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**What happens when the Doomsday Clock hits midnight?**



According to Bulletin director Rachel Bronson, when it was originally launched, the clock's countdown referred to an exchange of nuclear weapons, which would have large-scale consequences for humanity and the planet. Today the threat from nuclear weapons remains, but another equally large threat is climate change.

On its 75th anniversary, the clock stays set at 100 seconds to midnight given the ongoing tensions between the US and China, continued nuclear proliferation in Iran and North Korea, the disappointing outcome of the landmark COP26 summit, and the growing propensity to engage in state-sponsored disinformation campaigns that undermine the public faith in the scientific community

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## Doomsday clock stays at 100 seconds to midnight.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**S**eventy five years on since its conception, the 'Doomsday Clock' remains at 100 seconds to midnight, highlighting the continuing risks borne out of nuclear conflagration, climate change, disruptive technologies and, more recently, the Covid-19 pandemic. The Bulletin of the Atomic

Scientists (BAS) has chosen not to move the clock's hands either forward or backward, noting that "If humanity is to avoid an existential catastrophe, one that would dwarf anything it has yet seen, national leaders must do a far better job of countering disinformation, heeding science and cooperating."

**WHAT IS THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK?** Conceived by Albert Einstein, J Robert Oppenheimer and other scientists, who participated in the Manhattan Project and who would later come to form the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, the Doomsday Clock was designed as a symbol to draw attention to the existential threat of nuclear proliferation.

**IS IT A CLOCK?** No. The Doomsday Clock is a symbol that represents how close we are to destroying the world with dangerous technologies of our own making. It warns how many metaphorical "minutes to midnight" humanity has left. Set every year by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, it is intended to warn the public and inspire action.

**HOW WAS THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK CREATED?** Created in 1947, the first few Bulletins were

mimeographed collections of articles. But as the publication expanded, its editors decided to try to appeal to a wider audience with a designed cover. Bulletin member Marty Langsdorf, an artist, who mostly painted abstract landscapes, agreed to produce an illustration. In response to the urgency she felt from the meetings, she designed a minimalist, but memorable clock—its hands set at seven minutes to midnight, in part because it "looked good to [her] eye." Ever since, the Bulletin has used the clock to depict the existential threats facing humanity. A full timeline of the clock's hand placements is available at the Bulletin's website.

**WHERE IS THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK LOCATED?** The Doomsday Clock is located at the Bulletin offices at 1307 E. 60th St, in the lobby of the Keller Center, home to the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, US.

#### HOW IS THE CLOCK SET?

Until his death in 1973, the Bulletin editor, Eugene Rabinowitch, decided whether the clock hand should be moved. As a leader in the international disarmament movement, he actively interacted with the policy experts and scientists around the world; he used these discussions to set the clock and explained his thinking in the Bulletin's pages. Today, the Bulletin's Science and Security Board sets the clock. This group of 18 experts with diverse backgrounds ranging from policy and diplomacy to military history and nuclear science, meets twice a year to discuss events, policies and trends. They consult widely with their colleagues across a range of disciplines and also seek the views of the Bulletin's Board of Sponsors, which includes multiple Nobel laureates. Each year, the clock's position is announced in late Jan


**X-PLAINED**

The Bulletin currently recognises three major threats to civilisation: climate change, nuclear proliferation and "disruptive technologies," including bio-and cybersecurity



## Prajakta Koli becomes UNDP India's first youth climate champion

**C**ontent creator and actress Prajakta Koli has become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion under a partnership with the organisation. The title has been conferred to her following her contribution towards mental health, women's rights and girl child education through various global social campaigns.

**UNDP aims to eliminate poverty, achieve sustainable growth and scale up human development in countries where it is required the most**

As a part of her responsibilities, Prajakta will be entrusted with interacting with young minds to raise awareness around climate crisis, global warming and biodiversity loss and their impacts, the tremors of which are being felt by all sections of the society, especially the poor and marginalised communities

## Domestic air travellers won't be allowed to carry more than one handbag in cabin

**T**he Bureau of Civil Aviation (BCAS) has asked airports to strictly follow one bag per passenger inside cabin rule, following which passengers travelling on domestic flights will only be allowed to carry one bag inside the aircraft cabin. The BCAS asked airport operators and airlines to implement the rule strictly after it found that passengers carrying more than one cabin luggage overwhelmed security check-in counters at the airports.



