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Back to school

Schools in the national capital reopened for classes IX to XII from Monday after a spurt in Covid-19 cases had led to their closure in December. Many other states, including Odisha, Gujarat, Bihar, UP and Kerala have also resumed in-person learning for both primary and secondary classes


TOP 3 BUZZ OF THE DAY

EDUCATION

CISCE announces first-term Board exam results for classes X, XII



The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Monday announced the first-term Board examination results for classes X and XII. While the ICSE exams were held between November 29 and December 16 last year, the ISC exams were conducted between November 22 and December 20. The exams were conducted in offline mode and the academic session was bifurcated into two terms after the Board exams could not be conducted last year in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The results had to be announced using an alternate assessment scheme.

HEALTH

Third wave to ebb by March: Indian Council of Medical Research



The additional director-general of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Dr Samiran Panda said the third wave of Covid was likely to wane by February-end in Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal. "The peak of cases encountered in these states will come down to the base level by the end of this month itself. An overall decline in Covid cases in the country is expected by March," he said. According to the mathematical model-based projection by the ICMR, the entire peak and fall in cases in these states would be achieved within this month. The chronic model developed by the ICMR and Imperial College London projects that India may reach the stage of endemicity of Covid by mid-March this year.

MUSIC

Lata Mangeshkar songs preserved in 7,600 rare gramophone records



A museum in Indore in Madhya Pradesh has a collection of 7,600 rare gramophone records of songs of melody queen Lata Mangeshkar, who died in Mumbai on Sunday. Besides songs, the museum also has photographs and books associated with the icon, who was born in Indore on September 28, 1929. Suman Chourasia, who set up this 1,600 square feet museum in 2008, started saving gramophone records of Mangeshkar's songs from 1965, which has now turned into a collection of 7,600 gramophone records, occupying pride of place in the 'Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Gramophone Record Museum'.

ISS all set to RETIRE

The International Space Station (ISS) will continue working until 2030, before plunging into the Pacific Ocean in early 2031, according to NASA. The US space agency said the ISS would crash into a part of the ocean known as Point Nemo. This is the point farthest from land on planet Earth, also known as the spacecraft cemetery.



WHY THIS MOVE: The ISS — a joint project involving five space agencies — has been in orbit since 1998 and has been continuously crewed since 2000. More than 3,000 research investigations have taken place in its microgravity laboratory. However, it is only approved to operate until 2024 and any extension must be agreed by all partners. NASA said

the plan to retire the ISS marks a transition to the commercial sector for activities in low-Earth orbit — the area of space close to the Earth. Moreover, NASA says safety checks of the overlying structure have shown it to be safe through to 2030, but each new docking and undocking adds further strain. Besides, some of the Russian modules, including repeated leaks, have started to increase

WHAT NEXT: As part of the transition plan, NASA said a number of commercially-operated modules will be added to the station over the next decade. The aim is that eventually they will separate and form their own commercial station, joining at least three other privately-run orbital facilities launching before 2030.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION: THE \$100 BILLION PROJECT THAT SITS 400KM ABOVE THE EARTH

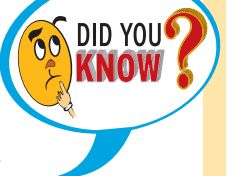
1 The International Space Station (ISS) is a \$100 billion science and engineering laboratory that orbits 400 km above the Earth

2 It has been permanently staffed by rotating crews of astronauts and cosmonauts since November 2000

3 Crews have come mainly from the US and Russia, but the Japanese space agency JAXA and European space agency ESA have also sent astronauts

4 The ISS studies have investigated human research, space medicine, life sciences, physical sciences, astronomy and meteorology

Named after the famous submarine sailor from Jules Verne's classic sci-fi fiction, 'Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea', Point Nemo is the most remote place on the Earth. Located at about 2,688 km from the nearest land—Ducie Island, it's the perfect crash site for decommissioned satellites, space stations, and other spacecraft re-entering the atmosphere, as it is far from people and maritime traffic. The ISS and other space agencies have long used it as a dumping ground. The Russian space station Mir, the world's first space station, was dumped here



Air India: A name chosen through opinion poll more than 75 years ago

More than 75 years ago, an opinion poll among the Tata employees to choose from four names, resulted in the country's first airline company being named as 'Air India'. Back in 1946, when Tata Air Lines expanded from a division of Tata Sons into a company, a name was to be chosen. The choice was between Indian Air Lines, Air-India, Pan-Indian Air Lines, and Trans-Indian Air Lines.



