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Digital connectivity has kept our education system alive in this time of a global pandemic. We are witnessing how the digital divide is rapidly shrinking in India. Innovation is ensuring our inclusion. Be it e-Vidya, One Class One Channel, Digital Labs, Digital University— such educational infrastructure is going to help the youth a lot. In fact, it is an attempt to provide better solutions for education to all— villages, poor, dalit, backward, tribal, etc. The National Digital University is an unprecedented step. I call upon the education ministry, UGC and AICTE, and all the stakeholders of the Digital University to work with speed on the project

Narendra Modi, PM, addressing a webinar on fostering strong industry-skill linkage


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A trip from Earth to Mars in just 45 days!

Yes, you read it right. If the latest report is to go by, Canadian engineers have developed a laser-based system that could send humans to the Red Planet in just 45 days. According to NASA's estimates, it would take about 500 days for humans to reach Mars at current speeds...



THE DEVICE

1 A laser-thermal propulsion system, where lasers are used to heat hydrogen fuel, the spacecraft is driven by **directed-energy propulsion**, using large lasers fired from the Earth to deliver power to photovoltaic arrays (multiple solar panels electrically wired together) on a spacecraft that generate electricity, and in turn, provide thrust. In other words, the thrust on spacecraft built on this method would require large lasers fired from the Earth to deliver power to "photovoltaic arrays on a spacecraft." In turn, this would generate electricity

2 According to a report in the Daily Mail, the process would make the spacecraft accelerate

If successful, it will be a major breakthrough, as by reducing time in space, astronauts would face lower levels of radiation, which could make a trip to Mars and back considerably safer

very quickly while near the Earth, racing towards Mars over the next month, and then release the main vehicle to land on the Red Planet. Interestingly, it would then return the rest of the vehicle to Earth to be recycled for the next launch

3 The hypothetical spacecraft that the team created would require a 32ft diameter and 100 megawatt array of lasers

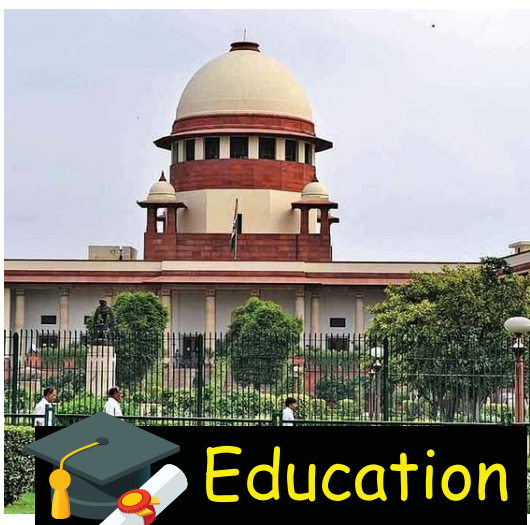
WHAT IS DIRECTED-ENERGY PROPULSION

- It is a project that aims to use lasers to send tiny lightsail probes to the nearest star system, Proxima Centauri, at relativistic speeds
- The system uses laser beams to propel a spacecraft into deep space at relativistic speeds – a fraction of the speed of light
- The more powerful the laser, the faster the spacecraft can be accelerated

The US space agency is planning to send a crew to the Red Planet in the middle of the 2030s. Around the same time, China also plans to land humans on Mars



SC agrees to hear plea against physical exams for class X, XII CBSE & other Boards


Education

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea seeking urgent listing of a petition seeking cancellation of physical exams for class X and XII scheduled to be conducted by all the state boards, CBSE, ICSE, and NIOS. The plea urged the top court to issue directions to concerned authorities to pass a notification regarding alternate mode of assessment of students from class X, XI, XII of CBSE, ICSE, NIOS and state boards, instead of offline exams. The plea also urged the Court to pass direction to conduct an improvement exam for those who are not satisfied with internal assessment, and further direction to constitute a committee to decide the formula of assessment of students, including compartment students and declare the result within a time limit and deadline.

