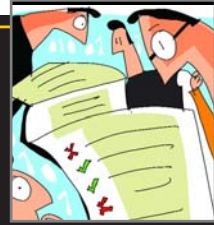




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Russia and Ukraine represent more than half of the world's supply of sunflower oil and about 30 per cent of the world's wheat. Note that Ukraine alone provides more than half of the World Food Programme's (WFP) wheat supply

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR: OVER TO NEGOTIATIONS INDIA TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR?



As India pledged to continue its efforts with Russia and Ukraine to end the war, UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres said on Monday that he has been in "close contact" with New Delhi on the mediation efforts. The UN chief warned that a meltdown of the global economy due to the conflict is provoking a hunger crisis that is hitting the poorest, hardest, notifying how Ukraine is being "decimated before the eyes of the world." Guterres said that with each passing hour in Ukraine, the death and destruction is getting worse, "whatever the outcome,

this war will have no winners, only losers," he warned. "The appeals for peace must be heard. This tragedy must stop. It is never too late for diplomacy and dialogue. We need an immediate cessation of hostilities and serious negotiations based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law." This comes at a time when nearly two million now displaced inside the country, and close to three million who have become refugees in the past two weeks – the vast majority women and children – are becoming increasingly vulnerable, he warned. IANS

AMID TALKS OF INDIA AS A MEDIATOR, A LOOK AT NEW DELHI'S RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA & UKRAINE

Indo-Russia: A partnership of mutual trust



India describes its diplomatic relations with Russia as "all-weather, special and privileged", as both the countries have "consistently stood as a robust pillar of support to each other in good times and not-so-good times."

FRIENDS FOREVER: TRIED AND TESTED

- In 1961, Soviet Union opposed the UN resolution that condemned India's use of military force to end Portuguese colonial sovereignty over Goa, Daman and Diu at the UN. The resolution was passed by the US, the UK, France, and Turkey.
- In 1971, India and the Soviet Union signed the "Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Co-operation". The treaty formalised India's alliance with what was then a superpower and arguably ensured its pre-eminence in South Asia.
- Besides, during the Indo-Pak war in 1971, Russia took New Delhi's side

when the UNSC tried to intervene, and put a stop to the military operations.

- The Soviet Union and later Russia's support for India on the issue of Kashmir has also been unrelenting and politically significant. The Soviet Union vetoed UN Security Council resolutions in 1957, 1962 and 1971 that called for international intervention in Kashmir, insisting that it is a bilateral issue that needs to be solved through negotiations between India and Pakistan.
- Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia has worked to maintain its special relationship with India.
- The Soviet Union was India's largest trading partner until its collapse.
- The Soviet Union also helped ensure India's energy security.
- India's first manned mission to space was in collaboration with Russia.
- Russia has been a regular exporter of arms and equipment to India in the past two decades.

India-Ukraine: Trading partners

POLITICAL RELATIONS: India's relationship with Ukraine is mostly on economic fronts. But New Delhi was one of the first countries to recognise Kyiv as a sovereign country in December 1991, and established diplomatic relations in January 1992.

TRADE AND COMMERCE: India is one of the leading export markets for Ukraine. The top commodities exported by Ukraine to India are fats and oils of vegetable origin (73.3%), fertilisers (10.6%), nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery (5.2%). Main Indian commodities imported by Ukraine are pharmaceutical products (32.7%), electrical machinery (7.8%), etc.

VAX COOPERATION: Ukraine is one of the first countries to



At the United Nations

1998: Ukraine opposed India's nuclear tests at the UN and voted in favour of a UN resolution that condemned the tests

2022: India abstains thrice from UN resolution to condemn Russia's aggression on Ukraine

receive vaccines from India that helped the nation to initiate its public vaccination drive.

INDIAN DIASPORA IN UKRAINE:

A small Indian community, comprising students and business professionals live in Ukraine. The business professionals are spread across IT, pharmaceuticals, engineering, medicine, etc. Around 18,000 Indians are pursuing medicine in Ukraine.

