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**STUDENT EDITION**

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**6** Digital connectivity has kept our education system alive in this time of a global pandemic. We are witnessing how the digital divide is rapidly shrinking in India. Innovation is ensuring our inclusion. Be it e-Vidya, One Class One Channel, Digital Labs, Digital University— such educational infrastructure is going to help the youth a lot. In fact, it is an attempt to provide better solutions for education to all— villages, poor, dalit, backward, tribal, etc. The National Digital University is an unprecedented step. I call upon the education ministry, UGC and AICTE, and all the stakeholders of the Digital University to work with speed on the project

Narendra Modi, PM, addressing a webinar on fostering strong industry-skill linkage


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## A trip from Earth to Mars in just 45 days!

Yes, you read it right. If the latest report is to go by, Canadian engineers have developed a laser-based system that could send humans to the Red Planet in just 45 days. According to NASA's estimates, it would take about 500 days for humans to reach Mars at current speeds...



### THE DEVICE

**1** A laser-thermal propulsion system, where lasers are used to heat hydrogen fuel, the spacecraft is driven by **directed-energy propulsion**, using large lasers fired from the Earth to deliver power to photovoltaic arrays (multiple solar panels electrically wired together) on a spacecraft that generate electricity, and in turn, provide thrust. In other words, the thrust on spacecraft built on this method would require large lasers fired from the Earth to deliver power to "photovoltaic arrays on a spacecraft." In turn, this would generate electricity

**2** According to a report in the Daily Mail, the process would make the spacecraft accelerate

If successful, it will be a major breakthrough, as by reducing time in space, astronauts would face lower levels of radiation, which could make a trip to Mars and back considerably safer

very quickly while near the Earth, racing towards Mars over the next month, and then release the main vehicle to land on the Red Planet. Interestingly, it would then return the rest of the vehicle to Earth to be recycled for the next launch

**3** The hypothetical spacecraft that the team created would require a 32ft diameter and 100 megawatt array of lasers

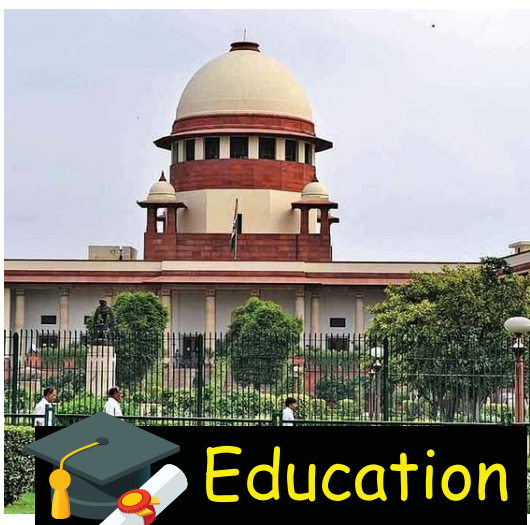
### WHAT IS DIRECTED-ENERGY PROPULSION

- It is a project that aims to use lasers to send tiny lightsail probes to the nearest star system, Proxima Centauri, at relativistic speeds
- The system uses laser beams to propel a spacecraft into deep space at relativistic speeds – a fraction of the speed of light
- The more powerful the laser, the faster the spacecraft can be accelerated

The US space agency is planning to send a crew to the Red Planet in the middle of the 2030s. Around the same time, China also plans to land humans on Mars



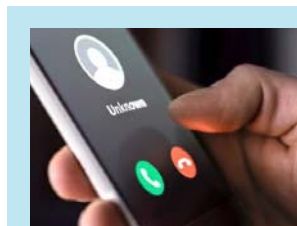
## SC agrees to hear plea against physical exams for class X, XII CBSE & other Boards


**Education**

**T**he Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea seeking urgent listing of a petition seeking cancellation of physical exams for class X and XII scheduled to be conducted by all the state boards, CBSE, ICSE, and NIOS. The plea urged the top court to issue directions to concerned authorities to pass a notification regarding alternate mode of assessment of students from class X, XI, XII of CBSE, ICSE, NIOS and state boards, instead of offline exams. The plea also urged the Court to pass direction to conduct an improvement exam for those who are not satisfied with internal assessment, and further direction to constitute a committee to decide the formula of assessment of students, including compartment students and declare the result within a time limit and deadline.

