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The WHO recently revised its guidelines –from 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  – for what it considers a safe level of exposure to particulate pollution

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## Spotlight NEERAJ CHOPRA SCRIPTS NEW NATIONAL RECORD



**N**eeraj Chopra has made another national record by throwing 89.03 metres at Paavo Nurmi Games. In the process, he bettered his own record of 87.58 metres during the Tokyo Olympics, which got him a gold medal. Notably, the Indian javelin superstar had not competed since winning his historic gold medal at Tokyo 2020.

The Paavo Nurmi Games, a gold event in the World Athletics Continental Tour, is one of the biggest track-and-field competitions outside the Diamond League, and this year's event had a super stacked field

- Chopra, the only Indian competing at the Paavo Nurmi Games, will be heading to World Athletics Championships and Commonwealth Games next
- Neeraj Chopra will also compete at the Kuortane Games in Finland before heading to Sweden for the Stockholm leg of the Diamond League

# Indians losing 5 years of life due to air pollution: Study

**A**ir pollution shortens average life expectancy in India, the second most-polluted country in the world after Bangladesh, by five years, relative to what it would be if the new stringent WHO norms were met, according to a new Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) analysis released on Tuesday. In fact, pollution would cut 7.6 years of life expectancy of 40 per cent of Indians who live in the Indo-Gangetic plains, says the report released by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC).

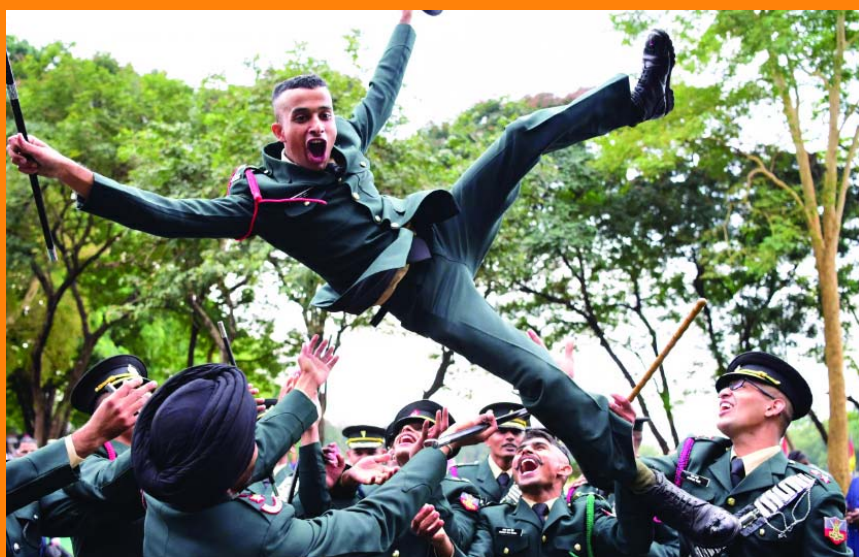
Analysing the data till 2020, the EPIC report said about 44% of the world's increase in pollution has come from India since 2013, and noted that the air pollution continued to increase in south Asia – the most-affected region of the world – during the first year of the pandemic despite Covid lockdowns. Since 1998, India's average annual particulate pollution (PM2.5) has increased by over 61%

**1** While most of the world breathes unsafe air, shaving off two years off global life expectancy, the report noted that air pollution is the greatest threat to human health in India, reducing life expectancy by five years. Child and maternal malnutrition reduces it by about 1.8 years, and smoking reduces by an average 1.5 yrs

case of Delhi, the world's most-polluted capital, people would lose 10 years of their lives in a business-as-usual scenario of not adhering to the new WHO standards

**2** As per AQLI, in the Indo-Gangetic plains of northern India, 510 million residents, nearly 40% of India's population, are on track to lose 7.6 years of life expectancy on average if current pollution levels persist. In the

**3** In 2019, over 7 million deaths annually were linked to exposure of various pollutants in the world, with analysts claiming that around 80% of deaths attributed to PM 2.5 exposure. Among all classical air pollutants, inhalable PM 2.5 is considered the most hazardous, as it gets deposited in lungs through breathing and causes serious respiratory problems



## India bets big on low-cost fighting force

**I**ndia on Tuesday unveiled a new recruitment programme called 'Agnipath' for the Armed Forces, largely on a short-term contractual basis, with an aim to cut the ballooning salary and pensions bill. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the government departments to recruit 10 lakh people in the next 1.5 years in a "mission mode". But there are concerns that the move will adversely affect professionalism, military ethos and fighting spirit of India's 14 lakh-strong Armed Forces.

