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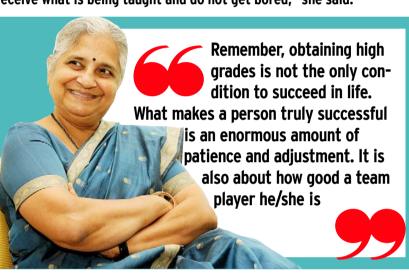


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Let's make virtual classes more vibrant: Sudha Murthy

uthor and chairperson of Infosys Foundation, Sudha Murthy, feels that the online classes being held by schools owing to the pandemic need an overhaul in order to make them more interesting, and children more receptive.

"What we are witnessing right now is just a 'translation' of a physical classroom into a virtual one, something, which is not working at all. We need to improvise and use our imagination to ensure that children receive what is being taught and do not get bored," she said.



ON THE RAT RACE TO SCORE A PERFECT 10

It's unfortunate that most of the educational institutions are just focussing on grades and ranks. Besides, parental pressure on children to aim for courses, which they (parents) could not take up, stunts the overall growth of young minds. Those who draft the syllabus need to understand the importance of creative classes and soft skills where the real potential of children can emerge. Parents must stop wanting to complete their dreams through children

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MISSION MARS

Will it be safe for humans to fly to the Red planet?



flight to Mars takes about nine months

Scientists' calculations demonstrate that it would be possible to shield a Mars-bound spacecraft from energetic particles from the sun because during solar maximum, the most dangerous and energetic particles from distant galaxies are deflected by the enhanced

that the best time for a flight to

leave Earth would be when solar

activity is at its peak, known as

Similarly, researchers recommend a mission not longer than four years because a longer journey would expose astronauts to a dangerously high amount of radiation during the round trip - even assuming they went when it was relatively safer than at other times

They also reported that the main danger to such a flight would be particles from outside of our solar system

indings of a recent study suggests that humans should be able to safely travel to and from Mars, provided that the spacecraft has sufficient shielding and the round trip is **shorter than approximately four years**. Sending human travellers to Mars would require scientists and engineers to overcome a range of technological and safety obstacles. Here's some

According to scientists, particle radiation from the sun, distant stars and galaxies will be the greatest obstacle

Experts say, the timing of a human mission to Mars would indeed make a difference: The scientists determined

Tokyo Paralympics: Krishna secures gold, Suhas clinches silver in badminton

INDIA FINISHES WITH 19 MEDALS

rishna Nagar secured a second gold medal in badminton after Suhas Yathiraj claimed a silver as it turned out to be a Super Sunday for the Indian badminton contingent at the Tokyo Paralympics. The 22-year-old Nagar, seeded second, defeated Hong Kong's Chu Man Kai 21-17 16-21 21-17 in the men's singles SH6 class final to retain his unbeaten run at the Games and join compatriot **Pramod**

Bhagat in

the gold medal win-

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BHAGAT HAD
CLAIMED INDIA'S
FIRST GOLD IN
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CLASS ON SATURDAY

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: JOLIE URGES KIDS

of them...

around the world with tools to "fight back" for their rights with a book she has written with Amnesty International. 'Know Your Rights and Claim Them', written with human rights lawyer Geraldine Van Bueren, one of the original drafters of the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, aims to equip kids with the knowledge to safely challenge injustices.

HOW TO BE AN ACTIVIST

■ The book addresses identity, justice, education and protection from harm, among other issues. It provides guidance on becoming an activist, being safe and a glossary of terms and organisations.

■The book is peppered with examples of powerful young voices from around the world, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, climate activist Greta Thunberg and 15-year-old Palestinian journalist Janna Jihad.



Study shows Coronavirus epidemic may have existed 21,000 years ago

The most recent common ancestor of sarbecoviruses – the family of coronaviruses to which SARS-CoV belongs – existed more than 21,000 years ago, nearly 30 times older than previous estimates, finds a study. The study showed that humanity may have been exposed to sarbecoviruses, which has the potential to jump from animals to humans, since the Paleolithic period, roughly 2.5 million years ago to 10,000 BC.

NOW, TRANSFER YOUR WHATSAPP CHATS FROM IOS TO ANDROID

acebook-owned WhatsApp has added the ability for users to migrate their chat history when switching from iOS to Samsung Android devices. Previously, if users selected WhatsApp's cloud backup feature, then iOS chat histories were stored in iCloud, while Android's histories backed up to Google Drive, making it almost impossible to transfer chats between phones that weren't running the same operating system.



