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**STUDENT EDITION**

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## T20 WORLD CUP Mahi back as India's mentor



The BCCI, on Wednesday, pulled off the biggest surprise of the season by convincing a reticent Mahendra Singh Dhoni to become the national team's mentor for the T20 World Cup, while bringing back senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin from his white-ball wilderness.

**INDIA WILL OPEN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAKISTAN ON OCTOBER 24**

### WHY DHONI WAS ASKED...

Being the only Indian captain to win all three ICC white ball trophies, the 40-year-old astute leader knows how to pull off big games, and with only six weeks left in head coach Ravi Shastri's tenure, it is understood that Dhoni's suggestions will have a great bearing on how the head coach and captain select their playing XI in the UAE



## 12-yr-old's 'Action for Nature' wins him an award

A 12-year-old environmental activist from Mumbai has been named as a 2021 International Young Eco-Hero in recognition of his efforts to solve tough environmental problems. Ayaan Shankta won the third place in the 8-14 age category for his project **Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake**.

He is one of the 25 young environmental activists from across the globe honoured by the Action For Nature (AFN) as a 2021 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognises eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16, taking crucial steps to solve environmental issues

“My mission is for the Powai Lake to regain its past glory as a clean and vibrant body of water. Moreover, cleaning the lake will not only help in bringing about an ecological balance in the thickly-populated city of Mumbai, it will also help to conserve endangered species  
**Ayaan Shankta**”

### WHAT'S HIS MISSION?

His project aims to raise awareness about pollution, clean-up of the lake, and protecting its ecosystem. In addition to working with NGOs to raise awareness and organise clean-ups, Ayaan authored an action report on the lake's condition, and is currently working on a documentary about the Powai Lake



## NDA cadets will welcome women to their rank soon

The Armed Forces have decided to induct women cadets into the Pune-based National Defence Academy (NDA), the Centre informed the Supreme Court on Wednesday. A decision has been taken at the highest level of the Armed Forces, as also the government, that females will be inducted for the permanent commission through the NDA.

Men recruited through the NDA exam are presently granted permanent commission in the Armed Forces. Women candidates, however, are recruited as SSC officers before being considered for a permanent commission at a later stage of their career.



**MEANWHILE, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM WELCOMES FIRST BATCH OF GIRL CADETS:** For the first time in history, after the foundation of the only Sainik School in the state since 1962, the first batch of girl cadets took admission in Sainik School, Kazhakoottam (SSKZM), clearing All India Sainik School Entrance Examination (AISSEE 2021) for the academic year 2020-21. This year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 75th Independence Day speech announced that all the 33 Sainik schools will ensure admission of girl cadets from the current academic year. As per this, 10 per cent of the total seats of each year's admission will be reserved for girls in every Sainik school in the country.

The Centre and the services' decision is a welcome change in attitude towards women in the Armed Forces, who have long been at the receiving end of patriarchal mores. Several untenable reasons have been touted for years to deny women parity in the forces – from protecting women's honour and lack of gender sensitivity among male soldiers to needing to lower standards for women officers. All of this is hogwash. Women in the forces have repeatedly proved themselves to be equally capable as their male colleagues when given same opportunities. Plus, a woman officer or cadet is fully aware of the risks involved in her profession. Only a patriarchal mindset feels the need to shield her.

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## Meet the oldest known living animal on Earth



His age was estimated on the basis of authorities saying that he was brought to his current residence when he was “fully mature”, which is 50 years for tortoises. Hence, Jonathan was not born later than 1832, claim experts

No, it's not a human being. It's a giant tortoise born circa 1832, five years before England's Queen Victoria's coronation. Named Jonathan – the tortoise, which currently resides on Saint Helena Island, a British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic Ocean – is 189 years old. Born in Seychelles, an island in the Indian Ocean, it was brought back in 1882 when he was 50-years-old. He was given the name Jonathan in the 1930s by the then Saint Helena Governor, Sir Spencer Davis.

