



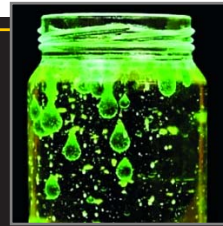
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STUDENT EDITION

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India to host G20 summit in 2023 for the first time

The government on Tuesday appointed commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal as India's Sherpa for the G20.

G20 is a major international grouping that brings together 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union, with its members accounting for more than 80% of the global GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of global population

Diplomacy


■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been leading India's representation at G20 Summits since 2014

■ India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999. India will be holding the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022 and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time

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Spotlight

Justin Bieber

Life of the music sensation to be screened worldwide

Justin Bieber: Our World, a documentary on the life of the Canadian singer, directed by award-winning filmmaker Michael D Ratner, will be released globally on Amazon Prime Video on October 8. The streaming platform announced on Wednesday that the documentary is a "revealing and exhilarating" look into Bieber's inner circle and his first full concert in three years.

The 27-year-old singer, who was discovered by American record executive Scooter Braun in 2008 via YouTube, said the upcoming film documents an intense and exciting time, preparing for a return to the stage during this season of real uncertainty amid the coronavirus pandemic

BIEBER MANIA

■ The Canadian singer and teen idol sparked a global craze beginning in 2009 ■ As a child, he learned to play the drums, the piano, the guitar, and the trumpet ■ In 2007, he participated in a local singing competition, ranking second, and his mother posted a video of his performance on the YouTube for friends and family, who were unable to attend. She later uploaded other homemade videos, in which Bieber sang popular rhythm-and-blues (R&B) songs ■ Impressed by Bieber's natural confidence and vocal talent, R&B singer Usher helped sign him to a recording contract in late 2008 ■ In May 2009, Bieber unveiled his first single, the buoyant puppy-love song 'One Time' and rest as they say is history



'Justin Bieber: Our World' takes viewers backstage, onstage, and into the private world of the teen idol-turned-musical icon as he prepares for his unprecedented concert, 'T-Mobile Presents New Year's Eve Live with Justin Bieber'. The film follows Bieber and his close-knit team in the month leading up to the show, as they rehearse and construct a monumental stage while adhering to strict health and safety protocols.



BITCOIN BECOMES A LEGAL TENDER



El Salvador adopts it as formal currency

El Salvador on Tuesday became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as an official currency. The central American nation announced that it plans to buy "a lot more" bitcoins soon. It purchased 200 tokens earlier and another 200 more recently, ahead of its rollout as an official currency.

The country will accept payment in bitcoin alongside the US dollar, which has been El Salvador's official currency since 2001

BIT BY BIT ABOUT THIS COIN

- 1 Bitcoin cryptocurrency is a virtual money. In other words, it is a computer programme that enables people to exchange the value of money directly with each other
- 2 Since it is digital money, you don't physically own it like cash. You own it through the means of a private key
- 3 Transactions are formed through a process called Bitcoin mining, and as they say, mining is an extraction method
- 4 In this extraction method, computational algorithms



become a part of a challenging mathematical puzzle. So when one puzzle is solved, one mining block is mined and the user or programmer receives a reward. That reward is a Bitcoin

5 To collect the Bitcoins users mine, the user has to create a Bitcoin account, which is like a computer email having 27-34 letters and words

India's economic growth will remain strong in coming quarters: S&P



India is expected to post strong economic growth in the coming quarters, even as inflation, led by food prices, is likely to remain elevated, S&P Global Ratings said on Wednesday.

■ The economy is expected to clock 9.5 per cent growth in the current fiscal year, followed by 7 per cent expansion in the next year, it said, adding that high nominal GDP growth would be important for ensuring fiscal consolidation going forward

■ The Indian economy grew at 20.1 per cent in April-June helped by a lower base, vis-a-vis 1.6 per cent in March quarter.

