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The last two years have demonstrated a simple but brutal truth – if we leave anyone behind, we leave everyone behind. If we fail to vaccinate every person, we give rise to new variants that spread across borders, and bring daily life and economies to a grinding halt. Nations must prepare for the next pandemic through common sense investments in monitoring, early detection and rapid response plans in every country – and by strengthening the authority of the World Health Organisation. We need to come together – across countries and across sectors – to support those countries, who need the most help
Antonio Guterres, secretary-general, UN

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Education

IIT-Delhi to mentor young girls in STEM



To encourage young girls to pursue a career in science and related fields, IIT-Delhi has recently launched a free STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Mentorship Programme for girls studying in class XI in government schools irrespective of their economic status. Candidates have been shortlisted by the selected schools based on students' inclination towards STEM disciplines. According to IIT-Delhi, candidates must have scored more than 85% marks in class IX and X in science subjects. The mentoring will be offered to girls in class XI when most students decide the stream of their choice. "Giving a proper guidance to girls through the three-level programme on how research is done at labs, what kind of discussions take place among scientists and research scholars at an early age can provide an impetus for a career in science and technology," said Pritha Chandra, associate dean, Academic Outreach and New Initiatives, IIT-Delhi.

► Under this initiative, participants will be mentored by an IIT-Delhi faculty along with his/her research scholars. ► The three-level programme is divided into a two-week winter project – from Dec end to early Jan. ► An online lecture series, consisting of modules in chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics, and some engineering branches, will be taught by the faculties of IIT-Delhi. ► The lecture series will be conducted between Feb and April 2022. During this period, the students will also be interacting with their mentors on their specific projects. There will be a three-four weeks summer project, where the students will get hands-on experience in labs, and finalise their project reports with their mentors.

Earth's interior cooling faster than we thought

The interior of the Earth is cooling faster than expected, a study has found – meaning our planet will become inactive like Mercury and Mars sooner than thought.

Researchers studied the thermal properties of bridgmanite, the primary mineral that makes up the boundary between Earth's mantle and outer core. They developed a measurement system and found that the thermal conductivity (the ability of a given material to conduct/transfer heat) of bridgmanite is about 1.5 times higher than assumed. Interestingly, the thermal conductivity of bridgmanite determines how much energy can flow from the molten iron-nickel core to the much cooler, viscous mantle above it. It, remains unclear, however, exactly how long this process will take.

HOW DOES IT AFFECT US?

- The Earth's core, made up of hot molten mass, churns around at tremendous speed, which helps the Earth to rotate, creates gravity, and an electromagnetic field that protects terrestrial beings like humans and animals from being fried alive due to the sun's harmful UV rays.
- If that molten metal cools down, it will affect the rate at which the Earth rotates, days will get longer as months will get shorter.
- More importantly, climate change will be at its worst imaginable version.

The evolution of our Earth is the story of its cooling: 4.5 billion years ago, extreme temperatures prevailed on the surface of the young Earth, and it was covered by a deep ocean of magma. Over millions of years, the planet's surface cooled, enough for organisms to survive, to form a brittle crust, which remains the surface we walk on today, while the matter underneath our feet continues to exist in the molten state.

PM Modi introduces 'P3 movement' for India's climate change commitments at Davos

Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced the 'P3 (Pro-Planet People) movement' that underlines India's climate change commitments at the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Davos Agenda 2022. He pointed towards the challenges that our lifestyle causes for the climate. "Throw away culture and consumerism has deepened the climate challenge. It is imperative to rapidly move from today's 'take-make-use-dispose' economy to a circular economy", he stressed. Reiterating India's commitment towards climate change, PM Modi also said that with 17 per cent of the world's population, India contributes only five per cent to global carbon emissions. However, the commitment to tackle the climate challenge is 100 per cent, he added.

