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**NEXT COVID VARIANT
LIKELY TO BE MORE
INFECTIOUS: WHO**


Omicron will not be the last variant, and the next variant of concern is likely to be more transmissible, the World Health Organisation has said, warning against complacency in following Covid-appropriate protocol. "Omicron will not be the last variant that you will hear us speaking about. The next variant of concern will be more fit and what we mean by that is it will be more transmissible because it will have to overtake what is currently circulating. The big question is whether or not future variants will be more or less severe," said Maria Van Kerkhove, Covid-19 technical lead at WHO.

WHO also said that it is likely that there will be more immune escape, making the existing vaccines less effective against new variants, even as it emphasised on vaccination to protect against severe disease and deaths. "We do not want to be in that situation. So, we want to make sure that we reduce the spread," she said

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Spotlight

RONALDO First to cross 400 million INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



The Manchester United forward, who has been ruling the football world since a long time, has broken yet another record—this time off the football pitch. Also known as CR7, Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first person to pass 400 million followers on Instagram. The 37-year-old Portuguese has established himself as one of football's all-time greats, breaking all kinds of individual records for goals in his 22-year career, while also winning the biggest team prizes the game has to offer.

1 Interestingly, his account is second only to the platform's official handle, which currently has 469 million

2 The five-time Ballon d'Or winner was the first to reach the 200 million followers mark in January 2020, and has managed to double that number in just two years, with Paris Saint-Germain's Lionel Messi, the second most-followed footballer on Instagram at just over 300 million

3 Ronaldo's most-recent post received almost 14 million likes as he uploaded a picture with his wife Georgina Rodriguez at dinner and thanked his followers for wishing him a happy birthday

FACTOID


4,700 gigatons

That's the amount of ice Greenland has lost over the last two decades, a study has warned, enough to submerge the US under 1.5 feet of water. Ice loss on this scale, according to researchers, has contributed some 1.2 centimetres to global sea level rise since 2002.



■ Ice loss is particularly severe along the West Greenland coast, where the warming of subsurface waters is accelerating the glacial melt, according to NASA researchers

■ The loss of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets are among the primary drivers of the sea-level rise, which is being triggered by climate change, NASA said

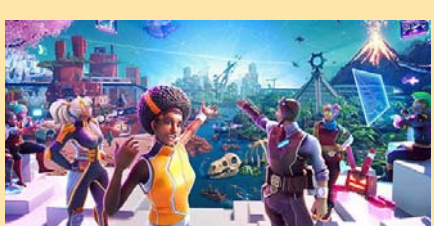
■ Together, these glacial masses are thought to contain around 99 per cent of the world's total freshwater reserves

➤ Should Greenland's ice sheet vanish, it would release enough water to increase the global sea levels by a whopping 24 feet
➤ On current trends, Greenland ice melting will cause 100 million people to be flooded each year by the end of the century—400 million in total



1 in 4 people to spend at least 1 hour daily in metaverse by 2026

One in 4 people is expected to spend at least one hour a day in the metaverse for work, shopping, education, social and/or entertainment by 2026, claims a Gartner report forecast. However, the adoption of metaverse technologies is nascent and fragmented, and the research cautioned organisations about investing heavily in a specific metaverse. "It is still too early to know which investments will be viable in the long term, but product managers should take time to learn, explore and prepare for a metaverse in order to position themselves competitively," said Marty Resnick, research vice president at Gartner. According to the latest data from market intelligence platform Sensor Tower, 522 mobile apps are already using the buzzword to gain new users and earn more money via various app stores. By 2026, 30 per cent of the organisations in the world will have products and services ready for metaverse," Resnick added.



■ The new technology buzzword is led by Meta, which is investing \$10 billion towards building metaverse ■ Metaverse is defined as a collective virtual shared space, created by the convergence of virtually enhanced physical and digital reality ■ It is persistent, providing enhanced immersive experiences, as well as device independent and accessible through any type of device, from tablets to head-mounted displays

Indian documentary 'Writing with Fire' joins the Oscar race

Writing With Fire, an Indian documentary has been nominated in the Best Documentary Feature category at the 94th edition of the Academy Awards. Other nominees in the category are: 'Ascension', 'Attica', 'Flee', and 'Summer of Soul (Or: When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)'. The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held on March 27.

'Writing With Fire' is also Sushmit Ghosh's first outing as a filmmaker and chronicles the rise of 'Khabar Lahariya', India's only newspaper run by Dalit women

■ Bhutan debuted with 'Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom', directed by Pawo Choyning Dorji in the Best International Film category ■ The other movies competing for the Best International Feature honour this year are Japan's 'Drive My Car', Italy's 'The Hand of God',



Denmark's 'Flee' and Norway's 'The Worst Person in the World' ■ Among the contenders, Norway is the only country that has been nominated several times before, but has never won the Oscar

Ben-Hur (1959), Titanic (1997) and The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) have each won 11 Oscar awards, sharing the record for the most-Oscar wins by a film



280 characters too few? Twitter working on a feature to allow users to share lengthy tweets

Twitter is among the most-preferred social media portals. However, many users are finding it difficult to express themselves within the constraints of 280 characters. The world limit woes may be gone soon, as recent reports suggest that Twitter is reportedly working on a feature to allow its users to share lengthy posts.

