



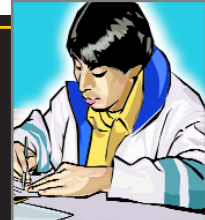
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High-elevation areas in Africa and Asia are at risk, although a lack of monitoring will make it difficult to track the progress of certain viruses

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Can CLIMATE CHANGE spark the next pandemic?

As the world struggles to get out of the 'pandemic phase' for Covid-19, scientists are already looking ahead at the next global health crisis – a pandemic, which could be the result of global warming. Researchers from the Georgetown University claim that rising temperatures are forcing animals to relocate to more populated areas of the globe, increasing the risk of a viral jump to humans. The shuffling of viruses among animals may increase the risk that one will jump into humans and cause a new pandemic, the researchers said.

Scientists have long warned that a warming planet may increase the burden of diseases. Malaria, for example, is expected to spread as the mosquitoes, which carry the protozoa, expand their range into warming regions. But climate change might also usher in entirely new diseases, by allowing pathogens to move into new host species

HOW CLIMATE CHANGE WILL ACCELERATE VIRAL SPOILERS

1 As temperatures increase, many species are expected to spread away from the blazing equator to find more comfortable habitats. Others may move up the sides of hills and mountains to find cooler altitudes. When different species come into contact for the first time, the viruses may be able to infect new hosts



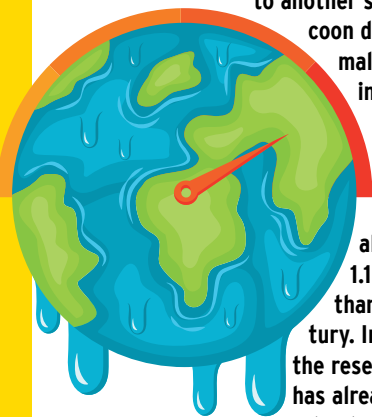
now, many bat species in southeast Asian region are limited to small ranges and don't come into contact with one another much. But as the planet warms, these bats will fly quickly to suitable climates and encounter new species

2 In particular, researchers warn of the impacts that rising temperatures will have on bats. Bats play a central role in the spread of new viruses, with the greatest impacts projected in southeast Asia, which is a hotspot for bat diversity. As of

3 Similarly, a rare rodent that has little contact with humans today might pass a virus on to raccoons, which live comfortably in urban areas

Ominous signs for human beings

■ The findings may be particularly ominous for humans. As viruses move to new host species, they evolve – and can potentially evolve in ways that make them more likely to infect people. The coronavirus that caused severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, in 2002 originated in Chinese horseshoe bats and jumped to another species – possibly raccoon dogs sold in Chinese animal markets – before infecting people



■ Climate-driven spillovers may start long before 2070. After all, the planet is already 1.1 degrees Celsius warmer than it was in the 19th century. In their computer model, the researchers found that there has already been sufficient climate change to start mixing viruses up, although their model doesn't let them point to particular viruses that have made a jump


**LESSON
TIME**

WHAT ARE ZOONOTIC DISEASES

■ A zoonosis or zoonotic disease is an infectious disease caused by a pathogen (an infectious agent, such as a bacterium, virus, protozoan parasite) that has jumped from an animal (usually a vertebrate) to a human

■ **How do they spread:** They range in potency, and are often less dangerous in one species than they are in another. In order to be successful they rely on long and direct contact



with different animals

■ There are over 200 known types of zoonoses. Some diseases, such as HIV, begin as a zoonosis but later mutate into human-only strains. Other zoonoses can cause recurrent disease outbreaks, such as Ebola virus disease and salmonellosis

■ Zoonotic pathogens can spread to humans through any contact point with domestic, agricultural or wild animals

■ Urbanisation and the destruction of natural habitats increase the risk of zoonotic diseases by increasing contact between humans and wild animals

ARE THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR A PANDEMIC:

■ A 2009 outbreak of swine flu - H1N1 - was considered a pandemic and governments spent millions developing 'tamiflu' to stop the spread of the disease

■ The novel coronavirus that causes Covid-19, is responsible for a global pandemic

WhatsApp may soon allow you to use same chat account on multiple devices

Tech giant WhatsApp will soon let users operate the same account on different devices including a mobile phone or a tablet. So far, the Meta-owned instant messaging platform does not allow users to chat from the same account on multiple phones. But according to WA-BetaInfo, that's about to change. As per the report, WhatsApp will let users manage their account on a different device as a "companion" by scanning a code, which appears on your main device with the official account.