The BCAS has further informed the airlines to alert passengers of the development by putting a message on boarding passes and tickets

## PRIYANKA RAISES awareness on Covid

**A**ctor Priyanka Chopra, who supports various causes through her foundation, The Priyanka Chopra Foundation for Health and Education, recently participated in a music video created by UNICEF, urging everyone to mask up and follow Covid-19 guidelines amid the rising cases.

Actor Amitabh Bachchan, singers Shankar Mahadevan and Harshdeep Kaur, Indian Idol 12 winner Pawandeep Rajan and Olympic medalist PV Sindhu have also been featured in the music video that UNICEF India shared to raise awareness amid the surge in Covid-19 positive cases



## AMAR JAWAN JYOTI



**T**he flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti was merged with the flame at the National War Memorial on Friday...

**WHAT:** The Amar Jawan Jyoti at the India Gate was constructed as a memorial for the Indian soldiers, who were killed in the 1971 Indo-Pak war. Many Indian soldiers were martyred in the war, which India won, leading to the creation of Bangladesh.

**WHEN** was it created: The Amar Jawan Jyoti (Flame of the Immortal Soldier) was inaugurated by the then prime minister, Indira Gandhi on January 26, 1972. It consists of a marble pedestal on which a cenotaph is situated

**WHERE** has it been shifted: It

A statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be installed at India Gate to honour his contribution to the Independence movement. Until the installation is completed, a hologram of Netaji, which was unveiled by PM Modi on Sunday, will be projected at the site. The site has been vacant since 1968 when the statue of King George V was removed and taken to the Coronation Park in northwest Delhi.

has been shifted to the National War Memorial, which is about 400 metres away from the Jawan Jyoti and has names of 25,942 soldiers inscribed in golden letters on granite tablets. The memorial was inaugurated by PM Modi in February, 2019.

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## PORE OVER

**W**e are not talking about reading your Facebook and Twitter feeds. Do you remember the last time you picked up a book and actually finished it? If no, it is high time you should pick one up one to stay healthy. Yes, reading develops your mental health.

Apart from transporting you to worlds unknown, books also help you improve your focus and sleep well. How? Well, read about these benefits that reading a book would provide you.

### MENTAL STIMULATION

Jiggy George, founder and CEO, Dream Theatre feels, "When a person is reading a book, since he can't see it develop in front of his eyes in the form of video content, a lot is conjured in the mind. This helps open up the mind." Various studies have shown that reading can considerably slower the process of developing Alzheimer's or dementia.

### IT EXPANDS YOUR VOCABULARY

This goes without saying that the more you read, the more words you get to know. These inevitably make their way into your everyday vocabulary. Being articulate and well-spoken is of great help in any profession.

### HELPS YOU DE-STRESS

Reading takes you to a different world, cutting you off from reality. It can be highly comforting on days when you have had a bad day at work or if you are struggling with



personal issues that is offering you no escape. Experts recommend reading silently for six minutes to slow down your heart rate and release tension.

### HELPS YOU FOCUS BETTER

Think about a regular day. You are mostly multitasking, handling work emails, checking your social media pages, managing chores and much more. In the long run, it lowers our productivity and declines our ability to focus on one thing at a time. But the dynamics change when you are deeply submerged in a book. You forget about your surroundings and all your attention is focused on the story.

### IT WILL HELP YOU SLEEP BETTER

Try including books in your bedtime routine. Make reading the last thing you do before you hit the bed and you will experience some change in the way you sleep.

### IMPROVES YOUR MEMORY

When you read a book, you have to remember an array of characters, their backgrounds, history, and plots and subplots. That's a lot to remember, but brains are marvellous things and can remember these things with relative ease.

-TNN

# START READING EVERYDAY, FROM TODAY

## WORDBOOK

## 10 SLANG WORDS THAT ARE 'LEGIT'



**S**lang is a type of language consisting of words and phrases that are regarded as very informal, are more common in speech than writing, and are typically restricted to a particular context or group of people. Though slang sometimes gets a bad rap for being inappropriate or incorrect, it's also highly creative and shows that the English language is constantly evolving over time. Here are some gems that recently made it to the dictionary:

### Hangry

Everyone gets cranky when they need to eat, and this slang combination word, or 'portmanteau,' perfectly captures what's going on: You're angry because you're hungry.

