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# CUET on class XII subjects, but no bar on any course



(Undergraduate) 2022 has left students with many unanswered quesadmission to close to 1.8 lakh seats across 45 later, we try to simplify things for you...

he official announcement of the central universities and their affiliated/con- $Common\ University\ Entrance\ Test \quad stituent\ colleges.\ The\ application\ process\ and$ the test and admission criteria need to be understood to let you choose your preferred tions. To be conducted by the National Test- course and college across the country. Ahead ing Agency (NTA), it will be the basis for of the NTA's own announcement over a week

According to a ministry of education official, CUET (UG) 2022 will be a computer-based exam. "It will be conducted in double shifts over a few days. At present, the NTA is looking at a window of five to seven days in the first week of July. Minor changes in the schedule may be made depending on the number of applicants and subject combinations opted for," said a source.

The class XII board exam score as the basis for admissions has been done away with completely, but you can take the exam only in the subjects which you studied in class XII. That, however, doesn't mean that you cannot change your stream or opt for subjects in college that you didn't study in class XII.

It basically means that you will be tested in the subjects that you studied in class XII for your evaluation but the individual marks scored for each subject in the NTA test, in various permutations and combinations, depending on the criteria adopted by different universities, can be used to opt for a subject of your choice.

All central universities have been given the freedom to come up with their own criteria but the building blocks you use to fulfill that criteria, by arranging them in different ways, remain the same. So, unlike JEE or NEET-UG, there will be no common counselling for admissions.

### THE REGISTRATION **PROCESS**

For the registration process, you will have to go to the NTA portal and fill

Next, a drop-down menu will give you a list of all the participating universities and their courses. You need to check out the websites of each university to find out the eligibility criteria for these courses and work out a common list of subjects that you need to appear for the CUET to make the cut, depending on how many universities you opt for. There is no cap on the number of universities and courses you can apply for

You can opt for one language, one additional language, six out of 27 domain subjects (remember, all subject to the rider that you should have studied in class XII) and a general test that will test your aptitude, logic and reasoning. This makes it nine papers. You can reduce the number of domain subjects, if you so wish, depending on your choice of universities and courses

Now, you choose your courses, universities and, finally, the subjects for which you wish to be tested. All that remains is to pay the fee via https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/ and you are

# 5 reasons why Russia is bogged down in Ukraine

month into Russia's invasion of Ukraine - the conflict on the ground appears to have reached stalemate. Few would have thought that Russia's so-called "special military operation" would last this long. After all, Russia has overwhelming military superiority over Ukraine in terms of active troops - 2. lakh to 9 lakh - and lethal arsenal. Why then have Russian troops failed to overrun any of Ukraine's largest cities, notwithstanding the ongoing siege of Mariupol? Here's a look at five mistakes or miscalculations that Russian President Vladimir Putin made in ordering the military invasion of Ukraine...



Russia began its campaign by largely targeting Ukrainian military sites but has of late been bombing civilian areas inside Ukrainian cities. This indicates the campaign hasn't gone to plan. While Moscow lined up 1.5 lakh to 1.9 lakh troops for the Ukraine operation, the posture and composition of the force ointed to a short-duration campaign. That's why the capture of a large number of Russian conscripts by Ukrainian forces has surprised military experts. Conscripts aren't well-trained and not equipped for long-drawn military action. Also baffling are videos of Russian mechanised units stuck in mud pits formed by thawing snow. This again points to a lack of preparedness for a long campaign. Hence, the belief that Putin was expecting little resistance and banking on the Ukrainian military melting away.