Want to escape mosquito bites? Wear right colour

Preventing the bite of mosquitoes this spring and summer could hinge on your attire and skin skin, suggests a new study. The research indicates that a *Aedes aegypti* — after detecting carbon dioxide that we exhale — flies towards specific colours, including red, orange, black and cyan. At the same time, the mosquitoes ignore other colours, such as green, purple, blue and white. The researchers believe these findings help explain how mosquitoes find hosts, since human skin, regardless of overall pigmentation, emits a strong red-orange "signal" to their eyes.



- Knowing which colours attract hungry mosquitoes, and which ones do not, can help design better repellents, traps and other methods to keep mosquitoes at bay
- Earlier three major cues that attract mosquitoes were breath, sweat and the temperature of the skin

The results reveal how the mosquito's sense of smell, known as olfaction, influences how the mosquito responds to visual cues

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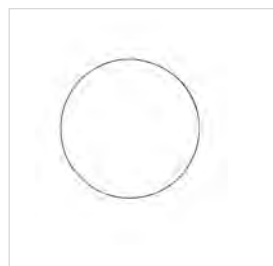
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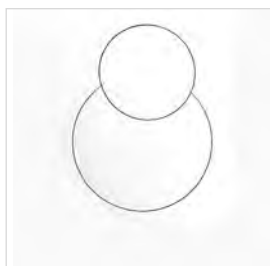


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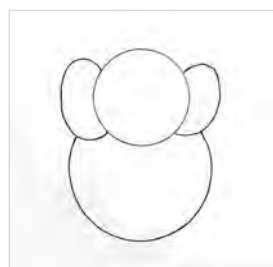
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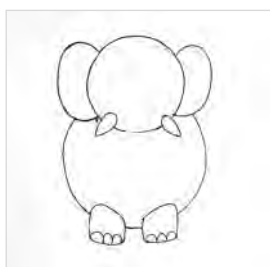
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SERUAEM

- a. Masked b. Measure
c. Musk d. Moodle

2) KLATENB

- a. Blanket b. Bizarre
c. Bucket d. Basket

3) FASRECU

- a. Suitcase b. Surgical
c. Surface d. Surrendert

4) CRNEPI

- a. Projector b. Perfect
c. Police d. Prince

Answers: 1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. d

Riding with the Riddle

A walking stick or walking leaves. These are experts at camouflage, making it very difficult for predators to detect them. Some have a secondary line of defence, which may include startle displays, spines or toxic secretions. They are among the world's longest species and can be found in all the continents, except Antarctica. Many of these are parthenogenic, and do not require fertilised eggs for female offspring to be produced

Answer: Stick Insects

FAST-FLYING FEBRUARY

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

2 A February zodiac sign besides Aquarius is

- A. Virgo B. Taurus
C. Pisces D. Leo



3 On February 20, the UN observes the World Day of Social

- A. Service B. Freedom
C. Conscience D. Justice

4 An American president who was not born in February is

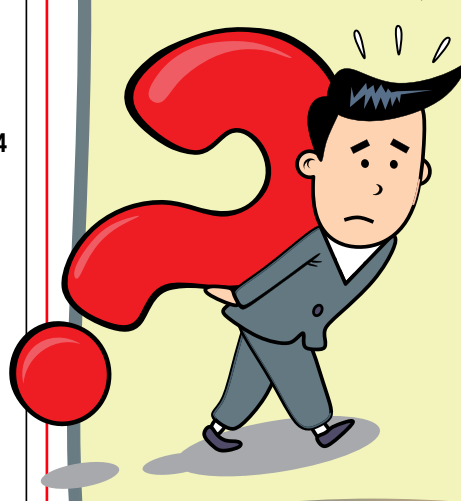
- A. Thomas Jefferson
B. Ronald Reagan
C. Abraham Lincoln
D. George Washington

