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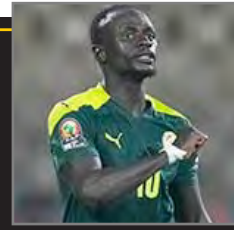
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## TOP 4 NEWS

### JACKIE CHAN CARRIES OLYMPIC TORCH ATOP GREAT WALL



The Olympic torch relay began its second day on Thursday atop the Great Wall, with Hong Kong actor Jackie Chan and Chinese Olympic medallists among those taking turns carrying the flame along a route shortened to three days due to Covid. Table tennis Olympic gold medallist Ma Long and Wu Jingyu, a two-time gold medallist in taekwondo, were among those carrying the red-and-silver spiral torch along the Badaling section of the Great Wall. The Games will be held from Feb 4-20.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Badaling, the section of the wall most often visited by tourists, is 70 km northwest of central Beijing in the Yangqing district, near the Olympics sliding and Alpine skiing venues. It was built around 1500 AD during the Ming dynasty.

### NEW GAMES? PUTIN-XI TIES?

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia and China play an "important stabilising role" in international politics ahead of a meeting this week with Xi Jinping in Beijing. Putin, who is off to the Chinese capital to attend the Winter Olympics, said discussion of "relevant international topics" will also happen.



### RAFAEL NADAL SAYS 21 GRAND SLAM TITLES 'NOT ENOUGH'

Rafael Nadal said he is still not satisfied with his 21 Grand Slam titles following his historic triumph at the Australian Open recently. The Spaniard could now make it 22 at the French Open in June, where he has been crowned champion a record 13 times already. "I have no idea what number of Grand Slams I will have. Not long ago I would have signed for just being able to play tennis again. I want to be the one with the most majors... I would love that, but I'm not obsessed, absolutely not. Whatever comes is welcome and I don't think 21 is enough to be honest."



### MSD FANS ARE IN FOR A TREAT!



The weekend started early for MS Dhoni fans after the first look of the much-anticipated new-age graphic novel, 'Atharva-The Origin', launched on Wednesday evening.

## Wetlands: World's 'Liquid ASSETS' DRYING UP!

- More than **19,500** animal and plant species depend on wetlands for survival globally
- Wetlands can hold pollutants such as heavy metals and phosphorous
- Called the 'kidneys' of the planet, they are excellent at absorbing flood water and freeing it slowly into the ground
- Asset in agricultural areas

**WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT IT:** Wetlands, amongst the world's most economically valuable eco-systems and essential regulators of the global climate, are disappearing **THREE TIMES FASTER THAN FORESTS**. This is the key finding of the first-ever Global Wetland Outlook by the Ramsar Convention, a global treaty ratified by 170 countries to protect wetlands and promote their wise use.

**WHAT ARE WETLANDS?** Wetlands, often known as 'liquid assets' are the most crucial natural resources that help stabilise water supplies, cleanse polluted waters, protect shorelines, and recharge groundwater aquifers. The degradation of wetlands is happening unabated across the world, including in India.

#### WHAT IS THE MESSAGE WE NEED TO GIVE OUT?

The key message of 'World Wetlands Day' is to call for stepping up investment of financial, human, and political capital to save the wetlands from disappearing and to restore those we have degraded. The theme for 2022 is 'Wetlands Action for People and Nature'.

**HOW CONSCIOUS IS INDIA ABOUT IT:** Union Minister Bhopendra Yadav launched 'Wetlands of India' Portal, a single point access to all information relating to wetlands. The portal also hosts capacity building material, data repository, videos



February 2, 1971, marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands

The Plantanal is the largest wetland in the world, extending across Brazil, Paraguay, and Bolivia. It covers 140,000 to 195,000 km



and information for students. Yadav stated that the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is taking affirmative action, involving communities and citizens, in halting and reversing wetlands

degradation and loss. India now has a network of 49 Ramsar sites covering an area of 10,93,636 hectares, the highest in South Asia. Two new Ramsar sites, Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakthira wildlife sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh, were announced on the occasion of World Wetlands Day at the Sultanpur National Park, recently.

**RAMSAR SITES** are wetlands of international importance as per UNESCO's 1971 Convention on Wetlands held in Ramsar, Iran

## Aussies say James Cook's ship was found, US says not so fast

Australian maritime experts said on Thursday they believed they've found the wreck of one of the most important ships in the history of the South Pacific after it was scuttled in the US more than 200 years ago. But archaeologists in the US quickly countered by saying the findings were premature and a breach of contract in their joint research.