# NATO SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The main reason Ukrainian forces have held on is the solid support from the US and the EU. Russia should have anticipated this, but it probably underestimated NATO unity. It's possible the US exit from Afghanistan last year and Europe's dependence on Russian energy contributed to Moscow's mis-calculation. Putin may have been counting on there being no appetite in the US for a fresh foreign intervention. Plus, given how fraught relations had become between the US and its NATO allies under former President Donald Trump, Moscow may have believed the West to be a divided camp incapable of mounting a meaningful joint stance on Ukraine. Putin may have assumed US President Joe Biden to be a risk-averse, status-quoist leader. But Biden has managed to rally

much of the American establishment and society behind his punitive economic and diplomatic actions against Russia, and reunified NATO to an ex-



### INTERNATIONAL BACKLASH

Putin may not have expected the kind of international response he is currently facing. Kicking out major Russian banks from the international SWIFT payment system was always on the cards. But the freezing of Russian foreign reserves, widespread western targeting of Russian oligarchs and the mass exodus of multinationals have come as a huge blow for the Russian economy. More than 400 corporations, including energy majors BP, Exxon and Shell, have left or drastically scaled back their operations. Additionally, countries like Germany – which are heavily deendent on Russian energy and were initially cautious abo<mark>ut criticisin</mark>g Russia – are now changing their stance. This shows their governments are under pressure from their own citizens to act. In that sense, the Ukrainian resistance movement is galvanising public opinion across the world.

# **WRONG NARRATIVE**

In the run-up to the invasion, the Russian leadership tried to portray the operation as a move to liberate Ukrainian cit-Lizens from a neo-Nazi regime, but this pitch backfired because Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky h<mark>imself is a Ukrainian</mark> Jew whose family survived the Holocaust. In the early days of the conflict, Zelensky easily won the war of perception by putting out personalised videos and successfully creating a narrative of Ukrainian resistance against an unjust invasion.

This is surprising as Russia is a past master at disinformation campaigns and cyber warniques. Its messaging blunders may be the result of

deeper intelligence failures or a cloistered autocratic system where Putin trusts and listens to no one.

# TOUGH RESISTANCE

Ukrainian forces have outdone themselves in this conflict. It was always a given fact that they would be highly motivated in defending their homeland but their tactics have been spot on. Relying on mobile units equipped with anti-tank weaponry like the US-made Javelin missile launcher and the Turkish Bayraktar combat drone, Ukrainians have managed to halt or immobilise large Russian mechanised convoys. Plus, Ukrainian forces have been facing Russia-backed separatists in Donbass since 2014. This means they were not only cognisant of Russian military tactics but also preparing for a possible Russian invasion for the last eight years. They were receiving training from western nations before the Russia invasion commenced. These factors have left Russia fighting a war it can't win without massive costs.

# Early warning systems for everyone on Earth in next five years

tating that one-third of the world's people are not covered by early warning systems and hence they are vulnerable to climate change, the United Nations on Wednesday announced that it will spearhead new action to ensure that every person on Earth is protected by early warning systems within five years. The announcement was made on the occasion of World Meteorological Day on Wednesday, which has 'Early



Warning and Early Action' as the theme this year. The UN secretarygeneral Antonio Guterres has tasked the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) to lead the effort and present an action plan to achieve this goal at the next UN climate conference in Egypt this November.

# National Covid-19 plan to end on March 31

wo years after the Centre imposed a nationwide lockdown in view of the Covid-19 outbreak and followed it up with monthly review of health protocols, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has decided against invoking provisions of the Disaster Management Act beyond March 31 for management of the pandemic. The shift comes



in view of the steep decline in cases across the country in the past few weeks The decision to do away with a national action plan and Covid restrictions, however, does not dispense with the need to continue observing safety protocols, such as wearing of masks and hand hygiene, as well as adherence to other guidelines issued by the health ministry from time to time

# Instagram users can now control feed with Favourites, Following

tent not seen in the last five years.

eta-owned photo-sharing platform Instagram on Wednesday said it is introducing two new ways -Favourites and Following – to choose what users see in their feed. The company said, it wants users to be able to shape Instagram into the best possible experience and give them ways to quickly see what they are most interested in

