



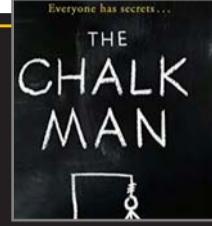
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CLOUD SEEDING

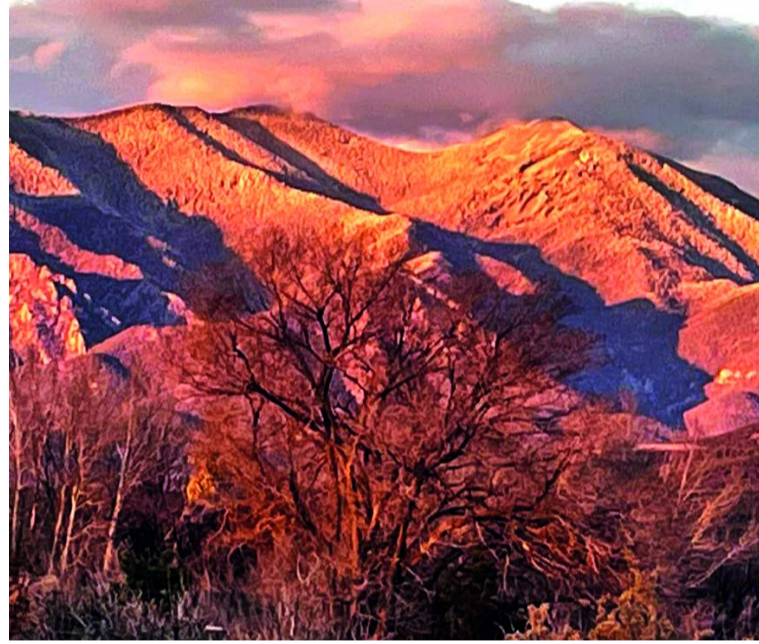
X-PLAINED

IN THE NEWS FOR? A plan to seed the clouds over the mountains of New Mexico to increase snowfall during a historic drought was withdrawn recently after accusations that it could poison people and the environment.

WHAT IS CLOUD SEEDING? A weather modification technique, cloud seeding works through a process of sprinkling some chemicals – usually particles of silver iodide (AgI) – among clouds, which in turn has the effect of spurring cloud condensation, causing water droplets to cluster around. The process leads to increasing the chance of precipitation.

WHY IS IT USED? According to experts, cloud seeding helps in not only causing rain but also clearing clouds from the sky, which is why this technique is also known 'blue-skying'. The materials used for cloud seeding include silver iodide, some cooling liquid, dry ice and propane-colourless gas.

HOW DOES CLOUD SEEDING HELP? From bringing down pollutants in the air to forestalling hail, reducing lightning, and driving away fog, cloud seeding has the potential of increasing the chance of rain or snowfall, claim experts.



HOW DOES CLOUD SEEDING WORK?

Cloud seeding involves using aircraft or drones to add small particles of silver iodide, which have a structure similar to ice, to clouds. Water droplets cluster around the particles, modifying the structure of the clouds and increasing the chance of precipitation.

DOES INDIA PRACTISE CLOUD SEEDING?

According to reports, India started exploring cloud seeding strategies in the 1950s, and efforts in that direction got a fresh impetus in 2018 with the Union ministry of Earth Sciences investing in data collection and experiments. However, there is said to be no plan for a national programme on cloud seeding.

COMIC BOOK INTRODUCES KIDS TO KEY CONCEPTS AND CAREERS IN CYBERSECURITY

In a bid to encourage kids, especially girls, towards cybersecurity and STEM, experts in the US have come up with a comic book. Called CryptoComics, it is a curriculum designed to teach elementary school children about cybersecurity – the practice of keeping digital information safe, and related careers. It also teaches about cryptography – the science of making and breaking

codes. CryptoComics integrates a digital comic book, apps and unplugged activities, such as painting rocks with ancient symbols and making invisible ink. The chapters of the comic book progress from basic information about codes and symbols to current cybersecurity practices such as creating safe passwords.

CryptoComics is freely available on cryptocomics.org

■ The overall objective of the programme is to spark girls' interest in careers in cybersecurity. While it will take years to determine whether the programme has the desired effect, early research shows that participants come out knowing about more potential jobs in cybersecurity than they did before



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**NEWS IN
CLUES**

Which luxury fashion house's founder's real name was Gabrielle?

