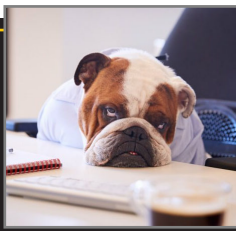




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FROM DISTINCTION to extinction

Scientists have revealed that even new species are on the brink of extinction. A newly-discovered primate named Pupa langur found in Myanmar is already facing extinction. Throughout its range, the monkey with startling chalk-white rings around its eyes is threatened by "hunting, habitat loss, degradation, fragmentation caused by agricultural encroachment, and illegal or unsustainable timber extraction", they warned.

Alarming FACTS

More than one million species are now at risk of extinction: Over a million species of animal and plant life are now threatened with dying out – more than ever before in human history, according to the International Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

Wildlife population sizes dropped by two thirds since 1970: There has been an average 68% drop in global population sizes of amphibians, birds, fish mammals and reptiles between 1970 and 2018, according to the WWF's Living Planet Report 2020.



Species dying off more frequently than ever before: Species are dying off 1,000 times more frequently today than during the 60 million years before the arrival of humans, claims a 2014 study by Brown University in the US.

Freshwater species declining faster than anything else: Population of freshwater wildlife species are declining disproportionately faster than others, dropping by an average of 84% between 1970 and 2018, WWF's Living Planet

Report 2020 showed. The figure also marks a rise of 1% on the 83% reported two years ago.

Nearly 40% of plants at risk of extinction: Four in 10 (39.4%) plants are at the risk of dying out, according to the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew's State of the World's Plants and Fungi report. Experts say, identifying them before extinction is an additional challenge, with 1,942 new species of plants identified last year alone.

Bird species also seeing population threat: Some 3.5% of domesticated birds have become extinct since 2016, the IPBES reported. In addition, nearly a quarter (23%) of threatened birds have already been affected by climate change. The global assessment report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services added.

(Source: WWF)

NATURE IS ON A DECLINE



How can we save our planet?

1 According to experts, one of the best ways of saving the planet is through transformation of the global food system, as agriculture accounts for nearly 60% of global biodiversity loss and about a quarter of CO2 emissions worldwide.

2 Besides, consumers can make a difference by choosing to eat less meat, they say. Making more sustainable food choices is yet another way to save our planet, as farming animals use a lot of land and water.

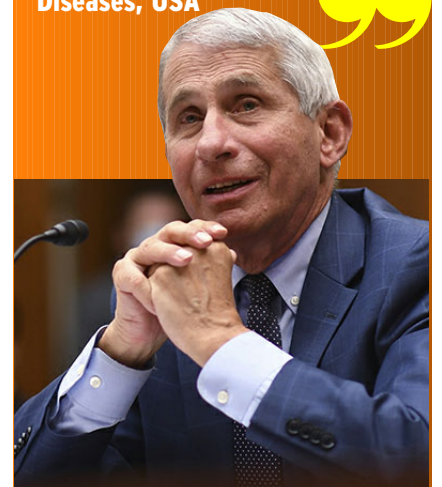
3 Moreover, farmers can be supported to reduce the use of fertilisers and pesticides, diversify crops and phase out ploughing to lessen the environmental impact, they add.

Species extinction rates is accelerating with grave impacts on people around the world –UN

Quote unquote

“Don't abandon masks and social distancing even after getting a vaccine. With a 90-plus per cent effective vaccine, you may feel much more confident. But I would recommend people to not abandon all public health measures just because you have been vaccinated, because even though for the general population it might be 90 to 95 per cent effective, you don't necessarily know for you, how effective it is”

Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, USA



Australian cricketers to make 'barefoot circle' anti-racism gesture in India series

The Australian men's cricket team will form a 'barefoot circle' before the upcoming series against India to demonstrate opposition to racism and celebrate Aboriginal culture, vice-captain Pat Cummins said. Cummins said the decision came after discussions within the team, which was criticised by West Indies great Michael Holding for not taking a knee during a tour of England in September. Pat Cummins said the men's team would introduce it for the India tour, which gets under way from November 27, and make it a regular pre-match ritual at the start of a series.