- 'Favourites' shows users the latest from accounts that they choose, like their best friends and favourite creators. In addition to this view, posts from accounts in Favourites will also show up higher in home feed
- 'Following' shows users posts from the people they follow. Both Favourites and Following will show users posts in chronological order to quickly catch up on recent posts
- To use Favourites and Following, users will need to tap on Instagram in the top left corner of the home page to choose what they see
- "Use Favourites to see the most recent posts from the accounts you have added to your favourites list," the company said
- "You can add up to 50 accounts to your list, and make changes to this list at any time - people are not notified when they are added or removed. Posts from accounts on your favourites list will also show up higher in your home feed, as shown by a star icon," it added



nowadays one can't even solve a word jum-

ble without posting one's multiple incor-

rect guesses on social media. Anyone

would think — going by the gloating on

display for guessing a fiveletter word cor-

rectly in five tries — people were solving

the Riemann hypothesis. But as long as

Wordle kept people out of the kitchen and

# ONE WORLD, DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Explore diversity in vision and figure out how the same topic may be viewed differently by different folks. This is a mirror to society and life

# DELIVER US FROM COVID HOBBIES, FROM SOURDOUGH TO WORDLE the slide, we still seem to be grasping for away from the sourdough, I'm not coma collective hobby. For a second there, I

One horrible consequence of the multiple waves of the pandemic has been the eruption of amateur bakers, overnight home caterers, hyper-documented mothers... Vax them!



RAJYASREE SEN

he Third Wave seems to have abated. It also seems that we've emerged relatively unscathed this time around. Not from Covid, but from that fallout from Covid — the rise of the latest hobbyhorse for everyone stuck at home and having to spend time with their spouses and children. Oh, the horror of it all.

I am speaking of surviving The Rise of The Sourdough Bakers from the First Wave. Never have so many people befriended so many types of yeast at the same time. It was a mass movement like no other. People who had never entered a kitchen, suddenly started baking sourdough loaves, and more frighteningly, began posting about it copiously. There were social media groups dedicated to discussing the mood and texture of your sourdough starter. Did it rise? Did it fall? Did it rise and then fall like Edward Gibbon and William Shirer would have liked it? Did it ferment? Did it write itself a poem while fermenting?



Look how far we have come since the Dalgona coffee craze of the First Wave!

dough Movement which had rocked the world from New York's Greenwich Village to Mumbai's Chuim Village, seemed to have thankfully come to an end. But the bakers returned in the Second Wave. Before we could literally catch a breath, never mind a mutating virus, the bakers had now mutated into different variants. There was the kombucha lover. 'What iskombucha?' A friend asked. Is it a new Goan contraceptive device? It

But once the lockdown was lifted started waxing eloquent on the virtues and the First Wave ebbed, the Sour- of kombucha, your ovaries immediately seized up. Health drinks — like the rather tasteless fermented tea drink that is kombucha — were the new 'it' bacterial food item to catch the public's notice. People had moved on - no more sourdough, give us sour tea.

There was also the home caterer. Everyone started making and delivering food — much, much after me whether all they could cook was a boiled potato or not. So, while I discovered could well be, given that once someone some of the most fabulous bakers of en-

tremets, makers of Bengali and Odiya food, authentic ramen et al, I also discovered chicken patties that no self-respecting patty snob would eat, biryani that when ordered on different days tasted totally differently, khao suey which simply failed to suey. But at least people were being entrepreneurial - even if they were depending on the largesse of friends to buy their wares. Many a friendship has fallen to the wayside thanks to Covid's cooking craze and poorly cooked pulao.

Another side-effect of the Second Wave was the rise of the social media mummy. Suddenly mothers started posting copiously about, um, spending time with their children. They were reading to their kids, feeding their kids, talking to their kids — and we had to experience each and every moment of what is really normal parenting on social media. You did wonder whether some of them could have been documentary filmmakers, given that every instance of their child and their lives seem to be captured on camera from dawn till dusk. Were their suddenly invisible ayahs being used to take videos and photos while documenting handheld — sorry, hands-— motherhood?

