



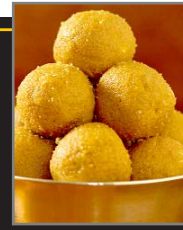
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Spotlight

S SOMANATH New chief of ISRO



Rocket scientist S Somanath has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). He will replace K Sivan, who led the push to get private firms into India's space sector during his four-year term.

At the ISRO, Somanath has been associated with the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Project during its initial phase. Later he became the associate director, (projects) of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and also the project director of the GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle in 2010

Meanwhile, qualification testing of cryogenic engine for Gaganyaan programme successful: ISRO

ISRO has successfully conducted the qualification test of cryogenic engine for the Gaganyaan programme for a duration of 720 seconds at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. "This successful long-duration test is a major milestone for the Human Space Programme - Gaganyaan. It ensures the reliability and robustness of the cryogenic engine for induction into the human-rated launch vehicle for Gaganyaan", an ISRO statement said.



We are not averse to demilitarisation of Siachen glacier. But the pre-condition for that is acceptance of the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL). Pakistan has to accept it
- Gen MM Naravane, Army chief

WHAT Located in the eastern Karakoram range in the Himalayas, the Siachen glacier, spread over a 76.4 km-area, is the longest glacier in the Karakoram and second-longest in the world's non-polar (occur in high mountain ranges) areas. It demarcates central Asia from the Indian subcontinent, and separates Pakistan from China in the region. It is also believed to be the world's highest battlefield.

WHY is Siachen important: The Saltoro Ridge of the Siachen glacier serves as a divide that prevents direct linking of PoK with China, stopping them from developing geographical military linkages in the area. Siachen also serves as a watchtower for India to keep a deep watch on Gilgit and Baltistan regions of Pakistan. If Pakistan gets the location advantage in Siachen, it would become a big threat to India from the west in Ladakh in addition to Chinese threats from Aksai Chin of the east. Siachen also helps India to keep a close watch on China's activities, as Beijing has vastly improved its infrastructure in this region.

HOW India gained control over it: In early 1981, Col Narinder Bull Kumar sounded the alarm over Pakistan's expeditions in the Siachen region. On April 13, 1984, India launched Operation Meghdoot to capture the 76.4 km-long glacier on the Saltoro ridge. Since then troops from both sides guard the region. Though the guns on the glacier have fallen silent, following the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) and the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) across the Siachen, the LoC has flared up intermittently.

Source: Economic Times/ Agencies

THE SIACHEN CONUNDRUM


X-PLAINED

DEMILITARISING SIACHEN

India has shown willingness for demilitarisation, albeit conditional on first authenticating the 110-km AGPL, which is the current position on the glacier. But Pakistan refuses, which means that once India vacates the posts, Pakistan may try to occupy them. India currently has the advantage of height, as it commands higher ground, and any demilitarisation without proper delineation and acceptance of the current positions would be disastrous. Retaking once-occupied peaks is near impossible

Soldiers have to trek for almost 28 days, covering a stretch of 128km to reach some of the farthest pickets on the glacier

WHY IS SIACHEN DIFFICULT TO DEFEND?

- Apart from the twin military threats from Pakistan and China, the climate condition is the biggest challenge for the Armed Forces. The temperature in Siachen glacier, in winters drops to below -60 degrees.
- There are also constant threats of avalanches, crevasses (a deep open crack) on the glacier, high-speed winds.



Soldiers stationed in the area are affected by a range of fatal altitude-related ailments like frost bites (a skin injury that occurs when exposed to extreme low temperatures), hypoxia (body is deprived of adequate oxygen supply), hypothermia (body loses heat faster than it can produce heat), and white outs (dense blizzard)

WHAT'S THE COST OF STAYING AT SIACHEN?

- Both India and Pakistan have deployed around 5,000 troops (brigade strength). For India, costs of maintenance in the region is about ₹ 5 crore a day. India has spent over ₹ 7,500 crore for procurement of clothing and mountaineering equipment for soldiers (as of 2019)
- In terms of human cost, as many 869 Indian soldiers have lost their lives in Siachen since 1984 due to climatic conditions, in comparison to around 2,000 Pak soldiers (as of 2019)

SAG Awards 2022: Olivia Colman & Nicole Kidman contend for best actress trophy



Jane Campion's Western film 'The Power of the Dog' and Ridley Scott's 'House of Gucci' led the film nominations for the 28th Annual Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards. The nominations, which were announced on Wednesday, saw Netflix's 'Squid Game' create history by becoming the first Korean series to receive a nod in the top television category.