JEE MAIN 2022 APRIL SESSION SCHEDULE REVISED, EXAM WILL BE HELD FROM APRIL 21



The National Testing Agency has revised the dates for Joint Entrance Examination (Main) for April Session 2022. As per the revised schedule, the JEE (Main) 2022 Session 1 for the academic year 2022-23 will be conducted on April 21, 24, 25, 29, and on May 1 and 4, 2022. Earlier, the JEE (Main) 2022 April Session exam was to be held from April 16 to 21, 2022

After the announcement of the JEE Main 2022 schedule, several state boards have rescheduled their examinations for class XII candidates. Some of the state board will again have to change their exam schedule considering the revised JEE Main exams 2022

■ JEE (Main), the multi-session computer-based test, is taken by students for getting admission in top engineering institutions as well as securing eligibility to appear for the JEE (Advanced), the entrance test for the Indian Institutes of Technology ■ This year the aspirants will get two, instead of four, attempts to appear for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE-Main)



Shah Rukh teases OTT venture, Salman Khan congratulates him for launching 'new app'

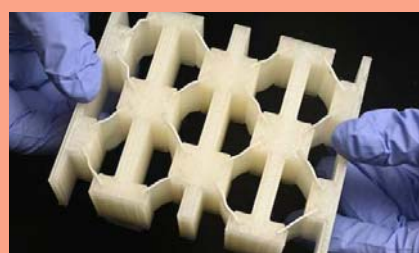
Actor Shah Rukh Khan on Tuesday teased the launch of his OTT platform, leading to congratulatory messages from friends and collaborators from the industry. Shah Rukh took to Twitter and shared an announcement poster, which read "SRK+, coming soon". SRK and his production banner Red Chillies Entertainment, however, are yet to confirm if SRK+ is indeed his new OTT app.

Entertainment

Scientists create material that could make lighter, stronger vehicles

US scientists have created a new lightweight, shock-absorbing material that could help make lighter but stronger helmets, automobiles and aerospace parts.

Researchers used Liquid Crystal Elastomers (LCEs) to increase the material's ability to hold strikes. The team observed that the material withstands impact from objects weighing about 1.8 to 6.8 kilograms coming at speeds of about 35.4 kilometres.



Liquid crystal elastomers (LCEs) are mainly used in actuators and robotics. The researchers used high energy-absorbing LCEs to increase the material's ability to withstand impact, the study said

1 INDIAN USER CONSUMES 17GB DATA A MONTH

India has more than doubled its mobile broadband subscribers – from 345 million to 765 million in the last five years and average mobile data consumption now touches 17GB per user per month, a new report revealed. India recorded the highest growth in mobile broadband data in 2021, and 4G mobile data recorded an increase of 31 per cent, with average monthly data traffic per user growing by 26.6 per cent (on-year), according to Nokia's annual 'Mobile Broadband Index (MBI) Report 2022' released on Monday. The report further revealed that more than 40 million subscribers were added or upgraded to 4G services in 2021.



- Indian Gen Z spends an average of 8 hours per day online and 90 per cent of Internet users in India prefer to consume content in their local language, the report noted
- With the compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 53 per cent over the last five

years, India has one of the highest data usage in the world

NEWS IN CLUES

WHICH WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST AIRLINE TO HAVE AN ALL-JET FLEET?

- CLUE 1:** Spanish artist Salvador Dali designed a memento often gifted to its first class passengers.
- CLUE 2:** It holds the world record for the biggest evacuation by a civilian airline.
- CLUE 3:** It had to modify its name to allow for computerised ticketing.

Answer: **AIR INDIA.** The airline's board has named Tata Sons chairman **Natarajan Chandrasekaran** as its chairman. The airline, which in 1962 became the world's first to boast an all-jet fleet, used to gift an ash-tray designed by Salvador Dali to its first class passengers in 1967. It had to remove the hyphen in its name – Air-India – to facilitate easier booking of its flight tickets online. In 1990, Air India carried out the world's biggest evacuation exercise, airlifting 1.7 lakh expat Indians during the 1990 Gulf War.

