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STUDENT EDITION

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India to host G20 summit in 2023 for the first time

The government on Tuesday appointed commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal as India's Sherpa for the G20.

G20 is a major international grouping that brings together 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union, with its members accounting for more than 80% of the global GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of global population

Diplomacy


■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been leading India's representation at G20 Summits since 2014

■ India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999. India will be holding the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022 and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time

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Spotlight

Justin Bieber

Life of the music sensation to be screened worldwide

Justin Bieber: Our World, a documentary on the life of the Canadian singer, directed by award-winning filmmaker Michael D Ratner, will be released globally on Amazon Prime Video on October 8. The streaming platform announced on Wednesday that the documentary is a "revealing and exhilarating" look into Bieber's inner circle and his first full concert in three years.

The 27-year-old singer, who was discovered by American record executive Scooter Braun in 2008 via YouTube, said the upcoming film documents an intense and exciting time, preparing for a return to the stage during this season of real uncertainty amid the coronavirus pandemic

BIEBER MANIA

■ The Canadian singer and teen idol sparked a global craze beginning in 2009 ■ As a child, he learned to play the drums, the piano, the guitar, and the trumpet ■ In 2007, he participated in a local singing competition, ranking second, and his mother posted a video of his performance on the YouTube for friends and family, who were unable to attend. She later uploaded other homemade videos, in which Bieber sang popular rhythm-and-blues (R&B) songs ■ Impressed by Bieber's natural confidence and vocal talent, R&B singer Usher helped sign him to a recording contract in late 2008 ■ In May 2009, Bieber unveiled his first single, the buoyant puppy-love song 'One Time' and rest as they say is history



'Justin Bieber: Our World' takes viewers backstage, onstage, and into the private world of the teen idol-turned-musical icon as he prepares for his unprecedented concert, 'T-Mobile Presents New Year's Eve Live with Justin Bieber'. The film follows Bieber and his close-knit team in the month leading up to the show, as they rehearse and construct a monumental stage while adhering to strict health and safety protocols.



BITCOIN BECOMES A LEGAL TENDER



El Salvador adopts it as formal currency

El Salvador on Tuesday became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as an official currency. The central American nation announced that it plans to buy "a lot more" bitcoins soon. It purchased 200 tokens earlier and another 200 more recently, ahead of its rollout as an official currency.

The country will accept payment in bitcoin alongside the US dollar, which has been El Salvador's official currency since 2001

BIT BY BIT ABOUT THIS COIN

- 1 Bitcoin cryptocurrency is a virtual money. In other words, it is a computer programme that enables people to exchange the value of money directly with each other
- 2 Since it is digital money, you don't physically own it like cash. You own it through the means of a private key
- 3 Transactions are formed through a process called Bitcoin mining, and as they say, mining is an extraction method
- 4 In this extraction method, computational algorithms



become a part of a challenging mathematical puzzle. So when one puzzle is solved, one mining block is mined and the user or programmer receives a reward. That reward is a Bitcoin

5 To collect the Bitcoins users mine, the user has to create a Bitcoin account, which is like a computer email having 27-34 letters and words

India's economic growth will remain strong in coming quarters: S&P



India is expected to post strong economic growth in the coming quarters, even as inflation, led by food prices, is likely to remain elevated, S&P Global Ratings said on Wednesday.

■ The economy is expected to clock 9.5 per cent growth in the current fiscal year, followed by 7 per cent expansion in the next year, it said, adding that high nominal GDP growth would be important for ensuring fiscal consolidation going forward

■ The Indian economy grew at 20.1 per cent in April-June helped by a lower base, vis-a-vis 1.6 per cent in March quarter.

BIOPIC 'BANGABANDHU' TO RELEASE IN MARCH 2022

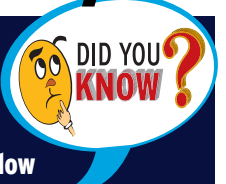
The Covid pandemic having delayed its shooting, India and Bangladesh now hope to release the biopic on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by eminent filmmaker Shyam Benegal in March 2022, around the time when Bangladesh will celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary of its founding father.