■ Smith received a nomination in the best actor category, where he is pitted against Benedict Cumberbatch ■ Olivia Colman leads the best actress category for 'The Lost Daughter'. She faces a tough fight from Lady Gaga ('House Of Gucci') and Nicole Kidman ('Being The Ricardos')



Arundhati Bhattacharya turns author, shares she was once on the verge of quitting her career

Former State Bank of India (SBI) chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya has turned author with her autobiography, 'Indomitable' — A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership. Published by HarperCollins, India, the book tracks the career of the 65-year-old banker, who broke the glass ceiling and stood out in a male-dominated industry. It shares a glimpse into how she got into the banking job and left her mark as an exceptional leader.

BOOK

■ Bhattacharya, who grew up in the 'sleepy towns' of Bihari and Bokaro, talks about how she had never imagined that she would chair the country's largest bank one day. The then 22-year-old had joined SBI in 1977, and became a Probationary Officer after clearing the entrance examination that was referred via a friend. She

describes the beginning of her glorious banking career, spanning four decades, as 'sheer chance' ■ The book also focuses on how Bhattacharya was on the verge of quitting her career to balance her personal aspirations, but instead tackled every challenge with humour and positivity

FACE MASKS HALVE DISTANCE OF AIRBORNE PATHOGENS' TRAVEL: STUDY

The effectiveness of face masks has been a hotly-debated topic since the emergence of Covid-19. However, a new study shows that masks could also help reduce social distancing. Researchers found that face masks reduce the distance airborne pathogens could travel, when speaking or coughing by more than half, compared to not wearing a mask. A cloth face covering reduced emissions in all directions to about two feet compared to the four feet of emissions produced when coughing or speaking with no mask on. The reduction was even greater when wearing a surgical mask, which reduced the distance coughing and speaking emissions travelled to only about half a foot.



- The findings are important, as airborne viral pathogens, such as SARS-CoV-2, can be encapsulated and transmitted through liquid droplets and aerosols formed during human respiratory functions, such as speaking and coughing
- Knowing ways to reduce this transmission distance can help keep people safe and aid in managing responses to pandemics, such as Covid-19, which has resulted in global-scale infection, health care system

overloads, and economic damage ■ These responses could include relaxing some social distancing guidelines when masks are worn



Paw-some! A smart collar that can track your dog's heart rate and vital signs

If reports are to go by, GPS tracking company Invoxia is all set to develop an Apple-style smart collar for dogs that will be able to track its heart rate and other vital signs. Expected to cost at least \$99 (₹ 7,390 approx), the Smart Dog Collar is set to be released in the summer of 2022, and is a 'first-of-its-kind' connected collar for dogs...

■ The Invoxia team, based in Issy les Moulineaux, France, used radar sensors that use light to send signals into, and receive data back, from the skin of the dog ■ They worked with veterinary cardiologists to train AI that can gather data from the sensors and fill in any missing information blocked by fur

■ The movements of the skin under the collar are fed into the artificial intelligence algorithm, which then determines the heart and respiratory rate of the dog ■ Unlike smart watches on humans, which have to be fastened tight to work, collar has been designed to sit comfortably around the dog's

neck, according to Invoxia ■ It will track the daily activities of the dog, and identify when it is walking, running, scratching, eating, drinking and barking. It can also see when it is resting ■ To make it easy to clean, for when it is running around in the mud, it comes with a removable fabric cover. Source: Daily Mail

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LIFE SKILLS
A helpful 'pandemic survival guide 2.0' to deal with the ongoing third wave anxiety

HEALTH
Helpful hints on how to pick the right cooking oil
PLUS: Is your fitness routine stressing you out?

