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TODAY'S

Occasionally snapping at your kids is expected, especially with everyone stuck indoors. We tell you ways to mitigate the issue



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IPL match preview: All eyes on Samson, as beleaguered RR take on



STUDENT EDITION

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CBSE CLASS X EXAM CANCELLED, XII EXAM POSTPONED

The Board exams for class X have been cancelled, and class XII exams have been postponed, said the Union ministry of education on Wednesday, after a high-level meeting, chaired by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal said that the requested the Centre to cancel the exams.

decision was made due to a spike in coronavirus cases. Several state boards have already taken decision on the postponement of the Board examinations. Politicians, students, teachers, parents, including the Maharashtra and Delhi governments, had

■ The results of class X will be with the internal assessment, prepared on the basis of an objective criterion to be developed by the Board

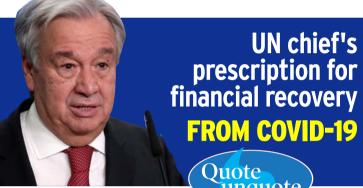
■ The students of class X will be promoted on the basis of internal assessment

■ If a student is not satisfied

he/she can give examination, once situation gets normal According to the Board, the class XII exams will be held later, the situation will be reviewed on June 1 by the **Board**



Around, 21,50,761 students were scheduled to appear in the class X **CBSE** Board exams. while 14,30,243 students were to take the class XII exams



Vaccines must be available to all the countries in need. To end the pandemic for good, we need equitable access to vaccines for everyone, everywhere.

There is a need to reverse the fall in concessional financing, includding in middle-income countries.

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discountries. Development assistance is needed more than ever. Donors and international institutions must step up their

Make sure funds go where they are needed the most. Latest reports indicate that there has been a five-trillion-dollar surge in the wealth of the world's richest in the past year. I urge governments to consider a solidarity or wealth tax on those who have profited during the pandemic to reduce extreme

unquote

We urgently need to strengthen the international debt **Tarchitecture** to end the deadly cycles of debt waves, global debt crises and lost decades. This starts with a time-bound, open dialogue with all the stakeholders to build trust and transparency.

Invest in people. We need a new social contract, based on solidarity and investments in education, decent and green jobs, social protection, and health sys-

Relaunch economies in a sustainable and equitable manconsistent with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the Paris Agreement.

Antonio Guterres, secretary general, UN

CRYPTO-ECONOMY

Infosys co-founder Nandan

Nilekani has said that **crypto**economy may be one of the key ways for India in becoming a \$5 trillion economy. Cryptocurrencies should be treated as an asset class like gold and real estate, he added. **Crypto-economy** is the use of incentives and cryptography (a method of protecting information and communications through the use of codes, so that only those for es can get access to markets. **whom the information is in-** Similarly, if the RBI and the tended can read and process it) to design new types of systems, applications and networks. Bitcoin, Ethereum, Zcash, and all blockchains are crypto economy

INDIA SHOULD GO FOR IT:

According to Nilekani, India needs to close the \$250 billion financing gap for India's small businesses by attracting global, risk-tolerant pools of capital. So, the rapidlygrowing crypto-economy may be one of the key ways, he

■ Besides, he is of the view that the digital infrastructure will actually make it easier for the small stakeholders to get access to credit. Through e-commerce, small businessgovernment can get more and more companies on this

digital highway, the growth will be significant, he asserts. Indian Software Product Industry RoundTable (iSPIRT) has also called to tap global cryptocurrencies to fund small and medium enterprises that are starved

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF CRYPTO **CURRENCY IN INDIA?**

■ In March this year, the Supreme Court struck down the Reserve Bank of India's restrictions on using banking channels to buy or trade in cryptocurrency, which had limited trading of bitcoins to only peer-to-peer

■ The government is mulling a legislation to ban crypto currencies, and introducing a central bank-regulated digital currency for the country

Cryptocurrencies, which are digital money in electronic payment systems, generally do not require government backing or the involvement of an intermediary such as a bank. Instead, users of the system validate payments

using certain protocols ■ Since the invention of bitcoin, the first cryptocurrency in 2008, the use of cryptos have proliferated. In recent years, they experienced a rapid increase and subsequent decrease in value