In today's 'take-make-use-dispose economy, it is very important to rapidly move towards a circular economy. This is the spirit at the core of our mission LIFE idea—Lifestyle for Environment, the vision of a resilient and sustainable lifestyle, which will be useful in dealing with climate crisis as well as future unpredictable challenges. Therefore, it is important for mission LIFE to become a global mass movement. We can make a campaign of public participation like LIFE and P-3(Pro-Planet People)

— Narendra Modi, PM



NEWS IN CLUES

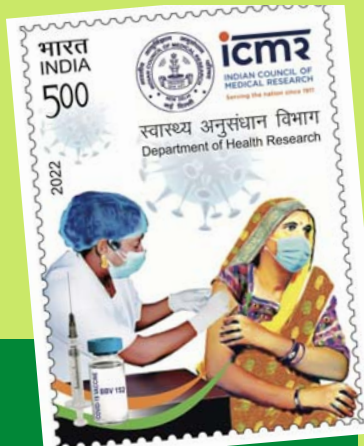
WHICH WAS THE FIRST-EVER GRAND SLAM TO BE WON BY THE LEANDER PAES-MAHESH BHUPATHI DUO?

- CLUE 1:** The Musketeers' Cup, is awarded to the winner of the men's singles event.
- CLUE 2:** Czech Republic's Barbora Krejčíková is the current women's singles champion.
- CLUE 13** Until 1975, it was the only major tournament not played on grass.

Answer: French Open. Novak Djokovic could be barred from playing in the year's second Grand Slam as things stand now after the French sports ministry said that there would be no exemption from the country's new vaccine law. World No 1 Djokovic arrived in his native Serbia on the day after being deported from Australia on Sunday because he is not vaccinated against Covid-19.

A postal stamp to mark 1 year of Covid vax drive

Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya has released a commemorative postal stamp on India's achievement in developing the indigenous Covid vaccine, as the nation marked the first anniversary of its Covid vaccine drive, which began on January 16 last year.



- 1 The stamp shows a health worker inoculating a senior citizen with Covaxin
- 2 Covaxin is one of the two mainstays of India's immunisation programme against Covid-19, along with Covishield. It was developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech International Ltd in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research
- 3 India's collective fight against Covid pandemic, which began with the vaccination drive, was later expanded to citizens and people with comorbidities, and finally all above 18 plus

Bayern striker Lewandowski awarded Best FIFA Men's Player of Year 2021

Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski has been crowned 'The Best FIFA Men's Player of Year 2021', winning the award for the second year in succession. Lewandowski, 33, won the most points from coaches, captains as well as media representatives, taking the reward ahead of second-placed Lionel Messi and third-placed Mohamed Salah.



Oscar Isaac is Marvel's newest superhero with 'Moon Knight'

Marvel Studios has unveiled the first trailer for its Disney Plus series 'Moon Knight', and it has a new superhero played by actor Oscar Isaac...

In 'Moon Knight' premiering on March 30, Isaac plays Marc Spector, a former soldier with a profound case of dissociative identity disorder that manifests as fully distinct individuals. He becomes the conduit for the Egyptian moon god Khonshu, which only further exacerbates Marc's anxiety over his mental illness.



Entertainment

Making his Marvel comics debut in 1975, Moon Knight initially had superpowers based on the phases of the moon, but more recent iterations have kept his abilities mortal, aided by sophisticated gadgetry.



The World

this week

CAN

cricket make Indo-Pak ties better?



IN THE NEWS FOR

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja is set to propose an annual quadrilateral series involving India, Pakistan, England and Australia in the next International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in a bid to play regular international cricket against India. According to Code Sports Australia, the four-nation tournament will be proposed by the former Pakistan captain in the T20I format.

The arch-rivals Pakistan and India have not played cricket due to worsening political conditions. They last played series in 2012/13

YOU SPEAK

There needs to be more ways to open channels of communication and engagement between India and Pakistan – cricket, of course, being one of them. Not just through one series, but through music, film collaborations, opportunities to build bridges. It is important to create a conducive and comfortable climate by the governments so that the younger generation can interact and embrace the similarities, while respecting the differences.