BIOPIC 'BANGABANDHU' TO RELEASE IN MARCH 2022

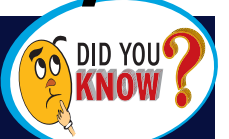
The Covid pandemic having delayed its shooting, India and Bangladesh now hope to release the biopic on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by eminent filmmaker Shyam Benegal in March 2022, around the time when Bangladesh will celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary of its founding father.

MOVIES


Kohli 'blows a trumpet'... stirs a 'Virat' controversy

Several England fans have termed Kohli's gesture of using his hands to mimic a trumpet, an instrument associated with the Barmy Army, to mock the England fans as 'unsportsman-like behaviour'. Seeing Kohli celebrate England's downfall by targeting the Barmy Army in the fourth Test at Oval, a number of English journalists, fans and even pundits took to Twitter labelling the act as 'classless'. Even Barmy Army took to Twitter and posted a picture of Kohli doing the trumpet gesture, saying: "Yes we know you want to be in the army, Virat. We get the hint". However, he got support from former English player Michael Vaughan. "He's an amazing character and he gave a tactical masterclass on how to win a Test match," said Vaughan.

The Barmy Army, registered as a company in England and Wales, provides tickets and arranges touring parties for some of its members to follow the English cricket team in the UK and overseas. The name is also applied to followers of the team, who join in with match day activities in the crowd, but do not necessarily travel as part of an organised tour



Q What are your views on Kohli's gesture? Do you think it was unsportsman-like behaviour? Share your views at TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

Salman Rushdie's next book likely to be set entirely in India

After having spent years away from the country, British-American author Salman Rushdie finally plans to return to India for his next book. The Booker prize winner, who was speaking at a session of the ongoing Times Litfest, said his next novel is likely to be set in India for which he will have to come back. "The last 10 years I have mostly written these western-based novels, these novels mostly based in America, a little bit of England, I think it might be time to come back to India. I think the next book appears to be an Indian novel. 'It's in a very early stage, so let me get a little further. But it looks like it'll be entirely set in India, which means I have to come to India. It's been very long," Rushdie said.



The author last came to India for the promotion of Deepa Mehta's 2013 film 'Midnight's Children', which was based on Rushdie's Booker winning book of the same name

BOOK

Apple makes it official, to launch its new iPhone 13 series on September 14

Tech giant Apple on Tuesday made it official by announcing that it will be launching its new iPhone 13 series on September 14. The special event will be held virtually due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The event will unfold the new models of iPhone 13 such as iPhone13 Pro, iPhone 13 Pro Max and the iPhone 13 Mini at the event.



5 WAYS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE RISKS



Online trends can often mislead children. Here are some tips for parents to keep their kids safe

HAVE OPEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ONLINE WORLD

1 Discuss with your children online trends and find what games their friends are talking about. It is important you understand what websites, apps and social media platforms they are using to help minimise potential risks.

TELL THEM ABOUT RISKS INVOLVED

2 Hold regular conversations with your kids about risks they may be exposed to and how to deal with them, such as cyberbullying, peer pressure and grooming. Ensure they

feel able to talk to you if they see anything upsetting.

MAKE THEM TECHNOLOGY FRIENDLY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS

It's important to know about the online footprints of your kids: websites they visit, social media platforms they use and the content they post



3 Make sure they know when and how to report and block any malicious or inappropriate posts or messages on the online platforms they use.

TALK TO THEM ABOUT NEED FOR ONLINE PRIVACY

4 Ensure they know how to make their profiles private so that they are not sharing personal information with strangers.

NO DIVULGING OF PERSONAL INFO

5 Advise them to be careful about sharing personal details such as school, phone number or address. Consider telling them not to use their full name for their profile.

DAILY MIRROR

Heard of 'Mushroom Festival'?