According to an estimate, as of March 2020, there were more than 5,100 different cryptocurrencies, worth about \$231 billion

COUNTRIES, WHICH SAY AYE OR NAY TO THE CRYP-**TOCURRENCY** In the United States, Canada, Australia, The UK, Germany, crypto currencies are legal; while China, Russia and Vietnam have made the use of such tenders illegal



'GODZILLA VS KONG' **UNAFFECTED BY** PANDEMIC, MAKES \$69.5 MN SINCE ITS RELEASE

odzilla vs Kong' stormed to the top of the domestic box office, picking up \$13.4 domestic box office, picking ar fill million in its second weekend of release. That brings the monster mashup's stateside haul to \$69.5 million, an impressive gross, considering it comes in the midst of a global pandemic. The Legendary and Warner Bros release's robust commercial performance has been all the more notable because it comes as Covid restrictions are in place, limiting capacity in theatres, and also as the film is available on HBO Max. Google

'Godzilla vs Kong' is now the top-grossing film of the pandemic era, bypassing Christopher Nolan's 'Tenet', which earned \$58.4 million. The impenetrable 'Tenet' still far outranks 'Godzilla vs Kong', when it comes to sheer narrative confusion

Universal's 'Nobody', an action thriller came in second with \$2.6 million. The film's domestic total now stands at \$15.6 million after three weeks of release

> Sony's 'The Unholy' appears poised to capture the third place with roughly \$2.4 million, pushing its total to \$6.7 million. The horror film follows a young hearing-impaired girl, who can hear and speak, after a supposed visitation from Virgin Mary

Nike to clean up used, returned sneakers and put them back on shelves

ootwear giant Nike Inc has said that it will start refurbishing sneakers-from Vapormaxes to Reacts, returned by shoppers, and sell them at cheaper prices, a service offered increasingly by the retailers to reduce consumer waste. The Beaverton, Oregonbased company said, it would clean up gentlyworn, like-new or slightly-imperfect sneaker by hand and resell them "at a value for con-Recycle sumers" at certain Nike stores. "Up to 15 USbased stores will carry Nike Refurbished footwear by the end of April 2021, with plans to integrate more of this product at additional US-based stores in the coming year," Nike said in a statement.



To qualify for refurbishment, the sneakers need to be returned to the Nike stores within 60 days of pur-

Reuse

TOKYO OLYMPICS: EXCITEMENT BUILDS ON...

🔊 DID YOU

okyo 2020 Olympic **Games mascot** Miraitowa poses with a display of Olympic Symbol after an unveiling ceremony of the symbol on Mt Takao in Hachioji, west of Tokyo, on Wednesday, to mark 100 days before the start of the Olympic Games



YOU RECEIVED A 'LETTER FROM PM NARENDRA MODI'. PLEASE

SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH OUR READERS...

A. I wrote to PM Narendra Modi to share my tribute to

young girls like me. I also

shared my plan to write a

book on the lives of these

pioneers in science. It was a

dream come true to receive

from the PM. His letter gave

me immense confidence in my

an appreciative response

11 women scientists, and to thank him for inspiring

Science meets art in teen author's CV!

Pallavi.shankar@timesgroup.com ILINA SINGH balances many hats on her young head, effortlessly. All of 16, she has a book to her credit, a project on mental health with the WHO, first prize in a coding contest, art and poems to encourage girls to take up science, and a letter from the PM of India. Can a teen want more? "Yes," says Singh, who dreams of becoming a physicist, and creating more art to lend colour to her

YOU ARE QINTO **CODING AS WELL AS ART. HOW DOES** THE TWAIN MEET? I think both coding and art gives freedom to apply one's imagination and creativity. Art lets you present your point of view on issues, and cod-

ing helps you solve some big problems.

Both are great means of self- expression for me.

PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR BOOK When I had to fill my subject selection form in

class X, I wanted to take up science, so I started looking at possible careers in the field. While I read about many notable Indian men in science, there was hardly any mention of women scientists. Then, I discovered Union minister Smriti Irani's tweet and read the wonderful stories of 11 trailblazing Indian women scientists. My friends and family had never heard of these women. So, I decided to paint their portraits and write a poem on them. Then, I expanded the idea to

include their brief life story. But eventually thought that more people of my age should know their outstanding stories, and a book seemed like the right step. So, I wrote my first book, 'The Gutsy Girls of Indian Science' that brings the stories of women scientists alive through art, poems and essays.

CAN YOU ELABORATE ABOUT YOUR PROJECT ON MENTAL HEALTH THAT WAS MADE INTO A FILM BY THE WHO? When I was 14, I realised that children lack the

vocabulary to express their feelings when

undergoing mental stress. Also, hurtful labels were used without really knowing what they meant. My art project 'Colours and Labels' used simple objects found in the classroom to depict some common mental health conditions like depression, anxiety, and so on. It was picked up by Voyce, an agency partnering with the WHO, for a film on mental health, meant for children. I am privileged that both my art and I, featured in the film, and it was a great experience. Mental health is a big issue among the teens, and I am glad that I could contribute to the important conversation around it.

ILINA'S

MESSAGE ON

MENTAL HEALTH TO

Finding a trusted adult to

talk to, and knowing that

help is available, are

key to managing

mental health

issues

ideas. Hear her story ...

idea, and I wrote the book

How to apologise to your children

Occasionally snapping at your kids is expected, especially with more time indoors. Here are some ways to mitigate the issue

POSITIVE PARENTING

year into lockdown, working parents have made their peace with multiple kid interruptions throughout the day. But what happens when children's needs clash with work deadlines and you find yourself unconsciously snapping at your child?

IT'S NORMAL

The first thing to know is that all parents snap at their kids, so doing so occasionally doesn't make you a bad parent. "There is this kind of expectation that children should be protected from feeling any negative emotion," said Jennie Hudson, a professor of clinical psychology at the University of New south Wales, Australia. "But that's toxic positivity. It's not normal. We have a range of emotions that include feeling frustrated, anxious and worried."

TALK IT OUT

The most important is what happens after you 'snap' at your children. First, acknowledge your mistake. After you have calmed down,

apologise to your child, and talk to them in an age appropriate way about your feelings, Hudson said. You don't have to go into the details of why you reacted the way you did, but you can say something like: "I am sorry I yelled. I got frustrated, but it's not your fault I lost my cool. Here's how I could have handled it better." Then you can talk about ways to calm down that you could have used, like going for a walk, taking a deep breath or walking away from the discus-

sion. "It's a learning opportunity

GIVE YOURSELF A TIMEOUT

for a child," Hudson said.

■ If you are so overwhelmed that you can't think about what is developmentally appropriate, give yourself a time out," said Dr Alexandra Sacks, a reproductive psychiatrist based in New York. While it's not always possible - especially if your child is so young they can't be left alone and you are the only parent in the

situation - try to give yourself that space to call a friend or scream into a pillow if you are feeling emotionally overwhelmed. "When parents have too-high bars for perfection and flawlessness, they feel they can't walk out of the room or give the kid five more minutes of screen time,

even if it would help the parent calm down, Sacks said. Don't fall into this martyr trap.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

I am sorry...

Remember, kids struggle with impulse control. Knowing you are nearby is too enticing for them not to ask for

> help. One way to tackle interruptions is to put a 'Do Not Disturb' sign on your office door or near your desk as a visual cue

to remind children to pause before asking for help. If children are finding it irresistible to interrupt, set a timer for 30 minutes that can delay them from entering the room, at which point the urge might just pass.

CONSIDER EXTERNAL HELP

of you find yourself irritable all the time and lashing out at your kids frequently, and these emotions are a marked change for you, you "need support or relief," Sacks said. That additional support could mean arranging extra child care or seeing a therapist.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES

robiotics have been in the limelight for a while now. These are live microorganisms that have immense health benefits. Probiotics Improve heart health, digestive health and reduce depression. There is evidence that probiotics also improves your skin. You can get probiotics from fermented oods. Here is a list of the most popular probiotic foods

YOGHURT

t is one of the best sources of probiotics, which has friendly bacteria for good health. Eating yoghurt is associated with various health benefits, including bone health. In children, yoghurt can help reduce diarrhoea caused by antibiotics. It can also relieve symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).



