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*Spotlight*

## Mamata, Poonawalla, Modi join Harry- Meghan on TIME 100 list



**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and Serum Institute of India, CEO, Adar Poonawalla have been named among the world's 100 most-influential people of 2021 by the TIME magazine.

TIME, on Wednesday, unveiled its annual list of 'The 100 Most Influential People of 2021', a global list that includes US President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince Harry and Meghan, former US president Donald Trump and co-founder of the Taliban Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

### TIME'S TAKE ON INDIAN INFLUENCERS

#### On Modi

In its 74 years as an independent nation, India has had three pivotal leaders – Jawaharlar Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Modi. "Narendra Modi is the third, dominating the country's politics like no one since them."

#### On Mamata

The 66-year-old leader "has become the face of fierceness in Indian politics. She doesn't lead her party, the Trinamool Congress – she is the party. The street-fighter spirit and self-made life in a patriarchal culture set her apart."

#### On Poonawalla

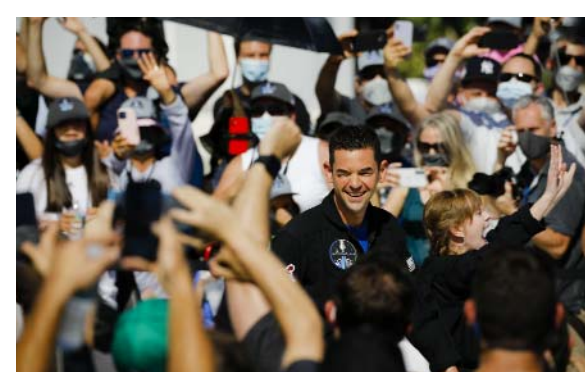
From the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 40-year-old head of the world's largest vaccine maker "sought to meet the moment". The pandemic is not over yet, and Poonawalla could still help end it



## UP, UP AND AWAY!

**A** billionaire e-commerce executive and three wealthy private citizens blasted off from Florida, on Wednesday, aboard a SpaceX rocket ship and soared into orbit – the first all-civilian crew ever to circle the Earth from space. The quartet of amateur astronauts, led by the American founder and chief executive of Shift4 Payments Inc, Jared Isaacman, lifted off just before sunset from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape

Canaveral. A SpaceX webcast of the launch showed Isaacman, 38, and his crewmates – Sian Proctor, 51, Hayley Arceneaux, 29, and Chris Sembroski, 42 – strapped into the pressurised cabin of their gleaming white SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule, dubbed Resilience, wearing their helmeted black-and-white flight suits. After spending three days spinning around our planet, the four-person crew, all Americans, will splash down off the Florida coast.

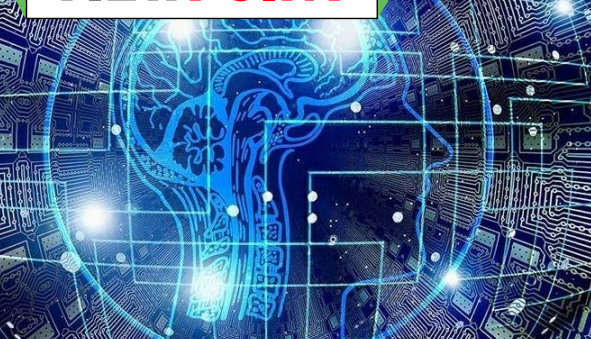


**This is the fourth crewed mission for SpaceX, which has now sent 10 astronauts to the ISS for US space agency NASA**

## Moratorium needed on use of AI: UN

**T** he UN human rights chief has called for a moratorium on the use of artificial intelligence technology that poses a serious risk to human rights, including face-scanning systems that track people in public spaces. Michelle Bachelet, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, also said that countries should expressly ban AI applications, which don't comply with international human rights law. Her comments came along with a new UN report that examines how countries and businesses have rushed into applying AI systems that affect people's lives and livelihoods without setting up proper safeguards to prevent discrimination and other harms. Bachelet didn't call for an outright ban of facial recognition technology, but said, governments should halt the scanning of people's features in real time until they can show the technology is accurate, won't discriminate and meets certain privacy and data protection standards.

