



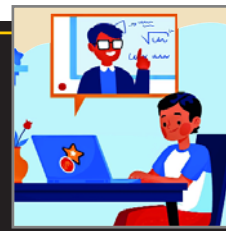
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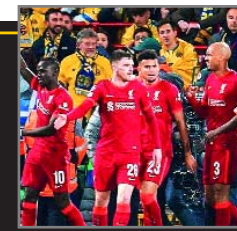
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**A GLOBAL AVERAGE OF 50KG OF GREENHOUSE GASES IS RELEASED PER 3.5OZ OF PROTEIN. LAMB HAS THE NEXT HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT**

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## A severe heatwave GRIPS INDIA

The Indian Meteorological Department has said that heatwave conditions in large parts of the sub-continent will continue, at least for the next five days. East, central and northwest India will see heatwave conditions during the next five days, the IMD said in a statement. Similarly, Skymet, a private weather forecaster, has also issued a warning with the prediction that heatwaves will last until the end of this month and may witness a downfall at the beginning of May.

The national capital recorded the highest temperature of 44.2 degrees Celsius at Siri Fort Complex on Wednesday. A 'yellow alert' has also been sounded for Delhi.

**1** India is one of the most vulnerable countries to extreme weather events triggered by the climate crisis

**2** According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, heat extremes have increased in the Indian subcontinent while cold extremes have decreased. And

this trend is likely to continue for the coming decades

**3** Another report by the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change had highlighted that if global temperature rise is not contained to 2 degrees Celsius, then heatwaves in India are likely to "last 25 times longer by 2036-2065"

**X-PLAINED**

### Colour codes for weather warning

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) uses four colour codes for weather warnings:

- **GREEN:** meaning no action needed
- **YELLOW:** suggesting vigilance
- **ORANGE:** meaning residents must be prepared
- **RED:** calling for immediate action



**India recorded its warmest March in 122 years with a severe heatwave scorching large swathes of the country last month. Parts of the country are also seeing wheat yields drop by up to 35 per cent due to the unseasonal heat**



## 75% reduction in meat consumption can help beat climate change: Study

A global decline of at least 75 per cent in meat eating patterns may help beat climate change, claims a new study. Researchers at the University of Bonn stated that every citizen in the European Union consumes around 80 kg of meat per year, resulting in damages for livestock farming, climate and the environment. They argued there are good reasons for significantly reducing consumption of animal-based foods, for instance, ruminants (herbivorous mammals) produce methane, which accelerates global warming.

"If all humans consumed as much meat as Europeans or North Americans, we would certainly miss the international climate targets and many eco-systems would collapse," said Prof Martin Qaim of the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at varsity. "We

Animals also convert only a portion of the calories they are fed into meat. In order to feed meat to the same number of people, therefore, requires a much larger land area. This is to the detriment of ecosystems, as less space is left for natural species conservation. Furthermore, eating too much meat is not healthy and may lead to chronic diseases

therefore need to significantly reduce our meat consumption, ideally to 20 kg or less annually. The war in Ukraine and the resulting shortages in international markets for cereal grains also underline that less grain should be fed to animals in order to support food security," Qaim said. Currently, around half of all grains produced worldwide are used as animal feed.

### So, is veganism the alternative?

■ A complete switch of humanity to vegetarian or vegan diets may not be the best solution, the researchers said

■ It is because there are many regions where plant-based

foods cannot be grown. Poorer regions in particular also lack plant sources of high-quality proteins and micro-nutrients ■ For many people, animals are also an important source of income. If the revenue from milk, eggs and meat is lost, this can threaten their livelihoods



■ Qaim believes it is important to also consider higher taxes on animal-based foods

■ The team also called for "sustainable consumption" to be increasingly integrated into school curricula. These contents should also be better included into the training of future teachers