GOOD TO KNOW
Reclaim your time with the technique of timeboxing

TRIVIA TIME
Jan 15 is Indian Army Day. We tell you all about

Your Weekender

FILMS, BOOKS
Celebrating the life and times of the legendary Sidney Poitier
PLUS: Books inspired by Captain Harpreet Chandi aka Polar Preet; A history of Golden Globes awards

SPORTS
Know all about sportspersons who have excelled in more than one sport

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LEVEL-1



ANAGHA SASTIKAR
Art Educator
Bodakdev School For
Children, Ahmedabad

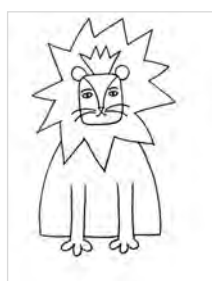
Draw the easy way



Step-1



Step-2



Step-3



Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



REDERNRUS

- a. Scenario b. Scene
c. Surrender d. Supervision

2) ICABRRAB

- a. Around b. Winter
c. Barbaric d. Barren

3) ESAEILR

- a. Realise b. Animal
c. Sector d. Surety

4) ERTNRUC

- a. Develop b. District
c. Decimal d. Current

Answers: 1) c, 2) c, 3) a, 4) d

Riding with the Riddle

These small birds are widespread in the Indian subcontinent across Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The have black-brown plumage and can be distinguished by a chestnut patch below the tail, that is usually held upwards. They are commonly found in open scrub areas and can be seen running along the ground or low shrubs and rocks. They are found close to human habitat.

Answer: Indian Robin

FESTIVE FERVOUR

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru



3 Not among the spring festivals is

- A) Nowruz B) Holi
C) Easter D) Paryushana

4 Gurburab of Guru Gobind Singh honours the Sikh spiritual mentor who led

- A) First B) Third
C) Fifth D) Tenth

5 Never in the month of August falls

- A) Rama Navami
B) Raksha Bandhan
C) Ganesh Chaturthi
D) Krishna Janmashtami



6 Buddha Purnima is the birthday of Lord Buddha, earlier known as Prince

- A) Sadashiva B) Sadananda
C) Siddhartha D) Siddeshwara

Quiz TIME



Choose correctly to complete each of these statements on festivals.

1 Not associated with Makar Sankranti is

- A) Sun B) Kite
C) June D) Harvest



2 Commemorated on Eid-ul-Adha is

- A) Sadness B) Sacrifice
C) Safety D) Satisfaction

Answers: 1) C, 2) D, 3) A, 4) B, 5) A, 6) C, 7) D, 8) B, 9) A, 10) C

LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

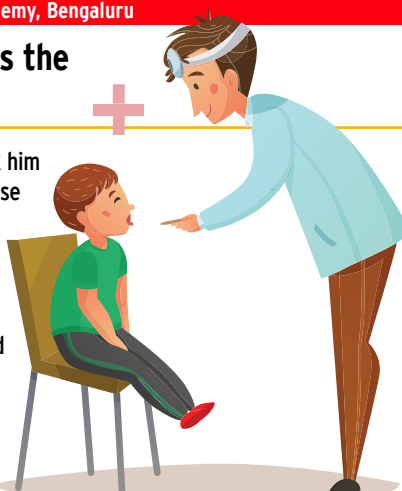
SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Sohrab was feeling unwell. His parents took him to a clinic where he was prescribed a course of treatment. "I'll check on you in a few days," said the doctor, who was a friend of the family. "May I go out to play?" asked Sohrab when the doctor came round. "Certainly," said the doctor. "You have recovered completely and can resume your regular pastimes."

- A. Neck of the woods
B. Babe in the woods
C. Out of the woods

Answer: C



Hoping to get rich quickly, Harish rashly invested money in risky business ventures, eventually becoming bankrupt.

- A. Fly too close to the sun
B. Have (one's) moment in the sun
C. Make hay while the sun shines



Answer: A

According to Greek mythology, Daedalus and his son Icarus tried to escape imprisonment on an island. Daedalus fashioned wings with feathers of seabirds, attaching them to himself and to Icarus with wax. Ignoring advice, Icarus soared towards the sun, and the wax in his wings melted. Falling into the sea below, he drowned. 'To fly too close to the sun' is to be overambitious or act recklessly, with disastrous consequences.