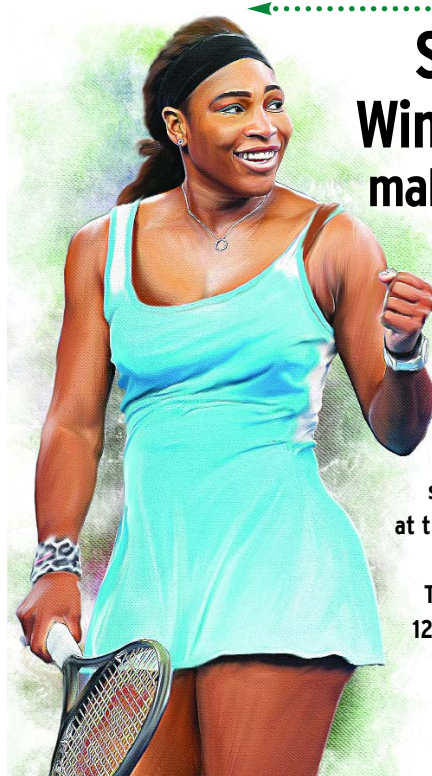
### THE BIG PICTURE

- Launched a day before the second anniversary of the Galwan episode, the Agnipath scheme has been designed to enable a youthful profile of the Armed Forces. The government wants to attract youngsters who are more in tune with contemporary technological trends
- The average age profile of Indian Armed Forces would come down by about 4-5 years once it is implemented. The government wants to recruit 46,000 'Agniveers' this year
- Army chief Gen Manoj Pande said it aims to make the Indian military a future-ready fighting force, capable of meeting multiple challenges across the full spectrum of conflict

### IS IT A REPLICA OF THE CHINESE MODEL?

A sizeable portion of Chinese PLA ranks has been filled by youngsters born after 1995. Since President Xi Jinping assumed power in 2012, he has launched several initiatives to make the PLA a truly modern military by attracting more and more youth, who can comfortably operate new and emerging technologies

## Serena Williams gets Wimbledon wildcard, to make return at Eastbourne



**S**erena Williams will resume her quest for an elusive 24th Grand Slam singles title at this month's Wimbledon after making her long-awaited return to the Tour when she competes in doubles at the Eastbourne International. The former world number one has not played competitive tennis since limping out of last year's first-round match at the grasscourt major, where she has won seven of her 23 titles, in tears due to a leg injury. The 40-year-old has slipped down the rankings to 1208th and needed a wildcard from the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC), which organises Wimbledon, to compete in the main draw of women's singles.

## WHO may declare monkeypox a global health emergency

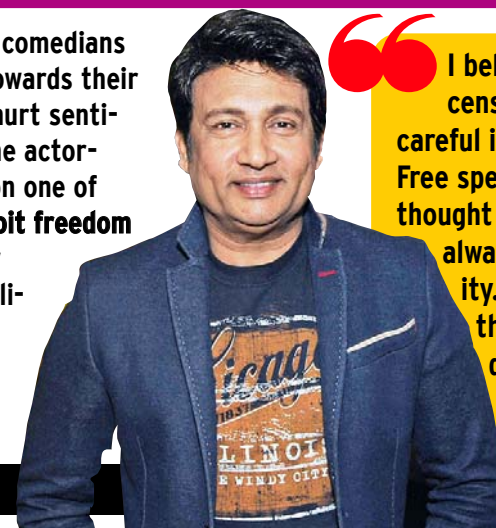
**T**he World Health Organisation (WHO) is likely to declare monkeypox, which has so far affected 2,821 people in both endemic and non-endemic countries, a global health emergency, according to media reports. The highest level of warning by the global health body currently applies only to the Covid-19 pandemic, polio and Ebola. The UN health agency will convene an emergency committee meeting next week to assess whether the recent monkeypox outbreak warrants a public health emergency.