## Beware! Smartphones may reveal your identity, breaching privacy

**T**he time a person spends on different smartphone apps is enough to identify them from a larger group in more than one in three cases, say researchers, who warn of the implications for security and privacy. Researchers from the Universities of Lancaster and Bath analysed smartphone data from 780 people and warned that software granted access to a smartphone's standard activity logging could render a reasonable prediction about a user's identity even when they were logged-out of their account. An identification is possible with no monitoring of conversations or behaviours within apps themselves.



It is important to acknowledge that app usage data alone, which is often collected by a smartphone automatically, can potentially reveal a person's identity, warned researchers

**73,000**

**T**hat's the number of tree species our planet could have, estimates a new study. A new first-of-its-kind study, it also claims that some 9,200 that are yet to be discovered. Most of these undiscovered species are likely to be rare, in very low numbers and at threat from human-driven changes in land use and climate, researchers said. South America contains about 43 per cent of the world's tree species and the highest number of rare ones.

## DID YOU KNOW? HOW A TREE IS TREATED AS ANCIENT?

■ There are several categories for different trees based on their importance and age. The most esteemed is 'ancient trees', which relies on three things. This includes: ■ In the third or final stage of its life (this stage can go on for decades or centuries) ■ Old relative to others of the same species ■ Interesting biologically, aesthetically or culturally because of its great age

## FACTOID


**OTHER SIGNS OF AN ANCIENT TREE INCLUDE:**

- Crown that is reduced in size and height
- Large girth in comparison to other trees of the same species
- Hollow trunk

SOURCE: WILDLIFE TRUST

## 'FLIPFLOPI' SET FOR VOYAGE TO MAP IMPACT OF PLASTIC POLLUTION



**T**he creators of the world's first sailing dhow made entirely from discarded plastic, the 'Flipflop', on Monday announced partnering with members of the international scientific community to undertake an expedition to map the impact of marine litter in the Lamu archipelago of the Western Indian Ocean. By assessing the full extent of marine plastics on this environment, they hope to support local communities to find solutions to manage this waste through the creation of closed-loop waste management systems where items can be recycled after use and later made into new products. This includes development of a plastic boat building industry. During the two-week expedition, the Flipflop team and partners will conduct scientific research to map the extent of macroplastics, microplastics and microfibrils in the ocean and on the shorelines (beaches and mangrove forests) of around 300 kilometres of Kenyan coastline.

According to a 2021 UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report, 'From Pollution to Solution', of the 400 million tons of plastic produced annually, approximately 11 million tons flow into aquatic ecosystems every year. Without action, this is projected to nearly triple by 2040, equating to some 50 kilograms of plastic per metre of coastline worldwide. In 2018 alone, impacts of plastic pollution on tourism, fisheries, and aquaculture with other costs such as those of clean-ups, were estimated to be at least \$6-19 billion globally





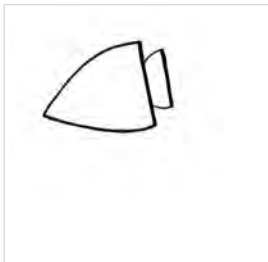
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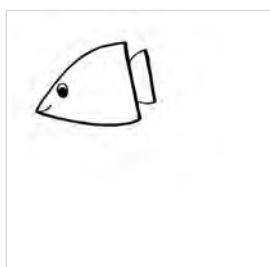
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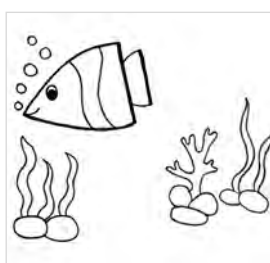
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Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



## NGSNIDATREDNU

- a. Understanding b. Underrated  
c. Rustic d. Relevance

## 2) EIEGNFL

- a. Forget b. Forensic  
c. Friction d. Feelings

## 3) CEUTTLE

- a. Ladder b. Lettuce  
c. Leisure d. Rest

## 4) NEORTM

- a. Marriage b. Mistake  
c. Mould d. Mentor

Answers: 1. a, 2. d, 3. b, 4. d

## Riding with the Riddle

I am a species native to India and Myanmar. My leaves are spirally arranged, and I have bright flowers in different colours that attract bees, insects and nectar-feeding birds. My ripe seed capsules explode when touched. I am used in traditional medicine to treat. Warts, burns and other skin afflictions, snakebites, rheumatism, constipation and gastritis. I am used extensively in worship in Indian homes.