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I am satisfied that this is the final resting place of one of the most important and contentious vessels in Australia's maritime history, said Kevin Sumption, the chief executive of the Australian National Maritime Museum. He gave further details that he said had convinced them it was the Endeavour, including the size of the timbers, that it was European-built, and the scuttling holes in the keel.

What we see on the shipwreck site under study is consistent with what might be expected of the Endeavour. But, there has been no indisputable data found to prove the site is that iconic vessel, and there are many unanswered questions that could overturn such an identification, said DK Abbass, the executive director of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, adding, "We will be filing a detailed investigation report".

## Worried about 'paid Wordle'? Here's a hack



Ever since the world woke up to the news of Wordle being sold to NYT, gloom has been cast on fans who now worry that the application may not be free anymore. Although creator of the game Josh Wardle clarified in his statement that the game would remain free, some fans seem not so convinced.

### HOW TO SAVE WORDLE

- Go to [www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle](http://www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle)
- Right-click anywhere on the page or use the menu depending on your browser
- Select 'Save as web page'
- Save it on the desktop
- An HTML file will be visible on the desktop
- Clicking the HTML will open the game in your browser even if you are offline. ET

**Saving the game as HTML on desktops will let users play it in its original form**

## Is veganism the key to a greener tomorrow?

Swear off meat is a popular New Year's resolution among millennials and Gen Z. Modern-day generations are more aware of the consequences of excessive meat consumption and are voluntarily attempting to reduce it. Today, 'mock meat', a sustainable lifestyle, and empathy for all, is driving veganism forward



### Why Veganism Is A Fave With Gen Z

■ Veganism, a seemingly innocent word has become an important tool in the fight against degrading environmental conditions, and it has done so in style. It is more than just a diet. It is about

choosing a way of life that excludes animal-based products, particularly food.

■ It is a philosophy that vehemently opposes the use of animals as commodities. Perhaps, this is why celebrities like Lewis Hamilton and Tom Ford are so adamantly in favour of a plant-based, eco-friendly diet.

■ Veganism is also the key to promoting good health. According to research, eating

animal flesh, milk and eggs may be as harmful as smoking.

■ Another study found that strict vegans have the lowest cancer rates, followed by vegetarians who don't eat meat but do consume animal-based products like eggs or milk.

■ Leading organisations have repeatedly stated that the meat industry is a major source of pollution, food scarcity and ocean depletion.



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### HEALTH

Not all who snooze will lose, as a new study has linked sleep-deprived teenagers with increased consumption of high sugar/carb food

### SPRING SPECIAL

Come February and everything 'springs' to life. A reason why we bring you a spring package to get you set for the season

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Virat Kohli's records as Captain





LET'S TALK ABOUT...

## Remaking Snow White

DISNEY RESPONDS TO ACTOR PETER DINKLAGE'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE REMAKE



### Really? What will be different?

Disney's planning to remake 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' as a live action adaptation. But it's already run into controversy.

**Let me guess - no ethnic diversity in cast?** No, that's not the problem. In fact, Disney might even have been patting themselves on the back for having cast a Latina actor as Snow White. But they've run into trouble over the dwarves.

### Ah! Valid point

Yup. Actor Peter Dinklage, famous for his role in 'Game of Thrones', and who has a form of dwarfism, has termed it "backwards" to tell the story of seven dwarves living in a cave. He even questioned whether he hadn't been "loud enough" over raising the issue of discrimination.

### Is he completely against the project?

No, he says that if it had been given a genuinely progressive spin he would in fact have been "all in".

### Were there remakes before this?

Yup, a decade ago, and that got into hot water, too. That version, called 'Snow White and the Huntsman', got into trouble because actors of average height played the role of dwarves, with their faces digitally transmuted on to smaller bodies.

### What's Disney saying?

Disney has responded saying they are taking "a different approach" to avoid reinforcing stereotypes and have been consulting with members of the dwarfism community. Smart. Here's hoping they stick to that.

Actor Peter Dinklage

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## ONE WORLD, DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

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## Let's talk about 'late style'

Whether it be Jethro Tull, Federer, Beethoven, Zlatan, Tagore or DJ Sumirock, 'not acting one's age' holds a strange fascination for most of us chained to the dogma of 'timeliness'



ABHIJIT GUPTA

Two days ago, Jethro Tull released its 22nd studio album, 'Zealot Gene', 55 years after the band's first album, 'This Was', in 1967. During this time, the band members who came and went would comfortably make two football teams. But frontman Ian Anderson, who combined in himself the functions of lyricist, vocalist, flautist, acoustic guitarist and standing on one foot, continues to soldier on, much to the delight or consternation of his followers. Though Anderson's voice is shot to pieces, he still plays a mean flute, and fans are fiercely divided over whether the prog-rock band should go on or hang up their capes.