- As of June 8, WHO reported 1,285 monkeypox cases in 28 'non-endemic' countries, particularly in Europe, North America, and Australia
- About eight African countries, including Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo and Liberia, where monkeypox is endemic, reported 1,536 suspected cases and 59 confirmed cases
- While no deaths have been reported to date from the non-endemic countries, the endemic African countries have recorded 72 deaths from monkeypox from January till June 8

## There's difference between humour and humiliation: Shekhar Suman

**A**ctor Shekhar Suman believes stand-up comedians need to have a responsible approach towards their craft, and ensure their remarks don't hurt sentiments of any section of the society. The actor-host, who is now returning to the genre as a judge on one of the laughter shows, said comedians should not exploit freedom of speech. Now, there cannot be a joke in a silly way about women, racist remarks or something about religion. Earlier, people got away with it, but not today. You have to be careful, and it is going to be a tightrope walk. The challenge is to not say all those things and yet be funny, the actor said.

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I believe there has to be censorship... You should be careful in what you are saying... Free speech or independence of thought is misused. Freedom always comes with responsibility. Humour has to be done in the right spirit. There is a difference between humiliation and humour  
**Shekhar Suman, actor**



## Current Affairs

# UKRAINE'S WAR GETS own museum show in Kyiv



**T**he dust has hardly settled. Not long ago Russian troops were bearing down on Ukraine's capital – now the story of this chapter of the invasion is already being told in a museum.

Even as the war rages elsewhere in the country, Ukrainians are flocking to a new exhibition in Kyiv displaying artefacts recovered after the Russian army was forced to withdraw from areas it occupied around the capital. Missiles, food rations, helmets and other objects abandoned in the region north of Kyiv are being shown in an exhibition at a World War II museum – known as the 'Great Patriotic War' in Ukraine.

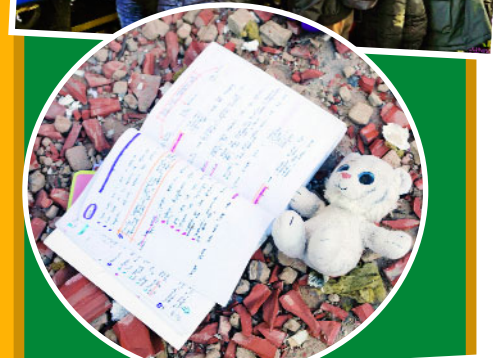


The exhibition, titled 'Ukraine - Crucifixion', is housed in the National Museum of the History of Ukraine. The artefacts were collected between April 4 and May 5, 2022 and the show's rapid opening on May 8 came with the help from the Ukrainian army and government. Enlisted below are what you'll see

**1** Glass cases display personal notes and the credit cards of Russian soldiers killed on the front line in a vital early record of the bloodshed.

**2** In the museum's cellars, there's a reconstruction of a makeshift shelter from Hostomel, close to Kyiv's airport. The original housed dozens of people for 37 days, among them kids and a six-month-old baby. On the wall, the baby's mother gives chilling video testimony.

**3** A church gate ripped open by shrapnel is showcased along with a grenade hidden under a toy in a sandpit.



**TEACHER PROMPT:** Ask students to use the photos (above) and build a scenario if they were stranded in a university in Kyiv. Ask them to present it as a monologue in the class.

**ACTIVITY 2:** Convert the classroom into a newsroom. Create a studio with anchor, producer, cameraperson and war correspondents reporting and interviewing from various spots in Ukraine, Russia, US, India. Make sure children are encouraged to build different scenarios wherein there is a deadlock in talks; sanctions being imposed; protests against Russia, What does Moscow want from NATO.