But with the Third Wave already on

plaining. thought it was Wordle. But it seems that

But hang on. It turns out that China has announced yet another Covid variant. So, brace yourself for what will come our way in the Fourth Wave. Maybe people will discover their inner (social media-friendly) mime artist? How much of a jump is it, anyway, from sourdough to Marcel Marceau?



"Memory matters today

SANJAY

MEHROTRA.

Sanjay Mehrotra, also CEO of

Sandisk earlier, is the current

uate from BITS, Pilani.

**KAMAKSHI** 

Mehrotra is an engineering grad-

"I do not shy away from a strong debate as long as it

is objective in nature and

rooted in logic and data

SIVARAMAKRISHNAN

Named among the 50 most powerful

Drawbridge, a people-based identity

"I always tell women to use the fact that we offer a dif-

PADMASREE WARRIOR,

Padmasree Warrior was the CEO of

NIO, a Chinese electric autonomous

vehicle startup in the US. She left

her role recently in December 2018.

ferent point of view in a room full of men'

women in technology in 2018 by

'Forbes', Sivaramakrishnan heads

management company.



### "Wear your failure as a badge of honour!"

# SUNDAR PICHAI,

India-born American business executive, Sundar Pichai is the chief executive officer of Alphabet Inc., and its subsidiary, Google, Born in Madurai, India, Pichai earned his degree from IIT Kharagpur in metallurgical engi-



# SATYA NADELLA,

After a 22-year stint with Microsoft, Nadella was appointed as the chief executive officer of the company in February 2014. He previously held the position of executive vice president of Microsoft's Cloud and Enterprise group.



# SHANTANU NARAYEN,

Born in Hyderabad, Shantanu Narayen joined Adobe in 1998 as the senior vice president of worldwide product research and became the COO in 2005 and CEO in 2007. He holds an MBA from University of California, Berkley, and an MS from Bowling Green State University.

"Every job you get into, you bring 50 per cent of the skills you need, and you learn the other 50 per cent if you're lucky enough"

# NIKESH ARORA,

Nikesh Arora is the chief executive officer and chairman of Palo Alto Networks. Arora was formerly a senior executive at Google.



**RAJEEV SURI,** Rajeev Suri is currently the CEO of Inmarsat. He had joined Nokia in 1995 and held various positions before being appointed as president and CEO in April 2014.

# THE INDIAN-ORIGIN CEOs RULING SILICON VALLEY

It's not just Pichai, Nadella, Agarwal. The US tech valley has had Indians as top executives for a while. Here are some of them...

"Practising vulnerabil-

An MBA from Harvard Business

School, Aniali Sud is the CEO

platform. She was appointed

to that had stints with

Amazon and Time Warner.

of Vimeo, a popular open video

CEO of Vimeo in 2017 and prior

ity is a sign of

strength, and an

leadership tool"

**ANJALI SUD,** 

incredibly powerful



"In today's era of volatility, there is no other way but to re-invent" FRANCISCO D'SOUZA,

Among the youngest CEOs in the software services sector, D'Souza is Cognizant's CEO and a member of the company's board of directors. During his tenure as CEO, Cognizant's employee base has grown from 55,000 to over 230,000.

"Preserve your grit.

helps quite a bit - it's

a survival strategy"

NEHA NARKHEDE,

**CEO AND CO-FOUNDER** 

Narkhede was named in

2018 among the 50 most

powerful women in tech-

nology by 'Forbes'. She is

the co-founder and CEO of

data analytics firm

Confluent.

Being a little deaf



"Collaboration is a key part of the success of any organisation" DINESH PALIWAL,

Dinesh Paliwal is the president and CEO of Harman International, a premium audio gear brand that owns the likes of JBL, Becker, dbx, among others.

"You have to adapt to

the style of the place

that you're working in

and the people you're working with"

**GEORGE KURIAN,** 

George Kurian became the

CEO and president of storage

and data management compa-

ny NetApp in June 2015, after

serving as its executive vice

president of product opera-

tions for nearly two years.



# "There is no good time

# DEEPAK AHUJA,

Deepak Ahuja joined Verily as chief financial officer in 2020. Before that he had been with Tesla for close to 10 years in two stints. He has also worked with Ford Motors earlier.