SAUERKRAUT

his is finely shredded cabbage that has been fermented by lactic acid bacteria. It is an old food tradition common in Europe. It is used as a side dish and has a sour, salty taste and can be stored for months in an airtight



HEALTH BITES

PROBIOTIC FOODS:

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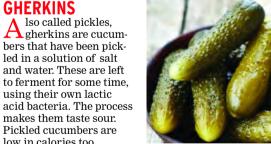
t is a spicy and fermented Korean dish. Cabbage is the main ingredient, but one can make it with other veggies too. It is full of flavours and has seasonings like chilli pepper flakes, garlic, ginger, salt. Kimchi is good for digestive health and has lactic acid bacteria.

KOMBUCHA

GHERKINS

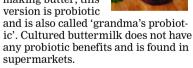
The drink is now a part of menus at various cafes and restaurants. Kombucha is a fermented black or green tea. It has gut friendly bacteria and yeast and is consumed in various parts of the world.







TRADITIONAL



TEMPEH

low in calories too.

t is a fermented soybean product. Tempeh is a firm patty whose flavour is described as nutty, earthy and similar to a mushroom. This is a high-protein meat substitute and is famous worldwide. The fermentation process has surprising effects on its nutritional profile and is super



ACTIVITY



ANSWERS

14. "a thin line between love and hate" 13. "a backwards glance" 12. "pacing back and forth" ''Sine up in single file" 10. "scatter brain" 9. "the beginning of the end" 8. "musically inclined" 7. "history repeats itself" 6. "fooling around"

15. "all things great and small"

5. "one in a million" . 4. "last but not least" .4 3. "but on second thought" Z. "broken heart or heart broken" 1. "one thing after another"

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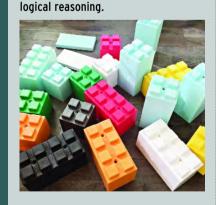
Best toys Lor your child

Playing is not only for fun and recreation, it is the fundamental way in which children learn. So, it's important for parents to ensure that when children play, it's not just meaningless running around. Here are top 5 toys that Dr Pallavi Rao Chaturvedi suggests every kid must own

1. BLOCKS

You will be surprised to know that just 20 minutes of unaided play with blocks helps boost mathematical skills, logical thinking.

You can choose from a wide variety of blocks including soft ones. wooden blocks, legos and magnet tiles available in the market. Blocks are the best toy to improve spatial awareness, mathematical skills and



4. MUSICAL TOYS

rom xylophone, drum kit to casio, music toys are must-haves. They help imbibe musical intelligence in kids which is also required for emotional development of their growing minds.



2. PUZZLES

he toy market is full of jigsaw puzzles, word puzzles, picture puzzles and the bigger fourpiece puzzle for smaller children. Puzzles are great for cognitive development. They will help keep the brain energised and exercised.



3. MESSY PLAY

essy play is where your child fiddles with kinetic sand, slime or play dough. It helps in the sensorial development of the child. It is therapeutic and pleasurable. It aids fine motor skills and finger muscle strength, which later contributes to the writing skills of the children.



5. DRAMATIC PLAY TOYS

R ole play and dramatic play with doctor set, kitchen set, chor police, teacherstudent aids emotional development and EQ building of children.



BONUS TIP:

ook for ways to use a toy to achieve a variety of objectives. For example, a set of blocks can also be used for counting, creating patterns and sequences. This breaks the fatigue of playing one type of game with one toy.

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!

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Enabling children with challenges

vshala Devashray are working closely with our special needs children through the lockdown providing one on one and group classes to help them stay engaged and constructively through inclusive learning.

Activities to develop life and vocational skills are being successfully conducted online. Many of our students have successfully prepared for and passed the NIOS exams during the pandemic.