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■ The new update, which is currently being tested, will also automatically sync recent messages on the companion device and will be end-to-end encrypted. According to reports, WhatsApp uses the same splash screen displayed in the web and desktop apps to download your messages

■ Users will also not require their primary phone connected to the Internet in order to access the chat on companion device as WhatsApp will download everything for you directly from its server



Education ministry seeks input for National Curriculum Framework from ministries

The ministry of education has asked other Union ministries to send in their inputs and suggestions for the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). With NCF, the ministry will lay down the broad guidelines for school curriculum and its revision. A few of the Union ministries have already sent in their suggestions for the framework



The process of developing a National Curriculum Framework was initiated by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) as per the National Education Policy 2020

■ The ministry of science and technology has suggested the inclusion of topics, such as traditional knowledge, Vedic mathematics, coding, patents, Intellectual Property Rights, IPR in the curriculum framework

■ The ministry of environ-

ment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC), has suggested the addition of topics, such as urban biodiversity and protection, climate change and role of forests, circular economy, ecotourism, zoonotic diseases, biodiversity heritage sites, and more

'Shabaash Mithu', a biopic on cricketer Mithali Raj starring Taapsee Pannu, to release on July 15

Actress Taapsee Pannu on Friday announced that her upcoming film 'Shabaash Mithu', a biopic on Indian cricketer Mithali Raj, will make its debut in theatres on July 15. Directed by filmmaker Srijit Mukherji and written by Priya Aven, the film is a coming-of-age story of women's cricket in India as witnessed by the most successful woman cricketer. It will chronicle the highs and lows, setbacks and moments of euphoria of Raj's life.

■ Mithali has a career spanning 23 years, during which she smashed seven consecutive 50s in one-day international matches and led India in four World Cups

■ 'Shabaash Mithu' marks the first theatrical release of Pannu post her 2020 movie 'Thappad'


Entertainment

WHICH IS THE WORLD'S SECOND HAPPIEST COUNTRY?

Clue 1: It has a south border with Germany.

Clue 2: The game of handball was invented in this country.

Clue 3: It has the world's oldest national flag.

Answer: **DENMARK.** The country has become the world's first to halt its Covid-19 vaccination programme due to high vaccination coverage, according to the Danish Health Authority. While 4.8 million of its 5.87 million population is fully-vaccinated, 3.6 million have also received booster shots. The World Happiness Report ranks Denmark as the second happiest country, after Finland. Handball was invented in Denmark in 1897, and its national flag – known as Dannebrog – dates back to 1219.

INDIA AGAIN LEADS THE WORLD IN INTERNET SHUTDOWNS

For the fourth year in a row, India again earned notoriety for imposing the most internet shutdowns, with 106 such instances in 2021. It was just a marginally better 'performance' than 2020, when 109 incidents of internet shutdown were observed. In the previous two years, in 2018 and 2019, there were 134 and 121 incidents of internet shutdown in the country respectively, according to Access Now's annual report, Keep It On.

Not surprisingly, Jammu and Kashmir bore the brunt of India's internet shutdowns, with 85 incidents of internet disruptions taking place in the Union Territory. In fact, among the four longest tenures of internet shutdowns in the world, J&K has suffered it for the third-longest period of 551 days, from August 5, 2019 till February 5, 2021, in the wake of abrogation of Article 370

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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To speak well, FIRST YOU MUST LISTEN WELL



What do you think is the most common form of communication – speaking, listening, reading or writing? You might think it is speaking, but it isn't – it's listening. Studies have shown that listening makes up about 45% of the time people spend communicating, followed by speaking (about 30 per cent), reading (about 15 per cent) and writing (about 10 per cent). That's right: listening is the skill you will use the most in English, or any other language you learn.

Language learners generally learn four skills in the following order: 1. **Listening**: When people are learning a new language they first hear it spoken. 2. **Speaking**: Eventually, they try to repeat what they hear. 3. **Reading**: Later, they see the spoken language depicted symbolically in print. 4. **Writing**: Finally, they reproduce these symbols on paper.

THE VERY BEGINNING

The first language skill that humans develop is listening. Scientists and doctors now can prove that babies inside their mothers' wombs respond to sounds such as soothing classical music, singing or humming by the mother, or loud noises. As a biological reality, listening occurs naturally by the baby even before birth. Once born, the baby responds to all kinds of sounds, and can sense the tone of voice by adults around him / her, such as calming, loud, or angry voices.

Listening is key to all effective communication. Without the ability to listen effectively, messages are easily misunderstood. As a result, communication

TYPES OF LISTENING

■ **Active Listening** – It is a type of Listening wherein the listener is attentive towards what the speaker is saying. It helps in understanding the emotions, which the words are expressing. This helps in commuting your thoughts towards that person in a better way.