**RAISE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

- How does your own schooling experience right now compare to what kids in Ukraine and Europe are experiencing?
- What role can schools serve, even during war? How important do you think education is in a time like this?
- If you were given a chance to help a Ukrainian child of your age, what would you do?

## Word Of THE WEEK

### King of Clay



There are two types of tennis courts. One is the natural grass court that looks green and another is the clay court that looks reddish-brown in colour. Rafael Nadal has been called the King of the Clay because of his insane records on the clay courts. Nadal has overwhelmed this surface as no one has. The Spaniard is an owner of 14 French Open crowns and 22 Grand Slam titles, and now King of Clay is being referred to as the King of Tennis. Nadal's early days of tennis were spent on clay. Not in a real sense, yet he burned through the vast majority of his youth playing tennis on it. His game was constantly worked to suit the red surface the best.

### POP QUIZ

Which serial entrepreneur invented a video game called Blaster?

Clue 1: He also started a company called X.com.

Clue 2: He is said to be the inspiration for Tony Stark's character in Ironman.

Clue 3: He appeared as himself in the animated series The Simpsons.

Ans:Elon Musk



And the final clue is: He threatened to walk away from a \$44 billion deal if the micro-blogging site failed to give him accurate data

## When a picture speaks...



### BOOKED FOREVER?

Customers in Bookmorgers of Brixton, a book store in London. Apps have struggled to reproduce online the kind of real-world serendipity that puts a book in a reader's hand.

Think of caption kickers (like Booked Forever) for the photograph above

# LESSONS FROM THE WORLD

As students, while it is important to know about what's happening around the world, what is more essential is to have an in-depth perspective of events that will help you build your skill sets. Be it political, social, economic, climatic events, Times NIE presents you handpicked, curated news that will be of help to you in the classroom and give you an edge over others

## Biology/ EVS

# GREAT SALT LAKE: Drying up by the day

If the Great Salt Lake, which has already shrunk by two-thirds, continues to dry up, here's what's in store:

■ The lake's flies and brine shrimp would die off — scientists warn it could start as soon as this summer — threatening the 10 million migratory birds that stop at the lake annually to feed on the tiny creatures.

■ Ski conditions at the resorts above Salt Lake City, a vital source of revenue, would deteriorate.

■ The lucrative extraction of magnesium and other minerals from the lake could stop.

■ Most alarming, the air surrounding Salt Lake City would occasionally turn poisonous. The lake bed contains high levels of arsenic and as more of it becomes exposed, windstorms carry that arsenic into the lungs of nearby residents, who make up three-quarters of Utah's population.

### WHY LAKE SHOWS 2 COLOURS?

As shared by several Twitter users, the different colours of the Great Salt Lake are due to varied levels of salinity in the water. Based on a Twitter post, "This is Utah's Great Salt Lake. Parts of this lake up to 10 times saltier than the ocean. Split into two by a rail causeway, different levels of salinity on either side produced a striking visual. The north side is completely cut off. The algae *Dunaliella salina* and the bacterial species *Halobacterium* thrive in this highly concentrated environment, giving the water a pink hue. Whereas south of the causeway, the watercolour is dominated by green algae such as *Dunaliella*.



la viridis". In the year 1959, a railroad causeway, called the Southern Pacific Railroad, built over the lake divided it into two parts, each with two very different colours.

Mark Salt Lake on the map of US and cities around it



■ 1,000: Square miles covered by the Great Salt Lake today, according to the US Geological Survey. In the 1980s, the lake covered about 3,300 square miles.

■ 16%: Salt content of the lake last summer. The salt content used to fluctuate between 9% and 12%. If the salt content reaches 17%, the algae in the lake will struggle to survive, threatening the entire ecosystem. ■ 50%: The population of Salt Lake City is expected to grow by more than 50% over the next 50 years.



