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## Spotlight

### SUNIL CHHETRI GOES PAST LIONEL MESSI'S TALLY OF WORLD GOALS

Indian football's talisman Sunil Chhetri has surpassed Argentina's Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goal-scorer with 74 strikes, adding another feather to his illustrious career. Chhetri achieved the staggering feat with his brace against Bangladesh in the joint preliminary qualifying-round match for the 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup.

■ The seasoned striker, who helped India register their first win (2-0) in six years in World Cup qualifiers, now stands only behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (103) in the active international goal-scorer list  
■ Chhetri leads Barcelona star Messi by two goals and sits a place above Ali Mabkhout of the UAE, who is third on the list with 73 strikes to his name

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Indian captain is also just a goal away from entering world football's all-time top-10. He is behind Hungary's Sandor Kocsis, Japan's Kunishige Kamamoto and Kuwait's Bashaer Abdullah, who all have 75 goals



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## TIMES NIE Answers Your Query

**K Neeharika,**  
A level, Rockwell International School, Hyderabad

**Q** Are the traces of black fungus found only in India? Also there are talks that black fungus has impacted people who are vaccinated. Is it true?

Black fungus is present everywhere in the world! It is found more in the tropical subcontinent like India. No black fungus case has been found in patients who had both the doses of vaccination. Black fungus does not depend on vaccination, it depends on immunity status of an individual.

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**Nilanjana Singh Roy,**  
Class X, Delhi Public School, Nacharam, Hyderabad

**Q** What are the side effects of steroids?

In limited doses, steroids have immuno-suppressive and anti-inflammatory properties. Side effects of excess steroid usage include increase in glucose levels in the body and depression in immune response to a large extent.

**EXPERT ADVICE GIVEN BY**  
**Dr A Srikanth,**  
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## Jeff Bezos to fly to space next month on Blue Origin rocket



Amazon's billionaire founder Jeff Bezos has said that he and his brother Mark will fly on the first crewed space flight from his rocket company Blue Origin next month. "Ever since I was five years old, I've dreamed of travelling to space. On July 20, I will take that journey with my brother," Bezos, who is one of the richest people in the world, said in an Instagram post.

Bezos, who is due to step down as Amazon's chief on July 5, will join the winner of an auction for a seat on the first space flight from Blue Origin

■ Bezos, fellow billionaires Elon Musk and Richard Branson, have been investing billions of dollars on their rocket startups, but Bezos will be the first of the three to actually travel into space on a rocket developed by his own company

■ The Blue Origin spacecraft, which is set to carry Bezos and others, has undergone 15 test flights, none of which had any passengers onboard  
■ Its New Shepard rocket and capsule combo is designed to autonomously fly six passengers for more than 100 km above the Earth into the suborbital space, high enough to experience a few minutes of weightlessness and see the curvature of the planet before the pressurised capsule returns to Earth under para-



chutes  
■ The capsule features six observation windows and are nearly three times as tall as those on a Boeing 747 jetliner and the largest-ever used in space, Blue Origin said

## Twitter blinks, to appoint officers as required by law

The government's ugly fracas with Twitter over the new IT Rules may end, with the American micro-blogging giant said to have agreed to make key appointments in line with the statutory requirements. The officers would be based out of India, although they are likely to be the employees of the parent company (headquarters) instead of the Indian operations, top sources told TOI.



■ Twitter is believed to have communicated its willingness to the government through an official communication, though it's not clear how much time/relaxation the company has sought to appoint the officers, who were originally supposed to be in place by May 26  
■ The sources said that the company now seems to have mellowed down again after it received a green signal from the headquarters in the US with regard to the contentious issue of appointment of three statutory officers

## Two months of second wave cost India 2% of GDP

The World Bank, in its Global Economic Prospects report, has lowered India's GDP for the current fiscal to 8.3%, down by almost two percentage points from its April forecast of 10.1%. The reason? "Significant expected economic damage from an enormous second Covid-19 wave and localised mobility restrictions since March 2021," the global lender said.



The report added that while "higher spending on infrastructure, rural development, and health, and a stronger-than expected recovery in services and manufacturing" will definitely aid in economic recovery, the second wave has caused a significant economic damage that "will undermine consumption and investment as confidence remains depressed and balance sheets damaged"



## INDIA AMONG TOP 3 ASIAN NATIONS AFFECTED BY DNS CYBER ATTACKS

India is among the top three countries in Asia which experienced highest cost of DNS (domain name system) attacks in 2021 to date, as nearly 90 per cent of organisations globally experienced DNS attacks, with the average cost of each attack around \$950,000, a new report has showed.

