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## V-shaped economic recovery

### WHAT

The Union minister of state for finance and corporate affairs Anurag Thakur has said that the country is on the road to a **V-shaped economic recovery**, thanks to the green shoots visible in various sectors of the economy. The **V-shaped recovery** is witnessed when an economy suffers a sharp decline, followed by a strong recovery. Since the recovery resembles a 'V' shape in the charting, it is called as V-shape recovery. Such recoveries are generally spurred by a significant shift in economic activity caused by quick readjustment of consumer demand and business investment spending.

### WHY

**IS INDIA GOING FOR A V-SHAPED RECOVERY?** According to experts, after two consecutive quarters of contraction, the country's gross domestic product (GDP) entered into a positive territory, with a growth of 0.4 per cent in the October-December quarter of the current fiscal, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in February.

Secondly, the country's foreign exchange reserves, which have been steadily increasing over the last few months, had touched an all-time high at \$590 billion in January 2021. The accretion to the forex reserves in the last eight months was \$100 billion. More important, global funds and investors are looking at India as a destination to invest, and they are bullish about India's growth story.

### WHEN

**DID WE SEE HISTORIC V-SHAPED RECOVERY?** Two periods of recession and recovery in the US stand out as examples of V-shaped recoveries. They are: The Depression of 1920-21 and the recession of 1953.

### HOW

**IS THE SHAPE DETERMINED?** The shape of economic recovery is determined by both the speed and direction of the GDP prints, which in turn depends on multiple factors, including the fiscal and monetary measures, consumer incomes and sentiment.

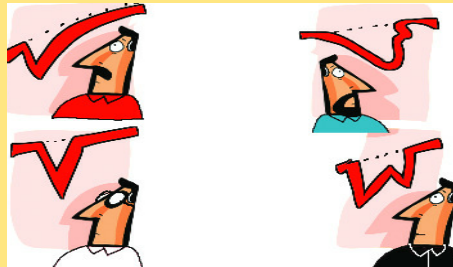
### X-PLAINED



### OTHER SHAPES

#### Z SHAPE

Believed to be the most-optimistic scenario, in the Z-shaped recovery, the economy rises like a phoenix after a crash, and makes up for the lost ground, with consumers going for revenge buying, before settling back to the normal trend-line, thus forming a Z-shaped chart



#### W SHAPE

A dangerous trend, in W-shaped recovery, the growth falls and rises, but falls again before recovering yet again, thus forming a W-like chart

#### J SHAPE

An unrealistic scenario, in J-shaped recovery, growth rises sharply from the lows much higher than the trend-line and stays there

#### U SHAPE

A U-shaped recovery – resembling a bathtub – is a scenario in which the economy after falling, struggles and muddles around a low growth rate for some time, before rising gradually to usual levels

#### L SHAPE

The L-shaped recovery is the worst-case scenario, in which the growth after falling, stagnates at low levels and does not recover for a long, long time

#### SWOOSH SHAPE

In between the V and the U shape– the Swoosh-shaped recovery is marked by recovery quickly after fall, then, slowed down by obstacles, moves gradually back to the trend-line

## AR Rahman, Kamal Haasan advocate the need for film preservation

**ENTERTAINMENT**


Actor-filmmaker-politician Kamal Haasan and Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman have emphasised the need for film preservation and restoration.

Talking about the importance of preserving movies, the music composer said, "in these unprecedented times when we are talking about survival, cinema has the power to help us survive," adding that 'Roja', my first film, which became a major success, has been preserved by Film Heritage Foundation so that audiences can still enjoy it, almost 30 years later. He also called for support for Shivendra Singh Dungarpur-led Film Heritage Foundation, which is working towards preserving the film heritage of India. "Film Heritage Foundation has been fighting a lone battle with very little support to save our films and music for six years now, and we need to support them when they are preserving our work as an integral part of culture and history for posterity," said Rahman. Added Kamal Haasan: "Films are our heritage and if we forget where we came from, we might not be able to fix our destination at all. We need to preserve most of our great works that are lost now."