### Vacay

Short for vacation, Vacay is one of many modern entries that are simply shortened versioned of actual words. According to Merriam-Webster, the truncated form of vacation was first used in 1991.



### Rando

In years past, 'random' trended as a way to express dismay at something that was unexpected or unwelcome. But 'rando' finesses the disparaging slang into noun form: "Some rando just

showed up at the party."

### Adorbs

Some words don't just get shortened; they just get a cutesy makeover. In this case, the slang term adorbs, first used in 2008, is short for adorable.

### Fabulosity

There's already a noun for the adjective fabulous: the tongue-tying 'fabulousness.' But fabulosity goes beyond that to embody a state of being fabulous that's totally in step with modern times.

### TL;DR

This abbreviation stands for "too long; didn't read." It's used to summarise the key point of a long text.

### Spit takes

An act of suddenly spitting out the liquid one is drinking as a reaction to something surprising or funny, especially as a technique in comedic acting.

### Phablet

A smartphone having a screen which is intermediate in size between that of a typical smartphone and a tablet computer.

### Zombocalypse

An imaginary event (as in a film, etc.) in which the world is taken over by zombies.

### Glitten

A fingerless glove usually with an attached flap covering for the fingers. It is basically a functional cross between a glove and a mitten.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

## MOST FAMOUS LINGUISTS OF ALL TIME

**Y**ou are well versed with names of physicists like Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein or famous music composers like Beethoven, Bach, and Brahms. But how many of you know the names of some of the most influential linguists? Read on...

### PANINI (520 BC TO 460 BC)

A list of famous linguists must start with the Father of the scientific study himself. Panini was a Sanskrit philologist, grammarian, and revered scholar in ancient India. In the 4th Century B.C., he studied, preserved, and created language structures. In ancient India, Panini's language structure used a complex algorithmic system to create a word bank using the sounds and symbols of his people. He compiled an eight-chapter, 4,000-rule Sanskrit grammar-dictionary of sorts that was the first linguistic analysis in history.

### FERDINAND DE SAUSSURE (1857 - 1913)

Swiss linguist Ferdinand de Saussure is widely considered to be one of the forefathers of both linguistics and semiology, which is the philosophical

**NOAM CHOMSKY**  
 Noam Chomsky, currently a 90-year-old professor at the University of Arizona, US, is famous for his ground-breaking theories of transformational and universal grammar. Chomsky is one of the world's top intellectuals and has written more than 100 books on linguistics.

study of the interpretation of signs and symbols. His ideas on structure in language laid the foundation for much of the approach to and progress of the linguistic sciences in the 20th century.

### ROMAN JAKOBSON (1896-1982)

Russian-born linguist and literary theorist Roman Jakobson had many influential ideas about language; most remarkably, he changed the way scholars studied phonology, the sound structure of language. Professor Jakobson learned six languages — Russian, French, Czech, Polish, German and English — well enough to meet his own high standard.

### EDWARD SAPIR (1884 - 1939)

Edward Sapir was a linguistic anthropologist whose thorough classification of indigenous American languages is still widely used today. Sapir is most famous, however, for a concept known as linguistic relativity. This hypothesis claims that the language one speaks drastically influences the way in which one perceives the world. Well, we can all agree with that.



## MANNER OF SPEAKING

## Queries relating to language skills

Do you find grammar confusing? Do you get stuck with words when writing a letter, an essay or a blog? Do you have a fear of public speaking? Or do you simply want to improve your communication skills? Times NIE is here to help you master the intricacies of the English language. Just shoot us your queries on [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com)



## 5 QUALITIES THAT MAKE A GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKER

### PASSION AND PURPOSE

A great speaker is driven to know his stuff and care about a particular topic. His passion will cause others to be convinced because he is visibly enjoying the beliefs he wants



### AUTHENTICITY

Be yourself. Don't stick to the script. If you have to deviate a little from your meticulously written presentation, do so! Although you should practice your speech as often as possible, you don't want to memorise it. Memorising a speech can cause you to fumble over a

### INTROSPECTION AND SELF AWARENESS

To be a successful public speaker, you must first understand who you are and what your strongest qualities are. Most successful speakers work to capitalise on their strengths. Is it humour that adds taste to your presentation? Or

### is it that storytelling talent? MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT

The audience deserves the speaker's undivided attention. A great way to show this is to maintain eye contact. Look around the room, try and reach as many people as possible. All your oratory skills are useless if your audience feels you're too indifferent or too scared to look them in the eye.