CLUE 1: The world's most expensive advertisement was made for this company.

CLUE 2: The founder was arrested after World War II on suspicion of being a Nazi collaborator.

CLUE 3: The company started off by selling hats.

Chanel is named after its founder Gabrielle Chanel, who was popularly known as Coco. The world's most expensive TV advertisement was made for the company's Chanel No 5 perfume, costing \$33 million and starring Nicole Kidman

Answer: CHANEL. The French luxury group has named Indian-origin Leena Nair as its Global CEO, effective from January 2022

WhatsApp rolls out new 'Voice Message Preview' feature

With an aim to allow users to review their voice messages before sending, Meta-owned WhatsApp has announced that it is rolling out a new 'Voice Message Preview' feature for Indian users. It will now allow users to preview their voice messages on WhatsApp before they send them. "Voice Messages are one of the most popular features for WhatsApp users worldwide," the company said in a statement. "They bring you closer to friends and family than a text message and unlike a call, give you the freedom to message, and for them to listen, when it is most convenient," it added.



■ Meanwhile, the company has recently brought in a new privacy update to prevent unknown contacts to see a user's last seen and online status

■ This new feature has been reportedly rolled out for both Android and iOS-enabled devices

Wear Spider-Man N95 masks to keep pollution at bay



The friendly neighbour is back in New Delhi with 'No Way Home'. While in the movie, the favourite Marvel character Spider-Man will be fighting evil, the real heroes will be all wearing N95 masks to protect from the second and/or the third wave and air pollution. With the Spider-Man: No Way Home movie releasing on December 16, 2021, Nirvana Being, a clean air solutions company, has launched the N95 Spider-Man masks as the Marvel official mask merchandise partner. With their favourite Marvel character, kids will finally be excited to keep their masks on.

According to the makers, the N95 Airific and Nirvana Masks are both anti-viral and anti-pollutant for an all-round protection, tested and certified by Nelson Labs, USA. With the lowest breathing resistance, they are extremely comfortable to wear for long durations. Also, they are washable and reusable for up to 300-500 hours of usage. In addition, these N95 Spider-Man Masks come with adjustable ear loops and nose strips to give a snug fit, keeping all the safety measures firmly in place, while also looking fun and stylish, they claim

Group Capt Varun Singh, who sustained injuries in IAF chopper crash, dies: IAF



Group Captain Varun Singh, who had been rescued after the helicopter crash on December 8 that killed Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and 12 others, died on Wednesday. Group Captain Singh was being treated at a Bengaluru military hospital after he was moved from Wellington in Tamil Nadu's Coonoor. He had been on life support, according to officials.

AND THE MOST TWEETED HASHTAGS OF 2021 ARE...

Twitter has released the list of the top 10 hashtags that were most tweeted in India in 2021. #Covid19 has emerged as the most-tweeted hashtag. It was followed by #FarmersProtest, #TeamIndia, #Tokyo2020, #IPL2021, #IndvsEng, #Diwali...

Top 5 most tweeted sports person

■ The most tweeted about Indian athletes featured ace skipper, Virat Kohli, followed by MS Dhoni, Sachin Tendulkar, T20, and ODI skipper Rohit Sharma, and former Indian batsman Virendra Sehwag. Indian athletes also served up a great volley of



victories that won the hearts of their fans on Twitter. Badminton star PV Sindhu

became the 'most Tweeted about' Olympian athlete on Twitter in India in 2021. Taking the second spot under the same title was gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, while the third podium finish was filled by bronze medal winner Bajrang Punia



TOP 5 MOST TWEETED IPL TEAMS

Chennai Super Kings was the most-tweeted about team on Twitter in 2021, followed by Royal Challengers Bangalore, Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan Royals, and event runners-up Kolkata Knight Riders

Omicron likely present in most countries: WHO

The World Health Organisation on Tuesday said that the new Covid-19 variant Omicron has been detected in over 70 countries and it was likely that it is already present in most countries in the world. "77 countries have now reported cases of Omicron, and the reality is that Omicron is probably in most countries, even if it hasn't been detected yet. Omicron is spreading at a rate we have not seen

with any previous variant," WHO said in a tweet. The international health body also raised concern over the world, as people are dismissing Omicron as mild. The WHO also urged people to use proper coronavirus protocol. "It's not vaccines instead of masks. It's not vaccines instead of ventilation or hand hygiene. Do it all. Do it consistently. Do it well," the organisation said.