■ The character limit was last extended to 280 from 140 in 2017. Now, the popular micro-blogging site is exploring 'Twitter Articles', its latest feature to allow users to share lengthy posts

■ According to 9to5mac.com, the feature was discovered by App researcher Jane Wong. The researcher showed a hidden menu on Twitter's website dedicated to the new feature.

However, more details about the 'Twitter Articles' feature is awaited.

■ Primary reports suggest that the feature will let users write full articles on the social network beyond the prescribed 280 character limit ■ Twitter with over 200 million users will become a huge competitor for prominent blogging platforms if it rolls out the feature

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MUST READ: NEEL — KRISHNA THROUGH ART' COMBINES STORYTELLING & ACTIVITIES

Author Vineeta Kanoria spoke with Times NIE on how Neel came into being and what are her thoughts on multi sensory learning

BONUS: There is an excerpt of a story and an activity that you can participate in.... Dig in



Read 'Neel - Krishna Through Art' and send us your review at toinie175@gmail.com. Kindly keep the review short and crisp.

Being a special educator, I believe in multi sensory teaching where the child uses many modalities-visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile to learn. That's the reason we have added some thoughtful activities to the exciting stories and beautiful visuals. We hope young children will enjoy it as much as we did while writing it.

The idea of this book was born when we realized that museums abroad have several children's books based on their art. My husband and I felt we should do something to introduce our children to India's rich artistic tradition.

We chose Krishna because his stories cover so much - fun, mischief, bravery, heroism, love and also because Krishna has been represented differently by various artists. The book is a unique mix of delightful episodes, stunning art and interesting activities.



In the forest of Vrindavan, where Krishna lived, there flowed the beautiful river, Yamuna. The people of nearby villages would bathe and swim in the river. One day, a very poisonous snake, Kalia, came into the river to stay. He had many heads and was very strong. He spread his black poison in the river. Everyone except Krishna was scared of this huge snake. Krishna jumped into the river and fought with Kalia. He stood on Kalia's heads and asked him to leave the river. Kalia was so scared! He said sorry and left immediately. Wasn't that a brave thing for Krishna to do?

Think of the brave things you can do!

This lovely painting shows Krishna dancing on Kalia's heads. Kalia's wives are asking Krishna to forgive him. They are giving him lotuses and praying to him.

This is a miniature painting. The artist has painted all these details on a paper that might be the size of this open book.

Would you like to draw a many-headed monster?

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POSITIVE PARENTING

Teaching children to be independent and skillful is important to survive well but it is also important to teach them kindness. Many parents might think that teaching kindness to their child would make them more susceptible to being taken advantage of. This isn't true in the first place, and it is also important to note the benefits of knowing how to be kind. Kindness taught at school has been shown to increase students' self-esteem, decreased bullying and better attendance. Here are seven ways of making your children learn the nuances of kindness

ACTS OF KINDNESS TO TEACH YOUR CHILD



SPREADING CHEER

Making people happy for a specific reason or to return a favour is a great way to spread cheer and feel happy but teaching your child to act out of kindness randomly will help make kindness like second nature to them. Volunteering for a good cause, visiting an elderly or lonely neighbour are small acts that make a big difference.



CHORES

Helping anybody who might need a helping hand around the house is a good thing to teach your child. If they do this regularly, they will learn to help as and when needed. Donating their time to help their grandparents every day with one chore will improve the child's sense of empathy.



COMPLIMENTS

Compliments are all about learning to appreciate and saying it out loud when you admire something about someone. Giving people random compliments helps instill values like gratitude and kindness.



SAYING THANK YOU

Writing 'thank you' notes should not be a ceremonious task that is done on special occasions but saying thank you to anyone at any time of the year is what your child needs to know. The most important thing is to teach them gratitude. They can write a thank you note to anyone and everyone who they appreciate in life.

DONATING

Donations to orphanages, old age homes and foster homes is a great way to teach your child to be thankful for what they have and give to those who aren't as privileged as them. Tell your child all about the cause for donation and ask them to pick out toys and clothes that they wish to donate.



ANIMAL LOVE

Teaching children to love and care for animals helps them become sensitive towards non-human entities. Even though animals don't have the gift of speech, they feel love, hatred and all other emotions. Caring for them and feeding them every day, visiting animal shelters are easy to do and great experiences as well.

DIY GIFTS

Buying gifts is a good thing but it is convenient and does not teach your child any values. Making gifts for people who they love, appreciate or anyone who they wish to gift, is a great way to teach them to appreciate and give. You can provide them with art and craft items, which they can use to create beautiful DIY gifts.



