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STUDENT EDITION

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As a net importer of energy, Asia is vulnerable to the oil price spike triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. And with more than 40% of global exports stemming from the region, any sustained price increases will ripple throughout the world.

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Verdict 2022: Battle for the states

LOTUS BLOOMS ALL THE WAY

■ Yogi Adityanath set to break 35-yr-old jinx, win 2nd term for BJP in UP

■ BJP set for a historic win in Uttarakhand

■ AAP decimates opponents in Punjab

■ BJP takes comfortable lead in Manipur

■ BJP stakes claim in Goa

The BJP headed for a second straight win in politically crucial UP and dominated the trends chart in three other states while the Aam Aadmi Party readied for a landslide win in Punjab, the two parties imprinting Elections 2022 with their triumph. As votes were counted for elections to five states held over February and March, the BJP could end the day with a four-one score. The BJP was also leading in Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa, according to trends on the Election Commission website. (At the time of going to press)

EC LIFTS BAN ON VICTORY PROCESSIONS

1 Citing improvement in the Covid-19 situation, the Election Commission on Thursday lifted the ban on victory processions during the counting of votes and declaration of results in the five states where elections were held recently

2 The Commission had imposed the ban in April 2021 ahead of the results for assembly polls in Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, West Bengal and Kerala and continued with the restriction for Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Goa and Punjab where elections were held this year



What Does A United States Ban On Russian Oil Accomplish?

With Russia intensifying its war on Ukraine, killing civilians and triggering a mass refugee crisis, President Joe Biden on Tuesday announced a US ban on imported Russian oil. Critics of Russia have said that sanctioning its energy exports would be the best, perhaps the only way to force Moscow to pull back...



HOW ARE RISING CRUDE OIL PRICES GOING TO AFFECT INDIAN CONSUMERS?

WHAT DOES THE BAN ENTAIL?

The ban blocks any new purchases of Russian crude oil, certain petroleum products, liquefied natural gas, and coal, and winds

down the deliveries of existing purchases that have already been contracted for according, to a senior official in the Biden administration. The ban does not, however, impact the ability of other countries to import Russian crude oil or natural gas

Russia is the world's top exporter of crude and oil products combined, at around 7 million barrels per day (bpd) or 7% of global supply. Such a ban is unprecedented, turbocharging already sky-high prices and risking inflationary shock

LIKELY CONSEQUENCES OF A BAN

RECORD PRICES

Western governments have not directly sanctioned Russia's energy sector but some customers are already shunning its oil to avoid becoming entangled in legal troubles later. JP Morgan predicts oil could hit a record \$185 a barrel by the end of 2022 if disruption to Russian exports lasts that long, although along with most analysts polled by Reuters the bank expects a yearly average price below \$100. The last time oil prices were above \$100 was in 2014 and levels reached on Monday were not far shy of a peak of more than \$147 hit in July 2008. That is a steep climb from two years ago, when a coronavirus-driven demand slump saw a

barrel of West Texas crude at below \$0 as sellers had to pay to get rid of it.

INFLATIONARY SHOCK

With natural gas prices hitting all-time highs, soaring energy costs are expected to push inflation above 7% on both sides of the Atlantic in the coming months and eat deep into households' purchasing power. In addition to being a major supplier of oil and gas, Russia is also the world's largest grains and fertilisers exporter and a top producer of palladium, nickel, coal and steel. The bid to exclude its economy from the trading system will hit a wide range of industries and add to global food security fears.

HIT TO GROWTH

A ban on Russian oil would further slow the nascent global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Preliminary calculations by the European Central Bank (ECB) suggest that war could cut euro zone growth by 0.3 to 0.4 percentage points this year in a baseline scenario and one percentage point in case of a severe shock. In the coming months, there is a high risk of stagflation, or little to minimal growth coupled with high inflation. However, further, euro zone growth is likely to remain robust, even if commodity prices prove a drag. In Russia, the damage is likely to be large and immediate. JPMorgan estimates that its economy will contract by 12.5% from peak to trough.