BOOKS



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HOW TO HELP SET A NEW PURPOSE FOR THE

Active parents love this time of the year. This is a time for holidays and family bonding. This is also a time for parents to facilitate the reflection by their children on how the previous year went as far as their various focus areas are concerned and also what their goals for the next year are.

Of the five key attributes that Active Parenting inculcates in children — Social consciousness, Happiness, Authenticity, Resilience and Purposefulness (SHARP) — purposefulness is the one that is critical for building ownership and responsibility. Purposeful children set their own goals, figure out the strategies to achieve

New Year

them and go about executing with great focus — all powered by their own sense of purpose. Facilitating the reflection by children on their own achievements and helping them set goals for the coming year is a great way to instill a sense of purpose.

There are two things parents can do to stimulate the process. 1. Use family time to bring up the reflection and future planning. 2. Role model by first talking about their own achievements vs. goals set for the previous year and then setting their own goals for the next year. In fact, the whole exercise can be a family goal setting where each person decides their own goals for the coming year.

Here are five guidelines that can be used to ensure effectiveness

1. Lighten-up the exercise by adding a lot of humour, especially while describing one's own shortfalls.
2. Be very honest in one's own self-assessment and desist from finding excuses for one's own goal-shortfalls
3. Do not be judgmental or critical when children talk of their own goal-misses. Instead, help them think through what they could have done differently.
4. Praise the effort and not the ability/talent for their achievements.
5. Let children set their own goals. Do not push them to set goals that are your priorities.

Children who grow up to be purpose-driven individuals are not only more successful, but they also find more happiness in the journey.



HELP YOUR KIDS

POSITIVE PARENTING

WHY YOUR CHILD BEHAVES DISRESPECTFULLY

It is no surprise to observe backlashes, disrespect, mocking or aggression from children at some point in life, especially adolescence. At times, it becomes alarming, especially when you see such behaviour for the first time, or when it comes at a point when it is least expected. Whatever the situation is, the behaviour becomes a matter of concern for the parents and those around the child. We bring to you some possible causes that could be responsible for triggering a reaction instead of a response and how it can be worked upon.

FACTORS THAT CAN INFLUENCE MOODS AND BEHAVIOURS

The present circumstances may be different for you but very different for your child. While you may not find anything objectionable about the way things are, the child's perspective is always unprecedented and different. There might be something disturbing about the present scenario that is messing with the child's mind, which brings out a disturbing reaction in the form of disrespect.

CULTURAL, GENDER AND GENERATIONAL BIASES

Any biases in the child's environment that make them feel inferior or messes up with his/her nascent sense of self can lead to mental build-up and can find unhealthy expression in everyday conversations.

ILLNESS

If your child is suffering from an ailment, then an evident irritability in their behaviour can be expected for a healthy mind that only resides in a healthy body.

HOME INFLUENCE

Even though you may not have explicitly disrespected your partner or any other member of the family or community in your child's presence, there are other forms in which one can disrespect somebody. Your behaviour is very likely to be picked up by your child unconsciously or subconsciously and it can then find an outlet at the most unexpected of times.



BULLYING/HISTORY OF UNRESOLVED TRAUMA

Your child might be facing bullying in school or be troubled by an unresolved trauma that dates back to the formative years. Such events have an adverse effect on self-esteem and can trigger disrespectful behaviour including shouting and talking back in the form of regaining control of the self.

BAD INFLUENCES

This can include a rowdy friend circle where emotional intelligence is relegated to the level of toxic behaviours and backlashes. It can also include substance consumption and acting under the influence of substances.

PRAISE WELL

When you see change, or take note of progress, it is imperative to encourage that behaviour by praising the child. It reaffirms their faith in what they're doing and motivates them to practice more of it

TIPS FOR WORKING ON THESE ISSUES

■ After identifying the reasons behind your child's troubled behaviour, it is necessary to resolve the issues that are bringing about this behaviour. Here are some methods that can aid the process of resolution.

■ Leading by example is extremely important and if you practice what you preach, your child will automatically regard you highly and copy your behaviour. The first step towards teaching respect is giving respect, categorically.

■ It is often said that patience is the softest form of love. To manifest that, you should avoid any comparisons or conversations that make them feel 'lesser' of a person. Being patient with them while they're undergoing healing is the key to change.

■ Giving love and affection to an individual is the ultimate and most potent form of healing. It is not until you sit with your child in peace and talk them through their day that you actually get to know what state they are in. This also makes them feel loved and important.