Times NIE gives you tips on how to plan and manage your finances to study abroad

Tell Your Folks, 'I am College Fund Ready'



There used to be a time when youngsters used to rely on parents totally to fund their college money. Fortunately, times are changing. The new generation, especially the ones with good financial prowess, have started entrepreneurship early, not just to spruce up their resume but also, to fund themselves for their higher education. Times NIE brings to you some simple steps with which you can take care of your college funding—firstly, by practising budgeting early and secondly, by using your scholarship money wisely



BUDGETING TIPS THAT WILL HELP YOU IN MANAGING MONEY

Making a budget is a key piece of a strong financial foundation. Having a budget helps you manage your money, control your spending, save more money, pay off debt, or stay out of debt. Without an accurate picture of what's coming into and going out of your bank account, you can easily overspend or find yourself relying on credit cards and loans to pay your bills. If you already have a budget, now is a good time to update it

Worksheet

Use a worksheet to help get started. You can also create your budget worksheet using free spreadsheet programs.

List Your Income

Start by figuring out how much you're getting each month. Add up all sources of income: Money from parents, some part-time job you have taken up, etc.

Add Up Your Expenses

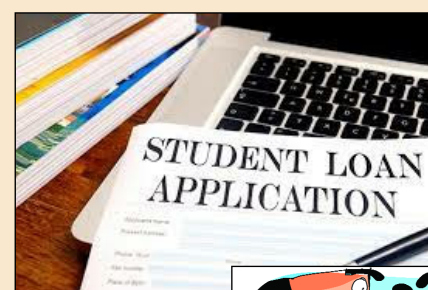
List all the fixed expenses and the amount of the expense. For your variable expenses, write the maximum amount you plan to spend in that category or the amount you expect your bill to be. Divide yearly expenses by 12 and semi-annual expenses by six to come up with the monthly amount to account for in those categories.

Calculate Your Net Income

Your net income is what you have left over after all the bills are paid. You want this to be a positive number so you can put it toward your savings, or other

Track Your Spending

Evaluate your spending using a 'wants versus needs' analysis. Reduce or eliminate spending in those 'want' areas to make more room for the things you 'need' to spend money on.



How do you budget money using the 50/20/30 rule?

With the 50/30/20 budget, you allocate 50% of your income to needs,

30% to wants, and 20% to financial goals.



How do you live on a budget?

To live on a budget, you'll need to regularly keep track of your spending and compare it to your budget categories. The more frequently you reconcile your budget, the better, especially when you're first starting out. Over time, you'll be able to more accurately predict how much you need to allocate to each category.

HOW TO GO ABOUT BUILDING A COLLEGE FUND



Savings Accounts:

While your pocket money may not be a huge amount, it will become a good enough amount one day, if you start saving early. Depositing money in savings account relies on you being disciplined to make regular deposits. The account will earn interest, not too much, but it is a good move as this habit will really help you in future as well.



Stock Market Investments:

Now, this is risky territory but if you are good at studying market trends and have a good intuition about which shares will soar, then there is no better investment than this. Whether you buy individual stocks or invest in a basket of stocks in mutual fund, if the market is doing well, then you are likely to make considerable amount of money—much more than what you could with a savings account or savings bonds. With college tuition growing faster than inflation, that's something to consider.



Wear entrepreneurial cap:

It is always a good idea to look at entrepreneurship early. If you have the means and the ability to invest time to start an app or a set up a business, then go for it. Who knows, you might not want any help from your parents at all for getting your higher education degrees. Also, any college would welcome you with that kind of a resume.

BOOTSTRAPPING EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

While my 9-year-old son told me, "Let's make burgers at home for dinner tonight, mom," I got a quick idea, why not try to teach him the concept of GST and taxation in a simple way? As a teacher, I always believe that for holistic skills in children, a basic understanding of taxation is very important. It not only makes them financially wise, but a responsible citizen too.

If Dad is Central Govt and Mom is State Govt...

Let's try this at home and make dad, the central government and mom, the state government. Let's make kids assume that all



By Elizabeth Thomas

Chief Mentor, Tale Tellers,

Training the teachers with Tale Tellers Jr, Elizabeth comes in with 10 years plus work experience in training and human resource. She also has industry experience in banking with one of the leading banks in



five burgers using all the ingredients in his factory. He sells his burger, (with profit and tax), to his sister who stays in his house (within the state). Now, the little sister pays tax to dad (central government) and mom (state government), who in turn use that for the overall development of the family. This is how GST functions.

departments are states.