### VIEWPOINT



### UN'S TAKE

- AI-based technologies can be a force for good but they can also "have negative, even catastrophic, effects if they are used without sufficient regard to how they affect people's human rights," Bachelet said in a statement
- Applications that should be prohibited include government "social scoring" systems that judge people based on their behaviour and certain AI-based tools that categorise people into clusters, such as by ethnicity or gender

### WHY AI IS RISKY?

- The use of emotion recognition systems by public authorities, for instance for singling out individuals for police stops or arrests or to assess the veracity of statements during interrogations, risks undermining human rights, such as the rights to privacy, to liberty and to a fair trial
- China has been among the countries that have rolled out facial recognition technology – particularly for surveillance in the western region of Xinjiang, where many of its minority Uyghers live

Artificial intelligence is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. Specific applications of AI include expert systems, natural language processing, speech recognition and machine vision

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 This Covid pandemic has defied most of our predictions but in the next six months, we will approach endemic status. Moreover, just a new variant cannot cause a third wave. The factor will be a mix of behaviour and antibodies. There is some worry because of the festival season. Getting vaccinated is the key, as it is the biggest protection against the coronavirus.  
 Sujeet Singh, chief, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)

## 'THE BODYGUARD' IS GETTING A REBOOT, AMONG OTHERS

**T** he Bodyguard', the 1992 movie that launched the acting career of the late Whitney Houston and featured her most famous song 'I Will Always Love You', is getting a reboot. Warner Bros said on Wednesday that a reimagining of the romantic thriller is in development with a script penned by American playwright Matthew Lopez.

'The Bodyguard' would join a string of Hollywood movies to get a reboot. Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper starred in a 2018 remake of 'A Star is Born', and new versions of sci-fi classic 'Dune' and musical 'West Side Story' are due for release later this year


**MOVIES**

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That's the total social media valuation of Neeraj Chopra, the Olympic gold medallist for India at the Tokyo Olympics, according to Business Insider and the YouGov SPORT report. The Indian athlete's stocks have been skyrocketing amidst his new-found popularity. Chopra has recorded over 2.9 million mentions from over 1.4 million authors, which makes him the 'most-mentioned' athlete on a global scale on Instagram during the course of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. With the increase in popularity to such a degree, the Olympic athlete has seen a massive spike in followers on his social media platforms, especially Instagram, which has shown the athlete to have around 4.4 million followers

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 Do you know of circadian health? It may be the reason why you are not getting effective sleep

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 Get to know all about UN initiative for gender equality #HeForShe that launched on Sept 20, 2014

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 All you need to know about surfing as a sport

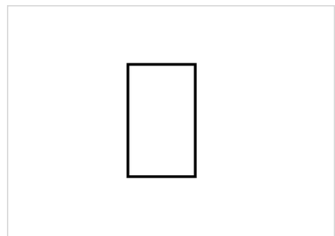


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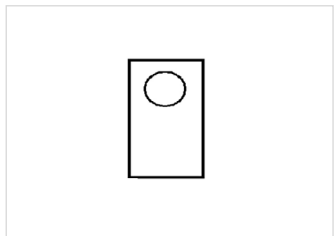


**KHYATI BAJARLA**  
Art Educator, Bodakdev  
School For Children,  
Ahmedabad

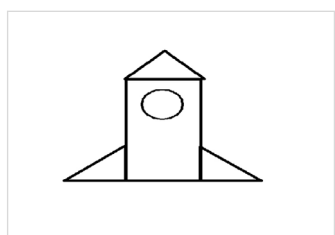
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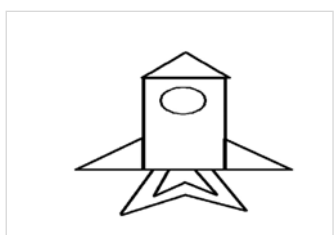
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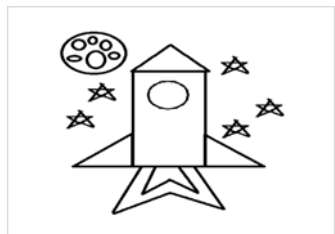
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## NMKOYE

