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Alka Mittal becomes FIRST WOMAN TO HEAD ONGC

Spotlight


Oil and natural gas corporation (ONGC) director of human resources Alka Mittal on January 3 took over additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the company, becoming the first woman to hold the post at the Maharatna company. She took charge from Subhash Kumar.

She is also the first woman to hold the charge of a full-time director at ONGC. Mittal is said to be the brain behind the company's 'People's Connect' initiative to facilitate knowledge sharing from superannuating employees to young professionals in the organisation

Do children's books encourage gender stereotypes?

Books designed for children may be perpetuating gender stereotypes, a new study warns. According to researchers, who studied around 200 books, including the Harry Potter series, concluded that books with a male main character were more often about professions, whereas those with a female protagonist were about affection. 'Some of the stereotypes that have been studied in a social psychology literature are present in these books, like girls being good at reading and boys being good at math,' said Molly Lewis, lead author on the study.

1 The authors believe that gendered books read to children in early education 'could play an integral role in solidifying gendered perceptions in young children'

2 Books with a strong male or female protagonist were more likely to have gen-

dered language specifically targeted to their main character. Female-associated words focused on affection, school-related words and communication verbs, like 'explained' and 'listened'

3 Male-associated words focused more on profes-



sions, transportation and tools, with less of a focus on emotional needs. These books may be a vehicle for communicating information about gender, they added (Source: Daily Mail)

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CBSE CAUTIONS STUDENTS AGAINST MISINFORMATION, ISSUES ADVISORY



Cautions class X and XII students of misinformation being spread online, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a public advisory on Tuesday, stating that the CBSE Term 2 Board Exam 2022 pattern has not been changed and will be the same as announced earlier by the Board. "It has been noticed that a few online media platforms are circulating incorrect information and confusing audiences, using expressions such as 'Breaking News' about major exam pattern changes in class X and XII Term 2 Board exams," the official notice read. The CBSE also clarified that the format for the term 2 exams will remain the same, as mentioned in circular number 51, dated July 5, 2021.

■ The Board has advised students and other stakeholders to only believe information that is available on its official website, cbse.gov.in

■ CBSE Term 2 Board Exams 2022 for classes X and XII are scheduled to be held in March-April, 2022

SOARING OMICRON COULD LEAD TO MORE DANGEROUS VARIANTS, WHO WARNS



Soaring Omicron cases around the world could increase the risk of a newer, more dangerous variant emerging, the World Health Organisation warned on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the Centre has issued revised guidelines for home isolation of mild and asymptomatic patients, amid the surge in Covid-19 cases nationwide. As per the new guidelines, the patient under home isolation will stand discharged and end isolation after at least 7 days have passed from testing positive and no fever for 3 successive days, and they shall continue wearing masks. There is no need for re-testing after the home isolation period is over.



MIKE LAZARIDIS & DOUGLAS FREGIN FOUNDED WHICH FAMOUS SMARTPHONE MAKER IN 1984?

CLUE 1: John S Chen is its current chairman and CEO.

CLUE 2: Count 957, Pearl 8100, Curve 8300, Bold 9000, Storm and Z10 among its many phone models.

CLUE 3: Headquartered in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, it was originally known as Research In Motion.

Answer: BLACKBERRY. Tuesday marked the final end of the road for the storied device that catapulted work into the mobile era, with the company shutting off basic smartphone functionality

Forget about batteries! Now, a new TV remote that is powered through solar energy

Samsung may have the answer to bashing your TV remote against the coffee table to get the last remaining drop of power from the batteries. The tech giant has unveiled a new TV remote, called Eco Remote that harvests radio waves from nearby home routers as its energy source. It's also equipped with solar panels on the back, which can be charged by indoor and outdoor lighting, as well as USB-C as an additional charging option. Samsung said, its new Eco Remote will be included with all of its 2022 TVs, available in either black or white. (Source: Daily Mail)

Eco Remote will help prevent waste from about 99 million batteries over seven years, the firm said



HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. TV remote converts radio waves from WiFi routers into energy
2. Solar panels on the back also keep the remote charged
3. The device eliminates the need for replaceable batteries

Source: Daily Mail

Board aspirants should be jabbed before start of exams, says CISCE

Coinciding with the vaccination roll-out for 15-18-year-olds in several private schools, the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Tuesday said all the ISC and ICSE examinees for 2022

"should be vaccinated before the start of the examinations". Several CBSE schools also started their vaccination drive for students from Tuesday. The pre-board vaccination mandate finds mention in a circular issued by CISCE chief executive Gerry Arathoon while saying vaccination is the "best protection" at this stage and it will ensure children's safety and protection when they attend classes, do practical work and appear for their semester 2 examinations. The examinations are likely to be in March.



ISRO targeting Gaganyaan launch before Independence Day: Sivan

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), India's space agency, is targeting the launch of first of the two planned uncrewed flights under the Gaganyaan mission before Independence Day this year and the third lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 by "middle of the next year", said the chairperson Dr K Sivan. There is a directive to launch the first unmanned mission before the 75th anniversary of India's independence (August 15, 2022) and all the stakeholders are putting their best effort to meet the schedule. I am sure that we will be able to meet this target, Sivan said.



OMICRON AND THE SILVER LINING

As one more year starts with the fear of an imminent even worse wave of Covid-19, the biggest opportunity for parents is in building optimism and hope in their children. Hope and optimism are powerful drivers of resilience. Resilience is one of the key attributes for success in life. This is why hope and optimism are critical traits that need to be instilled in children from an early age.



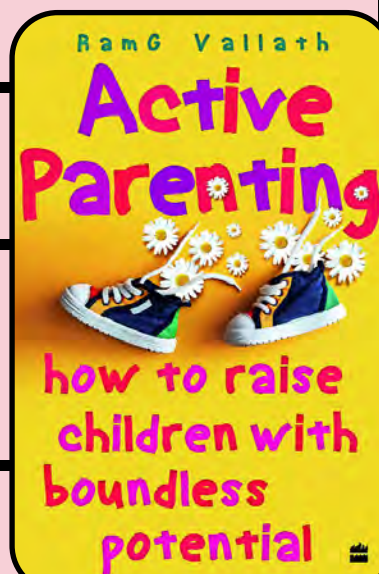
Active Parenting is about a) knowing what attributes and traits make children into successful adults and building them proactively and b) using every opportunity to build these attributes and traits. What can be a better opportunity to instill optimism and hope than the third wave of the Covid pandemic – Omicron wave – that is about to hit us. So what can all parents do to make this happen?

Parents need to role-model optimism. They need to learn to look at all the blessings they have – starting with the fact that even after two years of the pandemic, they are alive and so are the children – and be cheerful and optimistic in their interaction with their children.

They need to then help children count all the blessings they have and help them focus on the present and what they can do to improve the present.

They need to take the children through data available in trustworthy sites such as WHO, government sites of both India and others such as the UK and make them understand that Covid is by and large a mild disease. Also, every year, far more people die of other diseases than with Covid. Thinking of a problem rationally helps in improving optimism.

BOOKS



4 Focus the children on what is within their control and what they can do, such as wearing masks, sticking to Covid protocols, etc.

5 Recount to them stories that highlight the power of human spirit. How an indomitable spirit and courage can conquer any difficulty in life.

6 Explain to them that it is OK to be scared of the unknown, that true courage is in conquering fear; not in being without fear to begin with.



Ram G. Vallath is an IITian, international life coach, motivational speaker and the best-selling author of 'Active Parenting: How to Raise Children with Boundless Potential'

BOOK LOVERS

A book a day keeps pesky kids at bay, says Twinkle Khanna



Actress-entrepreneur-author Twinkle Khanna often posts about the books she likes reading. Twinkle, who recently returned from her Maldives vacation with family, posted a cute picture of herself and her daughter Nitara spending some quality time reading together. Along with this picture from their vacation, Twinkle also shared a quick tip for parents to keep 'pesky kids' at bay!