## BE LOYAL TO SOIL

*"Soil does far more than support farming and forestry."*

Many researchers focus on how to intensify agriculture for a growing, hungry world. So far, they have largely dodged the question of how global soils will cope. Scientists need to develop a predictive framework for soil loss and degradation quickly, to evaluate potential solutions systematically and implement the best ones. Soil lies at the heart of the Earth's 'critical zone' - the thin veneer extending from the top of the tree canopy to the bottom of our aquifers. Soil forms as rock breaks up and dissolves, with help from soil organisms, creating particles that bind with decaying biomass and living microbes to form larger aggregates. The built-up natural capital is lost as soil is washed from fields by rain or snatched away by dust

storms during drought. Soil is degraded by pollution, by salts concentrated from evaporating irrigation water, and by compaction by heavy machinery. Soil does far more than supporting farming and forestry. It stores carbon, filters water, transforms nutrients and sustains biodiversity. It is not clear how these essential roles will respond to agricultural intensification and other human-driven changes, how they might be enhanced in tandem with farming or how this will affect humanity. The challenge is clear. We need rigorous forecasting methods to quantify and best utilize soil's natural capital, to assess options for maintaining or extending it, and to determine how declines can be reversed. And we need these things well within a decade.



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We can all do something to help conserve soil from the comfort of our home. Taking action at home is a great way to get learning more about how soils work, and protecting your own patch is a great first step towards making a difference on a much bigger scale.

**1** Growing different vegetables and plants in your garden will help recycle nutrients back into the soil, with the added benefit of reconnecting you with where food comes from.



**2** An easy way to boost soil organic matter is to supply compost - this will 'feed' your soil with a diversity of nutrients and microorganisms.

**3** Plants that pull nitrogen from the air help increase the fertility of soils, while deep-rooting plants stop compaction, promote healthy soil structure, and draw up nutrients deeper in the soil for use by other plants.

Considering that just one teaspoon of soil can hold more organisms than there are people on the whole planet, our soils are well worth protecting!

Raising awareness about the issue of soil degradation is really important; let's keep growing this movement from the ground up! Together, we can use our power as citizens to influence the government to acknowledge the vital role of soils and commit to prioritising soil health.

## Orienting parents to school programmes



Jubilee Hills Public School, Hyderabad, organised an extensive Parent Orientation Program for the parents of Pre-Primary, Class I, Class VI and Class IX students.

**Principal, Jubilee Hills Public School**  
**Hyderabad**

The objective was to familiarise the parents with the curriculum, teaching methodologies, evaluation system, co-scholastic activities, and various other programmes of the school. The parents were briefed by Principal Varalakshmi about the major milestones achieved by the school in the past academic years. Important information regarding mode of fee payment, mode of communication with the school, and other relevant details were provided to the parents. The various new initiatives taken up by the school management for the students were also introduced to the parents. The co-scholastic and extra-curricular activities provided by the school were also touched upon. She wished for a fruitful col-

laboration between the parents and the school for a successful year ahead.

Vice Principal Kanchana Vali and Primary Headmistress Vidhu Mohan presented an overview of the curriculum, the assessment pattern and the Parent Portal facilities to the secondary and primary section parents respectively. The Vice Principal also highlighted the CBSE Board Exam Assessment pattern, and the other necessary details to the parents of Class IX students.

The presentations were followed by an interactive session where the school authorities addressed all the parents' queries. The orientation made the parents aware of the readiness of the school to welcome the students to the post pandemic academic session.



## Insight into an 'ocean' of opportunities

**Gitanjali Devashray**  
**Hyderabad**

The Science Department of Gitanjali Devashray organised a thought provoking special assembly on the occasion of World Ocean Day.

Starting with a devotional prayer, thought for the day accompanied by a song with a message for all, the assembly had an insightful segment by science teacher Shobhavathi where she spoke about the various causes and consequences of ocean pollution.

Chief Guest Divya Shree, an alumna from the 2012 batch, spoke to the audience on the prospects of Marine



Ecology with the help of a power point presentation.

A certified scuba diver and an ecologist herself, Divya is also a budding researcher from the Indian Institute of Science. The interactive session she held was insightful and informative.