■ Asia recorded an increase of 15 per cent in average cost of a DNS attack, incurring a cost of \$908,140, up from \$792,840 the previous year  
■ Countries which saw significant increase in damages included Malaysia, which increased by 78 per cent, the sharpest increase, as well as India, which saw a significant increase of 32 per cent from the past year, according to the report by EfficientIP, a leading provider of network security and automation solutions  
■ The report, conducted in collaboration with the IDC, showed that organisations across all industries suffered an average 7.6 attacks this past year amid the pandemic

## 'Cruella' sequel with director Craig Gillespie in the works at Disney

Almost two weeks after the release of Emma Stone-led 'Cruella', Disney Studios has already started working on a sequel, with director Craig Gillespie and screenwriter Tony McNamara both expected to return. According to Variety, it is still unclear if the Oscar-winning actress would reprise the lead role in the proposed sequel.

## Entertainment

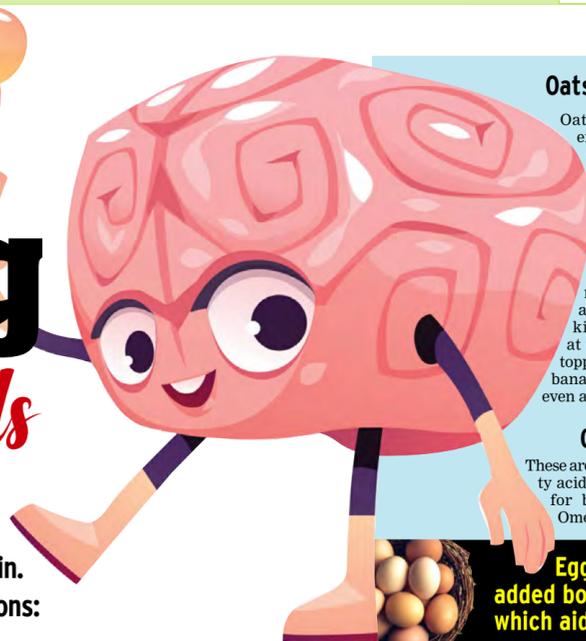
■ 'Cruella', which stars Stone as fan-favourite 'One Hundred and One Dalmatians' villain Cruella de Vil, debuted in theatres in the US in May, and was simultaneously released on streaming platform Disney Plus

■ It opened to positive reviews and has minted \$32.4 million domestically and \$48.5 million worldwide till date



# Best brain-boosting food for kids

The brain, like the rest of the body, absorbs nutrients from the food we eat. So, it's crucial for kids to have nutritious foods that are good for brain. Dietician Vidhi Chawla suggests some healthy options:



## Oats/oatmeal

Oatmeal and oats are excellent sources of energy and 'fuel' for the brain. They are high in fibre, which keeps kids satisfied and prevents them from snacking on junk food. They're also high in vitamins E, B complex, and zinc that helps kids' brains function at their best. Use any topping, such as apples, bananas, blueberries or even almonds over it.



which play important roles in the brain. These foods are also high in calcium, which is also necessary for the development of strong and healthy teeth and bones. Children's calcium requirements vary depending on their age, but two to three calcium-rich sources should be consumed each day. Don't worry if your kids don't like milk; there are other ways to include dairy in daily diet: when making porridge, puddings, or pancakes, use milk instead of water. TNN

## Milk, yoghurt and cheese

Milk, yoghurt, and cheese are high in protein and B vitamins, which are necessary for the growth of brain tissue, neurotransmitters, and enzymes, all of



**Oily fish**  
These are high in omega-3 fatty acids and are beneficial for brain development. Omega-3 fatty acids are

**Eggs are high in protein and as an added bonus they contain choline, which aids memory**

# Tips to score merit ranks in Math & Science



Olympiad exams are worldwide competitive examinations that help in developing critical skills and enhancing academic knowledge among the kids. Leadership, goal-setting, critical and logical thinking, and a variety of other 21st-century skills are assessed and imparted to young kids through global Olympiad Exams such as the International Science Olympiad (ISO), International Maths Olympiad (IMO), English International Olympiad (EIO), and others.

