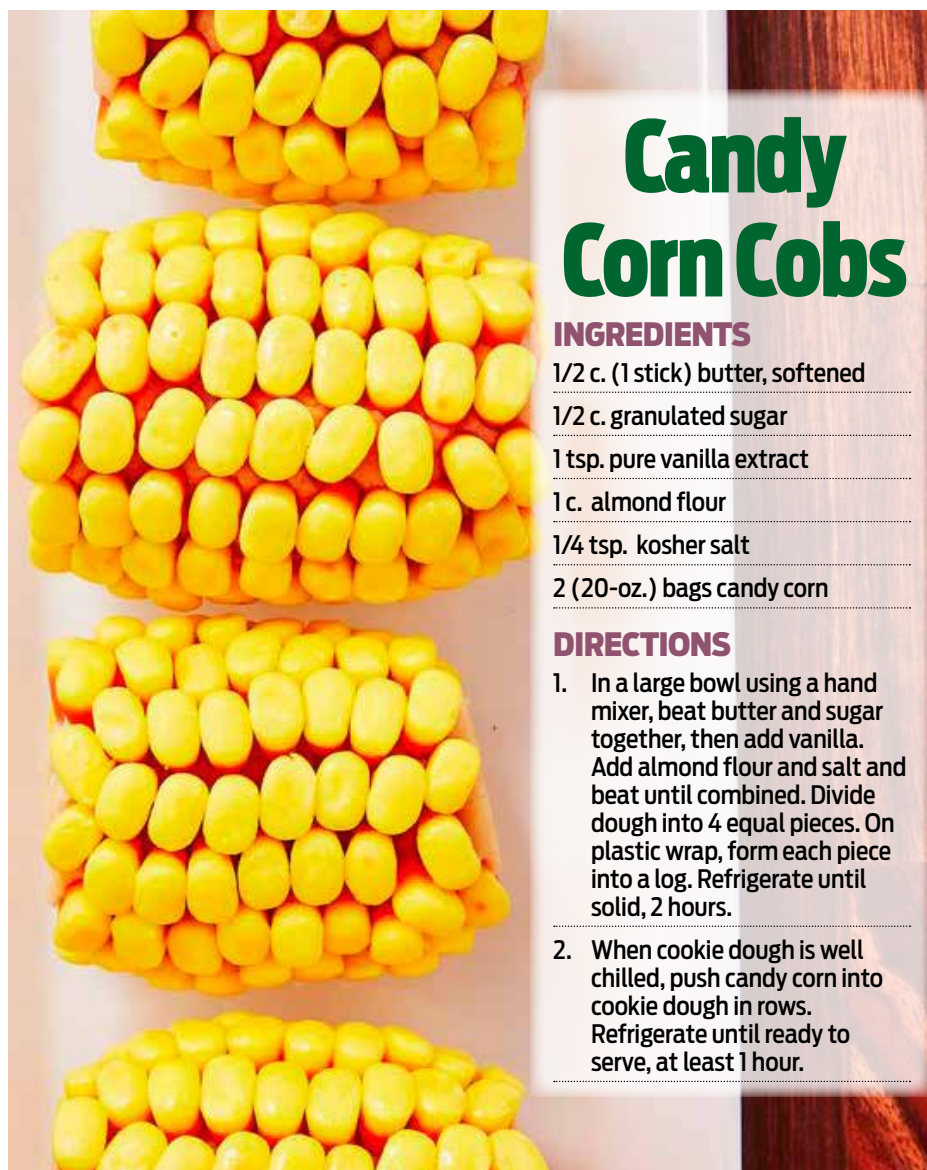
# Candy Corn Cobs

## INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 c. almond flour
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 (20-oz.) bags candy corn

## DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter and sugar together, then add vanilla. Add almond flour and salt and beat until combined. Divide dough into 4 equal pieces. On plastic wrap, form each piece into a log. Refrigerate until solid, 2 hours.
2. When cookie dough is well chilled, push candy corn into cookie dough in rows. Refrigerate until ready to serve, at least 1 hour.



# Changing of the Leaves

## Materials

- 3 green leaves from the same tree
- Rubbing alcohol
- 1 glass jar
- Plastic wrap
- Paper Strip from a coffee filter
- Small bowl with hot water in it

## Instructions

1. Break all the leaves into tiny pieces and put them in the jar.
2. Pour rubbing alcohol over the leaves until they are just covered.
3. Mash and stir the leaves into the rubbing alcohol until the rubbing alcohol turns slightly green.
4. Cover the jar with plastic wrap.
5. Put the jar in a bowl of hot water for 50 minutes. Gently swish the jar every 10 minutes to stir up the leaves.
6. Take plastic wrap off and place paper coffee filter strip into rubbing alcohol. Make sure just one end of the strip is in the alcohol and the other end is near the top of the jar.
7. Let the paper strip sit in jar for an hour. Then make your observations.

## How it Works

In this science experiment we used the rubbing alcohol and energy (hot water) to separate the colours. You likely saw green, and depending on your leaf type, maybe red, yellow, or orange. Chlorophyll gives leaves their green colour and is so dominant it hides the other colours in the leaves. But in the fall, chlorophyll in the leaves breaks down allowing the other colours to finally shine through and show their beautiful reds, yellows, and oranges.

## Extra Experiments

1. How do the results change if you leave the leaves in the rubbing alcohol for an hour and a half instead of 50 minutes?
2. How do the results change if you start with leaves that no longer are green?
3. How do the results change if you use needles from an evergreen tree?

## QUIZ

1. Which is the principal source of energy for earth?
2. Which is the coldest location in the earth?
3. How many lungs does the human body have?
4. What is the standard taste of the water?
5. Which country is called the land of rising sun?
6. Which is the tallest mountain in the world?
7. Which is the fastest animal on the land?
8. Which continent is known as 'Dark' continent?
9. Who is the inventor of electricity?
10. Which is the largest animal in the world?
11. Which planet is known as the Red Planet?
12. Which is the tallest animal on the earth?
13. Which is the most sensitive organ in our body?
14. Which is the most spoken language in the world?
15. Which two parts of the body continue to grow for your entire life?
16. The largest 'Democracy' in the world?
17. Who is the inventor of Television?

Send your answer to [openpageyrc@gmail.com](mailto:openpageyrc@gmail.com). Names of the Winners would be announced in the next issue





# Don't Hear, Listen



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In India we accredit parenting to the core and licensed till lifetime. Still we ensure the best inputs, knowing the productivity stand of our ward. There can be reasons of hiring a tutor – not well versed with the subject, may not have the teaching studying acumen, cannot develop the classroom environment, lack self confidence, no time (major share) lack patience, lack conceptualization of theories and formulae, an easily acquired tutor, an interested facilitator, the process of parents teaching may confuse the ward as per the teacher's teaching philosophies.

