



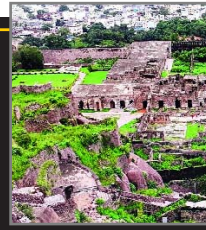
THE TIMES OF INDIA

www.toistudent.com
**TODAY'S
EDITION**

➤ Ever thought of going on a family banking trip? Tag along with your parent and see how 'money wise' you get!
PAGE 2



➤ A young traveller takes us on a virtual trip to Golconda fort, one of the oldest historical monuments in Hyderabad
PAGE 3



➤ India prepare for T20 against West Indies with an eye on World Cup
PAGE 4


STUDENT EDITION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022



THE TENSE RUSSIA-UKRAINE BORDER STAND-OFF SHOWED FIRST SIGNS OF THAW ON TUESDAY AFTER MOSCOW SAID THAT IT IS PULLING BACK SOME OF ITS FORCES TO THEIR BASES

[CLICK HERE: PAGE 1 AND 2](#)
Spotlight

ANOUSHKA JOLLY

Thirteen-year-old has won ₹ 50 lakh funding for developing an anti-bullying app...



Anoushka Jolly, a class VIII student, who became the youngest entrepreneur on a reality show has won funding for her idea. The 13-year-old appeared on the show to pitch her anti-bullying app called 'Kavach' for which she received ₹ 50 lakh funding. Jolly, a student of Pathways School, Gurugram, wants to build a strong network of anti-bullying ambassadors, who will track the progress of those impacted directly or indirectly through the platform and application. A victim of bullying, Jolly has also formed an Anti Bullying Squad (ABS) with the help of educational institutions, social organisations and experts. It has so far helped over 2,000 students from over 100 schools and universities. Jolly has been running the ABS digital platform for over three years now. The platform also allows people to better understand bullying and its consequences, along with taking a pledge to prevent the menace. It also sells anti-bullying merchandise.

WHAT'S KAVACH

- Kavach, the anti-bullying app, aims to reach as many children and schools across the country by educating them regarding the importance of anti-bullying
- 'Kavach' app will also allow students and parents to report incidents of bullying anonymously, giving opportunity to schools and counsellors to tactfully intervene and take action

Watch this space for an exclusive interview with Jolly

UKRAINE CONFLICT

What are New Delhi's stakes in the clash between Moscow and Kyiv?

Though Russia pulled back some of its forces from Ukraine borders on Tuesday, the ongoing crisis between Russia and the West, led by the US, has created the possibility of war looming large. New Delhi has been calling for a "peaceful resolution" of the situation through "sustained diplomatic efforts" for "long-term peace and stability" in the region and beyond. The Indian embassy has advised students and Indian nationals in Ukraine's capital Kyiv to leave the country temporarily. Here's how India will be affected in case the crisis is not resolved...

IMPACT ON INDIA

- 1 According to experts, students will suffer if Russia attacks Ukraine. Apart from a small Indian business community in Kyiv, there are about 20,000 Indian students studying in Ukrainian universities—mostly medical or engineering students, who opted for cost-effective, high-quality medical and engineering colleges, to earn degrees that are recognised both in Europe and India.
- 2 Over half of Indian weapons are imported and a significant number comes from Russia. So, experts feel antagonising Russia is not an option for India. On the other hand, India cannot openly side with Russia for the fear of incurring American sanctions through The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA). The US hasn't decided whether or not to sanction India for the S-400 deal with Russia, and in all probability, the Biden administration might contemplate a waiver unless New Delhi openly sides with Moscow
- 3 Besides weapons, India and Russia have robust bilateral trade. In fact, according to some estimates, the trade links between New Delhi and Moscow are worth \$8 billion, whereas the New Delhi-Kyiv trade is barely a fourth of that — worth around \$2.7 billion. However, Kyiv has been a crucial supplier of cooking oil — about 74 per cent of India's sunflower oil supply last year was from Ukraine. When it comes to fuel, Russia accounts for nearly 20 per cent of the global supply of natural gas. So either way, India will need to watch its game
- 4 Lastly, with China becoming the biggest border threat — a fact that India's Army Chief General Naravane openly acknowledged — India needs both the US and Russia to counter China. The Xi-Putin bonhomie could help rein in Beijing's aggression, the fear of the American whip of sanctions could undercut the Chinese designs. Therefore, India needs to play its card very cautiously



NATO AWAITS EVIDENCE OF PULLBACK RUSSIA FLAGGED

NATO's chief welcomed signals from Russia in the past two days that it may be looking for a diplomatic solution but urged Moscow to demonstrate its will to act. "There are signs from Moscow that diplomacy should continue. This gives grounds for cautious optimism. But so far we have not seen any sign of de-escalation on the ground from the Russian side," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said. He said Russia often left military equipment behind after exercises, creating the potential for forces to regroup.