- a. Kayak b. Smokey  
c. Monkey d. Lock

## AYTOD

- a. Auto b. Anted  
c. Today d. Dented

## NLEAR

- a. Clear b. Sneak  
c. Learn d. Blear

## NFRIGHTE

- a. Frighten b. Right  
c. Nightmare d. Refrigerate

Answers: 1) c, 2) c, 3) c, 4) a

Riding with the  
Riddle

It is a recreational and competitive board game played between two players. Though it owes its origin to India and Persia, the current form of the game emerged in Southern Europe during the second half of the 15th century. It is a game of strategy and planning. It is one of the world's most-popular games, and is played by millions of people across the globe. Competitively, it is governed by an international body.

Answer: Chess

## NOVEL NUMBERS

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

2 'Around the World in  
Days' by  
Jules Verne

- A) Fifty B) Sixty  
C) Seventy D) Eighty

3 'Little Pigs'  
by Agatha Christie

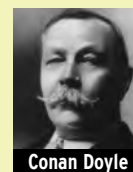
- A) Five B) Four  
C) Three D) Two

4 'The \_\_\_\_\_ Steps'  
by John Buchan

- A) Twenty-Nine B) Thirty-Nine  
C) Forty-Nine D) Fifty-Nine

5 'The Sign of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ ' by Arthur  
Conan Doyle

- A) Fourteen  
B) Forty  
C) Forty Four  
D) Four

6 'The \_\_\_\_\_ Tailors'  
by Dorothy L. Sayers

- A) Ninety B) Nineteen  
C) Nine D) Ninety-Nine

Quiz  
TIME

Complete the title  
of each novel by  
filling in the right  
number. Choose  
correctly!

**Example:** 'A Tale of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cities' by  
Charles Dickens

Answer: Two

1 'The \_\_\_\_\_ Musketeers'  
by Alexandre Dumas

- A) Two B) Three  
C) Six D) Seven

Answers: 1) B, Three 2) D, Eighty 3) A, Five  
4) B, Thirty-Nine 5) D, Forty 6) C, Nine

## LEVEL-2

## Idiom-etrics

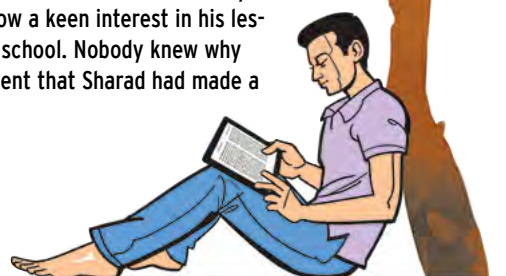
SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Sharad paid not the slightest attention in class. He made no secret of the fact that he disliked studies. His teachers had almost given up on him when, all of a sudden, everything changed. Sharad began to show a keen interest in his lessons and actually seemed to enjoy school. Nobody knew why this was happening, but it was evident that Sharad had made a fresh start.

- A) Turn a blind eye  
B) Turn over a new leaf  
C) Turn the tables on

Answer: B



Mohan found out about the surprise birthday party arranged for him because someone blurted out what was planned.

- A) Let the cat out of the bag  
B) Put the cat among the pigeons  
C) See which way the cat jumps

Answer: A



## TRIVIA

In the Middle Ages, when people purchased pigs, they were occasionally cheated. The vendor would slip a less-valuable animal inside the bag that the buyer carried away. When the bag was opened, a cat emerged. 'Let the cat out of the bag' has been in idiomatic use since the 15th century, but became particularly popular three hundred years later. The expression means to reveal a secret, either inadvertently or deliberately.

EDITOR  
IN THE MAKING

## WEAVE A STORY WITH HEADLINES

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## The headlines:

- 1) Not an equal world: Facebook shields VIPs from some of its own rules
- 2) Bieber gives way to Blackpink on YouTube
- 3) 6 herbs to spruce up the flavour of food
- 4) Enhance your family's health

Learn a NEW LANGUAGE  
SPANISH

## Work sheet

Q:1 How will you ask for the bus stop?