1 The sharp rise in crude oil prices comes as Indian consumers have been enjoying a four month reprieve from rising fuel prices. Interestingly, oil marketing companies (OMCs) have kept the price of petrol and diesel constant since early November

2 With elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Manipur, and Goa over, there is a likelihood that fuel prices will start increasing this week, as OMCs look to bring prices in line with international benchmarks and recoup losses

3 According to sources, the price of petrol and diesel needs to be hiked by about 52 paise for every dollar increase in the price of crude oil for OMC marketing margins to remain constant. The price of crude oil has risen by about \$50 per barrel since the price of petrol and diesel was last revised in November

4 Petrol is currently retailing at ₹ 95.41 per litre in the national capital while diesel is retailing at ₹ 86.67 per litre

Another vaccine for 12-17 year olds

The drug regulator has given emergency approval to Serum Institute of India's Covovax for use in 12-17 year-olds. This is the fourth vaccine to get regulatory approval for use in youngsters. Biological E has also applied for emergency use authorisation (EUA) for its Covid jab, Corbevax, for use in children of 5 to 12 years age. The vaccine has already been approved for restricted use among 12-year-olds and above. Corbevax, however, is yet to be given to adults as part of the immunisation drive.



At present, those above 15 years are eligible for receiving Covid jabs. Currently, Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is the only vaccine being administered to adolescents in 15-18 year age group, even as other jabs like Corbevax, Zyklus Cadila's ZyCoV-D, Serum Institute of India's Covovax have also been approved for emergency use in those above 12 years age

Who is the fastest among male left arm bowlers to claim 150 Test wickets?

CLUE 1: He is among the four Indian male bowlers to have topped the ICC bowlers' ODI rankings

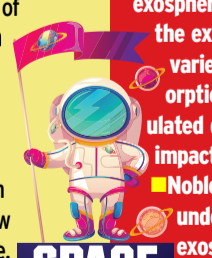
CLUE 2: He shares his surname with another former male Indian cricketer

CLUE 3: He is also jokingly referred to with the honorific Sir prefixed to his name

Answer: **RAVINDRA JADEJA**. The Indian cricketer has jumped to the **top spot** in the ICC Test rankings for all rounders after his performance against Sri Lanka at the Mohali Test, scoring an unbeaten 175 and taking 9 wickets. In 2013, he became the fourth Indian bowler after Kapil Dev, Maninder Singh and Anil Kumble to become the ICC's top ranked ODI bowler. He shares his surname with Ajay Jadeja, a former Indian cricketer.

CHANDRAYAAN-2 ORBITER DOES A 'FIRST' ON MOON

A scientific instrument onboard Chandrayaan-2's orbiter has made a first-of-its-kind observation of the global distribution of Argon-40, an inert, colourless and odourless element, in the tenuous lunar exosphere of the Moon. These observations provide insight on the dynamics of the lunar exospheric species, as well as on the radiogenic activities in the first few tens of metres below the lunar surface.



■ Earth's Moon features a surface-boundary-exosphere. For Moon, different constituents in the exosphere are fed from the surface by a variety of processes, such as thermal desorption, solar wind sputtering, photo-stimulated desorption, and micrometeorite impact vaporisation

■ Noble gases serve as important tracers to understand the processes of surface-exosphere interaction, and Argon-40 (Ar-40) is an important tracer atom to study the dynamics of the lunar exospheric species

■ Ar-40 originates from the radioactive disintegration of Potassium-40 (K-40) present below the lunar surface. Once formed, it diffuses through the inter-granular space and makes its way up to the lunar exosphere through seepages and faults

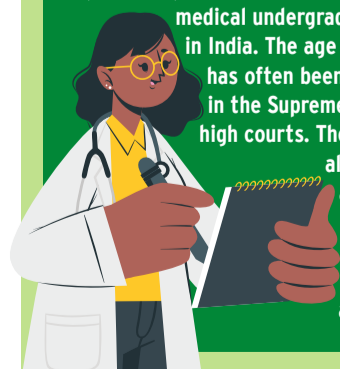
Exosphere is the outermost region of the upper atmosphere where constituent atoms and molecules rarely collide and can escape into space

WANT TO BE A DOC? AGE NO BAR

The National Medical Commission has removed the upper age limit for those appearing in the NEET-Under Graduate 2022 exam. The age limit put by the Central Board of Secondary Education in 2017 was 25 years for general candidates and 30 years for reserved candidates. Last year, there were around 81,000 MBBS and 39,000 BDS seats available. In government-run institutions, which include AIIMS and JIPMER, there are around 42,500 seats.