- In the past few months, the West and Ukraine have accused Russia of a troop build-up near the Ukrainian border in preparation for an invasion. Moscow has denied these accusations, stating that it is not threatening anyone and at the same time expressing strong concerns over NATO's military activity near the Russian borders
- Moscow has also said that Russia has the right to move troops within its national territory

A bicycle that can be converted INTO A FAST MOTORBIKE

INNOVATION

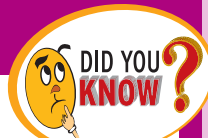

Gursaurabh Singh, the creator of Dhruv Vidyut Electric Conversion Kit (DVECK), has invented a device that "converts any cycle into an electric cycle in minutes." The invention has the potential to revolutionise India, claims Singh. Built entirely from aluminium, the convertor device has a charger inlet not only for the device but also for other electronic gadgets. Interestingly, it can be charged simply by pedalling, when there's no electricity. According to Singh, 20 minutes of pedalling charges around 50 per cent battery.

HOW IT WORKS

- Singh's YouTube channel claims that the device "will upgrade a bicycle to a motor and battery-powered electric cycle"
- The device fits snugly in the body of a bicycle, helping cycles reach top speeds of 26 kilometres per hour. It can also manage up to 170 kg of payload with a range of 40 kilometres, he adds
- In addition, the converter is fireproof and waterproof as well, and can run on rough and muddy roads as well

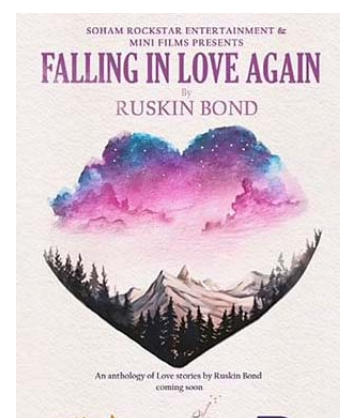
■ The convertor essentially turns a classic bicycle into a makeshift motorbike. Boasting a bolt-on fit, the tech requires no welding, cutting, or modifications to work with a bicycle. On the handle, there is an ignition switch, a battery indicator, and a throttle

About 58% of daily commuters in India depend on classic Indian cycles that are rather slow and make long travels difficult



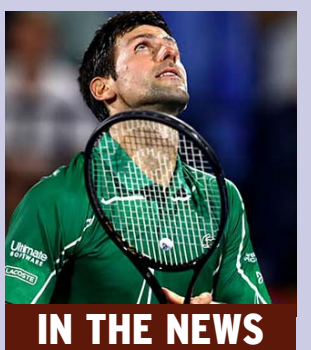
Ruskin Bond's book 'Falling in Love Again' to be made into anthology series

Ruskin Bond has a huge surprise in store for his fans. His book 'Falling in Love Again' is all set to be adapted into an anthology. Deepak Mukut and Mansi Bagla have acquired the rights of Bond's romantic short stories for the anthology series. Bond, too, expressed his excitement about the anthology. "Love is that one emotion that remains timeless. Everything can change around us and yet our desire to be loved remains. Over the years, I have written a lot about love, for every age group. These are stories of deep friendship, companionship and everything in between. When the opportunity of these stories being adapted for screen came by way, I had to say yes. It is a good reminder that all we need from life are the simple things and I want the generations to come to know a bit of it before the fast paced world we live in depletes it," he shared.



Djokovic stays top of ATP rankings

Novak Djokovic holds on to the world number one spot ahead of Daniil Medvedev and Alexander Zverev in the latest ATP rankings released on Monday. There were no changes in the top 10 this week, with Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime edging closer to eighth place after capturing his first ATP title in Rotterdam on Sunday, with victory over world number four and top seed Stefanos Tsitsipas.


IN THE NEWS

NOW, AMULETS FROM PLASTIC WASTE!

Hoping to inspire more Thais to recycle plastic waste, two local companies have teamed up to make Buddhist amulets by using nine types of recyclable materials—ranging from plastic bottles to nylon fishing nets. "The idea of the plastic amulet is a result of finding a connection between the environment and Thai culture," said Krit Phutpim, a director at Dots Design Studio, one of the companies behind the project launched at Bangkok's design week exhibition.