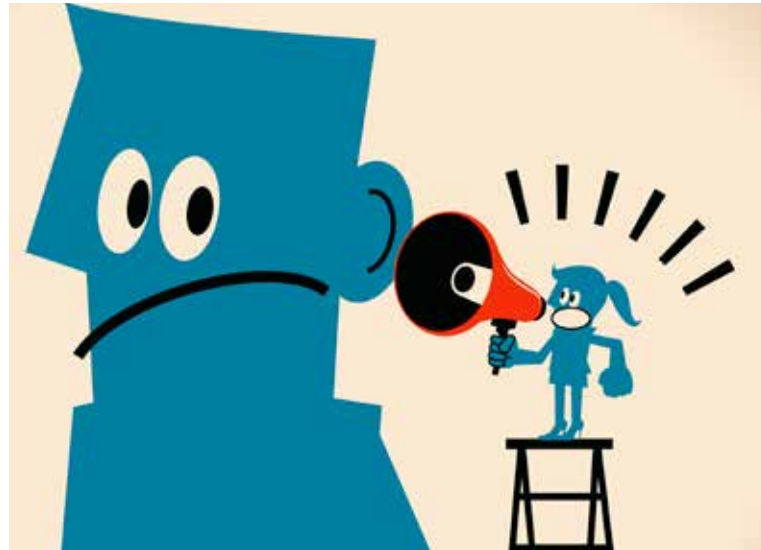
How important is your stake on the tutor. All children have their own learning abilities and disabilities. More than carrying laurels on abilities, it is time we sat back to work on the problem areas for the slow learners, weaker students and turn them into enabled lot of students unlike categorizing as disabled. Respect them as they are.

Famous parent's dialogues -You should be first, get more marks than him/her, you didn't know this, why can't you do this simple one, how can you be wrong on this, you answered everything and that too right....correct, how much do you expect (children keep this answer ready immediately after the exam irrespective of their performance because of the high may be positive expectation of the parents suffices). Was the Need analysis done?

Result time. The same

**DON'T  
TALK!**

**JUST LISTEN**



anticipation continues. How much did you get? How much did you get? How much did you get? How much did you get? And you?.....

Oh again why so less. Very good keep it up. You should get more. WHAT? How can you get such low score and it is not about acceptability, if there are back papers or bad result. It is simply World War IV. What should have been done is may be a need analysis in time. Did we consider the problem/ concern/ difficulty/ understanding from the student? Did we provide necessary ways and means to overcome these difficulties though at a slower pace or with a lower result percentage?

Did we give enough time and resources to grow? Did we allow adequate adjustments before the actual exam preparation stage? Did we monitor progress? Did we create a good peer learning environment? I am not digging on the negatives, what could have been done or what ought to be. I am a parent

myself; I stand as a counterpart along with all of you.

We have talked about tutorials, vocational education and training and extra-curricular activities in addition to schooling that is a mainstay for the physical and mental growth of the students. Work upon. Respect each incredible student and nurture them appropriately.

- Revise, recall, relearn – as many times with breaks and refreshments
- Encouragement that it can be done – first look positive more than being
- Simulation- creating the mock, learning made better
- Personal tutoring environment – patience and time
- Eye contact – be there giving the feeling of do as you know, I am behind
- Consistency approach – never give up on them today, you might wait for their autograph tomorrow

- Timetable – plan , you are the boss don't over-plan

It is the might of anyone to look forward to score and score good. I am of the same attitude. I believe results are just milestones that come after every interval. To go towards a goal or live a dream, it requires we parents to take out time from our busy schedule, with patience and willingness work upon the weaknesses of our students and more than converting them into strengths, derive them to opportunities to excel. Never leave the low score students, they only need time, attention and effort to rise and there are no exceptions for any failure or weaker students, all are going to be responsible citizens of tomorrow. (No conditions apply)

Have faith in self and them. Don't hear, listen



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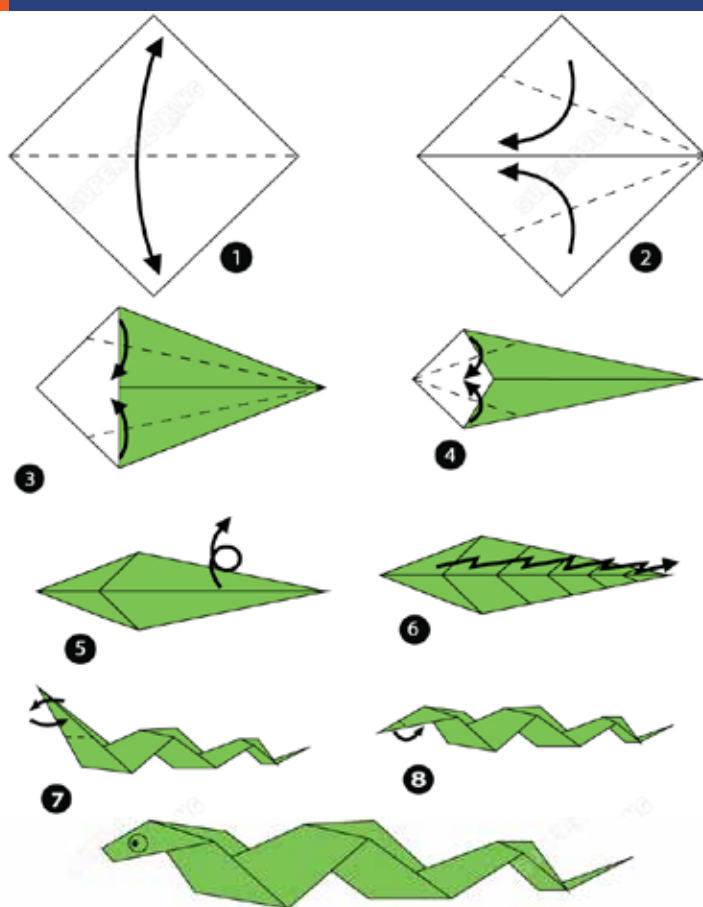
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## ORIGAMI



## POPEYE CARTOON STRIP





Gandhi Jayanti is a major national festival whose celebration occurs on 2nd October in India. Most noteworthy, this festival celebrates the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Furthermore, Gandhi Jayanti is one of the three national holidays of India. 2nd October has been declared as the International Day of Non-Violence by the United Nations. The festival is certainly a momentous occasion in India.

#### Significance of Gandhi Jayanti

Mahatma Gandhi was born in India under British rule. He was certainly the most prominent individual in the Indian Independence struggle. Mahatma Gandhi has the honour of the title of "father of the nation". This was due to his persistent paramount efforts for India's independence.

# Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi had a family of the merchant class. This confident man went to South Africa at 24 years of age. He went there to pursue law. His return from South Africa came in 1915. Then he became a member of the Indian National Congress. Due to his relentless hard work, he soon became the president of Congress.