■ Even though most people still believe that therapy should only be considered if the situation is dire, it is not true. No matter how 'frivolous' an issue they're facing, you can seek professional help because it helps one know oneself better and work on the self. TNN

REVELATION



Baby Names That Are Illegal

Did you know that there are some names that you are not supposed to keep for your child - and it's just not socially inappropriate - it's actually against the law. To know more, read on...

ADOLF HITLER: It's illegal to name your child Adolf Hitler in Germany, Mexico and New Zealand. Who even needs a law to not name their baby after this cruel German dictator who had killed millions of Nazis in the concentration camps of Germany and Poland!

AMIR: This name, meaning 'Prince' is banned in Saudi Arabia as it is said to relate one to royalty.

CHOW TOW: The name is banned in Malaysia and Victoria, Australia because it means smelly head. Interesting, right?

ASHANTI: This one is banned in Portugal because they want parents to choose from an approved list.

CYANIDE: You cannot name your baby Cyanide in the UK because it means deadly poison.

ANUMA: The name is banned in Japan as it means 'devil'. Why would anyone want to name their baby Anuma anyway but if anyone is thinking of doing so in Japan, they risk a jail term.

ENRIQUE: Ireland doesn't allow foreign names, so you can't name your baby Enrique. TNN

GOOD FOOD

Healthy Korean snacks for winter eating

The Korean weight loss diet or the K-Pop diet has taken over the world. Known for its amazing health benefits and spectacular weight maintenance results, many people are resorting to it. Foodies, try these K-goodies to rev up your snack plate



RECIPE

Macaroni Pasta Soup

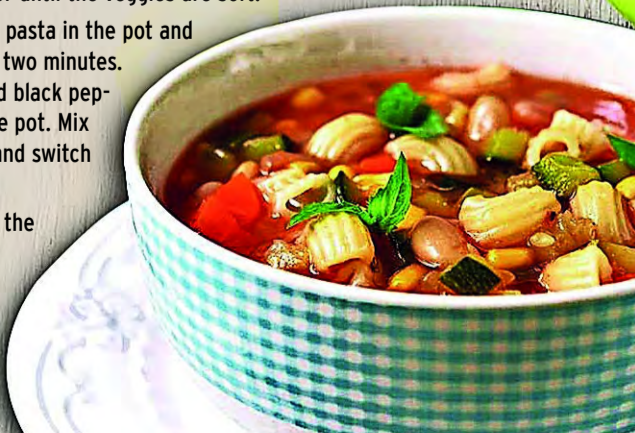
LOVE PASTAS OF ALL KINDS? TRY THIS SOUPY VERSION OF THE POPULAR DISH, MADE WITH SEASONAL VEGGIES AND PEPPER

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup pasta macaroni
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1/4 cup peas
- 1/4 cup chopped green beans
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 cups of water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup chopped carrot
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- Salt as required

HOW TO MAKE

- STEP 1:** Put three cups of water in a pan, add pasta and let it boil. Let it simmer until the pasta cooks. Once cooked, drain it, run it under cold water and set it aside.
- STEP 2:** Heat a Tbsp of butter in a pot, add garlic and saute for a minute. Now, add onions and cook for another two minutes. Add tomato puree and cook for two minutes.
- STEP 3:** Drop all the chopped veggies - carrot, beans, peas in the pot along with 3 cups of water. Let the water boil once. Then simmer for 3-4 minutes or until the veggies are soft.
- STEP 4:** Add the pasta in the pot and cook for the last two minutes. Now, add salt and black pepper powder in the pot. Mix everything well and switch off the flame.
- STEP 5:** Garnish the soup with fresh cream, coriander leaves or any other seasoning of your choice. TNN



YEONGEUM JORIM (Lotus Root Chips)

The sweet Yeongeum Jorim, also known as the lotus root chips, is the perfect snack to binge on. High in fibre, mineral and vitamins, it is a good food item to help you get on with your fitness plans. Usually prepared with soy sauce and corn syrup, it is also very delicious.



KIM NORI (Crispy Seaweed)

One thing Koreans cannot do without is seaweed. They put seaweed in everything, from dishes to soups to stir-fries. Seaweed is packed with nutrients, making it a very healthy eating option. So, if you're someone working towards losing weight, but cannot steer clear of sudden cravings, crispy seaweed or kim nori is your go-to snack.