Commenting about Nitara's love for reading, just like hers, Twinkle wrote, "She swats me down with that tongue that could double up as an electric mosquito racket and always has more questions than I have answers. My only respite is to thrust

a book in her hand so that her mind is occupied and her mouth is zipped up. Yet another reason to get them to read-A book a day keeps pesky kids at bay! #Fing #davidwalliams". Do you agree?

In the picture, Nitara can be seen reading best-selling author David Walliams' book 'Fing', which was published in 2019. 'Fing' is a funny story of "two perfectly nice parents and their unbelievably monstrous daughter", according to the book's blurb.

Twinkle has published three books so far, namely – a collection of her columns titled 'Mrs Funnybones', a short story collection 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad', and her debut novel 'Pyjamas Are Forgiving'.

AWARENESS

What parents need to know about COVID-19 vaccine for kids

Almost a year ago, coronavirus vaccination drive began in full swing for people aged 65 and above. Over time, adults 18 and beyond were prioritised for the same and many have received one or both the doses of Covid-19 vaccines.

Finally now, after a year of worry and anxiety, parents breathe a sigh

of relief as their children are set to receive their first dose of vaccine shot. Teens falling in the 15-17 age groups are eligible for vaccination in the country from today (January 3). As per the guidelines issued by the Union Health Ministry, "all those whose birth year is 2007" or before, shall be eligible for the vaccines.



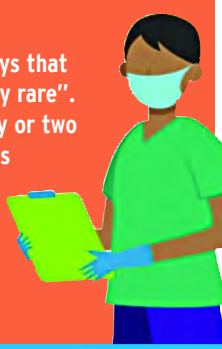
Which coronavirus vaccine is available for kids?

Health officials have announced that for now, the only vaccine option available for kids is Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. It has been granted approval for restricted use in an emergency situation in the age group between 12 and 18 years.

However, CoWIN chief Dr RS Sharma had earlier said that children will have an option to choose between Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and Zydus Cadila's jab. Even though Zydus Cadila's Covid-19 vaccine ZyCoV-D received the Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) from the drug regulator on August 20, it is yet to be launched in the country. It was

SIDE EFFECTS

■ Dr Vikas Taneja, HOD - Pediatrics, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Dwarka, says that "extreme side effects or reactions from COVID-19 vaccines are extremely rare".
■ "Some children might experience low grade fever, body aches for a day or two but it is really self resolving and as far as treatment, only paracetamol is required," he says.
■ "In case, a child has a medical or family history of reaction to any vaccine in the past, then the parents should be more cautious and must inform this to the medical facility before the vaccination," the doctor adds further.



IS 15-MINUTE OBSERVATION REQUIRED?

■ Post Covid-19 vaccination, medical professionals recommend waiting at the vaccination centre for at least 15 minutes. This is to ensure the safety of people who may develop adverse reactions from the coronavirus vaccine. The waiting period allows the medical team to observe vaccinated individuals and treat them immediately, in case of any complications.
■ The same applies to children, who will be receiving their Covid-19 vaccines. On being asked about the same, Dr Taneja says, "Yes, by the rules 30 minutes is the minimum time to observe if there are any side effects. So it should not worry the kids and their parents."

TWO POSSIBLE WAYS TO PREDICT YOUR CHILD'S HEIGHT

HEALTH



A person's height plays a very important role in the way he/she looks. Having a good height makes one look good and enhances the personality of an individual. Tall people have several advantages in life apart from their attractiveness. They are

preferred in several lines of work and meet eligibility criteria easily. In professions of defence and glamour, height plays an important role. Even though it is not possible to get to know what height your child will attain after he/she grows completely, it can always be approximated

FORMULA 1

Applying a simple formula to approximate the height of an individual is a great way to determine the height of an individual. This isn't a proven way but it can be tried to see if one gets the desired results.

Add the mother's height and the father's height. Make sure that both the heights are in the same units of measurement, either in inches or in centimetres. Now add five inches to the sum if the child is a boy. If the child whose height you're calculating is a girl, subtract five inches from the sum. Divide the resultant number by two.