Parag Agrawal has been with Twitter since 2011 and is currently their chief technical officer. An engineering graduate from IIT, Bombay, Tiwari has also worked



# "He leads with heart and soul'

with Microsoft, AT&T and Yahoo.



# to make change"







# **JACK DORSEY ON** PARAG AGRAWAL



It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, SCHOOL IS COOL!

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# POETRY, GIVING EXPRESSION TO THOUGHTS & EMOTIONS



s said by Audre Lorde, "Poetry is not only dream and vision; it is the skeleton architecture of our lives." Poetry lays the foundation for a future of change, a bridge across our fears of what has never been before. Poetry writing allows one to express oneself through the written word. It explicitly pours out the thought which can only be felt, but can't be said. Moreover, it represents the creativity of the human mind and how creatively humans perceive the happenings of life.

Poetry has always been used, to put forward ideas and thoughts, ensuing revolutionary changes in society and world. As the youth of our country are the future of the nation, it is imporPallavi Model School

tant to give them a platform and

**Bowenpally** 

hear their voices. Therefore, on account of World Poetry Day, Pallavi Model School Bowenpally hosted a poetry writing competition encouraging, the students of classes VIII to XII to express and articulate their ideas in a creative

Guest speaker Manogyna B, who has won accolades for her creations on Poetry Nation, an online poetry platform, recited her original works. The competition was held in three languages, in Hindi, English and Telugu. Handwritten and original

BREATHE-OUT POETRY." - MURIEL RUKEYSER works of poetry on different

"BREATHE-IN

EXPERIENCE.

themes or genre were encouraged. Students expressively voiced their ideas through beautiful poems. The winners of the competition were then decided by the judges.

Winners of the English competition were Harikeerthana -12 B 1st prize, Sai Geethika -10F 2nd prize, Abhigna - 9A 3rd prize, Mehak -9B Consolation. The winner of the Hindi Competition was Samaira Fatima - 12 A 1st prize, Winners of the Telugu Competition: Anvitha Bojja -9E First prize, M Dhrithi- 9B Second prize and P Ravalika- 9D Third

# I WERE

A PRIME MINISTER

f I were a prime minister (PM) I would make quality education accessible to all so that everybody would get the opportunity to afford good education. I would develop hospitals in all areas which would be free for poor people so that all can have access to great health care. I would contribute towards our country's development, I would keep our enemies in control and maintain peace and harmony. I would promote a culture where the citizens would be more responsible and make our country a better place to live.

I would work for the country's growth and development. I would maintain good relationships with neighbouring countries. I would help children In India get the best facilities in all fields. I would also encourage our scientists to make new discoveries. I would encourage and educate the farmers to grow more

crops that are beneficial to them and

the country. I would increase focus on science and technology and research and development in all areas. I would work towards improving connectivity between rural and urban places.

> I would emphasise the importance of health and fitness and physical education in schools and highlight the importance of sports and develop good sportspersons. I would promote

tourism and protect the heritage of India. I would develop internet and telephone facilities in rural areas. I would introduce schemes to uplift downtrodden people.

P MOURYA PRATAP REDDY, class VII-C, P Obul Reddy Public School,



# **INSIGHTFUL WORKSHOP SERVES** TO MOTIVATE TEACHERS

itanjali Devashray leaves no stone unturned when it comes to growth and empowerment of its faculty. The school hosted an introspective workshop titled 'Good Teachers Create Good Classrooms' conducted by wellknown educator, motivational speaker and self-awareness coach Darpan Vasudev.