Beware! Smartphones may reveal your identity, breaching privacy

The time a person spends on different smartphone apps is enough to identify them from a larger group in more than one in three cases, say researchers, who warn of the implications for security and privacy. Researchers from the Universities of Lancaster and Bath analysed smartphone data from 780 people and warned that software granted access to a smartphone's standard activity logging could render a reasonable prediction about a user's identity even when they were logged-out of their account. An identification is possible with no monitoring of conversations or behaviours within apps themselves.



It is important to acknowledge that app usage data alone, which is often collected by a smartphone automatically, can potentially reveal a person's identity, warned researchers

73,000

That's the number of tree species our planet could have, estimates a new study. A new first-of-its-kind study, it also claims that some 9,200 that are yet to be discovered. Most of these undiscovered species are likely to be rare, in very low numbers and at threat from human-driven changes in land use and climate, researchers said. South America contains about 43 per cent of the world's tree species and the highest number of rare ones.

DID YOU KNOW? HOW A TREE IS TREATED AS ANCIENT?

There are several categories for different trees based on their importance and age. The most esteemed is 'ancient trees', which relies on three things. This includes: In the third or final stage of its life (this stage can go on for decades or centuries) Old relative to others of the same species Interesting biologically, aesthetically or culturally because of its great age

FACTOID


OTHER SIGNS OF AN ANCIENT TREE INCLUDE:

- Crown that is reduced in size and height
- Large girth in comparison to other trees of the same species
- Hollow trunk

SOURCE: WILDLIFE TRUST

'FLIPFLOPI' SET FOR VOYAGE TO MAP IMPACT OF PLASTIC POLLUTION



The creators of the world's first sailing dhow made entirely from discarded plastic, the 'Flipflop', on Monday announced partnering with members of the international scientific community to undertake an expedition to map the impact of marine litter in the Lamu archipelago of the Western Indian Ocean. By assessing the full extent of marine plastics on this environment, they hope to support local communities to find solutions to manage this waste through the creation of closed-loop waste management systems where items can be recycled after use and later made into new products. This includes development of a plastic boat building industry. During the two-week expedition, the Flipflop team and partners will conduct scientific research to map the extent of macroplastics, microplastics and microfibrils in the ocean and on the shorelines (beaches and mangrove forests) of around 300 kilometres of Kenyan coastline.

According to a 2021 UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report, 'From Pollution to Solution', of the 400 million tons of plastic produced annually, approximately 11 million tons flow into aquatic ecosystems every year. Without action, this is projected to nearly triple by 2040, equating to some 50 kilograms of plastic per metre of coastline worldwide. In 2018 alone, impacts of plastic pollution on tourism, fisheries, and aquaculture with other costs such as those of clean-ups, were estimated to be at least \$6-19 billion globally



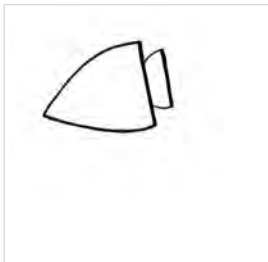
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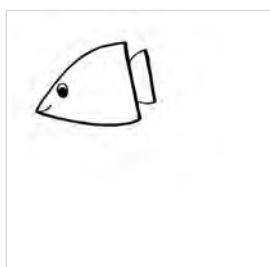
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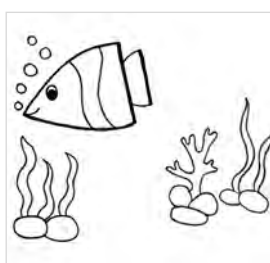
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NGSNIDATREDNU

- a. Understanding b. Underrated
c. Rustic d. Relevance

2) EIEGNFL

- a. Forget b. Forensic
c. Friction d. Feelings

3) CEUTTLE

- a. Ladder b. Lettuce
c. Leisure d. Rest

4) NEORTM

- a. Marriage b. Mistake
c. Mould d. Mentor

Answers: 1. a, 2. d, 3. b, 4. d

Riding with the Riddle

I am a species native to India and Myanmar. My leaves are spirally arranged, and I have bright flowers in different colours that attract bees, insects and nectar-feeding birds. My ripe seed capsules explode when touched. I am used in traditional medicine to treat. Warts, burns and other skin afflictions, snakebites, rheumatism, constipation and gastritis. I am used extensively in worship in Indian homes.