Answer: Garden balsam

## FUN IN THE SUN

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

## 3 The jungle on Venus is not the colour of

- A. Ash B. Ink  
C. Leather D. Rubber

## 4 Not mentioned in the story is

- A. Avalanche B. Hurricane  
C. Tornado D. Whirlwind

## 5 Most of the children last saw the sun when they were

- A. 2 B. 4  
C. 6 D. 8

## 6 A colour not associated with Margot is

- A. Blue B. Purple  
C. Red D. Yellow



## Quiz TIME



Complete these statements on Ray Douglas Bradbury's 'All Summer in a Day' (from 'Treasure Trove'). Choose correctly!

## 1 Margot once lived in

- A. Iowa B. Ohio  
C. Oregon D. Indiana

## 2 The sun is not compared to a

- A. Flower B. Lemon  
C. Penny D. Wheel

Answers: 1) B. Ohio 2) D. Wheel 3) C. Leather 4) D. Whirlwind 5) A. 2 6) B. Purple

## LEVEL-2

## Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Sarala had trained long and hard for a prestigious dance competition that was held only once in three years. She was a gifted performer and everyone was sure that she would rank first. On the day of the show, Sarala sprained her ankle and could not take part. Her well-wishers repeatedly assured that she would certainly win next time, but their kind words did not alleviate Sarala's disappointment.

- A. Cold blood B. Cold comfort  
C. Cold shoulder

Answer: B

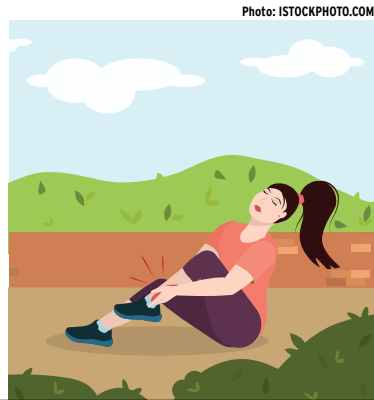


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Rakesh possessed several gadgets but was always after his brother's phone, which he was not allowed to touch.

- A. Forbidden fruit  
B. Bitter fruit  
C. Fruit of (one's) labours



Photo: ISTOCKPHOTO.COM

Answer: A

## TRIVIA

According to the Bible, Adam and Eve (the first human beings) were permitted by God to enjoy all the fruits in the Garden of Eden, except the fruit of one tree. The serpent persuaded Eve to eat the banned fruit and she also gave it to Adam. For their disobedience they were banished from Eden. 'Forbidden fruit', which means something attractive and illicit, was first used idiomatically in the 1600s.

## EDITOR IN THE MAKING

## 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](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com). The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch this space!!!

## TELL TALE



## Learn a NEW LANGUAGE ITALIAN

## Work sheet

Q:1 How will you say, 'Thank You'?

Q:2 How will you say, "You are welcome".

Q:3 How will you wish in the afternoon?

Q:4 How will you say, 'Good night'?

Answers: 1) Grazie 2) Prego 3) Buona sera 4) Buona notte

And the winner is...  
**JYOTHI SARANYA KALAGARA**  
class VIII, Silver Oaks International School, Hyderabad

## KINDNESS IS THE WAY TO LIVE

Sara, a software engineer, on her way back from office, ended up hurting a dog. She took it home and gave first aid. However, she then realised that there might be many other such animals and that she needs to do something for them. So, she started an adoption programme for the stray dogs and cats. She got the pets ready and came up with creative ways for pet parents to get attracted to the pets. One such idea was hanging a board on the animal saying "Adopt me". Another idea was a rose in the animal's mouth in such a way that he/she gave the flower to people. To Sara's surprise, many came forward and adopted the animals. This gave her the satisfaction and extreme happiness of helping a life. She understood that kindness is the way to live!