The Telluride Mushroom Festival is all about celebrating the healthy 'fungi'

The Telluride Mushroom Festival, also popular as Shroomfest, is one of the most unique festivals celebrated in the town of Telluride in Colorado, USA. The annual mushroom celebration draws tourists from around the world and this year too, the state is expecting the same. This year will see the 41st edition of the festival – from August 18 to 22. For details on this interesting festival, read on



Telluride is a former Victorian mining town in Colorado's rocky mountains. The town is close to the Grand Canyon!

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FESTIVAL...

- During this festival, mushrooms are discussed elaborately as a food and medicine.
- The prime motive of organising the fest is to educate the world about mushrooms and their many health benefits. Visitors and mushroom lovers reach Colorado from across the globe to be a part of this unique celebration.
- People wander through picturesque mountain meadows in

search of fungi in the forest – to collect and identify different varieties of mushrooms. Apparently, Colorado mountains are extremely rich in mushrooms and one can find more than a dozen varieties of mushroom.

➤ At the end of the fest, a parade is organised through downtown Telluride, where people wear mycologically (branch of biology that deals with fungi)-inspired fun costumes.

GARDENING IS COOL AMONG YOUNGSTERS: STUDY

Eight in ten people think gardening is cool – and 54 per cent would rather hit a garden club than a nightclub, suggests a poll of 2000 people conducted by Kev Smith of a tools company based in the UK. The poll found the hobby has enjoyed a renaissance among 18 to 34-year-olds during Covid-19 induced lockdowns.

REVELATION

The study says...

Participants cited benefits to mental health and

a desire to make their gardens a place they can escape to. They listed daffodils, roses, lavender, tulips and mint as their top five plants. And 72 per cent said they intended to continue investing time and money in their new passion, even as life returns to normal. Smith, who conducted the poll, said, "There's a tendency to think of gardening as an activity for older people. But this proves gardening really is for everyone, whatever your age." AGENCIES



5 PARENTING TIPS TO LEARN FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO RAISE INDEPENDENT KIDS

The right way to raise kids

There is no rule book to good parenting, nor is every kid the same. We adapt some things from observing our parents and grandparents, while others from observing our surroundings. Even then, not all methods of parenting work for all kids. That compels us to evolve our own style as per the requirement of our kids. Basically, parenting is about experimenting and learning from the mistakes we make on our way.

What we can learn from other cultures

If you look beyond your circle, you might find some interesting parenting ideas. These unofficial parenting guidelines among different cultures will give you helpful tips to include in your parenting style.



JAPAN: Independence at a young age

1 In this culturally rich East Asian country, kids as young as 6-year-olds walk to school and run errands on their own, without the supervision of adults. It is common in all parts of the country, even the bustling cities. Japanese parents believe that it is vital to teaching young kids to find their way on their own to make them independent.

FINLAND: Child begins schooling quite late

2 While there is always a rush in India to enroll kids in school as soon as they turn 2, Finnish parents like to take things slow. Kids in Finland do not begin formal schooling until they turn 7. Even then they are given long breaks during school time to play outside. Moreover, kids are given far less homework as compared to other countries and are not required to take standardised tests. Interestingly, Finnish children often rank among the highest in the world when it comes to academics.

CHINA: Toilet training from birth

3 Chinese parents train their kids to relieve themselves into the toilet from an early age, sometimes as soon as kids start walking. That means by the time they are 2 years old, they are mostly fully toilet trained. Parents hardly use diapers due to environmental concerns, instead they make kids wear split-crotch pants and encourage them to squat down



SWEDEN: No spanking

4 Spanking has never been considered an ideal method to discipline a child. Sweden was the first country to ban spanking in 1979 as this form of punishment is considered harmful for kids' overall development and increases the risk of developing mental health issues. Following Sweden's footsteps, about 52 countries have prohibited parents from spanking their children.

ITALY: No tolerance for bad behaviour

5 When kids throw tantrums, most parents usually give in to their demands to calm them down. Italian parents do not entertain such bad behaviour. If their kids throw tantrums, they let them do it freely. They believe that it sends a message that screaming, crying won't help them get what they want.