## iPhone 13 expected to come with in-display Touch ID

**TECH BUZZ**

Apple iPhone 13 models, expected to be launched later this year, would "likely" feature a fingerprint scanner embedded under the display for authentication, in addition to Face ID. According to Barclays analyst Andrew Gardiner and three of his colleagues, iPhone 13 models would feature a smaller notch and that the LiDAR scanner would remain limited to iPhone 13 Pro models this year.

- Built on a 5 nm process, the X60 packs higher power efficiency into a smaller footprint compared to the 7nm-based Snapdragon X55 modem used in iPhone 12 models.
- This change would give the new iPhone lineup better battery life, and they could also receive data from both millimeter wave (mmWave) and sub-6 GHz bands at the same time to deliver high data speeds and low-latency coverage.
- The iPhone 13 lineup may mirror the iPhone 12 family of phones, with a 5.4-inch iPhone 13 Mini, 6.1-inch iPhone 13, 6.1-inch iPhone 13 Pro and 6.7-inch iPhone 13 Pro Max



## CRISTIANO RONALDO HAT TRICK TAKES HIM TO 'TOP OF THE WORLD'

Cristiano Ronaldo acclaimed himself to be at the top of the World's goal scoring list after getting a hat trick on Sunday, while Brazilian soccer great Pele congratulated the Juventus forward for surpassing his official tally of goals. The 36-year-old Ronaldo hit a hat trick for Juventus in a 3-1 win over Cagliari in Serie A to take his total to 770 career goals for club and country. "There's no player in the World who hasn't been raised listening to stories about his (Pele's) games, his goals and his achievements, and I'm no exception," Ronaldo wrote in a lengthy post on Instagram. And for that reason, I'm filled with joy and pride, as I acknowledge the goal that puts me on top of the World's goal scoring list, overcoming Pele's record, something that I could never have dreamed of while growing up as a child from Madeira, he added.



## FACTOID 8.5

The number of hours spent by gamers in India in a week, according to a report by Limelight Networks Inc. Binge gaming has emerged as a phenomenon, as over 60 per cent of Indian gamers have spent more than three hours consecutively playing games, said the findings of the report. From 2020 to 2021, the average for binge gaming in India increased from 4.1 hours to 5.5 hours, largely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as people were forced to stay at home for long hours due to subsequent lockdowns.

## Tisca Chopra unveils cover of new book

Actress and author Tisca Chopra has unveiled the cover of her second book 'What's Up With Me?'. The actress took to Instagram to share the cover of the book and captioned it: "Thrilled to unveil the cover of my latest book – a friendly, practical and empathetic guide for pre-teen girls and their parents."

- The book demystifies puberty and all the angst it brings in a fun yet relatable way, while explaining the biology and science behind it
- This is Tisca's second book as an author. Her maiden venture was a book titled 'Acting Smart: Your Ticket To Showbiz'



## Astronomers discover most distant 'radio-loud' quasar

**SPACE**


With the help of the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (ESO's VLT), astronomers have discovered the most-distant quasar, with powerful jets emitting at radio wavelengths. According to astronomers, the discovery of this 'radio-loud' quasar could provide important clues to help understand the early universe.