### What's Late Style?

Those sitting on the fence, such as myself, have turned to thinking about what the critic Edward Said labelled 'late style' in a wonderful book of the same name published in 2006. 'On Late Style: Music and Literature Against the Grain'. In the book, he talks of the third period of Beethoven, the composer as 'a form of exile', in which the ageing, deaf, and isolated Beethoven created an art which had risen into a sphere of 'the entirely and utterly and nothing... an ego painfully isolated in the absolute'. For us lesser mortals, the notion of late style seems to play out most vividly in the realm of sports.



Sumiko Iwamura was all of 77 years old when she first started going to DJ school. She is now DJ Sumirock, an 87-year-old restaurant owner in Tokyo by day and the world's oldest DJ by night!

Over the last few years, we have constantly marvelled and fretted at Roger Federer's late style and the magical beauty of his twilight years, as he found new ways of making time and space to do his bidding.

Perhaps, we might also stop to consider the case of AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, only two months younger than Federer and still rampaging his way through Serie A like someone half his age. In making these improbable runs, did they go against the grain, as Said suggests? Or were they merely being efficient at marshalling and managing their strengths?

The question becomes more complex in the realm of arts. Here, one could approach late style from two different directions. One could continue doing what one had always done with greater or lesser efficiency. Or one could break out into

an entirely new direction, again with mixed results. Rabindranath Tagore breaking out into painting in his 60s would fall into the latter category, as would Bertrand Russell's short stories in his 70s.

Though I suppose both would pale into insignificance next to Sumiko Iwamura, who was



Zlatan Ibrahimovic (left) and Roger Federer

all of 77 years old when she first started going to DJ school. She is now DJ Sumirock, an 87-year-old restaurant owner in Tokyo by day and the world's oldest DJ by night.

Someone like DJ Sumirock also forces us to examine our notions of what Said calls 'timeliness'. Much of our lives are governed by ideas of what is appropriate or fit for a particular time in our lives. Comedy, Said reminds us, finds much of its material in untimely behaviour. But untimely behaviour also holds a fascination for us, and which we find most vividly dramatised in the performing arts, among which I count sports.

Thus, our seemingly endless appetite for actors and the ways in which they negotiate the slipping away of youth and its attendant glamour.

Tull's latest album is their first featuring original material since the eminently forgettable J-Tull Dot Com of 1999. Nearly a quarter of a century later, the 'Zealot Gene' will no doubt rekindle debates about timeliness and rock dinosaurs not going gently into the good night. But there is also the other aspect of late style - that of being someone who militated ferociously against his own time.

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SOURCE: ET EDIT

WIT &amp; WISDOM

"You vote for, I vote against. That's the way we'll keep the cosmic balance together."

Nabaron Bhattacharya  
Writer

## Humanitarian Crises

Last year Yemen was home to the most number of people facing a humanitarian crisis, with more than 24 million requiring assistance and protection, according to UN data. Ethiopia saw the largest increase in the number of those needing help...

Countries with the most people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2021

	In million	% change*
Yemen	24.3	+1%
Ethiopia	21.3	+166%
DR Congo	19.6	+23%
Afghanistan	18.4	+96%
Sudan	13.4	+79%
Syria	13	+18%

\*Over 2020

Source: Statista

## Bell Curves ■ R Prasad



Don't bother to correct the autocorrect. Why offend a smartphone unnecessarily?

## JUST IN JEST

### Hey, Mr Tambourine Man, You Sold Out...

The last time Bob Dylan was called a 'Judas' was when he switched from being a folk music singer-songwriter and 'went electric'. No one has yet called him an Iscariot yet, but the fact that the Literature Nobel laureate, musical icon, and iconoclast has sold all his recorded catalogue as well as future music to Sony Music may have left many babyboomers — who rely on their babyboomy radical chic on their appraisal of Dylan's purported anti-establishment street cred — sighing 'Sell-out'. Dylan, never into votebanking or crowdsourcing, has done what any smart



human with great talent would do if given the opportunity: maximise profit and reach. Especially with a lifetime of an oeuvre behind him, the Sony deal — rumoured to be between \$150-200 million — is nobody's business but his.