5 This Chinese New Year (celebrated in the first half of February), is the Year of the

- A. Goat B. Horse
C. Monkey D. Tiger



Quiz TIME



Complete these statements on the shortest month of the year. Choose correctly



- 1 In common years, February begins on the same day of the week as
A. January B. March
C. May D. July

Answers: 1) B. March, 2) C. Pisces, 3) D. Justice, 4) A. Thomas Jefferson, 5) D. Tiger

LEVEL-2

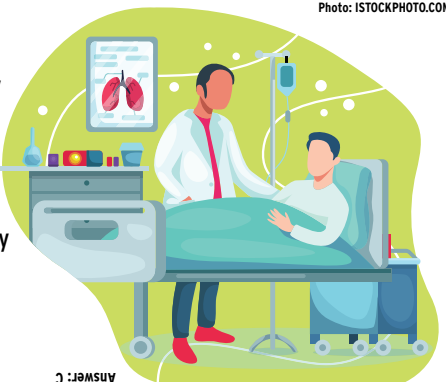
Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Rakesh was preparing for a competitive examination. He used to read till late night everyday, not only keeping up with his regular studies but also trying to tackle his self-imposed extra work. He soon began to feel unwell. "You will have to slow down," said the doctor. "You have taken on far too much and simply cannot cope with the stress."

- A. Bite (one's) tongue
B. Bite the hand that feeds (one)
C. Bite off more than (one) can chew



Answer: C

Reena's well-wishers warned her against Mona, who they felt was only pretending to be her friend.

- A. A snake in the grass
B. Like watching grass grow
C. The grass is greener on the other side



Answer: A

TRIVIA

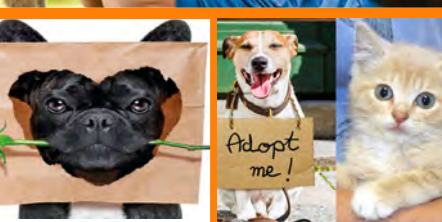
With the possible exception of ophiophiles (snake-lovers), people tend to believe that snakes lie around unseen in overgrown areas, posing a threat to unwary passersby. Over two thousand years ago, Roman poet Virgil mentioned about the danger of a venomous snake lurking in the greenery. By the late 17th century, 'a snake in the grass' began to be used for a trusted person, who turns out to be treacherous.

EDITOR IN THE MAKING

WEAVE A STORY WITH PICTURES

Observe these images below carefully, then weave a story around them in not more than 150 words and give it a title. Ensure, reference of all images is there in the story. Mail the story to us at toinie175@gmail.com. The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch this space!!!

TELL TALE



And the winner is...

ISHANTH
class V, The Pupil Saveetha
Eco School, Chennai.

EVERY ACTION HAS A REACTION

In one of the busiest cities in the world, lived an artist named Gayathri. She was fond of all the festivals and with Pongal round the corner, she decided to go for Pongal shopping in the mall. She fixed a budget of ₹ 2,000. But when she reached there, she was shocked to see that all the cloths were above ₹ 2,500. She went around the mall in search for other shops with cheaper price tags, but she couldn't find one. She was disappointed and sad. That's when she remembered that she is an artist and decided to sell two of her paintings and get some money. Once she sold them, she got ₹ 6,500. She was elated and went to the mall and bought some dresses. With the remaining money, she bought some art supplies to improve her artwork. Every action has a happy and helpful reaction.

MATH MAGIC
NUMBER SERIES

1 A auto covers a separation of 715 km at a steady speed. On the off chance that the pace of the auto would have been 10 km/hr all the more, then it would have taken 2 hours less to cover the same separation. What is the first speed of the auto?

