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## SUCCESS OF COVID vaccination drive shows India's teamwork: PM



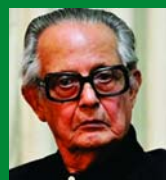
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the success of India's Covid vaccination drive shows its capability and noted that the country is moving ahead with new energy after crossing the 100 crore vaccine doses milestone. In his monthly Mann Ki Baat broadcast, Modi hailed healthcare workers for the vaccine milestone and said he knew they would leave no stone unturned to vaccinate the people. It shows India's capability and the strength of 'sabka prayas' (collective effort) mantra, he said.

**1** On the occasion of the UN Day, Modi also said that India has always worked for world peace and this is seen in the country's contribution to the UN Peacekeeping forces

**2** India is also working to make Yoga and traditional methods of wellness more popular, he said

**3** Referring to the 'vocal for local' campaign, the Prime Minister urged people to buy local products in the festival season

The PM also paid tributes to legendary cartoonist **RK LAXMAN ON HIS 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**, and said that through his cartoons, he beautifully conveyed the socio-political realities of the times. Laxman, who was known for his cartoon creation The Common Man, chronicled Indian social-political history and regaled millions of readers daily in publications



## WhatsApp doesn't have fundamental rights, can't challenge Indian law: Govt

The Centre has opposed WhatsApp's challenge to its IT Rules by arguing that the internet firm is a foreign entity and thus, cannot invoke the fundamental rights under Article 19 and 21 of the Constitution...



### THE CASE

■ The Centre early this year enforced the new IT Rules (intermediary guidelines) that mandated social media firms to identify the "first originator" of "unlawful" content

when asked, among other things ■ WhatsApp, which is end-to-end encrypted – the messages can be read only by the sender and recipient, and not by the company – has challenged this traceability clause, saying it is violative of the right to privacy and Article 19

**1** WhatsApp has said earlier that it will not break its end-to-end encryption as that would undermine the privacy of users. India is WhatsApp's largest market with over 400 million users

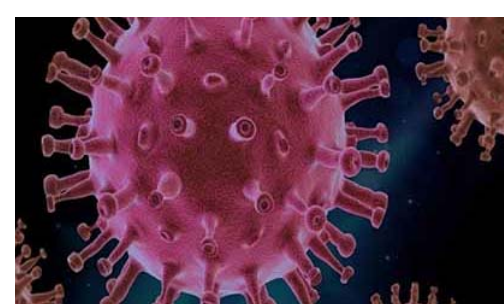
**2** Traceability requires messaging services to store information that can be used to ascertain the content of people's messages, thereby breaking the very guarantees that end-to-end encryption provides

**3** In order to trace even one message, messaging services would have to trace every message, WhatsApp had said in a blog, explaining why it opposes traceability

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## BIG NEW COVID-19 WAVE UNLIKELY BUT TOO EARLY TO SAY INDIA IN ENDEMIC STAGE: EXPERTS

India is unlikely to see a Covid wave like the devastating second one unless there is a new immune escaping variant, but the lower number of cases does not necessarily mean the pandemic is now endemic, several experts have said. Giving hope and also injecting a note of caution as the festive season peaks with Diwali just days ahead, they said a dipping Covid graph is only part of the picture, and pointed to factors such as the mortality rate, the need for a larger vaccination cover and examples of countries, such as the UK where numbers are again rising.



A disease is described as endemic when it continues to be present within a given geographical area but its impact is manageable

## CBSE allows class X, XII students to change exam centres for term 1 exams



Term 1 exams will take place in November-December. For class X, exams will take place from November 30 to December 11 and for class XII, the exams will be held from December 1 to December 22

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday allowed students of class X, XII to change their examination centres for the upcoming term 1 examination. CBSE in a statement, informed that "class X and XII students who are not in the city of their schools and are residing somewhere else,

at an appropriate time, CBSE will inform them to make a request to their respective schools to change the city of examination centre. Schools will follow the instructions given by CBSE." CBSE has further instructed the students to remain in touch with the official website for further notifications.



## TAMIL DRAMA 'KOOZHANGAL' IS INDIA'S OFFICIAL ENTRY FOR OSCARS 2022

Tamil drama 'Koozhangal' (Pebbles), directed by filmmaker Vinodhraj PS, has been selected as India's official entry for the 94th Academy Awards. The movie follows an alcoholic abusive husband who, after his long-suffering wife runs off, sets out with his young son to find her and bring her back. It stars newcomers, Chellapandi and Karuthadaiyan, and is produced by Vignesh Shivan and Nayanthara.