Q:2 What do you call airport in Spanish?

Q:3 While giving direction, how will you say right side street?

Q:4 While giving direction, how will you say left side street?

1) ¿Dónde está la parada de autobús? 2) Aeropuerto 3) Derecha Calle 4) Izquierda Calle

And the  
winner is...

**MANTASHA KHALID**  
class VII, J H Tarapore School,  
Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

LITTLE JOYS  
AROUND

Wow, I have completed all of my homework! I said getting up from my desk. Suddenly, my mobile chimed. "Extreme sea levels, the new normal", a new notification. Curious, I picked up my mobile to read the article. It said that "a ministry on the climate crisis in Greece" had been made. "Will such an action be taken by our government?" I wondered. It was almost time for dinner, so I headed to the kitchen, where my Mom was setting the table for the meal. Noticing my presence, Mom said, "Did you know Whatsapp is likely to allow its users to hide online status soon..." I smiled in affirmative. I went to the sitting room where my brother was watching sports news. "Hey, Vishy is excited to lead a star-studded team at the Olympiad!" he said. "That's cool, I said. "Anyways could you please pass me the remote, I want to watch my favourite show," I said.

MATH  
MAGIC

## NUMBER SERIES

1 Annual income of A is 10% more than of B whereas income of B is 20% more than that of C. If the monthly income of C is \$2000 then what is the sum of monthly incomes of A, B, and C?

- A) \$7,040 B) \$7,090  
C) \$3,987 D) \$6,990

Answer: A

2 \$2496 is spent on the floor repair of 30 x 16 ft hall. What is the repair cost per square feet?

- A) \$5.98 B) \$6.89  
C) \$5.20 D) \$33.9

Answer: C

3 \$600 becomes \$720 in 4 years when the interest is simple. If the rate of interest is increased by 2%, then what will be the total amount?

- A) \$ 700 B) \$876  
C) \$768 D) \$311

Answer: A



## IF I WERE a superhero

If I were a superhero, I would never hide my identity, Wearing a mask and a different costume, I don't understand the necessity.

I would instead let my identity reveal, And would help the people to heal their pain.

If I were a superhero, I would do everything possible to save the city,

I would catch the villains and help the entire city.

I would fight for the families and so that they get justice,

Under my surveillance, I would never tolerate injustice.

If I were a superhero, automatically, I would have incredible powers, I would control all the crime corruption and with my powers.

Being a superhero is not an easy job, So I would also take a long holiday and rest for hours.

If I were a superhero, I would be extremely humble, I won't act as if I am something different.

Superpowers make one rare and unusual,

Therefore, I would treat everybody neutral.



**B SARAN, class VIII, Chitturi High School, Vijayawada**

## MY IMAGINATION

I woke up in the morning, With my dreaming eyes.

Seen a beautifully decorated ladder, Having blossom flower's in order.

The amazing looks of flowers, In my brain, moving like a train.

Touching the ladder from the sky, Feels a lot of joy.

Started climbing the ladder fearlessly,

After going up, when we see down, I forget all my problems and wear the crown.



**B LAKSHMI PRABHA, class IX, Aravinda High School, Kunchanapalli**

## LET US BE CAREFREE

The future of every country depends on the youth, We are the pride and glory of a nation.

Youth are the real treasure of any country, They play a very beneficial role in the development of a country.

A nation can only progress if its youth is sincere and honest, Sadly students have a tremendous responsibility on their fragile shoulders.

Going to school, coping up with the syllabus, peer pressure is badly affecting the mind.

Teachers and parents are failing to understand the needs, All they want is a good result, lots of certificates and excellent marks.

We are naive; we are fragile, so much pressure is hard to take.

We get tired, and yet we study and give our best so that you will be proud of us.

We want to help our country, but we are unable to, It feels overwhelming at times when people expect so many things from us,

We are just kids with a lot of dreams; do not burden us with duties, Let us grow and bloom, and then see us rise high in the sky.