■ **Appreciative Listening** – It is a type of Listening where one accepts and appreciates the other person through what they say. It seeks to praise. Alternatively, listening to something for pleasure, such as music is also a type of Appreciative Listening.

■ **Critical Listening** – Critical listening is listening performed to evaluate, judge, form opinion about what is being said. The judgment includes assessing

strengths and weaknesses, agreement and approval.

■ **Discriminative Listening** – It is a type of listening where the listener discriminates between different sound and sights. Here the listener is trying to hear something specific.

■ **Deep Listening** – Deep listening occurs when you're committed to understanding the speaker's perspective. It involves paying attention to both verbal and nonverbal cues, such as the words being used, the speaker's body language, and their tone.

This type of listening helps build trust and rapport.

breaks down and the sender of the message can easily become frustrated or irritated. Many successful leaders and entrepreneurs credit their success to effective listening skills. If you develop good listening comprehension, the other skills will come, the speaking will come, even your grammar, your accuracy. All of these things will come if you have had so much exposure to the language that you understand it when it is spoken by a native speaker.

NOT THE SAME AS HEARING

Hearing refers to the sounds that enter your ears. It is a physical process that, provided you do not have any hearing problems, happens automatically. Listening, however, requires more than that: it requires focus and concentrated effort, both mental and sometimes physical as well.

Listening is not a passive process. In fact, the listener can, and should, be at least as engaged in the process as the speaker. The phrase 'active listening' is used to describe this process of being fully involved.



SOME COOL NEW IDIOMS

New idioms come along all the time, says Arnold Zwicky, adjunct professor of Linguistics at Stanford University. There are several sources for idioms, but the big contributor is figurative language, especially metaphors. Here are some hot new favourites:

THAT'S THE TEA

No, this doesn't refer to actual tea. The phrase originated in drag culture, and "tea" or "T" refers to the truth. The phrase has grown to refer to the intense gossip and drama that plagues the internet.

FLEXING ON INSTA

You might see plenty of folks flexing their muscles and posting their workout progress in Instagram photos, but that's not what we're talking about here. If you're

"flexing on Insta" — or anywhere else online — you're showing off, and you're not being graceful about it.

SLIDE INTO DMS

If you're sliding into someone's DMs, you probably haven't talked to them before. More often than not, this phrase is used when someone's asking if they can talk to you privately, or when that person invites you to talk to them in DMs (direct messages).

LEFT ON READ

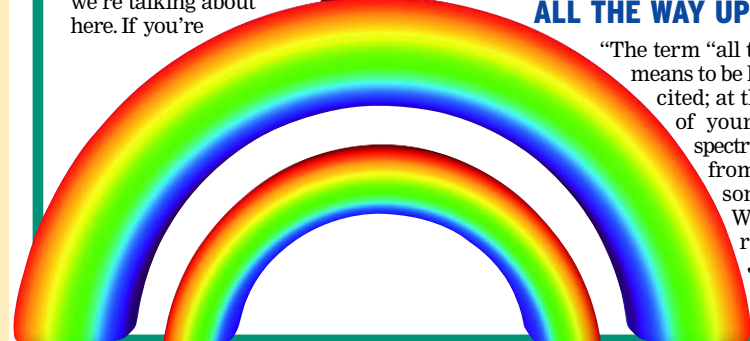
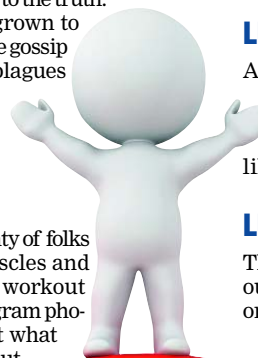
Admit it. You've done this. You've seen someone's text, but you didn't reply to it. Maybe you forgot, but more likely, you saw the message and didn't feel like answering.

LET'S HUG IT OUT

The phrase let's hug it out means "let's end our argument." It was popularised by Ari on HBO's series 'Entourage'.