TRIVIA

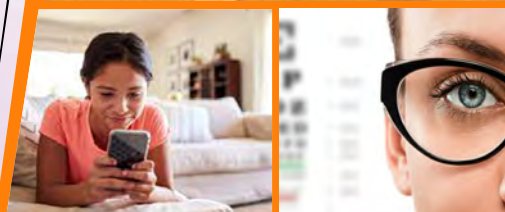
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WEAVE A STORY WITH PICTURES

Observe these images below carefully, then weave a story around them in not more than 150 words and give it a title. Ensure, reference of all images is there in the story. Mail the story to us at toinie175@gmail.com. The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch this space!!!

TELL TALE





And the winner is...

R.VARSHIKA
class VIII, Sboa Global School,
Chennai, Tamilnadu

LETTER OF HOPE

Radhika was a little girl born in a poor family. She studied in a government school somewhere in the moor. She walks five miles to reach her school. Then, she helps her mother in farming. In spite of such a demanding situation, she went to school regularly. She always had a dream to become an IAS.

Then came the corona lockdown. Though public schools were shut down, private schools were still conducting online classes. But what about public schools?? She kept roaming around, peeking into the windows of her private school friends. Months went by and schools did not open. Her family had spent all their money in hospital bills during recovery from corona. She started thinking about her future and her dreams. After deep thoughts, she wrote a letter to the government requesting to provide gadgets and start online classes for students like her. The government in return ensured to start classes immediately and appreciated her initiative.



NUMBER SERIES

1 I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
A) Seven B) Five C) Six D) Eight

Answer: A

2 Using only an addition, how do you add eight 8's and get the number 1000?
A) 4000 B) 3000
C) 2000 D) 1000

Answer: D

3 There are 49 dogs signed up for a dog show. There are 36 more small dogs than large dogs. How many small dogs have signed up to compete?
A) 42.4 B) 42.5
C) 42.6 D) 42.7

Answer: B

4 Sally is 54 years old and her mother is 80, how many years ago was Sally's mother times her age?
A) 40 years B) 41 years
C) 44 years D) 49 years

Answer: B



Learn a NEW LANGUAGE GERMAN

- 1) Herren/Männer and Damen/Frauen
Meaning: Men and Women
2) Mir geht's gut
Meaning: I'm doing well
3) (Sehr) Gut
Meaning: (Very) Good
4) Schlecht
Meaning: Bad
5) Ich komme aus...(den USA/ Kanada/Australien/Großbritannien)
Meaning: I am from...[the USA/Canada/ Australia/UK]
6) Wie heißen Sie?
Meaning: What's your name?

Answers: 1) Mir geht's gut, 2) Lebensmittel Sehr Gut, 3) Ich komme aus Australien, 4) Wie heißen Sie?

Work sheet

Q:1 How will you say that you are doing well?

Q:2 How will you communicate that food is very good?

Q:3 How will you say, "you are from Australia?"

Q:4 How will you ask, "What's your name?"

Gap between education and career

Despite the obstructions raised by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is more critical than ever for us to look forward and evaluate how we can effectively utilise the abilities we already possess.

This includes how we educate and promote the next generation of talent, with the assurance that they emerge from this transitory phase, poised for the future, envisioned with a clear path from their educational field to their choice of profession.

School education is the most crucial component of a student's education, and it has a substantial impact on the trajectory of a student's professional life. In their senior years, students refine their multiple competencies and are poised to branch out into numerous streams, disciplines, courses, and degrees in order to advance their vocational alternatives.

Often, when students mature into adults, they find their



Dr REEMA TANDON, Principal, Kamal Public Sr Sec School, Vikaspuri, New Delhi

intrinsic strengths and embrace their inclinations, achieving excellence, but their education in a specific discipline proves to be obsolete. During their high school or college studies, their interests may not have been piqued or ignited.

As a result of this predicament, a fragmented society of students emerges, whose education proves to be negligible and ineffective by the time they

begin to chase their ambitions. For example, after completing a law degree, a student may realise that she is not cut out for law but rather for dance.

In this situation, it is necessary to have an altruistic approach toward education. The teaching of skill-based and vocational courses should begin in primary school to introduce kids to a variety of vocations at an early age, encouraging them

to make conscious career choices and provide them with work prospects immediately after their education concludes.

When establishing the education policy, it is imperative to keep the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target, by 2030, substantially augment the proportion of youth and adults with requisite competencies, including professional and occupational skills, for employment, dignified work, and entrepreneurship.