ERIC JOSEPH, class VI, Bishop Cotton Boys School, B'luu

WE SPEAK

Pakistan's legendary bowler Wasim Akram said it's only the fans and media which hypes the contest as a battle between the two but the reality is different from what it seems as both teams have a lot of respect for each other.

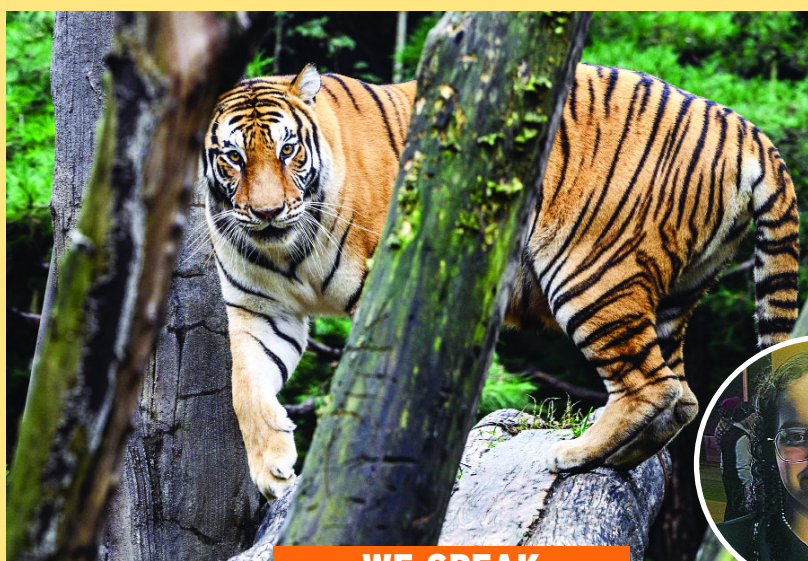
HOW

can we protect tigers?

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Of the endangered big cats died in 2021, the most since it began compiling data a decade ago, said India's tiger conservation body recently. The previous highest number of deaths per year before the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) began compiling data in 2012 was in 2016, when 121 perished.



WE SPEAK

TIGER POPULATION IS RECEDING: NTCA

Over the past decade the biggest reason for deaths recorded by the NTCA was "natural causes", but many also fell victim to poachers and "human-animal conflict". Human encroachment on tiger habitats has increased in recent decades. Kartick Satyanarayan, founder of Wildlife SOS, told AFP, deaths due to human-animal conflict were driven by "the fragmentation of the tiger's natural habitat." "Tigers range over large jungle areas and find it impossible to migrate to other forests without crossing human habitations, increasing chances of conflict," he said. Critics say that the government has also loosened environmental regulations for projects including mining. Satyanarayan also said increasing demand for tiger skins and use of tiger body parts in traditional Chinese medicine were some of the major reasons for poaching. The government has made efforts to manage the tiger population better, however, reserving 50 habitats across the country for the animals.



1 India is home to around 75 per cent of the world's tigers.

2 It is believed there were around 40,000 tigers at the time of independence in 1947 but hunting and habitat loss has slashed the population to dangerously low levels.

3 In 2010, India and 12 other countries signed an agreement to double tiger numbers by 2022.

4 Last year, the government said it had reached the target ahead of schedule, with an estimated 2,967 tigers in 2018 versus a record low of 1,411 in 2006.

YOU SPEAK

I believe it's time that we collectively strive towards restoring the glory of tigers. The government needs to reserve more wildlife sanctuaries than we already have. We must try to enable breeding tigers in labs and then release them into the wild so that it does not disturb the ecological cycle. We must also modify our laws in such a way that it unites the local communities to save our national animal. On the ground root level, we, as students and civilians, can also donate and volunteer to work for organisations that protect tigers.

YOSHITA UPADHYAY, class IX, Fitjee, Hyderabad



DOES

Yogi

have magic formula for UP?

