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India fastest in the world to vaccinate 7 mn people; over 85 lakh inoculated so far against Covid-19



In a proud moment, India became the **fastest country** to vaccinate 7 million people with the Covid-19 jab. The ministry of health and family welfare said that more than 85 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated against Covid till 6 pm on February 15. The cumulative number of healthcare and frontline workers vaccinated against the pandemic reached 85,16,771 on Monday.

The coronavirus vaccination drive was started in a phased manner, identifying the priority groups. Health care workers, both in the government and private sectors, including the ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) workers, started receiving the vaccine during the first phase

While India achieved the target in 26 days, the United States of America took 27 days and the United Kingdom 48 days

World's first FLYING CAR ready to take off



Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads," said Doc Emmett Brown in the 1985 movie 'Back To The Future', before flying off with Marty and Jennifer in his DeLorean. Well, that fictional epic may soon become a reality! Yes, the world's first-ever flying car has been cleared for 'take off' by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) in the US. The Terrafugia Transition has re-

ceived a Special Light-Sport Aircraft airworthiness certificate from the FAA, reports said. This will allow Terrafugia to test its flying vehicle. According to reports, a flight-only version of the craft is now available to only pilots and flight schools. Experts say it will be another year before its car components are 'street legal'—it still needs to meet the road safety standards.

With this flying car, the drivers will be able to convert from flying to driving in less than a minute, taking off and landing in small airports or the highway

FEATURES

- Powered by a 100-hp Rotax 912iS Sport fuel-injected engine, the Transition has a maximum flight speed of 100 mph and a range of about 400 miles, with an altitude of 10,000 feet
- The plane engine can run on either premium gasoline or 100LL airplane fuel, while the car is powered by a hybrid-electric motor
- Standard features include four-wheel hydraulic disc brakes, a rigid carbon fibre safety cage and an airframe parachute
- The vehicle weighs roughly 1,300 pounds, and has a fixed landing gear and a 27-foot-wide wingspan
- The wings actually fold up to

allow for easy storage in a single-car garage

► Terrafugia is developing several models of flying car, including the four-person TF-X, a four-seat hybrid electric, with vertical takeoff and landing capabilities. The TF-X is slated to be semi-autonomous, with computer controls that will allow passengers to simply type in their destination

► It will be capable of automatically avoiding air traffic, bad weather and restricted airspace

Owners will need both a driver's license and a sport pilot's certificate

COST

In 2018, the two-seater Transition was priced at \$400,000, NBC News reported

FACTOID 200

The number of Indian-origin persons, who occupy leadership positions in as

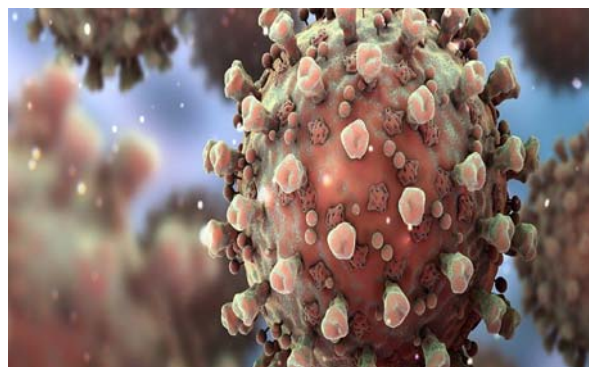
many as 15 countries, including the US and UK. Of these, 60 hold Cabinet ranks, according to a US-based organisation, working among the Indian diaspora. The list also include diplomats, legislators, heads of central banks and senior civil servants from countries with significant histories of diaspora migration, such as Australia, Canada, Singapore, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and the United States



With more than 32 million people of Indian origin (PIOs) globally, Indians are the largest diaspora population in the world, according to the ministry of external affairs

CORONA UPDATE

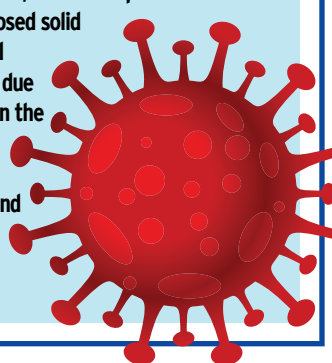
Coronavirus survives longer on glass, plastic than on cloth, paper: IIT Bombay study



The novel coronavirus may survive for far lesser time on porous surfaces, such as paper and clothes than on impermeable surfaces like glass and plastic, a study by the researchers from IIT, Bombay suggests.