The NEP 2020 Framework also recommended/implemented vocational and skill-based education to be introduced in grade six in order to address this concern. The government's initiative is exemplary, and if we implement it prudently, we will be able to establish a vibrant community of well-educated professionals.

Vaccination camp held at various schools

Venkateshwar Global School

Ryan International School

Ryan International School, Sec-31 organised a covid vaccination camp for its eligible students aged 15-18 years on January 4 at the school premises.

This vaccination camp was organised with the help and collaboration of Government PolyClinic Sec-31.

Students were informed about this drive the moment government declared availability of vaccine for their age group. All precautionary measures were taken by the school and medical team to ensure proper and safe vaccination drive. School head N Geetha Srinivasa thanked the government and polyclinic doctors and staff without whose cooperation this camp wouldn't have been possible.



The Venkateshwar Global School, Sec-13, Rohini, in collaboration with the SDM office, organised 'One Day Covid-19 Vaccination Camp', exclusively for its students between the 15-18 years age group, on Jan 11. The school has nearly 500 students in classes IX-XII that fall in the eligible category.

The free of cost vaccination camp was organised within the school premises from 9 am to 5 pm. Students with valid photo identification cards were allowed to simply walk in and receive their first dose of vaccination from health officials.



DLF Public School

A two-day vaccination drive for children between the ages of 15-18 was organised at DLF Public School, Ghaziabad on January 5 and 6. The vaccination camp was set up under the leadership of Hemlata Sharma and Alok Sharma, mem-



bers of the BJP, and in collaboration with Bharat Vikas

Parishad, Sahibabad. Nearly 400 dosages of Covaxin were administered to students of the DLF Public School and other neighbouring schools. Seema Jerath, the principal of DLF Public School, expressed her gratitude to the PM for expediting the vaccination drive to include teenagers.

Abhinav Public School

Abhinav Public School, Pitampura opened their doors to set up a vaccination centre in its premises to enable students between 15 to 18 years of age to get vaccinated on campus. The vaccination drive continued for two days



on January 7 and 8. Chairman of the school, Amar Aggarwal said, "This facility is set up in an initiative to safeguard teenagers from the virus. It is important to take utmost care of children by strictly following protocols and getting them vaccinated as soon as possible as they are more vulnerable to catching the virus."

Student Corner



ABHIMANYU SETHI, class I, Inspire School, Paschim Vihar



Gond Paintal

SAMEER JUNEJA, class VI-A, Ramjas School Pusa Road

FOSTERING SPIRIT OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERAMENT

Ramjas School, Pusa Road organised a science fest — 'Spark', to develop a scientific temperament and foster an enquiry in the students. An annual feature of the school, the event is held to commemorate the contributions of Dr Sudershan Ganguly, principal scientist and former professor at the Division of Nematology, at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, in the field of science. Dr AK Ganguly, former head and emeritus scientist, Division of Nematology, IARI, has initiated this event for the students, in her memory.

The students of class VI prepared immunity boosting salads and also explained the importance of including salads in the diet. The students of class VII took part in role play, 'Know Your Body'. Each team brought to life one particular part of the body through their skillful presentation. Class VIII students designed and displayed attractive posters on the topic 'Earth-The God's Best Gift, Let Us Care for It.'



The students of class IX performed some experiments which showcased various phenomena like magnetic levitation, dancing naphthalene balls, inflating balloons with chemicals and contactless electricity transfer. The students of class XI participated in a symposium which provided an insight into the latest developments and innovations in the field of science and technology.

Principal Surabhi Dua and Dr A KGanguly appreciated the sincere efforts and hard work of the students.

CSKM Public School secures IDS award



Col Satsangi's Kiran Memorial Public School is the proud recipient of the most prestigious award International Dimension in Schools (IDS) Award 2022-2025. The award is a benchmark accreditation for schools as having an outstanding level of support for nurturing global citizenship in young pupils thereby enriching teaching and learning. The school along with principal, Dr Shakuntla Satsangi Jaiman, received the award in the pan India virtual award ceremony conducted on the December 17, 2021 by the British Council.

The school under the able guidance of the principal had meticulously designed an action plan for the IDS Program in school with seven projects.