FORMULA 2

Another popularly used method whose accuracy is not scientifically proven is to double the measurement of the height of the girl at the age of eighteen months. This can provide a rough idea of the height that the child can attain. For boys, doubling the height that they attain at the age of two years of age is used.



REVELATION

ACTIVE MINDS CAN DELAY DEMENTIA

Reading, writing or doing puzzles later in life may delay dementia by up to five years, a study found. It could be even beneficial to those in their 80s.

Scientists at Rush University Medical centre in Chicago, US, studies pensioners with dementia. They found those with the lowest amount of cognitive activity had developed it by age 89. But patients who had regularly played games or read books did not suffer the disease until 94.

Researcher Robert Wilson said, "Our findings suggest it may be beneficial to start doing these things, even in your 80s, to delay the onset of Alzheimer's."

DAILY MIRROR

GOOD FOOD

4 FOUR REASONS TO EAT SWEET CORN



A popular veggie available almost all year round and especially in winter, it has great health benefits in case you are unaware of its prowess

1 It is a good source of minerals such as magnesium, phosphorus and potassium, which are all essential for a healthy body.

2 Sweet corn contains vitamin A, which is necessary for the health of your eyes.

3 It's rich in powerful antioxidants such as zeaxanthin, lutein and beta-carotene, which may help to lower the risk of cancer.

4 You will get a fibre fix, which is needed for a healthy digestive system and regular bowel movements.



DAILY MIRROR

Hopes float for a pandemic-free New Year



Pallavi Model School

Bowenpally

How strange is the relation between December and January! Both are close yet miles apart! One carries memories, experiences and closure while the other brings in a fresh breath of new promises, resolutions, beginnings and endeavours.

Students of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, came up with a spectacular assembly to mark the occasion. The proceedings began with a dance performance to invoke the blessings of Lord Ganesha by Devisree, followed by the performances by Godvija and Pranali. The audience were taken down the memory lane by showing glimpses of the journey of the year 2021. Hosts Neethu Abhishek, Satweek Pradhan, Manogna, Vindhya and Harika kept the audience engaged throughout with their witty and humorous conversation.

Students came up with beautiful resolutions such as engaging in random acts of kindness, having an attitude of gratitude, having faith in oneself and many more.

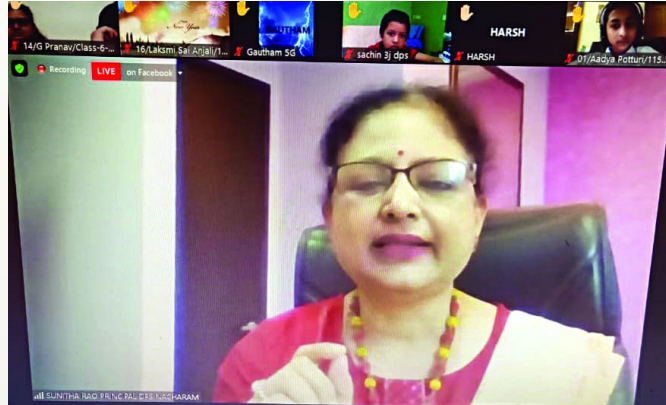
Principal Shailaja Reddy appreciated the students for their performances and thanked the parents for their continued support. Vice Principal Sindhu Jayaraj proposed the vote of thanks and wished the students and parents a happy and joyful year ahead.

Hrushali Nair, class VIII-N, Delhi Public School Nacharam

The halls of DPS Nacharam were buzzing in anticipation of the year 2022 as the school organised a special assembly on New Year's Eve to wish the students in advance.

The programme started with a welcome address by Praveen Martin followed by a melodious song rendered by Sumedha of class XIJ and Vignesh of class VIII N. It was followed by a video, where all the heads wished the students a happy and safe New Year.

Principal Sunita Rao addressed the students and encouraged them with her warm words and shared her hope that during the coming academic year, all the



students would be able to return to physical school, and that everyone's life would regain a sense of normalcy.