Quasars are very bright objects that lie at the centre of some galaxies and are powered by supermassive black holes. As the black hole consumes the surrounding gas, energy is released, allowing astronomers to spot them even when they are very far away

- The newly-discovered quasar, nicknamed P172+18, is so distant that light from it has travelled for about 13 billion years to reach us
- While more distant quasars have been discovered, this is the first time that astronomers have been able to identify the tell-tale signatures of radio jets in a quasar this early
- Only about 10 per cent of quasars, which astronomers classify as "radio-loud", have jets, which shine brightly at radio frequencies
- The newly-discovered quasar, P172+18, is powered by a black hole about 300 million times more massive than our sun that is consuming gas at a stunning rate



# JEE Main Topper Ranjim Prabal Das says robotics is a good field to pursue

Ranjim Prabal Das from St Gregorios School in New Delhi, says robotics is a developing field in India and the opportunities are aplenty. In an interview, The JEE Main Topper 2021, talks about how having clear understanding of concepts is key for both CBSE Board examinations and for competitive tests



Deebashree Mohanty

## Were you expecting a perfect 100?

No, this was quite unexpected. When I started studying for the JEE Mains, I was not expecting anything. The focus was only on preparations. I wanted to give it my all. But after taking the test, I was happy with the way I had performed. I knew I would score well.

## So, now what?

I intend to pursue a graduation degree in Robotics from IIT Delhi. This field has a lot of scope and I have always been intrigued with the subject. This was a well thought out decision, I had already selected this as my option for graduation even before appearing for the test. Programming is a passion and I am keen to take it forward.

## Do you think we have the infrastructure in India for robotics?

It is a very diverse field and extremely dynamic. Although, India is still at the developing stage. I see a lot of potential in this field. Give it another few years and India will be considered a hub for pursuing robotics and other related fields.

## Coming back to the test, let us know how you prepared for the same

I was regular with my studies. Time management is a must for any competitive exam. I made it a point to time my revision as well. The other thing that came in handy was daily assessment. It showed me where I stood and what I had to really improve upon.

## Is there any sure shot tip that you would like to share with aspiring candidates?

There really is no short cut to success. Hard work is the key. But don't study without applying your brains. Intelligent selection of chapters is what will help you sail through. How to do that? Follow

► "Ranjim is a hard working and focussed boy. He always had a goal in mind. God was with him and helped to accomplish his goal. May God bless Ranjim and grant him every desire of his heart. He made us proud and on behalf of the Gregorian family - we wish Ranjim all the best".  
M Boyaz, Principal, St Gregorios School, Dwarka, Delhi

and understand concepts as they are taught in the class. Don't keep it for the other day. This clarity really helps.

## How to manage preparation for competitive tests and for Board exams?

The syllabus is not different. In fact, the Board syllabus is a reduced one this time. The only difference lies in the way you write and present your answers. Competitive exams, for example, will test your knowledge via a MCQ whereas for the Board exams, you will have to write and present. If you have understood concepts thoroughly and have practiced enough sample papers, I don't see why you won't score in both.

## What do you find lacking in the Indian education system?

The only few disturbing elements I found was that there is still much emphasis given to rote learning at all stages.

# Proffee is the next big thing!

We were still not over with the dalgona trend and now there is 'proffee'. Yes, this viral coffee trend has turned out to be a rage among netizens for its rich taste and high protein quotient. Here's more about it

## WHAT IS PROFFEE?

This viral trend garnered around 66K posts on social media under the hashtag #proteincoffee. Proffee is basically a hearty amalgamation of protein shake and coffee, blended to perfection with a slight hint of sweetness. While protein makes the drink more satiating, the rich aroma and taste of coffee gives this blend great taste and accentuates the coffee experience.

## WHY PROTEIN?

Our body needs a healthy dose of protein every day to ensure proper functioning of the body, right from brain health to bone health, mixing coffee with your protein shake is a great idea to enhance the experience. This coffee is perfect for weight watchers as the right amount of protein helps in staying full for a long time and reduces appetite.



## WHAT'S MORE

This delicious blend can be made at home by making a regular cup of coffee with milk and mixing it with protein powder. Blend the drink and if you want to make it sweet, add sugar as per your taste, and your Proffee is ready to relish!

To make yourself look more efficient and productive, here are some phrases you can use to make yourself instantly likeable as well as courteous on video calls

## "Can you please repeat? I want to note it down"

The speaker will be instantly pleased with you saying this because this gives them the impression that their work is important and worth noting down. It also means that you are curious to analyse others' ideas to help you gather more knowledge and information.

