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TODAY'S

What are the various factors that should be taken into consideration before choosing a career? Let's find out...



Experts tell us how yoga helps in healing our body, mind and soul



Benzema hattrick gives Real Madrid a win on home ground



EXPERIENCE

WEIGHTLESSNESS

from a runway, reaches a high altitude, then drops a rocketpowered spaceplane that acceler-

ates towards space. The passen-

gers and crew experience a few

minutes of weightlessness at altitudes exceeding 50 miles (80 kilometres) - the US definition of

space. Virgin Galactic founder

Richard Branson participated in a

Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin

altitudes exceeding 60 miles (100 km). Its astronauts thus

breach the Karman line, the

boundary of space. The reusable rocket blasts off vertically, and

slowed by three huge parachutes

Russia will send an actress

and a director to the ISS in October, aboard a Soyuz

the capsule detaches in flight.

rocket. The goal: to shoot the

first fiction film in orbit and in

Its descent back to Earth is

and a thruster.

zero gravity.

internationally recognised

also offers a few minutes of weightlessness, but at

test flight on July 11 out of New

Mexico.

Virgin Galactic's experience involves an enormous carrier plane that takes off

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Spollight Rohit Sharma

WHITE-BALL SKIPPER AFTER T20 WORLD CUP?

RUMOURS RIFE OF A CHANGE OF GUARD THOUGH BCCI DENIES REPORT



he script for Team India's white-ball story is set to undergo a huge change in the coming months. says reports. Though still a developing story, and much can change within 24 hours; as of now, reports suggest that current captain Virat Kohli is likely to step down as the white-ball captain after the T20 World Cup in October-November, paving the way for Rohit Sharma to take up the responsibility. Kohli (32) currently leads the team across all formats and is India's most successful captain.

There are reports doing the rounds that Kohli might lose his whitehall captaincy and **Rohit Sharma** could be asked to lead the limitedovers side if the team fails to win the ICC T20 World Cup to be held in the UAE and Oman in October-November this

SPACEX ALL SET TO LAUNCH FIRST ALL-CIVILIAN CREW TO ORBIT

LET'S GO TO SPACE **NEXT SUMMER FACTOID** \$125,000



et another billionaire entrespace this week. Strapped in side the capsule of a SpaceX rocketship, an astro-tourist team is poised to make history as the first all-civilian crew launched into Earth's orbit. With its launch set for Wednesday, Elon Musk's company enters the space tourism fray that has seen a lot of exciting developments in the last few months. A short hop above the Earth's atmosphere or a journey to the moon and back... the era of space tourism is upon us, and for those who can pay — it comes with many options. This year has been an important one for the up-and-coming sector, with a slew of new missions announced.

THE MISSIONS SpaceX Crew Dragon mounted on to last 10 days in total and named



Musk's company is set this week to send four passengers to space, for a total of three days. They blast off from the Kennedy Space Center, in Florida, aboard a

a Falcon 9 rocket. It'll be the first orbital mission involving four non-professional astronauts. The 'Inspiration4' mission is chartered by American billionaire and pilot Jared Isaacman and will fly beyond the altitude of the International Space Station (ISS).

In January 2022, three businessmen will visit the ISS, alongside an experienced former NASA astronaut. The mission, which is

Ax-1, is being organised by the company Axiom Space, which has signed up for three more future flights with SpaceX. They will operate in the American segment of the ISS, where they will conduct scientific experiments.

SPACE ADVENTURE

That's the cost of the

Perspective. Its cap-

space balloon the size

of a football stadium,

Earth's curvature. But

offers a view of the

the balloon ascends

only 30 km, which

means passengers

won't experience

weightlessness

sule, hoisted by a

tickets of Space

SpaceX also has plans for another orbital voyage for four paying clients, organised by Space Adventures.



DEARMOON

Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa is due to take a trip around the moon, presumably in 2023, aboard a Starship rocket under development by SpaceX. The mission is called 'DearMoon.'