GANG NENG YI (Korean Popcorn)

Gang Neng Yi is a great Korean alternative to regular popcorn you can enjoy while watching movies. It is seasoned with very little salt, minus any oil, so it's less fattening.



GOGUMA-MALLAENGI (Crunchy Sweet Potato Chips)

As far as sweet potatoes are concerned, Koreans love them. It is a great winter food and people eat it boiled, cooked, stir-fried, fried and any other way they want to. But if you are looking for a snack that's healthy, then goguma-mallaengi or crunchy sweet potato chips is your go-to food item. It is dried and has an amazing taste. Besides, it is a good source of vitamin C and D.



GANGJEONG (Korean Granola Bar)

Gangjeong are delicious granola bars prepared with oats, nuts, peanut butter and more. Traditionally, it would be prepared with just brown sugar and barley. However, you can give it a spin with healthy ingredients of your choice. TNN



Collaborating beyond borders to combat cybercrime

The Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad hosted an international panel discussion in collaboration with DPS Modern School Doha, Qatar, as part of the International Dimension in Schools (IDS) project Cyber Security. A conscious step forward.

The panel discussion, an edition of Shri Samvaad, was conducted live on the virtual platform where students from both the schools spoke about topics ranging from the importance of cyber security to the installation of anti-virus software and firewalls in personal computers, how to identify a safe website and how to keep one's data safe on an online platform. Panelists also spoke about the rampant cybercrime in their respective countries and also the acts and laws about them. Terms like phishing and skimming were expounded at length.

Other issues dealt in length were how to keep money safe while making online payments, how to practice digital wellness and how to keep health hazards at

bay while using digital media.

Tips on using OTP options to make online payments, avoiding untrustworthy portals, avoiding public WI-FI connections, and using strong unique passwords and PINs were some of the many suggestions shared during the reflection. The enthusiasm of the panelists to answer the doubts from the audience was commendable. Also praiseworthy was their command over the subject matter because of which they made the discussion interesting and unique.

As a precursor to this discussion, Shriites from classes VIII and IX were involved in various collaborative activities on the topic of cyber safety. These projects involved peer learning, research creativity and presentation skills. This edition of Shri Samvaad reaffirmed the faith in the power of youth to collaborate with each other beyond borders and work towards establishing a global village. The session was concluded with the National Anthems of both countries and the audience went home enlightened by the information on cyber security.

The Shri Ram Universal School
Hyderabad

PANELISTS

- Rithwik Mamillapalli CLASS IX, DPS Modern School, Doha
- Shreyas Kumar CLASS IX, DPS Modern School, Doha
- Khanak Jain CLASS IX, DPS Modern School, Doha
- Shreya Binu John CLASS IX, DPS Modern School, Doha
- Atul Suresh Nair CLASS IX, DPS Modern School, Doha
- Nimra Ashar CLASS IX, DPS Modern School, Doha

TOPIC
Cyber Security
"A Conscious Step Forward"

A panel discussion by the students and for the students in collaboration with DPS Modern Indian School, India, Qatar.

Saturday, 30 October 2021
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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DISCOVERING SCIENTIFIC TRUTHS

Akshara Vagdevi
International School
Hyderabad

"The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge"

Science always reveals a new truth, a new discovery, an unknown reality. As the necessities evolve, new inventions and innovations become inevitable and we must endeavour in the journey of experimental education to ensure we are not rendered obsolete as a result of these changing times. Education in today's scenario aims at the holistic development of children. Pragmatic approach imparts learning by



doing and experiencing things. Exhibitions, seminars, projects, presentations enhance the student's knowledge.

Akshara Vagdevi International School conducted an inter-house Science Exhibition LA-BOURSE for classes I to X. The event inspired, encouraged and motivated the students, teachers and parents. The tomorrow's scientists of Akshara Vagdevi displayed different models and experiments with great enthusiasm and excitement. The exhibition commenced with the welcome speech and

motivational words of Principal Vanaja and the participants took the event forward with much gusto. She introduced the parent judges, Hema, Pamela Abraham, Swarna Latha and Yamini Bennuri in the special assembly. It was so wonderful to watch students from all four houses performing various experiments which showed that when they put their minds to it, the sky is truly the limit.

The experiments included the working of a windmill, a solar plant, a hydro plant. The students were zealous to explain the concept of their project or experiment to everyone present. Various sustainable topics and ideas were picked up and demonstrated visually.

The invitees for the day were delighted and overwhelmed by all of the performances and wished that the flame of curiosity within these young minds continues to remain ignited.