### FOR THE RECORD

Jonathan is also featured in the Guinness Book of World Records, as the giant tortoise is even older than Paris' famous Eiffel Tower, which was completed in 1887

## Teenage rush at the US Open

Two teenagers defied age and rankings to reach the semi-finals of the US Open women's singles, opening a window into an exciting future for the sport...



**1** Leylah Fernandez (in pic) of Canada outplayed fifth seed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(5) in a high-quality quarter final on Tuesday, a day after she turned 19, extending a dream run that includes wins over four-time major champion Naomi Osaka in the third round, and three-time Grand Slam winner Angelique Kerber in the fourth. She thus became the youngest US Open semi-finalist since Maria Sharapova in 2005. That record, though, was broken less than 24 hours later.

**2** Emma Raducanu of Britain beat Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Belina Bencic 6-3, 6-4 to become the first qualifier to reach the semi-finals of the US Open, at the tender age of 18. She is only the third player ranked outside 100 to reach the last four.

## TWITTER LAUNCHES COMMUNITIES, AN ALTERNATIVE TO FB GROUPS

Micro-blogging site Twitter has announced a new feature “Communities” as an alternative to Facebook's popular “Groups”, where people can share discussions on a specific topic. Twitter Community will have its own moderators who are able to set rules and invite or remove people. Twitter invited a handful of users to create the first Communities and will let anyone apply to create their own on its website.

“Communities are created and self-moderated by people on Twitter maybe even you! For instance, if you are passionate about birds of the Southern Hemisphere or soup, you could start a Community for that in the future,” the company said in a tweet



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**Your Weekender**



## DPSG felicitates 37 teachers for remarkable work

**D**elhi Public School, Ghaziabad Vasundhara celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5 with great gusto and glamour to appreciate teachers' role in the lives of students who are the leaders of tomorrow.

Niharika Pathak, a renowned social entrepreneur and a prime member of DPSG Society was the chief guest for the occasion and Om Pathak, the chairman of DPSG Society. Among other luminaries present were Anshul Pathak, vice chairman and treasurer, DPSG Society, Rohit Pathak, chairman DPSG Vasundhara and director HR, DPSG Society, Air

vice marshal (retd) L N Sharma, Dr Shabda Birlani Bedi, director education Research and Development, DPSG Society and the principals of all DPSG schools.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by chief guest Niharika Pathak accompanied by other distinguished personages and the

school's principal. Trilok Singh Bist, the principal of the school, greeted all the guests. In his address, he said, "The teachers are the true pillars of a nation. It is a teacher alone who transforms ordinary citizens into valuable assets. The honour of a teacher is the honour of a torch-bearer of tradition, culture and wisdom."

The programme unfolded with a dance performance invoking the blessings of the Almighty. This was followed by the felicitation of 37 teachers of DPSG Society. The event interspersed with a comic act, and Indo-western dance performances spiced up the celebration.

In his address, Om Pathak, The Chairman DPSG Society, complimented and congratulated the teachers who received awards on completing their 15 years with DPSG Society and appreciated the principals for navigating the schools to greater heights. In addition, he applauded the teachers who walked the extra mile while preparing curriculum design 2020.

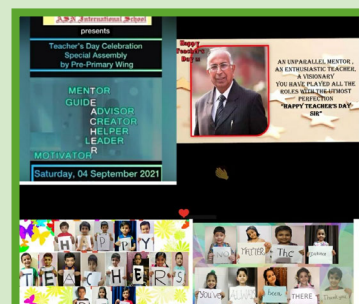
The head boy presented the vote of thanks, and the programme concluded with singing the National Anthem in unison by all present.



## Teaching: A supreme art to awaken the joy of knowledge

**P**arents are the first teachers and teachers are the second parents who shape the future of the children. A teacher's selfless efforts in shaping the future of the nation are acknowledged at ASN Int'l School, Mayur Vihar phase 1, with great zeal and zest on September 4.

