



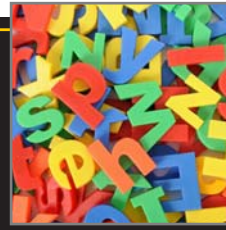
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STUDENT EDITION

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KAMAL HAASAN TO LAUNCH HIS DIGITAL AVATAR IN THE METAVERSE


Producer, director, actor and politician Kamal Haasan is set to become the first Indian celebrity to have his own digital avatar in a metaverse. Haasan, who turned 67 on Sunday, announced his entry into the digital space, with the launch of collectables or NFTs (non-fungible tokens) and plans for his museum in an upcoming metaverse game from Fantico, an Indian licensed digital collectables platform.

- With fans spending big money on digital collectibles, more celebrities are joining the party. Stars such as Amitabh Bachchan and Salman Khan as well as cricketers and leagues such as the Indian Super League (ISL) have launched their NFTs.
- Fantico will first launch various digital collectibles including posters, avatars and videos for Haasan

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TOP 3 BUZZ OF THE DAY
SPOTLIGHT

Taylor Swift is most-influential person on Twitter

American singer Taylor Swift surpassed Prime Minister Narendra Modi to emerge as the most-influential person on the list of the 50 most influential people on Twitter this year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is placed at number two on the list. According to an annual research carried out by the consumer intelligence company Brandwatch, Indian batting great Sachin Tendulkar is placed at number 35.



■ Singer Katy Perry is ranked third, Tesla CEO Elon Musk is ranked fourth and Barack Obama fifth on the list

GENDER EQUALITY

In a first, NDA to admit 20 women cadets next year

If reports are to go by, the National Defence Academy (NDA) will admit about 20 women cadets from around the middle of next year, paving the way for their training in the premier tri-service military training institution for the first time. According to reports, the Army would have the largest intake of about 10 women officers, followed by the Indian Air Force and the Navy at about five each.



- In September, the Supreme Court had ruled that women be inducted into NDA from this year itself, and not from next year as sought by the Centre.
- So far, women officers joined the armed forces from Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai, where they got admitted after their graduation.

PLASTIC MENACE

Covid-related plastic waste highest from Asian countries: Study

More than eight million tons of pandemic-associated plastic waste have been generated globally, with more than 25,000 tons entering the global ocean, according to an alarming study. Data from the start of the pandemic in 2020 through August 2021, showed that most of the global plastic waste entering the ocean is coming from Asia, with hospital waste representing the bulk of the land discharge.



- The study highlighted that most of the global plastic waste from the pandemic is entering the ocean from rivers, with Asian rivers accounting for 73 per cent of the total discharge of plastics. The top three contributors are the Indus, Shatt al-Arab, and Yangtze rivers, which discharge into the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and East China Sea, respectively. ■ European rivers, on the other hand, account for only 11 per cent of the discharge, with minor contributions from other continents



Your OTT watching habit could be harming the planet

You read it right. If reports are to go by, carbon emissions produced by fans watching a month of Netflix's top 10 shows is equivalent to 'driving a car beyond Saturn' - more than 746 million miles. According to researchers, Netflix content in the global top 10 - clocked up millions of hours' viewing time combined in the first month since their release.

Similarly, YouTube is responsible for emitting enough carbon dioxide annually to far surpass the equivalent greenhouse gas output of Glasgow, where the COP26 climate summit was held recently.

HOW ARE THEY A HAZARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1 Streaming services have a negative effect on the environment due to the power required to transfer data, a large proportion of which is generated by non-renewable energy sources like gas and coal, which emit harmful greenhouse gases

2 Also, end-user devices like smartphones, laptops or TVs consume electricity while watching the content

3 According to Netflix, the average carbon footprint of one hour of streaming in Europe is approximately 55 gCO2e (grams of carbon dioxide equivalents) - the same as driving about 300 metres in a car

SOURCE: CDIOUR OTT WATCHING HABIT COULD BE HARMING THE PLANET

FB, Instagram to delete 'sensitive' ads linked to race, religion

Facebook's parent company Meta has announced that it will remove sensitive ads targeting options related to health, race or ethnicity, political affiliation, religion or sexual orientation starting January 19, 2022.