IN OTHER NEWS

Over 95 pc registered candidates appeared for NEET; Exam was easy for many medical aspirants

ver 95 per cent registered candidates appeared for the medical entrance exam, NEET, at over 3,800 centres across the country on Sunday, according to officials. A record 16.14 lakh candidates had registered for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) this year. NEET-UG 2021 was conducted in pen and paper mode, in 13 languages. Through this entrance test, candidates can get admission to undergraduate medical courses including MBBS, BDS in approved/recognised medical/dental and other colleges in India. As per the initial reactions from the candidates, who appeared for



the examination, the exam was easy. Rahul Singh, who appeared from Rohini, New Delhi, said, "Overall, the paper was easy." He found the physics part of the paper bit difficult while biology was easy

BJP picks first-time MLA, Bhupendra Patel, as Gujarat CM

M Narendra Modi sprang one of his biggest surprises when the soft-spoken, first-time MLA Bhupendra Patel was anointed as the successor of outgoing Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani on Sunday. Following the script

POLITICS penned in New Delhi, Rupani proposed Bhupendra's name, which was seconded by deputy chief minister Nitin Patel in the presence of central party observers. Patel was sworn in as the CM on Monday.



like Prime **Minister** Narendra Modi, when he became Gujarat CM 20 years

ago. Similar to Modi, he's also a first time MLA.

Indians may soon get green cards by paying a 'super-fee'

he Indian diaspora can now jump the green card backlog queue on payment of a supplemental fee (commonly referred to as a 'superfee') and obtain their permanent visas. Similarly, legal dreamers (children of H-1B holders who have aged out or will age out, and who have turned 21) will also get a chance to obtain permanent residency and citizenship.

Instagram 'Favourites' will allow users to prioritise accounts in their feed

acebook-owned Instagram is working on a feature -Favourites – for its iOS app, which will allow users to set a priority to accounts that will appear further up the feed, making them more likely to be

Currently, Instagram users rely on Facebook's algorithm to determine



which images are seen first, reports'AppleInsider'. While the algorithm relies on many factors, including how popular a post is in

general and how often the user interacts with a particular account, this can potentially lead to users missing out on must-see content on accounts they

Any accounts set as a favourite will appear higher in the feed, regardless of their popularity or other signals used by the algorithm.

MAKING A DENT IN EMISSIONS

he world's largest plant - designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turn it into rock - started running recently in Iceland. Named Orca, this plant con-



sists of four units - each made up of two metal boxes. Built by Switzerland's Climeworks and Iceland's Carbfix, the plant when operating at full capacity will draw 4,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide out of the air every year, which is equal to the emissions from about 870 cars!

Indians will finally have their size chart!



TIME FOR 'INDIAN SIZE'

The ministry of textiles, in collaboration with National Institute of Design (NID), has begun the INDIA size survey. It's an extensive anthropometric research study to develop a comprehensive body size chart for the Indian population. The idea behind this initiative is to develop a standardised size chart for India, in the absence of which Indians have long suffered by often finding ill-fitted clothes at leading labels.

INDIAN DESIGNERS WELCOME THE MOVE

The Indian design fraternity has hailed the move. Leading fashion designer Leena Singh of Ashima Leena, says, "While USA and UK have had their own size charts for decades, our country did not have one despite our design industry being formalised in the last two decades. This move will help us in our businesses, especially to complete orders for NRI clients and also for e-commerce orders."



"The National Sizing Survey will cost ₹ 30 crore and entail studying a population, aged 15-65 across six cities, with men and women in equal numbers," UP Singh, secretary, textiles

"Anthropometric data will be collected to create a database of measurements that will culminate in a standardised size chart, representative of Indians" Noopur Anand, professor NIFT-Delf



Class X and Class XII students are often bombarded with questions on their career choice. There is no thing such as a perfect career. The important thing is to take out time to analyse your personality, your innate abilities and consider your interests as well as ask yourself questions like what kind of work will you enjoy and what kind of lifestyle, job-setting you will like. Here are some tips that may help you in this path...

n ways similar to the fish in the story (see box below), many students make wrong career choices after school with- and attractive advertisements out considering their capacities and abilities they possess. And, despite putting in their best efforts, these students experience failure and disappointment.

Class X students are bombarded with questions on their career choices. Many elders give their pieces of advice about the best career options. There are attractive advertisements about the opportunities and benefits of specific career options. And then, there are opinions of friends.