## GET THE BEST OLYMPIAD STUDY MATERIAL

When it comes to Olympiad Exams, smart and persistent studying with best Olympiad books are the keys to success. Parents should make their kids indulge in solving Sample Question Papers and Previous Years' Olympiads Questions for extensive practice. This will familiarise them with the paper pattern, typologies of questions and the difficulty levels.

## DRAW A TIME-TABLE

Students who are preparing for any Olympiad should follow a

thorough study plan by developing a comprehensive approach for each topic. Besides that, parents should also make sure that no hindrance is caused, unless necessary, in the child's timetable.



But it should not just revolve around studying. A healthy timetable should also contain at least three breaks of 15 to 20 minutes each.

## HELP CHILDREN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPT

Here, parents should help their children in understanding the in-depth concepts and solving problems. Also, taking doubt sessions is an effective practice that can be incorporated by parents. This can be done by creating a safe space for the children.

Most of the problems in the

Olympiad tests are based on conceptual facts. Parents should make sure that children study each topic thoroughly to get a thorough comprehension of the concepts and logic at work. Only meticulous preparation will enable students to feel confident and capable of

students memorise. For example, everyday quizzes, random pop-up questionnaires, and more. Writing is also a great way to memorise important concepts. Dictating theorems and making the children write can also help.

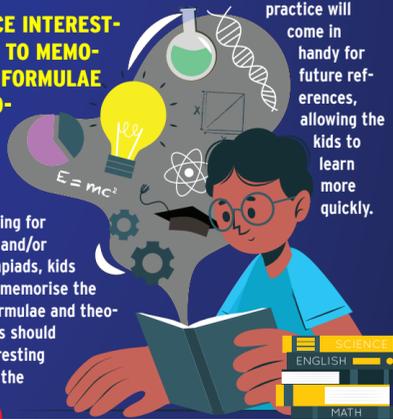
## REVIEW THEIR ANSWERS AND NOTES

Be it your school exams, Olympiads, or boards, one thing is evergreen and consistent - revision notes. Because the Olympiad examinations are based on the school's curriculum, kids should be in the habit of taking down notes and memorising key facts for each topic covered in class. Here, parents should review their child's answers and notes, and encircle any mistakes to help in rectifying them. This brief practice will come in handy for future references, allowing the kids to learn more quickly.

answering the difficult questions that will be posted in any competitive test.

## INTRODUCE INTERESTING WAYS TO MEMORISE THE FORMULAE AND THEOREMS

While preparing for Maths and/or Science Olympiads, kids take time to memorise the important formulae and theorems. Parents should think of interesting ways to help the



## KNOW IT ALL

# Which type of reader are you?

There are ten kinds of readers and their peculiar traits. Which one do you relate to the most?



## THE QUICK READER

The one who finishes reading a book too soon!

week, but their weekends are fully booked for binge reading sessions.

## THE BORROWER

The one who prefers borrowing books from friends, family or libraries rather than purchasing them.

## THE SNOB

The one who reads 'sophisticated literature' and judges others for their taste in books.

## THE COLLECTOR

The one who loves collecting rare books and editions.

## THE OLD-SCHOOL READER

The one who always prefers reading physical books over e-books, no matter what.

## THE BOOKWORM

The one who is always seen with a book - indoors, in a cafe or while travelling.

## THE LOYALIST

The one who is committed to their favourite authors and only reads their books.

## THE HOARDER

The one who loves buying new books, even if they haven't finished reading the books which they already have.

## THE COMPULSIVE READER

The one who reads anything within their reach - from newspapers, fliers, books to even instructions written at the back of a shampoo bottle. They read anything and almost everything. TNN

## THE WEEK-END BINGE READER

The one who is too busy to read anything during the



## Activities BOX



## QUIZ TIME (GEOGRAPHY)

**Q.1) Which of the following group of countries is most famous for exporting wool and meat?**

- A. Sri Lanka, India  
B. Australia, Argentina  
C. India, Cuba  
D. America, Egypt

**Q.2) Which of the following latitudes is the longest?**

- A. 0 degree B. 2 degree  
C. 3 degree D. 7 degree

**Q.3) Which of the following towns is easternmost?**

A. Ranchi B. Jamshedpur  
C. Patna D. Bokaro

**Q.4) Two places on the same meridian must have the same...**

- A. Solar time  
B. Length of winter  
C. Length of summer  
D. Length of time

**Q.5) Where is Dead Sea situated in the following continents?**

- A. Asia B. Africa  
C. Europe D. Arab

**ANSWERS**  
1. B) Australia, Argentina 2. A) 0 degree  
3. B) Jamshedpur 4. A) Solar time 5. A) Asia

## KNOWLEDGE BANK

### NATURE



## Caladium

This is a genus of flowering plants in the family Araceae. They are often known by the common name elephant ear, heart of Jesus, and angel wings. There are over 1,000 named cultivars of Caladium bicolor from the original South American plant. The genus Caladium includes seven species that are native to South America and Central America, and naturalised in India, parts of Africa, and various tropical islands.

## EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Develop a story based on the pictures in around 250 words. Send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at tolnie175@gmail.com



## CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

**1** What is the unit of measurement used in physics for speed?

- A. Meter per second B. Meter C. Hour D. Second per meter

**2** Velocity is a vector measurement because it has both a

magnitude and a what?

- A. Direction B. Time C. Speed D. Temperature

**3** What do we call the speed of an object at a specific moment in time?

- A. Instantaneous speed B. Pinpoint speed C. Top speed D. Average speed

**4** What constant measurement of speed is represented by the letter 'c'?

- A. Speed of light B. Speed of distance C. Speed of wind D. Speed of gravity

**ANSWER:**  
1. Meter per second  
2. Direction  
3. Instantaneous speed  
4. Speed of light

# TELANGANA OUR PRIDE, OUR IDENTITY



**Gitanjali Devashray**  
Hyderabad

Telangana Formation Day was celebrated with much jubilation by students and teachers of Gitanjali Devashray on a virtual platform.

The celebrations commenced with a welcome note followed by a song invoking the blessings of the almighty. The history of this state, struggle of the visionaries and all the obstacles that they had to conquer to facilitate its formation were enumerated in Eng-

lish as well as in Telugu. Sudhatri Valmikam, a student of class X, spoke about the importance of Queen Sumitra in the Ramayan, for which she was awarded at a literary event.

The event concluded with the presentation of a traditional dance reflecting the vibrant cultural facets of Telangana.

The culmination was drawn with a rendition of the national anthem.

## My beautiful state of Telangana

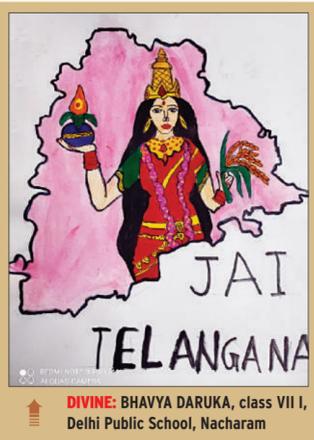
Telangana culture and heritage are the best like gold, Old is gold as we have been told.

Known as state of three lingas formed on 2nd June 2014, Called by the name Trilinga Desa.

Telangana known for its unique festivals and celebrations, Whether folk or tribal art, Even the monuments and sculptures, Have its own learning embarked. Telangana has its specialised arts from Hyderabad to Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, And home to major industries and defence equipment, Being the potential manufacturing hub of India.

Though it differs in its geographical base, With land surrounded throughout the state, Like jewels with its traditional wear, Has its own amazing grace. An expression of culture in its dignified Bathukamma dance, You should see if you get a chance The state has its unity whenever there is a need, Even sharing at times of pandemic, It's a value sown indeed.

NEETHU ABHISHEK, class X E, Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally



*"Identity is the most valuable possession. It emerges from within when one has the courage to persevere."*

Delhi Public School, Nacharam celebrated Telangana Formation Day to commemorate the formation of the state and remember its rich legacy. The day was marked by conducting a special assembly.

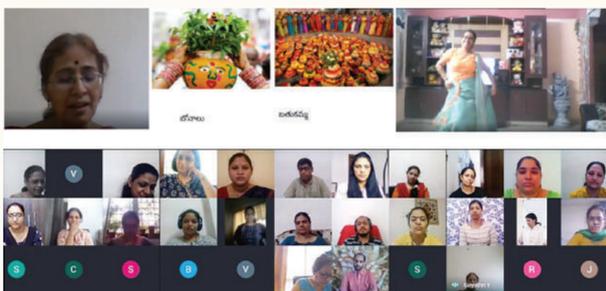
The assembly started with a prayer sung by teacher Vamsi and a presentation on the unique aspects of Telangana. Principal Sunitha Rao greeted the staff and urged to keep the state safe and add value to the rich cultural heritage. She added that this feeling of belongingness and pride in one's state will lead to a higher virtue of national identity.