■ No Indian film has ever won an Oscar. The last Indian film that made it to the final five in the best international feature category was Ashutosh Gowariker's Aamir Khan-starrer 'Lagaan' in 2001

■ The other two Indian movies to have made it to the top five are 'Mother India' (1958) and 'Salaam



Bombay' (1989)

■ India's entry for the 2021 Oscars was Malayalam feature 'Jallikattu', directed by Lijo Jose Pellissery

## Facebook's Portal to update its Watch Together feature

Facebook is delivering an update to Portal devices that will make it possible to turn off the Watch Together feature during calls in Household Mode. According to The Verge, the update comes shortly after a BuzzFeed News article criticised Facebook's blatant oversight of not including an "off" switch for the feature.


**TECHAWAY**


### CRITICS' TAKE

■ Watch Together may sound like a great idea, but it obviously isn't ideal for parents, who want to keep their kids away from videos on the internet, the report said ■ This can be a recipe for disaster, as BuzzFeed News noted, since kids can grab hold of the device, start up a call, and begin watching videos with others. Right now, there's no way to disable Watch Together during calls in Household Mode – likely leaving some parents feeling frustrated – but that's all about to change

► Watch Together lets you watch shows, music videos, or funny clips with distant friends or family members. Choose a video from Facebook's selection, and it will be simultaneously presented to you on your Portal and on your friend's device, whether that may be a phone, tablet or Portal

► When a Portal device is in Household Mode, everyone in the house has access to it and that includes kids. The Watch Together feature remains hidden in Household Mode, but it reappears during calls

## T20 WC21: Super 12 Ultimate Guide, What is the points system

The T20 World Cup 2021's Super 12 stage will see six teams, each featuring in two groups. For a win, a team will get two points, for tie, while for no result or abandoned, a team will get one point, and for loss or forfeit zero points. Top two teams in each group will qualify for the semi-finals.

**SPORTS**

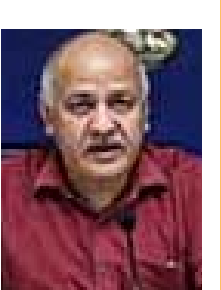
- The first semi-final will be held in Abu Dhabi on November 10. The second semi-final will be hosted by Dubai on November 11. Both the semi-finals have reserve days
- The tournament reaches its conclusion on November 14 at the Dubai International Stadium

## Quote unquote



The practices we have been imposing on our children in the name of love, education, care and beliefs

passing on from one generation to another have actually imprisoned our children in cages and they are losing their childhood. For the betterment of the children, there is a need to give them a good environment and not impose anything on them



Manish Sisodia, Dy CM, Delhi, at the launch of the Children First – Journal on Children's Lives

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This Diwali, let's make a pledge to shine a bit brighter. Generation Change has changed the way we celebrate Diwali by being responsible citizens and keeping the eco-warrior spirit alive. As we emerge out of the enormous shadow of the pandemic, let's take a vow to let our minds prosper, think hard about wellness of this Earth we live in, and spread happiness and cheer all around us...

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## ECO AWARE

# Ready for your next CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION?

If you are in the middle of a discussion about climate change, these phrases may help you understand it better

While you may want to do your bit for the climate, it is also important to know the current climate lingo, lest you are flummoxed hearing it for the first time. Here's a guide:

## SHADOW TIME

An acute consciousness of the possibility that the near future will be drastically different than the present. It was created by the Bureau of Linguistic Reality, a California-based conceptual art project that works with the public to coin words for bizarre new experiences.

## BLISSONANCE

When a blissful experience of, say a warm day in winter, or rains in summer may leave one wondering what disruption in nature may have led to such unusual (even if enjoyable) phenomena.

## JESTOPE

A hopeful attitude that things will work out, yet looking at the difficult or extremely difficult circumstances or realities with humour. We are living with a jestopic view these days, aren't we?

## URBAN HEAT ISLANDS (UHI)

An urban or metropolitan area that has a couple of degrees higher temperature than the surrounding areas. In India, cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Delhi NCR have experienced such heat islands in densely populated areas.