IN THE NEWS FOR

The BJP is expected to win a comfortable majority in the 403-member Uttar Pradesh Assembly, a pre-poll survey conducted by Times Now said. According to the opinion poll, BJP seems to be returning to power in UP by winning 227-254 Assembly seats. Samajwadi Party and its alliance partners are likely to win 136-151 segments. Yogi Adityanath is the most



preferred chief ministerial candidate in Uttar Pradesh, 53.4 per cent of the total respondents of the Times Now survey said. While 31.5 per cent wanted Akhilesh Yadav to rule the state, 11.5 per cent wanted Mayawati to be the best choice to head the next UP government. Notably, only 2.5 per cent wanted Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as the CM of UP.

WE SPEAK

Five years ago, the BJP had welcomed turncoats from other parties and flaunted it as an achievement. The same turncoats are now living up to their reputation and changing loyalties when elections are round the corner. Whether it is Swami Prasad Maurya, Dara Singh Chauhan, Bhagwati Sharan Sagar or Avatar Singh Bhadana, all these leaders had hitched on to the saffron bandwagon to enter the Vidhan Sabha. Their exit in a series may not impact the BJP so much on the ground but it will definitely mount psychological pressure on the party managers and demoralise the cadres. What is even more worrisome is the fact that almost all the deserters belong to various OBC groups and have levelled similar-sounding allegations against the party leadership.

YOU SPEAK

UP is all set for the 2022 polls, wherein we shall see four prominent parties contesting, namely the BJP, Congress, SP and BSP. With various reforms, chief minister Yogi Adityanath is a strong contender to win, but he is faced with the task of keeping his MLAs together. Many of them have quit recently, spoiling the perfect picture that the ruling party has been painting. Meanwhile, SP chief, Akhilesh Yadav is also going to give a fight. Recently, he tweeted, 'Mela Hobe', drawing from 'Khela Hobe' slogan of Trinamool Congress during the West Bengal assembly polls, which the BJP lost.

SANVI RASTOGI, class VIII, The Millennium School, Lucknow



HAS

the world failed in vaccine equity? Will 2022 be different?



IN THE NEWS FOR

As 2022 approaches, with nearly nine billion vaccine doses administered worldwide, public health experts say goals of global vaccine equity have fallen woefully short. Not only has ramped-up vaccine production failed to address shortages in low-income countries, but there remains a long way to go in addressing the myriad challenges related to getting vaccines from tarmacs in low-income countries into residents' arms, as per Al Jazeera.

YOU SPEAK

Yes, I do believe that Covid cannot be contained without equal distribution of the vaccines around the world. Many countries are hoarding vaccines, leaving the poor nations vulnerable. This gap would only lead to the virus re-emerging in new variants until everyone gets immune.

MAYANK MUNDHRA, class X, Apeejay School Park Street, Kolkata

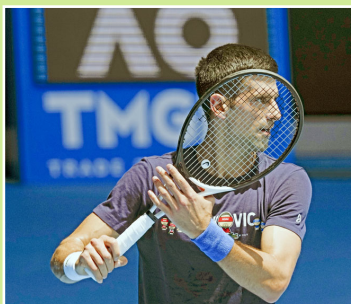


WE SPEAK

In a November report, COVID GAP found that 67 countries, the informal grouping of the world's most advanced economies, and European Union countries are projected to have in excess of 834 million high-quality vaccine doses by the end of the year, even when accounting for providing boosters to 20% of the population and rollouts to kids.

WAS

it fair to Djokovic?



IN THE NEWS FOR

Novak Djokovic's final bid to avoid deportation and play in the Australian Open despite being unvaccinated for Covid ended on Sunday when a court unanimously dismissed the No. 1-ranked tennis player's challenge of a government minister's decision to cancel his visa. Djokovic, a 34-year-old from Serbia, said he was "extremely disappointed" by the ruling but respected it. He has won a record nine Australian Open titles, including three in a row, but this time won't even get the chance to try.

WE SPEAK

The visa cancellation effectively means the world's number one tennis player would be barred from obtaining a new Australian visa for three years, except under exceptional circumstances. Djokovic, an avowed Covid-19 vaccine sceptic, had been practising on the Melbourne Park courts just hours before Immigration Minister Alex Hawke's bombshell decision was announced. But at an emergency court hearing, the tennis ace challenged the decision.