Gitanjali Devashray Hyderabad

thus increase productivity in daily classroom communications. The workshop paved a path for session.

dynamic and successful interactions between teacher and stu-The one and a half hour long dents. It reinforced the need to workshop focused on the nuances deal with anxiety, stress and othof being happy and mindful and er negative deterrents and con-

sciously inculcate the tenets of acceptance, benevolence, compassion, determination and enthusiasm. It was attended by the heads and all teachers of the school and provided them with a much needed rejuvenating start to a new academic

> The teachers thanked the management for the wonderful opportunity and were enriched by the in-

### **CHALLENGES** OF ONLINE CLASSES



We call locked at our home. Wishing to go out and roam. When we have classes we wear earphone, Solve the guestions on our own. We see our friends on the phone. But in reality we all are alone. Teachers are ready to teach. Asking questions each by each. Some get tired of the speech. Some in thoughts of going to beach. All attend classes online. Some students are praised and on cloud nine.

While other usually whine. Which makes the teacher to cross the line. Online classes are really fun. Better than the classes in hot sun.

You will be really stun. If in reality, online classes were none.

POORVI VIJAYWARGIA, class VI, Delhi School of **Excellence, Banjara Hills** 

### **MANTRAS AND ME**

Always peaceful and simple with a smiling dimple. No war, no violence he said just as a harmonious

He practiced what he preached. This rule he never

He bought the tone of truth, he bought the tone of duty. Leadership was his beauty.

We all were deeply inspired as we now aspire for the longest heights.

All that is left is to say Mantras and Me and follow them as I guarantee .....

B N S L SRAVANI, class IX-F, Silver Oaks International School, Hyderabad

# **ENCHANTED BY STORIES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE**

bration was held at Delhi Public School MH with great enthusiasm, as the young and dynamic junior school students showcased their creative talent. Based on NEP guidelines 2020, which emphasises on importance of learning through stories, the theme for the annual day "Eudaimonia" was centred around different stories from across the globe.

For years, stories have been an integral part of a child's holistic learning. Not only do the stories entertain but they also educate and allow children to explore and show appreciation for different cultures across the world.

The event started with an invocation ceremony and honouring chief guest Divya Madhukar, director TBEPL, centre director IMTTI, handwriting analyst.

This was followed by the welcome address by Principal Nandita Sunkara and words of inspiration from Chairman M Komaraiah and Sunitha Rao. Principal DPS Nacharam. The annual report was presented by Vice Principal | Sudha, which highlighted the school's achievements in curricular and co-curricular activities.

Chief guest Divya Madhukar urged the students to never give up their curiosity and creative ideas and believe in their potential. The array of enchanting sto-

ries from across countries like Japan, France, Vietnam, Africa, and Russia added a sense of optimism and created magical moments. The skillful narrations. dramatic dialogues, interesting characters and amazing sound effects took the audience on an unforgettable adventurous tour. The grand finale showcased diverse stories from India in a unique dance form "Aikyam".

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and words of appreciation by Principal Nandita Sunkara and Vice Principal Sudha The younger generation was encouraged to continue reading and listening to stories as they shape their thoughts and emotions.



# Hidden Surprise!

ecently my teacher was a bit delayed coming to the class and so my friends decided to play a little prank. One of my friends hid behind the teacher's desk and the rest quickly closed the door. When she entered, she was asked by other students to stand by her desk. She was curious and went towards her desk. Suddenly the student appeared from behind the desk, taking her by surprise! We all had a good laugh as she too didn't mind the prank we had played! It was fun to share a moment of laughter before starting our lessons. ANVITA VENNA, class V,

Peru, Silver Oaks **International School** 

# **Research on wetlands ignites curiosity**

# The Shri Ram Universal School

Hyderabad

"A world without wetlands is a world without water, so save our wetlands"

etlands play an important role in the ecosystem of a place and to emphasise its importance, class VIII and IX students of The Shri Ram Universal School Hyderabad were a part of a virtual Student Exchange Programme with the students of The Shri Ram Millennium School, Faridabad.