The interest targeting options being removed is not based on people's physical characteristics or personal attributes, but instead, on things like people's interactions with content on the platform



Meta, earlier this month, said that it removed over 30 million pieces of content in September on Facebook and Instagram in India, as it faces intense security over user data privacy

FACTOID \$600K

Price of an original Apple computer, hand-built by company founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak 45 years ago that is likely to fetch in the United States. The so-called 'Chaffey College' Apple-1 is one of only 200 made by Jobs and Wozniak at the very start of the company's odyssey from garage start-up to megalth worth \$2 trillion. What makes it even rarer is the fact the computer is encased in koa wood—a richly patinated wood native to Hawaii. Only a handful of the original 200 were made in this way.

Private hospitals begin talks with schools for kids' vaccination



Leading private hospitals in the country have started discussions with various schools to host clinics to provide Covid-19 vaccinations as soon as vaccines are available, people in the know told ET. Max Healthcare said it is exploring tie-ups with various leading schools to support the government's vaccination drive as and when it allows for the paediatric population.

- The government is expected to come out with guidelines for vaccinating children next week. It has so far approved Zydus Cadila's vaccine ZyCoV-D for use in children as young as 12 years old
- Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is also expected to get the drug regulator's nod soon

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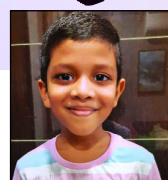
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IF I WERE GOD

One evening, I went cycling with my mother, when I saw beautiful patterns all over the sky made by clouds. My mom told me, "That might be where god lives!"

I was wondering why did god create humans, animals and nature. Maybe he was feeling lonely! Then I thought if I were god... I made all these beautiful creatures on this Earth. I created humans and animals, gave them beauty and wisdom. I gave them feelings so that they take care of each other and enjoy their lives on this beautiful Earth.

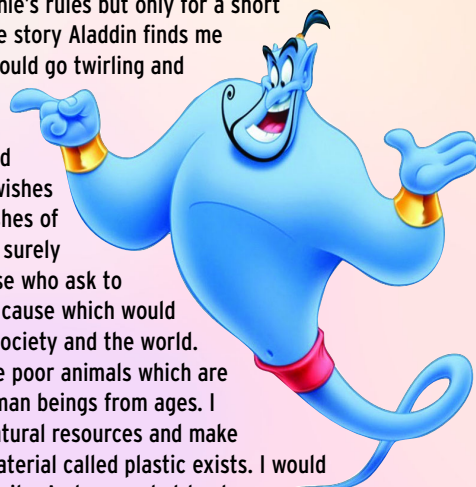
But now when I look at the Earth, I see them not behaving like when they were made. They don't care about each other, don't mind if their surroundings are untidy and polluted. They are filling the Earth with concrete buildings, cutting trees and covering up lakes and rivers. They are least bothered about the habitats of animals and not realising even humans cannot survive without plants and water. Humans get more and more selfish and want only their life easy. The Earth is being spoilt by increasing human exploitation. Maybe one day I would make all human creations vanish and be lonely again but peaceful knowing that the Earth is safe and beautiful!



IVAN SEJUSH,
class II, The
Global Edge
School, Kokapet

IF I WERE A GENIE

If I were Genie, a fictional character in Disney for a month, I would twist the Genie's rules but only for a short span. Basically in the story Aladdin finds me and releases me but I would go twirling and ask Aladdin to free me. Genie usually grants three wishes, but I would grant more than three wishes and I wouldn't grant wishes of greedy humans. I would surely grant the wishes of those who ask to grant the wishes with a cause which would lead to the welfare of society and the world. I would give voice to the poor animals which are suppressed by cruel human beings from ages. I would rejuvenate the natural resources and make humans forget that a material called plastic exists. I would fill the world with positivity. And somewhat try to cultivate food leading to food security in the world. I would go on a world tour with my friends Aladdin and Princess Jasmine. I undoubtedly want to do more but for this time I would conclude here.



BHAVYA LAKKIMSHETTY, class IX, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad

When one pulled a fast one in class

This is an incident that happened years ago. I was the class teacher of a class that had earned the dubious distinction of the naughtiest class in the school. They revelled in it and tried to live up to it in every way.