Food facts

Know your KOMBUCHA

Given the wellness trends in food recently, it comes as no surprise that Kombucha – a fizzy, sweetened black or green fermented tea – is gaining popularity. The beverage packed with natural probiotics is considered to be great for gut health and digestion



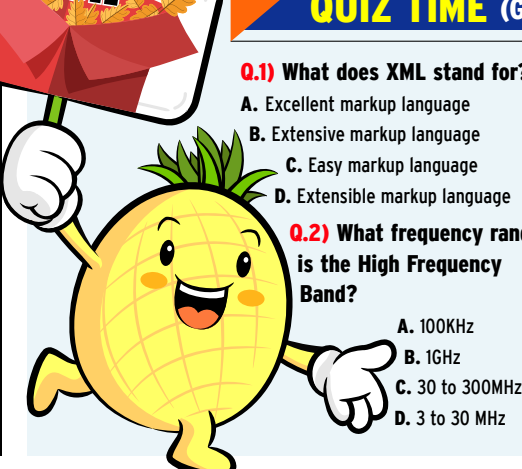
MORE ABOUT THIS TEA...

Kombucha originated in Northeast China and was valued for its healing properties. It's name is derived from a Korean physician, Dr Komu, who took the tea to Japan as a curative for emperor Inkyo. Eventually, the tea was taken to Europe as a result of trade route expansions in the early 20th century. In Russia, it is called kombucha and in Germany, it's

known as Kombuchaschwamm. Despite a dip in popularity during WWII due to the shortage of tea and sugar supplies, kombucha regained popularity for its purported health benefits. Kombucha contains small amounts of vitamins (C and B) and minerals, is known to help in digestion and is good for skin as well.

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Activities BOX



QUIZ TIME (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

Q.1) What does XML stand for?

- A. Excellent markup language
- B. Extensive markup language
- C. Easy markup language
- D. Extensible markup language

Q.2) What frequency range is the High Frequency Band?

- A. 100KHz
- B. 1GHz
- C. 30 to 300MHz
- D. 3 to 30 MHz

Q.3) Where is the headquarter of Intel located?

- A. Redmond, Washington
- B. Santa Clara, California
- C. Tucson, Arizona
- D. Richmond, Virginia

Q.4) Average power (in Watts) used by 20 to 25 inch colour television is?

- A. 70-100
- B. 25-50
- C. 500-800 D. over 1000

Q.5) Who created Pretty Good Privacy?

- A. Tim Berners Lee
- B. Phil Zimmermann
- C. Made Andressen
- D. Ken Thompson

ANSWERS

1. B) Extensive markup language 2. D) 3 to 30MHz 3. B) Santa Clara, California 4. A) 70-100 5. B) Phil Zimmermann



REVIEW OF MOVIE: TAARE ZAMEEN PAR

The song 'Bum Bum Bole' from the movie Taare Zameen Par has been one of my favourites since the time we had danced to the number at school. I had been telling my father about my wish to watch the movie and finally, last weekend, I had that golden opportunity.

I watched the movie with great interest. The movie begins with showing Ishaan, the young hero of the movie, and his love for nature. Ishaan is always cornered by everyone for being poor in studies. He acts naughty to bravely hide his real problem of learning disability.

Nobody can ever understand him, including his parents. His father finally takes the hard decision of sending him to a boarding

school, assuming it will correct his behavioural and learning problems.

Ishaan starts missing his mother and home a lot at the boarding school. The song 'Meri Maa' brought tears to my eyes and I started feeling sad thinking about being away from family. However, another boy who can walk only with the support of crutches, becomes his only friend there.

And then comes the twist in the story with the entry of a new art teacher, played by actor Aamir Khan. This teacher identifies Ishaan's real problem and tries to explain the same to the boy's parents, but in vain.