Answer: Garden balsam

FUN IN THE SUN

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

3 The jungle on Venus is not the colour of

- A. Ash B. Ink
C. Leather D. Rubber

4 Not mentioned in the story is

- A. Avalanche B. Hurricane
C. Tornado D. Whirlwind

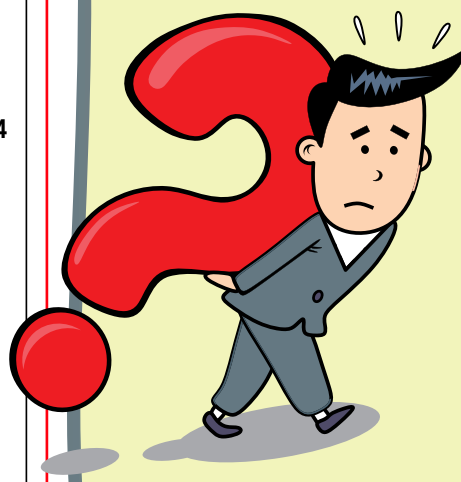
5 Most of the children last saw the sun when they were

- A. 2 B. 4
C. 6 D. 8

6 A colour not associated with Margot is

- A. Blue B. Purple
C. Red D. Yellow

Quiz TIME



Complete these statements on Ray Douglas Bradbury's 'All Summer in a Day' (from 'Treasure Trove'). Choose correctly!

1 Margot once lived in

- A. Iowa B. Ohio
C. Oregon D. Indiana

2 The sun is not compared to a

- A. Flower B. Lemon
C. Penny D. Wheel

Answers: 1) B. Ohio 2) D. Wheel 3) C. Leather 4) D. Whirlwind 5) A. 2 6) B. Purple

LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

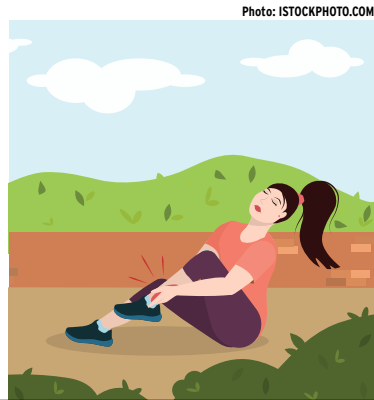
SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Sarala had trained long and hard for a prestigious dance competition that was held only once in three years. She was a gifted performer and everyone was sure that she would rank first. On the day of the show, Sarala sprained her ankle and could not take part. Her well-wishers repeatedly assured that she would certainly win next time, but their kind words did not alleviate Sarala's disappointment.

- A. Cold blood B. Cold comfort
C. Cold shoulder

Answer: B



Rakesh possessed several gadgets but was always after his brother's phone, which he was not allowed to touch.

- A. Forbidden fruit
B. Bitter fruit
C. Fruit of (one's) labours



Answer: A

TRIVIA

According to the Bible, Adam and Eve (the first human beings) were permitted by God to enjoy all the fruits in the Garden of Eden, except the fruit of one tree. The serpent persuaded Eve to eat the banned fruit and she also gave it to Adam. For their disobedience they were banished from Eden. 'Forbidden fruit', which means something attractive and illicit, was first used idiomatically in the 1600s.

EDITOR IN THE MAKING

WEAVE A STORY WITH PICTURES

Observe these images below carefully, then weave a story around them in not more than 150 words and give it a title. Ensure, reference of all images is there in the story. Mail the story to us at toinie175@gmail.com. The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch this space!!!