BOOKS

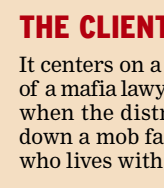
5 John Grisham books made into movies of all-time

There's hardly a thriller lover who hasn't heard of the name - John Grisham. An American novelist and lawyer known for his popular legal thrillers, Grisham has written 28 consecutive number-one bestsellers, and his books have sold 300 million copies worldwide. He is one of the only three authors to have sold two million copies on the first printing. Here are five of his most popular books that made its way to the celluloid as well



THE FIRM

A young lawyer joins a small but prestigious law firm only to find out that most of their clients are on the wrong side of the law. The company is helping to launder mob money, get clients off charges, and even murder partners who threaten to blow their cover. But when the FBI comes calling to gather evidence on the lawyer's colleagues, he is caught between a rock and a hard place, juggling his life and his liberty.



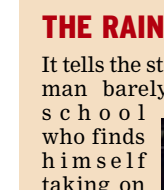
THE CLIENT

It centers on a young boy who witnessed the suicide of a mafia lawyer and hires an attorney to protect him when the district attorney tries to use him to take down a mob family. Mark Sway is an 11-year-old boy who lives with his mother and brother in a trailer.



THE CHAMBER

It is about 26-year-old Adam Hall, who stands on the brink of a brilliant legal career. However, now he is risking it all for a death-row killer and an impossible case. Maximum Security Unit, Mississippi State Prison: Sam Cayhall is a former Klansman and unrepentant racist now facing the death penalty for a fatal bombing in 1967.



THE RAINMAKER

It tells the story of a young man barely out of law school who finds himself taking on one of the most powerful, corrupt, and ruthless companies in America—and exposing a complex, multibillion-dollar insurance scam.

THE RUNAWAY JURY

It follows the case of Celeste Wood, the widow of Jacob Wood, who has died from lung cancer after years of smoking three packs of Bristols a day, versus Pynex, one of the Big Four tobacco companies in the United States.



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Make cupcakes from regular cake



FOOD FUNDAS

Who doesn't love gorging on those cute little cupcakes decorated with vibrant sprinkles or decadent whipped cream and fondants, but have you ever tried creating cupcakes from leftover cake or cake batter? But, if you find it boring to eat the same cake again and again, here are some ways to tweak cakes and turn them into interesting and delicious cupcakes.

Read on and whip up some fun sweet treats at home

Choose your cake recipe

If you want to make a cupcake using leftover cake batter, here are some quick tips. Not every cake is perfect for a cupcake. For example, cakes with high fat content like pound cakes and mud cakes may be too thick for cupcakes. On the other hand, flourless cakes don't have much structure and binding as cupcakes and may collapse. So, if you are planning to make a cupcake by using a leftover batter, then make sure you choose the batter in which butter and sugar are whisked for a long time to give a smooth texture.

Cupcakes from ready made cakes

This is the simplest thing to do. Take round cutters or bowls with a sharp edge and scoop out small cakes from the larger

one. Decorate their sides and top with cream and your cupcakes are ready.

Texture and taste

Cupcakes have a chiffon and smooth texture, which is not too hard. So, tweaking the texture of the batter is essential. Make sure that butter is beaten first followed by sugar, whipped cream and then whisking the mixture before adding the rest of the ingredients. This will give you cupcakes a smooth chiffon texture. So, if you are planning to use leftover batter make sure you whisk it again and smoothen it a bit by adding some melted butter. Always make a test cupcake before creating bulk cupcakes.

Check the texture

Cupcakes rise faster as compared to cakes, so it is important to check that the cupcake is baked inside out. Always check by inserting a toothpick. You can also use an



Temperature is the key

Whether you bake a cake or a cupcake, temperature is the key to get the perfect bake. In the context of oven temperature, it is best to bake cupcakes at an ideal temperature of 325 to 375 F. If the cupcake turns out to be too stiff you can lower down the temperature. Also, cupcakes bake faster than layered cakes and they usually take 15 to 20 minutes depending on the texture of the batter and type of cupcake.

instant thermometer to check the doneness around 10-15 minutes of baking. While baking one batch of cupcakes make sure you put the batter in the refrigerator to rest.

Decorate cupcakes

Once the cupcakes are ready, decorate them with a cream cheese frosting. Whisk cream cheese, whipped cream with vanilla essence, edible colour and powdered sugar. Once the cream is

whipped nicely, pour it in a piping bag and decorate the cupcakes.

Cupcakes from cakes

Another interesting way of using leftover butter cakes or soft tea cakes is by using cake cutter molds. By extracting the cake portions using a cake mold just line them on a tray and warm them up for 2-3 minutes. Then layer the cake pieces with whipped cream mixture, add sprinklers or choco chips. TNN

SCHOOL IS COOL

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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!**

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OUR SUPER COOL GRANDPARENTS!

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love. A morning with grandparents was a gratifying day for the PP2 children at Gitanjali Devshala.

Grandparents attended the online class and were part of the children's routine. Both the children and their doting grandparents enjoyed a unique way of interacting with each other. Children interviewed their elders and about their childhood and the grand-

parents recollected and cherished each moment of their school days. They shared with the children their simple days of fun.

Thanks to the children, some of the grandparents have now become tech savvy. The highlight of the occasion was when the little ones surprised their grandparents with a special hand-made card expressing their love and respect. It was definitely an emotional and memorable day.