ALL THE WAY UP

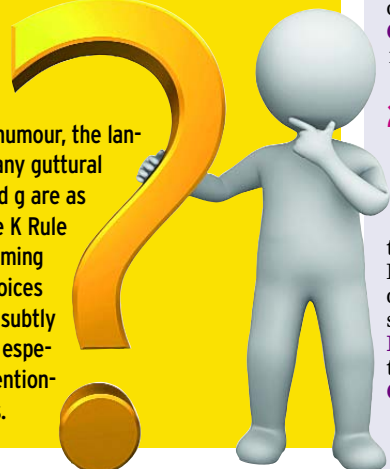
"The term 'all the way up' means to be high and excited; at the pinnacle of your emotional spectrum. It comes from the 2016 song 'All the Way Up' by rappers Fat Joe and Remy Ma.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE K RULE

Certain words have been suggested to be inherently funny. Words with the k sound (Cadillac, quintuplet) are perceived as the funniest, and words with a hard g (guacamole, gargantuan) create almost as many grins. This may be because much of what makes Americans laugh today has roots in Yiddish humour, the language of which includes many guttural sounds – and the k and hard g are as close as English comes. The K Rule is a good convention for naming things and making word choices that will subconsciously or subtly amuse readers. This tool is especially handy in crafting attention-grabbing titles or subheads.



Queries relating to language skills

Do you find grammar confusing? Do you get stuck with words when writing a letter, an essay or a blog? Do you have a fear of public speaking? Or do you simply want to improve your communication skills?

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LANGUAGE CHECK

COMMON GRAMMAR MISTAKES WE MAKE

1. Overuse of adverbs

Adverbs — those words that often end in -ly — modify verbs. They're okay once in a while, but in excess they're an indicator of weak verb choices. Eg: **Incorrect**: The boy ran really fast to catch the runaway ball. **Correct**: The boy sprinted to catch the runaway ball.

2. Too many prepositional phrases

Prepositions are those words that often come before nouns and pronouns to show direction, location, or time. Excessive prepositional phrases render your writing wordy. Whenever possible, simplify. Eg: **Incorrect**: The caravan came over the top of the hill. **Correct**: The caravan crested the hill.

3. Misuse of lie/lay

If you plan to place or put an object somewhere, such as a plate on a table, you should use "lay." If you intend to

stretch out on a bed for a nap, you should use "lie." Eg: **Incorrect**: He was laying on the couch. **Correct**: He was lying on the couch.

4. Run-on sentences

Run-on sentences, also known as fused sentences, occur when two complete sentences are squashed together without using a coordinating conjunction or proper punctuation. Run-on sentences can be short or long. Eg: **Incorrect**: Lila enjoyed the bouquet of tulips John gave her on prom night however she prefers roses. **Correct**: Lila enjoyed the bouquet of tulips John gave her on prom night; however, she prefers roses.

5. Tautologies

Tautologies express the same thing twice with different words. In our example, the word "made" implies that Jack used his own two hands to create the pail. The prepositional phrase "with his own hands" creates a redundancy.

6. Comma splices

To splice means to connect or join. When a writer joins two independent sentences with a comma instead of separating them with a period or a coordinating conjunction, that's a comma splice. The comma has its own jobs to do, but connecting two independent sentences isn't one of those jobs. Besides, the period gets testy when his sister, the comma, steals his thunder. Periods have their jobs, and so do commas, but

never the twain shall meet—unless it's in the form of a semicolon. Semicolons can also take the place of a coordinating conjunction, such as "and," "but," or "so," among others. Eg: **Incorrect**: He was very hungry, he ate a whole pizza. **Correct**: He was very hungry; He ate a whole pizza.

7. Wordiness (inflated sentences)

If you have something to say to readers, spit it out (figuratively, not literally). Inflating sentences with unnecessary words or pointless filler only muddles what you mean to say. Wordy sentences also frustrate readers, so get to the point. Streamline your sentences by using strong verbs and nouns instead of trite adjectives and adverbs. William Shakespeare once wrote that brevity is the soul of wit. Follow the Bard's lead by never using ten sentences when two will suffice. Don't overuse words such as "that," "just," and "very." Proofread your work to keep your prose tight-ended and toned! **Incorrect**: It has come to our attention that your tax returns are overdue and we urge you to file them at your earliest convenience. **Correct**: Your tax returns are overdue. Please file them now. — Grammarly.com



When in Rome, speak as the ROMANS SPEAK

While you'll find plenty of English speakers in any of Italy's major cities, most Italians will appreciate you trying their language; you may even be surprised how many new friends it makes you as you mingle at aperitivo or linger in a bustling piazza. When you talk to people in their language they appreciate it and experiences open up to you that would not have been possible if you had been speaking English. Here are few words and phrases you must know

before visiting Italy:

1. Hello: Ciao (informal); Salve (formal)
2. Goodbye: Ciao (informal); Arrivederci (formal)
3. Good morning: Buongiorno
4. Good evening: Buonasera
5. Please: Per favore
6. How much: Quanto?
7. How are you: Come sta?
8. How's it going: Come va?
9. Excuse me: Mi scusi
10. I'm sorry: Mi dispiace

THE SOCIAL COST OF THE PANDEMIC

THE EDUCATIONIST

The world has undergone drastic and unimaginable changes in the past few years, particularly in the last two years. Perhaps the impact has not been more obvious in any other field than in the field of education. The worst victims of course are the future generations.