TELL TALE



And the winner is...
JYOTHI SARANYA KALAGARA
class VIII, Silver Oaks International School, Hyderabad

KINDNESS IS THE WAY TO LIVE

Sara, a software engineer, on her way back from office, ended up hurting a dog. She took it home and gave first aid. However, she then realised that there might be many other such animals and that she needs to do something for them. So, she started an adoption programme for the stray dogs and cats. She got the pets ready and came up with creative ways for pet parents to get attracted to the pets. One such idea was hanging a board on the animal saying "Adopt me". Another idea was a rose in the animal's mouth in such a way that he/she gave the flower to people. To Sara's surprise, many came forward and adopted the animals. This gave her the satisfaction and extreme happiness of helping a life. She understood that kindness is the way to live!



Learn a NEW LANGUAGE ITALIAN

Work sheet

Q:1 How will you say, 'Thank You'?

Q:2 How will you say, "You are welcome".

Q:3 How will you wish in the afternoon?

Q:4 How will you say, 'Good night'?

Answers: 1) Grazie 2) Prego 3) Buona sera 4) Buona notte



NUMBER SERIES

1 Laxman needs to cover 6 km in 45 minutes. On the off chance that he covers one portion of the separation in 2/3 rd time, what ought to be his rate to cover the remaining separation in the remaining time?

- A) 12 km/hr B) 16 km/hr
C) 8 km/hr D) 6 km/hr

Answer: A

2 A man on visit ventures initial 160 km at 64 km/hr and the following 160 km at 80 km/hr. The normal rate for the entire excursion is:

- A) 35.55 km/hr B) 71.11 km/hr
C) 36 km/hr D) 72 km/hr

Answer: B

3 A train voyaged separations of 10 km, 20 km and 30 km at rates of 50 km/hr, 60 km/hr and 90 km/hr separately. The normal rate of the train was

- A) 60 km/hr B) 66.67 km/hr
C) 69.23 km/hr D) 65 km/hr

Answer: C

EDUCATE THE GIRL CHILD



The girl child is a blessing. She plays many roles in her life. She is considered to be the pillar that runs the home and yet she is not given the respect she deserves. There are many societies in India where gender discrimination still exists to this date. Girl or women are treated harshly and unfairly. A country will develop only when the girl child is educated. If women build careers, it boosts the nation's socio-economic growth. India has launched many schemes like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao to help reduce the rate of illiteracy among girls. We have to educate the girl child to obtain 100% literacy.

ALAFIA, class VIII-B, Sree Narayana Vidya Bhavan, Kanajiguda



HELLO, BUTTERCUP YELLOW!

The glorious yellow hues we see around us reflect the abundant blessings of the Mother Nature. The shades of yellow are enriched with a uniqueness connecting them intrinsically with nature.

Taking my thoughts deeper, the colour 'Yellow' reminds me of school buses coated in yellow, the famous yellow taxis seen in the US which were decided to be so by John D. Hertz based on a study at Chicago University which noted that yellow was the most easily seen colour from a distance along with the sunshine, budding flowers, and fruits bearing a coating of yellow.

The kindergarten of Delhi World School, Chintal celebrated

"Yellow is the colour of the east, childhood, and morning." - Jeffrey D. Anderson

Sujatha VP, Principal, Delhi World School Chintal, Hyderabad

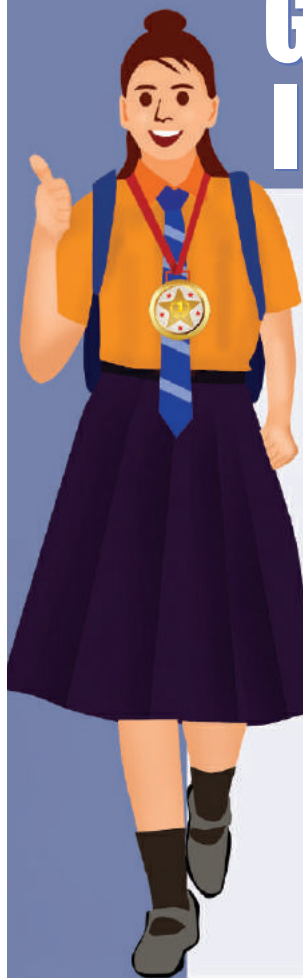
brated Yellow Day with gusto. The day began with an exclusive assembly for our little scholars imbibing the skills of identifying and knowing the colour yellow.