VIEWPOINT

➤ The act of placing a knee on the ground was made famous by former American NFL player Colin Kaepernick, who first did so in 2016, to protest police brutality

against Black people and other minorities
➤ Cummins said Australia's cricketers

The practice of gathering barefoot on the pitch before a series was introduced by the Australian women's team earlier this year

Q SHOULD OTHER TEAMS FOLLOW SUIT?
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VIDEO GAMING CAN BENEFIT MENTAL HEALTH: STUDY

GAMING ZONE

Playing video games can be good for your mental health, a study from Oxford University has suggested, following a breakthrough collaboration in which academics at the university worked with actual gameplay data for the

first time. The study found that people who played more games tended to report greater



“well-being”, casting further doubt on reports that video gaming can harm mental health. Experiences of competence and social connection through games may contribute to well-being, the study suggested.

SCIENTISTS DECODE HOW MARS LOST ITS WATER AND CONTINUES TO LOSE IT

SPACE

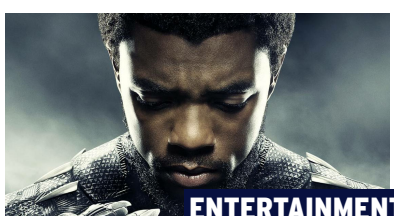
Scientists have decoded the phenomenon that led Mars to lose the equivalent of a global ocean of water up to hundreds of feet deep over billions of years. Scientists using an instrument aboard NASA's Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) spacecraft have discovered that water vapour near the surface of the Red Planet is lofted higher into the atmosphere than anyone expected was possible. There, it is easily destroyed by electrically-charged gas particles—or ions—and lost to space.

■ Mars continues to lose water today, as vapour is transported to high altitudes after sublimating from the frozen polar caps during warmer seasons
■ To make their discovery, researchers tracked the abundance of water ions high over Mars for more than two Martian years
■ They estimated that Mars lost as



much water in 45 days during storm as it typically does throughout an entire Martian year, which lasts two Earth years

'Black Panther 2' will not use Chadwick Boseman's digital double


ENTERTAINMENT

Black Panther's producer Victoria Alonso has revealed that the team has no plans to use a digital double for actor Chadwick Boseman in the sequel to the 2018 Marvel Studios' blockbuster. Boseman, who played the titular superhero in the Ryan Coogler-directed movie, passed away in August. There's only one Chadwick, and he's no longer with us," Alonso said. The sequel to the blockbuster was announced last year during Disney's D23 Expo.

■ 'Black Panther' was Marvel's first movie to be led by a virtually all-black cast ■ The film received overwhelmingly positive reviews, and was equally successful at the global box office, earning over \$1.34 billion ■ It was also the first Marvel superhero movie to win the best original score at the Oscars



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Unless you're a frontline worker, the chances are that, alongside the fear and anxiety coronavirus has brought with it, you will have experienced extended periods of intense boredom this year that could be dangerous for your health and mental well-being

It can shorten your life

1 Research shows boredom can reduce your life expectancy. A study in the 1980s of civil servants aged 35 to 55 showed those most prone to it were 30 per cent more likely to die within three years – in particular from a cardiovascular disease. "We can literally be bored to death," says Dr Mann. "We don't know exactly what it is about being bored that might lead to serious ailments," he adds.

It adds to stress

2 When people are bored, they look for ways to 'unbore' themselves and a lot of the things they do to alleviate it are unhealthy. Also, boredom is stressful. People most prone to boredom are often those who constantly crave excitement to escape everyday life.

It makes you negative

3 It's been found that many of us would rather experience pain than suffer the monotony of it. In a study where people were left in a room for 15 minutes, with nothing other than a button they could press to give themselves an electric shock on the ankle, two-thirds of men and a quarter of women chose



The two sides of boredom

PART 1:
BOREDOM
IS BAD



to try it just for something to do. "We'd rather do anything than be bored," says Dr Mann. "Even if it means getting an electric shock. It is a very intolerable experience and people would rather have an unpleasant stimulus to relieve it rather than have to cope with it." Although this seems like an extreme reaction, it's more understandable once we appreciate that boredom can exacerbate negative thinking.