- A) 45 km/hr B) 50 km/hr
C) 55 km/hr D) 65 km/hr

Answer: B

2 A plane departed 30 min. later than the planned time and with a specific end goal to achieve the destination 1500 km away in time, it needed to build the pace by 250 km/hrs from the standard rate. Its standard rate is:

- A) 720 km/hr B) 730 km/hr
C) 740 km/hr D) 750 km/hr

Answer: D

3 The velocities of three autos in the proportion 2:3:4. The proportion of the times taken by these autos to venture to every part of the same separation is:

- A) 2:3:4 B) 4:3:2
C) 4:3:6 D) 6:4:3

Answer: D

Learn a NEW LANGUAGE
ITALIAN

1) Come sta? - Koh-meh stah?
Meaning: How are you? (formal)

2) Si - See
Meaning: Yes

3) No - Noh
Meaning: No

4) Ciao! - Chow
Meaning: Hi / Bye (informal)

5) Bene grazie - Beh-neh grah-tsee-eh
Meaning: Good thank you

Work sheet

Q:1 How will you ask, "How are you?"

Q:2 How will you say to 'Yes'?

Q:3 How will you say, bye to a person?

Q:4 How will you say, "Good, thank you"

Answers: 1) Come sta? 2) Si 3) Ciao! 4) Bene grazie

Showing Love and Solidarity



For, to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." - Nelson Mandela.

Freedom is the oxygen of the soul, and here we are today saluting India, where each bud blooms to its true colours, where each day is a celebration of unity, harmony, and synthesis. DPS Nadergul celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with much pomp and grandeur. The virtual celebrations were graced by the presence of Col Riyaz Khan as the chief guest along with M Komaraiah, Chairman of DPS and Pallavi Group of Schools, and other members of the management.

The programme commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony on the school grounds followed by the national anthem. The guests were then welcomed by lighting the lamp to invoke the blessings of the almighty succeeding which the students performed a dance number 'Vinayaka Kowthum'.

The spirit of patriotism reigned supreme as Vidhi Sachan of class IX rendered a musical trib-

ute to the Chiefs of the Indian Army since 1947.

The theme for the day was 'Barter to Bitcoins' that spoke of the evolution of money and the story of its being which was showcased through a video presentation and a role play. While addressing the audience the chief guest spoke of the freedom fighters- their indomitable spirits and sacrifices for the growth of the nation. He urged the children to be humans of values and to devote themselves towards the motherland. Chairman Komaraiah enlightened the students on the meaning of the word 'Republic' and how India is progressing rapidly in the path of growth and development. School Principal Padma Jyothi Turaga emphasised

the role of children in the modern era and the fact that DPS Nadergul is committed towards the country's growth and shall continue to deliver quality education and nurture future citizens.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice Principal Kiran Khanna followed by the recital of Tagore's immortal verses 'Where the mind is without fear.'

**Delhi Public School
Nadergul**



Learning real life skills through role play

Role play activities in drama help develop empathy in an individual. Recently our school organised its primary annual cultural day on the theme 'Rishtey - Family, Bonds of Love.'

The central theme of the programme revolved around the members of a family, the Siddiquis, and their strong ties that make life worth living. The show began with an invocation song 'Alhamdulillah - thank you Allah giving thanks to the almighty.'

Our Director, Dr Anjum Babukhan, and our Assistant Director, Minu Salooja, spoke about the importance of family and wished each one of us good luck and blessings.

The story was set in a family and the scenes and dances showcased different situations and bonds we share with the

members of our family. The performances by the pre-primary and primary students touched the hearts of the audience and evoked emotional feelings because family is the most important support in anyone's life especially during difficult times like the present pandemic situation.

The show ended with a grand performance of 'We are the World' as we stand united today as one big global family. The entire programme was shot at different locations on the campus and streamed on YouTube as a beautiful show for everyone to see.

**Abid Ali, class III-B,
Springfields
International School
Bandlaguda**

India marks January 26 as its Republic Day every year. While India gained Independence from the British in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Indian Constitution came into effect, and India became a sovereign state, declaring it a republic. Dr B R Ambedkar headed the drafting committee of the constitution.

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at Delhi World School, Chintal. The ceremony began by unfurling the tricolour by Principal Sujatha Naidu.