"Technology should improve your life...not become your life."

BOOKS ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS!



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VANSHIKA SRIVASTAVA, class VII-A, Jain Heritage A Cambridge School, Kondapur

THE HUES OF DYES

The world began to swirl around me
Dyes of different colours flow past my eyes
I am so dizzy of this world
I am standing still, holding my ground.
For it is the only thing
That is clear to me, the beautiful dyes, touched by the beauty of nature.

P ESHITA VASUKI, class VIII-A, Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills

MY PAPER LANTERN

- Take a cardboard sheet and cut two strips out of it. Glue both the strips on the either side of a translucent paper.
- Draw any shape to decorate the paper, for instance a flower or heart using a coloured pen.
- Fold the paper into a cylindrical shape.

- Cut a circle of cardboard sheet and tape it to the bottom of cylinder. Take a string and fix both the ends of the string on the either side of cylinder.
- Place a tea light candle in the cylinder.

Your paper lantern is ready!

DO IT YOURSELF

LAKSHMI KS, class VIII-C, Bhavan's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri

MUSIC REVIEW: ROSÉ'S ON THE GROUND

Blackpink Rosé's On The Ground is a melodious song about looking for answers in life. Many times we forget to take care of what matters the most. Rosé says that everything we need is already within us. The lyrics are simple and it is easy to understand the true meaning of the song.

The song expresses a person's feelings when they realize the success they have dreamt of since childhood could snatch away their true

self. Rosé says that when she flew up the clouds looking for success, she realized that everything she needed was on the ground. Through this song, we can understand that everything that glitters is not gold. The best things are always open and yet unseen. We should always love ourselves and enjoy some time with ourselves and know what is valuable.

M MOKSHA, class VIII, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet



Performing Poetry

Performance poetry is specifically composed for a performance before an audience. Our class II Gangians gave a performance on poems written by themselves on the topic 'Animals', with perfect actions, props and facial expressions.

The performance helped children acquire many skills too -- they learnt that it is one of the most effective ways to explore the significance of rhythm and meaning of poems. This activity helped them to come up with a delivery style indicating emphasis, mood and pace effectively, while performing.

All the children actively participated and had a great time and befriended the genre, poetry.



Ganges Valley School
Hyderabad

SENSITISING STUDENTS TO TRAFFIC RULES



The management of Delhi World School, Shadnagar, organized an awareness programme for students on traffic rules by Jagruthi Police Kala Brundham.

Traffic signals, road signs, codes for motorists to be followed in hospital and school zones, etc., were explained to the students.

Motorists and pedestrians should follow traffic rules to maintain a sound traffic system. Indian roads are overcrowded with various types of vehicles - cars, buses, trucks, farm vehicles

like tractors etc, along with bicycles, autorickshaws, motorcycles and pedestrians. Vendors are often seen encroaching on the road. With so many vehicles and commuters, it becomes imperative to design specific rules to be followed to ensure safe transit for everyone.

There are a set of rules and regulations formulated to be obeyed while using the roads. The children were urged to keep in mind the rules to keep themselves as well as others on the road safe and sound.

Delhi World School
Shadnagar

Painters' Gallery



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EMPOWERED:
AKSHARA AGARWAL, class VI A, Gitanjali Primary School, Hyderabad

SPACE VISION:
PAHEL JOSHI, class VIII A, Gitanjali Devshala, Hyderabad



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ENG LOOK TO CRASH PINK BALL PARTY

Pumped up team will bid to level series
playing under lights in second Ashes Test

England are preparing to throw the kitchen sink at Australia in the day-night second Ashes test at Adelaide Oval in a bid to level the series after seeing their best-laid plans torn to shreds in the Gabba opener.

RIDING ON VETERANS

Selectors are expected to press the rested James Anderson and Stuart Broad back into service and hope the veteran duo can do more damage with the pink ball than their team mates managed with the red one during the nine-wicket thrashing in Brisbane. Another defeat would be disastrous for Joe Root's men.

Only one team have come back from a 2-0 deficit to win the Ashes – the Don Bradman-captained Australia that pulled off the comeback for the ages in 1936/37.

While Root has enjoyed a Bradman-esque 2021 with the bat, scoring the most runs in a calendar year by an English batsman, it might be a stretch to compare his team with the Depression-era Australians. And they face a rejuvenated side that has turned day-night cricket into a competitive advantage, winning all eight of their tests under lights dating back to the format's 2015 debut. That run included the 120-run victory over Root's England in Adelaide during the 2017/18 series, which stretched Australia's lead to 2-0 on the way to a 4-0 hiding.