YOU SPEAK

The decision to detain Djokovic's visa may have seemed to be an extreme step, but looking at the current Covid scenario, it was called for. Australia is swamped with cases due to Omicron, and the pressure on hospitals is high. The Australian government has been extremely strict and vigilant when it comes to the vaccine, making it unfair for them to grant Djokovic an exemption, as his carelessness could negatively impact many at the Australian Open.

PIUSHI AJWANI, class XI, Jamnabai Narsee School, Mumbai



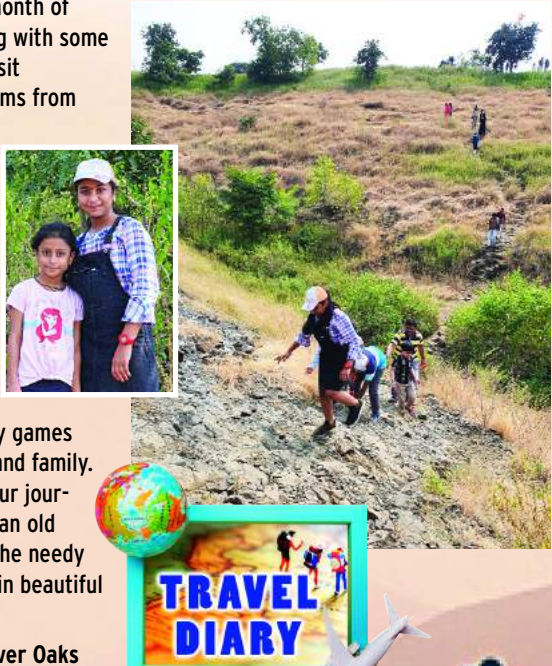
AN OUTING TO THE HILLS

One fine Sunday morning in the month of November 2020, my family along with some friends started off in a bus to visit Ananthagiri Hills, which is located 80 kms from Hyderabad. It took us about two hours to reach the place and we had our breakfast on the way.

After reaching the place, we first visited an ancient temple, the Padmanabhaswamy temple. We had prasadam at the temple.

Later, after lunch, we went to a hilly area and had fun climbing the rocky landscape with the help of our elders. We trekked and stopped to play games and had a great time with our friends and family. After completing our hike we started our journey back home. On the way we visited an old age home and donated some food for the needy people. It was a memorable day spent in beautiful green surroundings.

AASHRITHA, class IV, Philippines, Silver Oaks International School, Mighty Oaks Campus, Hyderabad



LEARNING TO BE INQUISITIVE, ASK QUESTIONS

SCI WHIZ IGNITES STUDENTS' SCIENTIFIC TEMPERAMENT

Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills, organised a Junior School Science Quest Inter-school Competition, Sci Whiz, a knowledge exchange programme to kindle the scientific temperament of young minds.

Scientist Dr Lavanya Sunitha was the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony. Principal Nandita Sunkara welcomed the chief guest and all the students and teachers of the participating schools. In her address, she said such competitions help students to develop an inquisitive nature and they learn to ask questions.

Declaring the programme open, Lavanya Sunitha appreciated the school for organising the competition where children are encouraged to develop a scientific spirit and curiosity also helping them to think and creatively find solutions to the challenges they face.

The students of classes I and II from 15 schools participated in the competition and showcased a number of experiments and presentations on relevant themes ranging from Health, Hygiene and Sanitization, Conservation of Resources, Global Warming, Waste to Health, Types of Energy, Space and Beyond. It was amazing to watch the little ones displaying their projects and experiments confidently through PPTs and models, making it challenging for the judges to choose the winners.



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The programme concluded with the chief guest for the Valediction Ceremony, Sunitha Rao, Principal DPS Nacharam, addressing the students and declaring the results of the competition. She applauded the initiative taken by the school to inculcate

scientific temper in young minds.

Vice Principal I Sudha appreciated the efforts put in by all the participants and the participating schools and thanked the management for the initiative, which would greatly benefit the learners to develop interest in science and technology and apply their ideas and learning in their unique ways for a better future and sustainable development of society.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY HELD

The investiture ceremony of Gitanjali senior school was held with all Covid protocols in place.