It could lead you to addictions

4 We can get the stimulation we're seeking through novelty or from dopamine hits – the brain chemical associated with reward. Dopamine is very addictive and we get it from eating fatty and sugary foods or even from the thrill of shopping and buying new stuff. And these dopamine hits can lead to addictions: of sugar, compulsive shopping, social media and so on.

May provoke aggression

5 A study published last year showed people who are more prone to it took more risks when it came to finances, ethics, hobbies, health and safety. This is because boredom can make us more likely to indulge in risk-taking behaviour.



DID YOU KNOW?

Dhanushkodi the no man's land

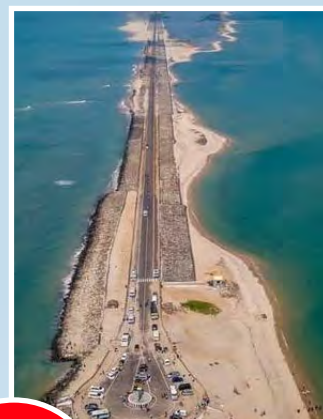
A long barren stretch of sand, not a soul in sight, few dilapidated buildings, a small temple and two mam-

moth blue expanses of endless oceans—the quiescent Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean on either side, make up this uninhabited town of Dhanushkodi.

Churches without rooftops, post offices without walls and a railway station without a platform evokes feelings of eeriness even in daylight.

Once upon a time

Situated on the southern-most tip of Rameshwaram Island, Dhanushkodi is the nearest land-mass of India from Sri Lanka (18 miles). A flourishing town during the British regime, Dhanushkodi was a self-sufficient and prosperous place with its own railway station, hospital, primary schools, post office, customs and a port office. There was a daily steamer ferry service from Dhanushkodi to Talaimannar (Sri Lanka), which carried passenger and goods from both sides.



Best time to visit: October to March

A 'Ghost Town'

A depression that formed in the South Andaman Sea on December 17 1964, developed into a cyclonic storm and made landfall in Dhanushkodi on the fateful night of Dec 22 1964. Menacing tidal waves up to 7 m high not only caused devastation and heavy casualties in the entire town but also washed an

incoming train (Pamban - Dhanushkodi passenger) into the sea, resulting in the death of more than 100 passengers, while it was on its way to the station. After this catastrophe, instead of rebuilding it, the Tamil Nadu Government declared Dhanushkodi as a ghost town (a place unfit to live in). A 30-minute journey from Rameshwaram, this place continues to be a stretch of

barren sand 18 km long and 1 km wide flanked by two oceans on either side. A church without devotees, a railway station without travellers, a school without children and many other dilapidated and ravaged structures make up this uninhabited sandy peninsula of Dhanushkodi.

The confluence

The rugged sandy topography allows vehicles with 4 wheel drives and a few brave bikers to reach the end of the strip where the two massive oceans meet. One would imagine a grand spectacle at a point where two huge water bodies convene, but it will seem like a quiet and perfunctory meeting between two business conglomerates.



IS IT SAFE TO EXERCISE OUTSIDE?

Exercising outside comes with a lot of perks. The fresh air and sunlight lifts your mood, increases mobility, improves blood pressure level and reduces the problem of insomnia. Moreover, as per studies, you are more likely to stick to your workout routine if you choose to workout outdoors as compared to indoors. But what to do when the outdoor air is toxic, making it difficult for you to breathe. Wondering if you should continue exercising outside? Here is some help.



AIR POLLUTION-RELATED HEALTH CONCERNS

Even if you wear a good quality mask, you will breathe some amount of dust and dirt particles present in the air. The small particles irritate the lining of the lungs increasing the risk of asthma or can worsen the symptoms of pre-existing lung conditions. Not only this, exposure to polluted air for a long time may even lead to headache, respiratory allergies, etc.

EXERCISING IN POLLUTED AIR IS HARMFUL

We mainly perform aerobic activities outside like running, brisk walking or cycling during which we breathe more oxygen to produce energy. We inhale more air and breathe it more deeply into our lungs.