The students surprised the facilitators with a great show dedicated to them and felicitated them with a token of love and appreciation in their own unique ways. The whole event was meticulously planned. The colossal efforts of ASNites, in admiring their gurus, brought a smile to the teachers' faces and raised the excitement for the program. All the teachers cheered and motivated their colleagues with broad smiles and

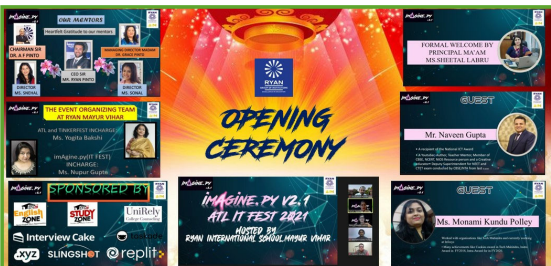


beautiful messages. The school Headmistress, Shivani Khanna, mentioned many different aspects regarding the significance of Teacher's Day and urged the teachers to keep honing their skills in all possible spheres, as always.

## Ryan hosts annual fest with zeal

**R**yan International School, Mayur Vihar successfully hosted its fourth ATL and second annual ATL IT fest 'Imagine PY V2.1' under the mentorship of chairman, Dr A F Pinto, managing director, Dr Grace Pinto and CEO, Ryan Pinto.

The fest commenced on August 12, wherein more than 100 schools participated. It had 12 events, but 'Crypt.py', 'Smart-o-thon' and 'El juego' captured the audience attention and were



the most sought after events.

The official opening ceremony of the fest took place on September 1 when principal Sheetal Labru declared it open. For the opening ceremony, many eminent people from the IT sector were invited as guests.

The events conducted LIVE online via zoom platform were: 'Bombshell', 'Tech Meetup', 'Smart-o-thon', 'Crypt.py' and 'Coderelay'.

The closing ceremony took place on September 6 which was streamed live on YouTube.

## Hillwoods celebrate English Week

**H**illwoods Academy, Delhi celebrated 'English week 2021' from August 16 to August 21. The students participated in plethora of literary activities exhibiting their creative excellence. In addition, various online and offline activities were planned by the English teachers to enhance the students' linguistic skills.

The students showcased their talent and presentation skills through live performances on virtual platforms. Literary activities like monologue competition, role play, story narration, debate competitions were organised to enhance oratory, dramatics, and literary skills. Students of class XI and XII participated in a turncoat debate competition which boosted their public speaking skills.