MESSAGES OF HOPE AND PEACE FOR PM



Students of Sun Valley International School, Vaishali penned down their heartfelt messages to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through the Amrut ka Mahotsav Postcard campaign on December 16, 2021. About 1000 postcards with messages on 'My Vision of India 2048' and 'Unsung Heroes of India's Freedom Struggle' were written for the Prime Minister.

Habits are crucial part of life

Have you ever think about how habit develops in us? There are different types of people in world and everyone has many and different habits. Habits are one of the things that we can't see but they are there.

Habits are response dispositions that are activated automatically by the context cues that co-occurred with responses during past performance. We consider various mechanisms that could underlie the habitual control of action, and we conclude that direct motivated contexts best account for the characteristic features of habit responding in particular, for the rigid repetition of action that can be initiated

without intention and that runs to completion with minimal conscious control is habit.

There are two types of habits. Some people have good habits like to never give up, gratitude, study, reading, playing and some have bad habits like no punctuality, no regularity, no discipline in life.

We can develop good habits by regularly doing that thing in our life. For example- if we read books or study everyday it will become our habit. Fortunately even if we have a bad habit then there are certain ways which can help us to break it by leaving yourself reminders, enlisting a friend's support and practicing mindfulness



LAKSHAY class X-E, DAV Public School, Sec-14, Faridabad

Dance performance enthralls audience

The students of Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School performed a welcome dance at International Award Delhi 2021, Taj Vivanta New Delhi. The classical dance was performed on song



'Ekadantaya'. The audience watched with smiles on the faces and went to home with the flood of feelings. Every flawless movement was witness of dedication and hard work.

This function was marked to celebrate the exceptional educators who have inspired many creative minds. The students received certificates as souvenir. The mentor of the school Nancy Juneja was awarded a prize for her efforts contributed towards the society.

THE SAW DUST LADOOS

It was April 1, 'April Fools' Day'. It also happened to be my best friend's birthday. Although we always celebrated her birthday on March 31, or April 2 to avoid the drama on the first day of April as people wouldn't believe her.



So, we friends decided to celebrate it for her on April 1. The idea was to add some good fun to it. After lots of thinking we decided to make ladoos (sweet balls) for her. We

followed the recipe of besan ladoos (sweet balls made from flour and other ingredients) and made some for her to distribute in the school the next day.

Overnight we thought of a prank. There was some wooden work going on at one of the friend's residences. So we gathered some saw dust and made round balls mixed with sticky glue and cov-

ered them in the same flour. A little touch of brown colour and the saw dust balls were identical to the actual Ladoos.

Next day while wishing her, we offered her the saw dust Ladoos as a joke and for some laughter. We thought when she tries to eat one, we would have a huge laugh, celebrating two occasions. Her birthday and April Fools' Day. But soon the tables were turned upside down. She took the box and went forward to offer them first to one of the senior's.

Watching her move to the senior student's group made us panic, and we couldn't stop her. But before our seniors could eat one, I screamed!

With great hesitancy and fear, I spilled the truth about the saw dust balls and the story was out.

Fortunately, our senior's were in a humorous mood that day, because it was April Fools' Day!

SANVI RASTOGI, class VIII, The Millennium School, Lucknow



Monkeys are lively, flexible, quick-witted, and versatile. They can be easily spotted everywhere around the equator. And for me, being a monkey would be an excellent experience! If I were a monkey, I would climb trees and swing from one branch to another with my long-legged lanky appearance. I would feel the air while swinging around and see the world upside down between switching branches. I would easily balance myself using my strong tail. I could also escape any danger with my full-fledged body and I would travel distances in a matter of minutes. I would tease humans by imitating their actions. In this way, I would test their patience and intelligence. I would talk to my friends' using gestures. Using my



humorous and witty brain, I would serve my habitat and learn things

about everything. I would peel bananas, eat fruits which mostly monkeys can do in terms of

animals, and would hold objects using my tail. Unlike humans, I

would be faithful to my friends. Although every animal is unique, I would like to become a monkey because they are the most intelligent animals and can travel through places without touching ground.