The trouble with bhakts is that they invest their heroes with qualities their objects of veneration don't possess or want. Dylan's appearance in a lingerie ad or creating a very un-Dylanesque Christmas album in 2009 — Christmas in the Heart — put paid to the notion of an artist having to do things at the bidding of his or her admirers. The freedom Dylan embodies in his songs also applies to his making a pile by selling his songs to Big Corporation. It's also a canny move, considering these streaming times are the best to sell and get out of the music industry.

## No more a SUPERHERO, our BRATMAN can be BATMAN again

Brash, unnecessarily aggressive, and bullying, King Kohli stepping down as India's most successful captain means him inhabiting a new reality as simply a (star) player now



SOUMYA BHATTACHARYA

In April 2021, I had written in this column about how, over the years, I had become an Indian cricket fan and not necessarily an India cricket fan. Virat Kohli becoming India's Test captain, and then captain across all formats, had made my transformation complete. And I know it is not just me. I found repugnant Kohli's staggering sense of entitlement, his conviction that he could get away with anything (he frequently did), his bullying of umpires, his disrespectful conduct towards opposition players, his chest-thumping, eye-popping, repulsive body language, and his smugness and arrogance. As India cricket captain, he was the worst possible ambassador our country could have had. Also — and this is just as important — he was a superhero and role model to millions of young Indian cricket fans and aspiring players. To them, it seemed as though snarling and swearing were the epitome of cricketering conduct. After all, riding roughshod is

the easier — and more alluring — option in life. It is much harder to practise restraint and cultivate dignity and poise. And now, suddenly (or, perhaps, not as suddenly as outsiders would imagine), Kohli is no longer captain in any format of the game. He resigned from the T20 captaincy in October 2021 (and said, with characteristic arrogance and entitlement, that he would like to continue leading India in the other formats). The selectors, of the opinion that the team should have only white-ball captain, removed him from the ODI captaincy.

Finally, after losing the Test series 1-2 to South Africa (a series in which India had been overwhelming favourites to win), Kohli

stepped down from the Test captaincy. Fittingly, the enduring image of Kohli's final outing as India captain will remain the graceless, misguided outburst over the stump microphone, berating the South Africa broadcasters for having a part in

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dia's downfall in the series. Not that India needed any help in that regard in this particular series. Kohli, having flown so close to the sun for so long, has now, Icarus-like, wings scorched, crash landed on earth. He now inhabits a new reality. For years, he was the sole, unquestioned power centre of Indian cricket. No one dared touch him. Now, the cloak of invincibility has slipped. Kohli could brush aside administrators, the coach, the board, and players. Now, he is simply a player. Perhaps India's biggest star player, but still merely a player. It will take quite some getting used to. For his sake, and for the sake of Indian cricket, one hopes that the floodgate of runs opens again.

A monumental batting record may well be his true legacy to Indian cricket. Kohli is India's most successful captain. His record — despite the huge blot of lack of success in ICC tournaments — speaks for itself. Yet, he leaves behind a team with a brittle, underperforming middle order; a vaunted pace attack that, as we saw recently in South Africa, runs out of ideas against obdurate batters; one of the world's greatest spinners who is not an automatic selection; and a band of men who are so convinced of their right to win matches that they remain in denial when they don't.

The writer is author of 'After Tendulkar: The New Stars of Indian Cricket'

SOURCE: ET EDIT

Why a non-event budget should become the chief event in India's budgetary history

## Being Bored is a Good Sign



DEEPAK MISHRA

Love me or hate me, but you cannot ignore me. That pretty much summarises the relationship between millions of Indians with their Union budget announced on the first day of February every year.

Budget time is when economists get a licence to pontificate. Corporate leaders are summoned to Delhi for their advice. Lobbyists have a field day. The media chase their Black Friday moment. And senior North Block officials are sequestered inside a basement for weeks.

### But does the average Indian care?

Apparently, not. As per Google Trends, the number of searches using the word 'budget' has been on a secular decline since 2004. The peak interest was in the case of the 2009-10 budget announcement, coinciding with the global financial crisis. The interim budgets appear less popular than full budgets. Current interest in the budget is nearly a third of what it was 15 years ago.

Is this growing indifference a matter of concern? It depends. If it is because the budget is increasingly devoid of policies, one would worry.

If it is because the budget numbers are becoming less credible, that would be equally distressing. But none of these reasons seems to hold much water. If anything, budgets have become more transparent, accessible and the underlying numbers more reliable in recent years. The disinterest in the budget is a positive development. Many important policies are being announced throughout the year, making policy declarations a perennial exercise.

Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Union Budget mobile app in January 2020, ensuring quick, easy and hassle-free access of the official budget documents for the general public. Being a leader in e-government, India has the technological prowess to involve its citizens in the budget preparation process. It is time to embrace e-participatory budgeting in a big way across all forms of government. Blink and Miss It In the past, Indians had shown strong interest in the budget, but for the wrong reasons. They had to pay attention because of the fear of missing out (FOMO). Thankfully, as policy changes have become more perennial, predictable and participatory, Indians are overcoming their FOMO. This is a welcome development. A non-event budget should become the most important event in India's budgetary history.

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## WORDPLAY SCHOOL OF THOUGHT



In our weekly column on words that help us build better conversational skills and develop opinions, this week, we focus on the phrase 'school of thought'.

### What does it mean?

To put it simply, a school of thought is the perspective of a group of people who share common characteristics of opinion or outlook of a philosophy, discipline, belief, social movement, economics, cultural movement, or art movement.

### How do we use it in sentences?

For example: "The prevailing school of thought is that such a downturn in the economy is a natural reaction to a period of sustained growth." Or, "The newest school of thought on parenting insists that we should not punish our children for anything they do wrong, lest we harm their delicate little feelings."

### Words closest to school of thought

Perspective, viewpoint, doctrine, philosophy



## Aiming to Lead & Serve

**"Leaders are not born but are made by their experiences in life."**

To inculcate leadership qualities and imbibe the practice of serving people, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet, in association with the Rotary Club RI district 3150, Hyderabad North, installed their two Interact Clubs, namely Sister Nivedita Club and Sister Nivedita Regent Club.

The chief guest for the event was Rtn. Padmini Lakkaraju, District Chair Interact Club, accompanied by Rtn. Dr. Lakshmi Kanth, President RCHN and other esteemed Rotary members.

The Installation Ceremony began with a devotional rendition of a prayer song followed by lighting of the lamp.

The gathering was welcomed by Principal Dr. T. Lalitha Kumari. A welcome dance was performed by the students of classes VIII and IX. Chief



**Sister Nivedita School  
Hyderabad**

Guest Dr Lakshmi Kanth inspired and encouraged the elected Interactors to be dutiful and responsible in her address to the gathering. This was followed by the proceedings of installing the club members, with Neelakshi Shilpi Das and Greeshmita of class X as Presidents of the two clubs respectively.

Padmini Lakkaraju wished the student leaders and urged them to take up the responsibilities entrusted to them in the year ahead with sincerity and passion. The programme concluded with the newly invested Interactors taking charge of their services.

## A community that helps

**Ushakiran, Pre-Primary Mentor, Gitanjali International School Kompally**

Aiming to stimulate the student's imagination and enhancing their social development skills, Gitanjali International School, Kompally engaged the Pre-Primary students in an activity about community helpers and the significant role they play in our lives and in society.

Community Helpers Day was a wonderful way to broaden the child's horizon and help them learn about the world beyond their homes.

Students of Kindergarten were dressed up as Doctors, Teachers, Firefighters, Police-men, Navy Officers, Scientists, Soldiers, Air Hostesses, etc. They presented their views with confidence and expressed pride



in the were contribution each made to society. They learned about the importance of their services and showed respect towards them.

## A Constitution that evokes pride in nation



**Principal, Jubilee Hills Public School**

India's 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with great reverence at Jubilee Hills Public School, Hyderabad. The celebrations began with Principal M Varalakshmi welcoming the audience and urging the students to be responsible for their words and actions. This was followed by the virtual flag unfurling by Chairman A Murali Mukund.

In his address, he highlighted the importance of the Constitution and opined that we as Indians are fortunate to have one of the largest Constitutions of

the world. He motivated the students to be the harbingers of social change to build a new, better and strong India. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity through their speeches in English, Hindi and Telugu. The patriotic song by the Middle School students inspired devotion and loyalty towards the nation. The presentation on "Highlights of JHPS" showcas-

ing the excellence of students in science, technology and literary arts, justifies the position of the school at the top, in the latest Times School Survey. The panel discussion on "Promises Unfulfilled" gave an insight into the intellectual understanding of the students about the areas India needs to work upon, to become a superpower. This digital expression of patriotism was highly appreciated by the parents and they thanked the management for all the efforts put in.

## TRICOLOUR: A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM

A flag is a symbolic representation of a nation and its principles. It is considered a symbol of pride for the nation. The national flag of India in its current form was first adopted during the Constituent Assembly held on July 22, 1947. This was a few days before India's independence from the British was declared.