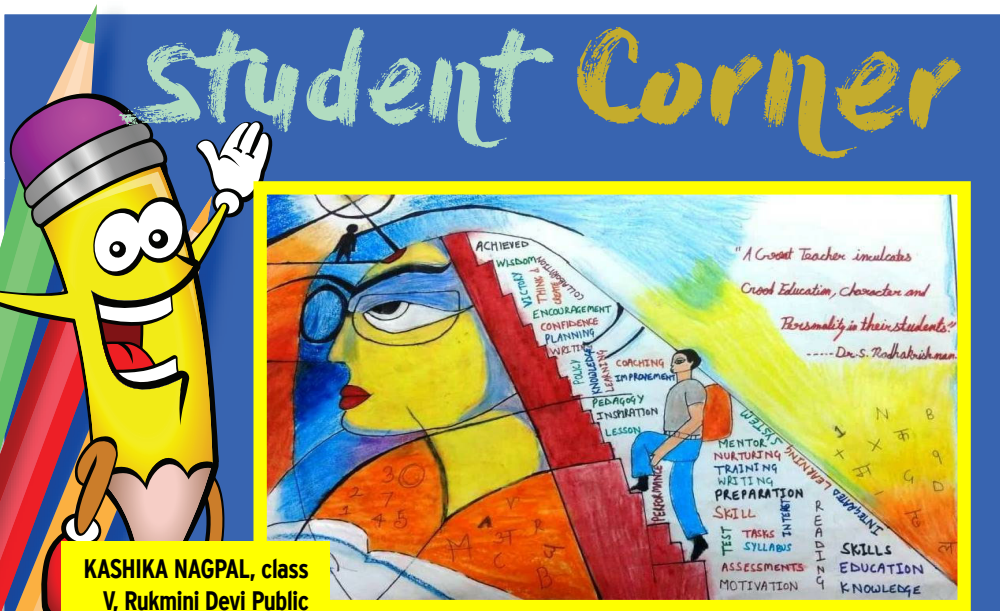


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## Rashmi Raj Biswal gets Teachers' award

**D**elhi government conferred State Teachers' award on principal of **DAV Public School**, Pushpanjali Enclave on September 5 for her exceptional contribution to school education. Award was conferred by deputy chief minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia at a glittering award ceremony held at Thyagraj Stadium, the dignitaries present recognised the many roles

carved a niche for herself with her tireless service towards the upliftment of school in all aspects and towards humanity in particular. This recognition has added more impetus and has further glorified the stature of the school. The school thanks Director of Education for giving the opportunity to exhibit the work done, management of the school, entire faculty, students and parents for paving the way for reaching this exceptional excellence.



**KASHIKA NAGPAL, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura**



**DRAVYANSH SINGH, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura**



**KAAVYA LAKSHANI, class III, DAV Public School, Sec 14 Faridabad**

Even after Independence to serve our nation, Many soldiers fight on borders without hesitation. They remain awake all night so that we can sleep. We never knew when they were happy and when they weep. I thought, how many of them had fallen through years? How many died for soil and how many mother's tears? It makes me a little upset to imagine that they give up their lives. They give up their families, all this for us to survive. I wondered why when a flag-draped coffin, everyone feels so proud. Maybe, that is the reason which makes them stand out in any crowd.

**Satvik Sharma, 5A, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad**

## When one wrong pronunciation made the whole class laugh

**T**his is an incident that happened when I was in class II, but I remember it vividly till today. We had a story-telling competition where we had to use props and narrate a story. I made full preparations, which included searching for a story, making appropriate props and even practicing to narrate it. My father helped with this work. Though I do not remember the story I narrated, I remember that I had made a huge banyan tree as a prop. Of course, the story was related to the banyan tree.

I was prepared for the competition and I made sure that I carried all the props. I was excited for the competition which was in the last period. One of my favourite teachers was teaching before the last period. She was very friendly as well as strict. She would usually finish her class before time and play with us. The time arrived to narrate the story. The teacher asked all the participants to narrate their stories with the props. It was my turn and I wasn't scared but was

very excited. I took my tree, and started narrating the story. Back then I was not in the habit of reading novels. Being poor in English (both reading and pronunciation) I pronounced the word 'Banyan' wrong. Instead of pronouncing it as 'Banyan' I pronounced it as 'Banya' (vest). The whole class, including the teacher, started laughing. They laughed for more than five minutes. However, I had no clue on what was happening.

Then, my teacher told me that I had pronounced the word 'Banyan' wrong. I was embarrassed about the mistake. I kept in mind to make sure not to make such a mistake in future. I actually don't remember the result of the competition but decided to share this with all of you so you can have a hearty laugh!

**Sathwik H Bhat, class X, MG School for Excellence, Bengaluru**



## Of treasure hunts and coral homes... life would be fun!

**I**f I were a dolphin, the whole ocean would be my playground. Obviously! I would love going to the surface of the water with my friends for oxygen. After all, we dolphins have lungs not gills. I would jump over the water and dive back deep under water.

I would be on a quest to find sunken ships and antique chests underwater. I would go looking for pearls and gold to toss them up at friendly people on happy boats. Oh what a spectacular sight that would be!

My home would be covered with corals of all kinds, with tiny fish to play around with when I would be bored. They come in varied colours and I would chase them around just for fun.