Gandhi Jayanti honors the great personality of Mahatma Gandhi. It's an opportunity to reflect and cherish the life of this great personality. Furthermore, everyone must try to live like him on this day. Gandhi Jayanti is certainly a very patriotic day in India.

Mahatma Gandhi's efforts were not restricted to Indian independence only. The man also fought various kinds of social evils. These social evils were untouchability, casteism, female subjugation, etc. Furthermore, he also made significant efforts to help the poor and needy.

Mahatma Gandhi had a great dislike for the British rule in India. However, he was not in favour of the path of violence. Gandhi strictly was a believer in the philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence). Consequently, the man opposed British rule in a peaceful manner.

Furthermore, Gandhi's peaceful protests and movements were highly effective. His methods and plans were very efficient. Due to his incredible effectiveness, Gandhiji became an inspiration for other World leaders. Once again, Gandhi was bestowed with another title of Mahatma.

The meaning of the word Mahatma is a great soul. His birthday was made into a day of magnificent remembrance and celebration.

Navratri is a major festival celebrated by the Hindus in India with much pomp and gaiety. In this festival, people worship the nine different forms of the Goddess Durga who symbolizes purity, power and divinity. The word 'Navratri' means 'Nine nights'. It is the longest Hindu festival of the year, spanning over nine nights and ten days. In a year, Navratri comes four times-one each in the months of Chaitra, Aashadh, Ashwin and Magha. The Navratri that falls in Chaitra or Basant months in March or April is quite popular. In this Navratri, the ninth day is celebrated as Ram Navami. (The birth of Shri Ram).

The other popular Navratri, falls as Sharad Navratri in the months of September or October. It falls in the lunar month Ashwin, during Sharad ritu. Since it is even more popular and significant Navratri of all the Navratris, that is why it is known as Maha Navratri. On the tenth day after Sharad Navratri, Dussehra or Vijaya Dashmi is celebrated as the victory of good over evil. It urges people to get rid of the negativity inside them in the form of greed, jealousy, anger, lust etc. On the day of Dussehra, the Navratras are opened.

During Navratras, the nine forms of Goddess Shakti are worshipped on the nine different days. They are - Maa Shailputri, Brahmaachareenee, Chandraghanta, Kushmaanda, Skandmaata, Kaatyaayeneene, Kaalraatree, Mahagauri and Sidhidhatree.

On the first day of Navratri, "Ghat-sthaapna" is done in which an urn is filled with water and religiously placed for doing pooja. An 'Akhand' diya is lit, which is burnt day and night. After this, fast is kept and prayers are offered to the Goddess for nine consecutive days. On the tenth day, 9 little girls are called home. They represent the Goddess. One pays obeisance to them and after serving them food, breaks the 9 day fast and eats.

Navratras that fall in the months of Magh and Asadh are known as Gupt



Navratras, simply because not many have heard of them. These Navratras are celebrated by healers who perform specialized tantric rituals. For them, these Navratras are very important. Magh Navratri is celebrated prominently in the Northern region of India while Asadh Navratri is celebrated more by the tantrics of the Southern states of India. Unlike the other two grand celebrations of Navratris, the gupt Navratri are done secretly or without much fuss. During these Navratras too, fasts are kept, donations are given and prayers are performed with the recital of certain shlokas.

#### Day 1: Shailputri

Known as Pratipada, this day is associated to Shailputri (literally "Daughter of Mountain"), an incarnation of Parvati. It is in this form that the Goddess is worshiped as the consort of Shiva; she is depicted as riding the bull, Nandi, with a trishula in her right hand and lotus in her left. Shailputri is considered to be the direct incarnation of Mahakali. The color of the day is red, which depicts action

and vigor.

#### Day 2: Brahmacharini

On Dwitiya, Goddess Brahmacharini, another incarnation of Parvati, is worshiped. In this form, Parvati became Sati, her unmarried self. Brahmacharini is worshiped for emancipation or moksha and endowment of peace and prosperity. Depicted as walking bare feet and holding a japamala and kamandal in her hands, she symbolizes bliss and calm. Blue is the color code of this day. Blue colour depicts tranquility yet strong energy.

#### Day 3: Chandraghanta

Tritiya commemorates the worship of Chandraghanta - the name derived from the fact that after marrying Shiva, Parvati adorned her forehead with half-chandra (lit. moon). She is the embodiment of beauty and is also symbolic of bravery. Yellow is the colour of the third day, which is a vivacious colour and can pep up everyone's mood.

#### Day 4: Kushmanda

Goddess Kushmanda is worshiped on Chaturthi. Believed to be the creative power of universe, Kushmanda associated to the endowment of vegetation on earth and hence, the color of the day is Green. She is depicted as having eight arms and sits on a Tiger.

#### Day 5: Skandmata

Skandamata, the goddess worshiped on Panchami, is the mother of Skanda (or Kartikeya). The color Grey is symbolic of the transforming strength of a mother when her child is confronted with danger.

#### Day 6: Katyayani

Born to a sage, Katyayana, she is an incarnation of Durga and is shown to exhibit courage which is symbolized by the color Orange. Known as the warrior goddess, she is considered one of the most violent forms of Goddess Parvati.

#### Day 7: Kalaratri

Considered the most ferocious form of Goddess Durga, Kalaratri is revered on Saptami. It is believed that Parvati removed her fair skin to kill the demons Sumbha and Nisumbha. The color of the day is White. On Saptami, the Goddess appears in a white colour attire with a lot of rage in her fiery eyes, her skin turns black.

#### Day 8: Mahagauri

Mahagauri symbolizes intelligence and peace. The color associated to this day is Pink which depicts optimism.

#### Day 9: Sidhidatri

On the last day of the festival also known as Navami, people pray to Siddhidhatri. Sitting on a lotus, she is believed to possess and bestows all type of Siddhis. Here she has four hands. Also known as Saraswati Devi. The light blue colour of the day portrays an admiration towards nature's beauty.



## 16 September - World Ozone Day

WORLD OZONE DAY  
16 SEPTEMBER 2018

World Ozone Day is observed on 16 September annually. On this day in 1987 the Montreal Protocol was signed. Since 1994, World Ozone Day is celebrated which was established by the United Nations General Assembly. This day reminds people about the depletion of Ozone Layer and to find solutions to preserve it.

## 21 September - International Day of Peace and Non-Violence (UN)

International Day of Peace and Non-Violence (UN) is observed on 21 September around the world. For the first time it was observed in September 1982 and in 2001, the General Assembly adopted a resolution 55/282, which established 21 September as International Day of Peace of non-violence and cease fire.

## 22 September - Rose Day (Welfare of Cancer patients)



Rose Day is observed on 21 September for the welfare of cancer patients or we can say that this day marks the hope for cancer patients that cancer is curable. This day is celebrated in the memory of a 12 year old Melinda Rose of Canada, who when diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer and did not give up hope.