A feeling of doom has seeped into the minds of youngsters when it comes to the climate crisis. However, experts recommend channelling this feeling into action, rather than endangering one's mental

## TIPPING POINT

An irreversible change in climate. Imagine leaning back on a chair on its rear legs. When pushed beyond a point, the chair will crash into the floor and if broken, it cannot be restored to the original shape. And well, as they say - we don't have a planet B!

## FLIGHT SHAMING

Getting schooled for generating a carbon footprint by flying long distances frequently. Flight shaming became a legit movement that began in Sweden and spread to other countries among climate warriors.

## Solastalgia

A mental state that combines melancholy. Grief and nostalgia for a place that is not the same due to extreme changes in climate or environment. Many millennials may relate to this feeling when they return to their hometowns, or hill stations that they visited during childhood

## CLIFI

A term coined by journalist Dan Bloom about films or books that bring the reality of climate change in a dramatic way through entertainment. Like 'Waterworld', 'The Day After Tomorrow', and, in some ways, 'Avengers: Infinity War and Avengers: Endgame' with Thanos seeking to 'restore' the balance.

## CARBON CAPTURE

Nature-based ways to reduce carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by planting trees, restoring wetlands, and adjusting farming practices.

## DOOMISM

A feeling that Earth is bound to be destroyed by climate change, and that there is no hope of stopping the destruction. While this feeling is hard to rid, experts recommend channelling this into action, rather than endangering and affecting one's mental health.

Last  
Chance Tourism

Taking a trip to places that may not exist due to climate change. One of these places is Maldives, predicted to be submerged in approx 60 years, because of rising ocean lev-

## REVELATION

## 44% millennials skipped breakfast amid pandemic

A recent study has shown that 44 per cent of urban millennials skipped breakfast during the pandemic and delayed meals due to increased household chores and late start to the day. The study also stated that 64 per cent of urban millennial respondents were driven towards a healthy immune system.

This was conducted involving 1,000 respondents in the age group of 18-50 years, focusing on urban millennials in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata. The study further pointed out that increased consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, including oats, emerged as the key trend during the pandemic. Additionally, it was found that 71 per cent of urban millennials leaned towards fad diets, including keto, intermittent fasting, and weekly detox plan,



among others to maintain weight.

Vidhi Sharma, consultant at a market research company said, "While millennials acknowledge the importance of breakfast, they often tend to skip breakfast due to their work schedules or tend to just grab a quick snack in the morning. Popular fad diets are supporting this behaviour of skipping breakfast too." IANS

## RECIPE

## Apple Peanut

# Butter Bowl

Looking for a quick and comforting meal to kick start the day? Here's a delightful smoothie bowl made with the goodness of proteins-rich peanut butter, apples, banana, honey and milk. To make it more satiating, add some instant oats and granola and enjoy

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 apple
- 2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup oats
- granola as required
- 4 tablespoon peanut butter
- 2 banana
- 2 tablespoon honey
- 1 handful mixed dry fruits

## HOW TO MAKE

## STEP 1: BLEND IT TOGETHER

Take a 1 1/2 banana, 1 1/2 apple, honey, oats, milk and peanut butter to a blender. Blend it smoothly and make a thick mixture. Save 1/2 apple and 1/2 banana for garnishing.

## STEP 2: GARNISH AND EAT

Pour it into the serving bowls. Garnish the breakfast bowl with apple and banana slices. Add in a handful of granola and dry fruits. Refrigerate for 30 minutes and it's ready to be eaten.

## NUTRITION ALERT

# 10 black superfoods for GREAT HEALTH

It's time to paint your diet black, because these black foods are super healthy. Know these black beauties and their health benefits

## What are Black Foods?

Foods with pigments called anthocyanins are known as black foods. Anthocyanins are found in black, blue and purple coloured foods and have hidden nutrients and benefits galore. These pigments have rich antioxidant properties, which promote health and have the potential to reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease and stroke.

## BLACK WALNUTS

Rich in omega-3 alpha-linolenic acid, black walnuts are known for improving heart health. It has also been proven that walnuts are rich in ellagic acid, which is said to have a cardio-protective effect. They are also rich in unsaturated fats that are effective in controlling hunger and increasing fullness, and hence aid weight loss. They are rich in antioxidants like melatonin, which helps improve the duration and quality of sleep as well.