HOW TO WORKOUT IN WINTER?

It is better to exercise indoors in winter when



the air quality gets worse. Even if you decide to shed some sweat outside with your mask on, you cannot avoid eye irritation and skin issues. It is better to stay indoors as much as possible when the air quality level sinks. Children and older people should be more careful during this time. Try yoga, skipping and spot jogging.

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COOL TIPS

- 1** If you don't have butter-milk, add 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice or you can use white vinegar to a bowl. Then add 1 1/2 cups of whole milk (at room temperature) to the bowl and stir. This soured milk can be used to prepare the recipe.
- 2** Banana cake is soft and moist, adding nuts to the mix. Toast the nuts in butter before you toss them into the batter.
- 3** If you have a few extra bananas left, slice them and toss them in a frying pan with honey or sugar.

FESTIVE RECIPE

Healthy Delicious Banana Cake

A moist and delicious afternoon tea snack, Banana Cake is a delicious dish that you can enjoy anytime. Popularly enjoyed in high tea, this snack recipe is easy-to-make and can be made under an hour. Here's the recipe. Try it out.

INGREDIENTS

- > 2 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- > 150 ml buttermilk
- > 100 gm unsalted butter
- > 2 eggs
- > 1 pinch salt
- > 4 banana
- > 150 gm brown sugar
- > 1 cup sugar
- > 1 tablespoon baking soda
- > 1/2 cup walnuts

HOW TO MAKE

Step 1: Preheat the oven at 180 degree Celsius

To prepare this delicious recipe, pre-heat the oven at 180 degree Celsius. Take a loaf pan and line it with butter paper.

Step 2: Cream the butter and sugar for the batter



Next, you need to prepare the cake batter. For the same, sift together all-purpose flour, salt, and baking soda in a large bowl. Keep this bowl aside until required. Now, take a large bowl and add unsalted butter in it along with brown sugar and white sugar. Using an electric beater, beat together all the ingredients for few minutes or until light.

Step 3: Prepare the batter

Once the butter-sugar mixture is creamy, add egg, one at a time and

then beat well once again. Afterwards, peel the bananas and add them to the mixture as well. Beat once again. Now, add the flour mixture in this bowl along with buttermilk. Once the batter is ready, add chopped walnuts in it and stir using a spoon.

Step 4: Bake the Banana Cake for 20-30 minutes

Transfer this batter in the greased pans and put them in the preheated ovens. Bake it for 20-30 mins.

QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)



Q.1) How many beaches are selected to compete for Blue Flag certification?
A. 12 B. 20 C. 5 D. 40

Q.2) When is India scheduled to send its first manned mission into space?
A. 2021 B. 2020 C. 2031 D. 2025

Q.3) Name the programme that is jointly launched by Google India & Tata Trusts to

facilitate digital literacy among women in rural India.

- A. New India
B. Women Power
C. Techie Women
D. Internet Saathi

ANSWERS

1. A) 12 2. A) 2021
3. D) Internet Saathi

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RARE FISH

Ropefish

Everything about this fish is uncommon - its behaviour in a tank, appearance and even its name. It has several names: ropefish (or rope fish), reedfish, snakefish. But all these names denote one and the same fish.

It is interesting to watch a rope fish in a tank. It is easy to keep, but you should remember that its tankmates must be average or large sized. Rope fish takes smaller fish species as a food.



WEEKEND PLAN

Time with family & friends

The idea of a fun weekend may differ from person to person. I love spending time with my family and friends. If there is an additional holiday along with the weekend, we plan short trips in advance and have a memorable time together!

On most weekends, I love to play outdoor

games with my friends all through the day. By evenings it's family time and sometimes we go out and enjoy a good dinner. I do allocate time to focus on my studies and plan for the coming week. All in all, there's never a dull moment on weekends!

PARSHVI GALA, class IV D, Sri Aurbindo International School, Hyderabad



NEVER A BORING MOMENT AT THIS BOARDING SCHOOL!