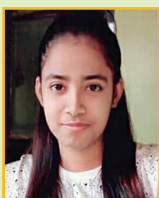
**LAXMI, class XI, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Vizianagaram**

## RAIN O RAIN

Rain o rain, please go away, Let the children come out and play.

Blue skies, cool breeze, and ample sunshine, It makes the mood happy and healthy fine.

No flood, no landslide, no loss of lives, We all can travel and go for long drives.



**ALIVA DEY, class XII, Sri Chaitanya Techno School for Women, Boyapalle, Vizag**



## EATING NATURAL, EATING HEALTHY

**M**other Nature is the provider of all resources. It is man who needs to utilise them wisely to reap benefits. One such effort was made by the teachers of Science Department of Springfield School, Tolichowki, with contribution from parents to inculcate healthy eating habits in students of Nursery up to class X.

The activities were grouped under three sections: Add Colour to Your Plate for Pre-Primary section, Make a Healthy Diet Plan, Primary section and Let's Cook Healthy for the High School section. These were aimed to inculcate

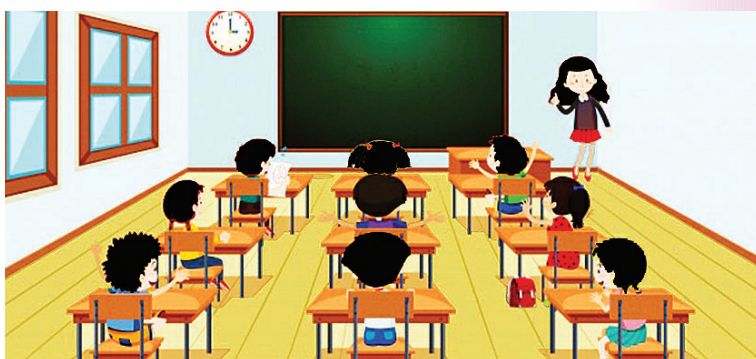
**Aaisha Imran, HoD, Science, Springfield School, Tolichowki Hyderabad**

healthy dietary habits.

At the closing ceremony of National Nutrition Week, Rajan Mahendra, a renowned nutritionist and the CEO of Aarogyahaar, was invited to deliver a lecture on boosting immunity to fight against various diseases and to clear the misconceptions regarding many health issues related to different types of food.

## Simple nostalgia-to laugh and reflect on

**S**chool life is synonymous with fun, and the classroom is the birthplace of memories. These tokens of nostalgia are carried by us lifelong and reflect the rollercoaster ride that we had to endure. This ride wasn't devoid of challenges, on the contrary, we dodged, cried, laughed, and expressed. It served as a gateway for the experiences to be faced in the future. Looking at the journey through the ocean of schooling, spanning over ten years, I reminisce about being a new student and introducing myself in the most awkward manner, to a curious pair of two eyes like a specimen in a zoo. Also, a talkative one trying to make the best impression on a newcomer. Whispering an answer to a fumbling classmate, only to be caught seconds later. Blurring out a secret a friend told, to get an icy glare from the other end of the class.



Drawing under the desk, standing outside the principal's room thanks to that one friend, who gets everyone into trouble. Meowing, barking, and neighing out of boredom. With due acknowledgment, online classes through a new concept, have introduced anecdotes to laugh and reflect on.



**SAI KRISHNA PRIYA, class X, GTAVM, Chennai**

## CLASSROOM ANTICS



## The richness of Hindi language



**I**ndia is a land of a unique cultures with vibrant colours, rich traditions, beautiful landscapes, and a variety of languages. Hindi is written in the Devanagiri script and includes a large number of dialects, like Braj, Khari Boli, Bundeli, Awadhi, Bagheli. On September 14, 1949, Hindi was adopted as one of the official languages of India. Due to this pandemic situation, this year we Gautamians celebrated Hindi Divas virtually by conducting different activities like "Naare/Anuchhed lekhan", "Kavita", "Kahani" and "Bhashan". Students presented informative PPTs and videos on this rich language spoken by a vast majority in the country.

