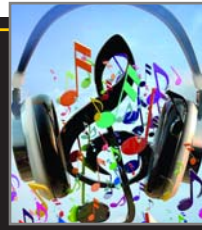




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G-20 SUMMIT

Leaders press on climate, energy and Covid vaccines

**G20 ROME SUMMIT
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US President Joe Biden pressed for competitive and balanced energy markets to bolster the global recovery from the pandemic as the Group of 20 leaders held summit talks in Rome. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, India would be a reliable partner for G-20 states as they look to revive their economies, citing

reforms undertaken by his government and the country's resilient supply chains in the IT and BPO sectors. The pitch was made by the PM during his intervention at the opening session of the Rome G20 summit on Global Economy and Global Health on Saturday. Modi also stressed the 'One Earth, One Health' vision of a collaborative approach in dealing with the Covid-19.

WHY THE GROUP OF 20 COUNTRIES IS RELEVANT TO THE WORLD

WHAT IS G-20: The G-20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum that comprises 19 countries and the European Union (EU). It was founded in 1999 in response to several economic crises that plagued the world at that point. However, it has since then evolved into an international body that goes past the paradigm of grappling with economics and financial crises. It has become a platform for addressing urgent problems, including vaccine access for all and climate change.

HOW IT WORKS: There are multi ministerial-level meetings, ranging from the likes of foreign affairs, commerce, finance, education, health and environment, in the months leading up to a

India will hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and will convene the G-20 leaders' summit in 2023 for the first time

X-PLAINED

G-20 summit. Earlier this year, for instance, finance officials/ ministers of the member countries met in Venice and backed a sweeping revision of international taxation. The revision included a 15% global minimum corporate levy to deter big companies from resorting to low-rate tax-havens. The leaders' summit in Rome over the coming weekend will seal the deal.



The G-20 collectively accounts for around 90% of gross world product (GWP), between 75% and 80% of the international trade, two-thirds of the world's population, and roughly, half the world's land area

MEANWHILE, AT COP26, WORLD MAKES NEW BID TO AVERT CLIMATE DISASTER

World leaders started descending on the Scottish city of Glasgow on Sunday for the United Nations COP26 summit, billed as a make-or-break chance to save the planet from the most-calamitous effects of climate change.

Delayed by a year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, COP26 aims to keep alive a target of capping global warming at 1.5C above pre-industrial levels – the limit scientists say would avoid its most destructive consequences. Meeting that goal, agreed in Paris to much fanfare in 2015, will require a surge in political momentum and diplomatic heavy-lifting to make up for the insufficient action and empty pledges that have characterised much of global climate politics.



After Apple missed earnings expectations, Microsoft on Friday overtook the tech giant in market cap, making it the world's most valuable publicly-traded company.

■ Apple was the first company to reach a \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion market cap. It became the world's most-valuable publicly-traded company when it surpassed state oil giant Saudi Aramco in market cap last year.

■ Microsoft last surpassed Apple in market cap in 2020, as the pandemic wreaked havoc on supply chains, the report said.

■ It first closed above a \$2 trillion market cap in June after revealing the first major update to Windows in more than five years, it added.

FOR A CAUSE

Azim Premji donated ₹ 27 crore donation per day in FY21



Wipro's Azim Premji has retained the top spot among the philanthropist billionaires of India for a second time. Premji increased his donations 23 per cent on-year during the last fiscal, as per the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021.

The Azim Premji Foundation doubled its allocation towards the pandemic from ₹ 1,125 crore to ₹ 2,125 crore to expand work on vaccination across 10 states, with a commitment to increase this further if the need demands

■ The list had HCL's Shiv Nadar at the second place with contributions of ₹ 1,263 crore towards upliftment causes
■ Mukesh Ambani of Reliance Industries, India's richest man by a distance, came third on the list with a ₹ 577 crore contribution and was succeeded by Kumar Mangalam Birla with ₹ 377 crore



Facebook is now Meta

Facebook Inc has re-christened itself Meta, decoupling its corporate identity from the eponymous social network mired in toxic content, and highlighting a shift to an emerging computing platform focused on virtual reality. Facebook's name change is the most definitive signal so far of the company's intention to stake its future on a new computing platform — the metaverse, an idea born in the imaginations of sci-fi novelists.