Education

WHAT IT MEANS: The move will further expand the pool of candidates taking the medical undergraduate test in India. The age criterion has often been questioned in the Supreme Court and high courts. The move will also help aspiring candidates to take multiple attempts



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We bid farewell to Shane Warne with stories and anecdotes from his life

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THE PRESENT IS A STRANGE COUNTRY

Returning to an old mohalla of one's old city means encountering much that's unfamiliar, even as one recognises bits of the 'left behind'



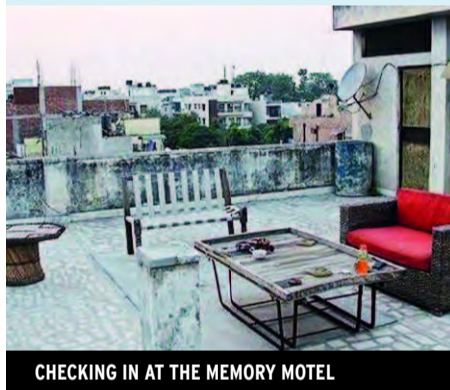
RUCHIR JOSHI

Setting up a new house is always instructive. By house I mean, of course, a newly-rented apartment. Coming out of being holed up in a family flat for two years, coming away from being in the same neighbourhood at a stretch for those 700-plus days, the prospect of helping a friend set up their new place in a different city is hugely appealing. The whole thing takes on added appeal when the flat happens to be in the same neighbourhood of the city you left 15 years ago. 'Ah! Back to the old mohalla,' you say to yourself.

Walking through the lanes you almost go past your old address. The place is unrecognisable. The cheaply constructed 1970s three-storey-plusbarsaati vapourised and replaced by builders' flats complete with wannabe Formica cladding. You peer around, trying to catch a glimpse of the old con-artist-cum-landlord. But no one is to be seen behind the banks of darkened glass windows.

You stop at what used to be a friend's address where you once had legendary parties, and you take a picture of the (again, unrecognisable) frontage to send your pal in Goa. A young man calls down sharply, 'Why are you taking a picture of my wall?' You tell him. But he remains unconvinced. Clearly, people here are nervous about their grip on properties in a way that you don't remember.

Inside the friend's new pad, the construction is of a much higher order than your



CHECKING IN AT THE MEMORY MOTEL

late, unlamented barsaati. This is a good thing, as the brutal cold wave descends upon the Smogopolis besieged by Omicron. When you switch off the lights at night, the rooms are flooded through the uncurtained windows with prison-level street floodlights that have been installed everywhere.

In the morning, you notice that every second lamp post also has a CCTV camera snuggling up to the lamps. It strikes you now that the colony has far many more gates than it used to, and that none of these — gates, lights, cameras — will actually make things safer. Looking at the large balcony, you relish the prospect of lounging there soon, lifting a glass or three with friends.

A plastic flowerpot comes flying from somewhere and crashes into one of the clay ones. Suddenly, there are seven simians trapezing on the tree branches above, bouncing on to the precious chhat to trash the pots and yank the plants before flying up again. 'Oh, the monkeys come every day around this time,' says a guy standing on the street.

Various cleaning people start to knock on your door, all laying claim to employment by previous tenants. The Swigato delivery guys invariably get lost. When they do deliver the food, you leap out to grab it, petrified of both monkeys and Omicron aerosols.

In the morning you hear the ancient traders' calls as sabziwalas and tradespeople go past — something that's completely disappeared from around your home in the city. On the phone, the local shop guy has the same unctuous tone as his father used to and the delivery is still super prompt.

The writer is author of 'The Last Jet-Engine Laugh' Source: ET Edit

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SHANE WARNE 1969-2022

NO MORE SPIN, THE WRIST IS HISTORY



The cricket world called him a magician. He could do anything with the cricket ball. But the only spin he couldn't control is the spin of life. World cricket is poorer with Shane Warne gone at 52. A man of incredible talent, Warne was born blessed. He could do unimaginable things with the ball on the field. Win games and stun opponents. Bowl the ball of the century and win Australia many amatch single-handedly. But in doing all of this, he had, perhaps, let go of the discipline that his body may have needed.