**Aseem Pawel, class X, Gautami Vidya Kshetra Hyderabad**

**Army Public School, Bolarum Hyderabad**

**O**n the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Army Public School, Bolarum, held prayer meetings and week-long activities in all classes.

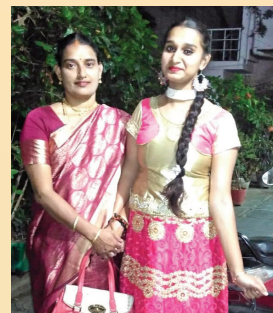
Students were made aware of the history, significance and the eminence of Hindi language through detailed PPTs, poetry reading, drama, couplet reading and speeches in Hindi.

Various programmes and competitions were organized through the week under 'Hindi-Hriday Ki Bhasha' Hindi week celebrations with the objective to ensure the role of students in the promotion and development of the language and to inculcate the feeling of love and respect towards Hindi.



## THE BEACON OF MY LIFE

**V Nikhilasree, class X A3, Atkinson Senior Secondary School Vijayawada**



**A** mother is a very special and important person for every child. In fact, she is the most precious gift God has given to anyone. She takes care of her whole family and turns her house into a beautiful one. She raises her children with the utmost care, compassion, and love. A mother illuminates the home with her presence and smile.

To me, a mother is a symbol of love, honesty, and compassion in this world. My mother is an inspiration to me and is the only woman I admire the most. In our house, she is the first person to wake up every morning, every day. Her day starts at 4 am, taking our pet for a walk. Then she wakes me up and prepares me for school. She takes care of our lunch box with a different menu every day. She drops us off at the bus stop. Her waving hand assures us that she is always by our side no matter what. It is the mothers who have sleepless nights when we are sick. She is always very concerned about our education, health, and well-being and compromises her own needs, and ensures that our needs are put first.

I can share all my secrets with her, and often she becomes a child herself and enjoys with me to the fullest. Apart from all these, she also volunteers to serve the community for the betterment of our society. She also looks after our food business. Her tremendous emotional and physical strength to overcome everyday difficulties and obstacles in business and at home amazes me.

Sometimes I wonder how she manages everything at the same time. She multitasks very well and does it perfectly. Her positive attitude and skills have broadened her ability to remain calm during difficult times. A mother is like a mother nature, who always gives unconditionally without asking for anything in return. Being an inspiration to someone is no easy task. Mother is not just a word. In fact, it is the whole universe in itself. She is indeed the most important person in everyone's life. Love you maa forever.

## The world of flowers



**Ushakiran, PP Mentor, Gitanjali International School Hyderabad**

**F**lowers are pure and beautiful creations of nature. Pre-Primary students of Gitanjali took part in an activity where they had to identify different flowers, the colours and also the distinct scent of each flower.

Children learned various facts such as the impact of sun-

light, water, and minerals on the growth of flowering plants. They also learnt about pollination.

The students expressed their views about different flowers and interacted with each other on this wonderful topic which also helped them get closer to nature.

## Painters' Gallery



**CHILDHOOD MEMORIES: NEHABASA, class X A4, Atkinson Senior Secondary School, Vijayawada**

**SAVE OZONE SAVE LIFE: K LAVANYA, class VI, Aravinda High School, Kunchanapalli**

## Memory and Communication Workshop

Boost your child's short-term memory and empower them to become amazing impromptu public speaker.

An eminent participation certificate to all our little champions.





# MANCHESTER CITY SURVIVE CHRISTOPHER NKUNKU HAT-TRICK

The previous season's Champions League runners-up, crushed RB Leipzig 6-3 in a thrilling Group A game

It was a hugely entertaining match at the Etihad Stadium and although City manager Guardiola will be happy with the three points he will be concerned about the spaces his team left for the German side to exploit on the break. Nkunku became only the fourth player to score a Champions League treble and end up on the losing side and he deserved his player of the match award as Leipzig showed real spirit to keep fighting back against City's impressive firepower. Defender Nathan Ake put City ahead in the 16th minute with a header from a Jack Grealish corner and the hosts doubled the lead 12 minutes later when Kevin De Bruyne produced wonderful skill to leave three defenders for dead before his deep cross was headed into his own net by Leipzig defender Nordi Mukiele. Leipzig got back in the game with a 42nd-minute header

from Nkunku, only for City to restore their two-goal advantage on the stroke of halftime.

