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Application process for CUET to start FROM APRIL 2

The application process for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for the undergraduate courses in Central Universities will commence from April 2, the National Testing Agency has announced...



■ The agency has announced that the CUET will provide a single window opportunity to students to seek admission in any of the Central Universities (CUs) across the country

■ The CUET (UG)-2022 will be conducted in a computer based test (CBT) mode, it said

■ Aspirants should refer to the information bulletin for admission to the undergraduate programmes of the desired Central Universities, it said

■ The details of the programmes offered by the uni-

versities will be available on their respective portals

■ The online application forms for undergraduate programmes will be open from April 2, and the link will be made available on the official website <https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/>

■ The application process will be on till April 30

■ The NTA has advised the candidates to go through the required eligibility of the desired university or universities for selecting the options from the under graduate programmes being offered

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MEANWHILE, CUET SYLLABUS ELICITS MIXED REACTIONS FROM EXPERTS

Experts are divided in their reactions to the UGC's announcement on CUET being conducted in accordance with the NCERT syllabus, as some felt it might put school boards at a disadvantage, where different books are taught...

■ Many state boards are using NCERT books while some have their own books. The CBSE, which uses NCERT books, is progressive and prepares students for tests better. The NCERT books are very standardised and they are written by renowned experts. The ICSE board has different books and students from there might be at a disadvantage. SUDHA ACHARYA, chairperson of the National Progressive Schools Conference

■ The CUET will pose a disadvantage for students coming from rural areas and other state boards. The coaching institutes have already started providing coaching for CUET. This means that students from urban areas and those who have the resources will be at an advantage. RAJESH JHA, professor, Delhi University

■ Education is in the concurrent list and there are various state boards. Even for NCERT syllabus, MCQs will become the guiding principle for students in class XI and class XII. The MCQs are tricky, and even in JEE and NEET, we see that students require coaching to clear exams. Same will be the situation here. ABHA DEV HABIB, professor, Delhi University

Elon Musk hints at new social media platform

Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has hinted that he might soon come up with an idea of building a new social media platform. While replying to a user named Pranay Pothole on Twitter, who asked if Musk would consider building a new social media platform, Musk said, he is thinking about it. "Am giving serious thought to this," Musk wrote on the micro-blogging site. He also asked users "Is a new platform needed?"

■ Musk is currently believed to be the richest person in the world, overtaking former Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos last year to claim the title. This month, a study said that the Tesla CEO could become the first person to ever accumulate a \$1 trillion net worth, and it could happen as soon as 2024



3.8 MILLION



That's the number of people who have fled Ukraine since Russia's invasion a month ago, the UN figures showed.

Around 90 per cent of them are women and children, it added. Of those who have left, 2.2 million have fled for neighbouring Poland, while more than half a million have made it to Romania. Nearly 300,000 have gone to Russia.

**Ukraine's
refugee crisis
is Europe's worst
since World
War II**

LATEST UPDATES

1 RUSSIA, UKRAINE SET FOR FACE-TO-FACE PEACE TALKS: Russian and Ukrainian negotiators will resume face-to-face peace talks, probing whether a near-stalemate in fighting has forced Moscow to temper its demands. President Volodymyr Zelensky hailed the new negotiations, saying he hoped they would bring peace "without delay", and lamented a month-long Russian invasion that has already killed thousands and devastated numerous Ukrainian cities. The new talks are set to start in Turkey, with Zelensky desperate to halt the bombardment of cities like Mariupol, where officials said the situation is "catastrophic"

2 SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE SHOWN AT OSCARS: At the Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles on Sunday night, attendees expressed support for Ukraine by going silent for 30 seconds. A tribute that started with words from the Ukrainian-born Mila Kunis ended with the Academy Awards fading to black about midway through the show, with a plea for anyone watching to do whatever possible to send help to those in the war-torn nation

Ram Nath Kovind presents 'President's Colour' to INS Valsura

President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'President's Colour' to the Indian Naval Ship (INS), Valsura, at Jamnagar in Gujarat recently