But I would also need to be alert all the time, because I could be captured and eaten any time. I would have to be especially wary of humans because they capture us dolphins and confine us to zoo

parks and aqua parks where we are forced to perform tricks. More than 300 dolphins get captured every year. I would have been a topper in ocean school because dolphins are the smartest and the most intelligent aquatic animals. Dolphins have adapted and evolved a lot.

Being a dolphin would be super fun!

**Prathmesh Mahesh Kangokar, class V, GJR International School, Bengaluru**

## IF I WERE A DOLPHIN



## KV CRPF observes National Sports Day

**N**ational Sports Day was broadcast live through digital platform on YouTube at Kendriya Vidyalaya CRPF Jharoda Kalan recently.

The program started with 'Saraswati vandana' and digital lamp lighting; after that Dr Sunil Kumar principal Kendriya Vidyalaya CRPF Jharoda Kalan welcomed everyone with his speech and expressed his views about the benefits of sports. The chief guest of the pro-



gram, Arjuna Awardee Shri Paramjit Singh Second in Command (CRPF), addressed the students and provided essential information related to sports and

encouraged the children to increase the pride of the country through sports.

In continuation of the program, the physical and health education teacher of the Vidyalaya, Jitendra Verma, spoke about the life of Major Dhyanchand, the legendary player and the magician of hockey. Then, master Kavik, a student of class XII Science, shared the experience of physical activities done at home during corona period.





PURVA PATEL  
Art Educator, Bodakdev  
School For Children,  
Ahmedabad

## LEVEL-1

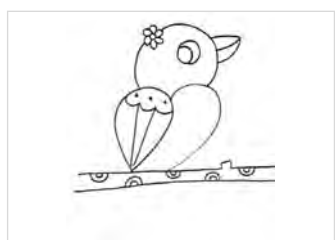
### Draw the easy way



Step-1



Step-2



Step-3



Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



#### YDAIS

- a. Days  
c. Silly

- b. Daisy  
c. Donour

#### ELPTA

- a. Alpha  
c. Plate

- b. Pasta  
d. Elf

#### SLSGA

- a. Algae  
c. Guest

- b. Glass  
d. Flash

#### YDRAI

- a. Diary  
c. Disk

- b. Drone  
d. Yoder

Answers: 1) b, 2) c, 3) b, 4) a

### Riding with the Riddle

It is a large, deciduous tree that grows in hardwood forests. It is native to south and southeast Asia. The wood has a leather-like smell when it is freshly cut. It is valued for its durability and water resistance and is put to a variety of uses, including for building boats, furniture, carriages and in construction. It has small, fragrant white flowers arranged in dense clusters. It has large, papery leaves.

Answer: Teak

### TWO'S COMPANY!

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

- A) Shylock  
C) Gratiano

- B) Leonardo  
D) Salarino



- 3 'Thou stickest a dagger in me...' Shylock to  
A) Antonio  
C) Portia

- B) Tubal  
D) Jessica



- 4 'I do oppose my patience to his fury...' Antonio to  
A) Bassanio  
C) Duke

- B) Gratiano  
D) Portia

- 5 'Turn up on your right hand at the next turning...' Launcelot to  
A) Lorenzo  
C) Balthazar

- B) Stephano  
D) Gobbo

### Quiz TIME



To which characters in Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice' are these lines addressed? Choose correctly!

- 1 'First, forward to the temple...' Portia to  
A) Morocco  
C) Arragon

- B) Nerissa  
D) Jessica

- 2 'Thou art too wild, too rude...' Bassanio to

Answers: 1) A. Morocco 2) C. Gratiano 3) B. Tubal 4) C. Duke 5) D. Gobbo

## LEVEL-2

### Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

The students were not particularly happy with the faculty's choice of school captain. While Anita was bright academically and also good at extracurricular activities, she had rather too high an opinion of herself. Everyone felt that since she had always been overbearing, she was likely to get worse. Anita's peers feared that her recent elevation to the top spot was sure to make her extremely arrogant.