Flag hoisting was followed by the national an-

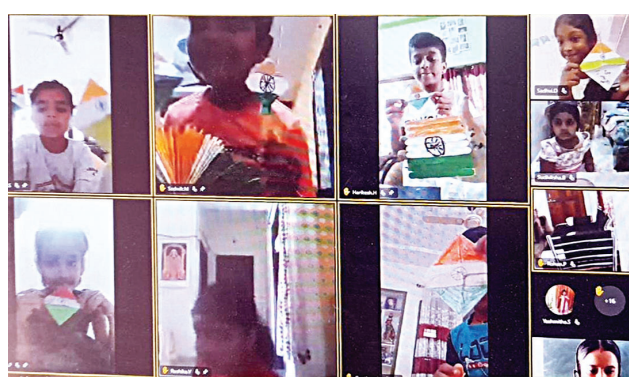
**Delhi World School
Chintal, Hyderabad**

them to pay tribute to the motherland. The virtual celebration in all the classes from nursery till grade X, commenced with the address to the students by the school principal. She dedicated the celebration to the undying human spirit to triumph in the face of adversity and touched upon the measures being taken by the nation to help the citizens tide over the economic crises. She stressed the fact that "How many Indians know that the Con-

stitution of India was written by hand?". No instrument was used to write the whole constitution. Prem Bihari Narayan Rayzada, a resident of Delhi, wrote the entire Constitution, in italic style with his own hands.

The cultural celebrations, in the virtual platform, included dance and music by the students. Dance and role-play performances generated loyalty, patriotism and showcased our rich historical, traditional and cultural heritage.

No celebration is complete without making us feel proud of the fact that, "Saare Jaahan se Achha Hindustan Hamara".



**Santinos Global School
Hyderabad**

The online classes mode did not cease the students' exhilaration to show their love and respect for Republic Day. Students celebrated the festival with lots of exuberance on the virtual platform. The making of pen stands, wall hangings, bookmarks, and drawings were all immersed in the shades of the tricolours. It definitely goes without saying 'Where there is a will there is a way'.



SALUTE TO WARRIORS

Over the years that have passed, With the very recent wisdom, I have got, I salute those who fought for the nation.

We Indians are proud to celebrate Republic Day. Protected by soldiers on borders every day,

Who are ready to sacrifice their life for the nation without a second thought. It is a time for joy and pride, Because our Constitution is so bright.

It is time for the heavenly parade, With memory that can never fade. On the red fort, the flag will fly, And the salutes come from land and sky, Greetings and blessings will be shared.

ASHISH RAJ, class IX-B, Shantiniketan Vidyalaya, Shamirpet, Thumkunta



DR APJ ABDUL KALAM

INSPIRING ICONS

PRIDE OF OUR NATION

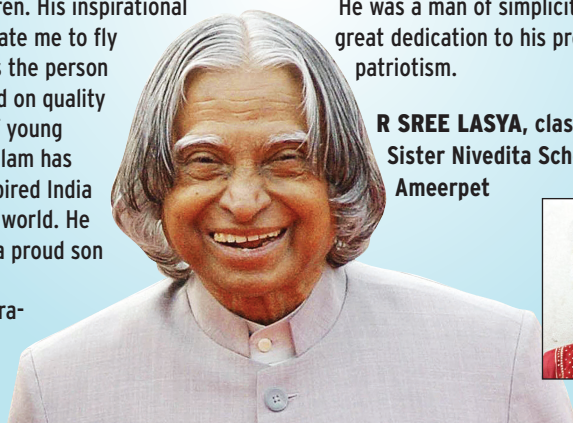
My role model and inspiring icon is the Missile Man of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. He is my role model because he dedicated his entire life to the country and its people, especially school children. His inspirational words motivate me to fly high. He was the person who stressed on quality education of young minds. Dr Kalam has not only inspired India but also the world. He was indeed a proud son of India.

My inspirational words of his are

"When failure occurs, a leader should humbly own it and acknowledge it. When success comes, the leader should again have the humility to give credit to all the people who worked for it."

He was a man of simplicity with great dedication to his profession, patriotism.

**R SREE LASYA, class VIII-Tulip,
Sister Nivedita School,
Ameerpet**



THE RELEVANCE OF YOGA DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected our lives in many ways.

However, if we could draw one positive leaf out of this experience, it is the valuable time we have got to spend with our families. With people saving their travel hours and working from home, the additional time at home is a useful opportunity to make memories with your family.