Shane Warne was forever opinionated and vocal. From stating that Indian internationals expected preferential treatment during the first season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) to arguing that it was Steve Waugh's unilateral decision to enforce the follow-on in the second Test against India at the Eden Gardens in the 2001 series that cost Australia the game, Warne is a story without any strings attached. In fact, he was tempted to play the IPL when Rajasthan co-owner Manoj Badale managed to touch a real raw nerve: captaincy. It was only when Badale said that the IPL was for Warne a platform to show the world that he was the best captain never to lead Australia was he convinced about coming to India



BORIA MAJUMDAR

to lead the Rajasthan Royals. His leadership philosophy, aggressive and inspirational, added to the Warne aura. The way he discovered Ravindra Jadeja and encouraged him to become a better player is exactly how captains should nurture youngsters and get the best out of them.

A man with a big heart, he never stopped lavishing praise on his opponents when they managed to outplay him. One such occasion was the



2001 Test match in Kolkata. While Warne argues that it was Steve Waugh's mistake to enforce the follow-on that cost Australia the game, at no point did he take any credit away from V V S Laxman and Rahul Dravid. In fact, he stated that Laxman's innings was an act of genius, and despite throwing everything he

had at Laxman and Dravid for a good part of two days and two nights, the Australians were without a wicket.

A true genius, Warne could change matches from any situation. The 1996 and 1999 World Cups are examples. Just as the South Africans looked in control in the 1999 semi-final, Warne stepped up with his magic to change things completely. He bowled a spell of a lifetime to get Australia to the final. Even when he was past his prime and had retired from international cricket, he could do magic with the ball. The IPL was witness to his wizardry when he won Rajasthan Royals the title in the inaugural year in 2008.

With Warne, you had two things — unparalleled self-belief and the zeal to never be second best. He just knew how to win. He knew how to get out of tough situations and get the best out of his players. He knew how to bowl the best in impossible situations and up his game when it mattered the most.

Even in the commentary box, he was a whiff of fresh air. A man with a tremendous sense of humour; Warne could light up a conclave or an informal discussion in a manner few could ever imagine. That's why he can never be rivalled. When we celebrate him today, remember that for all the talent, he also worked the hardest, something profoundly evident from his autobiography, 'No Spin'.

On the cricket field, Warne had never resorted to a shortcut. From conceding 200 runs in his first Test against India to picking up 700 wickets in his career, he had seen it all. And, in the process, he had established himself as one of the biggest match-winners the sport has ever seen. Cricket has lost one of its greatest devotees. But in every 22 yards he plied his trade on, his memory will be alive.

Source: ET Edit



A PUPIL WHO STAYED BACK

WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO PASS OUT OF YOUR SCHOOL

You're not the type who gets all nostalgic about school, are you? Pagal kya! Getting out was such a relief! Why?

There's a new film out, 'The Old School', about a chap who faked his identity and went back to school. Well, going back to school while taking a break from work isn't too uncommon these days.

No, no. This is about a 30-year-old man who enrolled in his old school near Glasgow 13 years after passing out in 1980 pretending to be a 17-year-old.



But how could a 30-year-old look 17? Well, apart from Aamir Khan, the currently 58-year-old Brian MacKinnon looked younger than he was — way younger. He renamed himself Brandon Lee and kept his head down the whole year he was in school.

But why was he back to school? Some kind of pervert?

Turns out he failed his university exam and his life for the next few years went off the rails, for which he blamed a 'bludgeoning and unconcerned system'. So he went back to school. Luckily, only one of his old teachers was left who didn't recognise him. The Imposter!

Yes. The truth came only after he left school — the second time. Makes you think of the lengths people go to have a 'normal' life.

It also makes you want to stay away from school reunions.

Text: Indrajit Hazra | Source: ET Edit

If on a movie-binging night a viewer presses the pause button to ponder...



JAI ARJUN SINGH

In this cluttered era of movie'n'series-watching, when a Tamil film is followed by Nordic crime and then a Bollywood movie, happy epiphanies can emerge during intermissions

A few months ago, I watched the veteran actor Ciaran Hinds play Julius Caesar in the series 'Rome'. Hinds has been a familiar presence in many films and shows.

What I didn't know was that Hinds had once played the perpetrator of a famous underhanded killing: the night-time guerrilla attack on the Pandav camp in the 'Mahabharata'. A younger, leaner Hinds was Ashwathama in Peter Brook's stage and 1989 screen productions of the epic.