## City lead the group A

Lukas Klostermann was ruled to have handled after the referee went to the pitchside monitor to check the incident and Riyad Mahrez blasted home the spot-kick. Leipzig were not deterred, though, and Nkunku reduced the deficit again in the 51st minute by heading in a cross from the excellent Spanish midfielder Dani Olmo. Grealish then delivered a wonderful solo goal to mark his first European club appearance, collecting the ball on the left flank and jinking inside before giving Peter Gulacsi no chance with a curling shot into the far corner. That was surely that, the City fans could be forgiven for thinking, but once again

French forward Nkunku kept the game alive, completing his hat-trick with a crisp drive after being set up by Yussuf Poulsen. Incredibly, City responded immediately with an unstoppable long-range drive from Portuguese full back Joao Cancelo and any hopes the visitors had of a comeback ended when they went down to 10 men when former City full back Angelino was sent off in the 79th minute. Substitute Gabriel Jesus added the sixth from close range five minutes from time and the home crowd were delighted with the display of Grealish, in front of his England manager Gareth Southgate. City lead the group on three points. **REUTERS**



Jack Grealish of Manchester City battles for possession with Christopher Nkunku of RB Leipzig

I loved it. I've been waiting a while. The past few weeks, I couldn't wait for this game. It's a great night. It was one of those games. It had absolutely everything. In the end we're delighted to get the win against a good team full of energy and young players.

JACK GREALISH

## LIONEL MESSI'S PSG DISAPPOINT

Lionel Messi failed to provide Paris St Germain with any sparkle as the Ligue 1 team's potent attacking trio lacked inspiration in a disappointing 1-1 draw at Club Brugge in their Champions League opener on Wednesday. Making his first start for the French team, the Argentine forward hit the woodwork but was otherwise far from his brilliant best alongside the hugely disappointing Neymar and Kylian Mbappe, who set up Ander Herrera for PSG's first-half opener before being replaced injured after the break. Brugge, who levelled before halftime through Hans Vanaken, were more aggressive and had the best chances against a PSG side lacking quality and defensive focus. The result left PSG and Brugge trailing Group A leaders Manchester City by two points after the Premier League champions crushed RB Leipzig 6-3.



Photo: AP

## DAVIS CUP:

# INDIA TO GIVE THEIR ALL AGAINST FINLAND

India's singles players will need to back their talent with some killer instinct for the team to emerge victorious in the Davis Cup World Group I tie, starting today

Prajnesh Guneswaran and Ramkumar Ramanathan have the experience of playing the big matches. They have rubbed shoulders with better players but it's time for them to move forward from playing mere close matches. They need to deliver that knockout punch that will take India to the next year's Qualifiers. If Ramkumar can play the same way he competed against 2014 US Open champion Marin Cilic in the previous tie against Croatia and does not miss the chances he gets, India will have a very good chance in the tie. As the second-best ranked player from India, Ramkumar will be up against Finland's num-

ber one player Emil Ruusuvuori, who is placed 74 in the world, on the opening day of the tie. If Ramkumar takes the court first and puts India on board, that will be a huge result for the visitors and take the pressure off Prajnesh (ranked 165) who will most likely compete against Otto Virtanen (ranked 419).

## Prajnesh feels no pressure

Prajnesh too gets close to wins with his talent but has the tendency of giving up advantageous positions, like the one against Borna Coric in the last tie against Croatia. Maybe it's pressure of playing for the flag but the left-hander from Chennai

insists it is not the case. "Matches against good players are always close if I'm playing well. I have won matches against good players being in the lead and I have also lost matches being in the lead. That's just the way they go," Prajnesh told. "Matches which are closely fought can go either way. There is no pressure of playing for India that influences me... Sometimes there's more pressure, other times that's less. Again, just depends on how well I cope on that particular day," he added.