The Tricolour was designed by Pingali Venkayya of Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh, in 1916.

The first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, hoisted the flag for the first time. The national flag is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom. The saffron colour indicates the strength and courage of the country. The white indicates peace and truth. The green band represents fertility and growth of our land. The Ashoka Chakra represents the dynamism of a peaceful change. It is said about its colour that blue colour represents the sky, the ocean and the universal truth. Hence the blue coloured Ashoka Chakra is in the centre of the white stripe of the national flag. The Tricolour is a symbol of a free country. Jai Hind!



**K SHARADA, Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills**

## FARMERS, THE BACKBONE OF COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

The students of Delhi World School, Shadnagar, conducted a special assembly on the occasion of Kisan Diwas.

Kisan Diwas or National Farmers' Day is observed in India in remembrance of Chaudhary Charan Singh, who was committed to the wellbeing of the farming community.

Born into a farmer's family, Charan Singh was the fifth prime minister of India. He was the prime minister between July 1979 and January 1980. During his short time as prime minister, Charan Singh worked hard for the welfare of Indian farmers. He introduced several welfare schemes for the farmers.

The people across India are engaged in a variety of professions, but agriculture or farming is the main occupation. In contrast, though they are the backbone of the economy, farmers still face many problems. Although farmers



feed the entire nation, sometimes they can't even afford two square meals for themselves and their families.

Before the 1970s, India was not self-sufficient in producing food grains and used to import large quantities of food gains from

other countries. But, when other countries started exploiting India, then prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri found an alternative and motivated our farmers. In addition, he gave the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" which is remembered till day.

## IF I WERE The Prime Minister

If I were the Prime Minister, I would focus on literacy rates and would try to make India 100% literate.

I would strengthen law and order to decrease the crime rates so that I can make India a better place for people to live in. Also strengthening the borders and the army of India so India would be safe from attacks.

I would focus on women's empowerment.

The development of any country depends on the source of energy and we know that there is a scarcity of traditional sources of energy like

coal, petroleum, so I will focus to generate more renewable sources of energy such as hydropower, solar power, wind power, and natural gases.

I would try my best to promote local handicrafts and small-scale industries to develop entrepreneurship. I would also focus to improve the quality of education and ensure every student gets the best education with less cost.

I would even focus on the medical sector and also make sure that India has the best and affordable hospi-



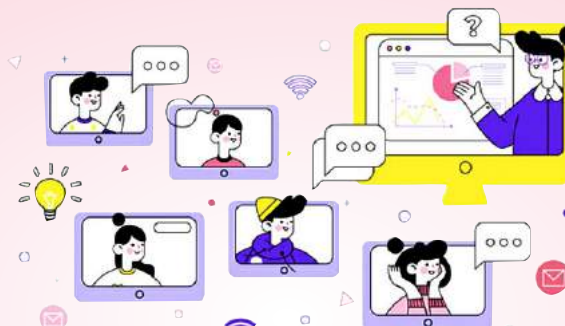
tals everywhere.

I would certainly promote our Indian culture to make it world-famous. It would attract the world to come and visit our country and learn about our ancient history. And last but not least, I would inspire India to become a peaceful country with the ideology of Vasudeva Kutumbakam.

**PRAKHAR MISHRA, class VII-C, Delhi Public School, Miyapur**

## GOOF-UPS NEVER BID AN ADIEU

"Can you hear me?" I know eyes would suffice to read these lines (good gracious!) and it is bizarre to avoid this catchphrase to describe online classes. Years rolled by but 'goof-ups' never bid an adieu. Thanks to the pandemic, a few of our embarrassing moments turned out to be funny as well. Nothing is going to stop my little cousin from binge-watching her favourite cartoon: the one with a weirdly shaped face, shrill voice, whatever. I could anticipate her routine of raising a ruckus- fight terribly for a telly remote; if unsuccessful, talk to Google Nest that hardly understands her, and she keeps on



shouting till it gets her. Cursing under my breath, I walked up to my room upstairs, leaving her with her bowl of nachos and a TV remote. The only rule was to watch it with low volume and

yes, rules are made to be broken. With my wireless earbuds on, I unmuted and... tada! All those souls in the meeting burst out laughing, typing random

thoughts in the chatbox, and amidst this disaster, ma'am asked me who that kid was. I, with a 'Why, God, why?' face, said, "Well, it was Shin-Chan!" Within a minute or two, my phone buzzed with a blurred photo of that munchkin's face with a caption reading, "You should have given me those ear-

buds!" Ah, a text from a kid who hardly knows how to spell. Maybe a few letters of the alphabet are omitted this year for learning. I could not imagine how destined I am to see a few m-o-r-e.