BOOK: ST. CLARE'S SERIES

Twins Patricia and Isabel O'Sullivan are highly spoilt, having studied in a rather posh school called Redroofs. They don't think highly of St Clare's. Then there is the head girl of the first form, Hilary Wentworth, who is kind, jolly and sensible. Janet is famous for tricks which are enjoyed by all. The twins, Pat and Isabel, are known as 'the stuck-up twins' but on being given a second chance, they reform. In the next term their beautiful but rude cousin Alison, who was with them in Redroofs, joins them at St. Clare's and magically changes into a humble girl.



Unfortunately, Alison has the habit of becoming a slave to those she admires. For instance, she follows an American girl named Sadie Greene, who only cares about money and

beauty, like a faithful dog. She also looks up to her drama teacher Miss Quentin and the list is endless.

In the next term, five new girls make the series really interesting. Many more characters too join in, and the series shows us the life in a boarding school with all the midnight feasts, boring preps, enjoyable lacrosse, etc. It is a mixture of adventure, mystery and fun and is hilarious. They were originally written by Enid Blyton and the 5th, 6th, 9th were the sequels written by Pamela Cox. I would rate this series 5 star!

SANJANA G, class VI C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Public School, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad

Making the day special for children



Children talk about the biggest change that the pandemic has brought to their lives and how they have adapted to it...

During the pandemic, I realised that I have talents which I never knew earlier. I started using things such as plastic bottles, cardboard, newspapers and so on, put on my creative cap and made new items with these. I continued this and slowly, it became my hobby. Whenever I'm bored, I spend time recycling products. I even tried painting and now it's become another hobby. When I got ill once, I couldn't do any of these and felt incomplete. That made me realise that how much I have got used to these new hobbies.

B AASHRITHA, class VII A, TNR Excellencia Academy



On my birthday every year, I used to go out to celebrate with family and friends. This year we could not go out due to the pandemic. But my parents gave me a beautiful surprise. My mother prepared a delicious chocolate cake and all my favourite delicacies. My father decorated the house with balloons and ribbons. My brother made a beautiful card for me. We danced, played and enjoyed the whole evening. The pandemic made my 2020 birthday memorable.

BHAAVYA GARG, class VI D, Delhi Public School, Miyapur

The situation was alarming when the pandemic spread across the world. I was confused as well since all my outdoor activities were suddenly restricted. Thankfully, policemen and doctors who were the frontline heroes protected us from this deadly disease. The biggest change of my life was no outdoor activities, but I have now got used to it. Things are slowly getting better now. I hope that everything gets back to normal soon.

MIR HAFI ALI, class VII, Azaan Gems International School



I would like to share my experience which I had during this pandemic. We have become more focused towards the 'Whole Person Approach'. The below are the changes that I have experienced...

- 1 We became a digital native.
- 2 We became kind to other people.
- 3 We came to an understanding on how to tackle this situation.
- 4 We started doing physical activities at home to keep ourselves healthy and strong.
- 5 We connected with nature.
- 6 We learnt how to keep our neighbourhood and family members safe by taking precautionary measures.
- 7 We helped our parents in the kitchen and housework.
- 8 We did a lot of creative work by making handbags, pearl sets and rings, etc.
- 9 We changed our eating habits by making healthy food and having lots of fruits, vegetables, and lots of water.
- 10 We learn every day and love every minute of life.

NIKHAT KHANAM, class IV B, Springfields School, Tolichowki

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

I came across a story of a girl whose father was posted in Pakistan. The family had to move to Pakistan. But they were not allowed to move out freely and this girl could not go to school. Nevertheless, she utilised her time at home by reading different scriptures, and by the end of one year, she finished illustrating the Bhagavad Gita through her drawings. Since that day I always believe in the quote of Shakespeare 'Sweet are the uses of adversity'. This pandemic time helped me to look at life from a different angle, count my blessings, and understand the value of life.

TANUJA, principal, Pallavi Model School, Boduppal



This unexpected pandemic has impacted our lives drastically. Learn from Home through virtual classes became the new norm, giving us time to bond with our families. Though initially it was difficult, I quickly adapted to the new mode of learning. During the lockdown period, I have become more hygiene conscious, with regular hand-washing and sanitisation.