Thai amulets with Buddhist imagery are extremely popular in the Southeast Asian country and many hope they will enhance their spirituality and bring them good fortune

1 The amulets, which have been blessed by monks, are distributed in exchange for at least a one kg of plastic or a minimum of 100 baht (\$3.07) for each amulet with the money going to various charities

2 Typically, amulets are made from materials such as bone, wood or metal. They may contain, for example, the ash from incense burnt at a temple or hair from a monk that are thought to further increase the wearer's powers.



Predominantly Buddhist Thailand is estimated to be the fifth-biggest contributor of plastic to the world's oceans, according to a report by the US-based group Ocean Conservancy.


BEST OUT OF WASTE

"It takes a digital village to raise a money-smart kid"

HOW TO PLAN A FAMILY BANKING WEEKEND TRIP?

By Amanda L Grossman

1

SCHEDULE A DAY

Choose one day a week/bi-weekly/month where everyone gets to update their banking needs by physically going to the bank or an ATM to make deposits, transfers, etc. It's best if you put it on your calendar in your family command centre so that everyone knows when they'll need to be ready for it.



GET EVERYONE A BANK ACCOUNT

It's hard to do banking if your child doesn't have a bank account! Your first family banking day is the perfect opportunity to open a savings account for them.

2

EXPLAIN WHAT YOU CAN DO IN A BANK

You'll want to explain to your child all of the things they can do at the bank, by explaining all of the things that you do at the bank. You know, make deposits, general account maintenance, set up online banking, associate your accounts together, etc.



3

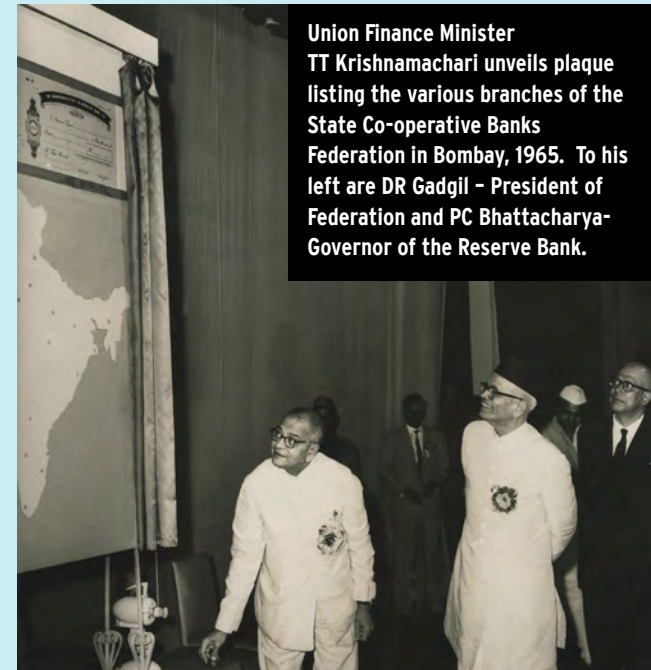
TAKE STOCK OF YOUR ACCOUNT BALANCES

Remind your child that it's a great opportunity to see how their savings account is growing. Since your kids know that a family banking day is scheduled into each week, every other week, or each month, then they'll start to learn to plan some of their money handling needs out ahead of time.



WRITE TO TOISTUDENT ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

HISTORY OF BANKING IN INDIA



Union Finance Minister TT Krishnamachari unveils plaque listing the various branches of the State Co-operative Banks Federation in Bombay, 1965. To his left are DR Gadgil - President of Federation and PC Bhattacharya - Governor of the Reserve Bank.

The first bank of India was the 'Bank of Hindustan', established in 1770 and located in the then Indian capital, Calcutta. However, this bank failed to work and ceased operations in 1832.

Bombay 100 years ago.com



IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA - BOMBAY (1924)

During the Pre-Independence period over 600 banks had been registered in the country, but only a few managed to survive.

During the British rule in India, The East India Company had established three banks: Bank of Bengal, Bank of Bombay and Bank of Madras and called them the Presidential Banks. These three banks were later merged into one single bank in 1921, which was called the "Imperial Bank of India."

The Imperial Bank of India was later nationalised in 1955 and was named The State Bank of India, which is currently the largest public sector bank in the country.



At the time when India got independence, all the major banks of the country were led privately which was a cause of concern as people belonging to rural areas were still dependent on money lenders for financial assistance. With an aim to solve this problem, the then Government decided to nationalise the Banks. These banks were nationalised under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Whereas, the Reserve Bank of India was nationalised in 1949.