The flood of suggestions, advice by significant people, create massive confusion and chaos in the minds of these teenagers about which career option to choose after classes X and XII. In the midst of this whole chaos, most students do not take time to analyse their innate abilities and potential before making a career choice and end up making wrong choices. There are certain myths and facts associated with career choice.



- ALBERT EINSTEIN

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS. BUT IF YOU JUDGE A FISH BY ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB A TREE, IT WILL LIVE ITS

WHOLE LIFE BELIEVING THAT IT IS STUPID.

APTITUDE

A ptitude is your potential and the special abilities you are born with which help you to acquire related skills after some training. There are different types of aptitude like linguistic aptitude, mechanical aptitude, numerical aptitude, etc. Choosing career options suitable to your aptitude increases your chances of being successful in your chosen career. Aptitude tests help you to become aware of your aptitudes.

PERSONALITY

personality includes your traits, unique ways of thinking, behaving, preferences, strengths and weaknesses. Personality is important to become successful in a career because every job profile requires a suitable personality. For instance - to work in people-oriented fields you need to be sociable and talkative.

INTERESTS & VALUES

vou need to consider your interests and values by asking yourself questions like what kind of work you enjoy, what kind of people you would like to work with, what kind of job-setting you would like, what type of life-style you like. For example, a person who does not love travelling, would not enjoy careers with travelling needs. Interests and values play pivotal roles in achieving satisfaction and happiness in your career.

EDUCATION AND AVAILABILITY

vou need to know about the type of education required. duration of education, availability of courses in the country or outside country and funds requirement of the course in

> order to pursue a career in your



available, the number of job openings in the desired career options.

FINANCIAL STATUS

efore making a career choice, you need to consider the financial status of your family. You need to think about the ways in which you

can arrange funds for your education, affordability of education in desired career option. For example, if you cannot afford expensive education courses, you can go for lesser expensive education courses in desired career options.

MONETARY GAINS

onetary gain should not be the key factor in choosing Career options, but it helps to be aware of salary structures. Every career option has different levels of salary structure. You need to understand whether the salary you will earn in your desired career option will be

to have.

SUMITA CHAVARE, Psychologist, Air Force School 9BRD, Chandan Nagar, Pune

enough to maintain the lifestyle you wish



MYTH: There is scope only in specific streams /fields.

FACT: There is ample scope in careers in all three streams and elsewhere too: Humanities, Science and Commerce for those who are at their best.



MYTH: Deciding a career is

FACT: It is very important to choose a career thoughtfully because it has significant impact on our future and on our mental health.



MYTH: Some careers are the

FACT: There is no such thing as the 'best career'. But there are suitable careers for every one of us, at any age.

An informed career choice is not a hasty decision but a process. To understand suitable career options, you need to consider a few factors...

Once upon a time...

here was a little fish and monkey not able to jump high. who were good friends. This little monkey climbed trees to get a panoramic view of nature.

One day, the fish decided to learn and explore the beauty practiced very hard to jump high but no matter how hard the fish made efforts to reach the top, the fish was

Take the standardized apti-

tude and personality tests

Find out different types of

Find out the information

about shortlisted career

Conduct informational inter-

views of people who are

already working in those fields and

understand job profile, potential

options through websites, by read-

under the guidance of qualified psy-

chologists and counsellors.

career options.

ing books, etc.

Looking at its misery, an old fish fish always admired the way the said, "Why are you making efforts to become what you were not born for? You are born to swim in big oceans

Your friend monkey is born with the

challenges in those

the desired career

careers.



not jump and reach the treetop." The little fish realized that it swim in big oceans rather than trying to jump high to reach the

ability to climb big trees. The monkey

cannot stay in water for more than a

few minutes. In the same way, no

omatter how hard you work, you can-



options through intern-

ships. Having healthy discussions

Take first-hand

experience in

between parents and children about their career options.

Take professional help from a qualified counsellors and psychologists.



important to choose career options wisely by considering all the above given factors since the consequences of making the wrong career choice can be disas-

It is very

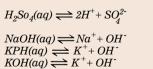
trous - like repeated failures in academics, lack of interest and motivation in studies, low confidence, feeling confused, losing precious years of life and even depression.