CGST and SGST - Make the kid play a businessman and manufacture or let's say make

'Nature is a child's first window into wonder. It enriches children for life'

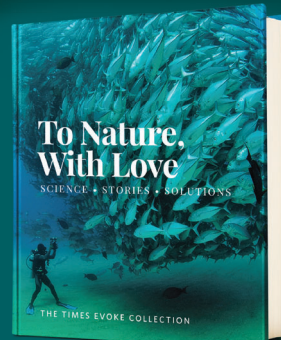
RICHARD LOUV, WRITES ON CHILDREN AND NATURE

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"I think all children should grow up with the space to imagine nature's magic. There are endless wonders hidden in nature. And that's one of its main qualities – the mysteriousness of it. It's as if nature is a place that you can step into and discover all sorts of new, interesting things."

VIVIAN MINEKER, ILLUSTRATOR



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Connecting with our glorious past

Heritage Week' was celebrated by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Vidyashram, in the online mode. It was a week where students were introduced to the irrefutable connection to the past - to social values, beliefs, customs and traditions, that allows them to identify themselves with others and inculcates a sense of unity, belongingness and national pride. The theme for the year was "Dynasties" of our country like the Marathas, the Cholas, the Rajputs, the Ahoms and the Mughals and the Heritage Club of Vidyashram planned a host of activities

for different classes. These included Fancy Dress contest, Art competitions, Open House Presentation, Dance Forms and Debate on Dynasties of India. The students were guided to make a video on the topic and present to the audience.

The students actively took part in all the activities which proved to be a great learning experience for them. Principal G Arunasree and Vice Principal S Venkatlakshmi applauded efforts of all the members of the Heritage Club and reiterated that such activities familiarise young generation with the rich cultural heritage of one's country.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Vidyashram



Time to say *sayonara*

B Deepu, class IX-A, Unicent School

Nagole

Unicent School, Nagole organised a joint farewell party for class X students of academic years 2020 - 21 and 21-22.

In the morning, after the regular assembly proceedings, badges were prepared and presented by class IX students that had the apt adjectives to suit each senior student, showcasing their love and affection towards them. A video presentation of the memories and fun moments of the seniors made the programme more delightful.

An array of performances were presented by both class IX as well as the outgoing class X students. A group dance by the girls of class X marked the wonderful beginning. Subsequently, a humorous skit by class IX batch kept the audience entertained. The class



teachers of classes X A and B, wished the students all the success and reminded them of the values that they should carry through their life.

Games were conducted followed by more performances including a presentation by the instrumental band, stand-up comedy, musical band, and a speech. Coordinator Reshma

Satav enlightened the students about the preparation for examinations. The head girl and the head boy of the school gave speeches about the journey of their school life. Principal Rachna Bhattacharjee addressed the students and conveyed her wishes. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Aruna.

SCHOOL

Our School is Cool
We love our School
School is a bliss
We don't want to miss
Our school is nice,
It does more than suffice.
School is an adventure
Which we have with a teacher
Our teachers show affection
They always strive for
our perfection
We pass the grade
For the achievements we
have made
Our school is fire
It shows us how to aspire
School gives us wings to fly
But at last we have to
say goodbye
Our time was well spent
But when we leave, it is
a sentiment
We love our school.

VIJAY KRISHNA, class X, Santinos Global School



GREEN INITIATIVE TAKES ROOT



Delhi Public School Mahendra Hills

Staying true to "Don't let our future dry up, Plant a Tree," the Haritha Haram programme initiated by the Telangana government was conducted at DPS, Mahendra Hills on the occasion of the week-long celebration of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Rao's birthday recently.

The programme was inaugurated by Principal Nandita Sunkara, Vice Principal I Sudha, parents, students and staff. The plantation drive started with a short presentation by student council members on the importance of a clean and green environment. This was followed

by planting of saplings by the students and parents who took part in the green drive and pledged that each one will plant one to conserve the Mother Nature.

Speaking on the occasion, the principal motivated the students to extend the green initiatives to their neighbourhood and communities.