MOVIES


Kohli 'blows a trumpet'... stirs a 'Virat' controversy

Several England fans have termed Kohli's gesture of using his hands to mimic a trumpet, an instrument associated with the Barmy Army, to mock the England fans as 'unsportsman-like behaviour'. Seeing Kohli celebrate England's downfall by targeting the Barmy Army in the fourth Test at Oval, a number of English journalists, fans and even pundits took to Twitter labelling the act as 'classless'. Even Barmy Army took to Twitter and posted a picture of Kohli doing the trumpet gesture, saying: "Yes we know you want to be in the army, Virat. We get the hint". However, he got support from former English player Michael Vaughan. "He's an amazing character and he gave a tactical masterclass on how to win a Test match," said Vaughan.

The Barmy Army, registered as a company in England and Wales, provides tickets and arranges touring parties for some of its members to follow the English cricket team in the UK and overseas. The name is also applied to followers of the team, who join in with match day activities in the crowd, but do not necessarily travel as part of an organised tour



Q What are your views on Kohli's gesture? Do you think it was unsportsman-like behaviour? Share your views at TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

Salman Rushdie's next book likely to be set entirely in India

After having spent years away from the country, British-American author Salman Rushdie finally plans to return to India for his next book. The Booker prize winner, who was speaking at a session of the ongoing Times Litfest, said his next novel is likely to be set in India for which he will have to come back. "The last 10 years I have mostly written these western-based novels, these novels mostly based in America, a little bit of England, I think it might be time to come back to India. I think the next book appears to be an Indian novel. 'It's in a very early stage, so let me get a little further. But it looks like it'll be entirely set in India, which means I have to come to India. It's been very long," Rushdie said.



The author last came to India for the promotion of Deepa Mehta's 2013 film 'Midnight's Children', which was based on Rushdie's Booker winning book of the same name

BOOK

Apple makes it official, to launch its new iPhone 13 series on September 14

Tech giant Apple on Tuesday made it official by announcing that it will be launching its new iPhone 13 series on September 14. The special event will be held virtually due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The event will unfold the new models of iPhone 13 such as iPhone13 Pro, iPhone 13 Pro Max and the iPhone 13 Mini at the event.



5 WAYS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE RISKS



Online trends can often mislead children. Here are some tips for parents to keep their kids safe

HAVE OPEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ONLINE WORLD

1 Discuss with your children online trends and find what games their friends are talking about. It is important you understand what websites, apps and social media platforms they are using to help minimise potential risks.

TELL THEM ABOUT RISKS INVOLVED

2 Hold regular conversations with your kids about risks they may be exposed to and how to deal with them, such as cyberbullying, peer pressure and grooming. Ensure they

feel able to talk to you if they see anything upsetting.

MAKE THEM TECHNOLOGY FRIENDLY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS

It's important to know about the online footprints of your kids: websites they visit, social media platforms they use and the content they post



3 Make sure they know when and how to report and block any malicious or inappropriate posts or messages on the online platforms they use.

TALK TO THEM ABOUT NEED FOR ONLINE PRIVACY

4 Ensure they know how to make their profiles private so that they are not sharing personal information with strangers.

NO DIVULGING OF PERSONAL INFO

5 Advise them to be careful about sharing personal details such as school, phone number or address. Consider telling them not to use their full name for their profile.

DAILY MIRROR

Heard of 'Mushroom Festival'?

The Telluride Mushroom Festival is all about celebrating the healthy 'fungi'

The Telluride Mushroom Festival, also popular as Shroomfest, is one of the most unique festivals celebrated in the town of Telluride in Colorado, USA. The annual mushroom celebration draws tourists from around the world and this year too, the state is expecting the same. This year will see the 41st edition of the festival – from August 18 to 22. For details on this interesting festival, read on



Telluride is a former Victorian mining town in Colorado's rocky mountains. The town is close to the Grand Canyon!