Rohit Sharma completes 15,000 runs in international cricket

Opener Rohit Sharma went past 15,000 runs in international cricket during India's second innings against England at The Oval on Friday. With this feat, the right-hander has joined an exclusive club, as he became only the eighth Indian batsman to achieve this feat in international cricket...

Sachin Tendulkar leads the pack with 34,357 runs

The other Indian players on the list are Rahul Dravid, Virat Kohli, Sourav



Ganguly, MS Dhoni,
Virender Sehwag and
Mohammed Azharuddin
Rohit is the 39th on the
list of leading run-getters
in the world across formats



WHY YOU MUST

NOT HAVE FRUITS

ruits are one of the greatest sources of vitamins and minerals. Two servings of fresh fruits a day can keep you healthy and fit. It can aid in weight loss, help your organs perform their work efficiently and cut down the risk of chronic diseases. But just like there is an ideal time to have your meals, fruits too should be taken on fixed time to absorb maximum nutrients from it. If you believe in Ayurveda, then you must have your share of fruits before sunset to reap its health benefits

WHY FRUITS MUST BE CONSUMED BEFORE SUNSET

ifestyle and wellness coach Luke Coutinho recently took to his Instagram handle to enlighten his followers why fruits should be eaten before sunset. Luke wrote that as per Ayurveda, the ancient ndian system of medicine, eating fruits in the evening can disturb the sleep schedule and disrupt the digestion process. As we know that most fruits are simple carbs that means they

can be broken down. They are a great source of instant energy, at the same time they also spike blood sugar levels. Having it close to bedtime may disrupt your sleep due to a rise in the blood sugar level. Besides, postsunset, our metabolism slows down and it becomes difficult to digest carbs. So, it is better to

THE RIGHT TIME TO **HAVE FRUITS**

ccording to Luke, the best time to have fruit is early in the morning on an empty stom ach. When we wake up after fasting for almost 10 nours at night, our stomach s all empty. Eating healthy ood in the morning will elp to absorb the nutrients more efficiently and will kickstart the metabo[.] ism. As per the expert, ruit should also not be added with a meal or taken mmediately after a meal One must wait for at least 3.5 to 4 hours after a mea before having any fruit. Simple carbs are best to be at, protein and low comolex carbs are best to be consumed post sunset.

FRUITS SHOULD BE TAKEN ALONE

ruits should always be taken all alone and not be paired with dairy or vegetables. Taking fruits with or vegetables can lead to the formation of with dairy or vegetables. Taking fruits with dairy toxins in the body. That happens due to improper digestion of fruits and low absorption of nutrients. The presence of toxins in the body can lead to illness and other health-related conditions.

limit the carb intake.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHO IS TO BLAME?

By Advait Joshi, class XI, Shri Ram School - Aravali. Gurugram. He likes Economics, and has participated in many MUN's and won awards



A BRIEF HISTORY

he instability in the state of Afghanistan started way before the 9/11 attacks. In the December of 1979, during the cold war, Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan to set up a pro-Soviet government there. The strategic location and the chance to have another ally was an offer too tempting for the Soviet Union to pass on and it began a whole war against the country and the Mujahideen, the guerrilla warfare fighters of Afghanistan. The US and Saudi Arabia funnelled in weapons and resources to the Mujahideen through Pakistan in the 1980s, and in 1989, the war ended with no real winner. After this, the country saw a civil war, which saw the Taliban set up their regime in Afghanistan until the entry of the United States in 2001.

On September 11, 2001, Operatives from the terrorist group Al- Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes, crashing two of them into the World Trade Centers, one in the Pentagon Building and one in Pennsylvania, resulting in the death of nearly 3,000 people and injuring thousands more. The attack was the deadliest terrorist attack on US soil. Then-President George W Bush vowed to "win the war against terrorism," and zeroed in on Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, even though none of the 19 hijackers were from Afghanistan. He then signed into law a joint resolution to authorise using military force against those responsible for 9/11.

coon, the US, with British support Istarted bombing campaigns against the Taliban with help from other countries. The Taliban regime that was controlling Afghanistan then toppled after losing many strongholds. Osama escaped to Pakistan, and soon a democratic proxy government was set up by the UN and the USA in Afghanistan. The US then fought a 20-year war until the Joe Biden government decided to rid Afghanistan of every single US troop in the country. Earlier ex-US President Barack Obama withdrew many troops from Afghanistan and had announced a timetable in 2014 for a further withdrawal of most US forces in Afghanistan.