Every lunch-break I would be called by the teacher on lunch duty about something they had done. As usual one day I was called out. I saw a serious fight had broken out between the two most notorious ones. We somehow managed to pull them apart. Parents were summoned. One of them held the bridge of the nose and howled away. On my way back from school, I got a phone call from the injured student. He said his nose was broken and he would have to undergo surgery. I could not sleep the entire night due to worry.

Next day obviously he was absent. The other boy was very distressed and wrote a letter of apology to him. The day after the injured fellow turned up in school with what looked like a

band-aid on the bridge of the nose. Every now and then he would wince and let out a mild groan. The other boy kept apologising to this one profusely throughout the day.

The last period was the PT period. When rest of the class was leaving for PT, this fellow just jumped and tried to follow suit. I told him that he has to go to the Infirmary. But he insisted on staying in the classroom. So I went back to staff room.

After a while I went to check on him and he had disappeared. I asked another student if he had seen him. He said the boy was playing football with rest of the class. Furious, I marched up to him and asked how was he playing football with a broken nose when he was going have surgery. He confessed that he had cooked up the entire story so that other boy gets harshly punished and he could escape without punishment.



CLASSROOM ANTICS

SUMITA GHOSE,
HoD English
dept.,
Pawar Public
School-
Amanora, Pune



DIWALI

Diwali is here, Diwali is here
That great festival of light and sound
When crackers and laughter abound

When crackers and, Sparkles light up the sky
Delighted children, Jump with joy

So many sweets, And exchanged gifts.
It's a big treat, Isn't it nice?

It's almost night

Time to light up the crackers.
Look at those big ones in a sight
Happy Diwali tonight

T VEERA SANJANA, class VI-A, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's, Jubilee Hills

A FESTIVAL

Diwali, Diwali, the festival of light
See the diyas shine, dazzlingly bright
Diwali, Diwali the festival of joy
Give and receive gifts, sweets or toy

Diwali, Diwali, good over bad
Kindness, Generosity,
happy over sad
Diwali, Diwali, star
shining in the dark
For a blazing fire, is
born out of a spark!!



Happy Diwali!!

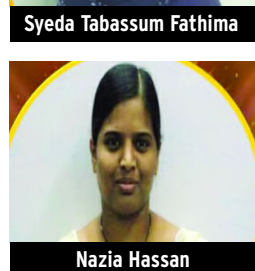
ASHRITA GONAMANDA, class VII-B, Global Edge School, Madhapur

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES GALORE!

M Thirumala Devi, Vice Principal,
Diamond Jubilee High School,
Aga Khan Education Service, India

Three science teachers from Diamond Jubilee High School, Hyderabad (DJHSH), managed by Aga Khan Education Service, India (AKESI), were recognized with the 'Transforming Educator Award', an initiative by Tech Mahindra Foundation and Science Academy, for their exceptional efforts in making Science education more practical for students.

As many as 600 teachers participated from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, who were trained and observed during the academic year 2019-20 and 2020-21. Of these, 220 were nominated for the award, based on experiential learning and innovative teaching methods implemented by the teachers. Nazia Hassan, Muneeb Ahemmad and Syeda Tabassum Fathima, teachers of DJHSH, were shortlisted for the final round and it was indeed a moment of pride when two teachers, Nazia Hassan and Syeda Tabassum Fathima, were declared as winners with



second position in their respective subjects.

Sujatha Gade, Principal, DJHSH was ecstatic and said, 'I am extremely proud of my teachers for this achievement, and I wish them the very best. The consistent training sessions provided by school and their individual hunger to learn more and implement their learning in class helped them bag this prestigious award. I am so happy that our students are in safe and able hands'.

FESTIVE VIBES ALL AROUND



Delhi World School
Chintal, Hyderabad

Delhi World School, New celebrated Diwali with festive gusto. The day started with a special morning assembly where students delivered speeches on the significance of the festival and the relevance of eco-friendly celebrations. Activities such as inter-house competitions on candle and 'diya' decoration, paper lanterns, soft board making contests were organised in all the classes.