## 26 September - World Maritime Day

World Maritime Day is observed annually on

26 September to raise awareness about the importance of gender equality which is also necessary to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and also to highlight the contribution of women in the maritime sector. The theme of 2019 is "Empowering women in the maritime community".

## 27 September - World Tourism Day



World Tourism Day is annually celebrated on 27 September to highlight the importance of tourism which help in generating employment and build future for millions of people around the world. World Tourism Day 2019 theme is "Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All".

## 28 September - World Rabies Day

World Rabies Day is observed on 28 September every year to make people aware about the prevention regarding rabies and to highlight the progress in defeating this horrifying disease.

## 29 September - World Heart Day

World Heart Day is observed annually on 29 September. This day informs people about the heart disease and stroke which is the world's leading cause of death.

## 30 September - International Translation Day



International Translation Day is observed on 30 September every year. This day provide an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals. It also plays an important role in making nations together and strengthens world peace and security.

# Shri Ram Vidhyalay in Sanand organized Param Veer Vandan & Guru Vandan in association with IMCTF



Shri Ram Vidhyalay in Sanand organized Param Veer Vandan & Guru Vandan in association with IMCTF (Initiative for Moral Cultural Training Foundation) to inculcate moral values in students of Patriotism & Family values.

The program started with lighting of Lamp by - Col Nambiar, Shri Kanubhai Patel, Shri Narayan Meghani - Secretary, IMCTF Gujarat & Smt. Sashi Bhatt - Director & Principal of Shri Ram Vidhyalay (SRV).

Families of martyred soldiers - Captain Nilesh Soni, Constable Channabhai & Naik Mukesh Kumar were honoured with a shawl & memento by Col Nambiar RMR (Kargil war Veteran) - Director of M G Patel Girls Sainik school who was the Chief Guest & Shri Kanubhai Patel - MLA Sanand & Bavlawho was the Guest of Honour.

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war hero really touched the hearts of the students, parents and other audience.

Shri Kanubhai briefed the gathering about importance of living a life which can serve the nation. Shri Narayanbhai Meghani explained the mission of IMCTF and how students can inculcate such values in their livelihood. Col Nambiar told students how they could benefit the country without being a part of the Defence services. He also made students understand the importance of joining defence services. He also shared his experiences about being a part of 9 different operations. He had been a survivor of 7 bullets in different operations. He also told students that it is really a great opportunity to serve the country and feel honoured.

Program of Guru Vandan was also organized where Principals of different nearby schools along with their students participated. Smt Sashi Bhatt thanked all the dignitaries, the parents & students for making this program a success.



# Djokovic in Brisbane, Nadal in Perth as ATP Cup draw made

The championship, which will take place from January 3-12 in the lead-up to the year's first Grand Slam, the Australian Open in Melbourne, will feature 24 nations split into six groups across Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Eight teams -- with up to five players each -- will emerge from the round-robin stage to compete in the knockout phase in Sydney until one is left standing.

Most of the world's top 30 men will take part, with ties comprising two singles and one doubles match.

At the draw in Sydney, Djokovic's Serbia were pitted against France, South Africa, Germany, Greece, Canada and wildcard entry Australia in Brisbane.

Nadal's Spain will face Japan, Georgia, Russia, Italy and the United States in Perth while Federer's Switzerland take on Belgium, Austria, Croatia, Argentina and the Andy Murray-led Britain.

The final five nations in the ATP Cup standings, based on the ranking of their

number one singles player, will be determined by the second entry deadline of November 13. The new-look start to the year offers Aus\$22 million (\$15 million) in prize money and a maximum of 750 singles and 250 doubles ATP rankings points. It will be held on the back of a revamped Davis Cup, run by the International Tennis Federation, in November, bringing together 18 nations in one place for a week at the end of the 2019 season.

## ATP CUP DRAW

Group A (Brisbane) - Serbia, France, South Africa +1 TBC

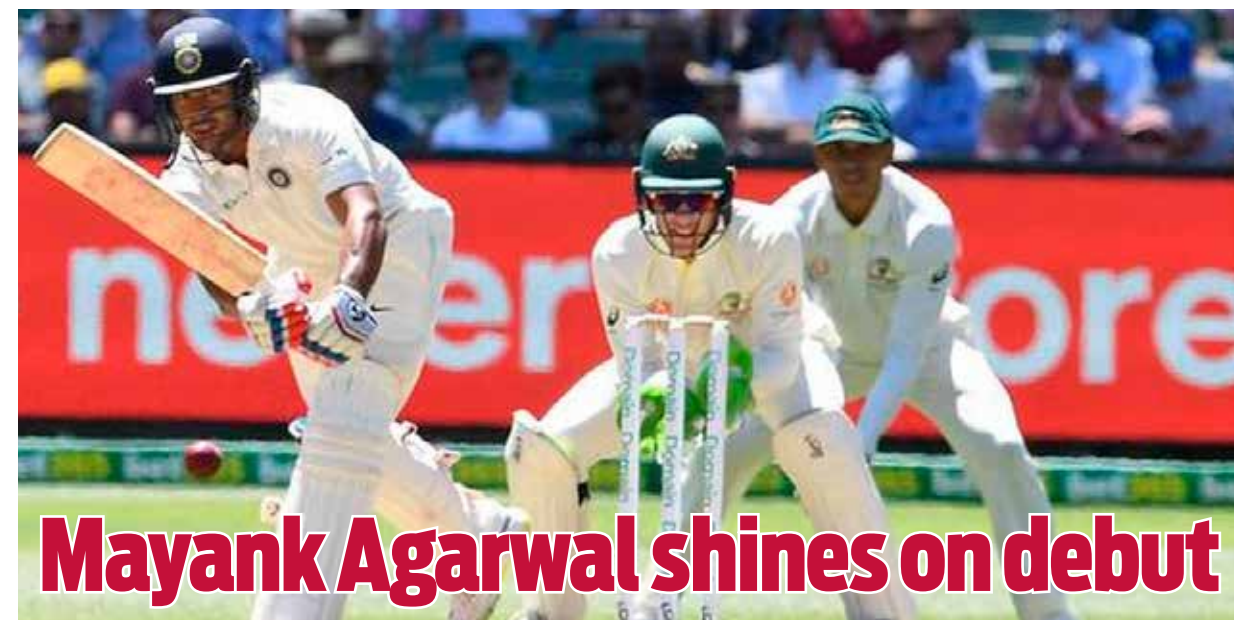
Group B (Perth) - Spain, Japan, Georgia +1 TBC

Group C (Sydney) - Switzerland, Belgium, Britain +1 TBC

Group D (Perth) - Russia, Italy, USA +1 TBC

Group E (Sydney) Austria, Croatia, Argentina +1 TBC

Group F (Brisbane) - Germany, Greece, Canada, Australia



## Mayank Agarwal shines on debut

Australia snared the crucial wicket of India's Mayank Agarwal on the stroke of tea to offer a glimmer of hope in the third Test on a docile, batsman-friendly Melbourne wicket on Wednesday.