## "Thanks for asking"

This simple phrase projects gratitude when someone asks you questions about their project or assignment. This



shows that you value their choice of asking you at that moment, instead of others. People tend to quickly jump at the opportunity to answer a question, but when you mix gratitude with it as well, it can comfort the other person.

## "I would love your input in a matter"

Seeking help from your classmates and team for some advice will help them feel appreciated and valued. If you are struggling with some work,

asking others for advice will also help you. Even if their suggestions don't help you, that person will end up liking you more because of this nice phrase.

## "Sorry for the interruption. Please continue"

It's no surprise that people get agitated when they are cut off while speaking. It not only displays disrespect but also, disrupts their flow in the conversation. Sometimes, it may

not be intentional when you are interrupting someone, but if you happen to do so, politely tell this phrase so that the other person doesn't feel too offended. It helps.

## "I wasn't looking forward to a video call, but I think it was great"

If you're the one who dislikes video calls, this phrase can be helpful for you. Nobody wants to see a sullen face on a video call. But, if you can't change your expression, you can add encouraging words to end the video call on a positive note. **Remember:** People like and only help those who speak nicely to them. So, use these phrases and be likeable.



## Activities BOX



## QUIZ TIME (BRITISH MONARCHS)

### Q.1) Which king was known as 'Lion Heart'?

A. Richard II B. Henry I C. George V D. Richard I

### Q.2) Which king signed the Magna Carta?

A. Richard I B. John C. Alfred the Great D. Henry III

### Q.3) Who is Britain's longest reigning monarch?

A. Elizabeth I B. Victoria C. Elizabeth II D. George V

### Q.4) Which king had six wives?

A. Henry VIII B. Henry VII C. Henry VI D. Edward IV

### Q.5) Which of these kings ruled Scotland for 36 years before he became king of England?

A. James II B. Henry VIII C. James I D. Edward VI

### Q.6) Who was the first monarch to live at Buckingham Palace?

A. George V B. Victoria C. Edward VI D. Edward VII

### Q.7) Which queen consort never set foot in England?

A. Catherine of Braganza B. Eleanor of Aquitaine C. Anne of Denmark D. Berengaria of Navarre

### Q.8) Which king did Guy Fawkes try to kill?

A. James I B. George III C. Charles II D. Henry VI

## ANSWERS

1. D) King Richard I, 2. B) King John, 3. C) Elizabeth II, 4. A) Henry VIII, 5. C) James I, 6. B) Victoria, 7. D) Berengaria of Navarre 8. A) James I

## KNOWLEDGE BANK

### NATURE



## Musk deer

They live mainly in forested and alpine scrub habitats in the mountains of southern Asia, notably the Himalayas. Musk deer resembles small deer with a stocky build and hind legs longer than their front legs. The musk gland is found only in adult males. It lies in a sac located between the genitals and the umbilicus, and its secretions are most likely used to attract mates.

## EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Develop a story based on the pictures in around 250 words. Send your entry along with your name, class, school and picture at tolnie175@gmail.com



## CHECK YOUR APTITUDE

1. Daksh lies on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays but tells the truth every other day. Aryan lies on Facebook on

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays but tells the truth other days. Daksh comments, "Yesterday I was lying". Aryan comments as a response, "So was

1". Which day of the week did they have this conversation?

A. Monday  
B. Tuesday  
C. Wednesday  
D. Thursday

ANSWER:  
1. Thursday



## EMBARKING UPON A NEW JOURNEY



The pre-primary wing of Delhi Public School, Nacharam celebrated its virtual cultural cum graduation day recently. Jaya Baheti, a renowned city-based painter, graced the event as the chief guest. The programme commenced with a speech by head girl of pre-primary Hanishtha. Pre-primary headmistress Shukla Dasgupta spoke about the significant achievements of the year that had gone by. This was followed by words of encouragement by senior headmistress I Sudha. Principal Sunitha Rao's words of inspiration and motivation kept the morale high for the evening.