SOME UNIQUE FACTS ABOUT RBI

BCCL archives



Former PM Indira Gandhi with CD Deshmukh

- The first RBI Governor was Sir Osborne Smith
- RBI's first central office was located in Calcutta
- Manmohan Singh is the only Prime Minister who has also served as the Governor of RBI
- RBI's first Indian Governor was CD Deshmukh
- The first deputy lady Governor of RBI was KJ Udeshi
- RBI's logo was inspired by East India Company's Double Mohur
- The emblem of RBI has a Panther and a Palm Tree on it

IDEA BANK: Enjoy taking stock of finances

As a parent, make your child feel important and responsible by tagging them along to the bank. Make sure you give them some chores as mentioned here...



- Roll up change and deposit it
- Order new cheques
- Open someone a new bank account
- Close down an old bank account and move the money over
- Take care of business banking needs
- Get change for things you need to pay cash for
- Use the ATM
- Open up a savings account for your family savings goal

'Banking' on Stories



By Elizabeth Thomas
Chief Mentor, Tale Tellers,

Training the teachers with Tale Tellers Jr, Elizabeth comes in with over 10 years experience in human resource management. She also has a rich industry experience in the banking sector



While advocating for holistic development in a child, along with developing the overall interactive and communication skills, empowering the child with financial matters cannot deviate from the scheme of things.

The quest is how do we do that in a very sensitive subject like finance while making the topic of money child friendly?

Banking through stories

So who doesn't like stories? I remember every day before going to sleep I used to look forward to hearing stories from my dad and that used to be the best part of the day.

There is a story in every walk of our life, in a movie, in the classroom, and even in a kitchen conversation. So as teachers or parents, initiate the topic of money in an unorthodox way through stories.

For an eight-year-old, for

instance, the best way to kill the joy of learning money management is through the traditional chalk and board approach. Hence, the basic concepts in banking and basic instruments like a cheque, savings account, current account, etc. is learned through a very creative storytelling process where the child understands all this in a very subtle manner

Sensitive subject

We understand in a country like ours, finance can be a very sensitive subject as the perception of money and fi-

The child goes from the lobby to cash and even to the branch manager's cabin with his parent. We have had many parents talk about it as one-of-a-kind experience. This gets the child close to financial literacy

nance can vary from person to person. And too much stress on this subject can backfire as we don't want the child to feel that the world is run by money. So, stick to learning concepts ranging from a typical conventional instrument like the cheque to a modern-day instrument like NFT and deliver these to children and teenagers in a creative way.

Experiential learning

As a teacher, I truly believe in experiential learning and encourage children to visit a bank first. The child goes from the lobby to cash and even to the branch manager's cabin with his parent. We have had many parents tell us this is one of a kind experience their child could have and thereby getting the child close to financial literacy at a very early stage.

While banking and finance is an ongoing learning process with the likes of Neo banking and crypto currencies, let's together focus on creating a financially literate next generation that is in line with the new education policy.



There is a story in every walk of our life, in a movie, in the classroom, and even in a kitchen conversation. So, as teachers or parents, initiate the topic of money in an unorthodox way through stories

DID YOU KNOW?

Established in 1911, the Central Bank of India was the first Indian commercial bank that was wholly owned and managed by Indians. The founder, Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala, proclaimed the Central Bank of India as the 'property of the nation and the country's asset'. He also added that the 'Central Bank of India lives on people's faith and regards itself as the people's own bank'.



In the year 1992-93, Canara Bank became the first bank to articulate and adopt the directive principles of 'Good Banking'. In 1996, it became the first bank to be conferred with ISO 9002 certification for one of its branches in Bangalore. ISO 9002 refers to "Quality System - Model for quality assurance in production, installation and servicing".

One flap of butterfly, can affect weather in Texas

We all have heard once in our lives that an uncertain action can bring a huge change, but how does that actually work? Edward Lorenz, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is the official discoverer of Chaos theory. It is an interdisciplinary scientific theory and branch of mathematics focused on underlying patterns and deterministic laws highly sensitive to initial conditions in dynamical systems that were thought to have completely random states of disorder and irregularities.

The Chaos theory consists of a few principals, starting with the 'The Butterfly Effect' which suggests that the cause of a typhoon off the coast of Texas can be traced to a butterfly flapping its wings in Mexico. According to the Butterfly Effect, if the butterfly had never flapped its wings, the typhoon would not have happened. Another way to put this is



that initial conditions are extremely important, and they have a major impact on the outcome of things. Something small at the beginning (a butterfly flapping its wings) leads to something major (a typhoon) in the end.