## BLACK RICE

Native to Southeast Asian belt, black rice has a nutty flavour loaded with lutein and zeaxanthin and promotes good eye health. They have cancer-fighting properties due to their high antioxidant and fibre content. They can be used in puddings, stir fries, risotto, porridge, noodles, bread and even makes a great idea for a good kheer!



## BLACK DAL

A closer to home surprise, Indians have used black dal since ages. They are used as gravies and in mixed dal preparations. Black dal is rich in fibre, iron, folate and protein, and tastes delicious.

## BLACK OLIVES

They are rich in monounsaturated fats, vitamin E, polyphenols and oleocanthal. Olives can be added to salads, pastas, stir-fries and some pickles and drinks too. Also, they help protect the arteries from clogging, maintain eye health, prevent DNA damage, promote good skin health and hair health.



## BLACK SESAME SEEDS

Commonly known as Til, they come with a huge bunch of benefits, loaded with fibre, protein, magnesium, potassium, iron, calcium, zinc, copper, selenium and Vitamin E. They also contain sesamin, which helps reduce inflammation and plays a vital role in joint pain. Sesame seeds can be used in salads as garnish, in traditional laddoos, breads, smoothies, soups, hummus, dips, etc.



## BLACK GRAPES

Sweet in taste, black grapes contain compounds like lutein and zeaxanthin, which prevents retinal damage and macular degeneration. Resveratrol in grapes are known to

have anti-cancer properties and have a huge protective effect on cardiac health by lowering LDL levels too. Proanthocyanidins present in this fruit have great benefits for skin health too. It is suggested to use black grapes in salads, smoothies, jams, and even good old curd rice.



## BLACK GARLIC

They are not naturally black, rather the cloves are fermented for weeks and that turns them black and are used widely in Asian cuisine. They possess a caramelised, savoury richness that adds flavour to stir-fries, meat bakes, rice and noodles preparations and soups too. Black garlic helps in preventing inflammation and can help in boosting memory. They also have properties that prevent cell damage and hence protect from cancer. As per studies, they are better than raw garlic because of antioxidants and anti-cancer properties.



## BLACK FIGS

Figs are sweet and delicious and are commonly grown in the United States. They

## BLACKBERRIES

They are known to promote heart health as they reduce inflammation and boost the immune system. According to experts, blackberries are good for dealing with irregular occurrences of the menstrual cycle. Blackberries are also one of the foods that are high in antioxidants and you can add them to your smoothies, desserts, salads, cakes or pancakes.



are a rich source of potassium and have a very high fibre content which boosts good digestion. They are also effective in weight loss, help fight cancer cells and can also keep the blood pressure under control.

## BLACK DATES

They are rich in carbohydrates, protein, vitamins and dietary fibre. Dates also contain a chemical element called fluorine, which is useful in protecting teeth against decay. The high amount of selenium boosts immune function and also helps prevent risk of cancer.







## School's first batch given a fond farewell

The first batch of the students would always remain a distinctive and cherished part of any school. Bidding them farewell becomes an overwhelming experience for everyone in the school. DPS Nadergul organised a farewell ceremony for the first batch of grade X students of the academic year 2020-21.

The day was a jubilant fiesta where students and teachers looked back at the years of life, laughter, and learning spent together. The venue was festooned with dazzling lights. The program was graced by M Komaralah, chairman of DPS, parents, students, teachers and other staff of the school. This event was a gift and collaborative effort of the present batch of grade IX and X along with their teachers. The celebrations started at 4:00 pm on Saturday with a formal welcome note, followed by a scintillating dance performance, which set the tone for the programme. The cultural event displayed a plethora of talents that were exhibited in the form of dance and musical performances. The star attraction and centrepiece of the event was a special stand-up comedy hosted by master Harsh. A video was projected during the show which filled

**Delhi Public School  
Nadergul**

the students and teachers with reminiscence of the past.

On this special occasion, few students from the outgoing batch shared their experiences and emotions. They expressed their deep sense of love and gratitude to the teachers. Their words oozed innocence and gratefulness. The principal of the school, Padma Jyothi Turaga, vice principal Kiran Khanna, headmistresses and teachers of senior grades addressed the students and cherished the memories together and blessed them good luck for a better and brighter future. Students were awarded the 'Certificate of Merit' by the principal of the school.