Awareness and acceptance are the keys to gainfully employ the differently abled. 'Waving for inclusion', the Limca record breaking activity organised by Gitanjali Devshala had 3500 special needs and regular students waving the national flag as a shout make every disability an

to identify children's sive.



MADHVI CHANDRA, Principal, Gitanjali Devshala, Hyderabad

strengths and help them choose and explore their work area accordingly.

To cite an example, one of our students with organisational skills used to help in the library and later started working in a grocery chain taking care of inventory.

We have had our special needs students become an assistant teacher, two professional singers and a store out for inclusion and to manager. Once we realise a multifaceted community leads to a progressive soci-We work with parents ety we become more inclu-

DOES FREEDOM LEAD TO SUCCESS?

he act of sustaining freedom is in itself a success story. In fact, I think both are co-habitants and give the required thrust to each other. There is a catch however in this. Both need to confine to a certain realm.

Excess of anything does more harm than good. A person who knows how to productively use freedom surely finds doors of success

When the freedom is put to good use, people have the indomitable spirit of meaningful and purposeful. controlling their own destiny. For, there is no limit to what one can achieve or heights one can scale with situational wisdom that comes from freedom.

Deepa Gokul Soma, coordinator of class VII, Johnson Grammar School, ICSE

Habsiguda

It is said, "Freedom is not worth having, if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." Surely so, mistakes

and failures are proven stepping stones to success

Freedom gives a chance to be better, to make life Freedom with responsibility is a sure shot concoction for a brew of success. Dada Vaswani says, "True success, true happiness lies in freedom and fulfilment."

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism Is an act of courage and sacrifice for your country And not staying home and eating garlic and honey Patriotism is the love and devo-

tion of your homeland Salute the soldiers who fight for us in that dry and

barren land While we sit at our home, hold the remote and live

The soldiers fight for us holding a knife Not just in the cold but also the wildlife When they die no one cares Except their friends, family, children and wife When the actor died had become viral

But even when 10 soldiers die, None of us cares and this goes on like a cycle.

ARJUN VIJAY KUMAR, class IX, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan (Vidyashram), Hyderabad

THE VARIED FLAVOURS DF UGADI FEST

Gitanjali Vedika School

Hyderabad

gadi is the festival that marks the commencement of the New Year for people in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. It is said that Lord Brahma, the creator of the world, began His creation on this day. The first day of the bright half of the lunar month Chaitra is considered to be the day for Ugadi celebration, which generally falls in the months of March or April of the English calendar.

The festival also welcomes the spring season when nature seems to be immersed in the festive mood and new leaves and buds along with fresh breeze of spring manifold the

Despite the pandemic, the fes-components tival was celebrated with traditional



zeal at Gitanjali Vedika School. Children took part in the celebrations tiny-tots prepared beautiful festoons with great enthusiasm. They wore traditional dresses and spoke about the importance of the festival and the customary 'Ugadi Pachchadi', an amalgamation of different flavours representing various

As a part of the celebration, the under the guidance of their teachers. The celebration focused on the different shades of life and the warm start of the programme spread the festival vibes in the atmosphere. The management extended the

festival greetings to

School, Nacharam cel-

The theme of the assem-

Principal Sunitha Rao

is celebrated. The video was shared with everyone in the primary wing. All the wonderful efforts and effects put in the making of the video were treasured by the children and their parents as they were able to discover some previously unknown facts about this festival. everyone present.

Delhi Public School

Nacharam

witnessed by nearly 1000 members including students and teachers.

The event started with the traditional lighting of a lamp followed by a sloka ren-

It was then followed by a plethora of events, displaying the prowess of students through the medium of speeches, poems, songs and

The gathering was also ducted by the secondary wing apprised of the benefits and on a social platform and was medicinal qualities of the fa-

mous Ugadi Pachchadi. Along with the other Telugu traditions, the Panchangam was read, conveying how the Telugu year ahead is going to go. The spotlight was a fabulous skit on Ashtavadhanam which was about concentration and skill combined with

spontaneous speaking talent.