The event ended with a

speech by the principal who expressed her deep concern about the environment and advised the students to celebrate a green and safe Diwali. Students were urged to act responsibly and be sensitive towards their environment and safety of animals.

Diwali is a festival that heralds new beginnings and reiterates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Hope is the last thing ever lost. Leading a normal life again, opening of schools, vaccinations of all, these are hopes in our lives. We hope and pray for every person's health and wealth too. Let us not lose patience and hope. Let us wait patiently for Covid to go away and hope for the best. Be patient, be safe.

B SIRI, class X, Lotus Lap Public School, Vanasthalipuram



Gitanjali Primary School
Hyderabad

The school campus was brimming with festive fervour and splash of colours with children of class III dressed in pretty ethnic wears. They were told about the significance of diyas on Diwali. Children added sparkle to the event by painting

and decorating diyas. The festive mood was manifested by the joy and laughter of the children.



Delhi World School
Shadnagar

The students and staff of Delhi World School Shadnagar celebrated Diwali on the school premises. The students were overjoyed to be back on campus and celebrating the festival together.

The programme showcased the talent of the students. Dis-

playing team spirit and enthusiasm they presented songs and dances which reflected the significance and spirit of Diwali.

SPARKLE: SAHASRESH,
class VII-A, Jain Heritage A
Cambridge School, Hyderabad

Delhi Public School
Nadergul

The sweet smell of flowers,
the lighted candles and diyas.
The sparkling beautiful lights,
Red, yellow, green and white.
Lots of sweet to eat,
I love Diwali indeed!

Diwali is celebrated with zeal and zest by everyone regardless of their age. It is a festival where children get to eat a lot of sweets and get to meet their near and dear ones. This Diwali, children were taught how to enjoy the festival without bursting crackers.

Pre-nursery students were taught to decorate diyas. They painted the diyas all by themselves with their tiny little hands. Nursery children were taught to make a flower rangoli. Prep children enjoyed making their own lanterns and also made rangolis using stencil. The children learnt the importance of celebrating a pollution free Diwali.

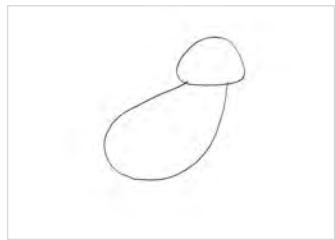


LEVEL-1



PURVA PATEL
Art Educator
Bodakdev School For
Children, Ahmedabad

Draw the easy way



Step-1



Step-2



Step-3



Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



EFTSAVIL

- a. Festival b. Easter
c. Satan d. East

ETEWS

- a. News b. Sweet
c. Street d. Stop

CASREKRC

- a. Cast b. Coast
c. Crackers d. Chemical

HTGIL

- a. High b. Halt
c. Light d. Hill

Answers: 1) a. 2) b. 3) c. 4) c

Riding with the Riddle

I am a long slender tool with a pointed tip at one end and a hole at the other. There is practically nobody who can do without my aide, in one way or the other. I used to be made of bone or wood, but am now made using high quality carbon steel. There are many a tales and idioms revolving around me.

Answer: Needle

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

3 The Zodiac sign that November shares with December is

- A) Aquarius B) Capricorn
C) Gemini D) Sagittarius



4 Not born in November is

- A) Shahrukh Khan
B) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
C) Rishabh Pant
D) Virat Kohli



5 On November 20, the UN celebrates

- A) Elders B) Children
C) Men D) Women

6 Never observed in November is

- A) Diwali
B) Loy Krathong
C) Thanksgiving
D) Easter

Quiz TIME



Complete these statements on the month of November. Choose correctly!

1 In the old Roman calendar, November was month number

- A) Seven B) Eight
C) Nine D) Ten

2 November starts on the same day of the week as

- A) March B) July
C) October D) December

Answers: 1) C. Nine, 2) A. March, 3) D. Sagittarius, 4) C. Rishabh Pant, 5) B. Children, 6) D. Easter

LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Sarita was delighted. Raghu uncle would be spending Diwali with her family. 'Why are you so excited?' said her friends. 'He isn't even related to you.' Sarita smiled. 'Raghu uncle is a kind and caring person,' she explained. 'My father considers him a brother. Ever since he left for Cape Town years ago, we have hardly seen him. Raghu uncle's visits are special because they are rare.'