Gitanjali Devshala
Hyderabad

Projects, the gateway to learning

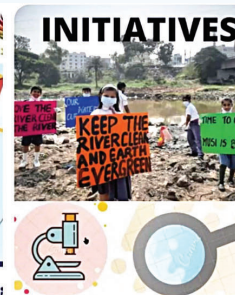
In order to enhance hands-on experience among students, Army Public School Golconda conducted a virtual exhibition, Anveshan, where the exhibits of students' open projects were showcased.

A spectacular dance was the curtain-raiser following which the gathering was addressed by Principal Vidya Muralidharan who inspired the students with her encouraging words. This was followed by the class co-ordinators and students' experience of working on the various open projects. The participants shared the benefits they imbibed in the process, ranging from critical thinking to project management to self-confidence.

The six projects taken up for the research had its own unique feature. The smart student Masters of Ceremony were high on energy and gave a flawless introduction to every project. "Athulya Bharat Express" reflected the idea of a sustained and structured cultural con-



ing aspirations and learn'



Army Public School
Golconda

forts and process involved in growing cotton to make its products. The students could assimilate the interdependence between living beings and developed empathy towards animals through 'Animal Kingdom' and the project 'Tiny Explorers' was the manifestation of the latent curious nature of tiny tots.

The chairman of the school congratulated and appreciated the endeavours of all the stakeholders even in this pandemic scenario. He lauded the teachers' effort to provide hands-on experience to the students to channelise their energy in a constructive manner.

nection amongst the people of different regions, the project "Musi Calling" helped the children to investigate and create a sustainable development in maintaining natural water

sources. While the project "Adaptive Flora Expo" developed observation skills and appreciated the adaptations of plants in various regions, "The Cotton Expo" exhibited the ef-

DO IT YOURSELF

EMOJI WALL DECOR

Are you feeling bored and exhausted after spending a lot of time with your books? Then this fun DIY is for you.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

- Cardboard
- Colour paper
- Sketch pens
- Scissors • Glue

PROCEDURE:

- Take one piece of cardboard, you can use any type of cardboard which you get while buying a shoe box, etc.
- Randomly draw six circles of the same radius of your choice and cut them carefully.
- Cut the same circles on the colour paper so that you can stick to the cardboard circles neatly.
- Now stick the colour paper on the cardboard circles.
- Stick the circles one below the other asymmetrically.
- Draw your favourite emojis on the circles using sketch pens.
- Finally take a thread and stick it on the topmost circle to hang your wonderful DIY.

That's it now your lovely emoji wall decor is ready to decorate your wall.

G NAYANAMRITA, class IX-A6, Atkinson Senior Secondary School, Vijayawada



BOOK REVIEW: ADITI AND THE ONE-EYED MONKEY

AUTHOR: Suniti Namjoshi
GENRE: Adventure Fantasy

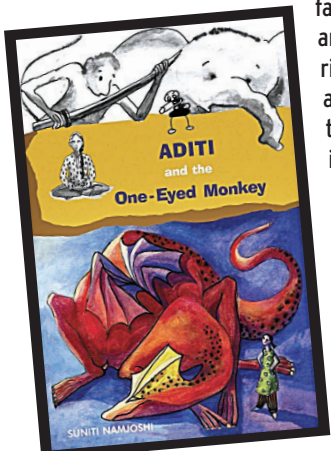
SYNOPSIS: A dragon is scorching the countryside, and will stop only if young princess Aditi is given to him. So she decides to go on a magical journey in search of the dragon who holds the key to her future. Along with her a one-eyed monkey, an ant and an elephant accompany her. Armed only with a cloak of invisibility, a ball of magical clay and a sword of courage, the four set off to look for this fiery dragon. So, how will the dragon react after seeing Aditi? And what will Aditi

say to the dragon when they find him? Read the book to find out.

Why should you read this book?

It is an enchanting modern fairytale that takes unusual and unexpected turns. The style of writing has the light, sensitive and humorous touch of a skilled writer. If you are a person who likes fairy tales and fantasies and animals, this is the right book for you. Do go ahead and read this book to know more about the intriguing characters, picturesque plot and setting.

GUNTUKU NAVYA, class IV, Philippines, Silveroaks International School, Mighty Oaks Campus, Hyderabad