Students were all dressed up in different shades of yellow colour. It was indeed a visual treat to see the impact of the yellow colour on our tiny scholars. All the students of

Nursery and PP-1 and PP-2 sang rhymes and shared their yellow coloured toys, did colouring activity and treated themselves with a yellow fruit during their break time. It was an amazing learning experience which would leave a long impact on each student.

Did you know there are many synonyms and shades for the colour yellow which include: sunshine yellow, buttercup, cream, daffodil, ochre, magnolia, straw, saffron, mustard and lemon just to name a few. Can you think of any others?

GIRL STUDENTS AWARDED FOR INNOVATIVE SCIENTIFIC IDEAS



Women have been under-represented in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for decades, but there is no shortage of inspiring role models for young girls interested in pursuing a career in these fields. From Marie Curie's radiation discoveries to Grace Hopper's ground-breaking work in computer programming to Annie Easley's impactful career as a NASA rocket scientist, women have been responsible for some of the major scientific breakthroughs that have shaped the modern world.

Even with some of the greatest female pioneers, our societies still have a gender imbalance. The UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) reports that less than 30% of our world's researchers are women. Any discipline that is overly dominated by one gender can easily become trapped in paradigms that stymie its progress. UNESCO established the International Day of Women and Girls in Science in 2015 in an effort to reduce the gender gap and promote equality and empowerment. This day is observed every year to recognise the critical role that women and girls play in science and technology.



**M.HASINI
VNAGAYUKTHA
ADHIKA CHAITANYA
D.SAHASI**



Platinum Jubilee High School, Warangal (PJHSW) students Hasini Muddasani of class VI and Vemula Nagayuktha of class VII led the way. They

ranked first in the district in the Vid-yarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) National Online Exam (2021-22), which was held by the Department of Science and Technology, NCERT, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

PJHSW added another feather to its cap when the school qualified for the prestigious Inspire Manak Awards, initiated by the Centre for excellence in the field of innovation in science and technology. Adhika Chaitanya of class VII won honours for her project on Traffic Management and Pedestrian Assistance System, and Dasari Sahasi of class IX was awarded for her project Flood Alert System.

These young innovators' project ideas were rewarded with a cash prize of Rs 10,000 each, and they will soon exhibit their projects at the District Level Science Fair.

If that wasn't all, these and other students also participated in the Atal Innovative Mission, an initiative of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog).

In tune with the emerging needs of Science and Technology, the school has included AI and Robotics as a part of the academic learning programme.

Student leaders take charge

"If your actions create a legacy that inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are an excellent leader."

Geetanjali Olympiad School V V Nagar, Hyderabad

The school corridors buzzed with enthusiasm and pride by the encouragement from teachers and fellow students.

Principal Gayathri honoured the leaders with badges as the new council members took the oath to fulfill their new responsibilities with integrity. The Principal, in her address, congratulated the leaders and added that "only hard work leads to leadership quality and represents the value of responsibility and integrity".

Geetanjali Olympiad School, VV Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad organised its Investiture Ceremony marking the formation of the new student council.

The ceremony started with the march past by class V students - leaders of SPL, DSPL and four houses Sapphire, Topaz, Ruby and Emerald.



PARYANKASANA

Introduction: This asana is a continuation of supta vajrasana. While doing this asana, the body resembles a bed. Paryanka means a bed or sofa.

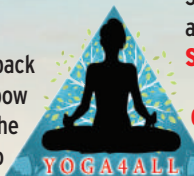
PROCEDURE

Sit in virasana and slowly bend back. Take the support of the right elbow and arm first, and then that of the left. Bring the top of the head to the ground. The crown of the head should rest on the floor. Recline on the back and lift the chest and neck. No part of the trunk should be on the floor. Fold the arms and grasp the elbows as they rest on the floor behind the head.

Stay in this position for one minute for physical benefits.

On the return, rest the trunk and neck on the floor; release the hand and sit up in virasana.

Breathing: Keep the breathing deep and slow; exhale while reclining on the back; maintain even breathing in the final pose; inhale while resting



the back on the floor.