Covid-19, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is transmitted through respiratory droplets. The virus-laden droplets also form fomite upon falling on a surface, which serves as a source for the spread of infection

► In the study, the researchers analysed the drying of droplets on impermeable and porous surfaces ► They found that a droplet remains liquid for a much shorter time on a porous surface, making it less favourable to the survival of the virus ► The research suggests that the virus can survive for four days on glass, and seven days on plastic and stainless steel ► Interestingly, the virus survive for only three hours and two days on paper and cloth, respectively ► The study also suggests that the seats in public places, such as parks, shopping malls, restaurants, and railway or airport waiting halls, could be covered with cloth to reduce the risk of disease spread ► According to researchers, 99.9 per cent of the droplet's liquid content for both impermeable and porous surfaces is evaporated within the first few minutes ► They noted that after this initial state, a microscopic thin residual liquid film remains on the exposed solid parts, where the virus can still survive ► The droplets spread due to the capillary action between the liquid near the contact line and the horizontally-oriented fibres on the porous surface and the void spaces in porous materials, which accelerates evaporation



Manufacturing could challenge climate goals: Bill Gates

Bill Gates exudes optimism in discussing the world's ability to tackle climate change, until he hits on manufacturing. About that, he is worried. There is currently no way to make steel or cement without releasing climate-warming emissions. Yet, neither governments nor investors are serious about solving that problem, Gates said. "That's the sector that bothers me the most," Gates said in an interview with Reuters, ahead of the publication of his book, 'How to Avoid a Climate Disaster'.

CLIMATE CHANGE


► The software-developer-turned-philanthropist has invested some \$2 billion towards the development of clean technologies. But those investments are in electricity generation and storage, not in manufacturing

► Manufacturing, especially in the cheap construction staples steel and cement, accounts for roughly a third of the global greenhouse gas emissions, which makes manufac-

turing more polluting than the power or the transportation sectors that receive far more attention in policies and investments. Experts feel, manufacturing sector is set to grow, as the global population climbs and countries further develop

► Gates plans to push for more research and innovation at the UN climate conference in Glasgow in November. "The idea is to get innovation, including R&D onto the agenda ... not just looking at easy stuff," he said

► During the 2015 UN climate talks in Paris, Gates helped to launch a global initiative called Mission Innovation along with many countries, including US and India

'Harry Potter' actor Evanna Lynch announces memoir



Actor Evanna Lynch, best known for portraying the role of Luna Lovegood in the 'Harry Potter' film series, is coming out with a memoir on September 14. The 29-year-old actor-activist took to Instagram to share the announcement. Lynch said, she had been planning to write a book for quite some time, and the year gone by allowed her the "silence and stillness to unravel the story" she wanted to tell.

BOOK

► Published by Headline Books, the memoir chronicles her struggle with an eating disorder, recovery and commitment to her dreams

► "In one way, this book is a memoir about my struggle with an eating disorder. However, it's not really a book about thinness and eating; it's about rebuilding after literally recovering yourself

► "At its essence, it's about the ongoing negotiation between the voices of our fears and our creativity and all the crazy, interesting, wild things that happen when you keep committing to your dreams," Lynch wrote in the caption

MISSION WASTE NEUTRAL

Coca-Cola to test paper bottles in Europe

FOR A CAUSE

Fizzy drinks giant Coca-Cola is all set to test paper bottles in Europe as part of its mission to eliminate plastic waste by the year 2030. The US company's first-ever paper bottle prototype will be available this summer through a limited online trial in Hungary



► A run of 2,000 bottles of the company's 'plant-based snacking drink' AdeZ will be offered via the country's e-grocery retailer Kifli.hu

► The prototype is made of sustainably-sourced wood, with a bio-based material barrier capable of resisting not only liquid, but the gases in fizzy drinks

► It's not 100 per cent made of paper; the prototype includes a plastic cap and a plastic lining made from recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

1 The company has already pledged to collect and recycle a bottle or can for each one it sells globally by 2030, to combat plastic waste and reduce its carbon footprint