Another important principle of Chaos theory is unpredictability. Basically, we can never possibly know every single initial event of a complex system. This means that the ultimate outcome of an event is never truly known. We can't possibly accurately predict most things because even very small errors or oversights could change the outcome.

Let's now understand this with some instances. A hotel that doesn't discipline a staff member for insulting a customer thus creating a culture where it is perceived as acceptable to treat customers poorly, whereby this process could eventually lead to the bankruptcy of the hotel due to poor reviews. An improbable change to a single cell in an organism that eventually leads to a serious disease.

SANVI KONDAL, SAM International School, Dwarka Sec 12

Brushing up communication skills

The school always believes in bringing out the best in its students. In an attempt to reinforce the lessons already learnt by the students in the classroom, Modern Era Convent, Janakpuri organised a virtual inter

school competition, 'Percipience' for classes pre-school to II.

Activities like 'Little Masters', 'Spell well', 'Grey Matter Quiz' and 'Buzz Session' were held to test the students' communication skills and understanding of the lessons

learned.

The activities proved to be a catalyst in the all round development of the students.

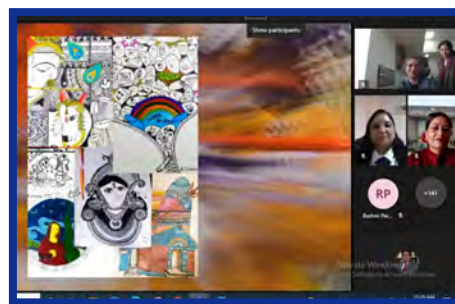
The activities provided a platform for the little learners to realise their potential in different domains while promoting learning with fun. The students were applauded for their dedicated efforts and outstanding performances.

DPSGI hosts interschool cultural fest

DPSGI celebrated 'Vivacity 2021', the annual interschool cultural fiesta from January 24 to 28 with zeal and phenomenal enthusiasm. Schools from across the country participated in the virtual mega event which included twenty-one very interesting and innovative events under two categories.

The first category comprised foundational domain events like 'Ghazal-e-mehfil', 'Streaming beats', 'Nritya abhay', 'Mukhata' to name a few. The second category included scholastic domain like 'JAM', 'Math rap', 'Declamation', 'Vaad ivad', 'Shlok vacha'. Participants exhibited their creativity, collaboration and remarkable ingenuity.

The event was inaugurated by the principal Meera Mathur in the presence



were conducted online whereas some invited pre-recorded videos.

Bidisha Roy Das, a social entrepreneur and an avid art enthusiast, was the chief guest for the Closing Ceremony which was a spectacular show.

CD 2020 - the futuristic and comprehensive curriculum, the brain-child of Chairman Om Pathak was also highlighted. This curriculum presently being followed at all DPSGI Schools is a student led, inquiry-based approach to education.

All the participants and the winners for various events were felicitated and awarded e-certificates.

Meera Mathur congratulated the participants for their commendable efforts and hard work. The event ended on a positive note and the vote of thanks was proposed by the head mistress Soma Singh.

A season of fun at MSGS

Manav Sthali Global School, Double Storey always aims to be the centre of excellence in education reinforcing the talents of the students. While holidays are fun, finding ways to keep kids entertained and engaged has been our constant effort throughout the pandemic.

Fun activities like story narration, arts and craft help in developing a child's creativity and imagination while also being a great way to teach children about life and the world around them.



These activities provided a new set of skills for self-expression, communication and endless amazement for the children.

Other physical activities like yoga and zumba proved as a doorway to help these active learners acquire knowledge about body coordination and body awareness while on the other hand the culinary skills activity provided a platform for learning skills of self-expression, communication and endless amazement. The most important aspect of the session was introduction of various new food vocabulary words like vinaigrette, seasoning, flavour, blanch, enhance, etc.

Ryan remember martyrs

Students of class VI of Ryan International School, Sector - 31, Gurugram spoke on Martyrs' Day, which is observed on January 30.

Young Ryanites informed and shared all the above valuable points to the school with their marvellous oratory and presentational skills. They also



highlighted the bravery of martyrs through their portraits and poems.

School head, N Geeta

Srinivasa also appraised the young Ryanites for their skills and motivated them to always have respect for all Indians. She emphasised on the importance of Amar Javan Jyoti at India Gate. This really helped the students to come up and build their confidence level and personality traits too.