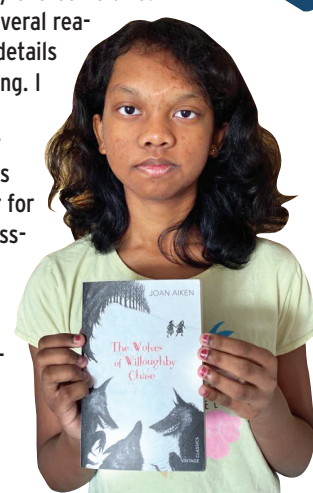


BOOK REVIEW: THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE

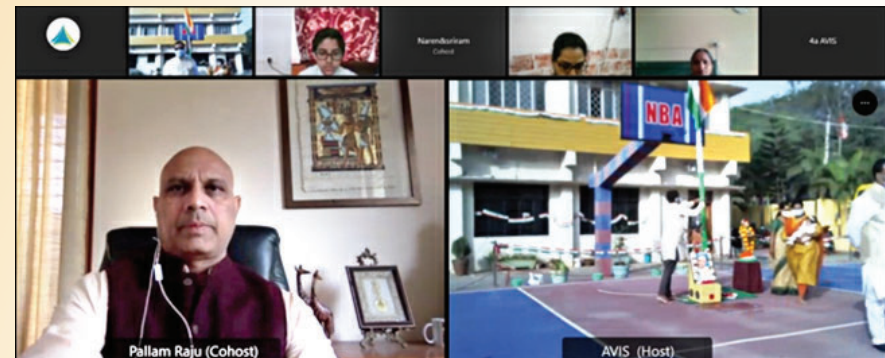
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase is the best book I have read yet. It is an interesting story about a young girl named Bonnie Green, whose cousin Sylvia has come to stay at her house. Bonnie's parents have plans to go on a voyage to treat Mrs. Green's illness. So, they hire a distant relative, Miss Letitia Slighcarp as the new governess to the girls. But Miss Slighcarp is an evil woman, who shuts Bonnie in a cupboard, fires faithful servants, and sends both of them to an orphanage run by Mrs. Brisket (a place where they will never be found). So how do they overcome this?

This book is a favorite of mine for several reasons - the fact that the author tells the details so clearly makes the story very interesting. I like the part where Bonnie goes into the cheese room to get cheese for the other girls in the orphanage, and how she takes revenge on the cook who was hitting her for the slightest mistake. Things were engrossing till the part where Bonnie and Sylvia escape the orphanage, after that there wasn't much happening. I would recommend this book to readers who like reading adventure stories.

TANISHA MINZ, class VI-E, Gitanjali Primary School, Hyderabad



FREEDOM IN MIND, PRIDE IN HEARTS



Akshara Vaagdevi International School (AVIS) celebrated 73rd Republic Day with students from Nursery to class X participating with patriotic zeal.

The chief guests were M Pallam Raju, former Union Minister for Human Resources Development who also was junior minister in Defence Ministry, and Director P L Srinivas, vice chairman of AVIS, RGR Siddhant College, leader of TRS Committee. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp and prayer, followed by the pledge

and thought of the day. P L Srinivas garu hoisted the flag. Principal Vanaja addressed the audience and later the students participated in dance, song and PPT presentations on Republic Day. Y Padmaja of social department presented a speech on Azadi Ka Mahotsav. The program concluded with a vote of thanks.

Akshara Vaagdevi International School
Hyderabad



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



Delhi Public School
Mahendra Hills

Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills celebrated Republic Day with great fervour and patriotism on a virtual platform, with the theme Sampurna Bharat - India @ 75 years of Independence.

The grand occasion commenced with the hoisting of the Tiranga. Chief Guest Group Captain Ramesh Chandra Tripathi, VM Gallantry, Chairman M Komariah, Principal DPS Nacharam Sunitha Rao graced the occasion.

Principal Nandita Sunkara welcomed the guest and management members to the event. She opined that as proud Indians, we have to reaffirm our commitment in the virtues of unity in diversity, fraternity and freedom of thought which our country strongly represents.

An array of remarkable performances were showcased by the

vibrant and ever-enthusiastic DP-Sites. From paying a tribute to the great freedom fighters with the monologues of country's heroes to the Ek Patra Abhinay of Dr Ambedkar, from yoga to the power-packed karate demonstration, each presentation enthralled the audience as they witnessed the event online. The thought-provoking speeches rendered by Head-boy-Darsh Malani and other students ignited the minds of all present. The mesmerising song and dance performances created a patriotic aura and filled each one's heart with love for our prodigious motherland.

In his address to the august audience, chief guest Group Captain Tripathi urged students to

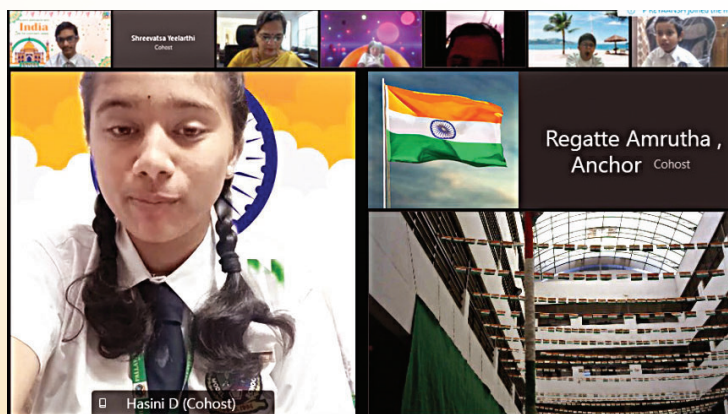
read and understand the Preamble of our illustrious Constitution and work relentlessly towards keeping up the pride of our beloved nation. He also commended the school for instilling strong patriotic values in the students.

Chairman Mr Komariah advised the young DP Sites to follow the righteous path and achieve their goals and aspirations in line with the dreams that the great patriots of our country had envisioned for a Sampurna Bharat. In her address Sunita Rao, urged the students to take pride in the culture, diversity and ethnicity of our state and our country.