- A) Keep one's head  
B) Bring (something) to a head  
C) Go to (someone's) head



Answer: C

Sapna had done better in the test than Bina. Although Bina knew that Sapna deserved good marks, she was resentful and filled with envy.

- A) Green-eyed monster  
B) Green light  
C) Green thumb



Answer: A

#### TRIVIA

In Shakespeare's 'Othello' (1604), Iago causes Othello to doubt the fidelity of his wife, Desdemona. Feigning friendship, he warns Othello against jealousy, the 'green-eyed monster'. From this phrase (and Portia's mention of 'green-eyed jealousy' in 'The Merchant of Venice'), we get 'green with envy'. Shakespeare coined his expressions recalling the ancient Greek belief that negative emotions were triggered by excessive bile, which turned the skin a sickly tinge of green.

### EDITOR IN THE MAKING



### WEAVE A STORY WITH HEADLINES

Include some of these headlines to make a story and give it a title. Mail the story to us at [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com). The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch out for this space!!!

#### The headlines:

- 1) Extreme sea levels, the new normal?
- 2) A ministry on climate crisis in Greece
- 3) WhatsApp likely to allow users to hide online status soon
- 4) Vishy excited to lead star-studded team at Olympiad

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#### And the winner is...

D MAHALAKSHMI

class X, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School (Vidyashram), Hyderabad, Telangana

### PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

"Ah...." I said, panting, and sat on the chair beside Bhavya. We both were playing badminton. Smriti, who was jogging, came to us and announced that it's raining medals for India. I felt very proud of all the players, who have made the country proud. While returning home, I remembered that granny had asked me to get some postage stamps. I reached the post office and purchased a special poster cover released on Sindhu. As I was going towards my room to freshen up, the breaking news popping on the tv screen caught my eyes - Taliban bans co-education and females voice on tv, radio. My mom, who was sitting on the sofa noticing my presence, informed me that our coach kept a message in our WhatsApp group, advising us to use the Fit India mobile app, recently launched to improve our lifestyle.



### NUMBER SERIES

- 1 Name a triangle whose two angle are equal.

- A) Right angle triangle  
B) Isosceles angle triangle  
C) Scalene angle triangle  
D) None of these.

Answer: B

- 2 How many lines can be drawn through?

- A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) None of these

Answer: A

- 3 Factors of 9 are.

- A) 1, 2, 3 B) 1, 2, 3 and 9  
C) 1, 6, 9 D) None of these

Answer: D

- 4 What is the unit of volume?

- A) Square unit B) Cubic unit  
C) Only unit D) None of these

Answer: B



### Learn a NEW LANGUAGE

SPANISH

- 1) Me llamo (May ya-moh... )  
Meaning: My name is...  
2) Estoy perdido (eh-stoy per-dee-doh)  
Meaning: I'm lost  
3) Necesito un mapa (Neh-seh-see-toh oon mah-pah)  
Meaning: I need a map  
4) Yo quiero un taxi - (Yo kee-eh-ro oon taxi)  
Meaning: I want a taxi  
5) ¿Dónde está la estación de ferrocarril? (don-day eh-stah la es-tah-see-on de ferro-carr-eel)  
Meaning: Where's the railway station?

#### Work sheet

Q:1 How will you tell someone your name?

Q:2 How will ask for a taxi?

Q:3 How will you communicate that you are lost in the evening?

Q:4 How will you ask for a city map?