She appreciated the Green Crusaders of the school for having taken up various greening initiatives like observing Earth Hour every week, rain water harvesting and save water campaigns on the campus through ECO school projects.

Students planted 50 saplings on the school campus and took an oath to take care of the saplings for a greener and better tomorrow.

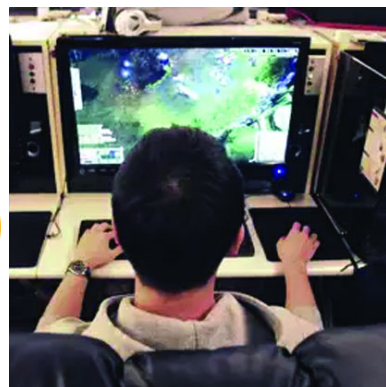
THE DANGERS OF ONLINE GAMES

Venkatakrishna Kammari, Vice Principal, Delhi World School

Shadnagar

Online games have a huge impact on us, especially children. They're using and abusing the platform, sometimes they learn inappropriate words. They get so addicted to the games that they do not even pause to bathe, to have food which is really bad for their health.

The biggest negative effect of playing video games is the tendency towards displaying violent behaviour.



Children who play video games are more likely to display aggression, violent feelings, and destructive behaviour.

Over the years, gaming has become a widely popular aspect of our lives. Kids and teenagers have replaced riding their bikes or playing together outdoors or indoors with video games.

Video games are for all ages; yes, we adults love to play them too. Playing video games is fun but not a lot of people realize the impact it can have on the body, physically and mentally. Too much playing of video games can cause decreased social skills, deterioration in health, and increased aggressive behaviour.

Less physical activity leads to poor health, which is not good for growing children. This can also cause the child to be less interactive with real-life people and be poor in sports and outdoor activities.

AMAZING TRIP TO GOLD FIELDS

Iwent on an amazing trip of a lifetime recently to Kolar Gold Fields. I didn't get to see any gold, but still I had a wonderful time trekking with my cousins.

We began our journey as soon as my cousins came like a train zooming in to pick us up. We took a quick break and barged into a restaurant where we ate delicious food and continued our journey.

Aah, at last we reached our destination, Kolar. We started trekking up the hills. As we kept walking and walking, we saw a beautiful pond

and fishes swimming splashily splashing in the water. What a sight to see! We fed them some food and continued on our thrilling journey. We climbed five hills and were so exhausted, but the experience was mind boggling. Later we spent time exploring the place, a truly amazing trip to Kolar Gold Fields.

SARTHAK, class IV, Japan, Silver Oaks Intl School

Wonderful drives

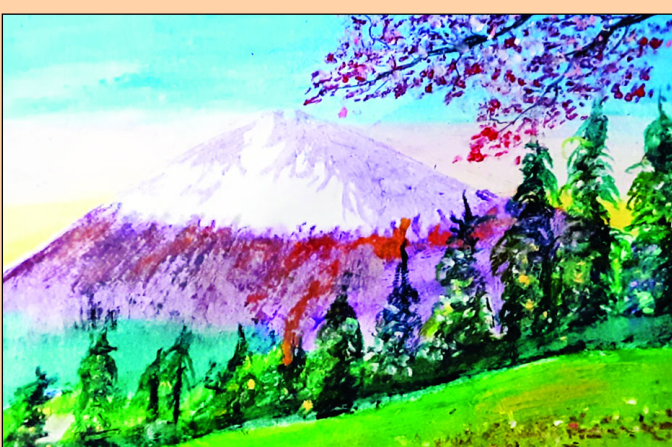
The car is a vehicle moving on wheels. It is used for travelling and is very comfortable for the whole family. We can sit or sleep in the car. If cars were not invented, it would have been very difficult to reach our destination. We can go for long drives whenever we want. It has A/c for people who like cold air and windows for people who prefer natural air. Cars protect us from sunlight, rain and pollution. If we don't have cars, we can use cab services to travel.

There are many types of cars, some run on petrol, some on diesel, and others on CNG. Cars which run on CNG reduce pollution and protect our environment. Cars are personal vehicles-we can use them whenever and wherever we want to go without depending on others. It certainly reduces our travel time.