2 Coca Cola was named the world's worst-plastic polluter for the third year in a row last year, ahead of Nestle and PepsiCo

3 The bottle's paper 'shell' is made with 10 grams of a paper-fibre-based material, while the lining is made with 12 grams of 100 per cent recycled and recyclable PET

4 The shell of paper-fibre-based material is a single piece that's been wrapped into shape

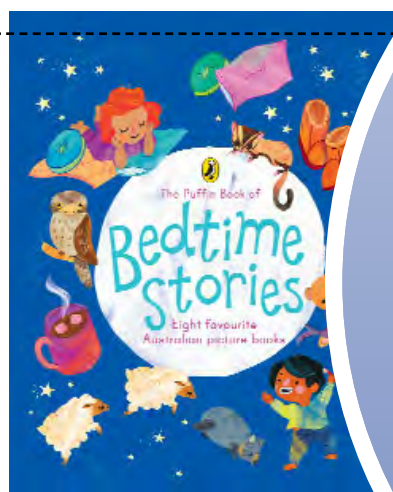


SLEEP POTIONS

Apart from the traditional 'haldi wala doodh', sleep-inducing drinks like tea, tonics, smoothies and shakes are in. "Chamomile tea, butterfly pea flower tea, lavender milk, pumpkin juice, etc. are the new bedtime drinks," says Sanjeev Goila, food trend analyst from Delhi.

SLEEP TECH

"Sleep tracking and meditation apps have seen a phenomenal rise. Bedtime stories for adults, centering on spirituality or positivity, are popular too," says sleep therapist and consultant Rumona Tyrewalla.



SLUMBER SNACKS

While international brands like Nightfood are offering healthy 'sleep ice cream' abroad, India too is warming up to the trend. "Low-cal bedtime snacks like smoothies, oatmeal cereal, trail mixes, yoghurt with granola, etc. have become favourite bedtime foods," says food consultant Raghav Juneja.

2021 is the year of Rest Relaxation

The year 2020 was characterised by insomnia and disrupted body clocks, but in 2021, sleep and relaxation is going mainstream. "We have realised how essential sleep is. I have seen a dramatic rise in queries from people on how to improve their sleep. The market too is flooded with sleep-aiding and inducing products," says Dr Radhika Pannu from a sleep clinic in Mumbai. Here's more...



Times Life



Weighted blankets and luxe bed sheets are helping improve the quality of sleep

BED WORKOUTS

Many are turning to pre-sleep yoga to wind down and burn a few calories before calling it a night. "Exercises like hip raises, side planks, crunches, scissor legs, etc., help you stay fit and also aid sleep," says fitness trainer Manali Ghorpade.

WELLNESS

Quick-fix remedies for your skin

Changing season takes its toll on skin - from harsh to mild winter - from that to onset of spring. To keep your complexion in good condition, here are some DIY ideas



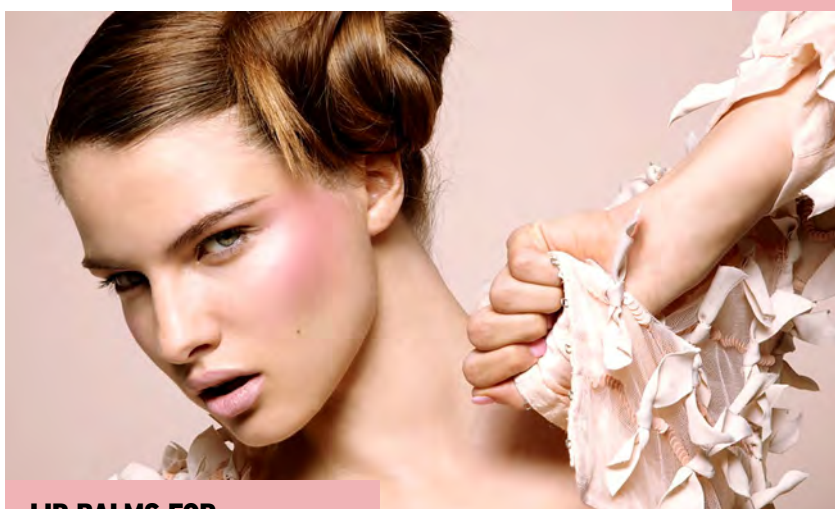
BERRIES, CREAM AND HONEY MIX FOR SOFT CREAM

With shelves in markets full of strawberries, these can go into your skincare routine besides featuring in your dessert bowls. Mash 3-4 strawberries with a tbsp of fresh cream and honey and apply on your face, neck and hands.