The programme concluded with the Principal Nandita Sunkara and Vice-Principal I Sudha congratulating and awarding the winners of Poster making and flag making competitions.

Pallavi Model School
Boduppall

Pallavi Model School, Boduppall, organised a special assembly virtually to celebrate 73rd Republic Day with patriotic fervour and zeal. To commence the celebrations, the audience were shown informative videos, reiterating the importance of the Drafting Committee headed by Dr B.R. Ambedkar. They were also sensitised about the National Bravery Awards which are given to children from all over India for their acts of bravery. Principal T Tanuja unfurled the National Flag at the school premises along with teachers and staff members. Dances and songs were performed to infuse the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism among the students.



NEWCASTLE KICK OUT EVERTON

3-1 win bails out team from EPL's bottom 3

Kieran Trippier scored off a dipping free kick to cap Newcastle's 3-1 win over Everton that lifted his team out of the bottom three and pulled the beaten visitors closer to the relegation mire in the Premier League on Tuesday.

The England right back, one of five new signings for the Saudi-owned club in the January transfer window, completed Newcastle's comeback in the 80th minute at St. James' Park in just the team's third victory of the season.

Everton, playing its first league game under Frank Lampard, took the lead through Jamaal Lascelles' own-goal only to concede barely a minute later when Mason Holgate put the ball into his own net, too.

EXPENSIVE JANUARY SIGNING

Newcastle went in front for the first time through Ryan Fraser's close-range finish in the 56th before Trippier's crowning goal. The team's most expensive January signing, Brazil midfielder Bruno Guimaraes, came on as a substitute in second-half stoppage time.

In jumping out of the relegation zone, Newcastle moved within a point of Everton, which is only three points above the bottom three.

"It shows massive character from the team," said Trippier, who joined from Atletico Madrid. "We are going to need everybody. We know the position we are in. We got a great three points but still loads of games to go and we are taking one at a time."

TRANSFER DEADLINE DAY

Two high-profile players signed on transfer deadline day last month — midfielders Dele Alli and Donny van de Beek — came on as substitutes for Everton as Lampard was given a reality check after winning 4-1 against Brentford in the FA Cup in his first game as manager on Saturday.

"Of course the players' confidence levels are low — it smacks you in the face," Lampard said. "When I came to the club it was on a bad run of results. There is no magic wand to fix that. This is the Premier League — it's tough."

"The only thing to do is work hard and look forward. It was never going to be easy and this result puts it into sharp focus, but we must build that confidence." AGENCIES

INTER MILAN DUMP ROMA OUT OF CUP

■ Inter Milan marked the return of Jose Mourinho to the San Siro on Tuesday by dumping their idol's new team Roma out of the Italian Cup 2-0 and reaching the semi-finals.

■ Mourinho coached in front of an Inter home crowd for the first time since leaving in 2010 but after being warmly welcomed back by supporters in Milan Roma limply exited the competition thanks to a goal almost straight from kick-off by Edin Dzeko and Alexis Sanchez's second-half piledriver.

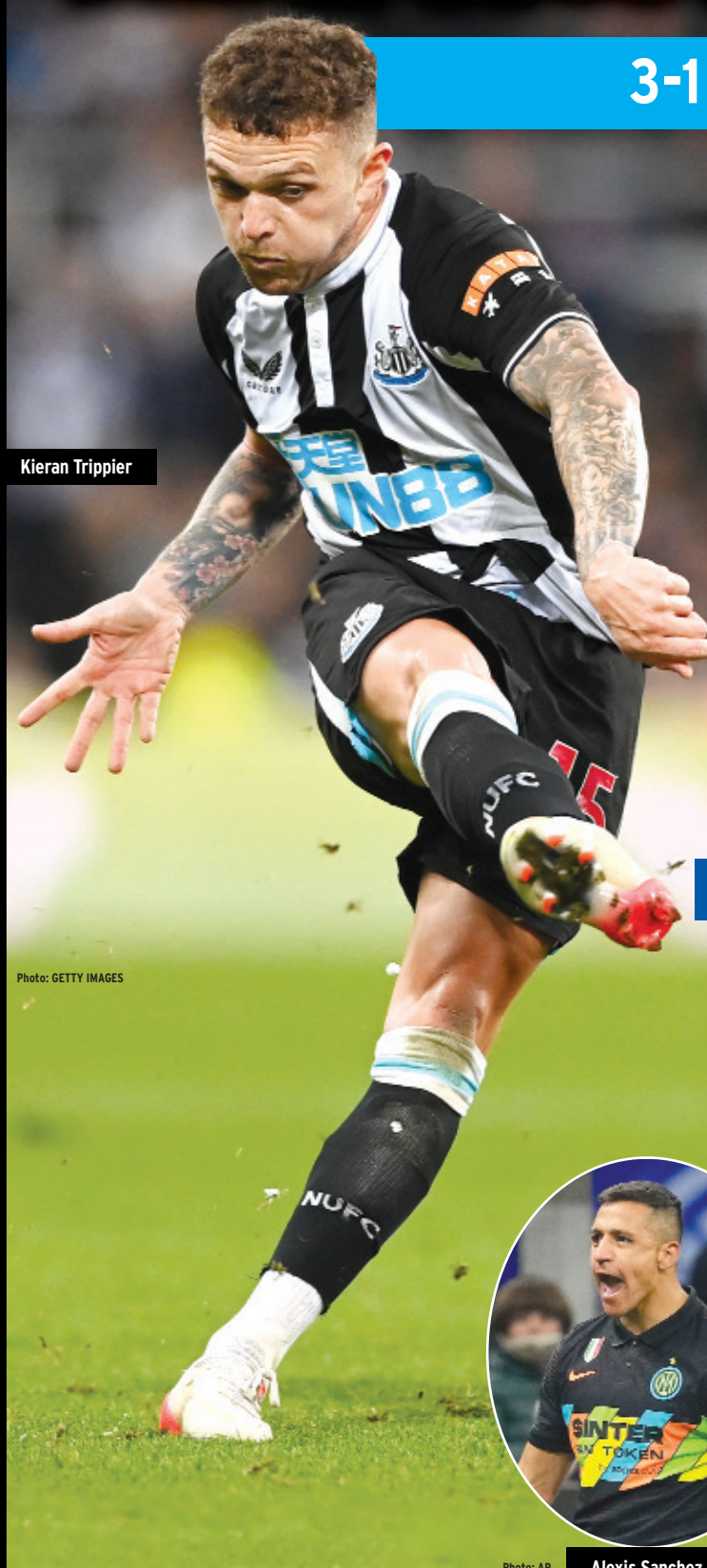
■ The win for Inter, who will meet either AC Milan or Lazio in the last four with those sides facing each other on Wednesday, was the perfect response to losing the derby on Saturday, the tempestuous aftermath of which has led to coach Simone Inzaghi being