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FESTIVAL...

- During this festival, mushrooms are discussed elaborately as a food and medicine.
- The prime motive of organising the fest is to educate the world about mushrooms and their many health benefits. Visitors and mushroom lovers reach Colorado from across the globe to be a part of this unique celebration.
- People wander through picturesque mountain meadows in

search of fungi in the forest – to collect and identify different varieties of mushrooms. Apparently, Colorado mountains are extremely rich in mushrooms and one can find more than a dozen varieties of mushroom.

➤ At the end of the fest, a parade is organised through downtown Telluride, where people wear mycologically (branch of biology that deals with fungi)-inspired fun costumes.

GARDENING IS COOL AMONG YOUNGSTERS: STUDY

Eight in ten people think gardening is cool – and 54 per cent would rather hit a garden club than a nightclub, suggests a poll of 2000 people conducted by Kev Smith of a tools company based in the UK. The poll found the hobby has enjoyed a renaissance among 18 to 34-year-olds during Covid-19 induced lockdowns.

REVELATION

The study says...

Participants cited benefits to mental health and

a desire to make their gardens a place they can escape to. They listed daffodils, roses, lavender, tulips and mint as their top five plants. And 72 per cent said they intended to continue investing time and money in their new passion, even as life returns to normal. Smith, who conducted the poll, said, "There's a tendency to think of gardening as an activity for older people. But this proves gardening really is for everyone, whatever your age." AGENCIES



5 PARENTING TIPS TO LEARN FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO RAISE INDEPENDENT KIDS

The right way to raise kids

There is no rule book to good parenting, nor is every kid the same. We adapt some things from observing our parents and grandparents, while others from observing our surroundings. Even then, not all methods of parenting work for all kids. That compels us to evolve our own style as per the requirement of our kids. Basically, parenting is about experimenting and learning from the mistakes we make on our way.

What we can learn from other cultures

If you look beyond your circle, you might find some interesting parenting ideas. These unofficial parenting guidelines among different cultures will give you helpful tips to include in your parenting style.



JAPAN: Independence at a young age

1 In this culturally rich East Asian country, kids as young as 6-year-olds walk to school and run errands on their own, without the supervision of adults. It is common in all parts of the country, even the bustling cities. Japanese parents believe that it is vital to teaching young kids to find their way on their own to make them independent.

FINLAND: Child begins schooling quite late

2 While there is always a rush in India to enroll kids in school as soon they turn 2, Finnish parents like to take things slow. Kids in Finland do not begin formal schooling until they turn 7. Even then they are given long breaks during school time to play outside. Moreover, kids are given far less homework as compared to other countries and are not required to take standardised tests. Interestingly, Finnish children often rank among the highest in the world when it comes to academics.

CHINA: Toilet training from birth

3 Chinese parents train their kids to relieve themselves into the toilet from an early age, sometimes as soon as kids start walking. That means by the time they are 2 years old, they are mostly fully toilet trained. Parents hardly use diapers due to environmental concerns, instead they make kids wear split-crotch pants and encourage them to squat down



SWEDEN: No spanking

4 Spanking has never been considered an ideal method to discipline a child. Sweden was the first country to ban spanking in 1979 as this form of punishment is considered harmful for kids' overall development and increases the risk of developing mental health issues. Following Sweden's footsteps, about 52 countries have prohibited parents from spanking their children.

ITALY: No tolerance for bad behaviour

5 When kids throw tantrums, most parents usually give in to their demands to calm them down. Italian parents do not entertain such bad behaviour. If their kids throw tantrums, they let them do it freely. They believe that it sends a message that screaming, crying won't help them get what they want.