NATURAL OILS TO MOISTURISE

Naturopathy users advocate the use of natural products to moisturise the skin. Use cold-pressed virgin coconut oil on your face, neck and lips for hydration.



LIP BALMS FOR SUPPLENESS

Gentle sugar scrubs and fruit-based, home-made balms can exfoliate the dry skin off chapped lips and soften them. Sugar granules with almond oil can be used to gently scrub off flaky skin. Mix almond oils in fragrances of natural food flavours to make them smell and taste good.



HONEY AND OATMEAL MASK FOR YOUR FACE

"Exfoliate with home-made oatmeal and honey mask because it is great for dry and irritated skin. Mix two spoonfuls of oats with honey and water and wash it after 20 minutes for supple skin," says Aishwarya Sawarna Nir, founder of a wellness brand.

TURMERIC FOR GLOWY SKIN

Mix turmeric - the wonder spice - with ingredients like besan to make a home-made face pack. For an exfoliating face pack, try this recipe: Add a spoonful of gram flour or besan, crushed almonds and honey to freshly-ground turmeric powder.



HEALTH NUGGET

Why you should not rub your eyes

If there is a foreign object that gets lodged in your eye, you should take care to not rub it. Most people assume, incorrectly, that doing so will produce tears, which could wash out the foreign substance. However, it may also cause damage to the eye, such as scratches or abrasions.

What you should do instead is wash or repeatedly rinse your eyes with clean running water. If this doesn't work, cover the eye with a loose bandage and visit a doctor.

Daily Mirror



QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Who was ranked top in the latest Women's Tennis Association (WTA) 2019?

- A. Ashleigh Barty
B. Amanda Anisimova
C. Marketa Vondrousova
D. Kristina Mladenovic

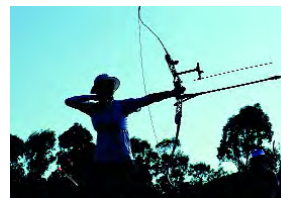
- B. Sagar Maitri Mission-2
C. Operation Nistar
D. Sagardhwani Mission

Q.3) Archer Deepika Kumari won the _____ medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games test event.

- A. Gold B. Bronze
C. Test medal D. Silver

Q.2) Name the mission embarked upon by INS Sagardhwani in Kochi.

- A. Operation Madad



ANSWERS

1. A) Ashleigh Barty 2. B) Sagar Maitri Mission-2 3. D) Silver

KNOWLEDGE BANK (NATURE)

Bees

There are over 16,000 known species of bees. Some species including honey bees, bumblebees and stingless bees live socially in colonies. Bees feed on nectar and pollen, the former primarily acts as an energy source and the latter provides for protein and other nutrients. Honey is stored in the hive as winter food for the bees. Sometimes, when they are out gathering nectar, bees fall asleep inside the flower.



WORD WISE

nadir: (n) Astronomy. The point on the celestial sphere directly beneath a given position or observer and diametrically opposite the zenith. The lowest point; point of greatest adversity or despair.

Synonymous words: rock bottom, base, bottom,

floor, all-time low, low point, record low, etc.

Examples: ■ The debt debacle of 2018 was by far the **nadir** of that year. ■ The stock market has crashed, having reached an **all-time low**. ■ Clothes in this store are being sold at **rock bottom** prices, hence the mad rush.

BOOK REVIEW: WONDER BY RJ PALACIO

'W'onder' is an exceptionally excellent book written by RJ Palacio. Its main character, a boy named August Pullman, has a facial disorder which makes him look quite terrifying. He has been home-schooled his entire life and now is joining Beecher Prep School in class V.

As we delve deeper into the book, it becomes quite apparent that August's face does not reflect his nature. He possesses a kind and humorous spirit and is pretty smart. The book shows us how he gets through his 5th grade, alongside trusted friends and bullying fiends, with frequent dips into his family goings-on, and let's just say that it isn't easy to get through the first

grade of junior school with a face that doesn't attract good attention; but things (eventually) get better, even if they are difficult at the beginning.