Another recent epiphany was that the educator Kamla Chowdhry in the new series 'Rocket Boys' was played by the actress Neha Chauhan who played the salesgirl in Dibakar Banerjee's 'LSD' more than a decade ago. 'LSD' was a favourite film, and I remember wondering what had happened to its lower-profile actors. But it took a visit to IMDB.com before I made the connection between the T-shirt-and-jeans-clad Rashmi, emotionally abused by a co-worker, and the elegant Kamla.

At such times, one wonders if the old memory receptors are corroding due to age. For obvious reasons, I prefer alternate explanations. So, here's one: such disorientation is inevitable in this cluttered era of movie-and-series viewing. We have a much larger pool of things to see than ever before. Those of us who move outside comfort zones (rather than following algorithms) may, in the same week, watch a Tamil film followed by a Nordic crime series and then a mainstream Hindi film populated by shiny debutants who turn out to be the grandchildren of actors we knew in the 1980s.

How this affects you — or whether you even realise it — hinges on the type of viewer you are. I am the sort who keeps a film's Wikipedia page open so I can look up an interesting performer's other work, or a plot point that wasn't too clear.

I don't get how people binge their way through show after show without taking a break to absorb and think about what they



Tokyo Story

have just watched. Even as a younger movie buff, I couldn't.

Which is not to say that such confusion never happened back then. As a teenager getting into world cinema was thrilling to form an impression of an actor's persona and then to subsequently see him or her in a very different role or environment.

Once, upon realising that Chishu Ryu, the old man in the Japanese Yasujiro Ozu directed classic 'Tokyo Story', was still only in his 40s and youthful-looking in other films of the time, I wondered if this was a case of extraordinary versatility or a viewer's disconnect caused by unfamiliarity. Would a non-Indian viewer have a similar experience if he first saw Rajesh Khanna as the elderly man in the 1983 Mohan Kumar-directed 'Avtaar' (a 'Tokyo Story'-like narrative about neglected old people)? These are questions to ponder.

Source: ET Edit

'Our fate is linked to the million species facing extinction now'

AMI VITALE, PHOTOGRAPHER, DOCUMENTS NATURE AND HUMANITY

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'What happens next is in all of our hands. Nature is resilient if we give it a chance... We must do all we can for the creatures that inhabit the Earth. They are our fellow travellers in this universe. Our future happiness depends on them.'



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Celebrate the essence of womanhood!

On International Women's Day, I am reminded of a beautiful quote by Diane Mariechild that says, "A woman is a full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform." This quote aptly denotes the significant role and potential that a woman has in transforming society. International Women's Day reminds every woman that we need to celebrate the essence of womanhood and move ahead taking upon ourselves the great role of nurturing and developing our society. It is the day not only to celebrate the innumerable women achievers and many unsung women, heroes, with their enormous contribution to society but also to encourage and re-

vive women's hope that the future is safe and promising with equal rights, freedom and opportunity in every sphere to lead a dignified life.

There were times when a woman had to face a lot of indifference, discrimination, and inequality in society.

However, it is evident in both emerging and developing nations that women are increasingly taking up leadership roles in every field today. Access to education has given a huge breakthrough to women to bring to the fore the economic potential and corporate stature they possess. We witness a formidable change being brought about through women's leadership and engagement.

The theme of International Women's Day this year, 'Gender

equality today for a sustainable tomorrow', highlights the urgency for the world to focus on gender equality to build a sustainable future for all. Over the decades' efforts have been made but lots remain to be achieved when it comes to women's safety, violence, and discrimination. There is a need to ensure that every girl in the country gets equitable access to higher education, research, and development, as well as skill training to contribute immensely to the overall growth of our country. It is high time for the na-



tions of the world to come together and strengthen their efforts towards women's empowerment, their rights, and dignity.

Being a woman is a special calling with a God-given purpose and potential to nurture and transform society. We have the power to change the world through the special traits and gifts of empathy, leadership, resilience, intuition, courage, persistence, multi-tasking, and tremendous networking abilities that Almighty has blessed

us with. All that we need to do is to have the courage to break the glass ceiling and follow our dreams. Oprah Winfrey has wonderfully said, "The great courageous act that we must all do, is to have the courage to step out of our history and past so that we can live our dreams." I urge every woman to have faith in herself, embrace her individuality, believe in her God-given abilities, accept her unique skills and talents, and use them optimally and fearlessly to contribute to the world around her. You are born to win, think big, dream big, achieve big. Wishing you all a very Happy Women's Day!