Gitanjali Primary School

Begumpet

gadi, like any festival, brings joy and

hope to everyone. This year, students of Gitanjali Primary School prepared

'Ugadi Pachchadi' during the online class-

es under their teacher's guidance and ex-

plained the significance of each of the in-

gredients used in it. They also talked about

the medicinal values of the different ele-

dren to make a video showing the genesis of the festival and during which season it

The Telugu department encouraged chil-

The culmination of the event was the showcasing of art integration in subjects through a dance form. The assembly concluded with an address by vice principal Surekha Nayani where she congratulated the students on their brilliant performance and conveyed her best wishes for the Telugu New Year.



Bowled over by games at playzone

after a long time. My brother, cousin and I were all excited. My mother was also excited as she wanted to do shopping.

On that day, we went to the mall by four in the evening. There was a big toy shop and my brother stopped by it and started crying for the toys. He is very selective and took one long

hour to select his favourite tov. Later we went to the playzone on the fourth floor and played virtual games and other games like bungee jumping, pin balls, slides, train, cars,

WEEKKEND PLAN

friend Gwenny's house with whom

she is continuously at prank wars.

In the second part, they search for

bowling while my father played cricket. We had lots of fun. My brother didn't want to come back from there. Afterwards my mother did her

shopping and then we all went to the foodzone. My parents usually prefer home food but as we go out once in a while, my cousin and I chose to eat burger, chicken popcorn and milkshake. My younger brother had french fries while my parents had sizzlers.

We all had ice cream later. We were all tired by then. I slept in the car itself. That was a memorable and fun filled weekend with my family.



their partners for the dance party in their high school. In the

wanted. She gets busy in practice for the play and has no time

third, Katie gets a role in the school play that she always

G RIKIN REDDY, class VI, **Hyderabad Public** School, Ramanthapur

Exploring topics in a practical way

erforming an experiment is one the favourite activities for students. A live experience to check viability and factual result thrills students

to the core that they imprint the steps in their minds. In fact, experiments are the best learning experiences. At Ganges Valley, learning is made fun and experiential in every possible manner. The students of class V had a fruitful learning experience with the water pollution detec-

tion experiment. It was conducted as a class activity. This gave the students an opportunity to experience the concept of water pollution closely and explore some of the simple

Ganges Valley Hyderabad

ways to detect polluted

water. The students got a cup of clean water and added either a few drops of food colouring, sand/soil, bits of paper or cooking oil to the clean water, following the

instruction of their teacher. Then they had to stir it and observe the changes. The students enthusiastically performed the steps that engaged their senses. They realised the fact that many human activities unintentionally lead to water pollution. The young scientists promised to not pollute water.

FAVOURITE SERIES: ALEXA & KATIE

have been watching many movies, series and also read a lot of books. Today, I would like to introduce you to one of my most favorite series, 'Alexa & Katie'. High school is hard for all students but even more for

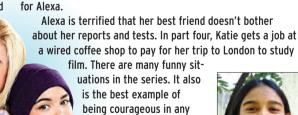
those who are already dealing with personal challenges that most people don't. In this series, best friends Alexa and Katie have been schoolmates since childhood. Alexa has cancer and gets all the support from her parents and family members. Still, she feels enthusiastic when Katie, who is also her neighbour, is by her side.

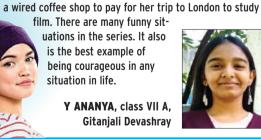
In part one, Alexa is not ready to go to school after undergoing cancer treatment for about a year. She plans to take her best friend Katie to their principal's house and cover the backyard with tissue paper so that she and her friend get detention for at least three days and skip her first few days of school.

She tells Katie that it is her terrible

Public School, Secunderabad

> KHYATI BUDDEPU, class VI A, Scholars International **School Hyderabad**







Painters' Gallery





TIME TO HEAL: KABIR SAINI, class VI, Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur

SIMPLY SPORTS

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Coming off a heart-breaking loss, a beleaguered Rajasthan Royals would hope for another inspirational knock from new skipper Sanju Samson in the absence of an injured Ben Stokes when it faces a confident Delhi Capitals in an IPL match in Mumbai on Wednesday

RR bowling seemed rudderless

- While DC made a superb start under their new captain Pant with a seven-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in their opening contest, RR suffered a heart-wrenching fourrun defeat against Punjab Kings in a highscoring match on Monday night.
- Chasing a mammoth 222 for win, Samson (119 off 63 balls) played a blinder of an innings in his debut as captain but couldn't get his side over the line as he was dismissed in the final ball of the innings while going for a maximum with RR needing five runs off the last delivery.
- The loss completely shattered Samson, who single-handedly kept RR in the contest, playing some delightful strokes during his blis-

tering knock, which included 12 boundaries and seven sixes.