Student Corner

HARDER KAUR, class IX, Shaheed Bishan Singh Memorial, Mansarovar Garden



Is it payback time?

An overpowering outbreak of a virus so virulent, There can be no compensation of the loss equivalent.

On days when I could not go out wandering, I went inside pondering. I ventured in the world of

thoughts galore, Just like a child on a seashore.

Fascinated by the world of thoughts, opinions, and notions, A soul flooded by sudden surges of emotions.

When I was restricted by strict laws,

I introspected and contemplated how our conduct was.

The conclusion I reached was a terrible nightmare. One, Naturally, we are being punished for the exploitation we've done.

SOASMI KOHLI, class XI, Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar

CELEBRATING WINTERS

Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School, Goyla Dwarka celebrated winter days with virtual party. The children were welcomed with the activities including making a snowman, tinkling bells, creating thank you cards among others. Various activities such as

singing, dancing, one act play were also among the enthusiastic activities. It was a pleasant experience for the students to witness such wonderful activities. The concept was initiated with the purpose of stimulating cognitive skills. The event was witnessed by Ashwani Khurana.



OVER 480 STUDENTS PERFORM SURYA NAMASKAR

Students of DAV Public School, Jasola Vihar performed Surya Namaskar with great zeal and motivation to commemorate the celebration of Azadika Amrit Mahotsav project- Surya Namaskar under the Ministry of Ayush from February 3 to 8.

Around 282 boys and 200 girls performed 2056 times surya namaskar.

Yoga helps to rejuvenate our mind and body, keeps us in high spirits at all times.



Surya namaskar is a powerful technique to make us more mindful. With regular practice, it increases awareness forming a deeper connection between the body, breath and consciousness.

The principal Dr V K Barthwal appreciated the participants and applause Chandan Kiran (HOD of Sports Department) and her team for their whole hearted contribution in the programme and thus making the event a grand success.

Catch up with history in GOLCONDA FORT

I love sightseeing. Recently, I went to the Golconda Fort in Hyderabad, Telangana along with my friend and our respective families.

When we reached the place, we were told about its history. It is said that the fort was known as Golla Konda earlier, meaning the shepherd's hill in Telugu. It was built by the Kakatiya dynasty as a not-so-strong fort. Later, the fort and most of the other strong buildings were reconstructed in a period of 62 years under the first three kings of the Qutub Shahi dynasty.

The Qutub Shahi rulers ruled the fort from 1518 AD to 1687 AD. In 1687 AD, it was annexed by the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb.

In the olden times, Golconda was famous for its diamond market as there were lots of diamond mines around Golconda. The world-famous Kohinoor diamond was once brought to Golconda from Kollur for marketing.

The fort has almost 720 steps. The highest point of the fort is known as 'Bala Hissar' which is located almost



1 kilometre away. There are 52 windows, 9 doors and 48 tunnels in the

fort. There is a specific point known as clapping portico. If a person claps at this specific point, it is said that the vibrations can reach up to Bala Hissar.

Although we were able to cover only a little part of the fort, it gave us a lot of knowledge about our history and rich cultural heritage. On the whole, it was a mesmerising trip!

Sreenandana S Kumar, class VI, Kendriya Vidyalaya SAP Thiruvananthapuram

Turning VEGETARIAN will save the PLANET

Animals are my friends... and I don't eat my friends," George Bernard Shaw had said. Besides, preventing cruelty to animals, a vegetarian diet has many benefits. It helps reduce the risk of several chronic and fatal diseases and offers overall good health. Studies show that cancer, diabetes and heart ailments are rare among vegetarians.

A vegetarian diet is easy to digest, cheap and can help save the planet. Breeding and raising of animals for food take vast amount of land and water resources which could be diverted for agriculture. Quite a lot of plants and their produce are needed to feed animals. Slaughtering animals and processing and preserving the meat require large quantities of energy, natural and chemical resources. Moreover, the meat may not be safe. If this is reduced, it will help reduce carbon footprints. Turning vegetarian can save our planet.

Above all, it can make your life healthy and enjoyable.

Rishi Ramesh Nair, class IX, Blooming Buds Bethania Sr Sec School, Marathamcode, Thrissur

The argument that turning vegetarian will save the world is extremely flawed. Eating vegetarian food would be a terrible idea, as it could decrease the amount of plants which help in photosynthesis. Human beings are adapted to consume both plant and meat products ever since the discovery of fire and cooking process. This allowed us to survive in conditions where sufficient food was not available as we could digest almost any edible substance.