In Facebook's vision, people will congregate and communicate by entering virtual environments, whether they're talking with colleagues in a boardroom or hanging out with friends in far-flung corners of the world



MHA extends Covid guidelines till Nov 30



In view of the spike in Coronavirus cases post the festive season in states across India, the ministry of home affairs (MHA) have extended Covid guidelines till November 30. The ministry in its order said that the "guidelines for reopening" issued last month, permitting cinema halls, entertainment parks, and swimming pools for sports persons to open, will continue to be applicable till November 30 in areas outside the containment zones.



As per the order, the lockdown shall continue to be implemented strictly in the containment zones during the period. The ministry said it had advised chief secretaries and administrators of all States and Union Territories that they should endeavour to promote Covid-19 appropriate behaviour extensively at the grassroot level and take measures to enforce the wearing of masks, hand hygiene, and social distancing

Microbes to help develop Martian rocket bio-fuel on Red Planet



US researchers have developed a technique that would help astronomers develop Martian rocket fuel using microbes on the Red Planet. While the bioproduction process would use three resources native to the Red Planet — carbon dioxide, sunlight, and frozen water — two microbes will be transported from Earth to Mars.

The first is cyanobacteria (algae), which would take CO2 from the Martian atmosphere and use sunlight to create sugars, and second an engineered E coli, which will convert those sugars into a Mars-specific propellant for rockets and other propulsion devices, said a team led by researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology

The Martian propellant, which is called 2,3-butanediol, is currently in existence and can be created by E coli

Brendan Fraser to play villain in 'Batgirl'

Hollywood star Brendan Fraser will be playing the antagonist in upcoming DC film 'Batgirl'. According to Variety, Fraser will play the villainous Firefly, a sociopath with a passion for pyrotechnics, in the movie, which will be released on streaming service HBO Max. Helmed by 'Bad Boys for Life' directors Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah, the DC feature will revolve around Barbra Gordon, the daughter of Gotham City police commissioner James Gordon.



Barbra Gordon is the most-established version of the Batgirl character, who was initially introduced in 1961 as Betty Kane

REVELATION



Fans engaged with new and dynamic music during pandemic

Music fans globally are spending more time listening to tunes, about 18.4 hours a week on average, and have turned to their favourite artists for comfort during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a recent survey. According to the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), the figure, which equates to listening to 368 three-minute songs, is up from 18 hours in 2019, with listeners mostly turning to subscription audio streaming, the radio

and short-form video apps. The study is based on the views of around 4300 music fans across 21 countries.

"The research finds that not only are fans listening to more music, but that they are also seizing opportunities to engage with new, dynamic and immersive music experiences," says IFPI chief Executive Frances Moore.

87%
people said
music lifted their
spirits during the
pandemic, according
to the study

REUTERS

MENTAL HEALTH

An app to identify ADHD symptoms

ADHD, or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder can be a concerning mental health issue for kids as well as adults. While it's important to be on the lookout for warning signs and symptoms at the earliest onset, researchers have now developed a novel technique, using a smartphone-app to help people and caregivers for ADHD help accurately identify symptoms related to intellectual disability and other related signs

MORE ABOUT THE APP...

■ The goal, said the researchers at University of California-Davis Health in the US, is to track symptoms related to executive function, often associated with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), using the new smartphone app called 'iBehavior'. "It's a really smart use of a ubiquitous technology and it could make a huge difference in the accuracy of measurement in clinical trials," said David Hessel, a professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioural sciences at UC Davis MIND Institute.

HOW WILL THE STUDY WORK?

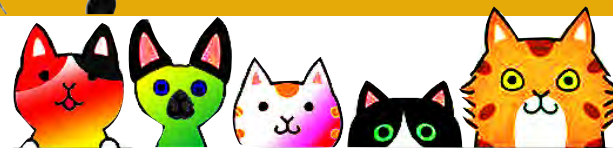
■ Hessel was awarded a two-year, \$431,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the project. The study will focus on children and young adults with intellectual disability. "The majority of clinical trials focused on people with intellectual disability have relied on parent or caregiver questionnaires, much like traditional paper and pencil rating scales," said Hessel. That means families have to remember over a fairly long period of time - sometimes weeks - what their child's behaviour was like.