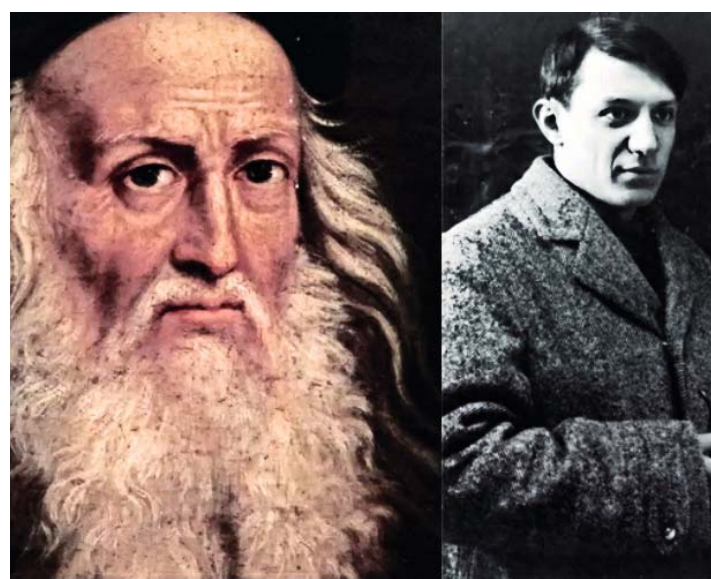
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Sanction always has an impact on not just the country on which it is imposed but on many other nations. It can have a collateral impact on many others who probably didn't intend to have the sanction. So, unintended consequences do bear an immediate and strong impact on countries in this digitally connected world. India's position on the Russia-Ukraine war is not just for its economic interests, but also its security interests. The balance that India has taken in every decision in this context... because of the geopolitical location of India

**Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Stanford University, on India's stand on the Russia-Ukraine standoff**

## 300-year-old 'Leonardo da Vinci of Violins' expected to fetch \$10.6 mn at France auction



A near three-century-old instrument lauded as a Leonardo da Vinci of Violins could fetch as much as 10 million euros (\$10.6 million) when it is auctioned next month, the French house overseeing the sale said. The maple-backed instrument is one of about 150 made by Guarneri, the quality and longevity of whose output rivals that of Antonio Stradivari but who was far less prolific than his compatriot and contemporary.

**Crafted in 1736 by revered Italian luthier Giuseppe Guarneri, it is owned by virtuoso Regis Pasquier and its sound has graced concert halls around the world**

## First 'Avatar 2' footage shown

James Cameron said his long-delayed sequel to 'Avatar', the highest-earning movie of all time, would "push the limits of what cinema can do," as Disney and Universal presented first looks at their upcoming movies in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

Attendees at the CinemaCon movie theatre industry summit were invited to don 3D glasses and return to Pandora, with the first footage of 'Avatar: The Way of Water' showing Na'vi characters swimming beneath the planet's oceans and soaring through its skies. The movie, which will be released in December, is the first of four planned sequels to the \$2.8 billion-grossing original from 2009.



To reacquaint audiences with Pandora nearly 13 years after the smash-hit original, which sparked a 3D wave in Hollywood, the first 'Avatar' will be re-released in theatres in September

**Entertainment**


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It's time to reclaim some time for yourself by acing your time management game by following our tips

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## Fun Facts

It's official. Twitter now belongs to tech billionaire Elon Musk. Twitter's board of directors has accepted a \$44 billion takeover bid from Elon Musk, who said he would unlock the “tremendous potential” of the company. This is the perfect time to know some interesting facts about him. Here they are...

**1** Elon Musk created and sold a video game to a magazine when he was 12 years old. ‘Blastar’, a space fighting game, was sold for \$500 to ‘PC and Office Technology’ magazine.

**2** Musk almost sold Tesla to Google! According to Ashlee Vance, author of ‘Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future’, Musk almost sold Tesla to Google for \$11 billion in 2013. At that time, Tesla's future looked bleak. The deal came to a halt at the eleventh hour when the sales of Model S produced by Tesla Inc began to pick up. Tesla is currently worth 100 billion dollars!

**3** His first startup was Zip2, a company that provided newspapers with maps and business directories. It was later sold to Compaq for \$307 million!

**4** Musk dropped out of Stanford after just two days! Elon Musk, his mother, sister, and brother moved from South Africa to Canada when he was 17 years old. He studied for two years at Kingston University in Kingston, Ontario. The University of Pennsylvania awarded him two bachelor's degrees, one in physics and the other in economics. Later, he relocated to Stanford University in California to pursue a Ph.D. in applied physics. He dropped out after two days to start Zip2 Corporation.



**5** In 2015, Musk appeared as a guest on the popular TV show ‘The Simpsons’. In the episode ‘The Musk Who Fell to Earth’, the charismatic CEO (voiced by Elon Musk) arrives in Springfield in a spacecraft and finds inspiration from Homer Simpson. Musk also appeared in an episode of ‘The Big Bang Theory’. He played himself.