Much like everything else on the planet today, yoga too has gone virtual. We all know how beneficial yoga is for everyone irrespective of gender and age. Global experts have acknowledged the usefulness of yoga for mental peace and managing

stress. The Covid-19 crisis that has dramatically changed the ways we work and live, has also changed the way we exercise and stay fit. As gyms remain closed, open spaces and parks remain restricted, people are resorting to home workouts. Runners and athletes are looking for indoor exercise options to burn calories and stay agile.

Psychosocial stress can reduce immunity against infectious challenges and as we all know Covid-19 is associated with an increase in inflammatory markers, there are a

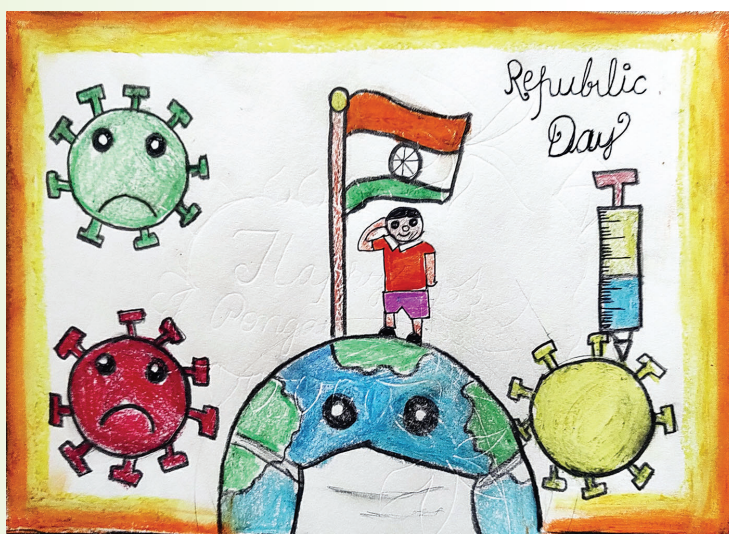
high risk of lung damage. However, yoga can reduce mental stress and anxiety in asymptomatic Covid-19 patients during the home isolation and recovery stage. Various asanas and pranayama can be practiced by the patients at home

virtually with the help of computers, mobile phones, or tablets. Since Covid-19 is an infection that affects our upper respiratory system, strengthening the lungs is crucial for better recovery post-Covid. The combination of yoga asanas and breathing techniques can help to boost immunity and strengthen the lungs.

**RANJIT MALLA, Academic in charge,
SFS School, Gajuwaka,
Visakhapatnam**



Painters' Gallery



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MANÉ OUTSMARTS SALAH

Senegal wins its first African Cup against Egypt



Sadio Mané finally delivered a first African Cup for Senegal, and Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah could do nothing about it but stand and watch. Mané drilled the decisive penalty in a shootout into the bottom left corner to beat Salah and Egypt in Sunday's final in Cameroon and make up for missing a penalty early in the game.

SALAH MISSES SHOOTOUT

Senegal won the shootout 4-2 after it ended 0-0 after extra time. Salah, who was supposed to be his team's final penalty taker, didn't get a say in the shootout after two of his teammates missed.

Photo: REUTERS



Egypt's Mohamed Salah and his teammates look dejected after losing the Africa Cup of Nations

Senegal had lost two finals previously, including against Algeria at the last African Cup of Nations in Egypt in 2019, when Mané was left inconsolable.

WINNING MOMENT

This time Mané provided the winning moment. He raced off to joyously celebrate with teammates but also returned to spend some time consoling Salah, who was in tears.

"We are proud," said Senegal goalkeeper Edouard Mendy, who was also crucial to the cause by saving a penalty in the shootout. "We never won before. We worked really hard to win this trophy and today we won as a group, as a country."

BILLED AS BATTLE

The final at the Olembe Stadium in Yaounde was billed as a battle between Liverpool forwards Mané and Salah, who were both searching for their first major title with their country.

But it never reached the heights of a classic despite the

presence of the two superstars.

When it became clear that Mané was going to take it, Salah went over to goalkeeper Mohamed Abou Gabal to give him some advice while covering his mouth with his hand. That appeared to irritate Mané, who interrupted their conversation and pointed with his hand toward the right corner of the goal.