Senior vice-principal Nandita Sunkara fondly reminisced her bond with the state. The presentations gave a peek into the monuments, festivals, dances, music, cuisines,

industries and advancement of Telangana.

Various competitions like Collage Making, Photography, Painting, Quiz, Article Writing were conducted for students that reflected the diverse and unique culture of the state. Students from senior secondary segment participated in the competitions and produced magnificent works.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of the vice-principal and co-ordinated by educator Prashanth and a team of teachers. All the participants and the creative winners were awarded with e-certificates. The ingenious videos and podcasts crafted by the students featuring the diverse culture, heritage and cuisines of Telangana stole the show.



Telangana, the youngest state of India, formed on June 2, 2014, is now a hub of diverse cultures, languages and an example of inclusiveness. To mark the State Formation Day, the Telugu department presented a vi-

**Ganges Valley School**

brant show virtually. A presentation on the culture and heritage of Telangana, describing the relevance of the monuments of the state, revived

the sense of pride in the viewers. While the folk song provided a soothing experience, the dance performance by a teacher elevated the spirit of the event. It was an informative programme that everyone enjoyed thoroughly.



**Gitanjali Devakul**  
Hyderabad

On the occasion of Telangana Formation Day, the Telugu department and students of Gitanjali Devakul presented a cultural show. Children sang songs which glorified the rich cultural her-

itage of the state. They also recited poems on the mighty empires, the great warriors, the famous monuments, the folks and fairs of Telangana. Folk dance and skit were also a part of the celebration.



Gitanjali Devshala celebrated Telangana Formation Day with much splendour. The history, conception and magnificence of the state were recalled. Culture of Telangana state is glorious and people here are proud of their rich heritage. Telangana became the 29th state of Republic of India and its 8th birth anniversary was a moment of joy, delight and privilege.

**Gitanjali Devshala**  
Hyderabad

of the online celebrations.

"As we celebrate this special day and enjoy our beautiful state, let us keep in mind the sacrifices of our ancestors, and remember it is the duty of each of us to strive for equality, social justice, education, and health care for all, for it is only by us that our great state Telangana will continue to excel and become a shining example for the rest of India to follow," a teacher said.

Telangana state is identity of its people and the multi-cultural traditions of this beautiful place bind everyone together.



## Be a mental health first-aid to your child

**Saffoora Khan, Counsellor,**  
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Department, Delhi Public School  
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### THE EDUCATIONIST



Mental health crisis arises when a child reaches developmental and emotional milestones. When a child goes through emotional or behavioural problems, they need help. You might get advice to wait as he/she'll grow out of it. Sometimes this helps, sometimes won't.

It can be difficult to differentiate between challenging behaviours in a child and the usual change during the developmental stage.

A child showing negative changes and talking about harming himself due to distress at home, school or in a peer group, is a be-

haviour that needs attention. But due to the stigma around mental health many parents may not disclose the concern to a counsellor or pay attention themselves.

This will harm the child, who will continue to have this issue in his/her adulthood as well. In this

situation, you as a parent can help your child by being a mental health first-aid.

Firstly, notice signs that your child may be experiencing, then be a good listener by striking up a normal conversation, may be about the day/work. Listening to your child without being judgemental will help. Do not try to give them advice to cope up with the issue. A lot of time we as parents start fixing their problems. This will not help in the long run. Let them think about solutions by themselves. By building trust in your child emotionally every parent can be a mental health first-aid. All you need is to listen non-judgmentally. But, seek professional help whenever required.

## CELEBRATIONS GALORE!

A weekend that is still fresh in my memory was around Christmas last year. It was an extended weekend and we had a small get-together with family and friends. All of us played our favourite game, Tambola (houses), and prizes were given to the winners. The kids then played some games like musical chairs and treasure hunt.

We had dinner together over happy conversation and laughter before everyone left for their respective homes.



On Saturday, it was my parents' 29th wedding anniversary and we planned a surprise lunch for them. We also surprised them with a special gift which was their painted portrait. Sunday we relaxed watching movies. In the evening, I played football with friends. Overall, it was a weekend which I will fondly remember.

**TARANVEER SAINI, class VIII,**  
Udgam School For Children,  
Ahmedabad



## SERIES REVIEW: NEXT IN FASHION BINGE-WORTHY

"Next in Fashion" is a competitive fashion designing competition series on Netflix. Hosted and judged by the cognoscenti of the fashion world including stars Tan France and Alexa Chung, the series follows teams of established, but publicly unknown designers as they navigate through creating outfits for themed challenges, with the grand prize for the winner being \$250,000 and an opportunity to retail their collection with luxury retailer Net-A-Porter.