Students have been cocooned in the comfort of their homes, with all the allowances that parents could make for them. It has definitely kept them safe and well-protected health wise, but at the same time, there are hitherto imagined fallouts in their personal development. Parents have bent backward to provide every device and facility to ensure that the school curriculum reaches their children.

A school is often called a second home. A place where one learns to work with others, social

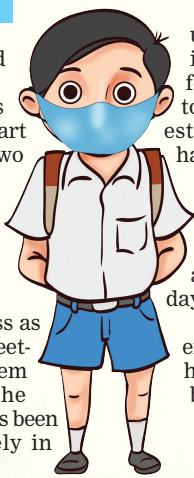
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Mallapur

skills are enhanced and boundaries are clearly established in one's mind simply by being part of the system. The two years of the pandemic have pulled back children in their social skills merely because they have had no interactions.

Walking into a class as a teacher, I am often greeted by students who seem vacant and distant. The cost of the pandemic has been tremendous not merely in

terms of the calculable economics. Today, we have the human capital of the future that has lost its ability to function without a search engine. Comprehension levels of basic concepts are abysmal, and application and analysis are obviously unthinkable presently. Being at home has led to a feeling of unwillingness to put up with the slightest inconvenience or any hard work.

The idea behind education is to develop their ability to live and function independently and as empathetic beings. Today however, that idea has been reduced to mere literacy at best because we have been pulled back by factors out of our control.



Learning the ropes of entrepreneurship

Gitanjali Senior School held the four-day Young CEO camp 2022-23 conducted by the YEC (Young Entrepreneurs Club) and EMF (Economics Management and Finance) teams in association with White Canvas India. The event kickstarted with the opening ceremony, where the purpose of the camp was established.

The dignitaries were welcomed and felicitated. Samresh Shah discussed the importance of developing entrepreneurial mindset at a young age. This was further emphasised in a session conducted by Deepa Sharma through group activities, true or false statements and affirmations.

Gitanjali Senior School
Hyderabad

Shah then took the students through the life journey of Vijay Shekhar Sharma, the founder of Paytm. Entrepreneurship camp included a field trip to Starbucks and guest lecture on financial aspects. This camp gave students a fantastic opportunity, where students not only worked on their business models but also on their mindset.

After the four-day activity filled learning, students

will be introduced to the world of Entrepreneurship. The aim is to develop in them the confidence to take on the world, as a job creator with a growth mindset. They learnt how to write a professional business plan and attract investment for their start up. Their skill to network will immensely enrich their net worth in life.

The entrepreneurship camp concluded with a wrap-up session, assessment of business plan, declaration of winning team, prize distribution, felicitation and students were given certificates for their participation.



Express YOURSELF

A mind full of thoughts!

Ever since I started enjoying reading novels, I started viewing the people around me as characters from a novel. What would my friends' characters be, I wonder!

I had always thought I would be the main character if I were in a novel. But now, I realise that life isn't all sunshine for you. There are hardships and struggles in the life of every character. And only the one who overcomes it all while keeping a smiling face is the main character.

Did I have enough strength to become a protagonist? It didn't take long to understand that I didn't. But what if I actually was a protagonist? Would my life be any better? Would I have fewer problems and more friends?

Quite the opposite actually. Being the main character doesn't mean you've got lesser struggles, it means you've got the strength to endure them. Nobody becomes a protagonist because they

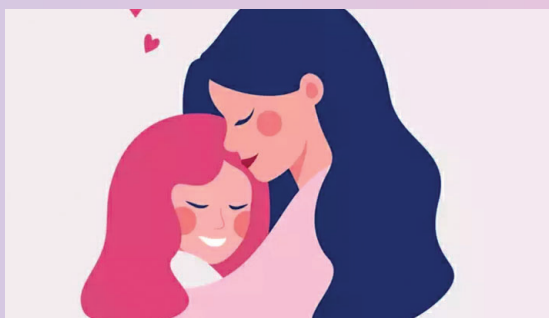
have an easier life, a better brain, or more friends. It all depends on your mindset. I would really love to be strong enough to be the main character, but for now? I'm just a reader. This would have both-



ered me when I was much younger, but it doesn't now. Because even if I am just an extra in a novel, I am the main character in my life.