The guest of honour was Chandana Deepthi, IPS, DCP North Zone. Gita Karan, Founder and Director of Gitanjali group of schools, also graced the event.

Armaan Chandra took the oath as the senior Head Boy and Manya Trivedi as the senior Head Girl.

Gitanjali Senior School
Hyderabad

Niti Mathur took over as the junior Head Girl and Rithik Rao as the junior Head Boy. Maya Sukumaran was felicitated for completion of 20 years in the school.



Losing to a much lower-ranked, weaker and inexperienced South African side, this Indian Test team doesn't deserve its world No. 1 ranking

It was indeed a shameful defeat as South Africa is considered weaker as compared to the Indian Test team. It is ranked in the 6th position whereas the Indian team is ranked 1st. The dismal defeat rightfully brings up the question whether the Indian Test team deserves to be No. 1. India may have won four series on the trot no doubt, but three of those victories have come against low-ranked teams. Therefore, the team does not deserve to be No.1.

MYTHILI WARRIER, class IX, Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur

FOR

India has lost to the Proteas, who were an inexperienced side, yet they outperformed Indian Test veterans. We need to understand that India did not play incompetently and the opposition played in an aggressive manner. The Indian team has accepted that the South African bowlers were 'clinical in crunch moments'. The Indian team did not only underperform in comparison to opponents in this series but also in the World Test Championship finals. So it will be unfair to say that India does not deserve such a ranking just on the basis of this series, but keeping in mind the gradual deterioration of the performance the Indian team needs to be ranked low, at least 1 or 2 positions down, because a lower rank will remove the pressure of over performing everyone and will probably help them play without any pressure and play freely so that they can win crucial matches.

OTHER STUDENTS JOIN IN THE DEBATE...

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AGAINST

We should respect each and every team and team members. So what if South African team is inexperienced? Remember, our Indian team was also not experienced when they played against Australia at the Gabba stadium. But still that inexperienced Indian team created history, being the only team to defeat Australia in Gabba. India have defeated England, Australia on their home turf. They have also played in the World Test Championship finals against NZ which means they are the top 2 teams in the world. India proudly deserves its World No.1 place.

KUSH DAYA, class VIII-B, Sadhu Vaswani International school, Kompally

Upsets are a part of cricket. They keep the game interesting. Although the opposition was slightly inexperienced, calling them weak would do injustice to their performance. Every team has certain flaws, and South Africa was able to study India's loopholes, and exploit them well. A couple of failures cannot cancel out or outweigh the series of consistent results Team India has produced. A team which started the decade trying to avoid getting white-washed in foreign conditions, is now at a position where a series loss is considered an upset. The better team won, and that's what we have to accept and move on.

TEJAS BHAT, class X-A, Silver Oaks International School, Mighty Oaks Campus, Hyderabad

Of harvest, sweets and kites

Pallavi Aware International School
Hyderabad



Pallavi Aware International School organized a festive gathering on the occasion of Sankranti, inviting the entire school to take part in the celebrations.

The proceeding began with the traditional prayer, offering slokas to the deities and seeking their blessings. The students then went on to perform a play, informing the audience about Sankranti, giving details about the rituals taken up during the three-day festival. They displayed the many delicacies that are made during these three days.

The students then told tales of *gangireddu* through songs and went on to tell the stories of the significance Sankranti has to farmers, also bringing to light the importance of farm animals.

The celebrations included dances performed by the students creating a fun-filled festive environment.

Gitanjali Vedika School
Hyderabad

The tiny tots at Gitanjali Vedika enjoyed celebrating the festival of harvest and joy that marks the beginning of the year. They took part in the festivities by making paper kites and mouth-watering laddoos. They enjoyed creating colourful rangolis during online classes. They sang songs and tapped their feet to various traditional Telugu songs. It was a pleasure to hear the little ones describing the festival in their own sweet words.