Turning vegetarian will require more land for agricultural purposes which means more deforestation resulting in global warming. It will cause the population of reared animals for food to increase exponentially, further increasing the greenhouse effect. It could lead to mass culling and pose a threat to the environment.

It is imperative that we stop campaigning for people to be vegetarian, and bring attention to our current approach to recycling, upcycling and making existing resources cleaner and more efficient.

Sanjay Anoop Nair, class IX, Blooming Buds Bethania Sr Sec School, Marathamcode, Thrissur

DEBATE

INDIA BEGIN T20 BATTLE

Will play three-match series against WI with eye on preparation for WC

The preparation for T20 World Cup 2022 will truly start for India when the Rohit Sharma-led side takes the field against West Indies at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata. India and the West Indies will lock horns in three T20Is beginning Wednesday and the focus will be on the brand of cricket India play, having witnessed disappointment in T20 World Cup 2021.

NO CHANGE IN APPROACH

Earlier, the Men in Blue won the T20I series against New Zealand, but nothing changed in terms of approach so it would be interesting to see whether the Men in Blue try out something different. Last week, KL Rahul and Axar Patel were ruled out of the T20I series, and the All-India Senior Selection Committee named Ruturaj Gaikwad and Deepak Hooda as replacements. Virat Kohli recorded scores of 8, 18 and 0 in the ODI series and it would be interesting to see how the batter performs in the shortest format.

ISHAN TO OPEN BATTING

It is safe to say that Ishan Kishan, who recently was acquired by Mumbai Indians for Rs 15.25 crore, would open the batting alongside Rohit in the T20I series in the absence of KL Rahul. It would be needed to see how the likes of Rishabh Pant, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer perform in the middle-order.

MAKING A CALL

The management would also like to see what Deepak Chahar, Avesh Khan, and Bhuvneshwar Kumar do in this series and this will help them in making a call on who to persist with for the T20 World Cup set to be played in Australia later this year. Deepak Hooda and Venkatesh Iyer can add firepower to the lower-order and it needs to be seen who the management goes with in the first T20I.

NZ VS IND: AMELIA KERR, MADDY GREEN STAR AS HOSTS TAKE 2-0 LEAD IN ODI SERIES

■ Amelia Kerr (119*) and Maddy Green (52) starred with the bat as New Zealand defeated India by three wickets in the second ODI of the five-match series at the John Davies Oval, Queenstown on Tuesday.

■ With this win, New Zealand has gained a 2-0 lead in the five-match series, and now the third ODI will be played on Friday.

■ Chasing 271, New Zealand got off to a quickfire start as opening batters Sophie Devine and Suzie Bates put on 35 runs inside the first five overs, however, the stand was finally broken by Deepti Sharma as she sent Bates (16) back to the pavilion. Soon after, Devine (33) was dismissed by Rajeshwari Gayakwad and the hosts were reduced to 52/2 in the eighth over.



Amelia Kerr

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

HORRENDOUS BATTING

Talking about West Indies, the side displayed horrendous batting in the ODI series, but the side recently defeated England 3-2 in the shortest format and they would look to take the form into the series against India. It needs to be seen whether Kieron Pollard would be available, having missed the last two ODIs due to a niggle.



Kieron Pollard

Photo: AP

ATHLETIC'S UNBEATEN RUN ENDS

Own-goal sees team lose to Mallorca, who move six points above the drop

An unfortunate own-goal by goalkeeper Unai Simon ended Athletic Bilbao's unbeaten run as the club fell to a 3-2 loss to Mallorca in the Spanish league on Monday.

Bounced back

Athletic rallied from two goals down in the second half but conceded in the 88th minute when Takefusa Kubo's shot from close range hit the post and bounced off Simon's head before going back into the net.

The goal ended Athletic's five-match unbeaten run in all competitions and kept the Basque Country club from moving closer to the European qualification places in the Spanish league. It stayed in eighth place, two points from seventh-place Villarreal and five from fourth-place Barcelona in the final Champions League place.



Takefusa Kubo

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Second win in a row

It was the second win in a row for 15th-placed Mallorca after it had lost four straight in the league. The victory moved Mallorca six points above the drop with a game in hand compared to two teams in the relegation zone.

The hosts opened the scoring with a penalty kick converted by Salva Sevilla in the 22nd and added to the lead in the 30th through Angel Rodriguez before Athletic came back with a goal by Raul Garcia in the 59th and another by Alex Berenguer in the 61st at Son Moix Stadium.