This book taught me that it doesn't matter what people say about you, and that you just have to keep your head held high, even if others are doing their best to humiliate or degrade you. You need to believe in who you are, and others will eventually see your true self and appreciate it too.

I hope you read this heart-touching, life-changing book, and that you learn a lesson from it too.

ERINA FARAZ FARISHTA, class VII H, Nasr School, Khairatabad



WEEKEND PLAN

FREESTYLE WEEKENDS

Weekends are usually meant for relaxing, reconciling, catching up with your interests and family, and of course there's no place for work on these days! That has changed because every day is for relaxing in this quarantine and one cannot really differentiate between weekend and weekdays.

My weekends are spent unplanned. I have a schedule for weekdays, but weekends are just freestyling. Though I try to be productive by studying, but again, who am I kidding? On weekends I wake up as early as possible and do some physical exercises and meditation. Then after breakfast, I practice

the ukulele. I recently discovered it lying under the bed collecting dust and got this sudden urge to master it after having abandoned it earlier. Even though we all stay at home, we don't really spend quality time with our family members. So, sometime during the mid-afternoon, my sister and I sit down to play monopoly for hours together. I am sure we have become experts in trading by now.

I also started to learn Carnatic music, wanting to gain something from my heritage. After a heartfelt session of singing, I

sit down to peacefully read a good book. Afterwards all of our friends have a group call, which I look forward to the entire day, and eventually start whining about missing school.

And at the end of the day, the thought of waking up early next morning to sit through classes grips my mind and with a heavy heart I retire to bed. Nonetheless, I feel satisfied and refreshed and I get ready to start my next week.

JOSHICA, class IX A, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Jubilee Hills



CRAFT OUT OF WASTE

A Scrapbook Competition was organised for the students of classes IV and V in Ganges Valley School recently. The children relived the pre-independence era by scrap-

Ganges Valley School
Hyderabad

booking about the various elements of our Constitution and also by creating wealth out of waste and by using various craft techniques, photography, and layouts.

Explore The Artist In You!



Every child is an artist and with their treasure trove and innovative ideas they paint the canvas of their lives and their loved ones. To exhibit the creative abilities of the budding artists, Gitanjali Vedika organised an art exhibition 'Listen to you Heart.' Rangoli Garg, a renowned artist, was the chief guest of the occasion.

The event stood as a platform for the young minds from Nursery to class VI to transcend the boundaries of their inherent aesthetic

Gitanjali Vedika
Hyderabad

potential. From dotted lines to sketches, from A, B, C curves to panoramic sceneries and from bright hues crayons to distinct palettes of acrylic paint, the exhibition was a great fusion.

All the students participated and displayed the freedom of their artistic voice. It was an enthusi-

astic involvement of all the young artists of the school.

During the year, in every celebration whether Independence Day or World Conservation Day the importance and vital role of arts was highlighted. The principal lauded the collective efforts of the students and teachers towards making the exhibition successful. The exhibition, which was presented in a 3D format, touched upon art in its contemporary and traditional forms.

Learning to exercise their franchise

Pallavi Model School
Bowenpally

National Voters' Day is celebrated every year across the country to mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India. The main purpose of the day is to encourage, facilitate and maximize enrolment, especially for the new voters. Dedicated to the voters of the country, the day is utilized to spread awareness among voters and for promoting informed participation in the electoral process. To iterate these facts, the students from class IX of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally conducted a special assembly.

The students explained how even during the pandemic, the Election Commission organised a special programme on its Founder's Day which was graced by President Ram Nath Kovind virtually. The theme for this year's National Voters' Day was 'Making our voters empowered, vigilant, safe



and informed.' This year, ECI faced a bigger challenge due to Covid 19 as people were reluctant to come out and vote.

Moreover, organizing elections in the biggest democracy of the world while keeping all health regulations in mind is definitely be a daunting task for the Election Com-

mission of India.

The students concluded the assembly by spreading the message that the future youth need to be informed about the right to vote and be an integral part of the nation building process. They need to take an active part of the electoral process in the future and exercise their basic right and work towards building a better India.