1) Me llamo 2) Yo quiero un taxi 3) ¡Buenas tardes! Estoy perdido 4) ¡Hola! Necesito un mapa



# INDIA EYE HISTORIC SERIES WIN AS ENGLAND TRY TO REGROUP

India head into the fifth Test in Manchester starting today just one match away from the superb achievement of winning Test series in both Australia and England in the same year



Kohli leads off his team after winning the Fourth Test Match between England and India at The Kia Oval

**T**heir 157-run win at the Oval, that put them 2-1 up with one to play, came after England's innings and 76-run victory at Headingley, where India were dismissed for just 78 in the first innings. But it was a different story in south London. Rohit Sharma scored his first Test hundred outside of India, all-rounder Shardul Thakur hit fifties in both innings and took valuable wickets and Ravindra Jadeja bowled some probing spin. Jasprit Bumrah's devastating spell of reverse swing - 6-3-6-2 -- was then instrumental in England losing their last eight wickets for 69 runs as India bounced back in style. India's win was made all the more remarkable by the omission of Ravichandran Ashwin, yet to feature in this series, despite the off-spinner's haul of 413 Test wickets. In Australia, India recovered from being 36 all out in the series opener to win 2-1 and they

now lead England by the same scoreline after bouncing back from another batting collapse.

## India are the favourites

■ Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Sourav Ganguly, himself a former India captain, wrote on Twitter: "The skill is the difference but the biggest difference is the absorbing power of pressure. Indian cricket is far ahead than the rest." But no one is now writing off India, who have been in England since losing the inaugural World Test Championship final to New Zealand in June. In Manchester, however, India must cope with the pressure of being favourites to win, or at least avoid defeat, if they are to enjoy just a fourth series victory in England following their 1971, 1986 and 2007 triumphs. India may be able to summon some of the 'backs to the wall' spirit Kohli

thrives upon from knowing they will be without head coach Ravi Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun and fielding coach Ramakrishnan Sridhar, who will all miss the match after testing positive for Covid-19.

**"We love being written off and I think a lot of people after Leeds really stood up and said, 'Will India be able to come back?' But we've shown time and time again that we are a top side and we have been at the top for a while now, and that's because of the belief and the passion that we have in this group."**

**VIRAT KOHLI**

## Key players missing out

■ Meanwhile, England are on the brink of losing two Test series in a home season for the first time since 1986. Veteran seamer James Anderson and Ollie Robinson have both bowled more than 163 overs each so far this series, the pair combining for 36 wickets in the absence of the injured Stuart Broad and Jofra Archer, with all-rounder Ben Stokes missing the series due to mental health issues. "You want to make sure you do the best thing for the player but you also don't want to go into a Test match and someone go down injured and you've got one less bowler at your disposal," said England captain Joe Root. Root said Jos Buttler, who missed the fourth Test for the birth of his second child, would return as England's vice-captain and wicketkeeper. It means Jonny Bairstow, who kept wicket at the Oval, is in

line to miss out given batsman Ollie Pope made 81 on his England return in that match.

## England's middle-order woes

■ England could play two spinners at Old Trafford after Somerset left-arm Jack Leach was recalled in addition to Moeen Ali. Root said not managing key pressure points had "really cost us". So too has a lack of runs from anyone other than the England skipper; the world's top-ranked Test batsman. Root has scored 564 runs at an average of 94, including three hundreds, this series with England's next-best contribution Bairstow's 184 runs at 26.28. Root, in a plea to his team, asked: "Can you be the one to go and make that big score and to really put us in a position of strength, be part of a really big partnership?" **AFP**

# DJOKOVIC RALLIES TO BEAT BERRETTINI IN US OPEN QUARTERS

The Serb moved within two matches of completing the first men's calendar-year singles Grand Slam in 52 years

**T**op-ranked Djokovic stretched his Grand Slam win streak to 26 matches by eliminating sixth seed Berrettini 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 at Arthur Ashe Stadium in a rematch of July's Wimbledon final. "I think it was a great performance overall," Djokovic said, calling his last three sets "the best three sets I've played in the tournament." The world number one booked a semi-final date Friday against Olympic champion Alexander Zverev, who beat Djokovic in the semi-finals in Tokyo. "He's in tremendous form. He has been win-

ning a lot," Djokovic said. "He's one of the best players in the world right now and I'm pumped. The bigger the challenge, the more glory in overcoming it."