The Donald Trump government dropped what Trump called the "mother of all bombs," the most potent non-nuclear weapon in the US arsenal on a suspected self-proclaimed Islamic State Militants in Afghanistan. The bombing showed the emergence of another Islamic State in Afghanistan. Taliban strongholds grew, and Kabul and other cities were subjected to suicide bombings. Taliban had lost control of more than one third of the whole country.

raliban and US entered their highest level of negotiations. US agreed to pull out many of its troops, and Taliban pledged to block international terror organisations from operating in the country. However, suddenly Trump broke off all peace talks. Taliban responded by saying it's committed to continue negotiations and if it stops, the number of deaths will increase.

The Joe Biden government decided upon the complete withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, despite warnings that a sudden departure would result in a power vacuum, which Taliban could use to get back to power in the country. Unnamed officials related to the Biden government predicted that Ashraf Ghani's government would fall in 30 to 90 days, but the Taliban succeeded in toppling the government in 11



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AFGHANISTAN RIGHT N

n August 15, India's Independence Day, Afghanistan lost its independence. Taliban was able to overthrow the old government, with the now expresident Ashraf Ghani fleeing the country. Taliban officials said their only goal is to implement a government as per the Sharia law that restricts the role of women in society, and even though majority of Afghanistan wanted Sharia law in the polls done before, many are trying to leave the country as refugees. Airports and runways are overcrowded with people and many are losing their lives in the mayhem. Mothers are throwing their babies over borders so they don't have to live in Afghanistan. UK has pledged to take in 20,000 Afghan refugees, and many more will seek refuge around the world. Taliban insisted upon its commitment to peace, but accounts of human rights violations against the people of Afghanistan by Taliban tell a different story.



WHO IS TO BLAME?

The American Side

he speed at which the government of Afghanistan collapsed is something nobody could fathom, not even the Biden Administration, and many say that the pulling out of American troops allowed Taliban to take over the country. First of all, the entry of US into Afghanistan to fight the 20 years was a decision that led to deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. US was backed by a foreign policy that would never reward them in leaving an un-winnable war. US strived to protect Afghanistan from the Taliban and other terror organisations, but the fact that they left the country with such swiftness contradicts their whole foreign policy. America took no steps to train the Afghan police or army to fight Taliban, and followed no accurate schedule in the withdrawal of troops. The reality that US entered the war and left without tangible results makes people question America's credibility in this

The Afghan Side

he US national security advisor Jake Sullivan said the Afghan Army "chose not to fight for its country." Afghan security forces "had the training, the size, the capability to defend their country," he said. "This comes down to the issue of will and leadership. I did not, nor did anyone else, see a collapse of an army that size in 11 days." This statement has an element of truth. There was a high level of corruption in the Afghan military, and that was something the US could never come to terms with. The Biden administration asserted that Afghan army had a force of 300,000. However, the Afghan military and police payrolls contained many what some call "ahost soldiers," officers who did not exist but were listed so that officials could receive extra payments. The SIGAR or the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan reconstruction found that there was a gap between recorded and actual strength in the number of police/army personnel in the southern pro-Taliban provinces in recent years. This widespread corruption led to the inevitable demoralisation of the Afghan fighting force. Overall, Afghanistan was used as a pawn between geo-political superpowers. The world though is sad for the people of Afghanistan whose lives have been robbed of freedom for many decades. Although, for this current chaos, I believe both sides, the Afghanistan and the US - both have their reasons.

A Short History Of

America's Involvement in

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engulfed by flames, George W

Bush's war on terror, Taliban's refusal to hand over Osama bin Laden and finally, joyous sights of victorious NATO troops marching through Kabul, having ended five years of Taliban rule in 2001. Many of our parents will easily remember and recall these historic events and most of us associate the barbaric New York City attack with the beginning of US intervention in Afghanistan. But the truth is American intervention far predates 9/11 and actually started in the mid 20th century.

During the 1950s, both the US and USSR were heavily involved with infrastructure building in the, then Kingdom. The United States worked on the Helmand Valley project, an irrigation and agricultural project to build dams in southern Afghanistan. Both countries cooperated with King Zahir Shah.