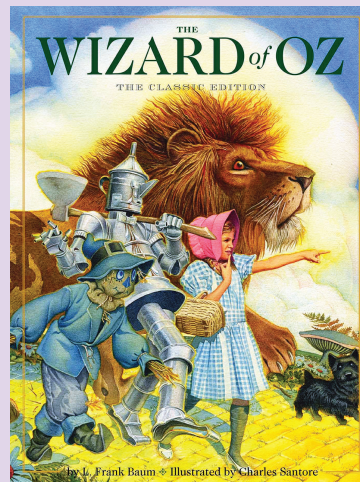
## IN A FANTASY LAND

### BOOK REVIEW: THE WIZARD OF OZ

Whenever I read a fantasy book, it transfers me to a world full of magic. The Wizard of Oz is one such fantasy book written by Lyman Frank Baum in the year 1900. It is about a girl called Dorothy and her unexpected adventures with her dog, Toto in the magical Land of Oz. Little Dorothy wants to get back home but is advised to go to the Emerald city to visit Oz who may have a solution. In the midst

of these adventures, she befriends a Scarecrow, who wants a brain from Oz's magic, a Tin Woodman who wants a heart from Oz and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage. It is a very interesting book and I would recommend every child who likes fantasy to read it.

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## Coconut shell BIRD FEEDER

**B**irds are an important part of our ecosystem. Due to the heatwave during summer, many birds die of starvation and thirst. So, keeping our feathered friends in mind, let's make a few bird-feeders using materials that we can easily find at home.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED:**  
Coconut shells, fevi-quick or hot glue gun, long thread and beads

**HOW TO MAKE:**

- Take a coconut and break it into half (do it under supervision of an adult or ask an elder to break it for you). For the bird feeder, we require the coconut-shells.
- Now with the help of fevi

- Make two holes (using a screwdriver) and insert a thick *dori* or thread through them. Once you are done threading it, you can use some beads to make it colourful and decorative.
- Tie a knot on top so that the thread is secure and then hang it on a tree branch.

Your bird feeder is ready. Fill it up with grains or water for the birds.

**DHWANI GULATI, class VIII,**  
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**Sr Sec School, Chandigarh**

## Blood donation campaign held



**Gitanjali Devshala**  
**Hyderabad**



**'There is no greater act of humanity than donating blood. It costs us nothing but gifts life to another'.**

Gitanjali Devshala under the aegis of Gitanjali Group of School, organised a blood donation campaign in association with the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society. As part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, the camp was organised on the World Blood Donor Day.

The inaugural programme began with a prayer song followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The chief guest of the day was Dr Naval Chandra, Associate Professor, Department of General

Medicine, NIMS and Committee Member of Gitanjali Group of School. Jai Karan, Managing Director, Gitanjali Group of Schools, and Madhvi Chandra, Associate Director Gitanjali Group of Schools and Principal, Gitanjali Devshala, were present on the occasion.

Durga, the coordinator of The Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society helped collaborate for the day. Speaking on the occasion, Naval Chandra highlighted the theme of this year - 'Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the efforts and save lives'. He also emphasized on the role of the youth and their efforts in giving back to society by inspiring and creating awareness about blood donation.

The parents and staff were the donors for the day and synergised with the values of gratitude, empathy and inclusiveness.

## THE SUPER FORMULA



There is a belief that keeps you going,  
There is a faith that wants you to live.

There is something that binds you and the earth like a rope,  
It is beautifully termed hope.

It is the only reason you are living,  
It makes you feel like a king.

It's your best friend through thick and thin,  
It's always by your side and makes sure you win.

It is something we can equate to God,  
It is invisible but it's there just like the lord.

It is a super formula given by the almighty,  
Just to subtract the misery and add happiness to the entity.

**VARUNITA PULI, class X-C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad**

## BOOKS



Such beautiful wonders we have in our hands,  
A world of wonder for anyone who lands  
From fantasy, fiction, and history,  
To a world full of mystery!

There they stand, high on the shelf,  
As I continue to read about the fairy and the elf  
I fly into a world of dreams  
My knowledge is growing, it seems!

A book in my hand, as I walk,  
I feel that all books talk  
But, when I tell,  
A good book listens as well!



No matter how long you take,  
Talk, boast or make a mistake  
They'll always have time to spend,  
Thus, they are called a man's best friend!