Trying to reach Copa final

Athletic was coming off a 1-1 draw against Valencia in the first leg of the Copa del Rey semifinals last week. It is trying to reach the Copa final for the third straight season and win the title for the first time since 1984.

Athletic's next league match is against Basque Country rival Real Sociedad on Sunday. Mallorca visits third-place Real Betis on the same day.

MILLMAN STUNS CRESSY AT DELRAY BEACH OPEN

Australia's John Millman pulled off the first upset of the Delray Beach Open, needing nearly three hours and three tiebreakers to oust eighth-seed Maxime Cressy of the US. Millman prevailed 6-7 (2), 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3).

"Conditions are challenging," Millman said. "Very windy, quite heavy balls and you're playing against a guy like Maxime who throws a completely different game style than what you're used to on tour. He's relentless, massive serve, always looking to come forward whether it's on his service games or his return games."

Millman won 117 points to Cressy's 115 in the 2-hour, 55-minute match. "If you look at the stats, you can see that it really could have gone anyone's way," Millman said.

Cressy had made his first ATP Tour final last month, falling to Rafael Nadal in the



John Millman

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

title match at the Melbourne Summer Set, one of the prequels to the Australian Open. Cressy also made the round of 16 at the Australian Open, losing in four sets to eventual finalist Daniil Medvedev.

Other winners at Delray in round-of-32 matches were Brandon Nakashima, who topped fellow American Denis Kudla 6-1, 6-1; Oscar Otte of Germany against Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka; and Italy's Andreas Seppi who beat German Peter Gojowczyk.

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of the following stadium is the home ground of Royal Challengers Bangalore?

- a) Wankhede Stadium
b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium
c) MA Chidambaram Stadium
d) Eden Gardens

Q2: In which year Serena Williams played her last grand slam singles final?

- a) 2016
b) 2017
c) 2018
d) 2019

Q3: Who made the most assists in Spanish La Liga - 2020-21?

- a) Joan Jordán
b) Ángel Correa
c) Lionel Messi
d) Jorge de Frutos

Q4: Who is the youngest Olympic table tennis medallist?

- a) Mima Ito
b) Ding Ning
c) Miu Hirano
d) Kasumi Ishikawa

Q5: Morocco attacker Hakim Ziyech has decided not to play for his country again and to

dedicate his energy on his club. Which club does he play for?

- a) Manchester City b) Chelsea
c) Real Madrid d) Aston Villa

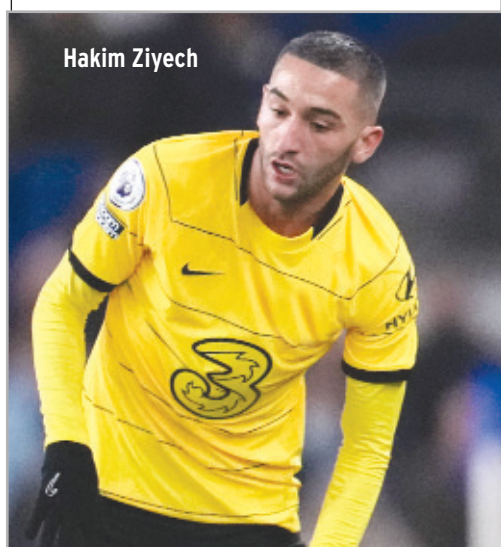


Photo: AP

Q6: Who is the oldest goalscorer in women's Olympic ice hockey?

- a) Meghan Duggan
b) Riikka Sallinen
c) Cammi Granato
d) Geraldine Heaney

Q7: Which two players smashed the most sixes in Indian Premier League 2017?

- a) Rishabh Pant and Kieron Pollard
b) Glenn Maxwell and David Warner
c) Chris Lynn and Aaron Finch
d) Robin Uthappa and Hardik Pandya

Q8: In which year did Maria Sharapova win her last

grand slam title?

- a) 2012 b) 2013 c) 2014 d) 2015

Q9: Who was the second top scorer in the Spanish La Liga games 2020-21?

- a) Luis Suárez
b) Alexander Isak
c) Gerard Moreno
d) Karim Benzema

ANSWERS: 1 b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium
2 d) 2019 3 c) Lionel Messi
4 a) Mima Ito 5 b) Chelsea
6 b) Riikka Sallinen
7 b) Glenn Maxwell and David Warner
8 c) 2014 9 a) Luis Suárez