In addition to the assembly, the school played songs by Alan Walker, Panic! At the Disco, and BTS, which set the fun atmosphere. Students wrote their resolutions and

bucket-lists for the upcoming year, and wished earnestly for the pandemic to end. It was a day that would be cherished by everyone in DPS Nacharam.

Our students welcome 2022 with hearts filled with optimism. Read here what they have to say...

Painters' Gallery



RAY'S OF HOPE: SANJANA G, class VII-C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Vidyashram, Jubilee Hills

ON A NEW JOURNEY: SOM MUKHERJEE, class VIII-Tulip, Sister Nivedita School, HYD



AN AMBIGUOUS NEW YEAR!

Dear '2022',
Let's ride an adventure of something new...
Hoping that at least 'you' will not make us blue,
Grant me the permission to have a friendly conversation with you!

Let's rewind the pain and uncertainty we went through,
For all the fresh timeless treasures to queue!
Your saddening siblings had a complete disaster debut,
So, think twice before settling your awaited menu!
Are we again going to hear the same review?
Or a magnificent journey for us you have drew!
We can't again face the same infectious issue,
Give us at least a working vacation, we pursue!
Our days of fun and laughter, let's renew,
Believing that you have come to our rescue,
We guarantee a splendid welcome with all our virtue,
But after a cheerful start, please don't undo,
Following your welcome are we going to rue?
Or cry in excitement - Yahoo!
In the chat, is it only me involved into?
Or are you giving us some clue too?
Please say liberty is confirmed and true!
Please say liberty is confirmed and true!.. An Ambiguous New Year!



M. SHILPA REDDY, class X-A, Global Edge School, Madhapur

NEW YEAR!

A Name called "New year"
Was heard in my ear,
With new resolutions,
To make our life "better"
with good solutions,
We can fight the virus,
With confidence, and without
any careless indulgence,
To Make the year "peaceful
and beautiful, always be joyful
and cheerful. Happy new year!



MAYUKHA CHOKKA, class VI-A, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Vidyashram

BOOK REVIEW: 'THE WITCHES'

The Witches' is a children's story book written by the famous author, Roald Dahl. The story is narrated by a mouse. It is about its encounter with witches. Now, these are not good witches willing to help people with magic.

These witches don't go to magic schools, instead they are born with an uncontrollable desire to kill and/or harm children. The boy, the main character of the book, loses his parents in a car accident when he goes to stay in Norway with his dear grandmother. His grandmother becomes his legal guardian and they both are forced to shift to England where the boy lived. His grandmother, who is a witchophile, is not very happy about this due to two reasons. Firstly, she was used to living in Norway, and secondly, the witches were far more



savage and heinous in England than in Norway. Now surely you would think, who would be willing to go near a hideous woman with a large hat and cloak. This is where things get scary. Witches are well aware of people assuming them to be repugnant so they wear gloves all the time to cover their ugly hands. They wear real wigs to cover their bald heads and some witches who look extremely repulsive need to wear beautiful face masks.

Things start to spice up when the boy goes into an auditorium where the witches were to hold their annual meeting and gets trapped after the witches enter. You will be wondering about two things now- what happened next... and what does a mouse have to do with all of this. So, make sure you read the book to find out.

SANJANA G, class VII-C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Vidyashram, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad

Much-awaited Annual Day a grand affair



Pratibha Chawla, class IX-B, Unicent School Nagole, Hyderabad

Every child awaits the expressive dances, flamboyant dramas, and melodious harmonies accompanied with the general enthusiasm of putting up grand performances for the annual day celebrations of the school. The students of Unicent School, Nagole were exponentially more excited than the previous years for the Annual Day as they were to perform in school after spending a whole year at home.

The theme was "Technological Headway and Humankind." The students then poured out their ideas, perfectly drafted scripts, choreographed dances, and composed the melodies on their own, all the while learning about the

magnificent history of the development of mankind.