**Delhi Public School Nacharam**

The audience travelled and watched the different Wonders of the World along with the graduates of Prep I and Prep L. The audience not only learnt how to Nurture the Nature with the little graduates of Prep J and Prep K but also looked towards the future of technology in the classroom along with the students of Prep E and Prep F. The welcome and thank you song by the Prep choir group was the highlight of the evening. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prep teacher Sharmila.



The young learners of pre-primary wing of Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills, celebrated an important milestone on their graduation ceremony. The chief guests for the occasion were Varalakshmi Manchala, state secretary for Bharat Scouts and Guides, Santosh Kumar, ventriloquist, and Divya Madhukar, early childhood educator. They congratulated the teachers for their dedication and hard

**Delhi Public School Mahendra Hills**

work in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities. Principal Sunitha Rao motivated the children and extended gratitude towards the parents for their support. Headmistress Neetu Gupta Puri welcomed the audience and added that kindergarten graduation is an exciting milestone for pre-primary children as it's their first step towards a future full of hopes and possibilities. The theme of the event was 'Renaissance - dreams and aspirations.' The children showcased their talent through poems, dances and skits on the theme and expressed their future ambitions. The young grads were felicitated with e-certificates as a memento of appreciation.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## Overcoming challenges with sense of positivity

We are caught amidst a sea of changes, swimming against the tide and battling with new developments. A lot is being said about the 'New Normal', 'Age of Digitisation', '21st Century Skills' and so on.

The education system, like all other sectors in society, has been deeply impacted. In the face of uncertainty surrounding the reopening of schools, it was admirable to note the rapidity with which the entire system changed its track and adopted the online mode of education. Needless to add that in the absence of this alternative, an entire academic year would have been lost.

We are aware that when anything new is implemented, there are bound to be new issues that crop up. But we also know there are ways by which we can circumvent the challenges.

It is therefore imperative that the educators and parents ensure that children are provided with an environment that is as normal as could be, under the circumstances.

As principal of Delhi School of Excellence, Manikonda, I am happy to say that all the stakeholders - management, teachers and parents are working together, co-operating



**Hemalatha Sistla, Principal, Delhi School of Excellence Manikonda**

and complementing each other's efforts in order to ascertain that a suitably conducive environment is provided to the students.

With a deep sense of admiration, pride and joy, I watch the alacrity and ability which the new generation is displaying while trying to assimilate the changes and making adjustments in their young lives! Will there be any psychological effect on the children due to restricted movement?

Let's make the most of what we have, rather than indulge in mindless complaining. It's time we realised that there is no one to heed our complaints. That we need to pick ourselves up, take our lives in our hands and get going!

## INTO THE BEAUTY OF LANGUAGES



The students from class VIII of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally organised an informative special assembly on the topic 'International Mother Language Day'. The students enlightened the audience and enabled them all to learn about the history of Mother Language Day and discussed why importance has to be given to this day.

The learners, as always, were brimming with ideas: We need to respect our mother tongue, it is who we are. At the same time, we need to respect the languages of others as well. Everyone should have the right to speak their language. Languages should not become extinct -- were some of the opinions of the students.

**Pallavi Model School Bowenpally**

The students were also quizzed on how many languages were there in the world and one learner predicted over 5,000 and was so very close to the mark! They also read a welcome message in a language unknown to them, and the rest set about trying to think what that might be. The students were very good at identifying almost all the languages spoken in India and a few foreign ones. The assembly concluded with the quote, "For us Indians, English can never exude that magic of emotions which our mother tongue can."

## Never a dull moment

It is fun to go to school. There we meet our teachers and friends. Our teachers teach us well while our classmates and friends amuse us. They make our life interesting and thrilling.