RAHIM DOSANI, class X, Diamond Jubilee High School, Hyderabad

The pandemic has brought many changes, but I have found two of them difficult for me. One of them is online classes. Earlier when I went to school, I never used mobile in class but now the use of it has become more and my eyes started straining in the first months of the online classes. However, now I have adapted to it with time. Another change that the pandemic has brought to my life is the dependency on technology. While attending online network issues crop up. At times the device runs out of charge. But now I have adapted to the process and keep my phone fully charged every day. I use mobile data from my father's phone to connect to the online classes. These are my difficulties, but I have learnt to overcome it with time.

ABHIRAM GATLA, class VII, Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet



Honestly, the biggest change that the pandemic has brought to my life has to be the daily lifestyle. We have to go out wearing masks, wash our hands every time we touch something foreign and our daily essentials that used to be a book and headphones have turned into hand sanitizer and a mask. Not only physically, it has affected us emotionally too. We have to stay away from our best friends, relatives and schoolmates. I miss the way we used to live, although it was a simple life. Frankly, I haven't adjusted to this pandemic at all. The plans I had for 2020 are all gone. But I know for a fact, that in the end, everyone will have a happily ever...

SNIGDHA ADIMULAM, class VIII C, Meridian School, Kukatpally



Happy Children's Day



Children's Day was celebrated with much jubilation for the pre-primary wing of Gitanjali Devshala on a virtual platform. The children walked the ramp in their funky mismatched outfits, wacky hairdos and fancy footwear with poise, confidence and elegance. Teachers made the day extra special by joining the children in singing, dancing and playing games.

Gitanjali Devshala Hyderabad

"CHILDREN ARE THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE AND ITS BEST HOPE FOR THE FUTURE,"
JOHN F KENNEDY

Delhi Public School, Nacharam celebrated Children's Day with great fervour to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The school organised fun filled activities all through the week on the virtual Cisco WebEx Platform. The special assembly was an extravaganza filled with music, dance and merriment.

The celebrations included 'My Stamp' Flintobox activity. In this activity, students made colourful cards adhering to the theme of Children's Day. The stamps that they made displayed excellent creativity and intelligence. The students enjoyed this activity thoroughly and put their artistic abilities to test. Using paints, coloured pencils, glitter, and the tools available at hand, students created beautiful stamps. This was later followed by the 'Costume Party' and 'Movie Time'.

Who doesn't love a good movie and some dress up? Children, dressed up as their favourite characters from different fantasy and fictional worlds, settled in to watch a movie. There were young dressed up wizards



Sunitha Makam, Department of English, Delhi Public School Nacharam

straight out of Harry Potter's world, little artists who expressed themselves creatively through their make-up and many more.

In times that may seem gloomy, it is important to embrace our inner child and celebrate this day. Hosting such creative celebrations on an online platform that not only stood on par with physical celebrations but also gave both the students and the

teachers a sense of joy and excitement. The celebrations were made more remarkable by a special assembly where students showcased their talent which included dances, songs one act plays. To highlight the importance of the day, informative speeches were delivered. It was filled with numerous cultural events and activities. This event wouldn't have been possible without the continuous efforts of the teachers and the constant support of the vice principal Gowri Venkatesh.

During initial stage of Covid-19 pandemic, when our health was at risk and we couldn't go to school, our school decided to introduce online learning. The online classes are not just a method, but an innate tool that sweeps away all barriers of learning and embraces the disenfranchised, those who in the most unfortunate of circumstances have been denied access to mainstream education. It is no exaggeration to say that online or remote learning has been the only light in the harsh period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SYEDA MARIYAH, class X B, Delhi School of Excellence, Banjara Hills



ARE THE NEW BBL'S RULES GOOD FOR THE GAME?

The 10th edition of Australia's Twenty20 Big Bash League (BBL) will see new playing conditions which might altogether change the dynamics of the game. Meanwhile, many former cricketers have slammed BBL's rule changes and termed them as misguided gimmicks

X-FACTOR SUBS

Teams will be allowed to use one X-factor player after the 10th over of the game to replace a batter or, for the fielding team, a bowler who has bowled no more than one over. Under the traditional cricket rules, substitute players can field but aren't allowed to bat or bowl.