## MATH MAGIC NUMBER SERIES

1 Laxman needs to cover 6 km in 45 minutes. On the off chance that he covers one portion of the separation in 2/3 rd time, what ought to be his rate to cover the remaining separation in the remaining time?

- A) 12 km/hr B) 16 km/hr  
C) 8 km/hr D) 6 km/hr

Answer: A

2 A man on visit ventures initial 160 km at 64 km/hr and the following 160 km at 80 km/hr. The normal rate for the entire excursion is:

- A) 35.55 km/hr B) 71.11 km/hr  
C) 36 km/hr D) 72 km/hr

Answer: B

3 A train voyaged separations of 10 km, 20 km and 30 km at rates of 50 km/hr, 60 km/hr and 90 km/hr separately. The normal rate of the train was

- A) 60 km/hr B) 66.67 km/hr  
C) 69.23 km/hr D) 65 km/hr

Answer: C



## Bringing intelligences together

**S**uncity School, sector 37D, Gurugram organised their annual fiesta 'Mélange 2.0' bringing multiple intelligences together, virtually on February 5, under the aegis of 'The Gurgaon Progressive Conference'. The theme for the event was 'Achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals'.

Over 31 schools from Delhi NCR and beyond showcased their skills in their respective spheres of intelligence.

The grand show commenced with the auspicious occasion of 'Basant Panchami' with the lamp lighting ceremony by the head of the institution, Gunee Ohri along with a staff member with the melodious chanting of the 'Saraswati Vandana' by the Suncitizens, hailing the goddess of knowledge and wisdom in the school premises.

With seven live and nine online events with Dr Archana Bahadur Zutshi, an Indian English poet, author and translator as the chief guest, and a panel of 34 esteemed judges, experts in their



PIC: Getty Images

various areas, were present for the inaugural wherein the Suncitizens performed the 'Shiv Vandana', and sang an inspirational song, 'Million dreams' to set the tone of the day.

'Mélange' comprised an array of domains, which were a fusion of talent, imagination and a range of skills such as speaking, art of questioning, physical stamina,

agility, time management were tested. The participants prepared zealously to excel in events like 'Art of Silence', 'War of Words', 'Scientific', 'Rap-n-Roll', 'Happy Feet', 'Hakuna Matata', 'Wear your design', 'Archineers', 'Abhinay ki Udaan', 'Abhivyakti Shrinkhla' and 'Oorja'. Sustainable Development Goals such as gender equality, responsible consumption and pro-

duction, climate action, peace justice and strong institutions, industry innovation and infrastructure, partnership for goals, good health and wellbeing and no poverty were addressed and taken up.

The vivacity and brilliance of the skill sets of the participants reflected fully in their performances. The students left our panel of judges awe-struck as they presented their talent so immaculately and effortlessly.

Principal Gunee Ohri welcomed the judges and extended her good wishes to all the participants. She also praised the spirit of the participants and the event organising committee. She encouraged the young green ambassadors to ponder on the environmental and societal issues (as per the SDGs) and form actionable plans to help everyone live in a better world. She appreciated all the participants and spoke about an unlimited potential in every individual that can be honed at every opportunity and at every stage. The event culminated with the rendition of the national anthem.

## LEARN TO CONTRIBUTE

**W**e are doing things every day for our family, friends, relatives and the people we know. But how can we do things for the people on large scale? How can we contribute to society?

Everyone can contribute to the society whether he or she is underage, teenage, and adult or an aged person. By our little efforts, we can contribute to the society. We just have to know and look for the ways by which we can contribute on a large extent? Here are some ways by which we as students can change the way how things occur around us:-

Be humane: Start with just being a human and show humanity. Show kindness and have a smile. We do not need more than that to make the world a better place to live.