The day gave an unforgettable experience that shall be etched in the minds and hearts of the students. The photographs taken by the students with their teachers shall remain testimony of their joyous and emotional departure from their second home.



## MEMORIES OF DELIGHT

Reminiscing the days of visiting granny,  
To hinterland away from urban cacophony,  
Where the woods and the meadows echo in harmony;  
Gentle breeze and chirping birds play symphony.

Gurgling waters flow down the stream,  
Prismatic piscine jumps with gleam.  
Amidst the vast green terrain of esteem,  
Dew on grasses glow in the morning beam.

Fluttering butterflies over the blooms greet,  
Buzzing honey bees race past in feat.  
Parrots on mango trees relish the treat,  
Nannies cuddle kids, in gleeful upbeat.

Golden paddy fields wave in elegance,  
Ecstatic Jasmine's divine fragrance.  
Vineyard marquees over the fence, Banyan prop swings exuberance.

Absorbing grandpa's tales at night, Countless stars that shine bright.  
Chasing shadows in the moonlight, Best springtime memories of delight.

**USHA KRISHNA, Senior Wing, Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, Hyderabad**



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## POSITIVE MIND LIFE

Resilience is a word which comes to our mind as we battle Covid 19; this is the best time to enhance our learning and learn new technology, pick up a hobby of our choice, connect with friends and family across the globe, and polish our skills or learn new ones. Everything is possible if we are mentally strong. Life skills, which we have imbibed, will help us manage our time efficiently. Let us move ahead and light our lives with hope for a better future.



**SUNIR NAGI,**  
Principal, Pallavi Model School, Alwal, Hyderabad



## COLOURFUL GATHERING ON A FESTIVE OCCASION

**Pallavi Aware International School  
Saroor Nagar**

Dussehra celebrates the triumph of Lord Ram over Ravana and the victory of Goddess Durga in her fight against the Asura, Mahishasura, symbolizing the victory of good over evil.

To celebrate this occasion, the students of Pallavi Aware International School organised a festive virtual gathering. The event was inaugurated with the traditional Durga pooja seeking the Goddess's protection and blessings. This was followed by the narration of the Ramayana and the tales of Mahishasura's tyranny and Goddess Durga's victory over him.



The students then explained the importance of Navratri or the nine nights and the traditions and rituals observed by the people in different regions of India during these nine days.



The students interconnected the Navratri with the festival of Bathukamma, celebrated in the state of Telangana and went on to display the beautiful dances of Bathukamma, Garba, and Dandiya, which are performed

by the people during these nine days.

The students then performed various Indian traditional dances to different classical songs, making the event a fun-filled, festive gathering.

## Bright & sprightly in orange



The students of Delhi World School Shadnagar celebrated Orange Colour Day with great eagerness. Unity in diversity marked the celebration of orange day. The children of the pre-primary section celebrated the day with a sole objective to get acquainted with the concept of this secondary colour and objects related to it. The children were exposed to a series of creative activities to help them understand the positive impact of orange. The teachers and children both in harmonious shades of orange enjoyed creating the hues and tints of this colour by blending red and yellow.

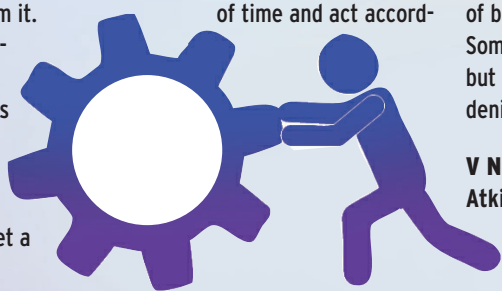
**Delhi World School  
Shadnagar**

# Express YOURSELF

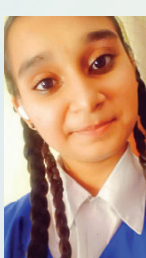
## There is no substitute for hard work

We need to work hard and value our time in order to make our dreams come true. Success comes only to those who work hard for it. They are the kind of people who act accordingly to fulfil their life goals and make their dreams come true. Do not forget, failure is a part of success and we all should try to learn from it. It helps us to know about the mistakes and blunders we have caused throughout our journey. As we all are different people with a different mind-sets, the meaning of success is different for every one of us. For someone, it is to get a

good successful job, buy lots of property, have a lavish lifestyle, etc. However, according to me, real success is in doing what you love and want to do. Time management is one of the most important factors, which is required to achieve success in life. We should understand the importance of time and act accord-



ingly so that we can achieve our goals and be successful in life. One should always remember that there is no substitute for hard work in the process of being successful. Some people are born with good luck but without hard work, even fate denies them the chance to shine.