PRANAVI DWIVEDI, class IX, Army Public School, Bolarum

MY MOTHER'S KISS



When I am worried or am upset, My mom is there, she gives me a kiss, Sometimes takes me to see the sunset, This makes me feel better, I love this.

She always tells me to make my future, Play hard and study well, At night when I am about to sleep then she comes to me, She will give a kiss, so nice it is, Cause it's her kiss.

And I believe in love at the first sight, Because I have always loved my mom, from the time I opened my eyes, Her kiss is the best medicine, She possesses more power than hundreds of kings, For her, I could give up thousands of golden rings,

BHAAVYA GARG, class VIII-D, Delhi Public School, Miyapur, Hyderabad

SOIL, THE SOUL OF LIFE



The staff and students of Gitanjali Primary School always strive to make a difference to our environment and be the change-makers by involving themselves in various key activities.

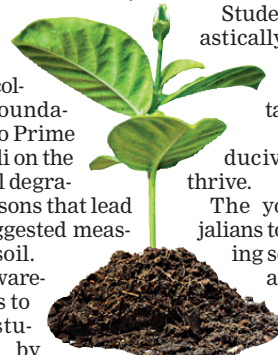
This year in the month of April, students of classes I to VI collaborated with Isha Foundation and wrote letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the growing concern of soil degradation. They stated reasons that lead to the problem and suggested measures to create healthy soil.

To further create awareness on how soil relates to our everyday lives, students were addressed by members of the Isha Foundation. This session highlighted the need to save soil for the future generations so that nutritious food can be grown and consumed by all in the coming years.

Gitanjali Primary School
Hyderabad

Students participated enthusiastically and interacted with the members. They came up with various solutions to tackle this grave problem to make this planet conducive for all living things to thrive.

The young brigade of Gitanjalians took part with gusto in sowing seeds and watering the soil as a pre-summer break activity. They are anxiously waiting to see new plants spring to life when they return to school in June. The urgency to save soil is reflected in Jagadish Vasudev's (Sadhguru) words, "If we destroy our soil, we destroy our lives."



Painters' Gallery



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SKYWARDS:
SHREEKRUTHI,
class VI-B, Santinos
Global School,
Hyderabad



THE CALMNESS:
SAI HARSHITH,
class V, Army
Public School,
Bolarum

GREEN VIEW:
MOHD AYAAN,
class VIII, Obul
Reddy School,
Hyderabad



PROVIDING HEALTHCARE FOR STUDENTS

Malika Komaraiah, Pro Vice Chairman of Delhi Public Schools and Pallavi Group of Institutions signed an MoU (Ayushkam programme) with Dr. Chiranjeevi Dixit, Director, Credits Care Foundation Chennai, to provide medical services under Ayushkam Programme - Integrated School Healthcare Programme (Technology partners CAD CARE INC, USA) in the area of Preventive Health Care Services.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a basis for discussing a framework of collaborative and joint venture on providing Health Care to every school child, to have access to preventive, curative and

rehabilitative healthcare services in order to maintain their well-being.

The priority areas of collaboration under Ayushkam Programme agreement are Preventive, Personalized, Palliative and Community Health Care Management & Digital Health Profile, to co-ordinate the activities of school health services with epidemiology section of ministry of health for early detection, notification and management of infectious diseases among students and control communicable diseases in the schools, to increase awareness of students on health matters related to their age, through effective regular

health education programs, to monitor health status, growth and development of every student, to provide first aid and emergency care, and to provide Health ID, Digital Health Profile and Student Health Card.

Dr. Yogeevari Perumal, Senior Professor BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, Sunitha Rao Hyderabad DPS Nacharam, Kudithipudi SVR Prasad, President South India Region Bharat Vikas Parishad, P. Balachandrudu AP State President Bharat Vikas Parishad & Dinesh Kumar Vemula, Director, CAD Care Pvt. Ltd, India & VP of Medical Functionality CAD CARE INC, USA graced the event.

Delhi Public School
Nacharam



SANDWICH TIME!



Students of class I of Gitanjali Devashray celebrated 'Sandwich Day' during the most awaited snack break of the day!

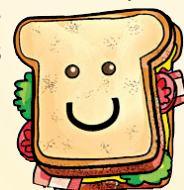
The joy of eating a sandwich brought a smile on their faces and the little ones were thrilled to share a variety of sandwiches with their friends.

A wide variety of sandwiches made its way in to their classrooms viz. toast, cheese sandwich, vegetable sandwich, jam sandwich, potato sandwich, mayonnaise sandwich,

chocolate sandwich..the list was yummiliciously endless!