**NATASHA CHANDWASKAR, class VII-A, Akshara Vaagdevi International School, Hyderabad**



# GERMANY CRUSH ITALY

## SNAPPING A FOUR-GAME WINLESS RUN IN NATIONS LEAGUE

**G**ermany demolished Italy 5-2 on Tuesday with a sparkling display of attacking football for their first Nations League A Group Three win, snapping a four-game winless run and stretching their unbeaten streak under coach Hansi Flick. In Germany's best performance under Flick, Timo Werner struck twice after goals from Joshua Kimmich, Ilkay Gundogan and Thomas Mueller had put them in the driving seat.

### UNBEATEN IN 13 MATCHES

Teenager Wilfried Gnonto pulled one back in the 78th and Alessandro Bastoni headed in a second for the visitors in stoppage time. This was Germany's first Nations League win in four matches, and the first for Flick, unbeaten in 13 matches since taking over last year, against a top European nation. They had drawn against Italy 10 days ago. Germany, looking to peak at the year-ending World Cup in Qatar following a first round exit in 2018, are now on six points in second place, one behind Hungary. "I have to congratulate the team which put in such a performance in the fourth game of the Nations League," Flick said. Flick's team

had struggled in a 1-1 draw against Hungary last week after also drawing with the same score against England and Italy earlier this month.

### PULSATING BEGINNING

Germany captain Manuel Neuer had promised fireworks from the start and both teams had chances to score in a pulsating beginning. It was Germany who struck first when Kimmich charged into the box and tapped in a David Raum cutback in the 10th minute. The hosts then upped the pace, attacking with a burst of passing moves against Italy's untested side with Jonas Hofmann and Werner going close for the Germans. On the stroke of halftime, Gundogan stabbed in a penalty to give them a two-goal cushion. With Italy coach Roberto Mancini making two substitutions, Italy looked livelier after the break.

Werner got on the scoresheet, sliding in to connect with a Serge Gnabry assist in the 68th and then added another a minute later when Italy keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma's pass was intercepted. Gnonto pulled one back with his first international goal, becoming the youngest scorer for Italy at the age of 18, and Bastoni added a second to deny the Germans a record winning margin over them. AGENCIES

## HUNGARY HAMMER ENGLAND

■ Hungary humiliated England 4-0 away on Tuesday to go top of their Nations League group and hand the hosts their worst home defeat for 94 years in a competition Gareth Southgate's side had hoped would be a morale-boosting warmup for the World Cup.

■ Southgate made nine changes from the team that drew with Italy at the weekend to give some fringe players a chance. But despite dominating possession, England created few chances and the experiment backfired against a Hungary team who beat them in Budapest earlier in the month and were out for blood again.



Photo: REUTERS

■ Hungary's Roland Sallai began the rout when he controlled the ball on his knee after a miscued header from John Stones before drilling past Aaron Ramsdale in the 16th minute.

■ Sallai scored a second in the 70th minute with a perfect finish with the outside of his boot after Calvin Phillips lost a tackle. Zsolt Nagy chipped Ramsdale and Daniel Gazdag drove from distance into the corner for two late goals that heaped pain on England.

■ Adding to their disastrous night, England defender Stones was sent off for two yellow cards.



Ilkay Gundogan



Timo Werner

# INDIA THRASH HONG KONG

## FINISHING ON TOP IN GROUP D AT AFC ASIAN CUP QUALIFIERS

**I**ndia completed their AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers 2023 campaign in style at the VYBK Stadium in Kolkata as they bagged a massive 4-0 win over Hong Kong in the final game of Group D. Anwar Ali, Sunil Chhetri, Manvir Singh and Ishan Pandita were the goalscorers for the Blue Tigers.