### KEEP IT SUCCINCT

Great speakers keep it simple. They use short sentences and everyday language to make complicated topics clear and understandable. They don't show off their expertise by using a specialised vocabulary.





## When a society changes, so then must its tools

When technology changes, it impacts the kind of things we want and need. It goes for education. The key ideas in progressive education at LFCS are mobile learning, design thinking, collaboration, creativity, and on a larger scale, digital literacy and more are skills and content bits that gives way to a holistic, integrated, broad based development.

School is the second home of the young minds where they spent a few hours daily with their fellow mates and learn under the guidance of a teacher. It's every parent's dream that their children have access to the best quality education for their personal growth and professional wealth. Renu Sethi, principal is determined to provide quality education to shape the minds of children and continuously striving effort-

lessly towards the betterment and improvement of their skills and expertise for a bright future.

Under the strong and striking leadership of Renu Sethi, principal, a quality plan and policy is initiated at **Lady Florence Convent School** that has a clear and shared goal or vision which makes the performance of everyone within the school better to achieve the end goal. It promotes the growth of every student by using every possible opportunity, gift, advantage, and resource which is distinctively visible. Its work is substantially and visibly improving the society in which the school lies, adapting to the changes of the educational sector it's setting a benchmark for values, holistic development, and strong academic interventions.

1 High expectations and standards for every student,



2 Reliable support staff and well-organised service providers;  
3 A safe learning environment for students;

4 Supportive administrators and quality teachers;

5 Clean and well-organised school premises that are conducive to learning like the fully equipped well-furnished classrooms, science, and maths labs, libraries, kindergarten sections filled with tools to support experiential learning, smart classrooms, play areas, and conference halls;

6 Regular monitoring of the teaching and learning process by the principal;

7 High levels of communication and collaboration.

Lady Florence Convent School is willing to change its mind in the face of relevant trends, data, challenges, and opportunities.

It teaches thought, not content. It decenters itself-making technology, curriculum, policies, and its other 'pieces' less visible than students and hope and growth.

The school seeks to grow great teachers who seek to grow all students to shape and change their world, a place full of joy, curiosity, hope, knowledge, and constant change!

RENU SETHI, Principal,  
Lady Florence Convent

## Let's start new

*As the chill in the air  
fades and the  
warmth of the sun  
becomes stronger,  
You know that you need  
not hold on to the past  
any longer.  
The gray clouds are  
lighter  
The sky is clearer blue,  
And now you can see, it's  
time to start  
Something brand new.  
Another new year  
is here...  
Another year to rejoice*

*and live!  
To banish worry, doubt  
and fear,  
To love, laugh and give.  
This new year, just listen  
to your heart  
If you want to make that  
great start  
Just let go of any fear in  
your mind  
And try to be more kind.  
With brand new year  
comes a lot of things  
to explore,  
A clean, blank slate to  
write on, fun happenings*

*galore.  
Once again, we have  
the opportunity  
Once more to right  
some wrongs to pray for  
peace, to plant a tree,  
To sing more joyful  
songs.  
Let's just forget the  
gloom and despair that  
Covid pandemic  
brought,  
Yesterday is gone, let's  
welcome today  
Since a brand new  
beginning awaits.*

GURSHEEN KAUR CHANNI  
class- XII,  
St Thomas' School

## National Youth Day held at MMSS

Mamta Modern Sr Sec School organised a special assembly on the occasion of National Youth Day (birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda) on January 12.

The assembly commenced with a video showcasing the ideals of Swami Vivekananda, his life journey and how he presented the ideals of Hinduism in the world's religion conference.