From the perspective of someone who has never followed the happenings in the world of fashion, this show is interesting because it relies on the concept of universal appeal. Like all reality shows, it displays the emotional side of contestants at some points, but these moments do not dwell and the designers' self-expression skills are rightfully assessed. Lastly, what makes this show binge-worthy is the display of grace and ethics by the contestants, especially towards the latter half. This is a must-watch if you're into fashion, but enjoyable even if you're not!

**V KRISHNA SAI GAYATRI,**  
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# NZ TO REST BOWLERS FOR ENG TEST

Break aimed to keep the players fresh for WTC final against India

**N**ew Zealand are set to rest a few of their key bowlers for the second Test against England to ensure they are fresh and raring to go when they clash with India in the World Test Championship final on June 18.

New Zealand are already dealing with fitness concerns around skipper Kane Williamson, who has again been troubled by his elbow. Williamson has been managing a tendon problem in his left elbow for several months but led his side in the drawn match at Lord's last week. He missed the one-day international series against Bangladesh in March as well as the start of the Indian Premier League (IPL). "His elbow is still niggling him a wee bit," Stead told reporters. "He's had some more treatment on that and we just want to make sure the best thing for him is playing this match versus taking a little bit more time to be ready."

All-rounder Mitchell Santner has been ruled out for Thursday after he re-opened a cut on his left index finger on the final day of the first test at Lord's.

## Boult set to resume play

■ Pacer Trent Boult is now available for selection for the final match of the series. Boult, who was initially due to miss the England series following a post-IPL break, joined the squad late last week and is expected to play after completing isolation earlier than expected due to updated quarantine protocols. "Trent's back and available to be selected and it's likely we'll play

## INDIAN PLAYERS TO GET THREE-WEEK BREAK AFTER WTC

The Indian team management has decided to give players a three-week break after the World Test Championship final in a bid to address the mental fatigue that might be triggered by lengthy spells in a bio-bubble.

The WTC final against New Zealand will be held from June 18-22 at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton and the members of the Indian squad will disperse for close to three weeks (20 days) before regrouping on July 14 to prepare for the five-match series against England starting in Nottingham from August 4. Within UK, they can disperse off, go for a holiday, meet friends and family. There could be some team get-togethers also but players would be free to choose how they want to spend their time. "Most of them have come to UK multiple times and have friends and acquaintances around the country. It's only fair that they can switch off," said the source.

The break can rejuvenate them as a series against England can be very daunting. "That kind of set-up is very important before we go into a lengthy series. Test series in England can be challenging and daunting so we want to have most amount of time before that series," Kohli had said before leaving for England.

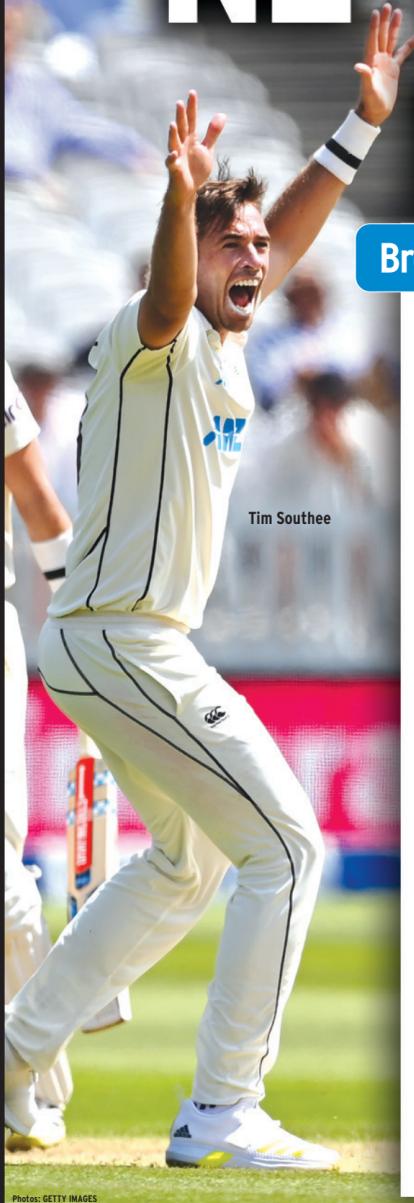
him in this game," Stead added. "Things did change when he got here or from the information we had initially. It's good news for us. "The best thing for Trent is to get out there, get the Dukes ball in his hand and show us what he's capable of."