The performances were recorded and then presented on December 18, with snippets of the school's key philosophies and various student programmes. The wonderful extravaganza was put together with the hard work and innovation of teachers, students, and the back-end team of Unicent, and the experience was a thorough joy-ride for every student as well as parents.

DO IT YOURSELF

MAKE YOUR OWN MINI BOOK

THINGS REQUIRED

- A4 size paper
- Scissors
- Sketchpens
- Stencils

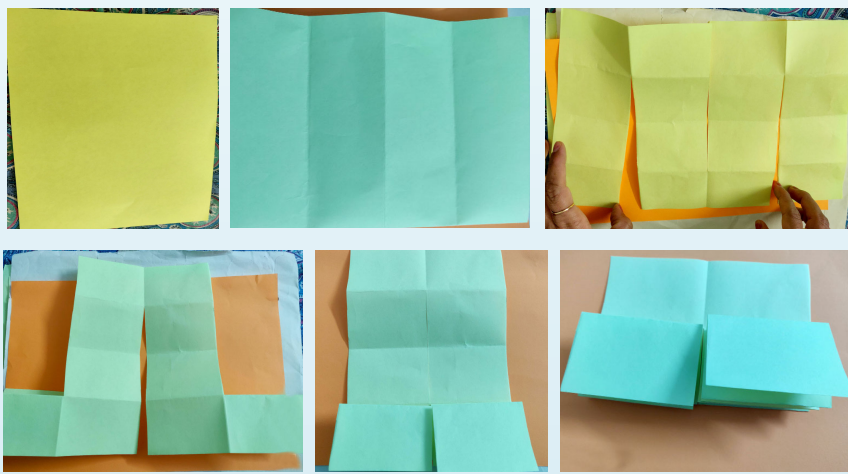
HOW TO GO ABOUT IT:

- Take an A4 size paper
- Fold it from the centre
- Fold it again as shown in the pic
- Using a scissors cut the paper as shown in the pic
- Gently fold the paper in equal parts
- The second half of the paper can be easily folded in the opposite direction



RIDDHIMA BISWAS, Class III, Udgam School For Children, Ahmedabad

STEP 7: The folds have to be equal to ensure that it looks like a book.
STEP 8: Decorate the first page of the book. Your book is ready.



It's a number game!



Sister Nivedita School Ameerpet

The primary wing of Sister Nivedita School marked National Mathematics Day with an introduction of the famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan whose birth anniversary is celebrated on the day.

The little ones participated enthusiastically and displayed their keen interest in Mathematics by showcasing their talent in various concepts of the subject such as

Abacus, fractions, measurements etc. The young ones as the audience responded with equal zeal to the questions asked by the little mathematicians on stage. This jubilant celebrations was graced by director of the school Harihara Prasad and Principal Dr Lalitha Kumari.



A world of pretty colours

Rainbow is made up of different colours, yet they do not split at any time, because they know how beautiful they are when they stay together. Colours are the best way to express moods and emotions. They can make you understand feelings and influence your emotions and state of mind.

Little Gangians explored various colours like brown, pink, black, green, white, orange and red. In the first and second week of December,

Ganges Valley School Hyderabad

our tiny tots were very excited to do different activities like lacing, dabbing, naturewalk, role play, storytelling and setting up a veggie market for each and every colour. It was an amazing learning experience which had a long lasting effect on each student and indeed a visual treat to the parents who participated in some of the activities.



BANGLADESH STUN NEW ZEALAND

Ebadot takes six as poorest Test performers beat World Test Champions by eight wickets



▶ Ebadot Hossain celebrates his six wickets with teammates

Seamer Ebadot Hossain took 6-46 as Bangladesh beat New Zealand for the first time in a test match at the 16th attempt with a stunning eight-wicket victory over the world test champions on Wednesday.

SHOCK VICTORY

The victory at Mount Maunganui was among the biggest shocks in the history of test cricket as one of the poorest performers in the longest format of the game snapped New Zealand's 17-match unbeaten streak on home soil. While New Zealand had beaten all-comers at home since their last loss to South Africa in March 2017, Bangladesh had lost all 21 of their matches in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and England since they started playing test cricket in 2000.