Delhi Public School
Mahendra Hills

As rightly said by Abraham Lincoln "The ballot is stronger than the bullet," voting is the most precious right of every citizen. It is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world. On this note, the students of class V celebrated National Voters Day to spread awareness on the importance of voting, especially among the newly eligible voters of the country.

The students also took a pledge to vote once they reach the eligible age to uphold the democratic traditions of the country.

Students also celebrated National Tourism Day which is held to highlight

the essential role of tourism in the growth of the country.

This year, the theme of National Tourism Day was 'Dekho Apna Desh' as India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world. Students took the audience around the nation to make them aware of the multicultural experiences and the rich heritage accompanied by beautiful attractions through a video. They also showed how the country is among the most popular tourist destinations in the world.

THAT WAS THE DAY..!

I walked up the stage.
Upfront was large crowd of strangers I never met before,
Curious to hear me speak and express.
But here I am standing still like a clock worn out with eating time,
the stage lights were blinding me,
and here I am,
too nervous to pay attention,
too intimidated to let out a single word.
What if I stutter?
What if I mess up the words?
What if I cannot please the crowd?
I thought to myself.
And then I took a deep breath,
With all the courage left in me I spoke.
And all of a sudden
strangers felt like friends I was conversing with,
I stood there without constraint,
The lights weren't so blinding anymore.
Here I am, letting my opinions out loud,
And sharing my views with audience,
that was the day I gained confidence,
that was the day I stopped hesitating,
that was the day I started talking more.
And that was the day I changed a challenge of mine into a beautiful opportunity.



MANOGNYA BANDHAKAVI, class IX D, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Vidyashram

ALADDIN

If you ask my favourite movie I'd say that it's Aladdin
Its live action is so much better
Than what I had imagined!

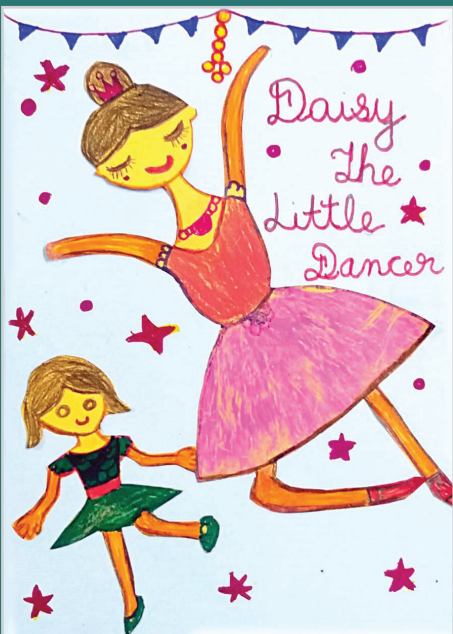
The characters are so cool
And songs are totally awesome
And with the surroundings looking like that,
The Arabian feel really blossoms!

Jasmine is brave
while Aladdin is kind
and Genie is the
bestest friend,
that you can
ever find!

History was
made
by this story of
the thief
There is more to it
My poem's just a brief!



PRANAVI DWIVEDI, class VII D, Army Public School, Bolaram

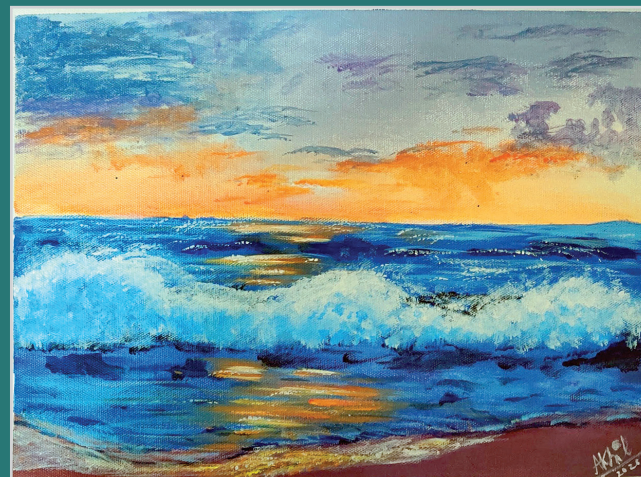


PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES: ALEKHYA, class III A, Delhi Public School, Nadergul