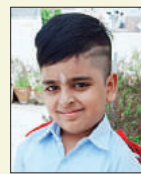
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The teacher takes special consent from the principal of the school and gives special attention to Ishaan to help him improve his studies using his creative abilities. Finally, in an art competition held in school, Ishaan receives the best drawing award. The moment when Ishaan comes on the stage

is yet another touching frame of the movie. His parents are equally surprised and happy seeing the success and progress of Ishaan and have no words for the teacher who guided him to this level.

The movie shares a great message that never judge a book by its cover. Everyone is talented and special in their own unique way. Rather than teasing a person with disabilities, if we support them in any way possible, history can be created. Stars are born on earth, but it takes time and effort to identify them. This is Taare Zameen Par, a must watch movie for children and everyone.



ELUPARAMBIL RANJIT
EESHWAR NAIR,
class IV, Sister
Nivedita School

DO IT YOURSELF

CRAFT ORGANISER

My craft bag was always a disorganised den of pens, pencils, crayons, sketch pens, oil pastels, colour pencils, erasers, sharpeners, etc. Every time I wanted to use something, precious time was wasted just searching for it in the bag. Often I wouldn't find what I needed in the mish-mash of things.

I decided to cut out this time-consuming exercise and got the idea to make a bag organiser.

I planned to make it by recycling things about which we had

learnt at school.

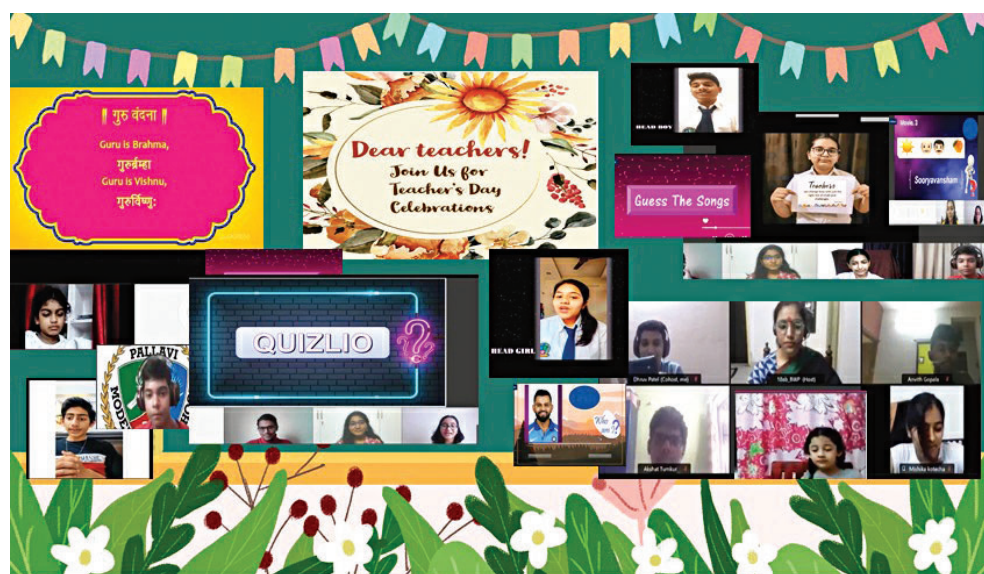
So, I made an organiser using an old plate and transparent glasses. I took seven glasses and decorated each of them with glitter. I then took a durable plate and attached those seven decorated glasses with glue. I placed them closely on the plate. Wow! It looked really amazing.

I was so happy to see my beautiful looking organiser. I now sort out items and place in different glasses and manage everything in a methodical way.

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Mehdipatnam



A TREAT FOR TEACHERS



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – 2021-22

The students of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, expressed their affection towards their diligent teachers by conducting a special assembly on Teachers' Day.

The assembly started with a prayer followed by messages from the Head Boy and the Head Girl. The teachers were delighted to see messages from the middle schoolers as well as the high school students. They enjoyed watching the collages and videos made by the students

Pallavi Model School
Bowenpally

and went on a nostalgic trip to the good old times.