Food facts

Know your KOMBUCHA

Given the wellness trends in food recently, it comes as no surprise that Kombucha – a fizzy, sweetened black or green fermented tea – is gaining popularity. The beverage packed with natural probiotics is considered to be great for gut health and digestion



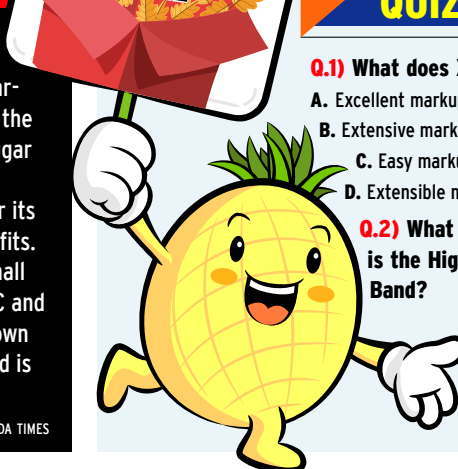
MORE ABOUT THIS TEA...

Kombucha originated in Northeast China and was valued for its healing properties. It's name is derived from a Korean physician, Dr Komu, who took the tea to Japan as a curative for emperor Inkyo. Eventually, the tea was taken to Europe as a result of trade route expansions in the early 20th century. In Russia, it is called kombucha and in Germany, it's

known as Kombuchaschwamm. Despite a dip in popularity during WWII due to the shortage of tea and sugar supplies, kombucha regained popularity for its purported health benefits. Kombucha contains small amounts of vitamins (C and B) and minerals, is known to help in digestion and is good for skin as well.

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Activities BOX



QUIZ TIME (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

Q.1) What does XML stand for?

- A. Excellent markup language
- B. Extensive markup language
- C. Easy markup language
- D. Extensible markup language

Q.2) What frequency range is the High Frequency Band?

- A. 100KHz
- B. 1GHz
- C. 30 to 300MHz
- D. 3 to 30 MHz

Q.3) Where is the headquarter of Intel located?

- A. Redmond, Washington
- B. Santa Clara, California
- C. Tucson, Arizona
- D. Richmond, Virginian

Q.4) Average power (in Watts) used by 20 to 25 inch colour television is?

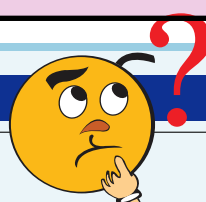
- A. 70-100
- B. 25-50
- C. 500-800 D. over 1000

Q.5) Who created Pretty Good Privacy?

- A. Tim Berners Lee
- B. Phil Zimmermann
- C. Made Andressen
- D. Ken Thompson

ANSWERS

1. B) Extensive markup language 2. D) 3 to 30MHz 3. B) Santa Clara, California 4. A) 70-100 5. B) Phil Zimmermann



PANCHMAHABHUTA: Rendition of dance drama

The beautiful dance drama brought to light the pain Mother Earth has borne for years ever since the birth of Adam and Eve.

Man, in his greed, forgot that he was stabbing the earth every moment on its back, and poor Mother Earth remained silent for years and years. But then came a day, there were earthquakes, floods, SARS, epidemics and now a pandemic. The Almighty has made humans realise that it is the super power and there was havoc all around. The peaceful

Mother Earth stagnated the world and taught man the lesson of life – ego and pride are just baseless, such traits and such humans cannot survive for long.

SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh, is the place where life throngs, the holy bells echo in the surroundings. Here, chairman Dayal Chand Garg, manager Gopal Krishan Gupta and principal Dr Umesh Kumar Chhikara teach the lessons of life to the students and guide them on the path of righteousness.

The dance drama took place on



DAYAL CHAND GARG, Chairman, SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh

the morning of January 16, wherein the students of classes VI-VIII mesmerised the viewers, and were left awestruck. The bounty of nature, the anger of Mother Earth and then silence after the havoc were beautifully presented. The five inseparable elements can help man flourish and can equally be destructive if stabbed again and again. The fire dance, symbolic of fearlessness and peace, marked the day.

It has been rightly said in Bhagwat Gita...

"The ignorance, arrogance and obstinacy of certain individuals have been at the root of the tragedies of history."

Thus, 'Panchmahabhuta' was symbolic of peace and tranquillity on one hand and death and destruction on the other.