Discuss about issues that are troublesome: People around us may be complaining about some of the common issues like traffic jams, peo-

ple who litter around, cruelty against animals, gender discrimination etc. We can take initiative to make them realise that in some way they are also contributing to these problems. We can discuss about these issues with our friends or on a larger scale.

Make moves to improve environment: We always long for a healthy lifestyle. By taking smart moves we can work to eradicate pollution and other civic problems. Good practices can be observed to live a healthy and improved lifestyle.

Volunteer in community services: Donate in orphanages and old aged homes and participate in cleaning drives, book drives, tree plantation etc.

Give the society new ideas and future achievers: Work hard and be a productive and nice human to contribute to the future. Give the society new and fresh ideas to improve the world.

**ANUSHKA AGGARWAL, class XB, Sam International School**



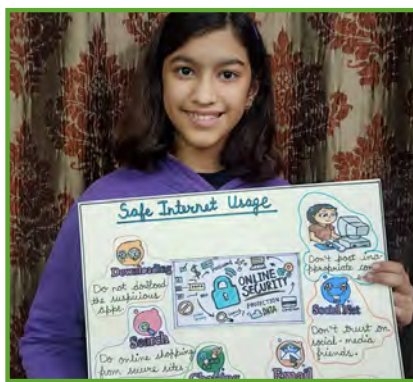
ANUSHKA AGGARWAL

## Ryan celebrates Safer Internet Day

**R**yan International School, sec 40, Gurugram has always been showcasing informative and educative presentations to ignite the young minds and give them the confidence to think beyond.

Following this, Ryanites of class V celebrated Safer Internet Day with the aim of inspiring a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Young Ryanites were enthusiastic to make the stu-



dents aware of the pros and cons of internet. It was presented in a well planned manner where the presenters spoke about the ways to use internet safely. The main aim of the activity was to educate the audience about use of internet in a limited and safer ways.

School head Shivali Sharma appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to follow safety steps while using the internet responsibly and without getting their data leaked.

## Shades of life

*I hope you'll find more happiness, than what you have now.*

*I hope you achieve your dreams and be proud of who you are, Maybe not today or tomorrow, maybe not as quickly as you would like, but in the end you will be okay. We are all suffering in our troublesome lives, Sometimes that leads to tears.*

*When that happens, let it flow as much as it wants, and if it doesn't stop, someone will be there to wipe it all up.*

*Tell yourself you are doing alright. That you are here living and breathing, and sometimes that is enough. It's sad that many of us forgive others for the same mistake that we can't for-*

*give ourselves for. Even though everyone starts somewhere. Trying to ignore or forget past is like ignoring a part of you, No matter how good or bad it was, that part is how you got to where you are today. Don't stay upset over the people that let you down? Because no matter how much they hurt, they taught you something. They taught you that you are much stronger than you think you are,*

*They taught you to keep becoming better, Just remember staying positive doesn't always mean being happy, It also means being able to find the light in the gloomy night of yours and knowing better days are coming, Don't worry my friend, have patience because no season can last forever, Have a happy day.*

**NAMEERA MIRZA, class VIII C, Hamdard Public School**

## Student Corner

**CHANDEEP,**  
class II, Bharat  
Ram Global  
School



**DHRITI,** class III,  
Bharat Ram  
Global School



**INIKA,**  
class Nur,  
Bharat Ram  
Global School.

## Students get jabbed

**D**LDAV Model School, Shalimar Bagh has always lent a hand in nation building and has fulfilled its responsibilities towards the society with passion and sincerity.

One such endeavour is the vaccination camp that the school organised for the students of age group



15- 18 and members of the community in the month of January.

The learners were made aware of the benefits of vaccination and were motivated to join the drive along with their family members. Principal Reena Rajpal urged the parents to come forward to get their wards vaccinated so that they can get prepared to attend the school when it opens physically.



## PARYANKASANA

**Introduction:** This asana is a continuation of supta vajrasana. While doing this asana, the body resembles a bed. Paryanka means a bed or sofa.