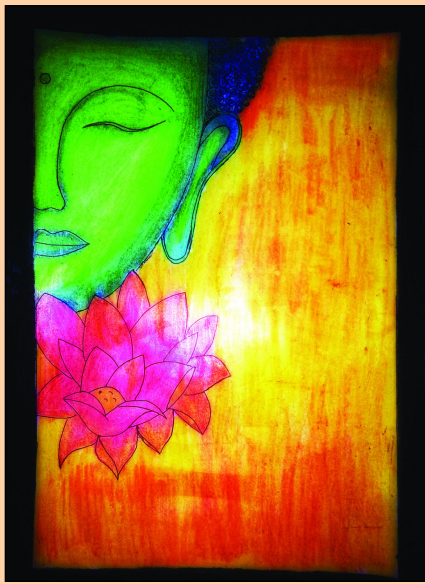
AHSAN JAMAL, class I, Clouds, Silver Oaks International School, Mighty Oaks Campus, Hyderabad



Painters' Gallery



SCENIC: RUSHDA ABDUL RAHEEM, Class X, Madina Public School



FLOWER POWER: LAKSHMI.K, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans, Sainikpuri, Hyderabad

GIVING A FACELIFT TO HERITAGE BUILDINGS ERASES THE MARKS OF HISTORY

Every monument showcases a distinctive identity and unique architecture of its own. It depicts the rich culture, art, and legacy of the historical era when they were built. The masterpiece - Taj Mahal, the indestructible Great Wall of China, the rust-resistant Iron Pillar are a few examples. Giving a facelift to

heritage structures erases the marks of history. Instead, steps can be taken to prevent damage to these marvellous structures. As a result, these will remain a pivotal aspect of the world and its heritage.

PIYUSHA BASUTHKAR, Grade IX C Mahar Regiment, Silver Oaks International School, Mighty Oaks Campus, Hyderabad



In my opinion, renewing heritage buildings cannot erase the marks of past history. All the heritage buildings have a unique story behind their construction. Efforts have to be made to give them a facelift. If we

look at the Taj Mahal, it is built with white marble which is getting effected due to pollution. The government has been making efforts to preserve it.

It does this by keeping in mind the construction material used. Facelift does not mean loss of originality. These heritage building have an identity which cannot be erased so easily. We should glorify these structures in a positive sense.

AASTHA NEGI, Class X-Sunflower, Sister Nivedita School



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BENZEMA SCORES TWICE

Keeps momentum in 3-0 win to extend Real Madrid's lead in Spanish League

Karim Benzema stayed hot as Real Madrid kept momentum with a 3-0 victory at Mallorca to extend its Spanish league lead on Monday, after its earlier epic win over Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League. Benzema scored twice and set up Vinicius Junior's goal to help give Madrid a 10-point lead over second-placed Sevilla ahead of the clasico against Barcelona on Sunday at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Benzema's double came five days after he scored a hat trick in less than 20 minutes to lead Madrid to the Champions League quarterfinals with a stunning comeback win over PSG. Benzema has eight goals in his last five matches in all competitions and comfortably leads the Spanish league's scoring list with 22.

INJURY WOES

The match ended with concern over Benzema's fitness, though, as the French striker had to leave a few minutes from the end with what appeared to be a left leg injury. Madrid, which had already made all five substitutions, also lost forward Rodrygo and left back Ferland Mendy with injuries ahead of the match against Barcelona. Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said it was too early to know the seriousness of their injuries. Madrid has a 15-point advantage over third-placed Barcelona, which has a game in hand.

"It was important to win this match after our rivals lost points at the weekend," Madrid midfielder Federico Valverde said. It was the fourth straight league victory for Madrid, whose unbeaten run in the competition reached eight matches.

It was a rare Monday appearance for Madrid, which opened the scoring

through Vinicius from close range in the 55th minute after a pass by Benzema. The Frenchman added to the lead by converting a penalty kick after a foul on Vinicius in the 77th, and sealed the victory with a header in the 82nd off a cross by Marcelo.