The assembly also featured a skit where students portrayed the notorious mannerisms of students during online classes. A couple of games were conducted which tested the wits of the teachers.

The teachers then had a nice laugh during the stand-up comedy set by Satweek Pradhan. The assembly culminated with Vice Principal Sindhu Jayaraj's address, and was followed by the vote of thanks. It was a well-conducted showcase of creativity by the students to display affection and gratitude towards their lovely teachers.



P Obul Reddy Public School
Hyderabad

Teachers' Day was celebrated by students of P Obul Reddy Public School in the indoor sports stadium on the campus. The school council presented a wonderful programme on the theme, "Retro".

Senior students presented a medley of old songs. Head Boy Ansh Bansal too joined

in, and sang a few songs. Junior grade students presented a group dance, grooving effortlessly to the music. The senior students presented a skit, set in a classroom. A game of Musical Chairs followed by Ramp Walk were conducted for teachers. Overall, it was a memorable day for both teachers and students.

'A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.'

Students of Ganges Valley School celebrated Teachers' Day with great excitement as it gave them an opportunity to express their gratitude and love towards their teachers.

Poems, songs, skits and games were planned and meticulously presented in the one-hour long programme. Light-hearted songs and an upbeat dance performance to retro tunes were performed, games such as Prashn Manch (Quiz), Emoji Game, Antakshari, and more were conducted, which brought out the competitive spirit and the fun side of the teachers.

The students of class IV recited a sweet poem dedicating it to all the teachers. While the comperes kept up the tempo of the programme, the budding musicians of Ganges Valley School played short instrumental

Amulya Nidumolu and Mahitha Kakarala, Student Editors,
Ganges Valley School

pieces which were a treat to the ears. A montage of teachers' pictures expressed the students' gratitude to them.

The 'Rainbow Dance' performed by the students displayed various Indian dance forms. The Antakshari with a twist was a super hit with teachers. Ayan, the young singer of Ganges, steered the programme by encouraging and challenging the teachers to participate competitively.

Vice Principal Cinyamol thanked the students on behalf of all the teachers and appreciated them for putting together a wonderful event.



Blood donation, A NOBLE ACT



'Tears can't save Life, Blood can!'

Donating blood is one of the most compassionate human gestures that I can ever think of because it can save lives. World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is an annual event that was first organised in 2005 by the joint initiative of WHO, the International Organisation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

OBJECTIVES:

- To spread global awareness about the need for safe blood transfusion.
- To set up proper health care systems and infrastructures in place.
- To thank the blood donors for their voluntary life-saving act.

WHO NEEDS BLOOD TRANSFUSION?

People who undergo major surgical procedures, serious injuries that cause blood loss, anaemia, leukemia, haemophilia, treatment for various types of cancer that slows down blood cell production etc. need blood transfusion.



SHAKUNTALA CHADALAVADA, HOD
Science, Middle School,
Delhi Public School,
Nacharam

Basic facts the blood donor should know

- There are four types of blood donations: whole blood, plasma, platelets and double red blood cells donation.
- Any healthy human who is 17 years and above in age can donate blood.
- People suffering from chronic and contagious diseases, undergoing treatment, pregnant and breast-feeding women, drug users etc. cannot donate blood.
- 470ml of whole blood can be donated once in every 90 days.
- Replenishment of whole blood happens in 90 days, platelets in 2 days, plasma in 24-48 hours and RBCs in 4-6 weeks.
- Eating food rich in Vitamin-C, liver, spinach, kale, bread, cereals, milk, yoghurt, potatoes, nuts, bananas etc. can replenish the blood faster.
- As it is rightly said, no one has ever become poor by giving, so Give Blood And Keep The World's Heart Beating.