**V NIKHILASREE, class XA3,**  
Atkinson Senior Secondary School, Vijayawada

## THEORY OF RELATIVITY - A FREE VERSE ON FEELINGS

When it's hard to express feelings,  
It is just like a rock in our heart.  
The fights made the duos apart,  
Never really came the Noise of cries.  
After listening to you,  
I was surprised.  
It was hard to believe you broke,  
that made my heart a land, which has soaked.  
Expressing your feelings made me happy,  
The ending of the feeling was weepy.  
Life is roller coaster of enjoyment,  
I hope to make the best out of it,  
And enjoy every bit.

Dedicated to my friend

**K RISHI KANTH, class IX D, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Public School, Vidyashram**



**PEACE & UNITY: ELUPARAMBIL  
RANJIT EESHWAR NAIR, class IV,**  
Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet

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**SAVE MOTHER EARTH: NISCHAL RAM CHAITANYA,**  
class VI, Gautami Vidyakshetra, Madinaguda

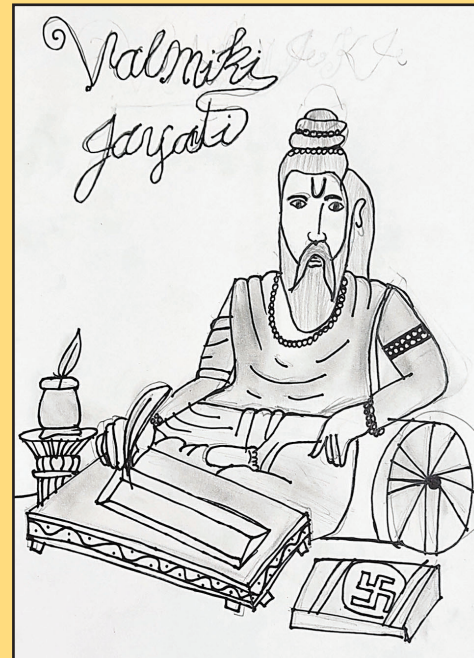


**NATURE'S DESIGN: SOM  
MUKHERJEE, class VIII, Sister  
Nivedita School, Hyderabad**



**VIGHANAHARTA:  
LAKSHMI KS, class  
VIII-C, Bhavan's Sri  
Ramakrishna  
Vidyalaya,  
Sainikpuri**

**GOLDEN VERSE:  
SURABOYEENA  
REYANSH RAJ, class  
IV, Little Flower  
High School, Abids**





## ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021

AFGHANISTAN  
OPEN T20 WC CAMPAIGN

After chaotic build-up, a confident team to face spirited Scotland

**T**he Afghanistan cricket team will hope to provide some joy to its people going through tumultuous times back home as it begins its T20 World Cup campaign against a spirited Scotland in Sharjah. Afghanistan finds itself in turmoil again after the Taliban takeover of the country in August. The cricketers could not get much practice due to the situation at home and there was also a controversy over team selection with star spinner Rashid Khan stepping down soon after the squad was announced. Few last minute changes were made and veteran all-rounder Mohammad Nabi is back to lead the team.

Notwithstanding their controversial build-up, Afghanistan have shown what they are capable of in the two warm ups that they played in the lead up to the tournament. They lost to South Africa before wrapping up their preparations with a win over defending champions West Indies.

## OPENERS WILL SET TONE

Afghanistan have built a reputation of a top bowling side over the years and if their batters are able to fire consistently in the tournament, they can beat any side on the day. A lot will depend on openers Hazratullah Zazai and Mohammad Shahzad in the batting department with Najibullah Zadran and skipper Nabi expected to get quick runs

Rashid Khan

## SCOTLAND, AFGHANISTAN ALREADY IN

Bangladesh, Namibia, Scotland and Sri Lanka have confirmed their place at the ICC men's T20 World Cup 2022 to be held in Australia after the four teams progressed to the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup 2021 in Oman and the UAE.