The students of class XI organised a talk show in which every participant put their point of view regarding National Youth Day and on



the ideals of Swami Vivekananda.

At last student's activity was happened, in which every student presented a motivational quote of Swami Vivekananda.

## Young Tagore

Ryan International School, Sector-40, Gurgaon under the guidance of Chairman Dr A F Pinto and managing director, Dr Grace Pinto organised an exciting online All India Ryan Championship under the name 'The Young Tagore' in collaboration with Macmillan Education.

The All India Ryan Championship - 'The Young Tagore' competition exceeded expectations of everyone as Ryanites from class V explored the world of literature. The event started with workshop where in students were introduced about the competition followed by another amazing workshop where in students were thoroughly guided about

how to make great presentation.

Through this program each and every child from class V selected a book and presented through power point presentation in an innovative way. The presentations of Ryanites were inspiration for all to get into the



habit of reading. The finalists will represent the school on state level followed by national level. The initiative taken by the school was well appreciated by the parents.

## Story telling competition at DAV

Story telling is one of the most important life skills one can learn. It's difficult to be successful if you're not a good communicator and communication is, at its most basic level, the ability to tell a story well, whether to one person or to a group.

Keeping this in mind, a story telling competition was conducted by DAV Public School RK Puram for the students to enhance their confidence and speaking skills. The objective behind conducting the event was to build up confidence in child to stand up in crowd and narrate a story - self composed or other, to boost their imagination and enhance their creativity skill, develop personal, social



and emotional skill and improve word modulation skill.

Many students participated in the competition actively and enthusiastically and performed spectacularly narrating their favourite stories with awesome enthusiasm, props, actions, voice modulation and expressions.

## Student Corner

AAYUSHI SINGH,  
class XII A, Air  
Force Golden  
Jubilee Institute



## Accolades for EPS

Competition is not about getting on the victory stand alone, it is an excellent way to mirror your confidence and conviction to give

your optimum.

East Point School participates in a multitude of competitions to let children challenge themselves. Kalka Public School had organ-

ised an inter school event, 'A Sankalan of Witpicks 2021' and three students of East Point School secured coveted positions. Rhythm Kumar Singh -1st - Instrumental; Shubh Ahuja 2nd- Patriotic Song; Purshottam Kumar 3rd- Poem Composition.

## Red Roses holds vaccination drive for 15-18 years

Red Roses Public School, Palam Vihar, Gurugram organised a vaccination drive for 15 to 18 years olds on January 8, in the school campus to support Health Department Gurugram which aims to fully vaccinate the city's eligible population as soon as possible.

Covid-19 vaccine is a huge step towards ending the pandemic and providing strong protection against the serious illness. Being



vaccinated can help us prevent spread of the virus and protect

people around us. The three mantras against this deadly virus are prevention, vaccination and immunisation.

Including several children from the neighbourhood more than 100 students were vaccinated with Covaxin/Covishield vaccines. Each student was kept under observation for 30 minutes after the vaccination dose in a separate room. The team of doctors, nurses and school's staff made this vaccination drive successful.

## MAPS accredited with top award

The learning ambience of any educational ecosystem is the foundation which drives the learning outcomes.

Maharaja Agrasain Public School, Ashok Vihar-1 is accredited with the award for Top Schools of India 2021, conferred at the 22nd Elefs World Education Summit, organised at Delhi on December 17-18, 2021.

The schools of India were evaluated on the parameters that included academic excellence, where-



in top schools were judged for adopting the best practices for the overall development of students and learning experience.

The schools were judged for adopting best teaching strategies benefiting the students to provide finest possible cognitive learning experiences filling the gap between what is taught and what industry requires in the future. MAPS came as a frontrunner thus covering another milestone by seizing the award.

## THE EDUCATIONIST

## Knowledge is indeed power

RITU MENDIRATTA  
PRINCIPAL / ACADEMIC  
DIRECTOR  
THE STEPPING STONE  
SCHOOL, PUNE

*In an endless odyssey  
I set out to sail,  
For knowledge is an  
endless ocean,  
an exquisite grail*



Knowledge is power - this quote by Sir Francis Bacon holds true always. Knowledge is a learning experience which gives our minds flight, expands our potential and is the true essence of life, but it has to be viewed in totality to gain power.