### DULY REWARDED

India started the match on the front foot just as they did against Afghanistan, and they were duly rewarded for their efforts. They were awarded a corner in the 2nd minute of the game, and they took full advantage of the set piece. The ball was swung in and after some pinball stuff, the ball fell to Anwar Ali who smashed the ball into the back of the net for his first international goal



Indian players celebrate with the national flag after winning their AFC Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers final round football match against Hong Kong, at VYBK stadium in Kolkata

and one of the most crucial ones for India. Hong Kong responded by pressing high up the pitch after that and it was India who kept things at bay. Suresh Singh Wangjam was booked for a rough tackle by the referee in the 9th minute. Things started to settle down a bit after that, but both teams were trying to create chances, with Hong Kong pressing

for the equaliser and India trying to hit them on the counter-attack.

### COMFORTABLE POSITION

With India in a comfortable position, they were happy to concede position, soak up pressure and hit Hong Kong on the counter. With the clock ticking away, Hong Kong became more

and more desperate for a goal but that only resulted in them cheaply giving away possession and India as a result gaining more control of the match. Ishan Pandita got inside the six-yard box and with a defender closing down on him, Ishan cheekily backheeled the ball into the far corner and made it 4-0 in favour of the Blue Tigers. ANI

## CHHETRI BECOMES JOINT 5TH HIGHEST GOAL SCORER IN INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL HISTORY

■ Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint fifth highest goal scorer in international football history.

■ Chhetri achieved this feat during their AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong on Tuesday, where he scored his 84th goal. He has now equalled Real Madrid and Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas goals scoring exploits on the international level.

■ Earlier in October 2021, Chhetri also surpassed legendary football player Pele's record of 77 goals. He is now third on the list of active international goalscorers, just behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi

## NEERAJ BREAKS OWN RECORD WITH 89.30M JAVELIN THROW, BAGS SILVER MEDAL

**I**ndia's Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra set a new national record and finished with a silver medal with a throw of 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland, bettering his own previous national record of 88.07 meters which he had set in Patiala in March last year.

This was Chopra's first outing in an international competition since his historic Gold medal winning throw of 87.58 meters at the Tokyo Olympics on August 7, 2021.

The 89.30 meters throw saw him finish second on the podium at the Paavo Nurmi Games behind the Finnish favourite Oliver Helander, who achieved a personal best of 89.93 meters. Meanwhile, Grenada's world champion Anderson Peters finished third with a throw of 86.60 meters. Chopra's first competitive event after ten



Neeraj Chopra

months turned out to be a historical moment as the athlete nearly touched the coveted 90 meters mark; which is considered the gold standard in the world of javelin throw.

With an opening throw of 86.92 meters, Chopra's next throw was a mammoth 89.30 meters. Although his next three attempts were fouls, he came up with two throws of 85.85 meters on his sixth and final attempts. ANI

## QUIZ TIME!

### Q1: When was the David Dixon Award introduced?

- a) 2000
- b) 2002
- c) 2006
- d) 2010

### Q2: When was the Queen's Baton Relay introduced in the Commonwealth Games?

- a) 1934
- b) 1938
- c) 1958
- d) 1954

### Q3: Which player has scored the fastest double centuries in ODIs?

- a) Virender Sehwag
- b) Sachin Tendulkar
- c) Chris Gayle
- d) Fakhar Zaman

### Q4: Which country has the maximum number of Sudirman Cup titles?

- a) China
- b) South Korea
- c) Indonesia
- d) Denmark

### Q5: How many goals has Lionel Messi scored for Argentina

till date?  
a) 40 b) 57 c) 86 d) 91



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### Q6: How many national swimming federations are part of FINA?

- a) 174
- b) 209
- c) 75
- d) 202

### Q7: Which Football Club was designated as the FIFA Club of the Century in 2000?

- a) Manchester United
- b) Liverpool
- c) Real Madrid
- d) Arsenal

### Q8: Which was the first team in Europe to win all UEFA's official championships and cups?

- a) Arsenal
- b) Liverpool
- c) Juventus
- d) Manchester United

### Q9: Who was the "Man of the 2011 Cricket World Cup, in which India won its second title?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Zaheer Khan
- d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. 2002 2. c. 1958  
3. c. Chris Gayle 4. a. China  
5. c. 86 6. b. 209 7. c. Real Madrid  
8. c. Juventus 9. d. Mahendra Singh Dhoni