Awareness: Focus your awareness on the crown of the head, chest, lower back and on the breath. Spiritually, awareness should be on swadhisthana, anahata or vishuddha chakras.

Sequence: Follow up this asana with a forward bending asana.

Contra-indication: It should not be practiced by persons suffering from neck problems, sciatica,

slipped disc, sacral ailments or knee complaints.

BENEFITS

- It massages the abdominal organs.
- It tones the spinal nerves.
- The chest is well expanded.
- The dorsal region is fully extended.
- The pelvic joints become elastic.



- The thyroid gland is influenced.
- It is good for those with asthma, bronchitis and other lung ailments
- The asana relieves inflamed and bleeding piles.

MARUTHI N, PE teacher, MES Kishore Kendra Public School, Vidyanarayana, Bengaluru

Yoga should be practiced under the supervision of Yoga Guru. The views expressed in the above article are those of the author and the newspaper takes no responsibility for it.

Vrikshasana

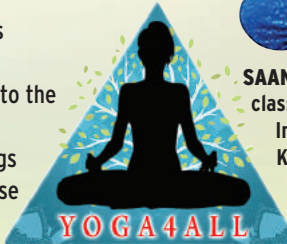
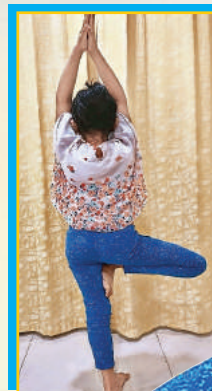
Tree pose, also known as Vrikshasana, is a standing pose in yoga that requires balance and coordination.

STEPS

1. Tree pose often starts with both feet planted firmly on the ground and your weight adequately distributed so that you are balanced.
2. Bend one leg at the knee. Choose the leg you are going to fold in first. Like right leg on the ground and left leg folded. Can either place it above the knee or below the knee.
3. Lengthen your body.
4. Lift both arms up and join the palms.
5. Hold and repeat.

BENEFITS

- Improves balance and stability in the legs
- Strengthens the ligaments of the feet
- Strengthens and tones the entire leg, up to the buttocks
- Strengthens the bones of the hips and legs due to the weight-bearing nature of the pose
- Builds self-confidence and esteem



SAANVI SAMUDRALA, class II, Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur, Hyderabad

(UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF YOGA FACILITATOR SNEHAL GARG)



THE EMINENTLY ABLED GENIUS



I am inspired by author of A Brief History of Time, the person who derived the theory on black hole, the one and only, the great astrophysicist Stephen Hawking. He occupies a very good place in my heart, mind and soul.

He has a very good reason to be my inspiring icon. Though not in robust health, he achieved great things that I think we normal people can't achieve. He taught us that being confined to the wheelchair should not confine our thoughts to our

body. Though he couldn't speak, he made a majestic wheelchair with devices that would speak for him so that his ideas would not be restricted only to his mind, but would come out in such a way that would help society.

His theories and researches helped us understand and learn the features of the black hole. He truly is a "differently abled" person. His achievements cannot be forgotten, they are very useful to society.

Sadly he passed away on 14th March 2018. Though he is not there with us anymore, but his thoughts and he himself live through our hearts, minds and souls. This is the reason, he is my inspiring icon.

SOM MUKHERJEE, class VIII, Tulip, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad



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WOLVES BOOST EUROPEAN HOPES

Hold off resurgent Leicester for 2-1 win despite being pushed around



Ruben Neves

CONTENDER FOR CL

■ It's two years since Wolves reached the quarter-finals of the Europa League in its first European campaign in almost four decades. With six wins from eight games, Wolves is now a contender to qualify for the Champions League in a thrilling tussle for the top four alongside United, West Ham, Arsenal and Tottenham.

■ Leicester was in that race in the last two seasons but has struggled this year. After going a fifth league game without a win, Leicester is 11th in the standings.

Photo: REUTERS

Wolverhampton Wanderers' boosted their chances of European football next season as they held off a resurgent Leicester City to secure a 2-1 win at the Molineux in the Premier League. The home side got off to the perfect start when Ruben Neves fired them in front in the ninth minute with a superb strike from the edge of the box after being teed up by Raul Jimenez.