BETTER CHANCES UNUSED

Mallorca had the better of the chances in the opening period, the first of them falling to Vedat Muriqi, who shot wide at the back post after a superb cross from Brian Oliván. Vinicius Junior was Madrid's biggest threat and he was unfortunate to pick up a yellow card for his reaction to a high challenge from Mallorca's Pablo Maffeo, who was lucky not to be sent off. The altercation riled the home crowd too and Mallorca benefitted, their best chance coming soon after.

Dani Rodríguez clipped a delightful ball over the top for Ángel Rodríguez to run onto and the ball fell loose for Maffeo to carry just in front of the penalty spot. Maffeo had only Thibaut Courtois to beat but his scuffed finish hit the post. Madrid's momentum at the end of the first half continued and in the 55th minute, they took the lead. Fede Valverde robbed Idrissu Baba and while Mallorca's fans wanted a foul, Benzema played on, rolling left to Vinicius, who had a simple finish.

Vinicius was key to the second as well, swivelling out of trouble in midfield and playing Benzema through on the left. By the time Benzema passed across the box, Vinicius had caught up, pushed over by Oliván just as he went to finish.

Mallorca has lost five in a row and a total of 10 matches, its worst league streak since 2012. It sits in 16th place, two points above the relegation zone.

CLEAR ADVANTAGE

Madrid's considerable advantage over Sevilla at the top of La Liga means the Clasico this weekend will not carry the significance of previous meetings, even if Barca's recent surge has had some wondering if a comeback is still possible. Yet there will be no doubt Barcelona would love to ruberstamp their progress under Xavi with a victory at the home of their fiercest rivals while a win for Madrid would serve as further confirmation of their dominance this season. "We have the advantage and it's good at this point," said Ancelotti.

"We have to think about winning on Sunday, that's all." AGENCIES

CITY STUMBLE

■ Manchester City, which held a 13-point lead in the English Premier League two months ago, stumbled against Crystal Palace again, drawing 0-0 at an atmospheric Selhurst Park to give second-placed Liverpool further hope of reeling in Pep Guardiola's team and reclaiming the biggest prize in English soccer.

■ City extended its advantage to four points but Liverpool plays twice -- the first against Arsenal on Wednesday -- before City is next in action in the league, on April 2. Liverpool also has a superior goal difference. The top two also meet at City's Etihad Stadium on April 10. Palace was the last team to stop City scoring in the league - in a 2-0 win at the Etihad on Oct. 30 - and did so again, even if Patrick Vieira's team rode its luck.



Karim Benzema

Photo: Reuters

RUTHLESS AUS CRUSH WEST INDIES

Favourites stay atop Women's World Cup with a seven-wicket win

Rachael Haynes scored an unbeaten 83 as Australia took another step in its inexorable progress to a seventh Women's Cricket World Cup title, beating the West Indies by seven wickets Tuesday to remain unbeaten after four group matches.

Backing up only two days after it beat host New Zealand by 141 runs, Australia rested leading bowlers Darcie Brown and Amanda-Jade Wellington and still bowled out the West

Indies for 131. Haynes' innings and her late, unbroken partnership of 74 with Beth Mooney (28) allowed Australia to reach its target with almost 20 full overs remaining.

Advantageous start

The day began well for Australia in advantageous bowling conditions. Light rain delayed the start of play by 30 minutes without costing any overs and play began in heavy overcast and windy conditions.

There was an ominous sign for the West Indies batters from the very first ball when Megan Schutt bowled a hooping inswinger to Deandra Dottin, helped by the wind. Schutt continued to swing the ball into the right-handers while Elysse Perry had the ability to take it away on both sides of the wicket.

Perry removed the West Indies first three batters - Dottin (16), Hayley Matthews (0) and Kycia Knight (0) - in an opening spell of eight consecutive overs and finished with 3-22.

Ashleigh Gardner helped dismantle the middle order, dismissing Shemaine Campbelle (20), Chedean Nation (0) and West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor, whose 50 from 91 deliveries led her team's recovery from the loss

of Matthews and Knight to consecutive balls in the second over of the innings.

Australia's fielding remains a cut above and its catching also is on another plane. Australia's huge depth allows it to rotate players at will, without losing strength.