Apart from watching the sandwiches being made by their teachers, they also learnt interesting facts about the origin of bread, cheese, butter, cottage cheese, etc.

They learnt about the healthy vegetables that can go inside a sandwich. They all posed happily to 'Say Cheese!'



KKR LOOK FOR WINNING COMBO

KOLKATA MAKING LOT OF CHANGES TO END TOP ORDER WOES

Guilty of making too many changes at the top, Kolkata Knight Riders would like to find a winning combination against Rajasthan Royals and snap their five-match losing streak in the IPL on Monday. The form of Venkatesh Iyer, who is experiencing second season blues, has a lot to do with the changes KKR have been forced to make regularly at the top of the order.

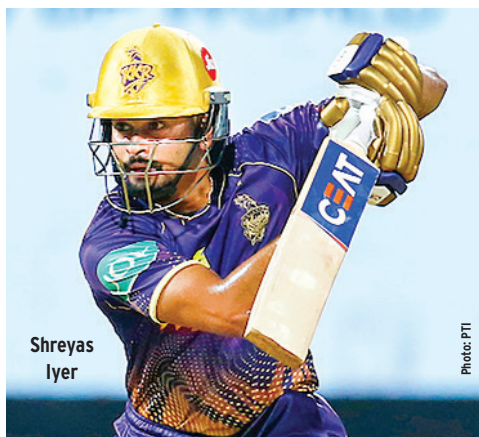
SCRIPTING A TURNAROUND

Venkatesh's performances have been underwhelming to say the least after a season that helped him get into the Indian team. After his struggles at the top, the team tried him in the

Five more matches remaining, we need to play well, show belief and give something back to the team and the management, forget about the past, start fresh and back your instinct.

SHREYAS IYER

middle-order but that too did not work. The south-paw was back opening alongside Aaron Finch in the last game but runs deserted him again. Making the play-offs from here looks improbable for KKR who desperately need to find their best XI and stick with it for the remainder of the competition. A lot of chopping and changing is happening, it's been difficult to set up the right combination, with all injuries not helping as well. We



Shreyas Iyer



Rajasthan Royals Yuzvendra Chahal and Shimron Hetmyer celebrate the dismissal of a wicket during the Indian Premier League 2022 match between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals

Upcoming IPL Match



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MAY 2

7.30 PM

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai

need to stick together, play some fearless cricket, not be conservative with the bat. Shreyas has had a decent run as a batter with 290 runs at 36.25 but he has not got enough support from his teammates. In his first season as KKR captain, Shreyas

has shown promise but needs to inspire his troops to script a turnaround.

NEED MORE CONSISTENCY

Alongside Venkatesh, the dismal run of another retained player Varun Chakravarthy has hurt the team. However, the move to drop him in the previous game did not yield the desired results as KKR lost their fifth game in a row. The trio of Tim Southee, Umesh Yadav and Sunil Narine has been impressive and will be aiming to keep the in-form Jos Buttler quiet. Rajasthan rely a lot on Buttler and his 566 runs at 70.75 are a big reason why they find themselves in the top-four. As the Englishman can't be expected to fire in every game, skipper Sanju Samson needs to step up and be more consistent.

They are arguably the best bowling side in the competition but could not defend 159 in their previous game against Mumbai Indians due to heavy dew. With 19 wickets at 13.68, Yuzvendra Chahal leads the bowling charts this season and alongside R Ashwin, Trent Boult and Prasidh Krishna, the Rajasthan attack has the ability to defend even below-par totals. However, Royals will be looking for a much-improved batting effort to minimise the dew factor. AGENCIES

REAL MADRID SEAL 35TH LA LIGA TITLE

Rodrygo, Asensio, Benzema strike easy victory against Espanyol

In a dominating season for Real Madrid, it was fitting that it didn't even need its best players to win the Spanish league. Using its backups before the Champions League semifinals, Madrid earned a record-extending 35th Liga title with a comfortable 4-0 home win over Espanyol on Saturday. Players and coaches celebrated with the crowd at Santiago Bernabéu Stadium long after the match ended, then paraded to the team's usual party spot at Cibeles plaza, but there was not a lot of time to rejoice.