- As if the loss was not enough, RR were dealt a severe blow on Tuesday when its star allrounder Stokes was ruled out of the remainder of the tournament with a broken finger.
- And in the absence of Stokes, the pressure would be on the likes of Jos Buttler, Shivam Dube and Riyan Parag to deliver the goods and provide ample support to their young skipper, who has been sensational in the first match.
- The likes of Manan Vohra (12), Buttler (25) Dube (23), Parag (25) all got starts but failed to lend the much-needed sup-
- The major worry for RR team management would be the performance of its bowling

Around 6 months of international cricket for him (Rishabh Pant), one against Australia and here against England. Now he is responsible for the captaincy because of injury. Plus, he doesn't have the services of Nortje, Rabada, and Axar Patel. So, they are asking a lot of him. I think he has got a team that will support him, which is most important. He has grown in the last 4 months and I think he

Brian Lara, former West Indies skipper

will do a good job.

unit. The RR bowling unit looked rusty and ightharpoonup Opting to field, DC had allowed CSK to pile completely out of sorts in their opener.

Barring young Chetan Sakariya (3/31), who had a fantastic debut, all other RR bowlers went for runs and looked completely clueless against opposition batsmen. Mustafizur Rahman, Chris Morris, Stokes, Shreyas Gopal, Rahul Tewatia all went for big runs and needed to pull up their socks quickly.

DC under Pant is in good rhythm

- Last edition's runner-up side DC, on the other hand, had a perfect start to their campaign as they defeated three-time champions CSK with consummate ease.
- up a competitive 188 for 7 but Shikhar Dhawan

and Prithvi Shaw made a short walk off the target with a 138-run opening partnership, that laid the foundation for the win.

- Both Dhawan (85 off 54) and Shaw (72 off 38) played their strokes from the word go and looked in complete control during their knocks. Pant (15 not out) and Marcus Stoinis (14) did the rest as DC comfortably reached home with eight balls to spare.
- On the bowling front, Chris Woakes (2/18) and Avesh Khan (2/23) had a good outing in the first game and would look to carry on their form but the likes of Ravichandran Ashwin, Tom Curran, Amit Mishra and Stoinis had a forgettable outing and would be desperate to make amends on Thursday. The contest will also witness a test of wits of two new captains in Pant and Samson.

PITCH WASN'T EASY, KKR WILL BE BACK STRONGLY: RUSSE

Kolkata Knight Riders' big-hitting all-rounder Andre Russell blamed it on the pitch as he dissected his team's narrow 10-run loss to Mumbai Indians in Chennai and asserted that the side will bounce back strongly in the coming matches

he Eoin Morgan-led side dominated the game almost in its entirety but choked in the final few overs to lose in a modest chase of 152. Needing just 30 runs from 27 deliveries, KKR's experienced finishers Russell and Dinesh Karthik faltered big time as the five-time champions Mumbai pulled off an epic comeback to secure their first win of 15 balls, said they would learn from the mistakes and will make a comeback in the next few games. "We're gonna go back to the drawing board. We definitely are playing some good cricket as a team. It's about moving on from this game and going from strength to strength.