In the end, Mané blasted the seventh-minute penalty straight down the middle and Abou Gabal blocked it.

SERIES OF MISSES

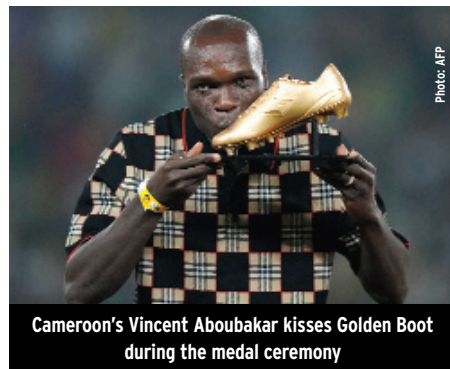
Senegal continued in that vein to miss a series of other chances, with Abou Gabal starring as Egypt's last

He would give up everything he's won at club level to lift an African Cup with Senegal. He was so eager to get his hands on the trophy that he had to be shooed away from it when players were being given their medals.

SADIO MANE



Senegal's Sadio Mané poses with Player of the Tournament award



Cameroon's Vincent Aboubakar kisses Golden Boot during the medal ceremony

line. Salah had two shots on goal in the first half, the second a powerful drive that was heading for the top corner before Mendy got hands to it. But Salah drifted out of the game from the second half of normal time as fatigue clearly caught up with Egypt, which was also without coach Carlos Queiroz on the touchline.

All three of Egypt's knockout games before the final also went to extra time, and two of them to penalties, and Egypt seemed to be playing for another shootout in a bid to win a record-extending eighth African title. Egypt won those shootouts in the last 16 and the semi-finals without missing but failed with two penalties in Sunday's shootout.

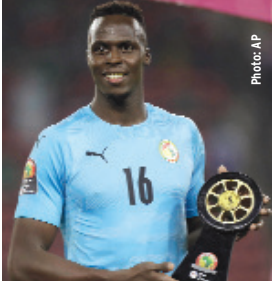
MISERABLE FINAL

Defender Abdelmonem completed his miserable final with Egypt's first miss, with his penalty cannoning off the post. Senegal's Bouna Sarr had the next penalty saved by Abou Gabal.

But Mohanad Lasheen had Egypt's fourth penalty saved by Mendy, leaving Mané to win it and Salah to drop his head and start wiping away tears with his shirt. Salah has now lost two African Cup finals after Egypt couldn't hold onto a 1-0 lead and lost 2-1 to Cameroon in 2017.

Mané had to wait for Senegal captain Kalidou Koulibaly to walk up to the VIP area to be formally presented with the trophy in the presence of Cameroon President Paul Biya, African soccer confederation president Patrice Motsepe and FIFA president Gianni Infantino.

Koulibaly walked slowly back to the field and his teammates with the trophy, savoring every second as Senegal finally rid itself of the label of being the best team to never win an African Cup. AGENCIES



Senegal's goalkeeper Edouard Mendy poses with his Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament awards

WOMEN'S IPL TO START 'SOON', SAYS BCCI SECRETARY

A full-fledged women's Indian Premier League (IPL) could begin as early as next year, with the Indian cricket board (BCCI) saying it is working on delivering the tournament "soon"

A three-team Women's T20 Challenge is staged alongside the men's IPL, but many believe women deserve their own expanded tournament with more teams and players.

Things to change

The Women's T20 Challenge will continue this year, but BCCI secretary Jay Shah said things would change soon.

"I want to assure you that the BCCI is not only sincere but is taking all necessary steps to start a full-fledged women's league similar to the IPL soon," Shah told Reuters in an email. "The huge interest among fans and players towards the women's T20 Challenge is an encouraging sign and we are all committed to making it happen." The entire 2020 edition of the league and the second half of last year's tournament were



Jay Shah

held in the United Arab Emirates as India grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic.

10-team league

This year's IPL will begin in the last week or March and Shah was confident of staging the 10-team league in India. "The circumstances were different in the last couple of years, and we managed to keep the show going under difficult circumstances by shifting it to the UAE."