Raising Day celebrations and felicitation ceremony at APS

Army Public School, Noida celebrated its 27th Raising Day through an online live event titled 'Ad Astra...'



reaching for the stars!"

Principal Jyoti Rana welcomed the guests and complimented the management, staff, parents and students for their continuous and tireless efforts in taking the school to the pinnacle of success.

Brig B S Jasrotia, Cdr 261 Arty Bde and chairman, APS, Noida congratulated the students and staff for winning laurels in academic and co-curricular spheres.

The outstanding achievers of the session 2020-21 in aca-

demics and co-curricular activities were felicitated on this occasion. The meritorious students of classes X and XII were recognised for

their stellar performance in academics and additionally, cash prizes were also awarded to the achievers of class XII. Sagar house was adjudged and awarded the overall 'Best House Trophy' in both primary and senior wing.

Parevartan holds week-long medicine drive

Parevartan School, Rajnagar Extension, initiated a week-long city-wide medicine drive in association with Omkar Nath Sharma, popularly known as 'Medicine baba' as he is the man behind the biggest medicine collection drive. The drive culminated on August 27 in school premises and the event was attended by Parevartan



School's management, teachers and parent community. Chairperson Vinu Chaudhri

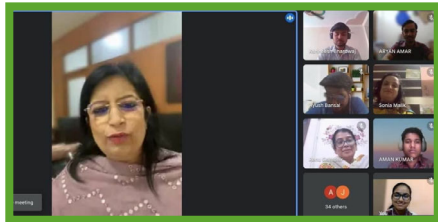
began Parevartan's Community Project as a tribute to Brig VS Chaudhri for his philanthropic attitude of doing good to the society. Each and every member of Parevartan School came forward to extend their support, and contributed by inspiring other people of the city through voluntarily collection of unused medicines from their houses and societies.

The programme culminated with the vote of thanks by principal Sangeeta Sharma who expressed her gratitude to 'Medicine baba' for his noble cause.

Interaction with the alumni

Veda Vyasa DAV Public School, Vikaspuri initiated its maiden venture 'Gantavya'. It was an enriching learning experience for the students with our alumni Ayush Bansal (IIT Varanasi) and Kshiteesh Bhardwaj (IIT Kanpur).

It was an interactive and inspirational session wherein the



alumni members shared their experiences and success stories with students. They not only answered

all the queries posed to them but also shared valuable inputs and techniques that led them to the prestigious IITs. Kshitija Nanda and Aman Kumar of class XI were the moderators for the session. Principal Shalini Arora addressed the students and exhorted them to learn from the rich and varied experiences of the illustrious alumni. The programme was a success under the guidance of the supervisory in-charge Sonia Malik.

LAVA LAMP

All of you must have seen a lava lamp. Well, it is a decorative lamp, invented in 1963 by British entrepreneur Edward Craven Walker. The lamp consists of a special coloured wax mixture



floating over a clear or translucent liquid inside a glass vessel. It's complicated, but today, I am going to show you how to make a DIY Lava Lamp. It is surprisingly super safe and extremely easy. That is right, you heard me...

Step 1: Take a clear jar and add two spoons of baking soda to it.

Step 2: Fill the jar with vegetable oil.

Step 3: In another bowl pour 1.5 spoons of vinegar

and add 5 drops of food-colouring to it.

Step 4: Add this mixture to the jar and close the lid for a minute. Now open the jar.

Step 5: Place a flashlight or better still a LED light below it. You will see many glowing bubbles. Voila! Your own lava lamp is ready.

This lamp can be utilised in any way you can imagine. They are great for festival lightings, or as a night lamp. The glowing bubbles can last for around six days.

Sanath Kothari, class VII, St Josephs Boys High School, Bengaluru

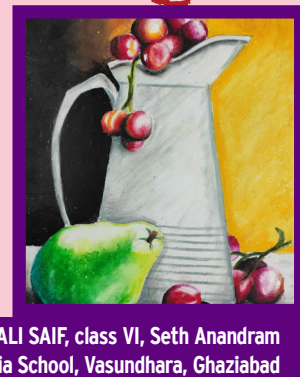


DO IT YOURSELF

Student Corner



NYRA ALI SAIF, class VI, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad



A painful cry!