"The app uses what we call an ecological momentary assessment, where a parent or teacher observes the child or young adult and provides ratings of behaviour much closer to the time the behaviour occurred," Hessel added.

Families will be trained in how to use the app and what behaviour to look for. The app will send a text when it's time for them to start observing their child or young adult, they'll observe for two hours, then they'll get another text that it's time to record what they observed. They'll record information about aggression and irritability, hyperactivity and impulsivity, attention problems, anxiety-related behaviour and avoidance and more, likely daily. Classroom teachers may also be asked to take part. The researchers are hopeful that this app will improve the assessment of a child's behaviour before, during and after treatment as well improve the assessment of potential targeted treatments.

PETS CORNER



Keep your pets FIT and FINE

The lack of physical activity during the pandemic has affected pets too, especially dogs, who too gained more weight than required sitting at home. Worry not, here are expert tips to keep your furry friends healthy, active and trim

Take them out on walks that last anywhere between 45 minutes to an hour.

The walk should be brisk and at a continuous pace.

The pet parent can play a game of fetch at the end of the walk (if recommended by their vet).

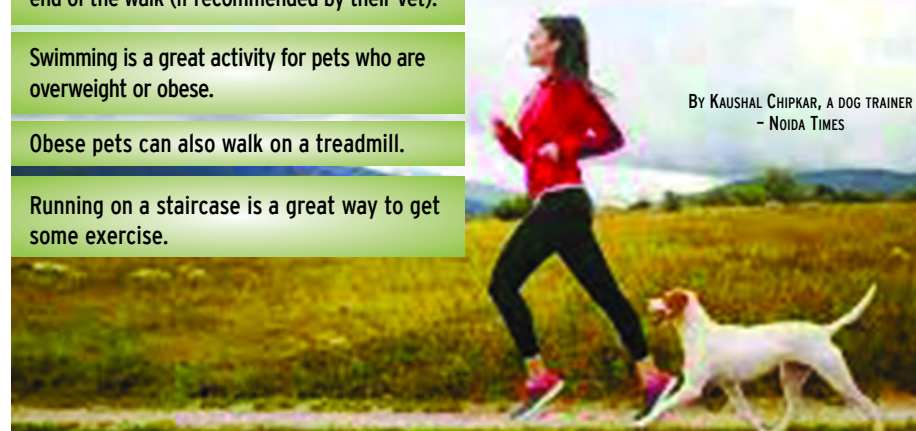
Swimming is a great activity for pets who are overweight or obese.

Obese pets can also walk on a treadmill.

Running on a staircase is a great way to get some exercise.

You can make sure your pet carries its own things. Use a harness that has side pockets to keep their food, treats, water and other essentials that are required during outings and walks.

Do keep in mind to reward your pet well after every activity.



By KAUSHAL CHIPKAR, a dog trainer
- NOIDA TIMES

MICRO REVIEW

'THE CHRISTMAS PIG'

by JK Rowling

Harry Potter-fame author, JK Rowling is back with yet another children's fantasy book to entertain readers across the world. Her new book titled 'The Christmas Pig' released this October and it has already topped the bestsellers charts in the UK. 'The Christmas Pig' is a story about a young boy and his beloved toy, and it is written for kids aged 8-12 years.



Seven-year-old Jack has experienced quite a few ups and downs in his life - his parents' divorce, changing houses and schools. All this while, his favourite toy Dur Pig has been his constant companion and a source of comfort. On a Christmas Eve when his new teenage step-sister Holly throws Dur Pig out of the family car, Jack is emotionally shattered. As he throws a huge tantrum he is given a replacement for Dur Pig - a Christmas Pig - whom he simply rejects. But Christmas Eve is meant to be a day of magic and hope. At night all inanimate objects come to life, from Jack's clothes and toys to the Christmas Pig, who comes up with a plan to find Dur Pig! Together Jack and the Christmas Pig set on a magical journey in the Land of the Lost, where all lost things end-up going, in search of Jack's best friend Dur Pig...