Poor internet connections. Reconnecting... **Sanjida Subramaniyan, class XII, RD International School, Erode**

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# SENEGAL STUN BURKINA, HOPE TO WIN TITLE

## Mané caps 3-1 win to send Senegal into African Cup final



Senegal's Sadio Mane in action during the African Cup of Nations 2022 semi-final soccer match between Burkina Faso and Senegal at the Ahmadou Ahidjo stadium in Yaounde, Cameroon

**S**adio Mané set up one goal and scored the last one himself as Senegal beat Burkina Faso 3-1 to reach its second successive African Cup of Nations final. Now, Senegal hopes to finally win a title. Mané scored on a breakaway in the 87th minute to seal the win at Ahmadou Ahidjo Stadium in Yaounde after Senegal went 2-0 up and then saw Burkina Faso pull a goal back with eight minutes to go. Senegal will play for the African title against either Egypt or tournament host Cameroon, who meet in the second semi-final on Thursday. The Senegal-Burkina Faso semi burst into life at the end of the game, with all four goals coming in the last 20 minutes.

### OVERHEAD KICK

Defender Abdou Diallo pounced at a corner to give Senegal the lead in the 70th after fellow center back Kalidou Koulibaly sent the ball toward goal with an overhead kick. Bamba Dieng made it 2-0 in the 76th when Mané cleverly robbed a Burkina Faso defender of possession on the byline and put a cross on a plate for Dieng, who only just got the touch ahead of teammate Idrissa Gueye. Blati Touré briefly gave Burkina Faso hope when he forced a cross in with his knee in the 82nd.

### COUNTERATTACK BY MANÉ

But Mané snapped up a chance on a counterattack as he sped clear of the Burkinabe defense and chipped the ball over goalkeeper Farid Ouédraogo. Mané spun away casually after scoring and jogged onto the running track surrounding the field, where he was mobbed by teammates.

### SENEGAL VS EGYPT

Mané has done his part in setting up a meeting in the final between two of African soccer's superstars. Now it's over to Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah of Egypt. Senegal has for years carried the unwanted label of being the best team in Africa to never win the Cup of Nations. It lost the final in 2002 and at the last tournament in 2019.

Mané, coach Aliou Cisse and others from the losing effort three years ago in Egypt now have a chance to put it right straight away. Burkina Faso starting goalkeeper Hervé Koffi was taken off on a stretcher in the first half after racing off his line to punch a ball clear and crashing into Senegal's Cheikhou Kouyaté, who then landed with his full weight on top of Koffi. Mané tested new goalkeeper Ouédraogo with a blistering shot that he managed to beat away.

### PENALTY SHOT

Senegal was also awarded a penalty late in the first half for handball against Edmond Tapsoba, who was celebrating his 23rd birthday. His present was seeing referee Bamlak Tessema Weyesa of Ethiopia check VAR and then rescind the penalty, as well as the yellow card he gave to Tapsoba. Senegal finally broke through when Diallo reacted quickly to score from close range, sending a bunch of Senegal substitutes onto the field to celebrate with him. While Senegal has another chance at that elusive title, Burkina Faso has now lost a final and two semifinals in the last five African Cups. Thursday's second



Idrissa Gana Gueye

semi-final pits the two most successful teams in African Cup history against each other. Egypt has a record seven titles and Cameroon five, and the game is a repeat of the 2017 final, which was won by Cameroon and gave Salah maybe his bitterest disappointment in an Egypt shirt. »

### IT WILL BE 'A WAR'

■ As if that wasn't enough, it has added spice after the Cameroon soccer federation released a video of federation president and former Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o telling his players it will be "a war."

### COACH UNHAPPY

■ Egypt coach Carlos Queiroz was unhappy with that choice of language, especially as it's the first game back at the Olembe Stadium in Yaounde since the tragic crush that left eight fans dead, including two children, at Cameroon's round-of-16 game last week.

## BCCI ADDS MAYANK AGARWAL TO INDIA'S ODI SQUAD

### Seven members test positive for Covid-19 before beginning of series against West Indies

**T**he Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Wednesday added batter Mayank Agarwal to India's ODI squad after seven members, including four players -- Shreyas Iyer, Shikhar Dhawan, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Navdeep Saini -- tested positive for Covid-19, ahead of the beginning of the series against West Indies.