■ Established in 1942, INS Valsura is a premier training establishment of the Indian Navy, and entrusted with the responsibility of imparting training to officers and sailors of the Indian Navy, Coast Guard and friendly foreign

countries in electrical, electronics, weapon systems and information technology

■ INS Valsura has distinguished itself with notable and gallant service to the nation for over nearly 80 years

➤ The 'President's Colour' is bestowed on any military unit, in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation, both in peace and in war

➤ The Indian Navy was the first branch of the Indian Armed Forces, to be awarded the President's Colour by Dr Rajendra Prasad, the then President of India on May 27, 1951

OCTOBER 5 TO BE OBSERVED AS NATIONAL DOLPHIN DAY

The Union environment ministry has designated October 5 as the National Dolphin Day, to be celebrated annually starting this year. The decision to designate a National Dolphin Day was taken by the standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) on Friday, according to a statement by the environment ministry. The idea behind recommending October 5 as 'National Dolphin Day' is to generate awareness and encourage community participation for the conservation of this species wherever it's found in the country.

Dolphins act as ideal ecological indicators of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. Its conservation will, therefore, help survival of the species and also benefit the people dependent on the aquatic system for their livelihood. River Dolphins are found in Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna-Indus river systems

The environment ministry had in May, 2010, notified the Gangetic Dolphin as the 'National Aquatic Animal' of India

OSCARS 2022: 'CODA' WINS THE BEST PICTURE AWARD

Streaming portal Apple made history by nabbing Hollywood's most-coveted honour, as 'CODA' won the Oscar for best picture at the 94th Academy Awards. Apple Original Films' 'CODA' marks the first time a streaming service has won the best picture Oscar, beating rival Netflix to the punch. 'CODA' took the top prize over Netflix's 'The Power of the Dog' from director Jane Campion, which was the other leading contender in the category, reports 'Variety'. In addition, 'CODA' star Troy Kotsur won the supporting actor trophy, marking the first time a deaf actor received an acting Oscar, and the second Deaf actor ever to do so after 'CODA' co-star Marlee Matlin won for 'Children of a Lesser God' in 1986.



Disney movies, including Oscar winner 'Coco' and the Will Smith-starring live-action 'Aladdin'

K-pop superband BTS members Jin, RM, Jungkook, J-Hope, Suga, V and Jimin made a surprise appearance during the awards to celebrate some of their favourite Pixar and



Will Smith won the honour for 'Actor in a Lead Role' for the movie 'King Richard'



■ Japanese film 'Drive My Car' directed by Ryusuke Hamaguchi was honoured for the Best International Feature Film, bringing Japan its fifth Oscar win and fourteenth nomination overall

■ 'The Queen of Basketball', based on the life of legendary basketball player Lusia Harris, won for Short Subject Documentary

■ The computer-animated musical fantasy comedy film 'Encanto' grabbed the Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film

■ Actress Ariana DeBose, won the Best Actress in a Supporting Role for the remake of the musical 'West Side Story'

■ The Best actress award was won by Jessica Chastain for 'The Eyes of Tammy Faye'

■ 20-year-old Billie Eilish won her first Oscar for 'No Time To Die'

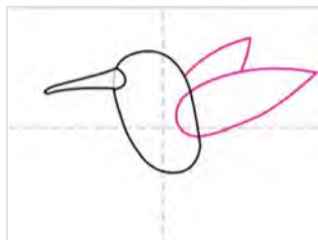
Troy Kotsur



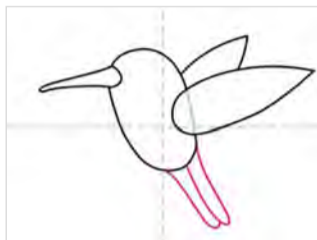
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Art Educator
St Kabir School,
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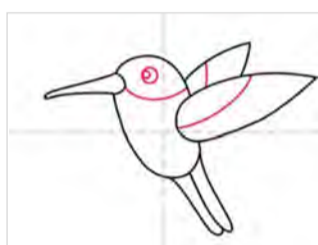
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Step-1