QUESTIONS SET BY A. HARIKIRAN, SISTER NIVEDITA SCHOOL, HYDERABAD

CHEMISTRY.





 $Mg(OH)_2(aq) \rightleftharpoons Mg^{2+} + 2OH^{-}$

Q10. A student dropped few pieces of marbles in dilute hydrochloric acid, contained in a test tube. The evolved gas was then passed through lime water. What change would be observed in lime water? What will happen if excess of gas is passed through lime water? Write balanced chemical equations for all the

changes observed.

Marble is nothing but calcium carbonate $CaCO_3 + HCl \rightarrow CaCl_2 + H_2O + CO_2$ When CO₂ is passed through lime water, The first reaction produces CaCO3 which is insoluble in water and hence the solution turns milky. $Ca(OH)_2$ [lime water] + CO_2 - $CaCO_3$ +

If furthermore CO2 is passed, the CaCO2 reacts with the CO_2 to form $Ca(HCO_3)^2$ which is soluble in water and hence the solution becomes colourless.

CBSE CLASS X Q1. A white solid when dropped in water produces a hissing sound. What the solid may be? Give the (ii) For long duration? Also, write the chemical equations chemical reaction for the above.

Name the product formed. ANSWER:

Quick lime

White solid is quicklime CaO Chemical reaction involved with the name of products is $CaO + H_2O \rightarrow Ca(OH)_2(aq) + Heat(aq)$

1. Chemical reactions and equations

2. Acids.bases and salts

Q2. Write the balanced chemical equation to represent the following reaction: Carbon monoxide reacts with hydrogen gas at 340 atm. to form

Slaked lime

methyl alcohol. ANS:

 $CO(g) + 2H_2(g) 340 atm CH_3OH(l)$

Q3. What is observed when carbon dioxide gas is passed through lime (i) For a short duration

(i) For short duration: Limewater turns milky due to the formation of CaCO3CaCO3, Which is in-

for the reaction involved.

soluble in water. $Ca(OH)_2(aq) + CO_2(g) \rightarrow CaCO_3(s) + H_2O(l)$ Lime Water White ppt.

(ii) For Long duration: A clear solution is obtained due to the formation of calcium bicarbonate. $Ca(HCO_3) 2Ca(HCO_3) 2$ which is soluble in water

 $Ca(CO)_3(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow Ca(HCO_3)2(aq)$

Q4. Classify each of the following substance as a weak acid, strong acid, weak base, strong base, both a weak acid and a weak base, or neither an acid nor a base:

 $\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{H_2CO_3} \\ \mathrm{HCIO_4} \\ \mathrm{NaCIO_4} \end{array}$ CH₃OH

H₂CO₃: Weak Acid HCIO₄: Strong Acid NaCIO₄: neither CH_3OH : neither

Q5. Write the formulas of the acid and the base that formed the following salts.

CH₃COONa CuSO₄ KC10 Al₂(SO4)₃ $N\bar{H_4}Cl$ Ba(NO₂) NH₄NO₃

CH₃COONa: CH₃COOH and NaOH CuSO₄: H₂SO₄ and Cu(OH)₂ KClO₃: HClO₃ and KOH $Al_2(SO4)_3$: $Al(OH)_3$ and H_2SO_4 NH4Cl: NH4OH and HCL $Ba(NO_2)$: $Ba(OH)_2$ and HNO_2 NH_4NO_3 : NH_3 and HNO_3

Q6. (a) Why does acidic solution conduct electricity? (b)Can basic solution conduct elec-

tricity? (c)Can separation of H+ ions in acids take place when HCI is added to a

non- aqueous solution? ANS:

Both acidic and basic solutions in wa-

ter conduct electricity. Acids, when dissolved in water release the H+ and bases when dissolved in water release the OHions. These ions are charged species and so act as charge carriers. In other words the conductivity of these solutions is due to the movement of these ions.

Q7. Write one equation each for decompositions reactions where energy is supplied in the form of heat, light or electricity.