This is a heart-warming tale of a young boy and his most-beloved friend in the world (who happens to be a toy). While it is a story of adventures and magic, it is also about a shy child who experiences bullying by his stepsister and other hardships of life, and how he copes with them. The story is told in Rowling's remarkable style; the chapters are short and easy to read for young readers. Adding value to it are beautiful illustrations by Jim Field, which makes it a perfect book for gifting children this festive season.

How critics view the book

► Amanda Craig writes for the Evening Standard, "The Christmas Pig is Rowling's best book since 'The Prisoner of Azkaban'."

► Claire Allfree writes for the Telegraph.co.uk, "The Christmas Pig is a dark morality tale that's at its best when it stops preaching".

► Kirkus Reviews writes that the book "Plays to Rowling's fan base; equally suited for gifting and reading aloud or alone."

RECIPE

Jowar & Veggie Cutlet

Looking for something tasty yet healthy at the same time? With just two spoons of oil, this cutlet is nutritious and tantalising for your taste buds. Here's the recipe

INGREDIENTS

- ❖ 1 cup jowar flour
- ❖ 1/2 cup chopped onion
- ❖ 1/4 cup chopped coriander leaves
- ❖ 1 teaspoon ginger paste
- ❖ Salt as required
- ❖ 2 tablespoon yoghurt (curd)
- ❖ 1/2 teaspoon red chilli powder
- ❖ 1/2 cup grated cabbage
- ❖ 1/2 cup grated carrot
- ❖ 1 teaspoon garlic paste
- ❖ 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds ground
- ❖ 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- ❖ 1/2 teaspoon dry mango powder
- ❖ 2 tablespoon vegetable oil

HOW TO MAKE

Step 1: Place jowar flour, chopped cabbage, onion, carrot and coriander leaves in a bowl. Now add ginger-garlic paste, salt, black pepper, curd, dry mango powder, cumin seeds powder and red chilli powder. Mix them well.

Step 2: Add water in batches and knead the ingredients into a dough using your hands. The consistency should be hard enough to be shaped like cutlets and not watery.

Step 3: Now make small balls from the dough

and flatten them out by pressing from the middle. Your cutlet shapes are ready.

Step 4: Pour 2 tbsp oil into a pan and place the cutlets in it. Cover with a lid and let them cook for 4-5 minutes. Flip

to the other side and cook till crispy and golden brown in colour.

Step 5: Once cooked properly, your jowar cutlets are ready to be served. Pair them with mint chutney, ketchup and enjoy.

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In these insanely unpredictable times, the world has come to realisation that a lot of things are beyond our control at the moment.

However, even when tragedy strikes, growth is possible. Whether the struggles we face are traumas or everyday setbacks, being resilient will help us gain greater control over your own path and cultivate positive change. However, we have the ability to decide how we're going to interpret the adversities that we face. Embracing optimism is one of the first steps to achieving mental peace during these tough times.

To maintain mental prosperity, we must not let the negative aspects of a situation set us back, but instead focus on the positives, and use them as a guiding light, to combat the adversity, to overcome it and restore harmony.

SHIVALI SHARMA, School Head, Ryan International School, Sector-40, Gurugram

Eat healthy, stay active, follow a workable routine, maintain regular sleep/wake cycle, sleep for about 7-8 hours a day, stay connected with friends and family, seek help when needed, practice mindfulness and gratitude on a regular basis to keep you positive, physically and mentally fit during these unprecedented times.

SRIVIDYA SRIDHAR, Principal, DPSGPV, Gurgaon



Diwali; the festival of love and lights



Polishing ourselves as a better human, lighting up the light of compassion within, being mindful of our thoughts, words and deeds, reflecting upon exercising humanity and becoming a better version of ourselves each moment, each day, will surely shine our true-self and, ensure mental peace and prosperity!