Afghanistan, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, West Indies and hosts Australia, had already qualified for the 2022 showpiece, gaining direct entry to the Super 12 of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 by virtue of being inside the top eight on the ICC men's T20 International Rankings at the cut-off prior to the postponed 2020 event.

The four remaining spots will be filled via the ongoing qualification pathway taking place across the five regions, culminating in two global qualifying tournaments in early 2022.

in the middle and death overs.

The spin trio of Rashid, Nabi and Mujeeb Zadran can trouble the best of batters and considering the slow and low nature of the Sharjah pitch in the IPL, they should enjoy bowling on the surface laid out for the World Cup game.

## SCOTLAND ON WINNING SPREE

Their opponents, Scotland, are high on confidence after winning all their matches in the first round, including a famous win over Bangladesh. Scotland showed their character against the sixth-ranked Bangladesh as they came from an almost hopeless situation to stun their seasoned opponents.

The new ball duo of Bradley Wheal and Josh Davey has been impressive while left-arm spinner Mark Watt has been effective in the middle overs. Watt made it amply clear post the win against Oman that Scotland are going into Super 12s with an aim to create a few upsets. "I don't see why not. We've done it before. We've beaten the best ODI team (England) in the world, we've beaten Bangladesh just there. I think we're on a really good run of form. "Teams won't take us lightly. Yeah, they should be worried about Scotland. We're in a great run of form and we've got a lot of momentum going forward, so yeah," he said.

After Sunday, Watt is also ready to take on the likes of Virat Kohli and Kane Williamson later in the competition. "I've got quite a few plans for Virat. I'm going to keep them hush-hush at the moment, but I think he should be worried," he said with a smile. AGENCIES



Mohammad Nabi

Photos: AP

## Slick MAN CITY blow away BRIGHTON

Move to second on points table while Brighton remain on fourth

**P**ep Guardiola lauded Brighton for playing like a "top-four" side despite being on the end of a 4-1 thrashing from his Manchester City side. The English champions had the points sealed by half-time as Ilkay Gundogan tapped into an empty net on 13 minutes before Phil Foden finished off two fine team moves.

Alexis Mac Allister's penalty pulled a goal back for Brighton, before Riyad Mahrez put the seal on a slick City display. Brighton remain in fourth after an impressive start to the season and Guardiola believes the Seagulls deserve to be in that exalted position in the table. "It's really good because I knew which team we face today," said Guardiola after City moved up to second in the table, two points behind leaders Chelsea. "They are aggressive and when they have the ball they know what they have to

do. They have all the mechanisms of a big team. They have courage. I admire them for that. They play like a top-four or five team."

Guardiola made just two changes to the side that smashed Club Brugge 5-1 in the Champions League in midweek as Gundogan and Gabriel Jesus replaced Kevin De Bruyne and Mahrez. Brighton were on the same end of a similar hiding.

Brighton made a far better contest of the second-half as City conserved their energy amid a run of seven games in

22 days. "It was a good lesson," added Guardiola. "For 30 minutes they were better than us." "We suffered a bit in the first half but the second half response was fantastic," said Graham Potter. "Of course it's disappointing to lose. We have to say Manchester City were better but our performance was something to be proud of." City had the final say as Foden rounded off a superb performance to smash the visitors' fourth high. AFP

## IN OTHER MATCHES

Leeds United's disappointing start to the season continued and they needed a stoppage-time goal from Spanish striker Rodrigo to scrape a 1-1 home draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers. Rodrigo's penalty cancelled out Hwang Hee-chan's early goal for the visitors.

Newcastle's first game since the

departure of manager Steve Bruce ended in a 1-1 draw after Callum Wilson's acrobatic strike cancelled out Christian Benteke's opener for Crystal Palace.

Ivory Coast winger Maxwell Cornet scored twice for winless Burnley in their 2-2 draw at Southampton.

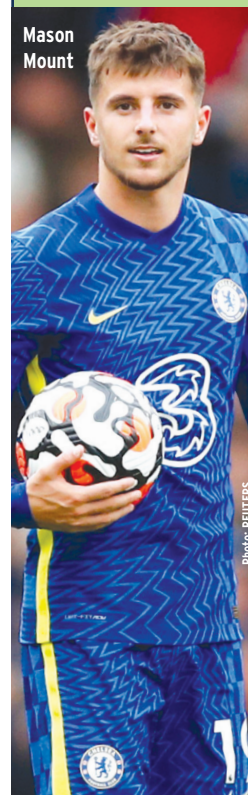


Ilkay Gundogan

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## CHELSEA run riot against NORWICH

Premier League leaders hammer bottom place club 7-0 at Stamford Bridge



Mason Mount

Photo: REUTERS

**E**ngland international Mason Mount struck a hat-trick for Chelsea who showed no lack of firepower despite the absence of forwards Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner due to injury.