What is power? It is the ability to accomplish a task. When man first appeared on earth, he could only understand one power - the physical one. However, with the growth of civilisation and development of human mind, the mental power became superior to physical as it has evolved from knowledge. This knowledge gave the man power to govern life. All the

great discoveries and inventions of man are the manifestations of the power of knowledge. We even admire great poets, philosophers and scientists by virtue of their great knowledge.

We all know that the heightened form of knowledge is self-knowledge, the greater awareness and knowledge of oneself that enables one to achieve success with belief and determination. Most of the formal education of a child is also focussed on the acquisition of knowledge.

But if there isn't an application of knowledge, it has very little value. As the pool of knowledge grows expo-

nentially, it is important to amalgamate it with wisdom to spread its fragrance far and wide. I personally feel that knowledge should be allowed to mellow in the warmth of wisdom to mark the extremes of culture and humanity. And hence, I firmly support the National Education Policy 2020 to build competency among all learners.

Here, I would like to mention a story of the great poet Kalidas and Raja Bhoj.

One day a great scholar came to the court of Raja Bhoj and said 'Knowledge is the supreme power'. Kalidas, who was listening to his sermons at once, protested the saying. Raja Bhoj was surprised to see Kalidas act like that - as Kalidas never interrupted any debate or discussion in the court.

The scholar asked Kalidas to prove his point. At this, Kalidas replied that knowledge alone is not supreme. It has to be implemented to acquire wisdom. He gave a practical example that if he has to go to the market, he might have the knowledge of its route but if he just sits at one

place and do not move, will he be able to reach the market. So, to say that knowledge is the supreme power is half the truth. On hearing this, Raja Bhoj and the scholar realised the collaborative power of knowledge with action.

Problems arise when either one is the goal - knowledge for the sake of power or power for the sake of knowledge.

Knowledge with no practical or real life implementation is like a hypothesis. However, knowledge that is applied can become a valuable tool or a dangerous weapon. In the nutshell - the ability to find information is important, but it can't eclipse the importance of knowing information beyond the basics. As famous poetess Patricia Brazeel had said -

*'It's all up to us...that desire to learn,  
An impression within our hearts, it should burn,  
And daily, the blessings upon us will shower,  
Always holding the truth that...  
knowledge is power...'*

## Express YOURSELF

## LIFE IS A TREK, A JOURNEY

I recently went trekking and what I observed is this - when you start a journey you are full of energy. Everyone is trying to reach the same destination, maybe that is success. But everyone chooses a different and a unique road. At times, there is a slope on your way but you need to know that difficult times don't last forever. Sometimes you get lost on your road and need guidance, and you ask the trekkers around you. They will give you lots of ways. But it's your turn to choose the one which is right and follow it.

In the middle of your journey, you feel tired and want to return back. At that moment, you need a strong motivation and inspiration

to push you. That person will keep you determined on your way. You need to be speedy and progressive but consistent to reach your destination. There would be rocks, thorny bushes which depict the problems that resist you. But you need to find the solution for it and keep moving on. With hard work, smart work is also equally important. And finally when you reach your destination, you feel like, 'Wow, I've done it!' However you can't just stop trekking by climbing one region, you plan of other treks - other tasks.

Prachi D Kamble, class X,  
Sardar Dastur Noshewari Girls' High  
School, Pune





# LAPORTE RESCUES MAN CITY

## Southampton disrupt Guardiola's 12-game winning run with 1-1 draw



Aymeric Laporte

Photo: AP

**P**ep Guardiola backed Manchester City to hold their nerve after the Premier League leaders' 12-game winning run came to an end as Aymeric Laporte rescued a 1-1 draw against Southampton on Saturday.

City were rocked by Kyle Walker-Peters' first ever top-flight goal in the opening minutes at St Mary's. After a poor first half by their high standards, Guardiola's side kicked into gear after the break. Spain defender Laporte headed the equaliser, but City could not extend their winning streak in a one-sided finale that saw the visitors lay siege to the Southampton goal.

The champions had to settle for a result that left them 12 points clear of second-placed Liverpool. "Today we showed the same consistency we have been showing. If people saw in the game that we were lazy or arrogant or trying not to win — it was completely the opposite," Guardiola said.