DEEPA SHUKLA, In-Charge (RIDE), Delhi Public School Ghaziabad Vasundhara



our Mother Nature.
ESHA DOGRA, TGT English, Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School

During this pandemic we lose ourselves in a labyrinth of little streets of life, ignoring propinquity of euphoria. Mental prosperity is foremost and can be managed with healthy diet, exercise, sound sleep, good friends, meditation, kindness act and last but not least spending time with

The light of their life is hope nothing else, when they see in stable water they see themselves they see in their eyes the hope of truth, they have nothing to lose they just move on.

ROHIT SINGH, class VIII, Sri Ram Global school, Gr Noida West

Darkness cannot take me because I have you. The light of my life, my friends. The best things in life are not things they're people.

SREYA SUMESH, class VIII, Mater Dei School, Tilak Lane

Together we can, together we did and kept away the deadly pandemic. The bond of love, unity and pledge to help others, made my life worthy and dynamic.

KANAK KUREEL, class IX, Shri Ram Global School, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh

In today's era, where Coronavirus has choked the world with darkness, it's technology which added colour to life. Thus it's the light of my life.

ERA JAIN, class VIII, Convent of Jesus and Mary, New Delhi

Oh! loving mother, you are the person who makes me bright. You are my light, you are the precious thing that anyone cannot find. You make me bright, you are my light.

SHAGUN MIGLANI, class VI, S L SURI DAV Public School Janakpuri

Pandemic was such a hard time, We all needed a bell with pleasant chime, I was also very isolated at that time, But, my parents were gave me the light of hope at that time.

SOHAM ASHUTOSH, class III, Manav Rachna International School, Sector 46, Gurugram.



Ways to destress yourself during the pandemic: Smile-even behind your mask. Say hello, reach out to others. Take breaks. Exercise. Have a cup of tea/coffee. Cook/eat healthy and nutri-

tious. Get proper sleep. Surround yourself with positive people. Practice gratitude. Find inspiration.

SHUCHITA BHUTANI, PGT, Saraswati Bal Mandir, Rajouri Garden



The hard times can actually refine and deepen gratefulness in us. Just breathe and be thankful that the Almighty has already blessed you with your choicest blessings. Just clean the slate every day before stepping out and let your paint-brush colour your life.

PALLAVI GULATI, PGT English, DAV Public School, Faridabad

Student Corner



BHAVYA, class IV-A, Rainbow Kids Valley School

Reunited and it feels good!

The fears kept me awake at night, hearing new cases every day. Putting us in a state of total confusion, don't know what'll happen next, I thought in those moments of chaos, there has to be a way. This whole new situation was something I thoroughly perplexed.

Were now imprisoned on phone screen my favourite people, I was sinking in sadness, sought to apprehend, Though closed behind the doors, I became gleeful, This change befell because I had them,

A year before covid, we rarely relaxed and sang a song. Hustling all the way got accustomed to dine alone. One day we cooked and danced all night long, My family was together, just like I had always known.

My life illuminated again, thinking what game shall we play. Pass that blue crayon, give mommy the grey, Maybe this virus that caused so much stress can show the world that more can mean less

VAISHNAVI PANWAR, class XI, DPSG International, Dasna



GARGI SINGH, class XII, Delhi Public School Ghaziabad

An eco-friendly Diwali

Here comes Diwali, the festival of lights, let's celebrate it together and forget all our fights. Everyone is full of ethno and ready to go. But wait, there is something we should know. Are you surprised with a sudden increase in air pollution? But knowingly unknowingly we made a contribution. Burning fire crackers and use of plastic for decoration, has led to increase in noise, air and plastic pollution. The solution is there we just need to think for a while. Share sweets and clothes with the needy and be the reason for someone's smile.