Where England have Broad and Anderson, Australia have their own swing maestro in Mitchell Starc and a proven pink ball performer in skipper Pat Cummins. Starc took an eight-wicket match haul in the 2017 Ashes test in Adelaide, while Cummins, the world's top-ranked test bowler, has racked up 26 day-night wickets in five matches at an average of 16.23.

WARNER PASSED FIT

Dynamic opener David Warner will play through the pain in the second Ashes Test against England, Australia captain Pat Cummins said. Warner scored 94 in the first innings but didn't field or bat in Australia's second innings as he nursed bruised ribs after being pummelled by the England attack.

The 35-year-old padded up in the Adelaide Oval nets on Tuesday and made several audible cries of pain, but Cummins said he would play the day-night Test. "He'll be right, he batted with a bit of discomfort, but knowing Davey he's not going to miss this one," Cummins said. "He'll be fine once the adrenaline kicks in," he added of the flamboyant star.



NEED FOR SPIN SPECIALIST

Pace, however, is not the be-all and end-all at Adelaide Oval. Spin also has a role, as Nathan Lyon's six wickets in 2017 showed. Adelaide Oval curator Damian Hough said England would be missing a trick if they did not pick a specialist spinner. "History says that the pitch will spin," Hough told reporters on the eve of the test on Wednesday. "Nathan's always played a role out there. So from our end we believe that spin at Adelaide needs to play a part."

This leaves England's selectors with a conundrum after spinner Jack Leach conceded 1-102 at nearly eight runs an over in Brisbane. The dilemma is compounded by the team's sluggish bowling. Even with Leach bowling in Brisbane, England failed to get through their required overs and were docked five World Test Championship points and all of their match fees.

An all-seam attack would put their bowlers under more pressure to speed things along, which may be a tough ask if required to field first, given the forecast for a hot opening day on Thursday and a scorching day two before a cool change.

England's batters are also in the firing line after managing 147 in the first innings of the series-opener and losing eight wickets in a session on day four.

Australia, by comparison, have had little to keep them awake at night. The hosts may miss the suffocating line-and-length of the sidelined Josh Hazlewood but are excited to see what replacement quick Jhye Richardson might do. Richardson has waited nearly three years since his debut series against Sri Lanka in 2019 and finally gets another chance after impressive form in the Sheffield Shield. **REUTERS**



Stuart Broad



James Anderson

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MAN CITY rout LEEDS

Magnificent seven powers Guardiola's men to the top

Manchester City powered four points clear at the top of the Premier League as Kevin De Bruyne inspired a 7-0 rout of Leeds just hours after clubs were given strict new measures to curb the threat of the coronavirus on Tuesday.

De Bruyne delivered an imperious display including two goals on his first league start since November 6 after the Belgian star recovered from a bout of Covid-19. Phil Foden, Jack Grealish, Riyad Mahrez, John Stones and Nathan Ake were also on target as Pep Guardiola's side ran riot at the Etihad Stadium.

City's seventh successive league victory put pressure on second placed Liverpool and third placed Chelsea, who face Newcastle and Everton respectively on Thursday. The champions' biggest win this season equalled Liverpool's 1982 top-flight record of 33 victories in a calendar year. "We're proud of the way we're playing. When you get these results it is because individually they are brilliant," Guardiola said. "Kevin, in these type of games

when it is open up and down, is devastating as he can do what he wants. He's so important for us."

It was the joint biggest league defeat in Leeds' history and shell-shocked boss Marcelo Bielsa said: "We've never had a performance like this. There is no justification. I have to take responsibility."

Whether City's determined title defence survives without a brush with Covid remains to be seen as the new Omicron strain wrecks havoc.

Aston Villa keep head up

Norwich manager Dean Smith revealed his club had asked the Premier League for guidance over his bottom of the table team's Covid issues prior to Tuesday's 2-0 defeat against Aston Villa. "It's been a tough few days. We've had a few Covid-related drop outs," Smith said before kick-off at Carrow Road.

Villa were also hit by Covid but they kept their focus to make it four wins from six games under new boss Steven Gerrard. Smith had hoped for revenge on Villa just 38 days after his sacking. But Jacob Ramsey ran from the halfway line to fire home in the 35th minute and Ollie Watkins tapped in after 87 minutes.