### STILL IN THE LEAD

For the first time since they were beaten 2-0 by Palace on October 30, City finished a league game without all three points. They remain firmly in pole position for a fourth title in five seasons, but their draw on the south coast will give a glimmer of hope to Liverpool and third-placed Chelsea. Guardiola is unconcerned by the possibility of Liverpool closing the gap.

"I feel as a manager confident for the future with the way we are behaving. Without the ball, everybody helps each other. I know how difficult this stadium is, with the way they play and how good we have played," Guardiola said. "I don't understand the way people say that now, after this result, the race is open, when before it is over. But this is your job to talk about that. 'I would love to be 40 points ahead of Liverpool and Chelsea, but that's impossible. I would never expect to be in this position, with this margin.'"

City were rocked in the seventh minute when Walker-Peters linked up with Nathan Redmond on

the right flank. Walker-Peters cut inside and, with City backing off, the right-back had space to shoot into the far corner with the outside of his foot. Frustrated by Southampton's high-energy display, City were struggling to find their usual rhythm.



Kyle Walker Peters

Photo: AFP

Raheem Sterling nearly snatched an equaliser against the run of play with curler that whistled just wide from a tight angle. Sterling should have brought City level moments later, but the forward fluffed his lines from Phil Foden's pass, allowing Fraser Forster to save his under-hit close-range effort. Ederson made an instinctive stop to keep out Jan Bednarek's header early in the second half. Rodri's strike from the edge almost caught out Forster, who turned it around the post.

### EXPLORING WEAKNESS

Laporte made a superb last-ditch block to frustrate Armando Broja after the Southampton forward raced clean through on goal. Broja should have scored from the resulting corner, but headed James Ward-Prowse's delivery against the woodwork from just four yards. It was a crucial miss and City finally equalised in the 65th minute as Laporte exploited Southampton's weakness in the air. **AP**

### DRONE STOPS PLAY

► A drone stopping play. Newcastle winning a game. There were plenty of unusual occurrences in the Premier League on Saturday, even if a late, late winner by Manchester United at Old Trafford felt ever so familiar. Most bizarre of all Saturday was the sight of players from Brentford and Wolverhampton being led off the field by the referee because a drone was hovering above the pitch in their match in west London. Play was suspended for nearly 20 minutes in a match Wolves ended up winning 2-1.

## NADAL MAKES QUARTER FINALS

Reaches Australian Open quarters for the 14th time, in bid for 21st majors title

**A**fter fending off four set points and being unable to convert the first six of his own, Rafael Nadal finally clinched a 28-minute and 40-second tiebreaker to get himself on course to secure a spot in the Australian Open quarterfinals for the 14th time. After a 7-6 (14), 6-2, 6-2 fourth-round victory over fellow left-hander Adrian Mannarino on Sunday, Nadal is potentially just three wins away from a men's record 21st Grand Slam singles title.

"First set (was) very, very emotional," Nadal said. "Anything could happen there. I was a little bit lucky at the end. I had chances, he had a lot of chances too."

Nadal will next play Denis Shapovalov. Nadal is now tied with John Newcombe in second spot on the all-time list for most quarterfinals in Australia, one behind Roger Federer's 15. It's also the Spaniard's 45th time into the last eight at a Grand Slam tournament, which is third on the all-time behind Federer (58) and Novak Djokovic (51). He shares the men's record of 20 ma-

jeor titles with Federer and Djokovic. But he's the only one of the trio playing in this tournament.

### Hampered by injury

Mannarino, who didn't finish his third-round win until after 2 am on Saturday and appeared to be hampered at times by an abdominal or upper leg injury, threw everything at Nadal in the opening set on Rod Laver Arena, where temperatures approached 33 Celsius (91 F). The first set lasted 85 minutes, including the 'breaker, but after getting early breaks in the second and third sets the match was over in 2 hours, 40 minutes. "I'm very happy I survived that first set, without a doubt," Nadal said. "That crazy first set was so important."