With the IPL window expanding and the ICC (global) events every year in the cycle, our primary responsibility is to safeguard bilateral cricket at home, with emphasis on test cricket.

BCCI secretary JAY SHAH



"The BCCI is keeping a close watch on the COVID-19 situation in the country and if it is conducive, we will stage the event in India this year and I am pretty hopeful about that." The board would take a "wait and watch approach" on the presence of spectators, depending on COVID-19 guidelines, he said.

Annual T20 mooted

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja has mooted an annual T20 tournament also featuring India, England and Australia. Expanding the game was more important than such a "commercial initiative", Shah said. AGENCIES

BUBLIK BEATS ZVEREV TO WIN OPEN SUD DE FRANCE

Alexander Bublik upset the odds by beating third-ranked Alexander Zverev 6-4, 6-3 in the Open Sud de France final for his first career title. In doing so the 24-year-old Kazakhstani stopped the 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Zverev from winning his 20th career title on Sunday. Bublik had lost his four previous finals but proved too strong.

"I had four finals and the fifth final I have won against a great player," Bublik said. "It is great. All my game (came) together. I was serving well and returned well and kept my nerve. When I had my chances, I used them." He had eight aces and won 86% of points on his first serve against the big-serving Zverev, who lost to the 35th-ranked Bublik in



Alexander Bublik

their previous meeting on the same indoor hard surface in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The imposing Zverev, who won here in Montpellier five years ago, is now 19-10 in career finals. AP

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which player has won 11 titles at one particular Grand Slam event?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Pete Sampras
- c) Roger Federer
- d) Novak Djokovic

Q2: When was the first time the metric units were introduced in the Games instead of the imperial units?

- a) 1970 b) 1958
- c) 1962 d) 1966

Q3: Who had established the World Series Cricket in 1970s?

- a) Kerry Packer
- b) David Johnson
- c) Allen Hill
- d) Alfred Shaw

Q4: Who among the following is the first batsman to hit six sixes in an over?

- a) Garfield Sobers
- b) Ravi Shastri
- c) Ted Alletson
- d) Kapil Dev

Q5: How many Grand Slam singles has Rafael Nadal won?

- a) 17 b) 10 c) 21 d) 20

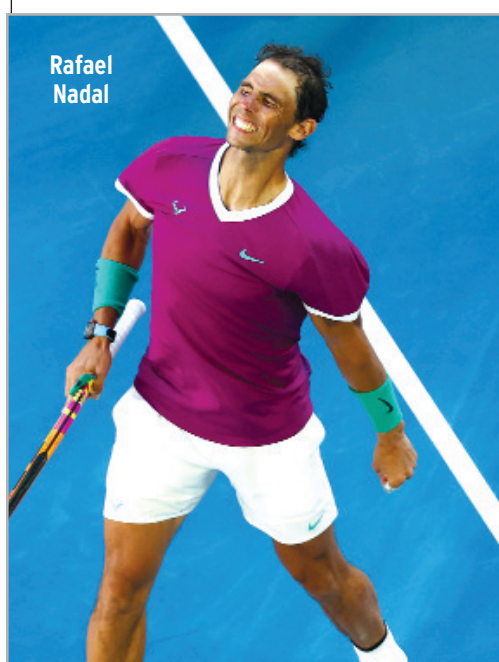


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Q6: When was the Downhill World Cup inaugurated?

- a) 1989 b) 1997
- c) 1991 d) 1986

Q7: What does the Olympic Flame symbolize?

- a) Zeal to Play Sports
- b) Challenge
- c) Continuity
- d) Integrity

Q8: Which country will host the Games? 2022 Commonwealth

- a) Ireland
- b) England

- c) Canada
- d) New Zealand

Q9: Which of the following is referred to as the "Golden age of Cricket"?

- a) 1890-1918
- b) 1890-1914
- c) 1890-1936
- d) 1890-1945

ANSWERS: 1. a. Rafael Nadal
2. a. 1970 3. a. Kerry Packer
4. a. Garfield Sobers 5. c. 21
6. c. 1991 7. c. Continuity
8. b. England 9. b. 1890-1914