When Calcium Carbonate is heated, it decomposes to give calcium oxide and carbon dioxide :

 $CaCO_3$ (s) ----Heat $\rightarrow CaO$ (s) + CO_2 When electric current is passed through H_2O , it decomposes to give H_2H_2 and O_2O_2 :- $2H_2O$ (l) ----Electricity $\rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$ When silver chloride is exposed to light, it decomposes to form silver metal and chlorine gas: 2AgCl(s) ---- $Light \rightarrow 2Ag(s) + Cl_2(g)$

Q8. Write the balanced molecular equations showing the complete neutralizations of the following. ${\rm HNO_3}$ by NaOH ${\rm Ca(OH)_2}$ by HI HNO₃ by KOH

 $\begin{array}{l} HNO_3 + NaOH \rightarrow NaNO_3 + H_2O \\ Ca(OH)_2 + 2HI \rightarrow CaI_3 + 2H_2O \\ HNO_3 \ b + KOH \rightarrow KNO_3 + H_2O \end{array}$

09. How the following substances will dissociate to produce ions in their solution? (a) Hydrochloric acid

(c) Sulphuric acid (d) Sodium hydroxide (e) Potassium hydroxide (f) Magnesium hydroxide

(b) Nitric acid

 $HCl(aq) \rightleftharpoons H^+ + Cl^ HNO_3(aq) \rightleftharpoons H^+ + NO_2$

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!

03

MY TALKING TABLE

Do you know how will a table looks like? Do you know the sorrows of a table? If you want to know read this poem! My Talking Table, My Talking Table Don't keep on talking

Only I can understand your sorrows and no one else.

One day he told me don't keep this and one day he told me don't keep

One day he told me please under-

stand my sorrows Wondering that why is this table

talking. One day I went to him and told this how can you talk my table, how can

you talk He said this I am a non-living thing

but don't keep weight on me I am not able to lift.

My Talking Table, My Talking Table Don't keep on talking

Only I can understand your sorrows and no one else.

So can you all understand the sorrows of a table?

HANISHA DAVULURI, class VII, Jain Heritage A Cambridge School, Kondapur





life skills on Market Day

cademics and co-curricular events go hand in hand at Insight International School to integrate fun with multiple learning and creative skills. One such event was "Market Day" which was conducted virtually. The aim was to teach the young learners real life skills and to create awareness about the importance of farmers. This also taught them to respect all

Significantly, the event helped them understand the concept of harmony. Learners got the opportunity to showcase their talent and various skills to perform the activities assigned to them according to their

pursuing different occupations.

Beginning with the little ones i.e., Pre-Primary students presented their work of vegetable printing, class I,II and III learners displayed their coordination and creativity skills in collage art, some enacted in their pretty costumes the roles of farmer, sales executive, cashier etc., and proved their oratorical skills while portraying the characters. The young learners looked vibrant in their performances. Secondary level learners displayed their creativity skills in vegetable carving, fashion designing, jewellery designing, marketing strategies and innovative ideas in advertising. In brief, the event was successful in creating awareness and providing information and making it produc-

tive for all the

learners at dif-

ferent lev-

WORLD LITERACY DAY

'Literacy is the road to human progress.

iteracy plays a vital

role in the development of a country. Every year on September World Literacy Hyderabad Day is celebrated

The assembly began with a prayer. The

around the world to class assembly on World Literacy Day was conducted by class II A students.

students then presented informative speeches which expressed their thoughts on the topic. They recited poems, danced on a song to convey the importance of education. With creative slogans, the students conveyed the importance of the day and spread awareness about literacy, a fundamen-

Ganges Valley School

tal human right. The objective of conducting this assembly was to highlight the importance of

create awareness about its impor- literacy amongst individuals, communities, tance. To mark this day, at Ganges, a and society. The assembly concluded by a pledge taken by all to lend a "Reading" hand on this literacy day, and spread the value of education all around.



A kind heart and a generous soul

er. She dedicated her entire life to helping the sick and needy people. Earlier, I just had little awareness about this incredibly generous woman. I started to admire her more than before when I realised all the struggles she had been through. She had an underprivileged childhood, but this didn't stop her from helping others generously. Even after being deprived of essential requirements. Mother Teresa went beyond

her ability to help underprivileged people. I feel she is one of those human beings who nobly helped the entire society without any expectation in return. It

other Teresa is known as the nation's mothall can do it. We all can help people in our society in every possible way.