"It's been a challenging week," Gerrard said. "We have to make sure we're very diligent with the guidelines. Nobody wants to see the situation deteriorate." **AP**

BAYERN HAMMER STUTTGART, EXTEND LEAD

■ Serge Gnabry scored a hat trick as Bayern Munich stretched its lead in the Bundesliga to nine points with a 5-0 hammering of Stuttgart.

■ Gnabry curled the ball into the top-right corner in the 40th minute to open scoring.

■ Thomas Muller set up Gnabry for a second goal and a third. Robert Lewandowski chipped the ball over the goalkeeper in the 69th in a Gnabry cross three minutes later. Soon after, Gnabry completed his hat trick.



Kevin De Bruyne

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AVAILABLE FOR SA ODI SERIES, CLARIFIES KOHLI

India Test captain Virat Kohli on Wednesday asserted that he will play in the upcoming ODI series in South Africa, putting to rest speculations about his availability and his equation with newly-appointed white-ball skipper Rohit Sharma.

"I was and I am available for selection all the time. I never communicated with BCCI asking for rest. I am available for the ODI series in South Africa, and was always available," Kohli said during the pre-departure press conference before the tour of South Africa.

Over the last two days, speculation has been rife that not all is well between Kohli and Test vice-captain Rohit, who will not play the Tests due to a hamstring injury. After Rohit was ruled out, reports emerged that Kohli will take a break from the ODI series. This was after Rohit was



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handed the reins of ODI and T20I teams last week while announcing the Test squad.

Shortly before the T20 World Cup got underway Kohli had announced his decision to step down as India's T20I captain. India will play three Tests and three ODIs against South Africa. **AGENCIES**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which NBA star claimed he was misquoted in his own autobiography, *Outrageous*?

- Charles Barkley
- Larry Bird
- Wilt Chamberlain
- Bob Cousy

Q2: Which basketball team won the first four WNBA crowns?

- Phoenix Mercury
- The Houston Comets
- Chicago Sky
- Seattle Storm

Q3: Which US gymnast completed her final vault with a sprained ankle to clinch Olympic gold for her 1996 team?

- Shannon Miller
- Shawn Johnson
- Kyla Ross
- Kerri Strug

Q4: Which athlete retired, and had his number-99 jersey retired along with him, in '99?

- Wayne Gretzky
- Patrick Kane
- Sidney Crosby
- Gordie Howe

Q5: Lennox Lewis was declared boxing

heavyweight champion of the world in 1999, after two matches against which rival?

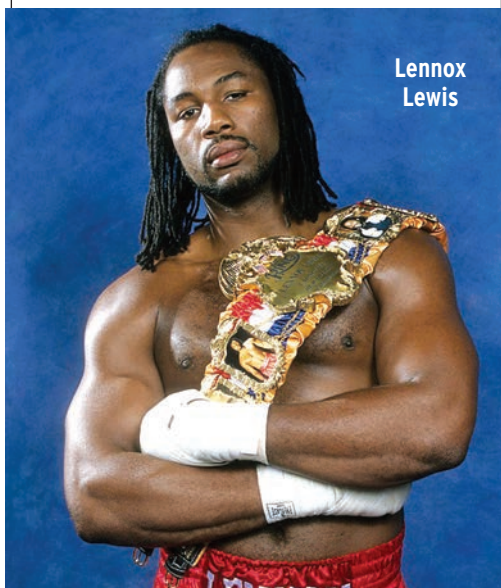


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- Sonny Liston
- Jack Dempsey
- Evander Holyfield
- Mike Tyson

Q6: Who won Olympic gold in ice hockey in 1998?

- Poland
- Hungary
- Czech Republic
- Austria

Q7: Who is the only woman to have won BBC Sports Personality of the Year in the 90s?

- Liz Mc Golgan
- Marita Koch
- Torie Bowie
- Laura Muir

Q8: Where were the 1992 Summer Olympics held?

- Barcelona
- Milan
- Porto
- Madrid

Q9: How many gold medals did Thompson win at the 1992 Barcelona Games?

- 7
- 4
- 6
- 9

ANSWERS: 1. a. Charles Barkley
2. b. The Houston Comets
3. d. Kerri Strug 4. a. Wayne Gretzky
5. c. Evander Holyfield
6. c. Czech Republic 7. a. Liz Mc Golgan
8. a. Barcelona 9. b. 4