Today I had a dream, which was a scream of some sadists who were saying 'Please Be conservationist!' As without us the Earth will be bony land, Without any glory and will be unmanned I think you have already understood who these are... Yes, these are the downhearted trees!

Their problems are increasing day by day, Still we are so self-obsessed Our ancestors left 4128 million trees But now we are only left with 31% of it! Not only trees are in danger, But we and our future generation are also in a risk! We must save the world, or humans will be



another name of awful creatures. As we are not understanding the pain of getting cut or burn into ash, So now onwards let's heal the world. Make it a beautiful heaven as she deserves. NIYATI MITTAL, class VI, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Gzb

Intense emotions bond you with the characters

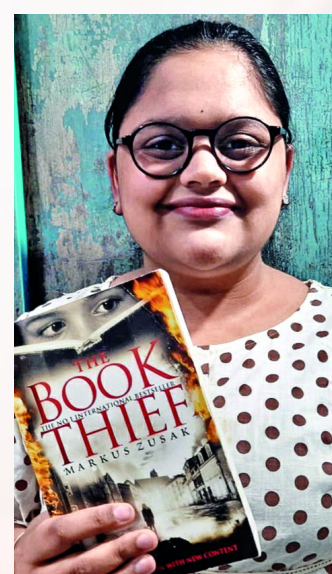


Book: The Book Thief
Author: Markus Zusak

A book that sings a personal tale in the midst of a historically significant period and place, Nazi Germany in the early 1940s to be precise, is sure to intrigue. 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak perfectly does that.

As a story so delicately written from the pits of memory and value, it's no surprise that it's touched hearts. It encompasses the life of Liesel Meminger and the many lives that intertwine with hers.

Representing various treasured relationships of all kinds is the axis of the book, and it rotates towards all of them most eloquently. Pure friendship, parental affection, disturbances, careless youthful companionship and



sweetening neighbouring relations and so much more is very well

explored throughout the book.

Each character has a defining portrayal, one that paints an interpretation of them in your mind. Each of them has something to add, take away, teach or learn. But most of all, we witness the thoughts of our narrator, our second-hand storyteller who commented his way through the girl's life.

Zusak's writing and the storyline invokes intense emotions and bonds you with the characters, even if it's involuntary. It's memorable, impressionable, and most importantly, sincere. It is a must read for all book lovers.

Shreya Jorapur, class X, KLE Society's School, Bengaluru

K R Mangalam conducts investiture ceremony

To inculcate the leadership qualities in the students and to give them a feel of the functioning of the administrative body, K R Mangalam World School, Faridabad formed a School Students' Council after rigorous interviewing and selection.

The ceremony began with 'Saraswati vandana' and was followed by lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and principal.

Principal Manmit Behel Sabharwal in her speech, inspired and encouraged the elected leaders to be dutiful and responsible.

The oath taking ceremony was led by



PE teacher, Preeti Shridhar.

The elected head boy and head girl shared their thoughts and gratitude towards their teachers and management in their speech. The ceremony culminated with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Triumphant sway

On the occasion of Independence Day, NCC organised a cultural competition, hosted by Kirori Mal College, Delhi University.

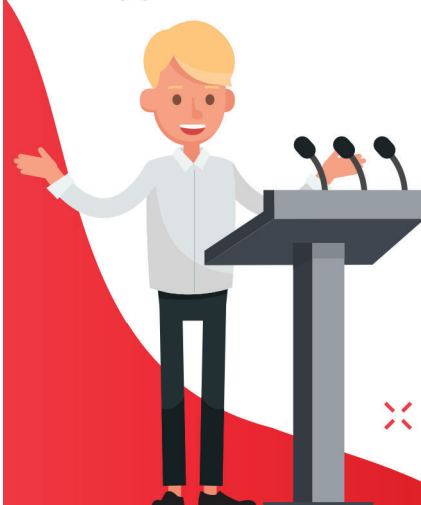
East Point School, Vasundhara Enclave with much pride and jubilation announces that three of our students won second prize in the group dance and were awarded ₹2000.