Ebadot, who had taken 11 wickets in his 10 previous tests, led the way as the tourists dismissed the 'Black Caps' for 169 early on day five to leave them requiring 40 runs for a famous victory. After losing both openers in the

chase, it was left to captain Mominul Haque and experienced batsman Mushfiqur Rahim to usher Bangladesh to their first victory outside Asia, giving them a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

"I can't describe it. It is unbelievable. I couldn't sleep yesterday because of pressure and not knowing what would happen today. It was very important to win this test match. If you see two years back, we didn't play much



Ebadot Hossain, right, shakes hands with Blackcaps captain Tom Latham after play

test cricket. We are keen to improve in test cricket and everyone knows we have to improve," said Mominul Haque after the game ended.

New Zealand had resumed on 147-5 with a slender lead of 17, hoping to bat out the day but were quickly on the back foot when Ebadot clean bowled Ross Taylor for 40 and removed Kyle Jamieson for a duck in his first two overs. Taskin Ahmed (3-36) chipped in with his second wicket in the fifth over of the morning when he had all-rounder Rachin Ravindra caught behind for 16. Tim Southee had his middle stump removed in Taskin's next over and Trent Boult departed for eight when he holed out in the deep to end the innings.

Shadman Islam scored the first runs of the chase but was caught behind for three before his fellow opener Najmul Hossain Shanto departed for 17 with victory in sight. Mominul, who scored 13 not out, and Rahim resisted one of the world's finest seam attacks to get across the line, the latter scoring the winning runs with a boundary through backward point.

FULL RESPECT FOR TEAM

Bangladesh had lost all nine of their previous tests in New Zealand but were put into a winning position on day four when four of their top six batsmen struck fifties to earn them a first-innings lead of 130. Man of the Match Ebadot drove home the advantage with a match-changing late spell in which he removed three batsmen at the cost of no runs soon after New Zealand had wiped out the deficit.

New Zealand, winners of the inaugural World Test Championship after beating India last year, are without regular skipper Kane Williamson for the series because of an elbow injury but were still expected to comfortably beat a young Bangladesh side.

"It was obviously a disappointing performance, we weren't at our best," said stand-in captain Tom Latham. "Full respect to (Bangladesh), they certainly outplayed us throughout the five days."

The second match starts in Christchurch on Sunday. REUTERS

FROM VOLLEYBALL TO CRICKET

He used to play volleyball and is in the air force, but Ebadot Hossain announced himself as a world-class cricketer on Wednesday with a scintillating six wickets that set up Bangladesh's historic Test win over New Zealand.

After each wicket, the raw but charismatic 27-year-old fast bowler saluted as the fallen batsman, a nod to his services background. His journey into Bangladesh cricket folklore has been swift, starting as recently as 2016, when he took part in a bowling competition. He was selected as one of three to attend a training camp in Dhaka and by 2019 he was in the Test squad. He was picked several years ago as a volleyball player by the Bangladesh Air Force. "I am a soldier of Bangladesh Air Force so I know how to do the salute. It was a long story, from volleyball to cricket. I am enjoying cricket, representing Bangladesh and the Air Force."



Ebadot Hossain celebrates the wicket of New Zealand's Will Young (not in picture)

SABALENKA FACES SHOCK DEFEAT

Shelby Rogers fights back to upset Sakkari in a repeat of Wimbledon showing

Second seed Aryna Sabalenka suffered a shock exit at the Adelaide International on Wednesday after a 7-6(6) 6-1 defeat to world number 100 Kaja Juvan of Slovenia in the second round, while Shelby Rogers stunned Maria Sakkari 7-6(5) 2-6 6-4.

Sabalenka struggles

World number two Sabalenka, a semi-finalist at last year's Wimbledon and US Open, struggled with her serve, racking up 18 double faults, and committed 49 unforced errors in the shock loss to the 21-year-old at the Australian Open warm-up event.