The members of the India squad were asked to report in Ahmedabad on January 31 for the series against the West Indies. They were also asked to undergo an RT-PCR test at home before travelling to Ahmedabad. "The All-India Senior Selection Committee has added Mayank Agarwal to India's ODI squad after seven members, including three players of Team India (Senior Men) tested positive for COVID-19 following three rounds of RT-PCR testing," the BCCI said in a statement.

"The members were asked to report in Ahmedabad on 31st January 2022 for the upcoming Paytm three-match ODI and T20I series against the West Indies. Every member was also asked to undergo an RT-PCR test at home before embarking on their journey

to Ahmedabad and the travel was undertaken only after testing negative," it added.

The statement further said that the opening batsman Shikhar Dhawan and fast bowler Navdeep Saini's (standby player) RT-PCR tests conducted on Monday have returned positive results. On the other hand, fielding Coach T Dilip and Security Liaison Officer B Lokesh's RT-PCR tests conducted on Monday have returned positive results.

### INDIA'S CURRENT SQUAD

**Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (Vice-captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shikhar Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Deepak Chahar, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Avesh Khan, Mayank Agarwal**

Meanwhile, batsman Ruturaj Gaikwad, who had tested negative during the first round of testing on Monday, has returned a positive result during a RT-PCR test conducted on Tuesday.

Shreyas Iyer and Sports Massage Therapist Rajeev Kumar's RT-PCR tests conducted on Wednesday have returned positive results. Both had tested negative in the first two rounds of testing.

The BCCI Medical team is handling the positive cases and the members will remain in isolation till complete recovery is attained.

Notably, the Indian team has a large contingent (of about 26 members, including net bowlers) and so there seems to be no imminent threat to the series overall.

The West Indies team, which reached Ahmedabad on Wednesday morning, is also put up in the same hotel as India, and so are the match officials.

Teams are scheduled to play the first of three ODIs at the Narendra Modi Stadium on February 6. The ODI leg will be followed by three T20Is, which are scheduled to take place at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. **IANIS**



Mayank Agarwal

## FEDERER, NADAL PLAN TO PLAY LAVER CUP IN LONDON IN SEPTEMBER

**R**oger Federer and Rafael Nadal both say they will play in the next edition of the Laver Cup. Federer, who has been sidelined since July because of an injured knee, and Nadal, fresh off earning his men's-record 21st Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, said in a statement Thursday they will represent Team Europe in London on Sept. 23-25.

"I'm really looking forward to getting back into competition later this year and the Laver Cup is very much part of my plan," said Federer, whose management company founded the competition. Federer said Nadal messaged him last year suggesting they play doubles together again in the Laver Cup.



They teamed up to win a doubles match during the first Laver Cup in 2017.

"If we're able to possibly share the court one more time as a doubles pairing, then this would be a truly special experience for us both at this stage in our careers," Nadal said.

This will be the fifth Laver Cup. Neither Federer nor Nadal took part in 2021. »

## QUIZ TIME!

### Q1: Which city will host 2022 Commonwealth Games?

- a) Birmingham, England
- b) Gold Coast, Australia
- c) Glasgow, Scotland
- d) Victoria, Canada

### Q2: With which sport is Agha Khan Cup associated?

- a) Golf
- b) Football
- c) Hockey
- d) Badminton

### Q3: Which sport is Krishna Poonia associated with?

- a) Football
- b) Hockey
- c) Chess
- d) Discus throw

### Q4: In 1924, the first winter Olympics was held in \_\_\_\_

- a) Italy
- b) France
- c) Austria
- d) Canada

### Q5: Pullela Gopichand is a \_\_\_\_ coach.

- a) Hockey
- b) Badminton

- c) Football
- d) Cricket



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### Q6: Rafael Nadal won his second Australian Open trophy in 2022. Whom did he defeat in the final?

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Daniil Medvedev
- c) Roger Federer
- d) Andre Agassi

### Q7: When did Viswanathan Anand first become a grandmaster?

- a) 1999 b) 1988 c) 2002 d) 2005

### Q8: Which nation has been most successful in AIBA Women's World Boxing C'ship?

- a) Russia
- b) China
- c) India
- d) Japan

### Q9: What was Pelé's nickname?

- a) The GOAT
- b) The Hand of God
- c) Black Pearl
- d) Goal Machine

**ANSWERS:** 1. a Birmingham, England, 2. c Hockey, 3. d Discus throw, 4. b France, 5. b Badminton, 6. b Daniil Medvedev, 7. b 1988, 8. a Russia, 9. c Black Pearl