Mount opened the scoring in the eighth minute and then winger Callum Hudson-Odoi earned his own reward 11 minutes later when he collected a fine pass from Matteo Kovacic and provided a cool finish. A third Chelsea Academy product got on the scoresheet three minutes before halftime with a delightful chip from wing-back Reece James. Ben Chilwell made it four just before the hour mark against the winless Canaries, whose troubles were added to by an own goal from Max Aarons in the 62nd minute and a sending off for Ben

Gibson after a second yellow card two minutes later.

Mount's penalty was saved by Tim Krul late in the game but VAR showed the keeper had moved off his line and when the kick was retaken Mount made no mistake. He capped a fine performance with a tap-in from Ruben Loftus-Cheek's pass in the 91st. Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel, whose side lead the standings on 22 points after nine games, was delighted to see Mount get his first treble for the club. "To have the hat-trick for Mason is huge because that's a massive moment for him. He's very proud, he put a lot of pressure on himself," the German coach said.

"I feel (he is) playing with a bit more freedom in the last few matches and this is what we need. There were a lot of games, and still are a lot of games, for him at a very young age." REUTERS

## EVERTON SLUMP TO 5-2 DEFEAT TO WATFORD

Rafa Benitez's Everton were 2-1 up to promoted Watford but conceded four goals inside 13 minutes as they collapsed to a surprise loss. Josh King, the former Bournemouth forward, scored a hat-trick on his return to Goodison Park as new Watford boss Claudio Ranieri enjoyed a much-needed win for the Hornets, who are 14th on 10 points. "Of course today my philosophy was very clear. The players worked with me one week together and slowly, I'm sure we will get better together," he added. Benitez was puzzled by the defeat, which left his side in eighth place on 14 points. "I think it is difficult to explain when you are winning 2-1 and concede four goals in a few minutes. We need to understand how to manage the game, especially managing when you are winning," he said.

## QUIZ TIME!



**Q1:** National Sports Day is celebrated on which date in India?

- a) August 28 b) August 29  
c) August 26 d) August 27

**Q2:** The Electra Gold Cup is associated with which sport?

- a) Table Tennis b) Lawn Tennis  
c) Badminton d) Football

**Q3:** Who among the following was the first Indian cricketer

to bag 500 wickets in Test matches?

- a) Kapil Dev b) Javagal Srinath  
c) Anil Kumble d) Harbhajan Singh

**Q4:** Which team won the first Hockey World Cup?

- a) Spain b) France  
c) UK d) Pakistan

**Q5:** Which football player's goal is described as 'The Hand of God'?

- a) Péle  
b) Diego Maradona  
c) Lionel Messi  
d) Cristiano Ronaldo

**Q6:** Egyptian forward Mohammad Salah has scored in nine straight games in all competitions, the first player to do



Mohammad Salah

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

so in the club's 129-year history. Which club did he score for?

- a) Liverpool b) Chelsea  
c) Manchester United d) Arsenal

**Q7:** Who is the President of UEFA?

- a) Reinhard Grindel  
b) Aleksander Ceferin  
c) Fernando Gomes  
d) Michele Uva

**Q8:** When were the ICC women's rankings launched?

- a) 2015 b) 1996  
c) 2003 d) 2000

**Q9:** In pole vaulting, what material is the pole made up of?

- a) Plastic b) Steel  
c) Carbon fibre or Fiberglass d) Wood

**Q10:** Who was the first Asian to win the World Light Heavyweight Championship in US?

- a) Dara Singh b) Jatindra Charan Goho  
c) Gulam Mohammad d) KD Jadhav

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. August 29  
2. a. Table Tennis 3. c. Anil Kumble  
4. d. Pakistan 5. b. Diego Maradona  
6. a. Liverpool 7. b. Aleksander Ceferin  
8. a. 2015 9. c. Carbon fibre or Fiberglass  
10. b. Jatindra Charan Goho