The objective of the collaboration initiated under the programme 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' was to have an information and ideas exchange between the students of the two schools to understand the importance of wetlands in the states of Haryana and Telangana. The exchange programme helped in increasing awareness amongst the students regarding wetlands, and enabled them to discuss and learn about the problems and solutions in a unique and insightful manner.



abad showcased their research on topics

such as the Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary,

Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary, impact of

urbanisation on wetlands, the extinction

programme from the Talk Hall. It was in-

teresting to hear the students from TSMS

The presentations ignited the curios-

of traditional rural wetlands, etc.

water or there's shallow soaking wet soil at least part of

> small, like a swamp, to very Wetlands prevent flooding by holding water much like a sponge and accept water during storms and whenever

water levels are high The participants from TSUS Hyder- talk about water shortage in Hyderabad and how research is required to identify important wetlands in the state. It fostered a curiosity about the partner state and made students reflect upon the condition of their home state.

The articulate students impressed the ity of the other students who attended the student visitors and teachers with their research, confidence and passion in ex-

# **COLOURFUL ACTIVITIES GALORE**

### **Delhi Public School** Nadergul

he festival of Holi spreads love and brotherhood. It symbolises the triumph of good over evil. This colourful festival unites people and removes negativity in life. With the same belief, we at DPS Nadergul celebrated the festival of Holi with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Holi usually marks the welcoming of spring, harvest and bright colours in everyone's life. After the dullness of the pandemic and lockdown, Holi was the first festival which we celebrated offline and students enjoyed to



their fullest by taking part in To celebrate this festival, a Special Assembly was conducted for the students, where they danced to the tunes of Holi songs and later painted their T-shirts for the festival.

**Headmistress Anandita** various colourful activities. praised the efforts of the students saying that Holi is the day to express love with colours and she also implored them to play safe Holi by avoiding artificial colours which are dangerous for their skin. It was indeed a fun day and a joyful experience for everyone.

**Danni Wyatt** 

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dominant England dished out a fine all-round performance to crush Pakistan by nine wickets and keep themselves in the reckoning for a place in the semi-finals of the ICC Women's World Cup here on Thursday. Bowling first, England bundled out Pakistan for a paltry 105 in 41.3 overs, and then chased down the target with as many as 184 balls to spare.

### **BRILLIANT DISPLAY**

Opting to field after winning the toss, opening bowler Katherine Brunt (3/17) and left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone (3/18) led England's

the Hagley Oval. When their turn to bat came, opener Danni Wyatt top-scored with an unbeaten, aggressive 68ball 76 while captain Heather Knight remained not out on 24 in 36 deliveries.

brilliant display with the ball at

### **BETTER NET RUN RATE**

With the massive win, England have not just moved to sixpoints on the table but also have a better net run rate than India and are placed at the fourth place. Needing to win the game at all costs, Brunt gave England the best and Pakistan the worst possible start by removing Nahida Khan in the very first ball of the match. Brunt bowled it full around middle and off and as the ball moved away, it took a thick edge off Nahida's bat to the first slip.

### NONE FOR ONE

Pakistan were none for one, and it soon became 11 for two when skipper Bismah Maroof was run out while going for a needless second run. Pakistan found themselves in dire straits thanks to another horrible run out, this time the victim being Omaima Sohail off a Tammy Beaumont direct hit in the 14th over with the score reading 33 for three.

Ecclestone

It became 53 for four when Brunt had Nida Dar trapped in front of the wicket with

a ball that pitched on middle and leg before hitting her low on the front pad. The batter opted for a review but it did go in her favour, as the English rejoiced.

### **WRAPPED UP**

Pakistan could add just five more runs before the set Sidra Ameen (32), the innings' top-scorer, played a fast Brunt delivery on to the stumps while looking to guide it to the third man region. Wicketkeeper Sidra Nawaz contributed 23 before Ecclestone wrapped up the Pakistan innings. The weather got a bit gloomy in Christchurch as England began their reply, but that did not come in the way of their chase as they sealed the game in their favour in only 19.2 overs. PTI



outh Africa reached the semi-finals of the Women's Cricket World Cup on Thursday when rain washed out their crunch match against the West Indies in Wellington. Both teams received a point from the

abandoned fixture, putting South Africa second in the table to Australia and beyond the reach of their rivals for the playoff spots. The West Indies can still make the top four but need results involving India and England to go their way. A downpour delayed the start of the match in the New Zealand capital for more



proceed with innings of 26 overs apiece. But that was scrapped after 10.5 overs with South Africa 61-4 and

looking to rebuild with Mignon du Preez unbeaten on 38 from Chinelle Henry took 3-19 and

West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor felt they were on top when play was called off. "It's not the way we'd like (the match to end) but you can't do much about God's plan, it's something we can't control," she said.