POWER SURGE

A two-over power play for the batting team at any stage of the second half of an innings when only two players will be allowed in fielding positions outside the inner-ring. To accommodate that power surge, the power play to start each innings will be reduced from six to four overs.

BASH BOOST

A bonus point will be awarded to the team in the middle of the second innings. The team chasing will receive the bonus point if they're above the equivalent 10-over score of the opposition, while if they're trailing, the fielding side will receive the point.

Apart from this, moving away from their usual points system, the league will offer three points to the winning team instead of two points. This means a winning team with a bonus point will end up having four points at the end of the game.

EXCITING INNOVATIONS

"The ...(changes) prioritize scoring, exciting cricket, introduce new strategic angles and ensure there's always something to play for throughout the entire match. We're confident our fans will love what these innovations bring to the game."

Alistair Dobson, Cricket Australia's head of Big Bash Leagues

WILL MAKE THE GAME COMPLEX

"I read today that the BBL is introducing these new gimmicks, such as the Power Surge, the X Factor Player and the Bash Boost in a misguided attempt to reinvigorate the tournament. I just can't seem to get my head around why there are people out there who are trying to reinvent the wheel when the wheel was not broken."

The complexities that these new 'science experiments' are going to create for the viewers, let alone the players and coaches, when none of these have been tried and tested at lower levels, have really taken the wind out of my sails.

Shane Watson, former Australian player

"How much 'X-factor' could a player possibly have if he's not good enough to make your starting 11?"

James Neesham, Kiwi cricketer



Dan Christian of the Renegades

Spain thrash Germany to enter Nations League semis



Spain have confirmed their presence in the semi-finals of the UEFA Nations League with an incredible 6-0 win against Germany. Ferran Torres on Tuesday night became the first Spanish player to score a hat-trick against Germany and it was also the first time Spain have ever scored four goals, let alone six, against Die Mannschaft.

HIGHLIGHTS

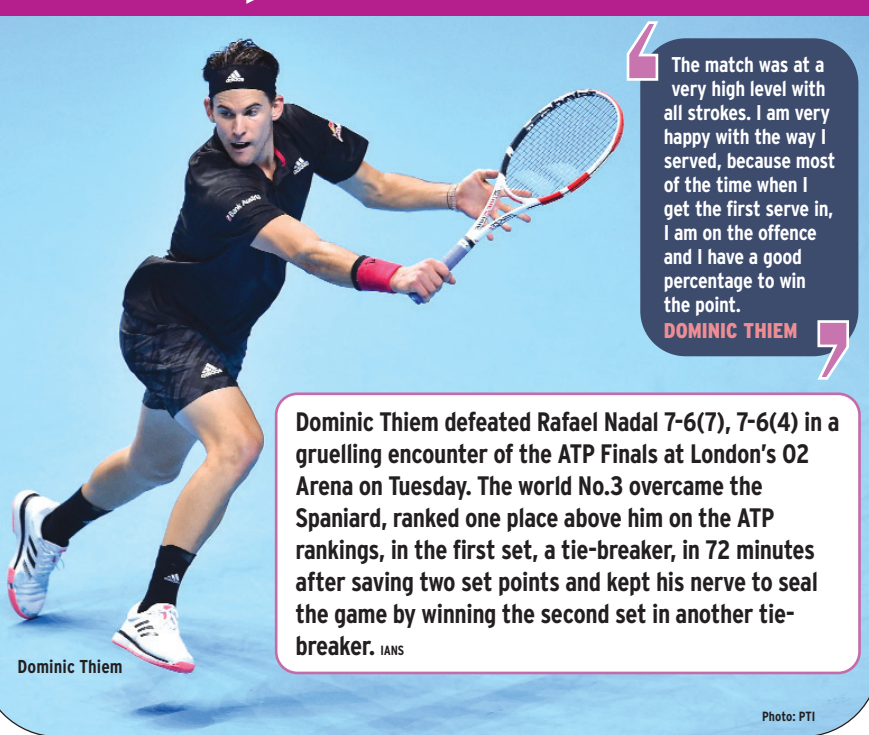
- ▶ Belgium defeated England 2-0
- ▶ Italy defeated Poland 2-0
- ▶ Hungary held Serbia to a 1-1 draw
- ▶ Slovenia defeated Kosovo 2-1
- ▶ Czech Republic beat Israel 1-0