The relationship between the nations hit a turning point when the King's cousin Daud Khan overthrew him in a bloodless coup and declared himself President of the Republic of Afghanistan. Khan had previously served as royal Prime Minister and was known for supporting the Soviet Union. His presidency made the United States increasingly uncomfortable. At the same time he also angered the Soviets by preaching Afghan self dependence and allying his country with anti Soviet countries.

However, military involvement began in the late 1970s, where Daud Khan was himself overthrown and a Marxist Leninist government was formed in Kabul. The United States started covertly funneling money into armed resistance groups through the Pakistani intelligence services.



This agitated the USSR and they invaded Afghanistan in 1979. However, it is a myth that the Soviet invasion started the Afghan civil war, as we have learnt, the western backing for rebels had started before the invasion happened. This backing for the Mujahideen (Islamic fighters engaging

Afghanistan t is also a common myth that the United States created the Mujahideen, they simply exploited the group but they didn't fund them completely. Most funds were received by Gulbuddin Hekmatkar, a prominent Islamic fighter. The US also committed a blunder when they convinced Egypt to release Ayman al-Zawhiri, second in command of Al-Qaeda. He was brought to Afghanistan as an attempt to bring in foreign fighters to ally with the Mujahideen. This meddling formed both the Al Qaeda and Taliban. And the withdrawal of American and Soviet forces was the true element that triggered the

> What happened after Taliban seized power is well known: strict Sharia law and the refusal to release Osama bin Laden, which led to the famous NATO invasion of 2001. What happened next is history - the history that Taliban has hopefully learnt from for their second time in power.

civil war and plunged the mountainous nation into chaos.

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Kiwi fruit is

a nutritional

powerhouse

and is great

for health.

Juice it and

reap the

benefits.

Here's the

recipe

STEP 1: Peel kiwis - Peel the kiwis and then scoop out all the pulp neatly. Transfer the pulp to a bowl. STEP 2: Blend all the ingredients - In a blender, add sugar,

salt, kiwi pulp and 4 cups of chilled water. Blend everything together until frothy. STEP 3: Garnish it with black salt - Pour the juice into

two glasses and then sprinkle some black salt. Mix it well.

STEP 4: Your kiwi juice is ready -Drop one ice cube and you are good to go. Enjoy the delicious taste and goodness of kiwi juice.

Kiwi is loaded with vitamin C and is great for gut health

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, SCHOOL IS COOL!

Gratitude to the Gurus



DAY WITH A GREAT TEACHER."

ducted mock classes for juniors. They dressed up as teachers and took on their roles. Teachers were thrilled

to watch their doppelgangers perform

The concept of students serving as teachers to instruct, and

All teachers were honoured with certificates for their end-

less efforts, support and hard work in shaping the future of students.

learn from their classmates, helped them imbibe leadership

and manage the classes.

elhi World School celebrated Teachers' Day with

an array of fun activities. Students of classes

IX and X donned the role of teachers and con-

eachers' Day was celebrated at Gitanjali Devakul with students sharing sweet and heart warming messages for their teach-

The Student Council members donned the role ed a comic skit depicting the online class scenario.

Games and their feel special.

teachers made every teacher feel special.

Students also made videos with a collage of candid pictures of teachers and themselves which was wonderful to watch. Teachers shared their childhood memories of those simpler times associated with their school.

The teachers were overjoyed to receive so of teachers and present- many wishes from students through cards and videos despite not being able to meet them in peractivities son. They thanked the stuconducted dents for making them



tudents of Pallavi Aware International hard work that teachers put in the classrooms School organised a virtual celebration and outside classrooms. honouring all their teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

Pallavi Aware The event began with students explaining the signifi-International School cance of the day. They then spoke about their teachers and presented a poem mashup in Telugu, Hindi, and English dedicated to them. The entire event was interspersed with quotes from different educationists and famous teachers and profes-

The students enacted various plays illustrating the A PowerPoint Presentation on Dr

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was also presented. The event was brought to a close with songs and dances praising the role of teachers



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MADADI AKSHAYA

REDDY, class VII B, P Obul Reddy Public

> he management of Delhi School of Excellence, Attapur, organised a scintillating Teachers' Day programme for its staff as a mark of appreciation for their service to the institution. The management acknowledged and lauded the staff for making learning possible in a smooth manner during these unpredictable times.