> In this era, all we see is people are suffering in misery. People nowadays are in agony due to the exploitation caused by the other people in society. If you see someone who needs food, clothes, or any other necessity, please do not hesitate to donate. It is always good to be kind,

and it will surely give you another level of happiness after helping someone.

K PRAJVALA, class XI, Sri Chaitanya School, Visakhapatnam



Celebrating their favourite God

Niraj Public School

Hyderabad

anesh Chaturthi was celebrated at Niraj Public School with great enthusiasm. A divine procession carrying the idol of

Lord Ganesha from the Temple to the Stage was a feast for the eyes. A puja was then performed by Principal B Jivitesh Reddy.

Students presented songs and dances invoking Lord Ganesha. Founder Principal B. Jyothi Reddy explained the importance of the festival to all. Students were also engaged in different activities virtually like Ganesh idol making, drawing, etc. They also posted beautiful pictures of themselves along with the craftwork in which they used different materials like fruits. leaves, dough, etc to showcase their love towards ecofriendly celebrations.

PRACTICE YOGA TO LEAD A STRESS-FREE LIFE

uring this ongoing pandemic, we all are bound to live a restricted life under the constant fear of infection risks. It is important to understand that mental health is very important for survival. To help with this growing level

of anxiety and depression, we must lead a healthy lifestyle, stay connected to our loved ones, and practice yoga at home. To live through this lockdown and pandemic period, yoga is the best thing to adopt as a lifestyle habit. It helps us build a strong physical, mental and spiritual health system. The meditative asanas like Padmasana, Vajrasana, Sasangasana, Gomuhasana

helps to reduce our stress and keeps our mind calm. Yoga in nature connects YOGA4ALL us to the sky, the air element, and to the sun's

life giving energy. Sun energy is a major component of yoga practice because it's regarded as a major source of prana. It brings together physical and mental disci-

plines to achieve a peaceful body and mind. It helps manage stress and anxiety and keeps you relaxing. It also helps in increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. It improves respiration, energy and vitality. Yoga asanas build strength, flexibility and confidence.



SUMANRAJ S, **Physical Education** Teacher, Shri Natesan Vidyasala MHSS, Mannivakkam, TN

Yoga should be practiced under the supervision of Yoga Guru. The views expressed in the above article are those of the author and the newspaper takes no responsibility for it.

PRASANNA LAKSHMI, In-Charge Principal, Jubilee Hills Public School

Rampally

estivals inform, educate, bring people together, break the monotony of routine and give us a chance to re-energize our body, mind and spirit. Ganesh Chaturthi is a festival that marks the birth of Lord Ganesha.

Jubilee Hills Public School, Rampally, organised an event on Ganesh Chaturthi in virtual mode. The programme started with a prayer song by Hansa Nandini, followed by In-Charge Principal Prasanna Lakshmi speaking about the significance of culture and importance of Ganesh Chaturthi.

Chairman Harischandra Prasad, in his speech, highlighted the reasons behind the celebration of different festivals. He spoke about the connection between nature and Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

This was followed by cultural pro-



gramme by students explaining the process of celebrating Ganesh festival, that included the decoration of the pandals, the pandal hopping, the importance of patri and bogh and at last the immersion of the idol. The event concluded with Ganesh arti by

the choir followed by a rhythmic dance. A Murali Mukund, Chairman Jubilee Hills Public School, and Harischandra Prasad conveyed their best wishes and congratulated the whole team for the efforts they put into the programme.

Painters' Gallery



BONDING: V DEEPIKA, class VII, Pragathi Central School, Hyderabad

SCENIC: KOTGIRE VEDAPRIYA, class VII B, Fiitjee World School, Secunderabad



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Hyderabad



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TEARFUL DOOK COPES WITH HEARTBREAK

Touched by crowd support and energy, relieved it is over, but admits his game was not at par

felt relief and sadness after his Grand Slam dream died with a US Open final defeat, overcome by loss but winning heartfelt support from New York fans. World number one Djokovic missed the first calendar-year Slam since 1969 at the final hurdle Sunday, losing to Russia's second-ranked Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

tearful Novak Djokovic

"Relief. I was glad it was over," Djokovic said about his feelings in the moments after the defeat. "The buildup for this tournament and everything that mentally, emotionally I had to deal with throughout the tournament in the last couple of weeks was just a lot. It was a lot to handle," Djokovic said. "I was just glad that finally the run is over. At the same time I felt sadness, disappointment, and also gratitude for the crowd and for that special moment that they created for me on the court.'