DR GRACE PINTO, Managing Director, Ryan International Group of Institutions

Ryanites become national champions

Jahanvi Mittal of class V-C and Daksha Gupta of class V-A have brought laurels to the school by becoming national champions in All India Young Tagore Championship 2021 on February 8. They are the proud recipients of Golden Badge of Young Tagore Championship.

Their expressive ideas, innovativeness and dedication



helped them to achieve this milestone. More than 10,000 students and 100 schools participated in the month long championship the mission of which was to make books great again for children again under the mentorship of our chairman and managing director.

The chief guest of the competition was the CEO of Ryan International Group of Institutions congratulated all the participants and parents for their great zeal and enthusiasm.

More accolades for winners of School Action Project

National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology (DST) and The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) invited applications from students to participate in 'School Action Projects' (SAP) last year.

It gives us immense pleasure to inform that Heena Sharma of class IX-C and Sohum Malhotra of class IX-D from Doon Public School, Paschim Vihar who had won the SAP

contest, have been awarded with merit certificates and cash prize of Rs 3000 each.

Heena Sharma created an informative website named 'B WARRIOR' that provides all the basic and additional information regarding the



queries that arise in the mind of general people.

Sohum Malhotra created a game called 'Covid Race' which included relevant information about how to be prepared for the third wave of Covid19.

Chairman's Cup prize distribution

Keeping the legacy of partnership in education and involving all stakeholders, Delhi Public School Ghaziabad Vasundhara organised a prize distribution ceremony for the young, promising and aspiring winners of the first Chairman's Cup Tournament on February 28 in the school grounds.

The ceremony opened with a welcome address by the sports captain, Prakhari Bist. The event was punctuated with the rendition of shlokas by the school



choir and a classical dance performance. Appreciating the zeal, collaboration, tenacity and sportsmanship of the young sportspersons, school principal, Trilok Singh Bist, lauded their efforts and participation in the field of foundation domain, as

much as they do in the scholastic arena.

The chief guest for the ceremony was Pramod Sharma, former principal, Mayo College, Ajmer and vice president, Genesis Global School, Noida. Speaking on the occasion, he praised the initiative and complimented the school principal, staff and students for the smooth conduction of the ceremony with all the Covid protocols. A vote of thanks was presented by the captain of Yamuna House. The event concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Student Corner



AYESHA CHADHA, class IX, Modern Era Convent, Janak Puri



PROBEN SARA, class IX, Modern Era Convent, Janak Puri

United Nations: A peacekeeping organisation

Hello everyone
I am the UN women
And today let's learn about
United Nations
In short and brief discussion

Have you ever thought
Why in the old-time
people fought
They were fighting for
the greed
And that was foolish of
themselves, indeed

There was World War 1
There was misery and pain,
not any fun
People formed the league
of nations
To keep peace the among
the nations

However, it failed to
Prevent the Second
World War
And this war brought
More and more sore

There was a need
To stop the greed
And form a world
Full of peace

This led to the birth
Of the United Nations
To form good relations
Among worldwide nation
The United Nations
Also provides five agencies
Which also discuss
About the SDG's

The United Nations
Works for the entire world
And take care for people
To be happy on the earth

JAGRIT KAUR, class V-A, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School

Health is the greatest possession

Dayanand Vidya Mandir, Greater Noida, organised a free health check-up camp for students and teachers in the school premise on February 26 by collaborating with the NIMMS Hospital - a super speciality Hospital, located in Haldoni, Greater Noida. The free check-up was conducted under the supervision of experienced



doctors and staffs of NIMMS by following all Covid protocols. Students and teachers participated in this health camp with great enthusiasm and spirit. The event concluded with the certification ceremony by the team of NIMMS Hospital and vote of thanks by the principal Smita Verma who also received souvenirs from the team of NIMMS.



ELUPARAMBIL RANJIT EESHWAR NAIR, class IV, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad

WHAT A COMIC RELIEF!

School life is certainly a book full of funny incidents. I think my classmates are a bunch of comedians and I am sure if we give some auditions, we would definitely star in some of the biggest comedy movies in the world!

There have been so many incidents in all my growing up years, with the fun and funniest classmates regaling us and making campus fun.