# SINDHU, PONNAPPA-REDDY SAIL TO SECOND ROUND

ENGLAN

# Men's doubles pair Arjun-Kapila lose in opening round

V Sindhu and women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy entered the second round while men's doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila lost in the opening round of the ongoing Swiss Open played at St. Jakobshalle. The two-time Olympic medal-

list Sindhu defeated Denmark's Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt 21-14, 21-12 to enter the second round of the women's singles. After a straight games victory, the Hyderabadi shuttler will now face Neslihan Yigit of China in the second round.

In women's doubles, the Indian pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy registered a comfortable straight games win against local pair of Aline Muller and Jenjira Stadel-



# **SWISS OPEN**

The Indian pair was leading in the opening game but they squandered their advantage as the Indonesian pair took away the game from them while in the second game Arjun and Kapila were trailing right from the start and could never make a comeback losing the match in straight games. ANI



# **MOEEN ALI CLEARED FOR IPL**

all-rounder Moeen Ali has secured his India visa and will be available for selection from the second game of the upcoming IPL, the franchise's CEO Kasi Viswanathan said on Thursday.

Though the England player is arriving in Mumbai on Thursday, the defending champions will miss the services of Moeen for Saturday's IPL-15 opener against Kolkata Knight Riders, as he will have to complete a three-day quarantine before joining the team.

Moeen's grandfather migrated to England from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir but Moeen is born in England and is a frequent visitor to India.

Four-time IPL champions CSK will take on last edition's runner-up side KKR in the opening match of this year's tournament at the Wankhede Stplay Lucknow Super Giants in his off-spin bowling. PTI



the second match on March 31. Because of his fine allround show which helped the team lift its fourth IPL title, Moeen was retained by CSK alongside inspirational captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Ravindra Jadeja and Ruturaj Gaikwad.

Ali scored 357 runs from 15 innings for CSK in the IPL last year, while also taking six adium. CSK are scheduled to wickets from 15 games with

# QUIZ TIME!

In which year did badminton become an Olympic sport?

a) 2000

b) 1996 c) 1992

d) 1989

2. The distance between the penalty spot and a hockey

goal is \_\_

c) 2 yards d) 7 yards

a) 5 yards b) 12 yards

• What is the minimum **.** depth of water in the pool for a polo match?

a) 10 feet

b) 6.5 feet

c) 4 feet d) 8 feet

How many players does each team have in a volleyball match?

a) 12 b) 6 c) 9 d) 3

5. Fast bowler Jhulan J. Goswami has taken most wickets in women's ODI. How many wickets has she taken?



6. Who won the Women's Ballon d'Or award for 2021?

a) Sam Kerr

b) Jennifer Hermoso c) Alexia Putellas

d) Vivianne Miedema

27. Each half of a hockey game lasts

a) 30 minutes

b) 35 minutes c) 45 minutes

d) 25 minutes

Q8. What does Tee-off mean in a game of golf?

a) Start of game

b) Ball has landed in water

c) End of game

d) A missed stroke

Which two players met in • consecutive Wimbledon

finals from 1988 to 1990? a) Ivan Lendl - Boris Becker

b) Stefan Edberg - Brad Gilbert

c) Brad Pearce - Kevin Curren d) Boris Becker - Stefan Edberg

1 c. 1992

2 d. 7 yards

3 b. 6.5 feet

4 b. 6

5 c. 252

6 c. Alexia Putellas

7 b. 35 minutes

8 a. Start of game

9 d. Boris Becker - Stefan Edberg