Virat Kohli's absence will be an advantage for Australia, India will miss his leadership:



Former Australian coach John Buchanan

Thiem surprises Nadal at ATP Finals



"The match was at a very high level with all strokes. I am very happy with the way I served, because most of the time when I get the first serve in, I am on the offence and I have a good percentage to win the point."

DOMINIC THIEM

Dominic Thiem defeated Rafael Nadal 7-6(7), 7-6(4) in a gruelling encounter of the ATP Finals at London's O2 Arena on Tuesday. The world No.3 overcame the Spaniard, ranked one place above him on the ATP rankings, in the first set, a tie-breaker, in 72 minutes after saving two set points and kept his nerve to seal the game by winning the second set in another tie-breaker.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

CRICKET QUIZ | Bowling records

Q1: Which player holds the record for most wickets in Tests with a round 800?

- a) Wasim Akram ☐ b) Shane Warne ☐
c) Muttiah Muralitharan ☐ d) Imran Khan ☐

Q2: Who was the first bowler to reach 600 and 700 Test wickets?

- a) Anil Kumble ☐ b) Shane Warne ☐
c) James Anderson ☐ d) Imran Khan ☐

Q3: Who is the most prolific wicket-taker in ODIs with 534 scalps?

- a) Wasim Akram ☐ b) Shane Warne ☐
c) Muttiah Muralitharan ☐ d) Imran Khan ☐

Q4: Shane Warne has the most wickets in the history of Ashes series. How many wickets does he have?

- a) 194 ☐ b) 195 ☐ c) 196 ☐ d) 197 ☐

Q5: Who delivered the fastest ball 100.2mph/161.3kph in international cricket?

- a) Brett Lee ☐ b) Mitchell Starc ☐
c) Jeff Thomson ☐ d) Shoaib Akhtar ☐

Q6: During the 2011 World Cup, which Pakistani player emerged as the joint highest wicket-taker along with India's Zaheer Khan. Both had 21 wickets?

- a) Shahid Afridi ☐ b) Waqar Younis ☐
c) Imran Khan ☐ d) Shoaib Akhtar ☐



Shane Warne

Q7: In which year did Shane Warne set a record for most Test wickets in a single calendar year with a tally of 96?

- a) 2002 ☐ b) 2003 ☐ c) 2004 ☐
d) 2005 ☐

Q8: Which player holds the record for the second-most wickets in ODIs with a round 502?

- a) Wasim Akram ☐ b) Chaminda Vaas ☐
c) Shaun Pollock ☐ d) Sanath Jayasuriya ☐

Q9: Who is the player to have 138 Test wickets in the fourth innings, which is the most by any bowler in Test history?

- a) Glenn McGrath ☐ b) Shane Warne ☐
c) Rangana Herath ☐ d) Mitchell Johnson ☐

Q10: Who holds the record of most wickets in an ODI series?

- a) Glenn McGrath ☐ b) Shane Warne ☐
c) Dennis Lillee ☐ d) Mitchell Starc ☐

Q11: Which was the last wicket claimed in Tests?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ b) Pragyan Ojha ☐
c) Abhimanyu Mithun ☐ d) Gautam Gambhir ☐

Q12: In which World Cup did Shane Warne finish as the joint-highest wicket-taker with 20 wickets?

- a) 1999 ☐ b) 2000 ☐ c) 2001 ☐ d) 2002 ☐

ANSWERS: 1 c) Muttiah Muralitharan 2 b) Shane Warne 3 c) Muttiah Muralitharan 4 b) 195 5 d) Shoaib Akhtar 6 a) Shahid Afridi 7 d) 2005 8 a) Wasim Akram 9 b) Shane Warne 10 a) Glenn McGrath 11 b) Pragyan Ojha 12 a) 1999