STARRY NIGHT: B.AARUSH SENA, class IV A, Delhi School of Excellence, Manikonda

SPLASHES OF WONDER: AKHIL, class VII J, Delhi Public School, Nacharam



WIELDING AUTHORITY: ANSHITA MOHAPATRA, class V E, Bhavan's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Sainikpuri



Name: Anshita
Class: 5 E
School: Bhava

STUMPING BRILLIANCE

Rishabh Pant stumped Dan Lawrence in spiderman style in the final innings of the second Test



Photo: ANI

Rishabh Pant has really worked hard in Australia, when he moves with the gloves you can see the difference in his reactions. He has shed a lot of weight and has worked hard on himself. It is showing, the way he kept with so

much turn and bounce (on Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium pitch), credit to him. We want him to keep improving as a wicketkeeper because we know the value he brings to the team. **VIRAT KOHLI**, India captain



He's a bundle of gifted talent. His wicketkeeping and stumpings were marvellous, brilliant. Particularly, his stumping of Lawrence, after the ball had passed between the batsman's legs, was brilliant because you are blinded

while collecting the ball on the leg side. His reflexes, agility, etc. was superb on a vicious pitch. I don't have words to express my feelings. He is a game changer for sure. **SYED KIRMANI**, former India wicketkeeper



Fresh from guiding the Indian side to a historic series win in Australia, promising young talent Rishabh Pant is keen on raising his stock by becoming the ideal choice behind the wickets for the Asian giants in their first home assignment of the year 2021

HE'S JUST 23 AND IS GOING TO IMPROVE: KIRAN MORE

- On Tuesday, Pant effected two jaw dropping stumpings, of Dan Lawrence and Moeen Ali, to help India wrap up the second Test against England on the fourth day. This was in addition to his brilliant, one-handed catches to his left to dismiss Ollie Pope and Jack Leach in the first innings. In addition, he scored a crucial 58 not out in the first innings. This performance showed how much he has improved in the recent past.
- "Everybody had a question mark against his wicketkeeping. But I never had any. When you don't allow that boy to play in India, how is he going to learn? To play abroad is more difficult than in India. That's my simple argument. On turning pitches a wicketkeeper is always going to come into play. Everybody saw today what he can do," former India wicketkeeper Kiran More, who was chairman of the national selection committee between 2004 and 2006, told IANS.
- Pant has played 14 of his 18 Tests abroad, and only four in India.
- "He has taken some great takes; he has effected some great stumpings. On the way, he's going to miss a few. But he's just 23 and is going to improve and become the top wicketkeeper in world cricket. His attitude is superb; he doesn't care. Of course, there is a lot of scope for improvement," More said.
- Former India wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani, too, is very impressed with Pant's performance in the second Test at the M A Chidambaram Stadium.
- "This boy is abundantly gifted, and he should be left alone, and people should keep encouraging him. He still has to work a lot on his agility and reflexes etc. He has to make a little change in his attitude, because complacency could creep in subconsciously," said the former chairman of national selection committee.
- Pant's childhood coach Tarak Sinha said that the security of selection has provided confidence to his ward.
- "When one is assured of his place in the team he blossoms. That is a major reason for Rishabh's good performance is this Test. He had the support of the entire team. His reflexes are good and the stumping of Lawrence is a result of those reflexes. In future he will only get better and better," said Sinha, who coached Pant at his Sonnet Club in Delhi.
- "He scored runs in the first against England (91 and 11) and that provided confidence to him. And that confidence has rubbed on to his wicketkeeping. A wicketkeeper has to concentrate on each ball, all the time. It's a game between the bowler and the wicketkeeper. His concentration used to momentarily waver and that led to lapses. Now, his concentration is better," he emphasised.
- Pant has scored 1,256 runs at 44.85 in 18 Tests, including two centuries, Missing five others from handshaking distance, besides six half-centuries. He has taken 71 catches and effected five stumpings.

India don't complain or crib about pitch conditions overseas: Ashwin



Photo: ANI

The off-spinner, who earned the Man of the Match award for his eight-wicket haul and a century on a wicket that aided turn from the first session of the first day, said the Indian team is proud of being able to master difficult conditions better than the others. Several former cricketers, including former England captain Michael Vaughan and Australia batsman Mark Waugh, slammed the Chennai pitch for the 2nd Test, calling it "not fit for Test cricket" and "unplayable". A few experts even went on to call the pitch "a beach" as England were bundled out for 134 in the first innings.