I will never forget the first interactions we have every year, as everyone

introduces themselves, the awkwardness of it all adding great spice to the class atmosphere. I'm sure that every class has this one person who we all find funny all the time. Whatever they do - like literally if they walk, if they eat, they drink, even if they move from the chair, everything makes others laugh.

I have a pair of friends like them in the class. They carry on their comic streak even in online

MAHITHI REDDY, class X, Edify World School, Hyderabad

IF I WERE A SYRINGE

If I were a syringe, I would not make babies cry while injecting vaccines into their bodies. I would tell the babies it's only to protect them and inject without any pain. If I were a syringe, I would not hurt the tired patients with painful pokes. I would tell the nurses to be careful and considerate with me, as for them it's a job and for me it's my life. I would have a very short life span.

People watch me in fear, though I try to help them. It's painful for me to watch their fear and pain. I would perish

after injecting their medicine, so please let me go in peace, not with pain and remorse.

I would be there to save all from Covid-19, so I would wish the world remembers me as a saviour, not just as an instrument of pain. As I too have a heart which thinks of good for humans and animals, my only purpose of existence would be to save lives. So next time when you are getting an injection, please give me some love for the way I protect you, fear me not and I will not hurt you, it will be just an ant bite but a life saviour.



BENZEMA'S HAT TRICK STUNS PSG

REAL MADRID ADVANCE TO QUARTER FINALS OF THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Karim Benzema scored a second-half hat-trick in just 16 minutes to inspire Real Madrid to a 3-1 win over Paris Saint-Germain to see his side through to the UEFA Champions League quarter finals 3-2 on aggregate. All the pre-match talk centered on PSG striker Kylian Mbappe's likely summer move to Real Madrid, and the Frenchman's first-half goal put PSG 1-0 up on the night and 2-0 ahead on aggregate.

DONNARUMMA BLUNDER

However, on the hour mark, Benzema took advantage of an error from PSG keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, who made a complete mess of a ball at his feet to gift Madrid a way back into the tie. After 15 min-



It turned out to be a spectacular night for us, it was a difficult match and it got even more complicated after their first goal. We suffered a lot. But after we scored the atmosphere in the stadium changed and the fans began to push us again and the players began to believe that they could finish the comeback. Madrid coach CARLO ANCELOTTI

ahead on the night after being set up by Neymar, who won a loose ball, before threading him through on goal. The French international then dummied Courtois, and will no doubt be delighted if he does join Real Madrid in the summer, which after the second half looks more likely than ever.



In the UEFA Europa League, Real Betis lost 2-1 at home to Eintracht Frankfurt, who took the lead through Filip Kostic after 14 minutes, and although Nabil Fekir equalized on the half-hour, Daichi Kamada netted the decisive goal two minutes later as the German side showed their threat on the break. The result would have been worse for the Spanish side had goalkeeper Claudio Bravo not saved a second-half penalty. **WMS**



PSG's goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma fails to stop Real Madrid's Karim Benzema's shot on goal

utes, Benzema leveled the aggregate score after neat work from Vinicius Jr and Luka Modric, slamming home from the right-hand side of the area.

DECISIVE GOAL

VAR checked to see the second goal was onside, and just 12 seconds after the restart Benzema completed his hat-trick after PSG gifted Madrid the ball from the kick-off, allowing Vinicius again to feed Benzema to net the decisive goal, reports Xinhua. Ben-

CURLING EFFORT

Real Madrid, with Toni Kroos, who passed fit to play, started strongly, creating a couple of half-chances, but PSG were able to weather the storm and after 15 minutes they began to take control. Neymar Jr saw a shot saved by Thibaut Courtois, and the attacking trio of Messi, Neymar, and Mbappe began to combine well, although Donnarumma did well to tip away a curling effort from Benzema at the other end. At the other end, Messi clipped the ball over Courtois, but it drifted just wide of the post, before Mbappe's low drive was correctly ruled out for a tight offside.

DUMMIED COURTOIS

Benzema headed just wide and straight at Donnarumma before Mbappe put PSG

MAN-CITY REACH QUARTER FINALS

- Manchester City drew a rare home blank against Sporting CP but had already done more than enough to reach the UEFA Champions League quarter finals on Wednesday.
- The Premier League champions advanced to a fifth straight UEFA Champions League quarter-final after a 0-0 draw with Sporting CP confirmed a 5-0 aggregate triumph.
- With one foot already in the last eight, City lacked their customary fluency for much of the first half and it was not until Phil Foden's cute pass played in Raheem Sterling that Antonio Adan was required in earnest.
- Gabriel Jesus looked to have broken the deadlock soon after half-time but his effort was ruled out for offside.