Djokovic is trying to become the first man to win all four major titles in the same year since Rod Laver in 1969, but he wasn't ready ponder the glory of that challenge just yet. "Only focusing on the next match. Don't ask me about history," Djokovic said. "I'm thinking only about the next match. Step by step." The 34-year-old Serbian also seeks his fourth US Open title and men's record 21st career Slam trophy, which would lift him one above the mark he shares with Roger Federer and Rafael

Nadal, both absent with injuries.

## Zverev advances to semis

German fourth seed Zverev, last year's US Open runner-up, reached his fourth career Slam semi-final by eliminating South Africa's 46th-ranked Lloyd Harris 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 6-4. Zverev denied Djokovic's bid for a "Golden Slam" sweep of all four major titles plus Olympic gold, but Djokovic leads their all-time rivalry 6-3. Zverev is on a 16-match win streak that includes a title last month at Cincinnati. Djokovic didn't play between the Olympics and the Open. **AFP**

# EPL CLUBS CANNOT INCLUDE SOUTH AMERICAN PLAYERS

**P**remier League clubs could face sanctions from FIFA if they play South American players, who were not released for international duty, in this weekend's games. Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea and Manchester City are among clubs who did not release Brazilian players for the current international break and face a choice of not selecting those players this weekend or running the risk of sanctions. Sources have told Reuters that the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF)

have triggered the 'automatic restriction period' of five days which stops clubs picking players who have not been released. Premier League clubs Wolves, Newcastle and Watford, along with Championship team Blackburn Rovers, could also lose players this weekend after the Chilean, Mexican and Paraguayan associations also activated the restriction period.

FIFA's rules state that any club selecting a player during the restriction period could face disciplinary action. **REUTERS**



## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who was the only New Zealand golfer to advance to the second qualifying stage for the LPGA Tour?

- a. Cathryn Bristow
- b. Laura Hoskin
- c. Amelia Garvey
- d. Julianne Alvarez

**Q2:** Which player was the first to win five straight Wimbledon tennis titles?

- a. Arthur Ashe
- b. Bjorn Borg
- c. Andre Agassi
- d. Roger Federer

**Q3:** In polo, what is a period of play called?

- a. Set
- b. Half
- c. Chukka
- d. Quarter

**Q4:** In tennis, what follows a deuce?

- a. Fault
- b. Love
- c. Advantage
- d. None of the above

**Q5:** In what sport would one find an Albion round?

- a. Tennis
- b. Croquet
- c. Badminton
- d. Archery

**Q6:** Jasprit Bumrah became the fastest Indian pacer to reach 100 wickets. In which tournament did he achieve this feat?

- a. Ind vs England Test Series
- b. WTC New Zealand vs India
- c. IPL
- d. Border Gavaskar Trophy



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**Q7:** How many points is required for a win in the association croquet?

- a. 12
- b. 26
- c. 18
- d. 26

**Q8:** Which of the following is not an Olympic sport?

- a. Alpine Skiing
- b. Softball
- c. Biathlon
- d. Squash

**Q9:** Who was the first non-American to win the singles trophy in the U.S. Open tennis tournament?

- a. Lauri Doherty
- b. Johanna Konta
- c. Bjorn Borg
- d. Andy Murray

**Q10:** Who holds the record for the most Olympic gold medals won by an athlete?

- a. Paavo Nurmi
- b. Kristin Otto
- c. Mark Spitz
- d. Micheal Phelps

**Q11:** Who was the first tennis player to surpass the \$1 million mark in career prize money?

- a. Don Budge
- b. Rod Laver
- c. Martina Navratilova
- d. Arthur Ashe

**ANSWERS:** 1. c. Amelia Garvey 2. b. Bjorn Borg 3. c. Chukka 4. c. Advantage 5. d. Archery 6. a. Ind vs England Test Series 7. b. 26 8. d. Squash 9. a. Lauri Doherty 10. d. Micheal Phelps 11. b. Rod Laver