Everyone is entitled to an opinion. It is us who are reading into it... Whoever is giving their opinion is well within their rights to give an opinion. As a cricketing fraternity or country, dealing with such sort of accusations needs to get better. We must hold pride in how we are playing better (on such wickets). Test

matches are won over a period of time. You play overs and win Test matches.

People give their opinions. It is completely fine if people give opinions. We will also have opinions when we tour abroad. We don't complain or crib, and just get on with it. I have never seen any of our greats, be it

our coach Ravi Shastri or Sunil Gavaskar, who have been on tours abroad, I have never seen them talk about pitches having lot of grass. It has never happened. When people come out with such opinions, we should respect them but I think we should be able to magnanimously deflect them away. **R ASHWIN**, India spinner

Mbappe hat-trick hands PSG 4-1 win over Barca



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

FC Barcelona's chances of winning this season's Champions League all but evaporated on Tuesday night after they suffered a 4-1 home defeat to Paris Saint Germain. PSG striker Kylian Mbappe helped his side's supporters forget the absence of Neymar and Angel Di Maria with a hat-trick that left Barca needing to score four goals in the return leg to highlight the club's recent decline. Barca coach Ronald Koeman took a big risk in bringing Gerard Pique back into his starting 11 after over four months out with a knee injury, while Sergino Dest was also back at right-back after injury.

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which player has smashed most sixes in the Chappell-Hadlee Trophy?

- a) Michael Hussey ☐ b) Brad Haddin ☐
c) Martin Guptill ☐ d) Brendon McCullum ☐

Q2: During which Olympics did Mima Ito become the youngest table tennis medallist?

- a) 2012 London Olympics ☐
b) 2016 Rio Olympics ☐
c) 2000 Sydney Olympics ☐
d) 2008 Beijing Olympics ☐

Q3: After Fakhar Zaman, who holds the record of fastest 1000 runs in One Day Internationals?

- a) Jonathan Trott ☐ b) Imam-ul-Haq ☐
c) Viv Richards ☐ d) Kevin Pietersen ☐

Q4: Who was the first woman to win four Olympic table tennis gold medals?

- a) Wang Nan ☐ b) Yining Zhang ☐
c) Yaping Deng ☐ d) Nan Wang ☐

Q5: Which player has taken most wickets in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy?

- a) Ravichandran Ashwin ☐ b) Anil Kumble ☐
c) Harbhajan Singh ☐ d) Nathan Lyon ☐

Q6: At which Olympics did Eliud Kipchoge win a gold medal?

- a) 2012 London Olympics ☐
b) 2016 Rio Olympics ☐



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c) 2000 Sydney Olympics ☐
d) 2008 Beijing Olympics ☐

Q7: Other than Sarah Taylor, which female cricket player made most stumpings in ODIs?

- a) Anju Jain ☐ b) Batool Fatima ☐
c) Jane Smit ☐ d) Trisha Chetty ☐

Q8: How many medals has Simone Biles bagged at the only Olympic games she has participated in?

- a) Five ☐ b) Four ☐ c) Three ☐ d) Two ☐

Q9: In which year did Manchester United become the first English club to win the European Cup?

a) 1968 ☐ b) 1974 ☐ c) 1964 ☐ d) 1969 ☐

Q10: Netherlands scored the lowest total against which country in ICC Men's T20 World Cup?

- a) South Africa ☐ b) Sri Lanka ☐
c) England ☐ d) India ☐

Q11: Who holds the record of most catches in the Wisden Trophy?

- a) Graham Gooch ☐ b) Clive Lloyd ☐
c) Garry Sobers ☐ d) Brian Lara ☐

ANSWERS: 1- d) Brendon McCullum
2- b) 2016 Rio Olympics 3- b) Imam-ul-Haq
4- c) Yaping Deng 5- b) Anil Kumble
6- b) 2016 Rio Olympics 7- a) Anju Jain
8- a) Five 9- a) 1968 10- b) Sri Lanka
11- d) Brian Lara