## Bowlers may be rested

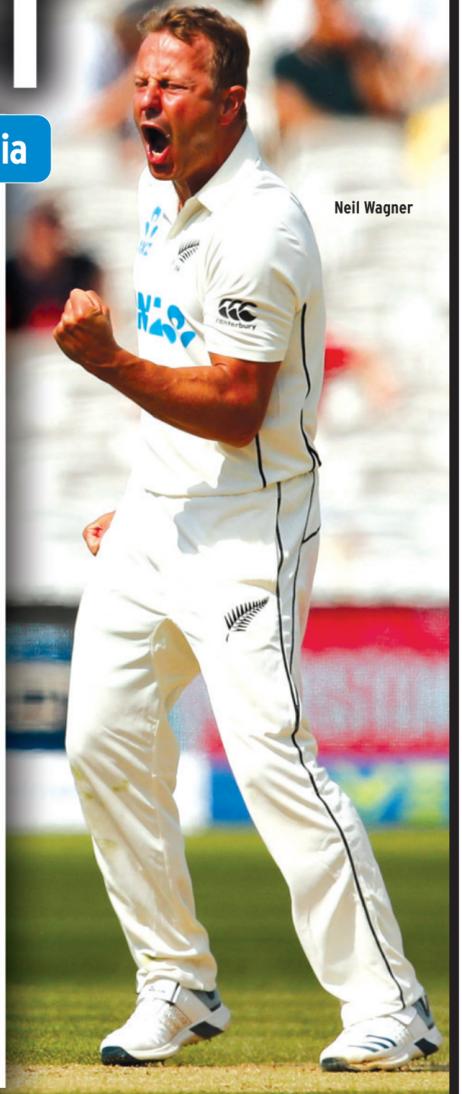
■ New Zealand can now easily rest one of their other key bowlers Tim Southee, Neil Wagner and Kyle Jamieson. It won't be a surprise if more than one among them does not take field. "They (bowlers) have all scrubbed up pretty well, but it doesn't necessarily mean they will play in the next match," New Zealand head coach Stead said ahead of the second match. Matt Henry, Doug Bracewell and uncapped Jacob Duffy could be the replacements for the pacers.

■ "With an eye to the (WTC) final we want to make sure the key bowlers who we think will take part in that game are fresh, raring to go and ready for that first ball of the match versus India. "We've got a squad of 20 obviously. So, a lot of guys have played Test cricket before. Matt Henry is here, Daryl Mitchell is here, Doug Bracewell, Ajaz Patel...there're guys in and around the squad who've played for us in the past. "So, again, we're having those discussions with them about what's best for them given training loads, playing loads and readiness for that match," Stead said.

■ The second test between England and New Zealand starts on Thursday, with crowds of 18,000 a day expected at Edgbaston. AGENCIES



Tim Southee



Neil Wagner

# INDIAN SHOOTERS READY TO DEAL WITH STRICT TOKYO RULES

The Indian shooting team is prepared to deal with strict rules that await them when they reach Tokyo for the Olympic Games in July

**W**ith gun and ammunition laws in Japan being very strict even for their own citizens, the Olympics organizers have set a cap on the number of ammunition a shooter can carry for the Games along with many other arms related rules. Tokyo will allow each shooter to carry not more than 800 rounds of ammunition for training and match purpose. There was no cap on the number of ammunition allowed during the 2016 Rio and 2012 London Games.

However, Indian shooters will have no trouble with the limited number of ammunition, say the coaches. "Looking at the way we have been planning our training, 800 rounds are sufficient. The training sessions a week before competition will be low high in quality and intensity. It will be just to get them

acclimatized to that range and conditions and to ensure everything is in order," said pistol coach Ronak Pandit. He added shooters are firing more shots in the camp at Zagreb and was confident they won't need to fire more at Tokyo.



Pistol coach Ronak Pandit

"The training happens before that so we don't have any problem with the limit," he added.

Rifle coach Suma Shirur said though a 50m rifle 3 position shooter needs around 200 shots for a match, it still won't be a problem for them. She also said that all the rifle shooters have got their ammo after getting their barrel tested. "All the shooters have had their barrels tested for suitable ammunition. For some, it was done at the Delhi Ranges during the Olympic training camps, while others got it done at respective home ranges."