I've trust and confidence in the boys, says Russell

KKR got off to a flying start with opener Nitish Rana slamming a second successive half century as he, along with Shubman Gill, put on an opening stand of 72 runs from 53 balls. But leg-spinner Chahar brought about the turnaround, grabbing four wickets from his four overs before KKR choked at the death. "It's a game of cricket. We defithe season. Russell, who got out for nine off nitely have to learn from this. I've trust and confidence in the boys. We are still confident, we are still playing some good cricket, and I'm proud of the boys," Russell said, giv-

ing his full support to the team. KKR next face Royal Challengers Bangalore in Sunday's match to conclude the Chennai leg of their campaign. PT

/ It's a difficult wicket to bat on, it was not easy for a new batter to come in and start hitting from ball one. It's very challenging. Even for me, the ball was a bit up and down, so it's not the easiest pitch to hit on. No matter how good you are, you still need a couple of balls to actually get your eyes in

Unfortunately, a good finisher like myself and DK, we didn't get bat to balls. I think if we did get a few boundaries the game would be over. We definitely feel disappointed but at the end of the day, it's not the end of the road. It's our second game. Andre Russell

QUALITY OF INDIAN PLAYERS HAS INCREASED WITH IPL: AGARKAR

ormer India pacer Ajit Agarkar reckons the cricketing standard has increased in the increased in the country with the onset of IPL. The bench strength of the Indian side was there for everyone to see during India's tour of Australia as an injury-ravaged side defeated Australia 2-1 in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "Oh, incredible! I don't think there's anything that's made the difference; we don't want to compare but since the IPL has come in, people you've played against, you share the dressing room with them, you can see the new guys almost look ready. You could see the results, a couple of se ries wins in Australia, half the team wasn't there in the previous series; six or seven players missing due to injury," said Agarkar on Star Sports' show 'Select Dugout'. ANI

QUIZ TIME!

• Who is the first player in • the history of cricket to score a double century in his 100th

a) Rohit Sharma 🔲 b) Kane Williamson 🖵 c) Joe Root 🔲 d) Virat Kohli 🖵

🔿 • Who has been awarded ()2. 'Allan Border Medal' for the period 2020-21?

a) Steve Smith b) Glenn Maxwell c) David Warner 🔲 d) Mitchell Starc 🖵

• Who has clinched the **.** women's singles title at

the 82nd Senior National Table **Tennis Championship?** a) Ankita Das 🔲 b) Manika Batra 🖵

c) Neha Aggarwal 🔲 d) Meena Parande 🖵

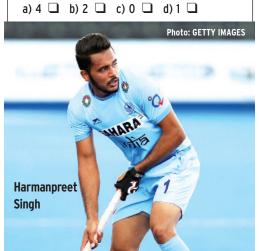
 Which female badminton 4. player has claimed the women's singles title at the **Uganda International Badminton** Tournament 2021?

a) Malvika Bansod 🔲 b) Aditi Bhatt 🖵 c) Treesa Jolly 🔲 d) Anupama Upadhyaya 🖵

15. In which category bout did Bajrang Punia win the gold medal at the 2021 Matteo Pallicone ranking series?

a) 72 kg b) 56 kg c) 90 kg d) 65 kg

6. How many goals did • Harmanpreet Singh score in the match where India beat Hockey Olympic Champion Argentina in FIH Pro League?



7. In the game of football, if a player accidentally kicks the ball into his own team's goal, it is called_

a) Pink slip 🔲 b) Fault 🖵 c) Pacifier \Box d) Own goal \Box

O • Who won the 200m O. freestyle at the 2021 TYR Pro Swim Series with a record time of 1:54.40?

a) Katie Ledecky 🚨 b) Allison Schmitt 🖵 c) Katie McLaughlin 🔲 d) Lilly King 🖵

9. In theory, what is the maximum number of moves the longest chess game can have?

Which of the following trophy is not related to cricket in India?

a) Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

b) Deodhar Trophy (a) c) Santosh Trophy (b) d) Duleep Trophy 🖵

 \bigcap 11. Which of the following is • not matched correctly?

a) Pankaj Advani: Billiards b) Anjali Bhagwat: Shooting 🖵

c) Deepa Malik: Athletics d) Muhammed Anas Yahiya: Boxing \Box

: 1) c Joe Root 2) a Steve Smith 3) b Manika Batra 4) a Malvika Bansod 5) d 65kg 6) b 2 7) d Own goal 8) a Katie Ledecky 9) c 5949 10) c Santosh Trophy 11) d Muhammed Anas Yahiya: Boxing