You can use earthen and wheat diyas to light up your house. There are many eco-friendly ways to celebrate Diwali if you choose. Instead of plastic use recyclable material for rangoli and decoration. Let's dedicate it to nature and do some innovation. Visit your friends and family to double your fun. Gifting a plant is always a good option. So, Diwali is a festival of happiness and joy. But, remember not to play with nature like a toy

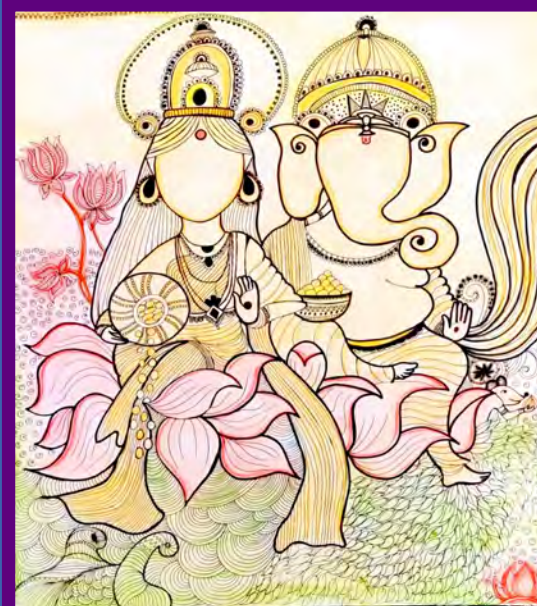
SATVIK SHARMA, class V, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Ghaziabad



PRAGNYA, class IV, Ryan International School, Gurugram



SAISHA, class VII, St Thomas School, Mandir Marg



OJASVI, class VIII, Shanti Gyan Vidyapeeth School

Light of my life

In these dark and dismal times, where every second we hear gloomy chimes, It is prime to keep the soul bright, for the end is still not in sight, wearing a mask may feel like a burden but think about a soldier's hurdles They stay alert day and night, At such extreme conditions and height, carrying the weight of nations prayers, only to protect the nation, the people living giving their entire life, They are also ordinary humans Living life not for them-

selves but for the nation. To talk to our loved ones we still have phones, we can call them whenever we like. But, what about the protectors of our country-the soldiers? A personnel's life is quite inspiring, like a scintilla in these dark times, everybody must perform their duty to the nation, for now, we have got a chance, Keeping the virus at bay.

BHAVYA MAHESHWARI, class X, SL Suri DAV Public School Janakpuri

Green Diwali

This Diwali will be eco friendly, without any cracker. This is the only solution to remove pollution. Decorate your houses with LED lights and make your Diwali bright. Visit your neighbours, relatives and friends' house, don't burn those crackers which makes pollution high, and stop the climate change for your life.

AADYA SINGH, class V, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Ghaziabad



AKSHAT RAHAMAN, class IX, APS Dhaukuan



S GAGANPREET SINGH, class III, Ryan International School, Gurugram

ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021

ENGLAND EYE SEMIFINAL SPOT

Sri Lanka look for survival as the struggling team fight to stay in the competition

A rampaging England are expected to brush aside a struggling Sri Lanka and seal a spot in the semifinals when the two teams meet in a Group 1 match of the T20 World Cup, in Sharjah on Monday. Pre-tournament favourites England have played as per the expectations in their first three games, steamrolling their opponents, including arch-rivals Australia on Saturday night. The Eoin Morgan-led side, which is heavily driven by data and match-ups, seem to have all bases covered and back up plans in place even though they have not needed one yet.

ENGLAND SEEM UNSTOPPABLE

England have sent out a loud statement to all the other teams with an eight-wicket rout of Australia, who too were looking a strong unit until their frailties were exposed. Jos Buttler was simply unstoppable against Australia and that is another big positive for England going into the knock-out phase. Their big margin of victory in all three games has meant that their middle-order has not been tested but Morgan is confident they will deliver when the times comes. He opened the bowling with Adil Rashid on Saturday and not Moeen Ali, considering Aaron Finch's struggles against the leggie. Moeen did not need to bowl at all.

Pacer Chris Woakes was brilliant with the new ball and Chris Jordan too came to the party with triple strikes. Death overs specialist Tymal Mills was a tad expensive against Australia but he has been able to pick wickets throughout the tournament. Part time spinner Liam Livingstone too has done a good job for the team, providing Morgan another valuable bowling resource.

LANKA LACK EXPERIENCE

Sri Lanka will have to produce something special to halt England's juggernaut at Sharjah.

Considering their inexperience, Sri Lanka have not played too badly and the final over finish against South Africa could have gone either way. Unfortunately for them, it was their second loss in three games and they must win against England to keep themselves in the competition.