Painters' Gallery

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CHERRY BLOOM: MADADI
AKSHAYA REDDY, class VII B,
P Obul Reddy Public School

FRUITY HUES: P SAI
SREE, class IV, Little
Flower High School, Abids



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GRIEZMANN DOUBLE FIRES FRANCE TO VICTORY OVER FINLAND

Ends five-game winless streak in World Cup Group D qualifier

France's forward Antoine Griezmann celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Group D qualification football match between France and Finland

Antoine Griezmann played chief tormentor as France sprung back into life to end a five-game winless streak by beating visitors Finland 2-0 in a World Cup Group D qualifier on Tuesday. Griezmann struck in each half after his partnership with Karim Benzema bore fruit in satisfying fashion to put the world champions on 12 points from six matches at the top of the group.

The 30-year-old Atletico Madrid striker's brace took him level with Michel Platini on 41 goals for his country – 10 behind all-time leader Thierry Henry and five short of Olivier Giroud. "I am very happy with my performance and immensely proud to have equalled Michel Platini," Griezmann said. "This evening we were strong as we really needed this win after five draws, and we managed it in a nice manner."

Victory a face-saver

■ Victory will go some way to putting to bed the lingering memories of France's traumatic loss on penalties to Switzerland in the last 16 at this summer's Euro 2020. The three points saw France extend their lead at the top of the table to seven points over the Finns, who have two games in hand.

■ "We did not do everything well but we have rediscovered our confidence," said France coach Didier Deschamps. "This puts our fate in our

POINTS STAND

Finland, who had a decent opening half, are third on five points but have two games in hand of the French.

Bosnia are fourth on three points from four games after a 2-2 draw with bottom side Kazakhstan, who also have three points.

Ukraine are second on five points from as many matches.

■ Paul Pogba had Deschamps out of his seat in the 14th minute in disbelief as the Manchester United midfielder fired a pass from the halfway line aimlessly over the Finnish byline without a French player anywhere near it. The French defence also looked at sixes and sevens every time the Finns attacked in the first half.

Griezmann finds right spot

■ Benzema forced the first save of the encounter in the 22nd minute, his fierce shot being turned over for a corner by Finnish stopper Lukas Hradecky after a neat 1-2 with Griezmann, who moved back to Atletico on loan from Barcelona in the summer transfer window. Benzema turned provider three minutes later with a delightful backheel to release Griezmann inside the box. Griezmann made no mistake and was rewarded with a hug and a slap on the back from Deschamps. Griezmann made it 41 for his country when he beat Hradecky at the near post to make it 2-0 in the 54th minute.

■ The 30-year-old should have bagged his hat-trick as the clock ticked towards the hour mark after another sublime link-up with Benzema but his curling effort went wide of the post. Benzema was denied the goal his powerhouse performance deserved as Hradecky got down well to block his effort with five minutes remaining. The French came close to conceding a goal as the match neared full-time as Hernandez's careless backpass let in Teemu Pukki but Lloris saved the day. AGENCIES

MEDVEDEV, FERNANDEZ ADVANCE TO US OPEN SEMI-FINALS

Daniil Medvedev advanced to his third straight US Open semi-final while 19-year-old Canadian Leylah Fernandez delivered another stunner to reach the last four of a Grand Slam for the first time.

Russian second seed Medvedev, chasing his first Slam title, eliminated 117th-ranked Dutch qualifier Botanic Van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 7-5 at Arthur Ashe Stadium. "I just want to do a little bit better than the last two times and get this extra step, which is the toughest one, actually," Medvedev said.

Aiming for final

Medvedev moved one victory from a possible championship match against history-chasing Novak Djokovic. The

25-year-old from Moscow was a 2019 US Open runner-up and lost this year's Australian Open final to top-ranked Djokovic, who seeks his fourth US Open title to complete the first men's singles calendar-year Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969. "I don't think about him, because as we saw, anybody can beat anybody," Medvedev said. "If he's in the final, and if I'm there, I'm happy. He's also happy, I guess."