Every morning we wait for our school bus. On reaching there, we extend a warm hand shake to our friends, and have a heart to heart talk with them and gossip a little. We have a ceaseless store of stories to tell them. There is no end or beginning of any tale.

Reading and writing sessions continue in between all the entertainment. Our classrooms are airy and well-ventilated, they are beautifully decorated. Simply by sitting there we are at great ease. There is no boredom or drudgery. The periods are short. After the fourth period, there is recess of 20 minutes. Then four more periods and the last bell goes.

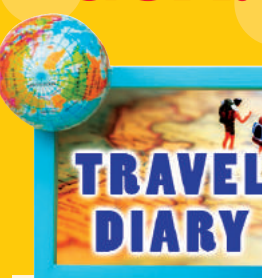


Some students just hate to go to school. They make excuses and may often skip out. The problem is that they don't know what fun they can have in school.

A great thing about school is that you can get together with friends, especially those who may live in a different neighbourhood than you. Another enjoyable thing is getting involved in extra-curricular activities. Even learning can be fun, if you have the right perspective.

**BHAVYA POLAVARAPU, class VII A, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad**

## MY TRIP TO GOA!



In October 2019, I went to Goa with my family by flight. The hotel where we stayed had a private beach.

My brother and I played on the beach, making sandcastles and collecting shells. My mother and I bought beautiful colourful anklets.

The next day, we went to the swimming pool where we made new friends and played

with them. There was a nice play area that had many activities for children. I did leaf finger painting. Later, we went to the beach and saw the sunset. It was beautiful and mesmerising.

Next day, we went to Dona Paula and had fun doing water sports. In the evening, we went on a river cruise.

On the cruise, we bought

popcorn and I purchased a colourful flower tiara. We enjoyed watching the 'Goan' dance. We purchased cashew and plum cake. We also visited some other beaches. Our one-week stay at Goa was a memorable one.

**ANVESH MAURYA, class IV E, The Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad**

## Painters' Gallery

**RAINBOW LEAVES: MOHD AYAAN, class VII A, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School**



**BEAUTY IN DETAIL: SNIGDHA MEDAVARAM, class IX A, Gitanjali Devshala, Hyderabad**



**WALL ART: CHEMIKELA LAKSHMI HASINI, class VI, Scholars International School, Hyderabad**



**RAINBOW LEAVES: MOHD AYAAN, class VII A, DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School**



**IN TUNE: ANANYA SRAVANI, class VII A, DPS Mahendra Hills**



**FLORAL WORLD: MADIHA BATOOL, class VII, Springfields School, Tolichowki**



# WHY MI CAN DEFEND THEIR CROWN IN IPL 2021

## A look at three reasons why Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians can reign supreme this season as well

The Rohit Sharma-led side have won the prestigious tournament in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020

In the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI) will be in the quest to secure an unprecedented sixth and third back-to-back title under the leadership of Rohit Sharma. There is no denying that the five-time champions have become a force to reckon with under the captainship of the charismatic opener and legendary batsman in the 20-over format. Gearing up for the 14th season of the cash-rich league, Mumbai Indians retained their core-squad and the Rohit-led side also had a fruitful IPL 2021 auction in Chennai. As the Mumbai Paltan led by Rohit is looking forward to script history by becoming the first franchise to win three back-to-back titles in IPL, let's talk about the three reasons that make Mumbai Indians strong favourites to retain their crown in the 14th season of domestic cricket's biggest extravaganza.

### 1. World-class bowling attack

Mumbai Indians re-hired Australian bowling all-rounder Nathan Coulter-Nile at the IPL 2021 auction. The Mumbai Paltan also signed veteran Indian spinner Piyush Chawla for ₹2.4 crore. A like-for-like replacement, James Neesham was hired by MI who can be a perfect backup for Kieron Pollard. Along with the star-studded bench, Mumbai have seasoned campaigners who are expected to fire

with full cylinders in the 2021 season of the cash-rich league. Star player Hardik Pandya is tipped to take up the all-rounder's role in the 14th season.