India came into the clash with a new pair of inexperienced openers after the misfiring Murali Vijay and KL Rahul were axed, suggesting a hint of panic as Virat Kohli's men look to win their first ever series in Australia.

But the exciting Agarwal rose to the challenge after Kohli won an important toss and opted to bat

on a pitch that is expected to deteriorate as the match wears on.

He stroked 76 and was looking impregnable before Pat Cummins had him caught behind by Tim Paine as he gloved the last ball before the break down the legside.

India ground their way to 123 for two at tea with the patient Cheteshwar Pujara unbeaten on 33.

The four-Test series is tied 1-1 after India won the opening clash in Adelaide by 31 runs and Australia drew level with a 146-run victory in Perth, making Melbourne a crunch encounter.

Agarwal, who has been in fine form in domestic Indian cricket, scored his first Test runs with a three through the covers off Josh Hazlewood and he had plundered 17 before the more cagey Hanuma Vihari, promoted to open from number six in Perth, troubled the scorers.

Agarwal's impressive maiden innings saw adulation coming from various quarters, acknowledging the dazzling debut at the MCG against Australia. Here's how Twitter reacted to the youngster's impressive start to Test career.



## US Open champion Andreescu feted in hometown

Bianca Andreescu, who beat Serena Williams in the US Open final to become Canada's first Grand Slam singles champion, was honoured with a rally in her hometown on Sunday.

Bonnie Crombie, the mayor of Mississauga, a suburb of Toronto, presented Andreescu with a key to the city.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in the midst of campaigning for second term, was also on hand.

"She is an inspiration to all Canadians old and young, but to be honest, especially an inspiration to young Canadians because she showed that young people can do anything," Trudeau said.

Andreescu's stunning 6-3, 7-5 victory at Flushing Meadows denied Williams a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title.

In the course of a year she has climbed from 200th in the world rankings to a career high fifth.

Her rise has been another source of pride for Canadian sports fans, who saw the Toronto Raptors claim the NBA championship in June.

The Raptors' "We the North" slogan has been transformed for Andreescu to "She the North".



Fresh from her maiden international singles title, shuttler Tasnim rushes back home to unwind with grandparents

# In the Limelight

Irfan Mir was a hassled man. Between nurturing talents, and his coaching commitments, Irfan was left to deal with another challenge: His teenage daughter's newfound fame. Only 14,

Tasnim Mir has become a sensation of sorts with her exploits in recent times that saw her sealing the under-15 Asian Championship berth for the second time while registering maiden berths in the under-17 Asian Championship and under-19 World Championship.

Tasnim, getting used to the attention, is more composed. "I never thought there will be so many of them. But it feels good," Tasnim told Mirror from

her grandparents' house where she had gone to unwind. "It's been 2-3 months that I had visited them. Last time, when I was in town they came and visited me. I thought it will be good if I can spend some time with them before I get busy with the World Championship," the youngster, who trains at the Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad, added.

Tasnim warmed up for the World Championship, which will be held in Kazan, Russia from October 7, with her maiden under-19 singles and doubles titles in Dubai International Series on Sunday. "I am very excited to win the title. It was my first under-19 singles title and I am feeling really good about it," the teenager said.

Unseeded in both the categories, Tasnim was at her best as she won the singles crown without dropping a game in the tournament. "I had played Tressa (Tressa Jolly in final) before. She is a very good player and had beaten others. But I always managed to beat her," Tasnim added. The sense of pride was unmistakable. But Tasnim is grounded.

"Honestly, I was targeting semis. I am happy that I managed to win my first international singles title," she said.

## In sync:

It was not only singles, Tasnim and Assam's Ayan Rashid had turned heads with their performances in mixed doubles category as well. Though they have not been friends and live in two different cities, it was the game that brought them together as a formidable mixed doubles player. "I was not even friends with him. It was only after I started playing with him that I had started talking to him," Tasnim said of her understanding with Ayan. "I think the friendship is helping as we talk too much on the court and we have developed an understanding for each other," she said.

And they have found a way to beat the distance. "He trains in an academy in Assam. So, before the start of any tournament, I go there and train with him. I think the results are showing," she added.

## A different ballgame

While the titles will be a big confidence booster for Tasnim, she knew that World Championship will be a different ballgame. "I must admit that the win gave me a big confidence booster ahead of the Kazan tournament. But I am aware that the World Championship will be different. There we will face the best in the world and I am not thinking too much about it. I just want to give my best," she summed up.

## A ITF crown for Vipasha



Vipasha Mehra lived up to her top billing as the youngster from Tamil Nadu, who trains at a city academy, won the girls' singles crown in ITF J4 Tournament in Lome, Togo. In the final, Vipasha edged out second seed

Yasmin Ezzat of Egypt 7-6 (0), 6-3 for the crown. After a bye in the opening round, Vipasha made her intentions clear with a dominating 6-0, 6-0 win over Benin's Carmen Kpadonou in the second round. In the quarters, Vipasha edged out eight seed Ariel Johnson of USA 6-3, 6-4 before she defeated another girl from USA Clervie Ngounoue 6-4, 6-1 in the semis.

## Vanshika wins U-17 KMK title



Promising shuttler Vanshika Mehta added another crown to her cabinet as she won the under-17 girls' singles Ahmedabad City District Khel Mahakumbh title. All of 14, Vanshika defeated Krisha Jain 15-9, 15-6 in the final to claim her maiden under-17

title. Earlier in the quarters, Vanshika recorded a 15-10, 15-6 win over Yana Shah. Vanshika's biggest win came in the semis where last year's under-14 winner shocked defending champion Anushka Shahin for a 15-13, 15-9 win.

## Shivam wins snooker crown



Shivam Arora showed steely nerves as the cueist from Pune bounced back to win the snooker title in 2nd Open Pool & Snooker

Tournament that was held at Ivory Balls Pool & Snooker Club. In a closely contested final, Shivam found himself in dumps after being down 0-4 against Bhopal's Anurag Giri. Anurag started the match with a couple of counter clearances and a break of 66 that helped him to take the lead. Shivam then sparked a turnaround as he bounced back with 49, 93, 77 breaks. Riding on the momentum, Shivam overcame the pressure before settling the issue.

## Title for Ranveersingh

Ranveersingh Marwa brought cheer to the local crowd as the youngster from the city beat another young talent Karmesh Patel 8-4 to win the Pool crown. Ranveersingh kept it calm and came out with a composed show to race to a 5-3 lead in the first session. Karmesh put some resistance in the second session but Ranveersingh was in no hurry as he picked up two more frames to settle the issue.