WOLVES HOLD UP

Rayan Ait-Nouri came close to doubling their lead in the 24th minute following some deft footwork by Daniel Podence, but the Frenchman's effort flashed wide before Leicester sliced Wolves open with a slick team move to equalise before half-time. Ademola Lookman put the ball in the back of the net but the goal was created by Youri Tielemans, who threaded a fine pass to Marc Albrighton before the winger squared it to Lookman.

Leicester carried that momentum into the second half but Wolves struck against the run of play in the 66th minute when Podence's low drive from outside the area beat Kasper Schmeichel. It was the Portuguese's first league goal of the season. Leicester boss Brendan Rodgers sent on James Maddison in search of an equaliser and the 25-year-old was a lively presence, but the visitors failed to break down the Wolves defence despite seeing much more of the ball.

NOT THE BEST

Wolves manager Bruno Lage felt there was room for improvement despite a fifth victory in their last six league encounters. "We won the three points and scored twice but I think it was OK. It was not our best performance," said Lage. "The step forward for me and my players to be a bigger team is when you play these sorts of teams, that create problems, we need to control more of the game. In some periods we didn't in the way we defended and pressed."

The win lifted

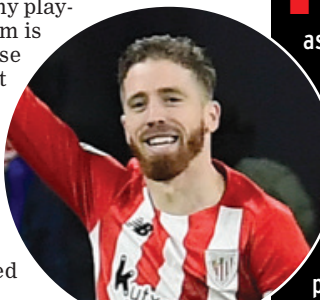


Photo: AP

Iker Muniain

Wolves to seventh in the standings on 40 points after 24 games. Leicester, who are now winless in their last five league games, remain in 11th place on 27 points. "I have seen us starting to return to our levels of play and creativity. It is just disappointing - they had two shots from outside the box and it's two goals," said Rodgers. "Our movement and brightness in the final third was good, we just lacked that position for our final effort on goal." AGENCIES

ATHLETIC WINS DERBY

■ Athletic Club Bilbao kept in touch with the battle for Europe with a 4-0 thrashing of local rivals Real Sociedad in the Basque derby. Iker Muniain saw a penalty saved in the first half, but in the end, it didn't matter as Athletic rolled over their rivals in the second half with goals from Dani Vivian, Oihan Sancet, Inaki Williams and Muniain. All of the goals came in a 20-minute spell after Vivian opened the scoring with a powerful header from a corner.

■ It was Athletic's second win in its last 10 matches against Sociedad in the league, and first since 2019. The result moved Athletic to within a point of seventh-place Sociedad, which has a game in hand.

■ Goals from Joao Felix, Luis Suarez (who scored from almost halfway) and Angel Correa, gave Atletico Madrid a much-needed win away to Osasuna, who had more chances but lacked effectiveness in front of the goal.

■ Arnaut Danjuma's scored a hat-trick as Villarreal continued good form with a 4-1 win away to Granada, which leaves the home side in trouble. Danjuma put Villarreal 2-0 up by halftime and although Luis Milla's penalty gave Granada hope of a comeback, Danjuma also scored a penalty, before Moi Gomez added a fourth in injury time.



Daniel Podence

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

INDIAN BOXERS HANDED TRICKY DRAWS

Telangana boxer Nikhat Zareen receives bye, to begin campaign in quarter-finals at Strandja Memorial Tournament

Indian boxers were handed tricky draws at the Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria even as Nikhat Zareen will begin her campaign in the quarter-finals while Sumit and Anjali Tushir are set to face tough opponents in their respective opening-round bouts.

The 25-year-old pugilist from Telangana, Zareen, who clinched the gold medal in the 2019 edition, has received a bye in the 52kg opening round. Apart from Zareen, Nandini (+81kg) is another Indian boxer to feature directly in the Last-8 stage, according to the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

However, in the 66kg category, Tushir will face a stiff challenge from the two-time World Championships medallist Russia's Saadat Dalgatova in the opening round.