**Rohit and Co. not only outclassed Shreyas Iyer's Delhi Capitals (DC) in the summit clash of the 2020 season but the Mumbai Indians also stamped their authority by turning the heavyweight clash into a one-sided affair at the famous Dubai International Stadium in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

Youngster Ishan Kishan, who had a hard time in starting matches for Mumbai last season, made his international debut and the youngster is on the verge of becoming one of the best batsmen in franchise cricket. Premier batsman Suryakumar Yadav will be sharing Rohit's workload alongside Quinton de Kock in the coming season.

### 2. Best bowling attack in IPL 2021

Arriving at the IPL 2021 auction in Chennai earlier last month, the Mumbai Indians avoided heavy lifting and only went after players who can either be potential backups to their seasoned campaigners or can spearhead their strong bench. Pacer

Coulter-Nile, spinner Chawla and New Zealand pacer Adam Milne have bolstered a formidable bowling attack that already features the likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Trent Boult, James Pattinson, Rahul Chahar, and Dhawal Kulkarni.

New Zealand pacer Boult triggered the top-order collapse of the Capitals in the finals, last season. Bumrah had a note-worthy campaign and spin wizard Chahar provided Mumbai regular scalps at almost all crucial junctures last season. Taking cognisance of Mumbai's current bowling battery, it's fair to say that a world-class batch of pacers and spinners has just been powered by a powerful bench in the build-up to the new season.

### 3. Rohit Sharma aka Captain fantastic

Not one of the most successful skippers, Rohit 'Hitman' Sharma is the undisputed 'Numero Uno' player-cum-captain in the cash-rich league. Besides tormenting potent bowling attacks on a regular basis, Rohit is a master tactician whose name is already written in IPL folklore. Talking about Rohit's unparalleled legacy in domestic cricket's biggest extravaganza, the Hitman has won six IPL titles as a player. Rohit has guided MI to five IPL trophies as a captain and under his leadership, there will be less hullabaloo if the Mumbai Paltan retains their crown for a record third time on the trot next season.

# MESSI IS THE BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD: KOEMAN

Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman lauded Lionel Messi as the most important player in the club's history as the Argentine celebrated making a record-equalling 767th appearance for the Catalans. Scoring twice, Messi produced another vintage display as he equalled Xavi Hernandez's appearance record in Barca's 4-1 victory over La Liga basement club Huesca. The result moved the Catalans to within four points of top spot as they chase down pace-setters Atletico Madrid.

**It's absolutely crazy what he's achieving: Pedri**

Teenager Pedri, who was called up to the Spain national team for the first time earlier on Monday, also praised Messi, a player he has been earmarked to succeed at the Nou Camp. "To play alongside Leo is an absolute joy. I enjoy going to training everyday," said the 18-year-old. "Whenever I get it, I try and pass to him because every time he touches the ball, something happens. It's absolutely crazy what he's achieving. He's the best player in the world."

**What more can you say (about Messi)? His level over so many years, over so many games... he's the most important player in Barcelona's history and thank goodness he's still here with us. I think he's shown he's the best player in the world. The first goal he scored was fantastic, and he deserves to be the focal point of this team.**

**RONALD KOEMAN, Barcelona coach**

Barça have a number 10 that you can't do anything about...It's like they are playing with one more player, what do you want me to tell you?

**RAFA MIR, Huesca forward**

# 'Find questions on ODI, T20I return laughable'



Ravichandran Ashwin said that he finds questions about his comeback to ODI and T20Is "laughable" as he is at peace with himself where he is in his international career. "A lot of times people tell these lines on leadership forums that 'you need to compete with yourself'. But I have definitely found the balance and learned in life about how I must be competing with myself and be at complete peace when I am doing that," Ashwin told India Today. "Because when some of these questions are asked about my ODI return, T20I return, white-ball dreams, and all these things, I find those questions are really laughable because I am totally at peace and extremely happy with the life I am leading right now," he added.