Step-2



Step-3



Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



1) DARIGEB

- a. Badminton b. Golf
c. Cricket d. Brigade

2) RRHCGE

- a. Mobile b. Charger
c. Recharge d. Reform

3) SOAIMNN

- a. Sports b. Segment
c. Division d. Mansion

4) DECNEII

- a. Medicine b. Mission
c. Dusty d. Troop

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

Riding with the Riddle

They are the largest of the waterfowls that are known for their grace and beauty. They mate for life and are nurturing, protective parents. With wingspans reaching up to 10 feet, they can weigh over 15 kg. Most of them have pure white plumage, there are species among them, which are a mix of black and white. They use their beaks with serrated edges, which look like jagged 'teeth' to catch and eat aquatic plants, algae, molluscs, small fish, frogs, and worms.

ANSWER: SWANS

WOMEN, 'MARCH' ON!

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

2 A well-known simile:
As mad as a March

- A. Hawk B. Hedgehog
C. Hare D. Heron

3 The symbol of Aries,
a March Zodiac sign,
is a

- A. Crab B. Ram
C. Lion D. Scorpion

4 In the old Roman
calendar, the Ides of
March corresponds to
March

- A. 5 B. 10 C. 15 D. 20

5 March 3 is the
World Day of

- A. Women B. Wellness
C. Water D. Wildlife

6 Not born in March
was

- A. Winston Churchill
B. Yuri Gagarin
C. Michelangelo
D. Albert Einstein

Quiz TIME



Complete these statements on March. Choose correctly!

1 March is named after
Mars, the Roman god

- A. War B. Work
C. Weather D. Wisdom



Answers: 1) A. War 2) C. Hare 3) B. Ram 4) C. 15
5) D. Wildlife 6) A. Winston Churchill

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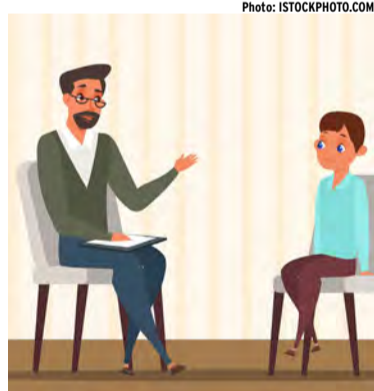
Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Anand was not doing well at school and his grades were steadily slipping. His teachers thought that there might be a problem at home, but Anand's parents denied that anything was troubling their son. "All I can say," said the principal to Anand, "is that you have to show considerable improvement and perform well in your forthcoming tests, if you hope to be promoted to class X."

- A. Pull (one's) leg
B. Pull the wool over (one's) eyes
C. Pull up (one's) socks



ANSWER: C

Shalini told everyone that school would close early that day. The principal herself had given

- A. Straight from the horse's mouth
B. Flog a dead horse
C. Hold one's horses



ANSWER: A

TRIVIA

Before placing a bet on a racehorse, a person wants to know which horse will win. Getting something 'straight from the horse's mouth' is an exaggerated way of saying that such inside knowledge can be obtained from someone close to the animals. A tip from a stable-boy is almost like a horse speaking out! This idiom, dating back to the 19th century, means to derive information from a reliable source

EDITOR IN THE MAKING

WEAVE A STORY WITH PICTURES

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TELL TALE



Learn a NEW LANGUAGE

ITALIAN

1) Salute! - Sah-loo-tay
Meaning: Cheers! (To your health)

2) Come si chiama? - Koh-meh see kyah-mah?
Meaning: What is your name?

3) Non capisco - Non kah-pee-skoh
Meaning: I don't understand

4) Piacere - Pyah-cheh-reh
Meaning: Pleased to meet you

5) Mi dispiace - Mee dees-pyah-cheh
Meaning: I'm sorry

Work sheet

Q:1 How will you ask somebody his/her name?

Q:2 How will you communicate that you don't understand?

Q:3 How would you say that you are pleased to meet a person?

Q:4 How will you say sorry??

Answers: 1) Come si chiama? 2) Non capisco 3) Piacere 4) Mi dispiace 5) Mi dispiace

And the winner is...

VAISHNAVI RAWAT
class X, DPS (Dwarka),
New Delhi

THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES...