### Krejciakova, Keys advance

In the women's draw, French Open champion Barbora Krejciakova breezed to a 6-2, 6-2 win over two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka to reach the quarterfinals for the third time in four Grand

Slam events. The fourth-seeded Krejciakova will next play Madison Keys, who overpowered eighth-seeded Paula Badosa 6-3, 6-1 in the first of the fourth-round matches on Day 7 at Rod Laver Arena. **AGENCIES**

### SHAPALOV BEATS ZVEREV

■ Denis Shapovalov has upset third-seeded Alexander Zverev to move into an Australian Open quarterfinal match against Rafael Nadal. The No. 14-seeded Shapovalov is into the quarterfinals in Australia for the first time.

■ The 22-year-old Canadian finished off a 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Olympic gold medalist Zverev. Shapovalov spent almost 11 hours on court through the first three rounds, and was surprised by the relative speed of his 2-hour, 21-minute win. "Probably the one I least expected to finish in three. Happy with where the game is at. I played pretty smart today."

## HOLDER SHINES AS WI CRUSH ENGLAND IN FIRST T20

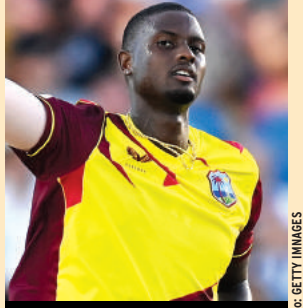
**A**ll-rounder Jason Holder returned career-best figures of 4-7 as West Indies thrashed England by nine wickets in the first Twenty20 International of the five-match series at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown.

Holder and Sheldon Cottrell (2-30) ripped through England's top order on a bouncy wicket, reducing them to 49-7 at one stage before a late partnership between Chris Jordan (28) and Adil Rashid (22) helped them past the 100-mark.

They were eventually bowled out for 103 in 19.4 overs.

The hosts knocked off the runs with ease as Brandon King (52 not out) struck a fluent half-century and finished the job with Nicholas Pooran (27 not out) in 17.1 overs. England's only success came through Rashid, who removed Shai Hope (20).

"The (conditions) were actually opposite to the wicket that we played on two or three



Jason Holder

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days ago," said England captain Eoin Morgan. "We lost early wickets, we didn't seem to adapt well enough in running, which is what you have to do when challenged with movement and a bit of bounce."

West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard was happy with the performance of his team. "That's the blueprint we ask guys to put up. To come out and win a match isn't easy, to see the young guys come out and finish it off was fantastic," he said. **REUTERS**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** How many times did snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan win the World Championship?

- a. Two
- b. Four
- c. Three
- d. Six

**Q2:** In how many Test matches did Kevin Pietersen lead England during his brief spell as captain?

- a. Four
- b. Three
- c. Two
- d. One

**Q3:** Which player has won the Heineken Cup the most number of times?

- a. Beauden Barrett
- b. Bob Hillier
- c. Dan Carter
- d. Geordan Murphy

**Q4:** Who has won the most rally championships?

- a. Andrea de Adamich
- b. Sébastien Loeb
- c. Philippe Adams
- d. Kenny Acheson

**Q5:** Who was Mirza's first coach, aside from her father?

- a. Imran Mirza
- b. Roger Anderson
- c. Sohrab Mirza
- d. Shoaib Malik



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**Q6:** Who became the youngest Formula One driver to start a Grand Prix in history at the 2009 Hungarian Grand?

- a. Jaime Alguersuari
- b. Philippe Adams
- c. Kenny Acheson
- d. Red Amick

**Q7:** Which team bagged the Fair Play Award in the 2021 IPL?

- a. Rajasthan Royals
- b. Chennai Super Kings
- c. Sunrisers Hyderabad
- d. Punjab Kings

**Q8:** Which country houses the International Wrestling Hall of Fame?

- a. Canada
- b. France
- c. USA
- d. Sweden

**Q9:** Who invented the "compound bow" used in archery?

- a. Horace A. Ford
- b. Brady Ellison
- c. Holless Wilbur Allen
- d. Marco Galianzo

**ANSWERS:** 1. d. Six 2. b. Three  
3. d. Geordan Murphy 4. b. Sébastien Loeb  
5. b. Roger Anderson  
6. a. Jaime Alguersuari  
7. a. Rajasthan Royals 8. c. USA  
9. c. Holless Wilbur Allen