The management of DSE too has not left any stone unturned to provide support to their teachers. The teachers who completed a tenure of five years at DSE were formally felicitated by the management to acknowledge their valuable services. They were honoured with a cash award and a shawl.

While the visual treat from the three

Delhi School of Excellence

branches of DSE - Attapur, Manikonda and Banjara - left the teachers speechless, the heartfelt rendition and the message to continue the committed work by Madhusudhan Rao, chairperson DSE, left the teachers mo-

The message from vice chairperson Shilpa Ravi encouraged every teacher to find their personal time to pursue their interests and passion. The academic director congratulated all the teachers on their fruitful endeavours.

Express OURSELF

OH TEACHERS, **DEAR TEACHERS**

Happy Teachers' Day to you Oh teachers, dear teachers, For all your patience towards us Oh teachers, dear teachers, For spending all your time with us Oh teachers, dear teachers, You only right us when we're wrong Oh teachers, dear teachers, For pulling us on to the right road Oh teachers, dear teachers, For being the role model that we need Oh teachers, dear teachers, You being kind, caring, sweet, patient,

Is all we need Oh teachers, dear teachers, Even if you deserve the world Oh teachers, dear teachers, This one day is for you to shine Oh teachers, dear teachers, Happy Teachers' Day to you Oh teachers, dear teachers,

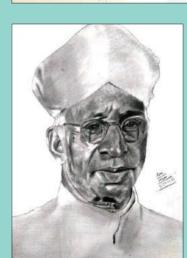
Happy Teachers' Day to you



SUDEESHNA NUNE, Sister Nivedita School,

Painters' Gallery





OUR GUIDE: REYANSH RAJ, class IV, **Little Flower** High School, Abids

TADEPALLI SRIRAM, class VIII, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Atmakuri Rama **Rao School**

Unlocking leadership skills

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He mony was held where the leaddoes not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

mbarking on this vision and ideology, Army Public School, Bolarum conducted the Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected Student Council members on a virtual platform recently.

The ceremony commenced with a prayer followed by a welcome address by Principal Smitha Govind. She said the school has always aligned its curriculum with the values of life, focusing on inculcating a repertoire of skills in students.

The prefects pledged to be responsible and trustworthy leaders. Newly elected school about the Council's aspira- with a vote of thanks by the tions. Next, the pipping cere-

Army Public School Bolarum

ers were pinned the epaulettes by their proud parents. The school captains of pri-

mary and higher wings spoke about how they would discharge their duties and make the school proud. The new members went on to take the oath, promising to uphold the responsibilities that come with their posts to the best of their abilities.

Motivational song and classical dance performances were held. A PPT was presented on previous year's achievements, awards and on alumni who joined the defence

In a video address, an alumnus delivered a highly motivational speech, addressing the elects, stressing on the importance of dedication and discipline which go captains Mehar Singh and into the making of true lead-Pradyumna Subhir spoke ers. The ceremony concluded

CCA I/C Reeta Sharma.



Technology and change: School, then vs now

evitable with the passage of time in every walk of life. The education system too changed a lot. Charles Darwin said, "It is not the strongest and the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change."

In the olden days, the schooling of children was mostly in faded and unattractive buildings. There was no hustle and bustle. Teachers used to transact the content that was available in the textbooks. For most of the teachers, chalk, duster, and blackboard were the only available teaching aids. They rarely went beyond the text, but they used to preach values and morals indirectly through stories and anecdotes. Students listened to those stories with the utmost at- there was a picnic type gathering used to listen to the radio or grandtention and glued to the black-

THE EDUCATIONIST

boards without any deviation. Now, there are many teaching aids like LCD projectors, smart boards, PPT's, videos, etc. So many options to learn from, yet so much of distraction. There were blackboards in the classrooms in the past, and now smart boards and whiteboards have come in the place of blackboards. Laptops and iPads have replaced textbooks and notebooks. Now many teachers are tech-savvy, and technology is used widely in the classrooms. New gadgets can replace old teaching aids, but teachers can never be replaced.