Since the rules in Japan are strict, barring the Asian Airgun Championships in 2017, the country has not hosted any major tournament.



Rifle coach Suma Shirur

## INDIA DROP CHINESE SPONSOR FOR KITS

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has dropped Chinese sportswear maker Li Ning as its official kit partner citing public sentiment in the country. The athletes will wear unbranded apparel at the Tokyo Games instead. Chinese companies have faced a backlash in India after 20 Indian soldiers were killed in a clash with Chinese forces last year. The IOA unveiled an Olympic kit made by the Chinese company six days ago but said on Tuesday it had ended the association. "We would like our athletes to train and compete without having to answer questions about the brand," a statement added.

## PARALYMPIC GAMES: THREE INDIAN SHUTTLERS QUALIFY

**K**rishna Nagar, a para badminton player from Jaipur in Rajasthan, was allotted Paralympic Games quota place in men's singles short stature 6 (MS SH 6) category by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). Paralympic players Tarun (SL 4) and Pramod Bhagat (SL 3) have also qualified in their respective groups. "It is a big achievement for me. I have been training hard for the past one year and earning a ticket for the Tokyo Paralympic Games is a dream come true," the 22-year-old Nagar said from Lucknow. Nagar, winner of bronze medal at the 2018 Asian Para Games, said he will continue to train hard to achieve good results in Japan. "I am attending a camp in Lucknow. The facilities are good in the camp and I hope rigorous training sessions in coming weeks would further polish my skills," he said. Last month, para-badminton player Palak Kohli also qualified for Tokyo Paralympic Games. Palak, 18, will pair with veteran badminton player Parul Parmar in women's doubles event SL3-SU5. IANS

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** This team won their first-ever Asian Cup, by defeating Japan recently. Name the team.

- a) South Korea  b) China   
c) Qatar  d) India

**Q2:** Which Indian footballer surpassed Lionel Messi's record to become the second-highest active international goal scorer?

- a) Sunil Chhetri  b) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu   
c) Anirudh Thapa  d) Ashique Kuruniyan

**Q3:** Who won the gold in the 75kg category of Asian Boxing Championships?

- a) Lovlina Borgohain  b) Pooja Rani   
c) Simranjit Kaur  d) Nikhat Zareen

**Q4:** Name the youngest Indian para-badminton player in the world to qualify for Tokyo 2021 Paralympics?

- a) Parul Parmar  b) Palak Kohli   
c) Manasi oshi  d) Leani Oktilla

**Q5:** Who is the only Indian listed in the Forbes' Top 100 highest-paid athletes of 2020?

- a) Virat Kohli  b) PV Sindhu   
c) Neeraj Chopra  d) Abhinav Bindra

**Q6:** Who created the new world record in men's 5km road run in 12 minutes 51 seconds in Monaco?

- a) Kenenisa Bekele  b) Jacob Kiplimo   
c) Eliud Kipchoge  d) Joshua Cheptegei

**Q7:** How many French Open singles titles has Rafael



Rafael Nadal

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**Nadal won to date?**

- a) 11  b) 12  c) 13  d) 14

**Q8:** Name the player who won the All India National "A" level Snooker Championship 2021.

- a) Sourav Kothari  b) Pankaj Advani   
c) Aditya Mehta  d) None of the above

**Q9:** Which Indian player became the fastest Indian spinner to take 100 wickets in 58 ODIs?

- a) Ravindra Jadeja  b) Ravichandran Ashwin   
c) Kuldeep Yadav  d) Axar Patel

**Q10:** Which football club won the Spanish Super Cup 2021?

- a) Atlético Madrid  b) Liverpool FC   
c) Sevilla FC  d) Athletic Bilbao

**Q11:** In Bicycle Racing, what is the main body of riders called?

- a) Pursuit  b) Jockeys   
c) Peloton  d) None of the above

**Q12:** In which Sport would one find a Loppet?

- a) Skiing  b) Ice skating   
c) Speed skating  d) Snowboarding

**ANSWERS:** 1. c) Qatar 2. a) Sunil Chhetri  
3. b) Pooja Rani 4. b) Palak Kohli  
5. a) Virat Kohli 6. d) Joshua Cheptegei  
7. c) 13 8. a) Sourav Kothari  
9. c) Kuldeep Yadav 10. d) Athletic Bilbao  
11. c) Peloton 12. a) Skiing