INSURMOUNTABLE LEAD

On Wednesday, Madrid is back at the Bernabéu to host Manchester City in the second leg of the Champions League semifinals. "We have to enjoy it, this could help us on Wednesday," said Carlo Ancelotti, who became the first coach to win the top five European leagues. The Italian manager won with AC Milan in Serie A, Chelsea in the English Premier League, Paris Saint-Germain in Ligue 1, and Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga. Several thousand fans packed the Cibeles plaza to welcome the champions, who mixed mes-

sages of celebration for the league title and motivation for Wednesday's match. The crowd cheered loudly when Marcelo draped the Cibeles statue with Madrid's flag and scarf.

Rodrygo scored twice and Marco Asensio and substitute Karim Benzema added on to give Madrid its second league title in three seasons, and third in six years.

Madrid has an insurmountable lead with four rounds to go. It was 17 points in front of Sevilla, which drew with Cádiz 1-1 on Friday, and 18 points ahead of Barcelona, which hosts Mallorca on Sunday.

WELL-DESERVED WIN

Ancelotti rested most of his regular starters against Espanyol, including Benzema and his attacking teammate Vinicius Júnior. Only goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois and midfielders Casemiro and Luka Modric made the starting lineup. Benzema, Vinicius and Toni Kroos entered the match in the second half, and Benzema closed the scoring in the 81st for his league-leading 26th goal.

Casemiro had to play improvised as a central defender because David Alaba was out in-



Real Madrid players pose with the trophy, celebrating the team's La Liga title

jured and Nacho Fernández and Éder Militão were suspended.

Marcelo gave the pass to countryman Rodrygo to open the scoring from near the penalty spot in the 33rd minute. Rodrygo added to the lead 10 minutes later and Marco Asensio scored the third goal in the 55th. It was a well-deserved title as Madrid got off to a good

start and fended off every run by its challengers. It led after all but six rounds early in the season and was at the top since the 14th round in November. The only question now is if Atlético Madrid will agree to give its city rival a "guard of honour" before the teams meet at Atlético's Wanda Metropolitano Stadium next Sunday. AGENCIES

MADRID OPEN: HALEP BEATS BADOSA TO ENTER THIRD ROUND

Former World No.1 Simona Halep powered past world number two Paula Badosa 6-3, 6-1 in one hour and 16 minutes to reach the third round of the Madrid Open on Saturday. Two-time champion Simona Halep notched a match-win at the Madrid Open for the 29th time in her career, ousting Badosa of Spain in the second round.

Halep was aggressive from the start as she broke Badosa three times to seal the opening set and took that momentum into the second, racing to a 3-0 lead. The Romanian secured another break and closed out the match with ease to stay en route to the third title in Madrid. Halep will next take on No.14 seed Coco Gauff in the third round, after Gauff outlasted Yulia Putintseva in the match at Manolo Santana Stadium



Simona Halep

6-1, 2-6, 6-4. Halep holds a 2-0 win-loss record against Gauff. Later, Tunisia's Ons Jabeur faced a tough time against Russian Varvara Gracheva as she survived a double break in the decider to set with a 7-5, 0-6, 6-4 win against Gracheva. After the win over Gracheva, No.8 seed Jabeur set up a clash with Belinda Bencic, who got the better of Karolina Muchova 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. ANI

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Where did the first Sudirman Cup tournament take place?

- China
- Thailand
- Denmark
- Indonesia

Q2: Who has recorded maximum number of wins among the Indian team in the Fed Cup?

- Nirupama Sanjeev
- Sania Mirza
- Manisha Malhotra
- Karman Kaur Thandi

Q3: Who was the IOC Coordination Commission Tokyo 2020?

- Kirsty Coventry
- Ban Ki-moon
- John Coates
- Barry Maister

Q4: Which was the first country to win the final in the Cricket World Cup on home soil?

- Australia
- India
- England
- New Zealand

Q5: In which year did Shane Warne bowl the "Ball of the Century"?

- 1993
- 2001
- 1987
- 1999



Shane Warne

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Q6: Which country houses the largest tennis stadium in the world, the Arthur Ashe Stadium?

- Netherlands
- United States of America
- France
- Australia

Q7: Which organization maintains and owns the copyright of the "Laws of Cricket", a code for the cricket game?

- International Cricket Council
- Marylebone Cricket Club
- Yorkshire Cricket Club
- Mason Cricket Club

Q8: Which country leads the all-time medal table for the summer Olympics?

- China
- United States of America
- Russia
- Germany

Q9: Which of the following is the oldest Grand Slam tournament?

- US Open
- Australian Open
- French Open
- Wimbledon

ANSWERS: 1. d. Indonesia
2. a. Nirupama Sanjeev 3. c. John Coates
4. b. India 5. a. 1993
6. b. United States of America
7. b. Marylebone Cricket Club
8. b. United States of America
9. d. Wimbledon