### PROCEDURE

Sit in virasana and slowly bend back. Take the support of the right elbow and arm first, and then that of the left. Bring the top of the head to the ground. The crown of the head should rest on the floor. Recline on the back and lift the chest and neck. No part of the trunk should be on the floor. Fold the arms and grasp the elbows as they rest on the floor behind the head. Stay in this position for one minute for physical benefits. On the return, rest the trunk and neck on the floor; release the hand and sit up

in virasana.

**Breathing:** Keep the breathing deep and slow; exhale while reclining on the back; maintain even breathing in the final pose; inhale while resting the back on the floor.

**Awareness:** Focus your awareness on the crown of the head, chest, lower back and on the breath. Spiritually, awareness should be on swadhisthana, anahata or vishuddha chakras.

**Sequence:** Follow up this asana with a forward bending asana.

**Contra-** indication: It should not be practiced by persons suffering from neck problems, sciatica, slipped disc, sacral ailments or knee complaints.

### BENEFITS

- It massages the abdominal organs.
- It tones the spinal nerves.



- The chest is well expanded.
- The dorsal region is fully extended.
- The pelvic joints become elastic.
- The thyroid gland is influenced.
- It is good for those with asthma, bronchitis and other lung ailments
- The asana relieves inflamed and bleeding piles.

**Maruthi N, PE teacher, MES Kishore Kendra Public School, Vidyanagar, Bengaluru**

Yoga should be practiced under the supervision of Yoga Guru. The views expressed in the above article are those of the author and the newspaper takes no responsibility for it.

## Her perseverance has made her a household name

**T**he person I admire the most is Shreya Ghoshal. She is one of the most sincere and hard-working singer I have ever seen. There are many qualities in her that I have tried to adopt in my life.

She is an honest, kind, beautiful and wonderful singer. She hits the perfect notes at any point of time and is comfortable with any genre of music, with Chaka Chak, Nagada Sang Dhol and many more songs being a part of her repertoire.

When you hear Shreya Ghoshal's songs, you can sense that she sings from her heart. There is a cer-



Shreya Ghoshal

## INSPIRING ICONS

tain sincerity in her which comes across in her singing. It is a quality I admire in people.

I also admire her persistence and perseverance which has made her one of the best singers in India. There are certain efforts that a singer has to put in daily life to remain at the top, and I think Shreya Ghoshal has definitely nailed it!

She has become a household name thanks to her achievements. This is why she is the person I admire the most. Her melodious voice takes me to a fantasy world.

**Ananya S K, class V, NPS Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru**

## Saluting our great nation

**R**amjas School Pusa Road, celebrated Republic Day to infuse a spirit of unity and patriotism. To commemorate the significant and auspicious day for the nation, the students of class VIII presented a special online assembly with great pride and fervour. The students remembered the enormous sacrifices and efforts of the freedom fighters whose blood and sweat gave us our independence and created our republic.

The students showcased the history and significance of the Re-



public Day, highlighting the duties and rights of the citizens and also shared a few interesting facts about the constitution. They also explained the significance of the tri-colour in the National Flag,

and the inclusion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary in this year's celebration.

The students sang soulful, patriotic songs and also read out the Preamble to the constitution. They also reminded all present not to forget, the struggles and sacrifices of our forefathers in making the country a sovereign state.

Principal Surabhi Dua in her message urged the students to abide by the constitution and fulfil their duties as responsible citizens.



# WOLVES BOOST EUROPEAN HOPES

Hold off resurgent Leicester for 2-1 win despite being pushed around



Ruben Neves

## CONTENDER FOR CL

■ It's two years since Wolves reached the quarter-finals of the Europa League in its first European campaign in almost four decades. With six wins from eight games, Wolves is now a contender to qualify for the Champions League in a thrilling tussle for the top four alongside United, West Ham, Arsenal and Tottenham.

■ Leicester was in that race in the last two seasons but has struggled this year. After going a fifth league game without a win, Leicester is 11th in the standings.

Photo: REUTERS

**W**olverhampton Wanderers' boosted their chances of European football next season as they held off a resurgent Leicester City to secure a 2-1 win at the Molineux in the Premier League. The home side got off to the perfect start when Ruben Neves fired them in front in the ninth minute with a superb strike from the edge of the box after being teed up by Raul Jimenez.