Early blow for WI

The early loss of Matthews and Knight was a blow to the West Indies from which they couldn't recover. The continued pressure applied later by the Australian spinners also made scoring difficult but Taylor ground out her half century with little support.

The West Indies, in turn, had Australia under some pressure when they dismissed Alyssa Healy and Lanning within the first four overs. But Haynes was immovable, posting her 17th half-century in one-day internationals and her fourth at a World Cup.

After a century against England in Australia's opening match and scores of 34 against Pakistan and 30 against New Zealand she is averaging 92 in the tournament so far.

The West Indies began with wins over New Zealand and defending champion England but lost to India and Australia. AGENCIES



Meg Lanning

Photo: AFP

The beauty of our squad is we've got such great depth. Anyone who does come in makes an impact on the game. They're not just part of the team, they're able to change the game. I thought early wickets up front today made a difference in the game, put us in front and put them under pressure. Australian captain MEG LANNING

INDIAN EVES BAG FIVE GOLDS AT ASIAN YOUTH MEET

Shaheen Gill and Nivedita Karki, and three other boxers, put up brilliant performances to win gold medals at the 2022 ASBC Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Monday.

Tamanna (50kg), Ravina (63kg) and Muskan (75kg) registered victories in the finals and bagged gold medals.

Nivedita provided India an ideal start with a sensational 3-2 win over Uzbekistan's Saidakhon Rakhmonova in the 48-kg final. Tamanna beat Uzbek boxer Robiyankhon Bakhtiyorova in the 50kg thriller. Both Nivedita and Tamanna clinched their second successive medals after silvers last edition.

Shaheen and Ravina added two more golds. Muskan also produced an aggressive show against Kazakhstan's Aidasariborova, who found it difficult to match the Indian's game and conceded heavy blows on her



Shaheen Gill

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face before the referee stopped the contest after initial few minutes in the first round and declared Muskan the winner.

Meanwhile, Priyanka and Kirti bagged silver medals. Renu (52kg), Tanisha Lamba (54kg), Prachi (57kg), Pranjal Yadav (70kg) and Sneha (81kg) secured bronze medals. India signed off with a medal in each of the 12 categories in the youth section. ANI

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of the following sports was invented by James Naismith?

- a. Football
b. Basketball
c. Ice Hockey
d. Badminton

Q2: What was the position of India Men's National Hockey team at the Rio Olympics?

- a. 3 b. 9 c. 8 d. 15

Q3: When was the Olympic Council of Asia formed?

- a. 1990
b. 1982
c. 1989
d. 1999

Q4: Who is the President of World Boxing Council?

- a. Ray Mancini
b. Luis Spota
c. Edwin Rosario
d. Mauricio Sulaiman

Q5: Which team had won the first ICC Cricket World Cup in 1975?

- a. West Indies
b. Australia
c. England
d. New Zealand

Q6: Pant became the fastest Indian to score a half-century in a Test match. How many balls did he take?

- a. 30 b. 44 c. 28 d. 13



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Q7: When and where was the infamous "Blood in the Water" match held?

- a. 1952 Summer Olympics, Helsinki
b. 1956 Summer Olympics, Melbourne
c. 1960 Summer Olympics, Rome
d. 1964 Summer Olympics, Tokyo

Q8: Which sport's annual international tournament has the "Hlinka Gretzky Cup"?

- a. Field Hockey
b. Rugby
c. Ice Hockey
d. Polo

Q9: In which style does a boxer seek to maintain distance with his opponent, fighting with, long range jabs and punches, gradually wearing his opponent down?

- a. Boxer/out-fighter
b. Boxer-puncher
c. Counter puncher
d. Brawler/sluggish

Q10: Which sport's competition Tour is known as the "Sunshine Tour"?

- a. Baseball
b. Tennis
c. Polo
d. Golf

ANSWERS: Q1) b Basketball

Q2) b 8 Q3) b 1982

Q4) d Mauricio Sulaiman Q5) a West Indies

Q6) c 28

Q7) b 1956 Summer Olympics, Melbourne

Q8) c Ice Hockey Q9) a Boxer/out-fighter

Q10) d Golf