YASHIKA YADAV, class VIII, City Montessori School, Anand Nagar, Lucknow



IF I WERE A MONKEY

KHAWAJA TO OPEN FOR AUS

Double Sydney centurion Usman Khawaja will move up to open the batting for Australia in the final Test beginning in Hobart on Friday, captain Pat Cummins confirmed Thursday

Cummins announced Khawaja would replace Marcus Harris as David Warner's opening partner with Travis Head slotting back in at number five for the day-night pink-ball match after sitting out the fourth Test in Sydney with Covid. With Head cleared to play, Australia opted to retain Khawaja – who scored 137 and 101 not out in Sydney. The 35-year-old Khawaja has been in and out of the Australian team, but his twin centuries in Sydney made it impossible to drop him for the fifth Test, especially considering his form and experience at the top of the order. He has opened the batting in five Tests, scoring two centuries and averaging 96.80.

HARRIS TO BE DROPPED

Harris, who has struggled to make an impact with a top score of 76 in the series, will be omitted. Harris has been given a number of chances over his career, but in 14 matches he has not scored a century and is averaging just over 25. “The message to Harry (Harris) is that he is going really well, it's just that it's not too often that someone comes in and scores two centuries in the same game,” Cummins said.

Cummins said a final decision on whether to play bowler Scott Boland will be made later Thursday, with the Victorian seamer being given a final chance to prove he has recovered from sore ribs he suffered when he fell in the Sydney Test. If he is out injured, then Jhye

THE ASHES

Richardson is the likely replacement.

There had been some talk of elevating Marnus Labuschagne to open, but Cummins said that was never a possibility. “We're really happy with Ussie opening,” he said. “He's a class player and can bat anywhere. From the selectors' point of view, and my point of view, he can bat from one to six.”

UNCERTAINLY OVER PITCH

The Hobart wicket was looking very green 24 hours before the match and Cummins said he was unsure as to how it would play. “I think especially the first few days there will hope-

fully be a bit of seam, a bit of swing,” he said. “Sometimes when it's really cold at night it doesn't do as much, but I don't know if that will be the case. “Every pink ball Test, it feels like there are a lot of unknowns, but probably more so now because it's a new venue.”

Cummins said one of the most pleasing aspects of the series, which Australia lead 3-0, was that the team wasn't relying on one or two players, and that the newcomers had stepped up when selected. “It's been great to have these other guys come in and not only feel comfortable, but to dominate straight away,” he said. “It's a real nod to the amount of talent we have around Australia.” AGENCIES

BATTERED ENGLAND HOPE TO REPLICATE SYDNEY STEEL

England had already lost the series but at least rediscovered their stomach for a fight in Sydney and the battered tourists will look to produce a similar gutsy display in the final Ashes test against Australia on Friday.

Australia retained the urn with comprehensive victories in Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne and while England managed to halt the juggernaut in Sydney, it was not without a price. Captain Joe Root has insisted on putting “some pride back into the badge” but they are struggling



Joe Root

Photo: AP

to put together a playing XI that can replicate their steely display in Sydney. Wicketkeeper Jos Buttler was out with a finger injury, while all-rounder Ben Stokes and middle order batsman Jonny Bairstow are doubtful too. England are ready to play Stokes and stumper-batsman Bairstow purely as batsmen with Sam Billings likely to don the keeping gloves in his test debut. England fast bowler Mark Wood said, “We talked about our batting so much but we got to try and make sure we get 20 wickets to win the game.” REUTERS



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CHELSEA REACH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Tuchel says team sealed win against spurs despite 'playing with fire'

Thomas Tuchel said Chelsea reached the League Cup final despite “playing with fire” as Antonio Rudiger's goal and three VAR decisions helped the Blues seal a 1-0 win at Tottenham on Wednesday.

Rudiger's first half header ensured Chelsea pressed home the advantage they had earned with a 2-0 win in the semi-final first leg last week. Tuchel's team also had VAR official Mike Dean on their side as Tottenham were given two penalties by Andre Marriner, only for reviews to overturn both, while Harry Kane saw a goal disallowed for offside.

Tuchel displeased

“We started good. We had big chances and controlled the match, but I had the feeling we played with fire,” Tuchel said. “We allowed chances from sloppy mistakes and were lucky. We almost gave a penalty away

for no reason, for a bit of over-confidence. We needed luck to not give away another penalty, to have an offside VAR decision.”