## Mt Carmel marks decade of dominance



The girls from Mount Carmel celebrated their decade-long dominance as they won the

Ahmedabad district under-14 Khel Mahakumbh basketball title for the 10th consecutive year. At Anand Niketan School, Satellite, there was no match for Carmel girls as they handed Nirma Vidya Vidhar drubbing 42-6 in the final. For the winners, Krishna Nair picked 16 points while Maria Lakdawala added 10 more. Bhoomika Tak too chipped in with four points. For the losing side, Krishna Jappe scored four points. Earlier in the quarters, Mt Carmel defeated hosts Anand Niketan School 34-8. Rutva Trivedi top scored with 8 points while Armin Bhamgara added six more. Continuing with their dominant run, Mt Carmel then eased past Global Indian International School (GIS) 33-5 in the semis. For the winners, Maria and Kavya Deliwala scored eight points each while Yashvi Doshi added four points.

# Five-star Vansh shines on opening day

Vansh shone as he struck with five goals as ARA FC recorded a 6-3 win over Eklavya FC on the opening day of Ahmedabad Golden Baby League.

In the under-12 match, goals from Vansh (12th minute, 37th, 40th, 46th, 49th) and Dhairya (6th) helped hosts ARA FC beat Eklavya FC. For the losing side, Shaurya (1st, 20th, 45th) hit the net.

However, ARA played out a thrilling 5-all draw against Ahmedabad Stars. Siddharth (4th, 15th, 29th, 31st) and Yash (39th) hit the net for the host team while Deepak (7th, 19th, 25th, 44th) and Saraswat (49th) found the net for Ahmedabad Stars.

Ahmedabad Stars suffered another loss in the day when they were beaten 3-4 by Flory. Jahan Shah (12th), Varghese Kandatil (17th), Darsh Soni (39th) and Tanuj Gaudani (46th) found the net for the winners while Deepak (14th, 36th) and Krishna (43rd) found the net for the losing side.

Flory also recorded the biggest win in the category when goals from Avirat (2nd, 5th, 49th), Darsh (29th, 33rd, Shiv 15th), Jahan (25th) and an own goal by Prince in the 22nd minute helped them record 8-0 win over Eklavya FC. In another tie, RSSA beat Anand Niketan School, Shilaj 3-0. Devam (3rd), Krushang (15th) and Jevash (21st) hit the net for the winners.

Flory, Eklavya flourish in U-10



Meanwhile, in the under-10 category, Flory FC and Eklavya 'A' recorded thumping wins.

Incidentally, Flory beat Eklavya 'A' 10-2 with goals from Mirnav Rabiya (2nd, 9th, 15th, 33rd), Vihaan Shah (16th, 19th, 23rd, 24th) and Japesh Mehta (5th, 11). For the losing side, Hriday Arora (27th) and (Purvesh Patadia 32nd) found the net.

Eklavya bounced back from the loss to record a similar 10-2 win over BBFS 1. Purvesh (1st, 4th, 8th, 10th), Abhay (5th, 7th, 11th, 12th), Armaan (15th) and Hriday (20th) found the net for the winners while Rudra (3rd) and Ishan (7th) hit the net for the losing side. Flory recorded another win when Miranav (6th, 16th, 17th, 29th) fired four in their 4-2 win over ANTS FC 'A'. For the losing team, Shrujan Shah (13th) and Vihaan Agrawal (18th) hit the net for the losing side.

ANTS FC 'A', however, bounced back as

goals from Vihaan (2nd, 25th, 35th) and Yuvraj (23rd) helped then record a 4-1 win over BBFS 1, who pulled one back through Aarnav (26th).

ANTS FC 'B', on the other hand, suffered a 1-5 loss against CNSA. Neel Chandekar (5th, 36th), Trushan Patel (18th), Vihaan Sampat (30th) and Aaditya Ranjan (35th) hit the net for the winners while Aarush (26th) pulled one back for the losing side.

Kingstar recorded the biggest win of the day with a 7-1 win over BBFS 2.

Jenil Thakkar (2nd, 39th), Rohan Vaghela (16th), Kevin Bhavsar (29th, 38th, 40th), along with an own goal by the rivals, helped Kingstar's cause. Vedant Gajjar (3rd) pulled one back for the losing side.

## Kahaani's winning tale

Meanwhile, at the under-8 category, that was played at Decathlon, goals from Rudra Choksi (4th), Daksh Adhiya (7th, 8th), Nimay Goswami (18th) and Dron Patel (22th) helped Kahaani 'A' record 5-0 win over Ahmedabad Stars.

Kingstar too shone in limelight with goals from Rudra Oza (7th, 12th, 13th) and Arnav (11th, 22nd) helped them record a 5-2 win over Kahaani. Daksh Adhiya (2nd, 12th) pulled two goals for Kahaani.

Soorya Sharga (4th, 16th, 22nd) scored a hattrick as ANTS FC recorded a 3-0 win over Ahmedabad Stars.



## Sri Lanka unveils South Asia's tallest tower, funded by China



Sri Lanka on September 16 unveiled South Asia's tallest tower, costing over \$100 million, 80% of which has been funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The 350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower, located in the heart of Colombo city, comprises a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre.

## Facebook to stop news headline changes from advertisers



Facebook said Monday it is working to stop advertisers from changing headlines in links to news stories after concerns raised by a British political party's altering of one such link. The leading social network confirmed the internal effort in the face of concerns over a BBC headline altered in an ad to evidently change the tone of an article about British government spending on education.

## Gates Foundation set to honour Modi for Swachh Bharat Mission



A dozen people, some wearing "Free Kashmir" T-shirts, with the Justice For All coalition delivered 100,000 petition signatures to the Gates Foundation's Seattle headquarters on Monday, asking the world's largest private nonprofit not to honor Modi's

Swachh Bharat Mission, a sanitation initiative that improved access to toilets.

## DRDO's unmanned aircraft crashes in Chitradurga



A unmanned aerial vehicle which had lost its control from DRDO at Kudapura in Chitradurga district crashed in an arecanut farm in Jodichikkenahalli of Challekere taluk of Chitradurga district. The UAV crashed at arecanut farm around 7.50 a.m.

## Biggest oil price surge since 1991 as locked and loaded US points finger at Iran for attack



An attack on Saudi Arabia that shut 5 per cent of global crude output caused the biggest surge in oil prices since 1991, after US officials blamed Iran and US President Donald Trump said Washington was "locked and loaded" to retaliate. The Iran-aligned Houthi movement that controls Yemen's capital claimed responsibility for the attack, which damaged the world's biggest crude oil processing plant. Iran denied blame and said it was ready for "full-fledged war".