Among men, the 2021 World Championships bronze medallist Akash Kumar has been given a bye in the 67kg opening round while Sumit (75kg) is

SUMIT UPSTAGES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLIST

■ Indian boxer Sumit Kundu (75kg) put up a power-packed performance to make a sensational start to his campaign, outclassing 2021 World Championships silver medallist Dzhabulat Bizhamov on the opening day in Sofia, Bulgaria.

■ Playing only his second senior international tournament, the reigning national champion Sumit produced a flawless show to register a dominating 5-0 victory against his Russian opponent in the 75kg opening round match. The Indian will now face Ukraine's Oleksandr Khyzhniak in the second round.

drawn to kickstart his campaign against the World Championships silver medallist Russia's Dzhabulat Bizhamov.

A 17-member Indian contingent, including seven men and 10 women are participating at the on-going 73rd edition of the tournament which is also the first from the Golden Belt Series and also a testing event for the International Boxing Association's World Boxing Tour format.

Europe's oldest international boxing tournament, which was first held in 1950, will be played till February 27.

With over 450 boxers participating from 36 countries around the world, including strong boxing nations such as Kazakhstan, Italy, Russia and France, the highly competitive tournament will be the first exposure trip for Indian boxers in 2022.

India won two medals in the last edition of the tournament with Deepak Kumar and Naveen Boora securing silver and bronze respectively. ANI



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PRAGGNANANDHAA STUNS WORLD NO 1 CARLSEN

Young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa stunned world no 1 Magnus Carlsen in the eighth round of the Airthings Masters, an online rapid chess tournament.

Praggnanandhaa won with black pieces in 39 moves in a Tarrasch variation game early on Monday to halt Carlsen's run of three straight wins.

Carlsen's revival after a tough first day of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour was pegged back by the youngest player in the field. Carlsen had racked up three wins in a row as he ominously cranked up the gears. But against 16-year-old Praggnanandhaa, he blundered badly, and the Indian star held firm for the win.

It was Praggnanandhaa's first win in any form of chess against the Norwegian and came on the back of having lost three games in a row. Carlsen finished



R Praggnanandhaa

fifth, up from 11th on the leaderboard Sunday. "I think it's about just going to bed," FIDE's website quoted Praggnanandhaa as saying.

In the Airthings Masters, a 16-player online rapid tournament, a player gets three points for a win and one for a draw in the preliminary rounds. Seven more rounds remain in the preliminary phase. PTI

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which Australian bowler has the best bowling figures in the IPL Season?

- a) Andrew Tye
b) Adam Zampa
c) James Faulkner
d) Mitchell Starc

Q2: What is the national game of the United States?

- a) Baseball
b) Cricket
c) Football
d) Hockey

Q3: Who won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy in 2019?

- a) Ben Stokes
b) Rohit Sharma
c) Ellyse Perry
d) Alyssa Healy

Q4: Sakibul Gani became the 1st batter to score a triple ton on First Class debut with an astounding 341 in the Ranji Trophy group match. Which state does he play for?

- a) Bihar
b) Mizoram
c) West Bengal
d) Tamil Nadu

Q5: When did Virat Kohli become India's Test captain?

- a) 2015 b) 2016 c) 2014 d) 2017



Virat Kohli

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Q6: Which of the following state player?

- a) Yogeshwar Dutt
b) Geeta Phogat
c) Dalip Singh Rana
d) Sakshi Malik

Q7: Which of the following devices is required in a Kho-Kho game?

- a) Post
b) Chord
c) Measuring tape, stopwatch
d) All of them

Q8: With which game is Vijay Manjrekar related?

- a) Archery
b) Polo
c) Cricket
d) basketball

Q9: With which sport is the Ryder Cup associated?

- a) Badminton
b) Football
c) Cycling
d) Golf

ANSWERS: 1. b) Adam Zampa 2. a) Baseball

3. a) Ben Stokes 4. a) Bihar 5. c) 2014

6. c) Dalip Singh Rana 7. d) All of them

8. c) Cricket 9. d) Golf