suspended for the weekend's huge clash at fellow Serie A title chasers Napoli.

■ Portuguese Mourinho is a footballing deity for Inter fans thanks to two magical seasons on the Nerazzurri bench which culminated with the treble triumph of Serie A, the Italian Cup and most importantly the Champions League.

■ He beat Roma to the league title and cup in a battle of former Chelsea managers with Claudio Ranieri, only seeing off his Blues predecessor to the championship on the final day of the 2009-10 season.

I won't ever hide that my relationship with Inter is one that will last forever. But I came here to win for Roma and my supporters who today are Roma supporters.
JOSE MOURINHO



Kieran Trippier

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Alexis Sanchez



Ryan Fraser

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INDIA TRASH FRANCE

Go on attacking mode to secure winning start at FIH Hockey Pro League

The Indian men's hockey team began their FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 campaign with a comprehensive 5-0 win over France in Potchefstroom, South Africa, on Tuesday.

The Manpreet-led side's first win of 2022 was sealed by goals from Harmanpreet Singh (21'), Varun Kumar (24'), Shamsher Singh (28'), Mandeep Singh (32') and Akashdeep Singh (41').

India went on an attacking mode right from the word go, putting pressure on the French defence. The World No. 3 side had their first opening in the initial minutes when Harmanpreet's pass from the middle of the pitch found Nilakanta in good space, but his flick from the centre of the circle went flying above the goal post. Minutes later, India again got yet another chance to draw the first blood, but France's defence nullified the attack.

The Indians continued to pile on the attacking moves and earned back-to-back Penalty Corners after nearly 10 minutes. However attempts by debutant Jugraj were denied by the French goalkeeper Arthur Thi-

effry, thus ending the first quarter 0-0.

Dangerous penetration

India looked more dangerous in the second quarter, with the forward line making dangerous penetrating runs inside the opposition's circle. Their efforts paid off as India won the third PC in the 21st minute of the match, which was beautifully converted by

200 GOALS AND GOING

The Indian team's experienced forward Akashdeep Singh achieved the milestone of 200 International matches for India. The skilful forward has for long been a significant part of the Indian team's attack since his debut in 2012 at the FIH Champions Trophy. He was part of the team's important victories including the historic Asian Games Gold in 2014, and the FIH Champions Trophy Silver in 2016.

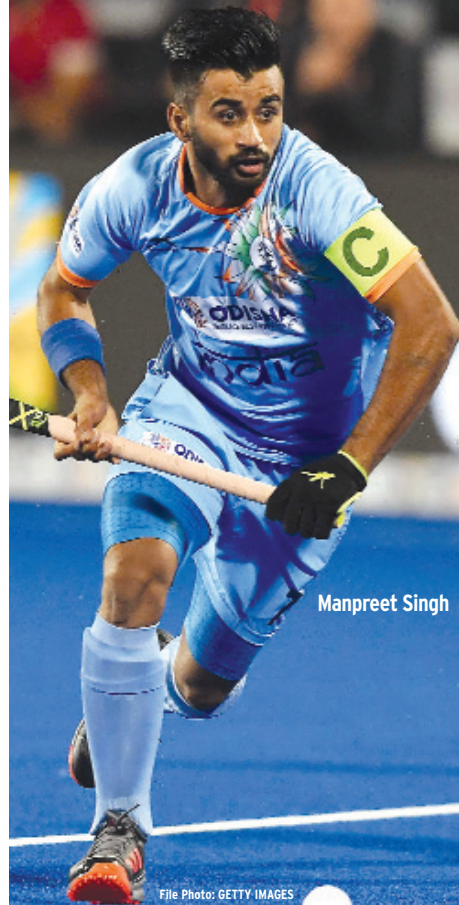
vice-captain Harmanpreet. Having taken control of the proceedings, India went on to take a 2-0 lead, courtesy of PC conversion from Varun in the 23rd minute.