## WOLVES HOLD UP

Rayan Ait-Nouri came close to doubling their lead in the 24th minute following some deft footwork by Daniel Podence, but the Frenchman's effort flashed wide before Leicester sliced Wolves open with a slick team move to equalise before half-time. Ademola Lookman put the ball in the back of the net but the goal was created by Youri Tielemans, who threaded a fine pass to Marc Albrighton before the winger squared it to Lookman.

Leicester carried that momentum into the second half but Wolves struck against the run of play in the 66th minute when Podence's low drive from outside the area beat Kasper Schmeichel. It was the Portuguese's first league goal of the season. Leicester boss Brendan Rodgers sent on James Maddison in search of an equaliser and the 25-year-old was a lively presence, but the visitors failed to break down the Wolves defence despite seeing much more of the ball.

## NOT THE BEST

Wolves manager Bruno Lage felt there was room for improvement despite a fifth victory in their last six league encounters. "We won the three points and scored twice but I think it was OK. It was not our best performance," said Lage. "The step forward for me and my players to be a bigger team is when you play these sorts of teams, that create problems, we need to control more of the game. In some periods we didn't in the way we defended and pressed."

The win lifted

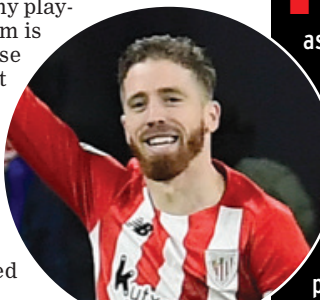


Photo: AP

Iker Muniain

Wolves to seventh in the standings on 40 points after 24 games. Leicester, who are now winless in their last five league games, remain in 11th place on 27 points. "I have seen us starting to return to our levels of play and creativity. It is just disappointing - they had two shots from outside the box and it's two goals," said Rodgers. "Our movement and brightness in the final third was good, we just lacked that position for our final effort on goal." AGENCIES

## ATHLETIC WINS DERBY

■ Athletic Club Bilbao kept in touch with the battle for Europe with a 4-0 thrashing of local rivals Real Sociedad in the Basque derby. Iker Muniain saw a penalty saved in the first half, but in the end, it didn't matter as Athletic rolled over their rivals in the second half with goals from Dani Vivian, Oihan Sancet, Inaki Williams and Muniain. All of the goals came in a 20-minute spell after Vivian opened the scoring with a powerful header from a corner.

■ It was Athletic's second win in its last 10 matches against Sociedad in the league, and first since 2019. The result moved Athletic to within a point of seventh-place Sociedad, which has a game in hand.

■ Goals from Joao Felix, Luis Suarez (who scored from almost halfway) and Angel Correa, gave Atletico Madrid a much-needed win away to Osasuna, who had more chances but lacked effectiveness in front of the goal.

■ Arnaut Danjuma's scored a hat-trick as Villarreal continued good form with a 4-1 win away to Granada, which leaves the home side in trouble. Danjuma put Villarreal 2-0 up by halftime and although Luis Milla's penalty gave Granada hope of a comeback, Danjuma also scored a penalty, before Moi Gomez added a fourth in injury time.



Daniel Podence

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

# INDIAN BOXERS HANDED TRICKY DRAWS

Telangana boxer Nikhat Zareen receives bye, to begin campaign in quarter-finals at Strandja Memorial Tournament

**I**ndian boxers were handed tricky draws at the Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria even as Nikhat Zareen will begin her campaign in the quarter-finals while Sumit and Anjali Tushir are set to face tough opponents in their respective opening-round bouts.

The 25-year-old pugilist from Telangana, Zareen, who clinched the gold medal in the 2019 edition, has received a bye in the 52kg opening round. Apart from Zareen, Nandini (+81kg) is another Indian boxer to feature directly in the Last-8 stage, according to the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

However, in the 66kg category, Tushir will face a stiff challenge from the two-time World Championships medallist Russia's Saadat Dalgatova in the opening round.