In the apocalyptic world of Nurasia, the quasi fascist government of Erick Wutar has taken over through a coup. They're spreading the ideology of religious superiority and racial exclusivity. Individuals with darker skin, lower height or belonging to certain demographic categories are being separated from lighter skinned, taller individuals.

When the students at the University of Nurasia opposed such a regime, they were imprisoned. People from all over the country are coming together as a whole to protest and free the students, who were put behind the bars for dissenting but the military has been stationed at every street and corner and anyone who dares to oppose shall be put to jail. People have tried fleeing the country, but the government has shot down anyone who tries to escape.

Now, it's up to the youth of Nurasia and their emerging leaders to free their country as they navigate through tough situations.



NUMBER SERIES

1 How many feet are equal to a meter?

- A) 3.28 B) 7.37
C) 2.99 D) 4.31

ANSWER: A

2 If you had 785 dogs, how many would you have if I took 524?

- A) 765 B) 543
C) 875 D) 261

ANSWER: D

2 If Hannah has 19.27\$ and Riley has 13.59\$, how much more money does Hannah have?

- A) 3.45\$ B) 4.45\$
C) 5.68\$ D) 7.85\$

ANSWER: C

3 Harmony had 357 cats, and Lindsey had 150 dogs, so how many animals are there altogether?

- A) 456 B) 275
C) 507 D) 122

ANSWER: C

Impact of war on education

If the pandemic wasn't enough to disrupt education, we now have the war to add to it. We are all aware of the havoc created by Covid affecting the delivery of knowledge and skills at all levels of education. Before schools could stabilise and education could be delivered to students, comes the war shattering the hopes of students in the war affected areas.

How does war impact education? Well, education is either disrupted or completely impossible. There have been war zones where schools have been destroyed due to the shelling and bombing. There have been times when schools have been used as shelters by local communities. In either case, education is affected. Even if schools function, the students attending are less in number either due to fear or

because they have been shifted to other areas of safety or to the homes of their relatives.

Most of the times, it has been seen that children account for the majority of civilian casualties.



ties. They do not die from the weapons themselves but from preventable diseases that aren't prevented or treated because the health systems and infrastruc-

ture are completely destroyed. Even if students come to school, the conventional education is not the need for them as they look for care, love, empathy and attention. Most of these children are deprived of love and care due to loss of parents, separation from them, unavailability of the parents because they are depressed and distracted hence what the children need is emotional security.

There have been times when children are forced to stay at home to look after siblings or work instead of going to school, or they may even end up on the streets in situations of acute poverty. While there are times when children are killed, maimed and disabled because they are recruited to become soldiers and are placed directly in the firing line. There are others who are subjected to sexual violence. The psychological effects of war and war-related trauma is always severe. For them to come out of it, get educated and lead a normal happy life is, indeed, a very difficult task.

ANJALI AGGARWAL, Principal, St Mark's Sr Sec Public School, Meera Bagh

Why do schools shut over in the first place during this time?

Educational institution-school, in order to get enlightened, it is undoubtedly the first place a toddler steps into. With tears rolling down one's eyes and holding a sense of fright, a child initially observes himself as a novice to that inspirational realm but eventually sees school as a playground rather than a battleground where one comprehends various ways to solve the jigsaw of life.

However, a question that comes in a million of minds around the globe that, 'If the above context stands relevant, aren't students getting deprived of social skills and moral aspects due to closure of schools?'

It has been almost two years now that the pace of education is not smooth from most of the angles. A student life is a passage

of years when a beating heart learns certain tactics to cope up with the challenges he would be coming across in near future. But hands tied we are, the ongoing pandemic is not only hampering the individual growth but also has a negative impact on young brains emotionally.

This is through my personal experience that children connect with their teachers more than they do with their parents. They look up to them at each phase they find themselves bewildered. Students are often front runners in the subject of their likeable teacher. In contradiction, they may lose in other. A recent study by UNICEF also estimated at least 13% of adolescents aged 10-19 with a diagnosed mental disorder. Hence, the emotional support and soul wisdom a

teacher can provide them is no less than a remedy in these testing times. A student is then bound to sail through.