- A. A bolt from the blue
B. Once in a blue moon
C. Blue-eyed boy

Answer: B



People did not know where they stood with Dinesh because his views on important matters kept changing.

- A. Blow hot and cold
B. Drop like a hot potato
C. Make the blood run cold

Answer: A



TRIVIA

In 'Aesop's Fables', we read about a man and a satyr (mythological creature) eating together. The man blew on his cold hands to warm them. Next, he blew on his hot food to cool it. The satyr declared: 'I cannot trust someone who, in the same breath, blows hot and cold.' Idiomatically speaking, a person who moves back and forth between opposing opinions is said to 'blow hot and cold'.

EDITOR IN THE MAKING

WEAVE A STORY WITH HEADLINES

Include some of these headlines to make a story and give it a title. Mail the story to us at toinie175@gmail.com. The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch out for this space!!!

The headlines:

- 1) Skill assessment - A new chapter for kids
- 2) Asterix is back with 39th adventure
- 3) US lifts pandemic travel ban, opens doors to visitors
- 4) Global methane pledge



And the winner is...

ANJANA PRADHAN
class IX, St Xaviers School,
Ahmedabad

CATCHING LITTLE JOYS

The weekend has started and my father ensures that I make optimum utilisation of time. So, he has enrolled me for a two-hour workshop, "Decode your potential". Even as I am excited about attending this workshop, somewhere deep inside me is the concern of climate change, which is increasing with glaring statistics that I come across every now and then. To divert my mind, I switched on the TV news, only to hear, "More contagious' mutant scaring the UK found in India too". This further added on to my concerns and made me wonder, "How long are we going to live under the threat of virus?" While I was wondering about the survival of the human race, my younger brother came running to me shouting, "And the two newest IPL teams are... Lucknow and Ahmedabad, we are going to have a lot of cricket." I just smiled and decided to take delight in little joys.



NUMBER SERIES

1 The three sides of a triangle are 5m, 6m and 7m respectively, and then what is the area of the given triangle.

- A) 15 m² B) 68 m²
C) 21 m² D) 76 m²

Answer: B

2 The perimeter of an isosceles triangle is 100 cm. If the base is 36 cm, find the length of the equal sides.

- A) 18 cm B) 64 cm
C) 32 cm D) 36 cm

Answer: C

3 A triangle has an area of 615 cm². One of its sides is given as 123 centimeters, and then what is the length of the perpendicular that is dropped on that particular side from the opposite vertex.

- A) 10 cm B) 5 cm
C) 0.12 cm D) 0.2 cm

Answer: A



Learn a NEW LANGUAGE GERMAN

- 1) Guten Tag (G00T-en tahk)
Meaning: Hello/Good day
- 2) Guten Morgen (G00-ten MOR-gen)
Meaning: Good morning
- 3) Guten Abend (G00-ten AH-bent)
Meaning: Good evening
- 4) Gute Nacht (G00-tuh nahdt)
MEANING: Good night
- 5) Bis später (Biss Sch-PAY-ter)
MEANING: See you later

Work sheet

Q:1 How will you say hello?

Q:2 How will you extend greetings in the morning?

Q:3 How will you extend greetings at night and say see you later?

Q:4 How will you greet in the evening?

1) Guten Tag 2) Guten Morgen 3) Gute Nacht 4) Bis später 5) Guten Abend

ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021

WE'LL GIVE IT EVERYTHING:
MITCHELL

NZ opener says the team has their sights on maiden T20 World Cup title

Look, we're a bunch of Kiwis. There's only 5 million of us, so we're obviously very proud to be representing our country. Yeah, obviously we've had some success in the last few years. But we're going to enjoy the win, make sure that obviously, we celebrate that, but then we move on pretty quickly. We know that we have a final on Sunday, and whoever we're taking on should be good fun.