Rohan Bopanna (44) has immense experience and he needs to use all of that to shepherd the team with Divij Sharan (86) since their opponents Henri Kontinen (ranked 46) and Harri Heliövaara (ranked 76) will be a tough nut to crack. Bopanna and Sharan have played only one tie together, winning against Italy in 2019. It remains to be seen if captain Rohit Rajpal fields Bopanna with Sharan or Myneni, who is the fifth member of the squad. **PI**



Prajnesh Guneswaran

## LIMITED SPECTATORS TO BE ALLOWED AT IPL MATCHES

Limited spectators will be allowed into the stadiums when the much-awaited Indian Premier League resumes in the UAE this weekend, the event's organisers announced. The IPL, which was suspended midway in May due to COVID-19 cases in its bio bubble, will resume from Sunday with defending champions Mumbai Indians taking on Chennai Super Kings at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. It will be the first time since 2019 when the IPL will be played in front of an audience. Last year, the lucrative league

was played behind closed doors in the UAE while the first half of the 2021 edition was also played inside a strict bio-bubble across various venues in India. Although the league organisers did not specify the exact number of fans who would be let in but sources said their presence would be 50 per cent of the stadium capacity. "Fans can buy tickets starting September 16 for the remainder of the tournament on the official website [www.iplt20.com](http://www.iplt20.com). Tickets can also be purchased on PlatinumList.net," the league organisers said. **PI**

## QUIZ TIME!

### Q1: Which of these is not a golf club?

- a. Putter
- b. Iron
- c. Wood
- d. Hammer

### Q2: The final of the Wimbledon's Singles event is always played on what day of the week?

- a. Sunday
- b. Monday
- c. Tuesday
- d. Wednesday

### Q3: Which country was the first to win the T20 World Cup twice?

- a. India
- b. West Indies
- c. Sri Lanka
- d. England

### Q4: Which player has scored the highest number of sixes in his career in ODIs?

- a. Sachin Tendulkar
- b. Shahid Afridi
- c. Chris Gayle
- d. Sanath Jayasuriya

### Q5: Ravichandran Ashwin's best-ever Test bowling figures of 13 for 140 came against which team?

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

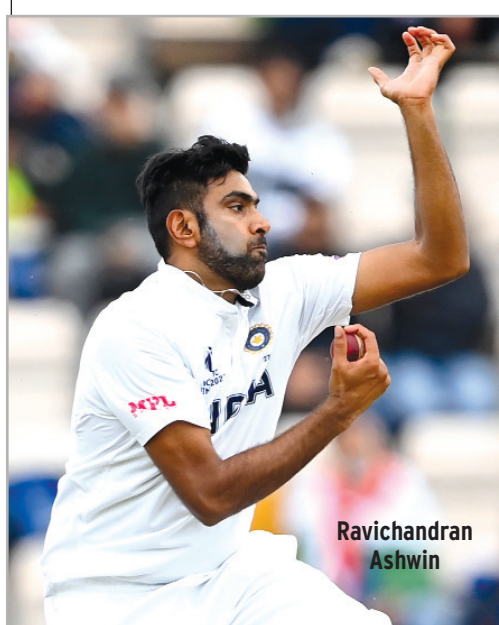


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### Q6: Which nation had won the 2018 UCI Africa Tour circuit?

- a. Tunisia
- b. Morocco
- c. Eritrea
- d. Namibia

### Q7: Which of the following team was not a part of the Big Four of the 2000 decade?

- a. Arsenal
- b. Liverpool
- c. Everton
- d. Chelsea

### Q8: Which of the following does not fall in the ambit

### of Olympic Games?

- a. Winter Olympics
- b. Special Olympics
- c. World Games
- d. Paralympics

### Q9: Who won the FIFA World Cup 2018 which was held at Russia?

- a. France
- b. Germany
- c. Italy
- d. Argentina

**ANSWERS:** 1. d. Hammer 2. a. Sunday  
3. b. West Indies 4. b. Shahid Afridi  
5. c. New Zealand 6. c. Eritrea 7. c. Everton  
8. c. World Games 9. a. France