France, regaining some strength, went on to win a penalty corner in the 28th, but the Indian defence stood tall to deny them a goal and a quick counterattack from India led by Nilakanta and Shamsher put India in the driver's seat.

Keeping possession

Desperately looking for a goal, France regained some strength to keep India's attack at bay. They had slightly better possession in the latter stage of the third quarter. However, a mistake from the French Captain inside the circle gave Akashdeep a golden opportunity to mark his 200th appearance with a well-served goal.

France started the final quarter aggressively and earned themselves back-to-back Penalty Corners in the initial minutes. However, India goalkeeper Krishan Pathak denied France their first goal and win comprehensive 5-0 win. ANI



Manpreet Singh

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MANDHANA IN EXTENDED MIQ, UNLIKELY TO PLAY FIRST ODI

India opener Smriti Mandhana missed the one-off T20 International against New Zealand on Wednesday as she is in extended quarantine in Christchurch along with two other players, making her doubtful for the upcoming first ODI as well.

Alongside Mandhana, pacers Meghana Singh and Renuka Singh are in a compulsory MIQ by the New Zealand government," batter Yastika Bhatia said at the post match press conference on Wednesday after India's 18-run defeat in the one-off T20I here.

The Indian team had undergone a 10-day MIQ in Christchurch on its arrival to New Zealand. "That's all we can say at the moment," Bha-



tia said about the situation without giving any more details on when the three players would be available to play. The Indian team had undergone a week of hard quarantine in Mumbai before its departure for New Zealand on January 24. **PI**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which golfer has won the most Masters Green Jacket the most number of times?

- Brooks Koepka
- Justin Peter Rose
- Ernest Els
- Jack Nicklaus

Q2: Other than Romania and Belgium, which country has reached three Davis Cup Finals without winning the title?

- Sri Lanka
- India
- Bangladesh
- Pakistan

Q3: Which athlete made Olympic history after winning gold medals in 5,000m and 10,000m events at the London 2012 Olympic Games, and at the Rio 2016 Games?

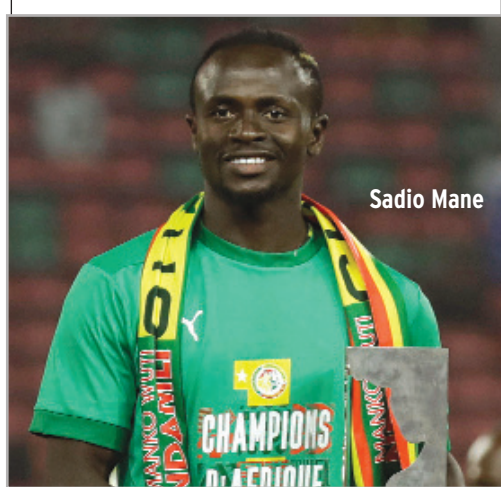
- Alberto Salazar
- Galen Rupp
- Mo Farah
- Joshua Cheptegei

Q4: Who is the all time leading scorer in the NHL playoff history?

- Sidney Patrick Crosby
- Wayne Gretzky
- Stephen Gregory Yzerman
- Connor Andrew McDavid

Q5: Sadio Mane won the first African Cup for Senegal. Which team did they defeat in the final?

- Cameroon
- Egypt
- Morocco
- Burkina Faso



Sadio Mane

Photo: AP

Q6: Which team has won the most NBA championships in a row?

- Boston Celtics
- Chicago Bulls
- Los Angeles Lakers
- New England Patriots

Q7: Which cricketer has scored the most sixes in a single IPL match?

- Chris Gayle
- McCullum
- AB De Villiers
- Sanath jayasuriya

Q8: Who is the oldest person to participate in a Davis Cup Final, playing both in the singles and doubles in the 1920 Final against the USA?

- Norman Brookes
- Alfred Beamish
- Charles Dixon
- Arthur Gore

Q9: At Rio 2016 Olympics, which Canadian player scored after just 19 seconds of play, making it the fastest goal in an Olympics women's football match ever?

- Jordyn Huitema
- Jessie Fleming
- Janine Beckie
- Caroline Weir

ANSWERS: 1. d) Jack Nicklaus 2. b) India 3. c) Mo Farah 4. b) Wayne Gretzky 5. b) Egypt 6. a) Boston Celtics 7. a) Chris Gayle 8. a) Norman Brookes 9. c) Janine Beckie