Although, it's not deniable that inoculation of every single being is the topmost priority. Adhering with government guidelines, each citizen within the nation should get vaccination jabs to prevent unforeseen circumstances but voicing the opinion of a couple of student including I was the sole perspective from the beginning.

Therefore, the crux of the matter is how should schools proceed to improve upon holistic development of children, it is for our eligible leaders to decide!

BHAVYA AGGARWAL, class XI, Maharaja Agrasen Model School, CD Block, Pitampura, Delhi

Student Corner



AAYUSHI SINGH, class XIIA, Golden Jubilee Institute, Subroto Park

BIS organises movie day for students

Field trips give students educational experiences away from their regular school environment and provide alternative learning opportunities to children.

Keeping this in mind, **Basava International School, Dwarka** arranged a field trip for the students to reduce post pandemic stress in the last week of February, 2022. As part of the recreational trip, the primary and secondary students were taken to D21 PVR Cinema, for a special screening of the popular movie '83'.

The teachers also accompanied the students to ensure the safety and security of the students.

The objective behind this was to acclimatise students to the physical environment and also ignite the

fire of patriotism and inculcate a sense of national pride. The students were intrigued by the ideas presented in the film showcasing the real issues of ethnicity, class, etc. The screening was done fol-



lowing all the Covid protocols and safety measures and refreshments were provided for all the students and staff.

The movie engaged the students and was a significant break from their daily mundane routine. It was a fun-filled day with a great learning experience for the students.

MSGS celebrates National Safety Week

Safe environments are conducive to high levels of productivity and happiness.

Manav Sthali Global School, Double Storey believes that educating children about the significance of safe environment is very crucial from a nascent phase. National Safety Week (March 4-10) was celebrated and observed to raise an awareness in children with an intent to generate, develop and sustain a voluntary movement by adopting chief safety protocols, namely 'On-Roads Safety',



'Home Safety', 'Travel Safety', 'Health Safety' and the 'Environmental Safety'. Teachers guided the little ones through various role play activities and discussed safety regulations. The importance of obeying rules while travelling on the roads and the rules for the pedestrians was also highlighted.

YOGA - VRIKSHASANA

The name 'Vrikshasana' has been taken from the Sanskrit word 'vrksha' meaning tree and asana meaning 'posture'. Vrikshasana or tree pose is a balancing asana. It is one of the very few standing poses in medieval hatha yoga and remains popular in modern yoga as exercise.

PROCEDURE:

Stand erect with arms by the side of your body. Bend your right knee and place the right foot on your left thigh. The role of the foot should be kept flat near the foot of the thigh. Your left leg should be straight, the right leg should be head down. Inhale and try to make namaskar mudra with your palms. Maintain proper balance. Try to make your spine straight with deep inhale, bring your arms and legs down.

Repeat the same with your left leg. This completes one round. Perform three-five



rounds of this asana. However, after some time the number of rounds may be increased.

RECOMMENDED PRACTICE FOR

VRIKSHASANA:

Practice Vrikshasana for the duration you are comfortable with. Hold the asana for up to 1 minute on each leg. You can repeat 5 times on each leg.

BENEFITS OF VRIKSHASANA (THE TREE POSE)

- It strengthens the ligaments and tendons of the foot.
- It helps in improving concentration.
- It improves balance and stability in legs.
- It is helpful to those who are facing the problem of depression and anxiety.
- It enhances the flexibility of legs, back and chest muscles.

AMAN DIXIT, PGT PHYSICAL EDUCATION, KUNWAR'S GLOBAL SCHOOL, LUCKNOW

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.

MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI: A LEGENDARY SKIPPER

An inspiring icon is someone who has a great effect on one's personality and the mindset. One such person is the great former Indian Skipper, Mahendra Singh Dhoni. He has been a great inspiration to me.