DARYL MITCHELL

Photo: AP

New Zealand opener Daryl Mitchell said the Kiwis will give "everything" they've got to win their maiden T20 World Cup title on Sunday. Mitchell's unbeaten 72 from 47 deliveries anchored New Zealand's successful chase of 167 against England, with the opener hitting the winning runs from the final ball of the 19th over.

"Look, we're a bunch of Kiwis. There's only 5 million of us, so we're obviously very proud to be representing our country. Yeah, obviously we've had some success in the last few years," said Mitchell in the press conference as per ICC. "But we're going to enjoy the win, make sure that obviously, we celebrate that, but then we move on pretty quickly. We know that we have a final on Sunday, and whoever we're taking on should be good fun."

"We'll give it everything we've got, but at the end of the day there's certain things you can't control, so we'll see what happens," he added.

NEESHAM PROVIDED
MOMENTUM

The New Zealand opener pointed out that the match was never out of New Zealand's hands and added that Jimmy Neesham provided

the side with the much-needed momentum in the last few overs.

"It probably sounds weird, but it never felt like it was out of our grasp. I think especially with that smaller side boundary on one side, we knew that there were going to be matchups there that might suit us towards the end, and look, we were obviously very lucky at times," said Mitchell.

"A couple sailed over the ropes that could have been a metre shorter and we're all out, but at the same time we always knew that as long as we kept sort of just within the certain numbers that we felt comfortable with that we were always a chance."

"I thought the way that Neesh came out and really dominated that one over really set the momentum heading into those last few, so yeah, take my cap off to him. He played a hell of a knock," he added.

Chasing 167, New Zealand were on the back foot when key duo Martin Gupthill and Kane Williamson were dismissed by Chris Woakes inside the first three overs of the reply.

But the ship was steadied by Mitchell and Devon Conway, who added 82 for the third wicket before Neesham whacked 27 from 11 to turn the tide in his side's favour. **ANI**

NZ STRONGEST ACROSS
FORMATS: ATHERTON

Former England skipper Mike Atherton feels New Zealand is the strongest team across all three formats of the game at the moment after the Black Caps reached their maiden T20 World Cup final.

Over the past few years, the Black Caps have proved themselves to be a force in all three formats. They reached the final of the ODI World Cup in 2019, losing to England on boundary count and are the holders of the inaugural World Test Championship title.

"They are an outstanding team, in all formats of the game really," Atherton said. "They are through to another World Cup final, they were a sliver away from winning the last World Cup in 2019, they are the World Test Championship winners."

"Across formats, you would have to say they are the strongest team at the moment so congratulations to them, a fantastic achievement with limited resources in terms of personnel and money and things that we've often talked about," he added.

ITALY EYE RETURN TO WORLD CUP

Despite being without many key players, Mancini hopes match will open door to the title

Italy head into Friday's crunch visit of Switzerland with their World Cup hopes still in the balance, as the newly-crowned European champions aim to definitively banish the ghosts of their disastrous 2018 qualifying campaign. Still on a high from triumph at Euro 2020, Italy lead Group C on goal difference from the Swiss, with the pair battling for a single guaranteed place in next year's tournament in Qatar.

Roberto Mancini took control of the Azzurri in the toxic aftermath of their failure to make the last World Cup in Russia, the first time they had missed out on a place in six decades, and is well aware of the significance of making it this time round. "It's important that we play well because after the Euro it's the biggest match of the year. We know we have to win," said Mancini. However Mancini tried to maintain a semblance of calm for a fixture that would put Italy back on football's biggest stage after eight years.

Since the playoff defeat to Sweden in late 2017 the former Inter Milan and Manchester City coach has brought the feelgood factor back to the national team by getting a stylish tune from both a new crop of players and some hardy veterans. "I don't think we have everything to lose," Mancini said of the pressure to win.

"It's an important match, very important in fact, and it's true that if we win it will open the door to the World Cup, but it's just a game of football."

Hopes riding on Barella

In the run up to the match Mancini lost starting centre-forward Ciro Immobile to a calf injury, and Roma midfielders Lorenzo Pellegrini and Nicolò Zaniolo. However the most keenly felt absence will be that of captain Giorgio Chiellini, who failed to re-

cover from a thigh injury.