## Pakistan ministries directed to submit report on IMF goals

The Pakistan government has asked all the Ministries and divisions to submit a report about the implementation of targets set for the first review with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). With the help of the statistics provided, the Finance Ministry would prepare for talks with

the IMF review mission, reports The Express Tribune. According to the Finance Ministry's letter on Sunday, the four-day talks between Pakistan and IMF on the extended fund facility programme (EFF) would start from Monday.

## President Ram Nath Kovind unveils Mahatma Gandhi's bust, shares Bapu's oneness of humanity



President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi, marking the 150th anniversary of the Father of the Nation and hoped that his legacy will inspire the mankind to tackle climate change and conserve ecology. Ram Nath Kovind, in a special event organised in Villeneuve, Switzerland, thanked the commune of Villeneuve for celebrating Gandhi's legacy and naming a Square after him.

## Israel's Netanyahu appears to suffer setback in exit polls



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fell short of securing a parliamentary majority with his religious and nationalist allies in national elections on September 17, initial exit polls showed, setting the stage for a period of coalition negotiations that could threaten his political future and clear the way for him to be tried on corruption charges.

## Chandrayaan-2: Crucial day for Vikram lander as Nasa lunar orbiter set to fly by, take photos



An orbiter operated by the United States is set to fly over the part of the Moon where the Chandrayaan-2 lander Vikram lies after having lost contact with Earth during its attempt to land on the lunar surface. On Tuesday, exactly 10 days after the Vikram lander went silent, Nasa's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter will fly over Vikram's landing site and attempt to take pictures of the lander in the hopes of determining the spacecraft's fate.

## The Trump and Modi show



Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit early and hit hard. At a packed diaspora event in a football stadium in Houston, Texas, Modi explained his rationale for diluting Section 370 of the Indian Constitution and how it would benefit Jammu and Kashmir. He also attacked Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism, without once naming it. His speech at the 'Howdy Modi' event, where he shared the stage with US President Donald Trump, came five days ahead of Prime Minister Imran Khan's September 27 speech in the United Nations General Assembly where he will raise both issues--India's dilution of Article 370 and Jammu and Kashmir.

## Balakot reactivated by Pakistan, 500 terrorists waiting to enter India

Speaking to the media in Chennai, General Rawat said, "Balakot has been reactivated. Balakot was affected, damaged and destroyed. Action had been taken by the Indian Air Force and now they are reactivated."

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

### SERENA WILLIAMS

26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1981

Serena Jameka Williams (born September 26, 1981) is an American professional tennis player and former world No. 1. She has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, most by any man or woman in the Open Era. The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) ranked her world No. 1 in singles on eight separate occasions between 2002 and 2017. She reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time on July 8, 2002. On her sixth occasion, she held the ranking for 186 consecutive weeks, tying the record set by Steffi Graf.



### LILY SINGH

26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1988

Lilly Singh (born September 26, 1988), is a Canadian YouTuber, comedian, television host and actress, widely known as IISuperwomanII. In 2017, she was ranked tenth on the Forbes list of the world's highest paid YouTube stars, earning a reported \$10.5 million. Singh has featured in the annual YouTube Rewind every year since 2014. She was ranked first on the 2017 Forbes Top Influencers List in the entertainment category. She was also named one of the 40 most powerful people in comedy 2019.



### BHAGAT SINGH

27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1907

Bhagat Singh 27th September 1907 – 23 March 1931 was an Indian socialist revolutionary whose two acts of dramatic violence against the British in India and execution at age 23 made him a folk hero of the Indian independence movement. In December 1928, Bhagat Singh and an associate, Shivaram Rajguru, fatally shot a 21-year-old British police officer, John Saunders, in Lahore, British India, mistaking Saunders, who was still on probation, for the British police superintendent, James Scott, whom they had intended to assassinate.



### LATA MANGESHKAR

28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1929

Lata Mangeshkar (born 28 September 1929) is an Indian playback singer and music director. She is one of the best-known and most respected playback singers in India. She has recorded songs in over a thousand Hindi films and has sung songs in over thirty-six regional Indian languages and foreign languages, though primarily in Marathi, Hindi, and Bengali.



# Elementary/Intermediate Drawing Exams

Are you good at drawing? Do you want to take up Fine arts or Commercial Arts as a final subject in college? Then surely, you may have heard of Elementary and Intermediate Drawing exams. A lot of us have heard of it but may not know all the details. So today, we are making things easier for you by giving you information about these exams all in one place!

The Elementary and Intermediate Grade Examination was instituted in the year 1880 by the Art Directorate of the Government of Maharashtra. It started with 18 students for the first ever examination, moving onto around 2 lakh students who appear for this examination, every year. These exams were instituted with the idea of encouraging and developing an interest of art education amongst young aspiring individuals.

These examinations are generally held in the latter half of September every year. And only those candidates who pass the Intermediate Drawing Grade Examination are admitted to the specialized higher courses like Commercial Art, Fine Art, and Foundation. While it is not compulsory for other art courses like Fashion Design, Interior Design, and Textile, having this additional certification does give you an edge over others. In fact, even some IT and other vocational courses give you a preference if you have taken this exam.

There is a prescribed age limit for students i.e. 17 years for the Elementary & 18 years for the Intermediate



Grade Exam. These exams are held in Maharashtra, Goa, Andhra-Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, U.P. and Delhi. The names of the first 60 successful candidates in order of merit for each of the Grade examinations are announced at the examination centres. This exam is open to any candidate, private or candidates from recognized institutions.

## Subjects for Elementary/Intermediate

- STILL
- NATURE DRAWING
- MEMORY DRAWING
- DESIGN
- FREE HAND
- GEOMETRY

Here are some tips that An Elementary/ Intermediate candidate should understand before he/she appears for the exam.

### 1. Focus on your artistic goal

There are many students around you, who want to attempt this grade exam. They might force you to attempt the same exam. But if you are planning a career in drawing, then do not take this exam as casually as they are taking it. Focus on your art that will help you grow.

### 2. Know the syllabus

There are 6 different subjects you will have to concentrate on while preparing for this exam. Those subjects are: still drawing, Nature drawing, Memory drawing, Design, freehand, geometry. Each subject demands different skills. Each one needs more and more practice to achieve

perfection in it. Study the syllabus carefully.

### 3. Time Management

Elementary/ Intermediate grade exam is having various topics with a lot of detailing. Therefore, A student needs to schedule a time- table to give sufficient time for each subject. Also, this exam is necessarily conducted on Sundays; students have to cover all the papers in the given period of time. Only a good time manager can get through this exam.

### 4. Concentration is a must

There are subjects like memory drawing, freehand drawing that needs calm and concentrated mind more than anything else. While practicing memory drawing or freehand drawing, you will get to know that you hardly get time to use an eraser and to repeat the same drawing. You need extreme level of concentration while dealing with Memory drawing, Design or free hand drawing. Increase your concentration by using meditation as a tool.