Charith Asalanka has been in sublime form and from Sri Lanka's point of view, it was good to see opener Pathum Nissanka belting the South African attack. If the batters do better, the bowlers showed on Saturday afternoon that they are capable of defending decent totals. The bowlers did well to keep Sri Lanka in the game for the major part of the innings until they were undone by David

Miller's six-hitting prowess in the 20th over.

Barring the Bangladesh-Sri Lanka game, the pitch here has not been great for batting and batter Bhanuka Rajapakse expects the trend to continue. "Yeah, we knew when we came to Sharjah, we knew that from the past few games Sharjah was not that great to bat except for the game that we played against Bangladesh that was a very true wicket. "Hats off to Pathum Nissanka for holding on the inning as batting was not up to standard, but the wicket wasn't helping the batsmen, as well," he said referring to Nissanka's 72 against the Proteas. **71**

BUTTLER AMONG BEST: MORGAN

England wicketkeeper-batter Jos Buttler isn't just propelling England through the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, he's changing the way the game is played, according to captain Eoin Morgan.

Buttler played an unbeaten knock of 71 when his side beat Australia by eight wickets. Morgan marvelled over Buttler, who hit five fours and five sixes in the 32-ball masterclass, and highlighted the impact he's having on the entire sport.

"I think he's certainly one of our players -- there are a few of them that are at the forefront of change in the game. He's one of the best players in the game but yet he's still trying to improve his game and get better against every single bowler that he faces," said Morgan in an official ICC release.

"It's not just targeting bowlers that might suit him, it's every bowler. When you've got guys that are at the forefront of change within the game and like positive change, taking-the-game-forward type stuff, it says a lot about the guy," he added.



Jos Buttler

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

RONALDO maintains scoring spree

Solskjaer's tactical tweaks pay off as Man United return to winning ways

Cristiano Ronaldo, Marcus Rashford and Edinson Cavani all got on the scoring sheet as Manchester United defeat Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League.

Ronaldo opened the scoring for United as he registered the goal in the 39th minute of the game. At halftime, the Red Devils had a 1-0 lead. In the second half, Cavani and Rashford registered goals in the 64th and 86th minutes of the game respectively and United gained a 3-0 lead.

United looked calm and assured at the back and goalkeeper David de Gea did not have a single save to make as they recorded the second clean sheet of the season.

Young guns sacrificed

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, whose job was on the line lives to fight another day after his decisions paid off handsomely in a 3-0 win. The pressure on the Norwegian was intense after last week's 5-0 horror show against Liverpool. Solskjaer chose to pair Cristiano Ronaldo and Edinson Cavani up front selecting a strike force with a combined age of 70. It was the first time they had started together. Old Solskjaer said it was the oldest team he had picked for United, adding he had decided it was time to bank on experience. Young guns Marcus Rashford and Mason Greenwood were sacrificed to make

way for the veteran double act, potentially depriving United of thrust down the flanks. Ronaldo and Cavani both got on the scoresheet and proved a headache for the Spurs defence. Spurs were left searching for answers.

United now move to fifth place in Premier League standings. **AGENCIES**

➔ The old men led from the front. They play well together. They have loads of respect for each other. The work-rate and quality they put in is second to none.

OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAER



Cristiano Ronaldo

Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Memphis Depay

Photo: AFP

BARCA held by ALAVES

First game after Koeman's dismissal ends in disappointment

Barcelona dropped more points in La Liga after failing to beat Alaves as their first game since the sacking of Ronald Koeman ended in a disappointing 1-1 draw at Camp Nou.

A superb second-half strike from Memphis Depay was quickly cancelled out by an equally impressive run and finish from Alaves' Luis Rioja. The first half an hour was slightly more purposeful from Barcelona, but they still struggled for chances and the defence was beaten too easily for Rioja's equaliser.