In the past, during lunchtime, in the orchards/gardens nearby



B LAVA KUMAR, PGT (English), Kendriya Vidyalaya, Vizianagaram

the schools. There used to be lots of fun and frolic with so much of physical exercise. Students fell sick rarely and hardly did they visit doctors. There were no gadgets at home to pass the time in the evenings except the radio. They

ma, one for songs and another for

Today, students are spending most of their time with mobiles, TV, computer, etc. They have become couch potatoes without much physical movement and are easily prone to diseases. Those days, teachers were the only resources available to the students. With limited and minimum resources, students could achieve maximum and come out with flying colours. Now resources are many, and the usage is either limited or misused. It is said that knowledge comes out of pain and suffering. Students used to walk miles for education those days, and now the transport is available at the doorstep. Everything is accessible without much effort or pain.

have never heard of the word "em-

pathy,' but they showed it in their actions. Empathetic behaviour and value-based education is the need of the hour. Students have to be taught specific values. These values certainly bring out the best modalities in every student, and they play a pivotal role in shaping them into better citizens of to-

Now, the ball is the court of students. Earlier students were after teachers, and now teachers are after the students. Some students are either unaffected or the least affected by distractions. Students and parents are maintaining the same tempo and moving in the right direction even now. To conclude, old things are gold, and new things are diamonds. If you get di-In the past, students might amonds, do not forget gold because gold can hold a diamond.

FESTIVE CELEBRATION



rishna Janmashtami was celebrated with fervour at Niraj Public School. Nursery students were beautifully dressed up as Krishna and Radha. Images of Krishna's infancy were placed in a cradle. The campus was decorated for the festive celebration and aarti and bhajans were recited and songs related to Janmashtami were played. A puja was performed by Principal

B Jivitesh Reddy, staff and children of the school. The fragrance of flowers, soothing aroma of camphor and jingle of the bells filled the air. Prasad was distributed to children after the puja.

Students were engaged in festive activities like matka painting, making flute and jhula, charity work, etc. The Dahi Handi celebration was the attraction of



Sushil Kumar, Indian wrestler

SIMPLY SPORTS

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A STEP CLOSER TO HISTORY

After tackling two U.S. Open debutants, the Serbian faced an old foe reaching the fourth round with a 6-7(4) 6-3 6-3 6-2 win over Kei Nishikori

meetings with Denmark's Holger Rune and Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor, Djokovic faced a seasoned campaigner in Nishikori, who was runner-up at the 2014 U.S. Open having beaten the Serb to move into that year's final. Since then it has been one-way traffic in the rivalry with Djokovic sweeping 17 straight contests against the Japanese player, improving his head-to-head record to 18-2. But after Nishikori's 6-2 6-0 quarter-final thumping at the hands of the world No. 1 at the Tokyo Olympics, the 31-year-old made Djokovic sweat for his victory. "So far the toughest match of the tournament for me," said Djokovic.

ollowing first-ever

Crowd cheers for the Serb

Usually the headliner under the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights, Djokovic made a matinee appearance on Saturday and appeared unsettled by the conditions as he went to work under a blazing sun. For the first time this week New York fans, who have not always embraced Djokovic, got behind the history-hunting Serb, showering him with cheers that had largely gone

to his opponents. While Djokovic did not need the fans to get through the opening week, he knows the path gets harder and at some point will most likely need the energy the crowd can bring to get him through a rough patch. "Arthur Ashe is the place where you bring the energy," said Djokovic. "That's where you feel this kind of electric atmosphere, particularly in the matches like this where it's decided in a few points. "Yeah, the crowd was involved. It was loud. It was nice. I thrived on that.'

The opening two rounds obviously felt well, played good. But the pace of the ball and the speed of Nishikori's tennis today was just higher than the opening two rounds' opponents that I had. **NOVAK DJOKOVIC**

The Joker in control

■ A tight opening set was snatched by Nishikori in a tiebreak before Djokovic began to settle into the contest, breaking the Japanese player twice in the second on his way to leveling the match at a set apiece. In another workmanlike effort, the top seed took the decisive break in the third to go ahead 5-3, then held serve for a 2-1 lead. Now in control, Djokovic would leave Nishikori no openings to hope for a comeback, storming through the last four games of the fourth set to close out the contest in style. Djokovic now awaits the winner of the match between U.S. wildcard Jenson Brooksby and Russian Aslan Karatsev.