School congratulates Riya Ojha, Archi Verma and Palak for their outstanding performance and wish them more triumphant moments.



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GRIEZMANN DOUBLE FIRES FRANCE TO VICTORY OVER FINLAND

Ends five-game winless streak in World Cup Group D qualifier

France's forward Antoine Griezmann celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Group D qualification football match between France and Finland

Antoine Griezmann played chief tormentor as France sprung back into life to end a five-game winless streak by beating visitors Finland 2-0 in a World Cup Group D qualifier on Tuesday. Griezmann struck in each half after his partnership with Karim Benzema bore fruit in satisfying fashion to put the world champions on 12 points from six matches at the top of the group.

The 30-year-old Atletico Madrid striker's brace took him level with Michel Platini on 41 goals for his country – 10 behind all-time leader Thierry Henry and five short of Olivier Giroud. "I am very happy with my performance and immensely proud to have equalled Michel Platini," Griezmann said. "This evening we were strong as we really needed this win after five draws, and we managed it in a nice manner."

Victory a face-saver

■ Victory will go some way to putting to bed the lingering memories of France's traumatic loss on penalties to Switzerland in the last 16 at this summer's Euro 2020. The three points saw France extend their lead at the top of the table to seven points over the Finns, who have two games in hand.

■ "We did not do everything well but we have rediscovered our confidence," said France coach Didier Deschamps. "This puts our fate in our

POINTS STAND

Finland, who had a decent opening half, are third on five points but have two games in hand of the French.

Bosnia are fourth on three points from four games after a 2-2 draw with bottom side Kazakhstan, who also have three points.

Ukraine are second on five points from as many matches.

■ Paul Pogba had Deschamps out of his seat in the 14th minute in disbelief as the Manchester United midfielder fired a pass from the halfway line aimlessly over the Finnish byline without a French player anywhere near it. The French defence also looked at sixes and sevens every time the Finns attacked in the first half.

Griezmann finds right spot

■ Benzema forced the first save of the encounter in the 22nd minute, his fierce shot being turned over for a corner by Finnish stopper Lukas Hradecky after a neat 1-2 with Griezmann, who moved back to Atletico on loan from Barcelona in the summer transfer window. Benzema turned provider three minutes later with a delightful backheel to release Griezmann inside the box. Griezmann made no mistake and was rewarded with a hug and a slap on the back from Deschamps. Griezmann made it 41 for his country when he beat Hradecky at the near post to make it 2-0 in the 54th minute.

■ The 30-year-old should have bagged his hat-trick as the clock ticked towards the hour mark after another sublime link-up with Benzema but his curling effort went wide of the post. Benzema was denied the goal his powerhouse performance deserved as Hradecky got down well to block his effort with five minutes remaining. The French came close to conceding a goal as the match neared full-time as Hernandez's careless backpass let in Teemu Pukki but Lloris saved the day. AGENCIES

MEDVEDEV, FERNANDEZ ADVANCE TO US OPEN SEMI-FINALS

Daniil Medvedev advanced to his third straight US Open semi-final while 19-year-old Canadian Leylah Fernandez delivered another stunner to reach the last four of a Grand Slam for the first time.

Russian second seed Medvedev, chasing his first Slam title, eliminated 117th-ranked Dutch qualifier Botanic Van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 7-5 at Arthur Ashe Stadium. "I just want to do a little bit better than the last two times and get this extra step, which is the toughest one, actually," Medvedev said.

Aiming for final

Medvedev moved one victory from a possible championship match against history-chasing Novak Djokovic. The

25-year-old from Moscow was a 2019 US Open runner-up and lost this year's Australian Open final to top-ranked Djokovic, who seeks his fourth US Open title to complete the first men's singles calendar-year Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969. "I don't think about him, because as we saw, anybody can beat anybody," Medvedev said. "If he's in the final, and if I'm there, I'm happy. He's also happy, I guess."