For all the talk about style and possession, Depay's opener was a thunderbolt out of the blue. Jordi Alba played inside and Depay opened up his body before curling the ball into the top right-hand corner. But Barca's lead lasted less than three minutes as Alaves equalised

with a superb goal, Rioja dancing past three Barca defenders, latching onto a sublime flick from Joselu, before rounding Marc-Andre ter Stegen and finishing. Depay was slipped through by Gavi and Nico Gonzalez but hit the post and then Antonio Sivera as Alaves held on for a hard-fought point.

Sergio Aguero had to be taken to hospital for tests after suffering breathing problems during the first half of the game. Aguero was able to walk off the pitch, and Barca's interim manager Sergi Barjuan said afterwards: "I was

told he went to hospital. I don't know anything else."

Gerard Pique was also taken off with a calf strain and, along with Aguero, will now be a doubt for Tuesday's crunch Champions League game.

The removal of Koeman, and even the prospect of Xavi Hernandez, produced no obvious uplift "What I have to do is win over the players, make them believe in themselves," said Barjuan. After three league games without a win, Barcelona stay ninth, eight points adrift of leaders Real Madrid. **AFP**

VINICIUS SHINES FOR REAL MADRID

Vinicius' sensational start to the season continued as he scored twice in Madrid's victory over Elche to ensure the rested Karim Benzema was not missed. Vinicius had already given Madrid the lead when Elche's Guti was sent off in the 63rd minute and he added a

second soon after with a superb chipped finish into the corner. It was his eighth and ninth goals of the season. The 21-year-old Brazilian has long been circled as one of Madrid's most exciting talents but he has found a different level under Ancelotti.

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which Indian bowler took the first hat-trick in an IPL match?

- a. Irfan Pathan
- b. Anil Kumble
- c. L Balaji
- d. None of the above

Q2: Who holds the current record for most dismissals (wicket-keeper) in all the Cricket World Cup tournaments?

- a. Kumar Sangakkara
- b. Ricky Ponting
- c. MS Dhoni
- d. Mitchell Starc

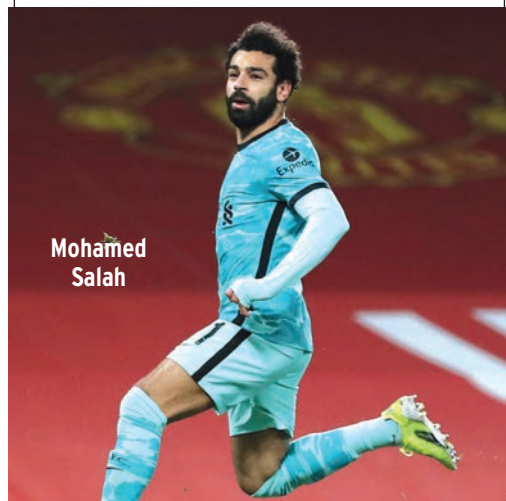
Q3: Which is the only national FIFA Football World Cup editions without any absence or need for playoffs?

- a. Germany
- b. Italy
- c. Brazil
- d. Argentina

Q4: Which of the following is the oldest Grand Slam tournament for tennis?

- a. US Open
- b. Australian Open
- c. French Open
- d. Wimbledon

Q5: Egyptian forward Mohammad Salah has scored in nine straight games in all competitions, the first player to do so in the club's 129-year history.



Mohamed Salah

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Which club did he score for?

- a. Liverpool
- b. Chelsea
- c. Manchester United
- d. Arsenal

Q6: Who is the current World Champion of Chess?

- a. Magnus Carlsen
- b. Paul Morphy
- c. Howard Staunton
- d. Pierre Charles

Q7: Who among the following cricketers was the first to score a century for the Indian Test cricket team in his debut Test match?

- a. Sunil Gavaskar
- b. Kapil Dev
- c. Lala Amarnath
- d. Nawab Pataudi

Q8: Which of the following is also known as "Rink hockey"?

- a. Roller Hockey
- b. Field Hockey
- c. Ice Hockey
- d. Sledge Hockey

ANSWERS: 1. c. L Balaji

- 2. a. Kumar Sangakkara 3. c. Brazil
- 4. d. Wimbledon 5. a. Liverpool
- 6. a. Magnus Carlsen 7. c. Lala Amarnath
- 8 a. Roller Hockey