Lloyd Harris ousts Shapovalov

South African Lloyd Harris reached the fourth round of a Grand Slam for the first time on Saturday with a 6-4 6-4 6-4 victory over Canadian world number 10 Denis Shapovalov at the U.S. Open. The 22-year-old Shapovalov, seeded seventh at the hardcourt major this year, came into Saturday's match at the Louis Armstrong Stadium having lost his only previous meeting against Harris in March. Since that Dubai meeting, the South African, 24, has made rapid strides in his career, defeating 20time Grand Slam champion Rafa Nadal in Washington last month and has climbed up to a career-best rank-



SUHAS YATHIRAJ SETTLES FOR SILVER

The IAS officer ended his campaign with a historic silver in the men's singles SL4 class Badminton final

ment in one of his ankles, produced an entertaining performance before narrowly going down 21-15 17-21 15-21 to two-time world champion Mazur in a 62-minute summit clash. Suhas had lost to Mazur, who has won three gold medals in European Championships as well, in the qualifying group A match but the India made a tremendous effort in the final to challenge his world No. 1 rival.

The district magistrate of Gautam Buddh Nagar (Noida) thus also became the firstever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics. Suhas had earlier outwitted Indonesia's Fredy Setiawan 21-9 21-15 in the semifinal. In SL4 bronze medal play-off, sec-

he 38-year-old Noida district ond seed Tarun Dhillon went down 17-21 11- fight against COVID-19 pandemic. On magistrate, who has an impair- 21 to Indonesia's Fredy Setiawan in 32 minutes to miss out of a medal at the Totogi national stadium.

A computer engineer, Suhas went on to become an IAS officer and has been posted as a district magistrate of Noida since 2020, a role that saw him at the forefront of the

It is a proud and prestigious moment to win a medal for the country in the world's largest sporting arena.

Silver medallist Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj of India poses on the podium

court, he has won gold medals at 2017 BWF Turkish Para badminton championship in men's singles and men's doubles. He also won gold in 2016 Asia championships, besides a bronze at 2018 Asian Para

WORLD NO. 1 **ASH BARTY LOSES** IN THIRD ROUND

orld number one Ash Barty crashed out of the third round of the U.S. Open, losing 6-2 1-6 7-6(5) to American Shelby Rogers. There were early signs of trouble for heavy favorite Barty, who handed Rogers a break with four double faults in the third game, and got fewer than half

of her first serves in as. The Wimbledon champion found her form in the second set, getting a critical break in the fourth game with a forehand winner and again converting on break point in the sixth as Rogers whacked the ball into the net. Up 5-2 in the final set, the Australian appeared poised to walk away with the win in but Rogers roared back, winning four straight games in front of an electric home crowd. REUTERS



QUIZ TIME!

• Which Indian player holds the unbroken record of scoring five goals in an Olympic final?

- a. Balbir Singh Sr.
- b. Dhyanchand
- c. Ashok Kumar d. None of the above

• Where will the 2021 Tour de **L** . France start?

- a. Ireland b. Denmark
- c. Belgium
- d. France

3. Which female tennis player has won the highest number of Grand Slams?

- b. Simona Halep c. Serena Williams d. Maria Sharapova

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Q4. Which is the second-largest cricket ground in

- the world, by capacity? a. Eden Gardens
- b. Melbourne Cricket Ground
- c. Perth Stadium
- d. Adelaide Oval

Q5. Which of the following is awarded to indicate for promoting education, culture, development and peace through sport?

- a. Olympic Cup b. Olympic Laurel
- c. Olympic Town
- d. Olympic Order

 How many Intl. centuries, Tests and ODI combined, has Sachin Tendulkar scored?

- b. 90
- c. 120 d. 84



7. Who among the following • is the only player to complete a Grand Slam in tennis in

- a Junior discipline?
- a. Stefan Edberg b. Rod Laver
- c. Ivan Lendi d. Boris Becker

Q8. Who won the most valuable player (MVP) award in the 2018 Asian Games?

- b. Kosuke Hagino
- c. Rikako Ikee d. Koji Ito

Q9. Which country won the gold medal in women's hockey at the 2018 Winter

Olympic Games?

- a. Canada b. USA
- c. Russia
- d. Finland

• Each team is allowed a U. maximum of how many touches before the ball goes over the net in a game of Volleyball?

- b. Two c. Four
- d. Five
 - 1. a. Balbir Singh Sr. 2. d. France
- 3. c. Serena Williams
 4 b. Melbourne Cricket Grou
 6. a. 100 7. a. Stefan Edbe
- 8. c. Rikako Ikee 9. b. USA
- 10. a. Three