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which fielder holds the record for most catches in Indian Premier League 2017?

- a) David Warner ☐ b) Rohit Sharma ☐  
c) Kieron Pollard ☐ d) Hardik Pandya ☐

**Q2:** Who was the 2018 US Open runner-up?

- a) Juan Martin del Potro ☐  
b) Alexander Zverev ☐  
c) Stan Wawrinka ☐ d) Marin Cilic ☐

**Q3:** In which year did Sunrisers Hyderabad enter the IPL after the Deccan

Chargers was dissolved due to prolonged financial issues?

- a) 2011 ☐ b) 2013 ☐ c) 2015 ☐ d) 2017 ☐

**Q4:** Yusuf Yazici and \_\_\_\_\_ are the Top Scorer of UEFA Europa League - 2020-21?

- a) Donyell Malen ☐ b) Pizzi ☐  
c) Munas Dabbur ☐ d) Carlos Vinicius ☐

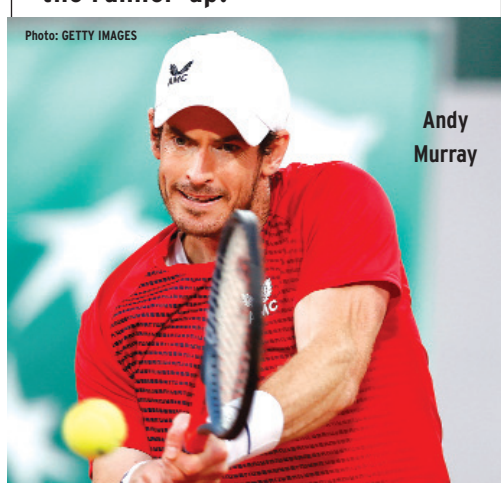
**Q5:** After Ciro Immobile, who is the second top scorer of Italian Serie A 2019-20?

- a) Francesco Caputo ☐ b) João Pedro ☐  
c) Cristiano Ronaldo ☐ d) Romelu Lukaku ☐

**Q6:** Who is the top scorer of Indian Super League - 2020-21?

- a) Roy Krishna ☐ b) Igor Angulo Alboniga ☐  
c) Diego Maurício ☐ d) Sunil Chhetri ☐

**Q7:** Andy Murray won the 2016 Wimbledon title. Who was the runner-up?



- a) Novak Djokovic ☐ b) Milos Raonic ☐  
c) Rafael Nadal ☐ d) Roger Federer ☐

**Q8:** Which stadium is the home ground of Sunrisers Hyderabad?

- a) Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium ☐  
b) M Chinnaswamy Stadium ☐  
c) MA Chidambaram Stadium ☐  
d) Eden Gardens ☐

**Q9:** Which Indian player made the most runs in the first season of IPL?

- a) Yusuf Pathan ☐ b) Suresh Raina ☐  
c) M S Dhoni ☐ d) Gautam Gambhir ☐

**Q10:** France won the 2017 Davis Cup after defeating \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Croatia ☐ b) Canada ☐ c) Spain ☐  
d) Belgium ☐

**Q11:** How many European Cups has Liverpool FC won?

- a) Four ☐ b) Five ☐ c) Six ☐ d) Seven ☐

**Q12:** After 2012, in which year did Kolkata Knight Riders win their next IPL title?

- a) 2013 ☐ b) 2014 ☐ c) 2015 ☐ d) 2016 ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 c) Kieron Pollard  
2 a) Juan Martin del Potro  
3 b) 2013 4 b) Pizzi  
5 c) Cristiano Ronaldo 6 a) Roy Krishna  
7 b) Milos Raonic  
8 a) Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium  
9 d) Gautam Gambhir 10 d) Belgium  
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