Fernandez trusting herself

Fernandez, who had already ousted defending champion Naomi Osaka

and three-time Slam winner Angelique Kerber, defeated Ukraine's fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/5). "I told myself to trust my shots," Fernandez said. "Even if I lose, I've got to go for it. And I'm glad I did." Fernandez, ranked 73rd, was inspired by pre-match strategy from her father/coach Jorge, a former Ecuadoran football player. "He told me to go out and have fun, fight for every point," she said. "It's your first Grand Slam quarter-final. Don't make it your last. Don't make it your last match over here. Fight for your dream." Medvedev will next face Canadian

12th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime, 21, who reached his first Slam semi-final when 55th-ranked Spanish 18-year-old Carlos Alcaraz retired trailing 6-3, 3-1 with a leg injury. "It's an amazing milestone," said Auger-Aliassime. "It's a weird way to end but I'll have a chance to play one of the best in the world. I'm happy I'm through and I'll try to win the next one." Medvedev won his only meeting with Auger-Aliassime in Canada in 2018. AFP



Photo: AFP

Daniil Medvedev

BUMRAH NINTH IN ICC TEST RANKINGS

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has gained a place to be ninth in the ICC Test rankings for bowlers following his match-winning spell in the fourth Test against England at The Oval.

Bumrah had bowled Ollie Pope and Jonny Bairstow in a sensational spell of reverse swing that tilted the game decisively in India's favour.

Australia pacer Pat Cummins leads the standings while premier India spinner R Ashwin remains second while not being part of the four Tests against England.

There is no change in the top-10 batsmen with Joe Root leading the pack. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are fifth and sixth in the standings.

Ashwin has dropped a spot to be fifth in the all-rounders' rankings with Ravindra Jadeja staying on third place. West Indies' Jason Holder is the leading all-rounder. AFP



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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who was the first unseeded Wimbledon's men's singles champion?

- Stefan Edberg
- Boris Becker
- Jimmy Connors
- John McEnroe

Q2: What race, held for three weeks each July, is considered the world's most prestigious and difficult bicycle race?

- Grand Prix des Nations
- Giro d'Italia
- Vuelta a Espana
- Tour de France

Q3: Which decathlete was the youngest to win a gold medal in the Olympics?

- Daley Thompson
- Caitlyn Jenner
- Rafer Johnson
- Bob Mathias

Q4: What event involves women competing in seven different track-and-field events in two days?

- Heptathlon
- Decathlon
- Biathlon
- Pentathlon

Q5: Who was the first player to both captain and manage a World Cup-winning football team?

- Bobby Charlton
- Pele
- Joseph Mercer
- Franz Beckenbauer

Q6: Jamaican superstar Elaine Thompson-Herah recorded the second-fastest 100m time ever for a female this week. What was it?



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Elaine Thompson-Herah

- 10.59 seconds
- 10.49 seconds
- 10.54 seconds
- 10.64 seconds

Q7: Who scored the first-ever T20 International century?

- Suresh Raina
- Chris Gayle
- Richard Levi
- Brandon McCullum

Q8: What is the nickname of Zimbabwe's national men's cricket team?

- The Black Caps
- The Proteas
- The Chevrons
- The Tigers

Q9: Who was the first Black player to win the French Open, Wimbledon, and U.S. Open singles tennis championships?

- Althea Gibson
- Sloane Stephens
- Coco Gauff
- Venus Williams

Q10: What is the nickname given to a score of zero by a batsman?

- A yorker
- A full toss
- A google
- A duck

ANSWERS: 1. b. Boris Becker 2. d. Tour de France 3. d. Bob Mathias 4. a. Heptathlon 5. d. Franz Beckenbauer 6. c. 10.54 seconds 7. b. Chris Gayle 8. c. The Chevrons 9. a. Althea Gibson 10. d. A duck