The one good news is that midfield dynamo Nicola Barella should be fit to play.

Swiss depleted too

The Swiss are also missing several key players, with Granit Xhaka and Benfica Haris Seferovic out.

Coach Murat Yakin is especially irked by the absence of Borussia Mönchengladbach forward Breel Embolo, who picked up a thigh injury. "I couldn't believe it, I told myself it couldn't be true, not before such an important match."

Embolo, 24, has only scored once in the Bundesliga this season but hit a brace in Gladbach's 5-0 cup hammering of Bayern Munich a fortnight ago. He also starred in Switzerland's most recent qualifiers last month, setting up both goals in a 2-0 win over Northern Ireland and netting twice as the Swiss rolled over Lithuania 4-0. **AFP**



Roberto Mancini



Nicola Barella

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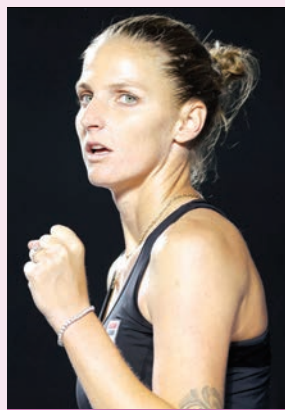
PLISKOVA, KONTAVEIT OPEN
WITH WINS AT WTA FINALS

Karolina Pliskova overcame a slow start before beating Garbiñe Muguruza 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6) in her opening match at the WTA Finals, while Anett Kontaveit extended her hot streak to 11 consecutive victories with a 6-3, 6-4 win over second-seeded Barbora Krejčíková.

In a contest between two former No. 1-ranked players, the third-seeded Pliskova struggled early adjusting to the nearly 5,000-foot altitude of Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city.

Pliskova is playing the WTA Finals for the fifth time, having reached the semifinals in 2018 and '19. The 2020 tournament was canceled. She didn't win any titles in 2021 but kept a high ranking by reaching the finals at Wimbledon and Montreal, and the semifinals at Cincinnati.

Kontaveit has won 27 of her last 29 matches, which include her title run at Ostrava where she beat Paula Badosa



Karolina Pliskova

Photo: AFP

and Maria Sakkari, both of whom are competing here. "I've been in sort of top 30 for a lot of years," Kontaveit said.

After top-ranked Ash Barty of Australia opted not to defend the title because of travel restrictions, Kontaveit edged out Ons Jabeur for the last spot by beating Simona Halep in the final of the Transylvania Open. **AP**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which tennis player won the 10th Italian open title 2021?

- a. Novak Djokovic
- b. Rafael Nadal
- c. Dominic Thiem
- d. Stefanos Tsitsipas

Q2: Waca cricket ground is located in _____

- a. Adelaide
- b. Perth
- c. Auckland
- d. Durban

Q3: Who became the first cricketer to hit six sixes in

an over on one day international (50 - 50) cricket ?

- a. Kieron Pollard
- b. Yuvraj Singh
- c. Herschelle Gibbs
- d. Viv Richard

Q4: FIFA is the global regulatory body of which sports?

- a. Hockey
- b. Football
- c. Cricket
- d. Tennis

Q5: How many times has Lionel Messi won the Ballon d'Or?

a. 3 b. 6 c. 5 d. 7



Lionel Messi

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Q6: Who was the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal?

- a. P.T. Usha
- b. Sania Mirza
- c. Aarti Saha
- d. Karnam Malleswari

Q7: The famous C K Naidu trophy is associated with which sport?

- a. badminton
- b. Hockey
- c. Lawn Tennis
- d. Cricket

Q8: Triples is a new format of _____

- a. Boxing
- b. Judo
- c. Chess
- d. Badminton

Q9: Who won the gold medal in men's singles in the 2019 BWF World Championships?

- a. Anders Antonsen
- b. Kento Momota
- c. B Sai Praneeth
- d. Kantaphon Wangcharoen

ANSWERS: 1. b. Rafael Nadal 2. b. Perth
3. c. Herschelle Gibbs 4. b. Football
5. b. 6 6. d. Karnam Malleswari
7. d. Cricket 8. d. Badminton
9. b. Kento Momota