Painters' Gallery



TRADITIONS:
K CHETHAN, class VII-P, Delhi Public School, Nacharam



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MURRAY WINS FIVE-SET EPIC

Five-time finalist Andy Murray needed a tough five-setter over a player he beat last week to register his first win at the Australian Open since 2017



Amazing, been a tough three or four years. Put in a lot of work to get back here. I've played on this court many times and the atmosphere is incredible. It's amazing to be back and winning a five-set battle like that, I couldn't ask for any more.
ANDY MURRAY

Andy Murray battled to his first win at the Australian Open since 2017 with an epic five-set victory over 21st seed Nikoloz Basilashvili on Tuesday. The three-time Grand Slam champion, playing with a metal hip following career-saving surgery in 2019, wrestled with the Georgian for almost four hours before claiming his place in the second round. Scotland's Murray, ranked 113 and playing as a tournament wild card, showed his trademark fighting spirit to edge home in the gripping final set and clinch a 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-4 victory in 3hr 52 min on John Cain Arena. It was the 34-year-old's first match at the Australian Open since 2019, when he went out in the first round. He made a tearful exit and it was thought that it might be his farewell. He had surgery on his hip weeks later.

It continued a keen rivalry between the pair with Murray rallying from a set down to defeat the big-hitting Georgian last week in Sydney and also prevailing over four sets in the first round at Wimbledon last year. Murray grabbed the opening set with the loss of just one game, but Basilashvili levelled it up with the second set, before trading blows with the wily Scot in the third.



Nikoloz Basilashvili

MURRAY STRETCHED

Basilashvili was pounding his groundstrokes and Murray had to use all his guile to get the ball back in play and work for an opening. Murray, a five-time finalist in Melbourne, had three set points at 5-3 but the Georgian fought them all off to cling on to his service. Murray again worked his way to two more set points in his next service game as Basilashvili overhit a couple of volleys, before the Scot took the third set when the Georgian whacked a backhand wide. Basilashvili broke Murray's serve in the fourth set but the indomitable Scot fought back from 0-30 down to break back. Basilashvili won a titanic tiebreaker to force the match into a fifth set. The Georgian began the final set poorly, falling behind 0-40 on serve and netting a backhand to hand Murray a break. But yet again Basilashvili refused to give in and broke back to level at 4-4. Murray held serve and then got to 0-40 on Basilashvili's service in the 10th game before taking the epic.

Murray has lost to Roger Federer once in the final of the Australian Open and four times to Novak Djokovic. But Murray is a three-time Grand Slam champion, winning the 2012 US Open, and the following year he became the first British man to win the Wimbledon singles crown in 77 years. He won it again in 2016. **AP**

MEDVEDEV LAMENTS 'IMPOSSIBLE' SCHEDULE

Daniil Medvedev conserved his energy after his shortest ever off-season with an efficient straight-sets win over Swiss battler Henri Laaksonen on Tuesday to reach the second round of the Australian Open.

US Open champion Medvedev, favoured to win the title at Melbourne Park following Novak Djokovic's deportation, had only 14 days' rest at the end of 2021 before firing up for Russia's run to the ATP Cup semi-finals this month. The cramped tennis schedule has been a bugbear for players for years, with many complaining of the

physical toll, but Medvedev could see few solutions. "It's impossible, and yes, it's definitely not enough (off-season)," the Russian told reporters after his 6-1 6-4 7-6(3) win in the afternoon sun at Rod Laver Arena.

"If you want to represent your country every year in Davis Cup and if you are every year in the finals, well, it becomes impossible. "So you'll have to sacrifice something. Sometimes your body will tell you what you have to sacrifice, sometimes you will have to decide. And it's not easy decisions because many people will be against your decisions." **REUTERS**

SPEZIA STUN AC MILAN

Third straight away with goal in dying seconds lifts team to 14th place

Emmanuel Gyasi coolly finished a 96th minute counter-attack to give Spezia their first Serie A victory away to AC Milan, 2-1, on Monday night. Milan missed a chance to overtake neighbours Inter at the top of Serie A, while third-place Napoli closed to within two points with a 2-0 win in Bologna.