Tuchel is the first manager in Chelsea's history to lead the club to the Champions League, FA Cup and League Cup finals, a feat he has achieved just 350 days after his first game in charge in January 2020. It is Chelsea's first League Cup final appearance since 2019 as they aim to win the competition for the first time since 2015. “We need to play better if we're going to really deserve results like this. We have to meet the standards,” Tuchel said.

Tottenham have not won a major trophy since lifting the League Cup in 2008 and their options for ending that drought this season are dwindling. Antonio Conte had conceded it would be hard to overturn the deficit against a team of Chelsea's quality. And the Tottenham manager's pessimism proved well founded as Chelsea quickly put a stranglehold on the tie in north London. “At the end of

the two games, Chelsea deserved to reach the final in this competition, we have to be honest,” Conte said.

“In the second half we created many chances to score and we deserved a result better than losing 1-0 but if you have a judgement over the two games Chelsea deserved to win.” AFP

MADRID BEATS BARCA, REACH FINAL

Barcelona put on a good fight as an underdog, but in the end it was Real Madrid celebrating after a thrilling “clásico” between the Spanish powerhouses in Saudi Arabia. Federico Valverde scored in extra time to give Real Madrid a 3-2 win over Barcelona for its 100th victory over its storied rival and a spot in the final of the Spanish Super Cup. Barcelona equalized twice but couldn't recover after Valverde scored in extra time to give Madrid its fifth straight win over the Catalan club.

SINDHU ADVANCES, SAINA KNOCKED OUT OF INDIA OPEN

Two-time Olympic medalist shuttler PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy advanced to the quarterfinals but Sania Nehwal's campaign ended at the Yonex-Sunrise India Open here on Thursday.



Former champion and 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Saina suffered a 17-21 9-21 straight game loss to compatriot Malvika Bansod. Malvika, ranked 111th, took 34 minutes to see off the former world number 1.

Top seed Sindhu had no problem dispatching fellow In-

dia Ira Sharma 21-10 21-10. She will meet compatriot Ashmita Chahla, who got the better of French shuttler Yaelle Hoyaux 21-17 21-14, in the quarterfinal. Malvika will next take on fellow Indian Aakarshi Kashyap in the quarterfinals. Aakarshi had defeated compatriot Keyura Mopatin 21-10 21-10 in another women's singles second round match.

Prannoy got a walkover as Mithun Manjunath withdrew from the tournament after testing positive for Covid-19. He will meet the winner of the second round clash between third seed Lakshay Sen and Felix Burstedt of Sweden.

The men's top seed Kidambi Srikanth, doubles player Ashwini Ponnappa, Ritika Rahul Thkar, Treesa Jolly, Simran Aman Singh and Khushi Gupta are the other players who had to withdraw from the tournament due to the positive Covid-19 results, which led to several walkovers. m

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Rovers Cup is related to which of the following sports?

- a) Football
- b) Cricket
- c) Hockey
- d) Tennis

Q2: Sachin Tendulkar hit his 100th international century against which team?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Pakistan
- d) South Africa

Q3: Which country has hosted Asian Games the most number of times?

- a) Japan
- b) South Korea
- c) Thailand
- d) China

Q4: In which year did the Asian Games start using mascots?

- a) 1974
- b) 1978
- c) 1982
- d) 1986

Q5: Karim Benzema scored his 300th goal in all competitions for Real Madrid,

only the fourth for the club after Alfredo di Stefano, Cristiano Ronaldo and _____

- a) Santillana b) Raul
- c) Hugo Sánchez d) Ferenc Puskás



Karim Benzema

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Q6: Where is the headquarters of the Badminton Association of India located?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Nashik
- d) Lucknow

Q7: Major Dhyan Chand's birthday is celebrated as National Sports Day in India, on which date?

- a) July 29th
- b) August 29th
- c) March 29th
- d) April 29th

Q8: Which country houses the World Golf Hall of Fame?

- a) Canada
- b) United States of America
- c) France
- d) United Kingdom

Q9: When was the first cricket club established in India?

- a) 1848
- b) 1780
- c) 1792
- d) 1905

ANSWERS: 1. a Football 2. b Bangladesh 3. c Thailand 4. c 1982 5. b Raul 6. d Lucknow 7. b August 29th 8. b United States of America 9. a 1848