We all know that 'Mahi' is a legendary captain, wicket-keeper and finisher. But very few people know about the struggle behind his success. Even after many failures and rejections, he still did not lose hope and is a world-famous personality now. The way he deals with situations and his calmness are worth appreciating. After the failure of Chennai Super Kings (CSK), he was blamed by many. But he didn't pay any attention to them and later his team bounced back with a huge success. The way he supports youngsters is a very rare qual-



ity. During his peak days some of his decisions were not appreciated and faced targeted malice but he never got weak. Mahi is an inspiration for me because his struggles motivate me to never lose hope and be dedicated in life. Every time my mind tries to break my hope down, I have a look at Mahi's journey and then everything falls in place. We have even seen in his biopic that some people didn't even try to give him a chance, but he kept on working hard and today he has reached an astonishing peak of success.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni has enthused me to do something in life, which in turn may motivate others.

ADITI SHUKLA, CLASS VIII, CITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL, ALIGANJ II, LUCKNOW



INSPIRING ICONS MS DHONI

'Aashirwad ceremony' held at New Era

New Era School, Ghaziabad organised a special and traditional event, 'Aashirwad ceremony' on March 12 to bid adieu to the school's senior most students of class XII for their future endeavours with great fervour and enthusiasm.

The ceremony started with a pious fire ceremony 'Havan', echoed with the chanting of sacred verses or mantras and making an offering to the almighty in order to get relief from all evil elements and the well being of the entire organisation.

The cultural ceremony commenced with an address by the chairman, Rajeev Malik who has always generously imparted his wisdom to the pupils and guided them towards the right path.

The Director, Dr Mamta Malik ex-

pressed her pride in the students for adapting seamlessly and performing excellently on the online platform. The principal, Dr Kiran Dilwal in her pertinent message urged the students to imbibe good virtues and wished them a successful future.



Head girl, Soumya Dilwal and head boy, Mukul Tyagi delivered their heart touching speeches and expressed their ardent gratitude to the management and all the teachers for giving them all possible opportunities throughout the entire Golden Era for their holistic learning, to inculcate values, discipline and harmony in their lives.

Science is a way of thinking

On the occasion of National Science Day, Students of **Ryan International School Sector -40, Gurugram** participated in an array of activities to celebrate this great day with lot of enthusiasm and zeal.

Students of class III presented declamation on the topic - 'Spreading awareness about the uses of science and technology'. Ryanites discussed their in-depth knowledge about the advantages and disadvantages of science and technology. Students of class IV participated in 'Just a minute' activity on the topic- 'Science and technology has changed the society'.

Students of class V participated in 'Science Expo' wherein they performed simple experiments and also showcased the beautiful models which were made by them based on the concepts they learnt throughout the year which included models of solar eclipse, lunar eclipse, formation of shadows etc.

School head Shivali Sharma appreciated students' efforts and added that we should use technology in a way that it is a boon and not a curse for all of us.



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CANADA END DROUGHT

Rout Jamaica to seal first World Cup berth since 1986

Canada qualified for the World Cup for the first time in 36 years on Sunday with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Jamaica in Toronto. Goals from Cyle Larin, Tajon Buchanan, own goal secured all three points after Canada dominated against a Jamaica side already eliminated from contention in the CONCACAF region's qualifying tournament for this year's finals in Qatar.

WILD CELEBRATIONS

The win sparked wild celebrations at Toronto's 30,000-capacity BMO Field, where an expectant sell-out crowd had gathered to watch Canada clinch World Cup qualification for only the second time, having last appeared at the 1986 Mexico tournament.

Canada's English manager John Herdman, who took over the men's team in 2018 after a successful stint in charge of Canada's women's team, said the qualification was proof that Canada was a "football country".

After a dominant qualifying campaign had left them three points clear with two games remaining, Canada needed only a point from Sunday's fixture to assure themselves of qualification. That objective was never in doubt as Canada went on the attack from the whistle.

DOMINANCE EVIDENT

Larin could have opened the scoring after only five minutes, but his shot was well saved by Jamaican goalkeeper Andre Blake. But Larin made no mistake in the 13th minute to bag Canada's opener. A lovely team move ended with former Portugal Under-21 international Stephen Eustaquio splitting the Jamaica defence to find Larin, who calmly tucked away the finish to spark raucous celebrations.