Fernandez trusting herself

Fernandez, who had already ousted defending champion Naomi Osaka

and three-time Slam winner Angelique Kerber, defeated Ukraine's fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/5). "I told myself to trust my shots," Fernandez said. "Even if I lose, I've got to go for it. And I'm glad I did." Fernandez, ranked 73rd, was inspired by pre-match strategy from her father/coach Jorge, a former Ecuadoran football player. "He told me to go out and have fun, fight for every point," she said. "It's your first Grand Slam quarter-final. Don't make it your last. Don't make it your last match over here. Fight for your dream." Medvedev will next face Canadian

12th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime, 21, who reached his first Slam semi-final when 55th-ranked Spanish 18-year-old Carlos Alcaraz retired trailing 6-3, 3-1 with a leg injury. "It's an amazing milestone," said Auger-Aliassime. "It's a weird way to end but I'll have a chance to play one of the best in the world. I'm happy I'm through and I'll try to win the next one." Medvedev won his only meeting with Auger-Aliassime in Canada in 2018. AFP



Photo: AFP

Daniil Medvedev

BUMRAH NINTH IN ICC TEST RANKINGS

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has gained a place to be ninth in the ICC Test rankings for bowlers following his match-winning spell in the fourth Test against England at The Oval.

Bumrah had bowled Ollie Pope and Jonny Bairstow in a sensational spell of reverse swing that tilted the game decisively in India's favour.

Australia pacer Pat Cummins leads the standings while premier India spinner R Ashwin remains second while not being part of the four Tests against England.

There is no change in the top-10 batsmen with Joe Root leading the pack. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are fifth and sixth in the standings.

Ashwin has dropped a spot to be fifth in the all-rounders' rankings with Ravindra Jadeja staying on third place. West Indies' Jason Holder is the leading all-rounder. PTI



Photo: REUTERS

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who was the first unseeded Wimbledon's men's singles champion?

- a. Stefan Edberg
- b. Boris Becker
- c. Jimmy Connors
- d. John McEnroe

Q2: What race, held for three weeks each July, is considered the world's most prestigious and difficult bicycle race?

- a. Grand Prix des Nations
- b. Giro d'Italia
- c. Vuelta a Espana
- d. Tour de France

Q3: Which decathlete was the youngest to win a gold medal in the Olympics?

- a. Daley Thompson
- b. Caitlyn Jenner
- c. Rafer Johnson
- d. Bob Mathias

Q4: What event involves women competing in seven different track-and-field events in two days?

- a. Heptathlon
- b. Decathlon
- c. Biathlon
- d. Pentathlon

Q5: Who was the first player to both captain and manage a World Cup-winning football team?

- a. Bobby Charlton
- b. Pele
- c. Joseph Mercer
- d. Franz Beckenbauer

Q6: Jamaican superstar Elaine Thompson-Herah recorded the second-fastest 100m time ever for a female this week. What was it?



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- a. 10.59 seconds
- b. 10.49 seconds
- c. 10.54 seconds
- d. 10.64 seconds

Q7: Who scored the first-ever T20 International century?

- a. Suresh Raina
- b. Chris Gayle
- c. Richard Levi
- d. Brandon McCullum

Q8: What is the nickname of Zimbabwe's national men's cricket team?

- a. The Black Caps
- b. The Proteas
- c. The Chevrons
- d. The Tigers

Q9: Who was the first Black player to win the French Open, Wimbledon, and U.S. Open singles tennis championships?

- a. Althea Gibson
- b. Sloane Stephens
- c. Coco Gauff
- d. Venus Williams

Q10: What is the nickname given to a score of zero by a batsman?

- a. A yorker
- b. A full toss
- c. A google
- d. A duck

ANSWERS: 1. b. Boris Becker 2. d. Tour de France
3. d. Bob Mathias 4. a. Heptathlon
5. d. Franz Beckenbauer 6. c. 10.54 seconds
7. b. Chris Gayle 8. c. The Chevrons
9. a. Althea Gibson 10. d. A duck