ROHIT EYES CLEAN SWEEP

India strong favourites to stay unbeaten in pink-ball Tests against SL

India will be strong favourites to stay unbeaten in pink-ball Tests at home as new captain Rohit Sharma eyes a clean sweep of Sri Lanka in the second Test starting Saturday.

The hosts thrashed Sri Lanka inside three days in Mohali to lead the two-match series 1-0 and the visitors need to quickly get their act together under the lights in Bangalore.

Unbeaten 175

The world's top-ranked all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja hit an unbeaten 175 and took nine wickets to stand out in Rohit's first Test since

replacing Virat Kohli as captain in all formats earlier this year.

"Rohit, we all know how tactically strong he is and how good he is. But I saw a lot of human elements in the way he led the side," off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin said this week.

"He was looking out for anyone in the team, how everyone would feel, how everyone's confidence is important for the engine room to function."

Near-perfect performance

Rohit said the hosts put up a "near-perfect" performance. India were the last of the

big Test teams to play a five-day game under lights, seeing off Bangladesh in 2019 in just over two days in Kolkata.

But at the Adelaide Oval in December 2020 Australia skittled the Kohli-led side for 36, India's lowest Test total.

The team got back to winning ways in a floodlit Test when they thrashed England in two days at the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad in February last year

Unpredictable

India will be expected to beat Sri Lanka again but Ashwin warned that day-night Tests can be unpredictable.

"It's very hard to prepare for a pink-ball Test because you don't know what to expect," he told the website of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

"The light's also going to matter... (there are a) lot of variables going into the game, but (we) just take the confidence from the previous game. Looking forward to the challenge and hopefully the spinners will have a say." **AFP**



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MURRAY DONATES PRIZE MONEY TO UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray has pledged to donate his 2022 prize money to help children in Ukraine.

Earlier, women's World number 18 Elina Svitolina announced she will donate all of her prize money directly to the Ukrainian war effort. Similarly, Ukrainian refugee and Lyon Open finalist Dayana Yastremska joined her compatriot and will do the same.

The British tennis star said he's working with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to provide urgent medical supplies and early childhood development kits. Murray also highlighted how the war in Ukraine is disrupting children's schooling.

"Children in Ukraine need peace - now!" "It's vital education continues, so UNICEF is working to enable access to



Andy Murray

learning for displaced children, as well as supporting the rehabilitation of damaged schools, together with replacement equipment and furniture," he said.

As the war between Russia and Ukraine rages into its second week, the tolls, displacement and damage done looks set to continue and even increase. **WMS**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which player was conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for 2021?

- Yogeshwar Dutt
- Sunil Chhetri
- Vijay Kumar
- Vijender Singh

Q2: How many players were up for selection at the IPL auction 2022?

- 600
- 659
- 654
- 1000

Q3: With the win against Sri Lanka, India has recorded 40 T20I wins at home. Which team's record did they better?

- Australia
- Bangladesh
- New Zealand
- Afghanistan

Q4: Who has scored the fastest goal ever in a Euro final?

- Harry Kane
- Luke Shaw
- Robert Lewandowski
- Emil Forsberg

Q5: In IPL 2018, KL Rahul played 14 matches with

659 runs. What was his highest score in the season?



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K L Rahul

- 100
- 95 not out
- 95
- 101 not out

Q6: Which player has the most ducks in ODI?

- Shahid Afridi
- Chris Gayle
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Sanat Jayasuriya

Q7: Which U19 Indian player was the most expensive buy in IPL 2022?

- Harnoor Singh
- Ishan Kishan
- Nishant Sindhu
- Ravi Bishnoi

Q8: Which type of shooting championships were

discontinued in 1991?

- 300m rifle
- Shotgun
- Running Target
- Special Air gun championships

ANSWERS:

- b. Sunil Chhetri
- a. 600
- c. New Zealand
- b. Luke Shaw
- b. 95 not out
- d. Sanat Jayasuriya
- b. Ishan Kishan
- d. Special Air gun championships