Djokovic also missed out on a fourth US Open title and 21st career Grand Slam, leaving him deadlocked on the men's record 20 Slam trophies with Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. "So many different emotions," he said. "Part of me is very sad. It's a tough one to swallow, this loss, considering everything that was on the line.

Overcome by emotion

■ "But on the other hand I felt something I never felt in my life here in New York. The crowd made me very special. They pleasantly surprised me." Down two sets and two breaks, US Open fans cheered for a Djokovic fightback with a spirit he said will stay with him as long as a Grand Slam might have. "The amount of support and energy and love I got from the crowd was something I'll remember forever," Djokovic said. "That's the reason on

the energy was so strong. "It's as strong as winning 21 Grand Slams. That's how I felt, very special. They touched my heart. These are the kind of moments that you cherish. It was just wonderful.'

Djokovic admitted he didn't have the game to stay with a determined Medvedev from the "I was just below par with my game," Djokovic said. "My legs were not there. I was trying. I did my best. I made a lot of unforced errors. I didn't have no serve really. "Just one of these days where unfortunately wasn't

STOSUR-ZHANG WIN WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The Australia-China combination of Sam Stosur and Zhang Shuai won their second Grand Slam women's doubles title together in New York. The veteran pair, aged 37 and 32 respectively, denied home favourites Coco Gauff and Caty McNally their first with a 6-3 3-6 6-3 victory after a two-hour tussle at Arthur Ashe Arena on Sunday. The No14 seeds added the US Open title to the Australian Open crown they won in 2019. Gauff and McNally, seeded 11th, were hoping to join 18 year-old singles champion Emma Raducanu as teenage winners at the US Open after winning the girl's title just three years ago. However, Stosur and Zhang proved too good, with Stosur adding this doubles title to the one she won at Flushing Meadows in 2005, and the singles title she earned by beating Serena Williams in the 2011 final. AF

the changeover I just teared up. The emotion, meant to be. "I know I could have and should have done better. It's a very tough loss.'

- Djokovic took the first look back at a year that brought Australian and French Open titles and a Wimbledon crown but heartache at New York and no medal at the Tokyo Olympics. "Was also emotionally very demanding period for me in the last five, six months," he said. "Unfortunately I didn't make it in the final step. But when you draw a line, you have to be very satisfied with the year. Three wins, three slams and a final. I have to be proud of everything I've achieved.
- "In tennis we learn very quickly how to turn the next page. Very soon there are more challenges, more things coming up. I've learned to overcome these kind of tough losses in the finals of Slams, the ones that hurt the most. "I'll try to draw some lessons from them, learn, be stronger, and keep going. As long as there is motivation and that flair, I'll keep riding.'

Challenge from rising stars

- Djokovic has to face a new set of rising 20something stars, including Medvedev and Germany's Alexander Zverev, who beat him in the Olympic semi-finals and took him to five sets in the US Open semi-finals. And there's the inevitable time when legends like Federer, Nadal and Djokovic must step aside. "The older guys are still hanging on. We're still trying to shine the light on the tennis world as much as we possibly can," he said.
- "I still want to keep going, try to win more Slams, play for my country. Those are the things that motivate me the most I think at this point. "But the new generation is not anyone new. It's already current. Established. Of course, they are going to take over. I think ten-

Returning ZLATAN helps Milan go top in Lazio win

a goal as AC Milan moved top of Serie with a 2-0 win over Lazio after champions Inter Milan drew 2-2 at Sampdoria.

their Men's Singles final match

Stefano Pioli's side are level on a perfect nine points with second-placed Napoli, who beat Juventus on Saturday, thanks to Rafael Leao's neat strike just before the break and a tap-in from forward Ibrahimovic seven minutes after making his comeback as a second-half substitute. The Swedish star, who turns 40 in

three weeks time, rolled home the simplest of finishes from Ante Rebic's low cross in the 67th minute to banish a knee injury he suffered at the back of last season, ensuring his team went two points ahead of city rivals Inter and Udinese, who won 1-0 at Spezia earlier on Sunday.