Among men, the 2021 World Championships bronze medallist Akash Kumar has been given a bye in the 67kg opening round while Sumit (75kg) is

## SUMIT UPSTAGES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLIST

■ Indian boxer Sumit Kundu (75kg) put up a power-packed performance to make a sensational start to his campaign, outclassing 2021 World Championships silver medallist Dzhabulat Bizhamov on the opening day in Sofia, Bulgaria.

■ Playing only his second senior international tournament, the reigning national champion Sumit produced a flawless show to register a dominating 5-0 victory against his Russian opponent in the 75kg opening round match. The Indian will now face Ukraine's Oleksandr Khyzhniak in the second round.

drawn to kickstart his campaign against the World Championships silver medallist Russia's Dzhabulat Bizhamov.

A 17-member Indian contingent, including seven men and 10 women are participating at the on-going 73rd edition of the tournament which is also the first from the Golden Belt Series and also a testing event for the International Boxing Association's World Boxing Tour format.

Europe's oldest international boxing tournament, which was first held in 1950, will be played till February 27.

With over 450 boxers participating from 36 countries around the world, including strong boxing nations such as Kazakhstan, Italy, Russia and France, the highly competitive tournament will be the first exposure trip for Indian boxers in 2022.

India won two medals in the last edition of the tournament with Deepak Kumar and Naveen Boora securing silver and bronze respectively. ANI



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# PRAGGNANANDHAA STUNS WORLD NO 1 CARLSEN

**Y**oung Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa stunned world no 1 Magnus Carlsen in the eighth round of the Airthings Masters, an online rapid chess tournament.

Praggnanandhaa won with black pieces in 39 moves in a Tarrasch variation game early on Monday to halt Carlsen's run of three straight wins.

Carlsen's revival after a tough first day of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour was pegged back by the youngest player in the field. Carlsen had racked up three wins in a row as he ominously cranked up the gears. But against 16-year-old Praggnanandhaa, he blundered badly, and the Indian star held firm for the win.

It was Praggnanandhaa's first win in any form of chess against the Norwegian and came on the back of having lost three games in a row. Carlsen finished



R Praggnanandhaa

fifth, up from 11th on the leaderboard Sunday. "I think it's about just going to bed," FIDE's website quoted Praggnanandhaa as saying.

In the Airthings Masters, a 16-player online rapid tournament, a player gets three points for a win and one for a draw in the preliminary rounds. Seven more rounds remain in the preliminary phase. PTI

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which Australian bowler has the best bowling figures in the IPL Season?

- a) Andrew Tye  
b) Adam Zampa  
c) James Faulkner  
d) Mitchell Starc

**Q2:** What is the national game of the United States?

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

**Q3:** Who won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy in 2019?

- a) Ben Stokes  
b) Rohit Sharma  
c) Ellyse Perry  
d) Alyssa Healy

**Q4:** Sakibul Gani became the 1st batter to score a triple ton on First Class debut with an astounding 341 in the Ranji Trophy group match. Which state does he play for?

- a) Bihar  
b) Mizoram  
c) West Bengal  
d) Tamil Nadu

**Q5:** When did Virat Kohli become India's Test captain?

- a) 2015 b) 2016 c) 2014 d) 2017



Virat Kohli

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**Q6:** Which of the following state player?

- a) Yogeshwar Dutt  
b) Geeta Phogat  
c) Dalip Singh Rana  
d) Sakshi Malik

**Q7:** Which of the following devices is required in a Kho-Kho game?

- a) Post  
b) Chord  
c) Measuring tape, stopwatch  
d) All of them

**Q8:** With which game is Vijay Manjrekar related?

- a) Archery  
b) Polo  
c) Cricket  
d) basketball

**Q9:** With which sport is the Ryder Cup associated?

- a) Badminton  
b) Football  
c) Cycling  
d) Golf

**ANSWERS:** 1. b) Adam Zampa 2. a) Baseball

3. a) Ben Stokes 4. a) Bihar 5. c) 2014

6. c) Dalip Singh Rana 7. d) All of them

8. c) Cricket 9. d) Golf