The remainder of the half was only a question of when Canada would add to their lead. David should have doubled Canada's lead on 15 minutes, but shot wide from eight yards, and in the 21st minute Buchanan squandered a gilt-edged opportunity, scooping his shot over

"We've been through some tough times. I've knocked on doors to ask for money for this team, and we did it. And we just kept believing. I'm just happy for these lads. When I first took over and I said, 'We're going to qualify for the World Cup,' I don't think they believed us. I'm happy for them because all of these fans have waited and waited and waited, and hung in with us _ and we're going."

**Canada manager
JOHN HERDMAN**

the bar. Buchanan missed another opportunity from Jonathan Osorio's cross. Larin was the next to miss on 38 minutes, guiding his shot just wide of the post to

leave Herdman howling in disbelief on the sidelines.

But just when it looked as if Jamaica might restrict Canada to one first-half goal, the Reggae Boyz's resistance was finally broken. David crossed from the far post, Buchanan lost his marker, took a touch and buried his finish into the bottom corner. That sent the home crowd into party mode and Canada's dominance continued throughout the second half, with the hosts carving out chance after chance only to be let down by their finishing.

Finally, seven minutes from time English Championship player Junior Hoilett collected a pass from Buchanan and coolly placed his finish beyond Blake for 3-0. There was still time for Canada to grab a fourth when left back Sam Adekunle launched yet another powerful foray down the flank. The defender's cross into space was met by Jamaica defender Mariappa, who sliced his finish into his own goal for 4-0. AGENCIES



Junior Hoilett

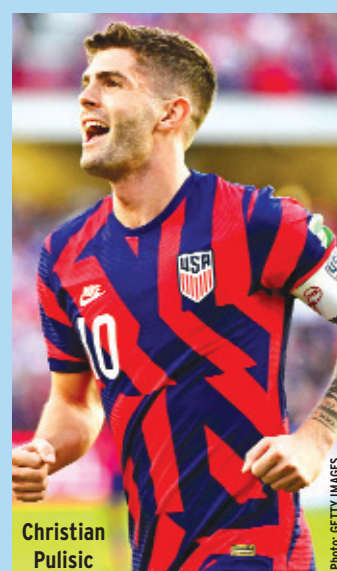
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PULISIC HAT TRICK MOVES US CLOSER TO WORLD CUP

Christian Pulisic scored his first international hat trick, leading the United States to the brink of returning to the World Cup with a 5-1 rout of Panama.

Pulisic converted two penalty kicks during a four-goal burst in the first half that also saw Paul Arriola and Jesús Ferreira score, then boosted the lead to 5-0 on memorable goal with two brilliant touches that evaded a pair of defenders on Sunday.

With fans still fretting after the



Christian Pulisic

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Americans' failure to reach the 2018 World Cup, the U.S. assumed a commanding position to qualify for Qatar. Only a loss of six or more goals Wednesday in the qualifying finale at Costa Rica would cause the Americans not to finish among top three in North and Central America and the Caribbean to claim a berth. Godoy scored Panama's goal in the 86th with a header from Éric Davis' free kick that beat Zack Steffen.

**Team Canada's
Tajon Buchanan
(11) celebrates
with teammate
Cyle Larin
after scoring
against
Jamaica**

Photo: AP

Photo: USA TODAY SPORTS

CLASH OF FORMER CHAMPS

Role of captains will be vital as Rajasthan Royals and Sunrisers Hyderabad aim to start with wins in their first IPL matches of the season

Packed with multiple match-winners in their ranks, heavyweights Rajasthan Royals face Sunrisers Hyderabad in a clash of former champions as both sides aim for a winning start in the IPL on Tuesday.

Consistency the asking

Royals' batting fortunes will hinge largely on the form of their talented skipper Sanju Samson, who has been around the scene for a while now but has not delivered up to the expectations. Inconsistency has been his bane and he would like to change that and lead from the front this season in search of their first title since the inaugural edition in 2008.