### 5. Enhance Your Observation

Observation is the first and foremost quality of an artist. Observing nature, places, people, and incidents will make you grow as an artist.

By purposely following these tips you can easily attempt the Elementary / Intermediate Grade Exam. Go ahead; give an exam for a subject you love, or just out of your pure passion for art.



**DPS GANDHINAGAR**

A feather in the cap! Kushal Bhosale of DPS Gandhinagar was felicitated by Mr Suresh Kumar - Director MaRRS with a trophy and a gold coin on 3.9.19. He secured the second runner-up position in the International Marrs Spelling Bee Competition held in Mumbai on 28.4.2019. Kudos to Kushal Bhosale and to DPS Gandhinagar!!



# Seven Steps to Seed Interest



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We all have such emotions for our children in our heart. There is nothing more than their child for the parents. Really it's true and when it comes to child's career, they do all their efforts. Usually parents go through different stages during their child's study and career making. Where there comes many questions and a lot of confusion. Firstly when the child has to be admitted, there come several questions like "Where to get admission?" "Which school is the best?" Either to select English medium or Gujarati medium?" Advice is taken from so many people. 'English medium or Gujarati medium?' is a very big question. To talk about this would take in another whole article. But in short I would say that primary education is the best in their mother tongue.

Then comes 10th, board exam and after exams what to select? Either Science or commerce? In which line there are what benefits? And much more.

After the child passes 12th exam, "What after 12th?" Is the most common question. Which course? What number of seats? Will get admission or not? Counseling, demo, inquiry etc. And after that course the job question is still on. In this competitive world to get a job is very huge question. So these were general things which every parent go through. Now the main thing

## During the rush in making our child's career aren't we forgetting our child only?

Because sometimes it happens that both the child and the parents have a common goal. For example, child says he wants to be cricketer. And if parents may also say that they want him to become a cricketer, then in this case both the child and the parents are fortunately lucky.

But sometimes due to lack of awareness of the parents they leave it upon their child. Which has both advantages and disadvantages? Sometimes the child does not know in which direction he/she should go and can also get distracted. On the second side sometimes it happens that the children without the interference of their parents choose the career of their choice and build it on their own and also get succeeded. Usually scenario is common in the generation of 60s, 70s or 80s.

In the third side when the parents and the children have different perspectives there comes the situations like the movies, '3 idiots' and 'Dangal'.

While your child is passes through their career making years which is also

their adolescence period, how parents should treat them and what should they do are the things which I want to elaborate in these seven steps for seed's interest

1. Atmosphere of house must be free, light and relaxed along with the required control. Where they can share their views without any hesitation. And both parents and the children can understand each other's point. It's common to have some problems in every family but it must be tried to get sorted by the elders, keeping the children away from it. Because the problems of the family and the members of the family are effected a lot in the child's upbringing.
2. This must be a common problem in every house about the career and growth of a child may both the parents have different views. If father is strict mother is usually lenient and if mother is strict, father is lenient. One of them may be free minded and another may be narrow minded. Suppose mother wants him to become a doctor while father wants him to be a businessman. Another side the child wants to become something else only. Due to this conflict is created between husband and wife and ultimately the child suffers its results because of the loss peace of mind.

According to me decision taken all along keeping in mind the child's capabilities would be the best decision.

3. Don't advise, give your child time. Mother usually has the habit of saying, "It's time to study." Instead of this you should sit with them. If you are able to teach them then there would be no need for the tuitions. Because nobody other than mother is going to know the ability of child better. Every time it's not necessary that you should know all the subjects they study. You can also just sit with them, not as in to keep a watch but to involve with them in their efforts. Your togetherness gives them a very positive impact.

4. Neither over admire your child nor criticize them before others. The reason behind why I say not to over admire your child because sometimes parents have the habits to say like, "My daughter does not waste her time roaming around without any reason." Or "My daughter rarely watches TV." "My son is very obedient." "My daughter got 90%." Etc. In short you try to show case your child as a perfect person before others. But after all he/she is a child. They can make mistakes. They also sometimes like to cross the line of limitation and discipline. But you make them hold on in a frame of perfection and discipline. Due to this they do not open and always think what others will think about their moves. Because of this fear they never bring their reality in front of you and everyone. The result of this can be a threat. For example, the character of Raju in Three Idiots movie. To the parents whose children are in boards I request not to make your child's study schedule as a topic to gossip.

On the other side do not criticize your child. Sometimes if the child scores less in exam, you scold them a lot. Some parents even slap their child in front of others. Because of this their child's weak points they show case in front of others.

5. Do not compare your child with others. Every child has different ability and different personality. "See. Mehta uncle's son got 90% and you?" Never say this. After reading in the newspaper; "Rickshaw driver's son became doctor." "A housemaid's daughter cleared CA exam." Etc. Etc. You say, "Learn something. Even after living in the room of 10x10 how brilliant they are performing! And we give all the facilities but you don't." If you say this, first of all you remember that how were you at your study during your student life? If every student who studies comes first, then who will come last? If everyone will be-

come doctor or engineer then who will go in other fields like business, art, teaching, defense, farming? We need all these fields. Yes, the children who get this success are deserved to be admired but tell me when you get old those 90-95% scoring students are going to take care of yours or your own child? Only your children will take care of yours if given proper upbringing. Then why not our child is the best child in this world for us! In spite of giving examples of others, you yourself become ideal of your children. Make your personality and lifestyle like that. Because our children don't do what we say but they do what we do.

6. Do not evaluate your children by their score. They may have many other abilities. Suppose the child is not good at study but is very understanding. For example if some guests come to your home, taking their blessing, offering them a glass of water, not arguing in front of elders, not going on wrong track etc. Including this they may be good at gaming, sports, art, dancing etc. Aren't these qualities equally important! As a teacher, I have experience that only the naughtiest child remembers the teacher and keeps in touch. The marks obtained are just a penny in the million dollar development of the child. Every child possesses multiple qualities which is not something to be neglected or mistaken. That does not mean that we accept all the result. We have to work hard for their best result but not judge them by scores.
7. Never highlight your obligations in front of your children. "We pay this much fees for you, buy clothes, private vehicles for you etc." Never say this. If you will say this, they are never going to understand. And if you will not say then one day they will definitely come to know how much their parents struggled for them! Yes, sometimes it's necessary to say but constantly don't talk about that. Because this may give wrong and negative impact on them. Give them time. When they will become mature, will step into outer world, will be self-dependend at that time they will automatically understand everything. Just remember, our child didn't come in this world according to their will but came according to our will.

Being a mother of a teenage girl I have an experience so much and I have learnt a lot from it and today I have discussed that with the parents of teenagers. I wish you and me being together will give a great path to this future generations and make them the best Indian citizen.