Milan dominated much of the game but spurned a host of chances. In the 44 minute, Rafael Leao escaped behind the Spezia half but was flattened by goalie Ivan Provedel kicking wildly at the bouncing ball. Theo Hernandez fired the penalty wide. A minute later Leao escaped again and this time reached the ball first and lobbed Provedel to give Milan the lead.

Spezia hit back when Kevin Agudelo, finding a huge hole in the home defence, tapped in a low Daniele Verde cross at the near post after 64 minutes.

Unhappy over foul

As the game entered five minutes of added time, Junior Messias put the ball in the net for Milan, but the referee had already whistled for

a foul rather than allow the home team the advantage. Milan coach Stefano Pioli blamed that decision for what happened next. "We lost our lucidity after having suffered an injustice, it's a shame," Pioli said. "The responsibility is ours but it must be shared tonight with the referee. It's all the more strange that he didn't whistle for half-fouls during the whole game and now he whistles when the ball is on our player's foot."

Milan applied frenzied pressure and Provedel made three saves from Zlatan Ibrahimovic. The first was from a close-range shot, the second from a curling free kick and the third, and best, to claw away a looping header dropping just under the bar. Spezia sprung one last counter-attack. Victor Kovalenko rolled the ball across the penalty area to Gyasi, who, with the game on the line, carefully controlled then coolly placed the ball inside the far post. "Anyone can have a bad night," said Pioli. "We will try to react, the team has always known how to do it."

Milan host Juventus on Sunday. It was Spezia's third straight away victory and lifted them to 14th in the table, six points clear of the relegation places. **AP**



Emmanuel Gyasi

Photos: REUTERS

RAHUL SET TO LEAD LUCKNOW IN IPL

KL Rahul will captain the yet-to-be-named Lucknow franchise in the upcoming IPL, a league source said on Tuesday.

It is learnt that Rahul is one of the players Lucknow has picked from the draft ahead of the mega auction on February 12 and 13 in Bengaluru. The other two are likely to be Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis and uncapped leg spinner Ravi Bishnoi. "Rahul will captain Lucknow. The team is deciding on the other two draft picks," an IPL source said.

Rahul led Punjab Kings for the past two seasons but did not want to stay at the franchise. Bishnoi was also with Punjab while Stoinis represented Delhi Capitals. RPSG Group had shelled out Rs 7090 crore to buy the Lucknow franchise.

Rahul is currently the stand-in captain of the Indian ODI team in South Africa in the absence of an injured Rohit Sharma. **PTI**



KL Rahul

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which famous golf player is nicknamed as "The King"?

- a) Alan Shepard
- b) Jack Nicklaus
- c) Arnold Palmer
- d) Tiger Woods

Q2: The first World Weightlifting Championship Competition was held in which year?

- a) 1890
- b) 1891
- c) 1892
- d) 1893

Q3: Kookaburras is the nickname of which country's hockey team?

- a) India
- b) Australia
- c) USA
- d) China

Q4: Who established the World Series Cricket in 1970s?

- a) Kerry Packer
- b) David Johnson
- c) Allen Hill
- d) Alfred Shaw

Q5: Latham became the first player in Test history to score 250 and take six catches in

the same match. Against which team did he make the record?

- a) South Africa
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Australia
- d) India



Tom Latham

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Q6: 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

Q7: Which sport's playing format is "Foursomes/alternate shot"?

- a) Badminton
- b) Golf
- c) Tennis
- d) Basketball

Q8: How many team members are there in each team of

an ice hockey game?

- a) 6 b) 8 c) 10 d) 12

Q9: Which female tennis player won the most number of gold medals in tennis in the Summer Olympics?

- a) Serena Williams
- b) Venus Williams
- c) Kathleen McKane Godfree
- d) Victoria Azarenka

ANSWERS: 1. c. Arnold Palmer
2. b. 1891 3. b. Australia
4. a. Kerry Packer 5. b. Bangladesh
6. b. Shahid Afridi 7. b. Golf
8. a. 6 9. b. Venus Williams