"It's been four months since he last played, I'm happy he started well out there, that he's doing well," Pioli told DAZN.

to action after four months out with sion, the fire that he has inside him that makes training for him a When you're like that you

> Milan were the better team and would have won even more convincingly had Franck Kessie not hit the bar from the penal-

don't feel the

ty spot in first half stoppage time. They are three points ahead of Lazio, who sit sixth, and Roma who host Sassuolo on Sunday. Milan meanwhile turn their attentions to Wednesday's opening Champions "He's got this passion, I believe that League clash with Liverpool. AFP



into the net and rushed to the sideline, jumping over the barrier and going into the stands to be quickly engulfed by Real Madrid fans. It was a scene that wouldn't have been possible during the last 18 months. With goals by Vinícius Júnior and debutant Eduardo Camavinga and a hat

trick by Karim Benzema, Madrid twice came from behind before comfortably beating Celta Vigo 5-2 in the Spanish league on Sunday. The game marked Madrid's return to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium more than 18 months after it was closed because of the coronavirus pandemic and a massive renovation project.

Madrid makes winning return to

inicius Júnior sent his low shot ma said. "I always say that we need the support of the fans and today they gave all they had to help us again.'

Celta opened the scoring with Santi Mina finding the net from inside the area after a defensive mistake by Madrid four minutes in. Benzema equalized with a shot from inside the area after a pass by Federico Valverde, but Celta retook the lead in a breakaway in the 31st with Franco Cervi finding the net from close range. Benzema had a goal disallowed for offside in the 39th but equalized with a header at start of second half. Vinícius Júnior scored the goahead goal in a breakaway in the 54th and was shown a yellow card for his celebration with the fans. Camavinga, making his debut off the bench after being signed at the transfer deadline, added to the lead from close range in the 72nd. Benzema, already the league's leading scorer with five goals, closed the scoring with a late penalty kick.

The victory left Madrid at the top of the standings with 10 points from four matches, tied with Valencia and Atlético. AF

QUIZ TIME!

1 • As of 2017, which of these • bowlers has the fastest recorded bowling speed of all time?

- a. Brett Lee
- b. Dale Steyn
- c. Andy Roberts d. Shoaib Akhtar

Q2. What are the annual All-England Championships in lawn tennis better known as?

- a. Wightman Cup
- b. Wimbledon championships c. Davis Cup
- d. Fed Cup

🔿 🛮 Which seven-time Tour de • France winner was later stripped of his titles?

- a. Jeannine Longo
- b. Greg LeMond
- c. Lance Armstrong
- d. Jacques Anquetil

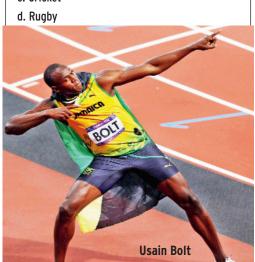
Q4. Who was the first polevaulter to clear 20 feet (6.1 metres)?

- a. Sergey Bubka
- b. Cornelius Warmerdam
- c. Bob Richards
- d. Don Bragg

5. Before specializing in sprinting, which other

- sport did Usain Bolt excel in?
- a. Basketball
- b. Swimming
- c. Cricket

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Q6. In 1970, which football team won its third WC championship to claim ownership of **Jules Rimet Trophy?**

- a. Germany
- b. Italy
- c. England

7. Who was the first Indian to • win a T20 International Man of the Match award?

- a. Rohit Sharma
- b. Dinesh Karthik c. Irfan Pathan
- d. Yuvraj Singh

8. Which of these players won 9 Womens' Singles titles at

Wimbledon?

- a. Maria Sharapova b. Serena Williams
- c. Martina Navratilova
- d. Amelie Mauresmo

Q9. Which of these is a surfing move?

- b. left turn c. left slide
- d. left pitch
 - SWERS: 1. d. Shoaib Akhtar
- 3. c. Lance Armstrong 4. a. Sergey Bubka 5. c. Cricket 6. d. Brazil 7. b. Dinesh Karthik
- 8. c. Martina Navratilova 9. c. left slide