Juvan won a tight first set after trailing 2-0 and saved a set point at 6-5 in the tiebreak, before racing ahead 3-0 in the second to storm to victory in an hour and a half. "I really enjoyed the first set. I love when matches get tight, when it's competitive and when it's a really tight fight," Juvan said after sealing her place in the quarter-finals. "I was feeling a little bit

DJOKOVIC EXEMPTION SPARKS BACKLASH

Australians reacted with fury on Wednesday after world number one Novak Djokovic received a medical exemption from having a Covid vaccine to play at the Australian Open.

Tournament chief Craig Tiley said the defending champion had been given "no special favour" but urged the Serb to reveal why he got the exemption to soothe public anger.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said that if the reasons for Djokovic's exemption were "insufficient" then the Serb would be "on the next plane home". "We await his presentation and what evidence he provides us to support (his exemption)," Morrison told a press conference. "If that evidence is insufficient, then he won't be treated any different to anyone else and will be on the next plane home. There should be no special rules for Novak Djokovic at all. None whatsoever."

sorry at some points because I ... knew she's not doing the best with the serve and we all know how that feels at one point. I know she can do it better."

Rogers fights back

Rogers beat Sakkari in straight sets in the second round at Wimbledon last year and looked on course for a repeat in Adelaide but lost seven straight games after being 2-0 up in the second set. World number six Sakkari forced the decider but Shelby fought her way back to close out the win in two hours and 18 minutes.

"It's nice to start with a big win like that. I knew it was going to be really tough today," Rogers said. "She's coming off an incredible season last year and she's such a great competitor, so I knew I had to bring my best tennis, whatever that looks like at the beginning of the year." AGENCIES



Aryna Sabalenka

RAMKUMAR-BOPANNA ENTER QUARTERFINALS IN ADELAIDE

India's Ramkumar Ramanathan and Rohan Bopanna entered the men's doubles quarterfinals of the Adelaide International 1 ATP tournament with a hard fought win over their rivals here on Wednesday.

In the ATP 250 men's event, the Indian combination of Ramkumar and veteran Bopanna, pairing up together for the first time on the ATP tour, had to dig deep to stun the eighth seed Amer-

ican duo of Nathaniel Lammons and Jackson Withrow 6-7(4) 7-6(3) 10-4 in a super tie-breaker in the second round.

The Indians will face the winner of the pre-quarterfinal between the French-Monégasque duo of Benjamin Bonzi and Hugo Nys and the Belgian combination of Sander Gille Joran Vliegen.

The Adelaide event is a tune up tournament for the Australian Open, starting January 17 in Melbourne. AP



Rohan Bopanna



Ramkumar Ramanathan

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: What is the national sport of Bhutan?

- a) Volleyball
- b) Tennis
- c) Archery
- d) Badminton

Q2: Thomas Cup is related to

- a) Cricket
- b) Basketball
- c) Badminton
- d) Tennis

Q3: Which sport does the Wimbledon Championship deal with?

- a) Tennis
- b) Table Tennis
- c) Golf
- d) Archery

Q4: When was the first Commonwealth Games held?

- a) 1930
- b) 2002
- c) 1997
- d) 1814

Q5: Dhyan Chand was a legendary ____?

- a) Kabaddi player
- b) Hockey player
- c) Cricketer
- d) Chess Grandmaster



Dhyan Chand

Q6: Which is the largest stadium in India?

- a) Eden Gardens
- b) Narendra Modi Stadium
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- d) Kalinga Stadium

Q7: Where were the first Commonwealth Games held?

- a) Canada
- b) USA
- c) Mexico
- d) Chile

Q8: Who invented the penalty kick in football?

- a) Pelé
- b) Diego Maradona
- c) William McCrum
- d) David Beckham

Q9: The sport "Jallikattu" originates from _____

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Bangladesh

ANSWERS: 1. c. Archery 2. c. Badminton
3. a. Tennis 4. a. 1930 5. c. Hockey player
6. b. Narendra Modi Stadium 7. a. Canada
8. c. William McCrum 9. b. India