Each year, Samson plays one or two match-defining knocks but this time he would have to go the extra mile if the Royals want to win that elusive second title. Good performances in the IPL could also help Samson cement a place in the Indian team with the T20 World Cup scheduled for later this year.

Power-hitters crucial

The Jaipur-based side are most likely to open with Jos Buttler and Devdutt Padikkal. A rampaging Buttler can tear into any bowling attack and if he and the stylish Padikkal can get off to flying starts, the Royals would be well served with the likes of Samson and the others to follow. Royals have an array of players like power-hitter Shimron Hetmyer, Rassie Van der Dussen, Jimmy Neesham and

Riyen Parag to pick and their contribution could well determine the team's fortunes.

They have a stronger bowling unit this time around with the inclusion of ace off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal, and the duo are certainties in the playing XI. Their eight overs would be crucial in the overall context of a particular game. Kiwi Trent Boult would be leading the pace attack.

Experience of captain the plus

For SRH, the experience of captain Kane Williamson, probably the best batter in the squad, would be vital. His contributions with the willow and as a leader could go a long way in determining the team's fortunes.

Williamson's compatriot Glenn Phillips can open the batting while hard-hitting West Indian Nicholas Pooran, Priyam Garg and Rahul Tripathi will have to shoulder responsibility. The bowling attack will be led by pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, left-arm pacer T Natarajan, and Washington Sundar. AGENCIES

Upcoming IPL Match

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Sanju Samson

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BOPANNA-SHAPOVALOV IN MIAMI OPEN QTRS

India's Rohan Bopanna and his Canadian partner Denis Shapovalov stunned the top seeded Croatian pair of Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic in straight sets to enter the men's doubles quarterfinals at the Miami Open tennis tournament here.

The unseeded Indo-Canadian pair surprised Mektic and Pavic 6-3 7-6(3) in a second round doubles match on Sunday. Bopanna and Shapovalov will now face the sixth seeded pair of Wesley Koolhof of Netherlands and Jean-Julien Rojer of Britain's Neal Skupski for a place in the semifinals.

Bopanna and Shapovalov earlier registered a fighting 6-7(5) 6-2 10-3 win over Marcelo Arrevalo of El Salvador and Jean-Julien Rojer of Netherlands in the opening round of the ATP Masters 1000 event.

Meanwhile, Jannik Sinner saved five match points before advancing past Spain's



Rohan Bopanna

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Pablo Carreno Busta 5-7 7-5 7-5 in the third round on Sunday, while second seed Alexander Zverev enjoyed a much smoother path to the last 16. AGENCIES

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who is the highest wicket-taker in ODIs?

- a. Harbhajan Singh
- b. Wasim Akram
- c. Muttiah Muralitharan
- d. Chaminda Vaas

Q2: When did the World Shooting Championships begin?

- a. 1897
- b. 1907
- c. 1908
- d. 1915

Q3: Where are the headquarters of International Gymnastics Federation?

- a. England
- b. Germany
- c. Switzerland
- d. France

Q4: The "Marquess of Queensberry rules" is a code of generally accepted rules in which of the following sports?

- a. Chess
- b. Boxing
- c. Hockey
- d. Tennis

Q5: How many ODI centuries did Steve Smith score?

a. 20 b. 13 c. 11 d. 9



Steve Smith

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Q6: What is the duration of a Test Match?

- a. 3 days
- b. 4 days
- c. 1 day
- d. 5 days

Q7: In which year was the Second Cricket World Cup held?

- a. 1976
- b. 1977
- c. 1978
- d. 1979

Q8: To which sport does the "Marsh One-Day Cup" pertain to?

- a. Hockey
- b. Cricket
- c. Canoeing
- d. Fencing

Q9: Who is the coach of the Indian Davis Cup team?

- a. Mahesh Bhupathi
- b. Vijay Amritraj
- c. Ramkumar Ramanathan
- d. Zeeshan Ali

ANSWERS: 1) c. Muttiah Muralitharan
 2) a. 1897 3) c. Switzerland
 4) d. Tennis 5) c. 11 6) d. 5 days
 7) d. 1979 8) b. Cricket
 9) d. Zeeshan Ali