**6** Musk purchased James Bond's classic submarine car at a London auction in 2013. The submersible Lotus Esprit featured in the 007 classic ‘The Spy Who Loved Me’ was reportedly purchased for \$968,000 by the SpaceX CEO. Musk was rumoured to want to turn the car into a submarine at the time. The Lotus is said to have been lost after its first appearance in ‘The Spy Who Loved Me’, but it was rediscovered in a storage container in Long Islands, New York, in 1989, wheel-less and wrapped in blankets.

Source: scrollidroll.com



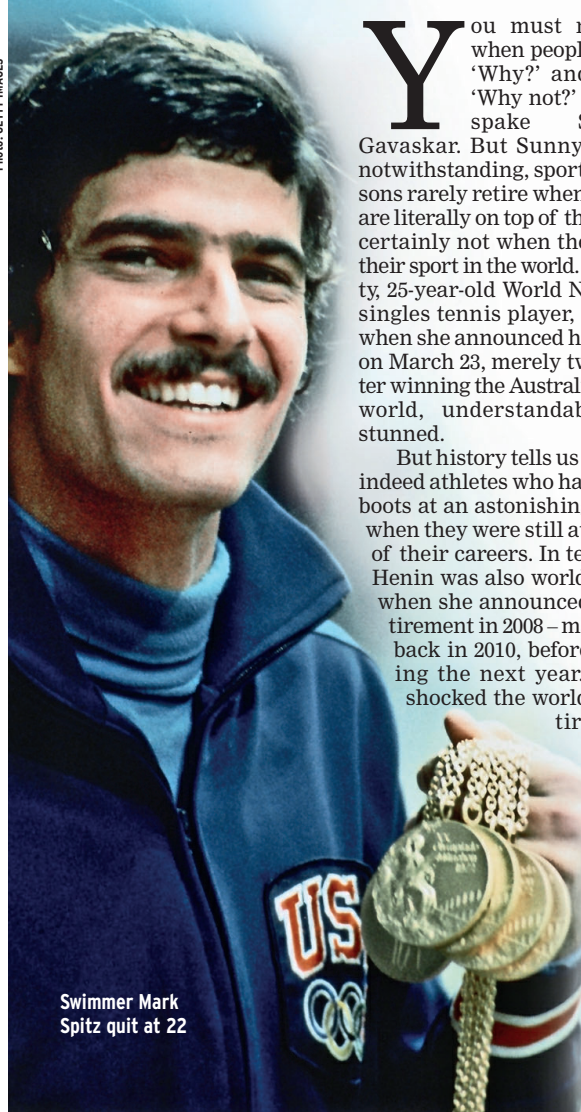
## ONE WORLD, DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

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

## LET'S ALL GIVE IT UP... FOR ASHLEIGH BARTY

To hang one's boots (read: racquet) when one is in one's prime, especially in sports, requires a different kind of mental toughness

Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Swimmer Mark Spitz quit at 22

**Y**ou must retire when people ask ‘Why?’ and not ‘Why not?’ Thus spake Sunil Gavaskar. But Sunny side notwithstanding, sportspeople rarely retire when they are literally on top of their game, and certainly not when they're No. 1 in their sport in the world. Ashleigh Barty, 25-year-old World No. 1 women's singles tennis player, did just that when she announced her retirement on March 23, merely two months after winning the Australian Open. The world, understandably, remains stunned.

But history tells us that there are indeed athletes who have hung their boots at an astonishingly early age, when they were still at the pinnacle of their careers. In tennis, Justine Henin was also world No. 1 and 25 when she announced her first retirement in 2008 – making a comeback in 2010, before really retiring the next year. Björn Borg shocked the world when he retired at 26 in 1983.

In basketball, Michael Jordan was at the peak of his career when he retired at 30 in 1993. Swimmer Mark Spitz retired at 22 after the



ATANU BISWAS

Munich 1972 Olympic Games, winning seven gold medals.

Apart from being physically unfit, professional athletes retire early due to injuries, extreme mental and physical exertion, and a lot more. The ability to retire early is much greater these days for most players, mostly due to increased earnings. For example, in 1970, the average (American football) NFL salary was \$23,000 (roughly \$151,000 in 2019 terms). But the minimal annual pay for active roster rookies was \$480,000 in 2019.

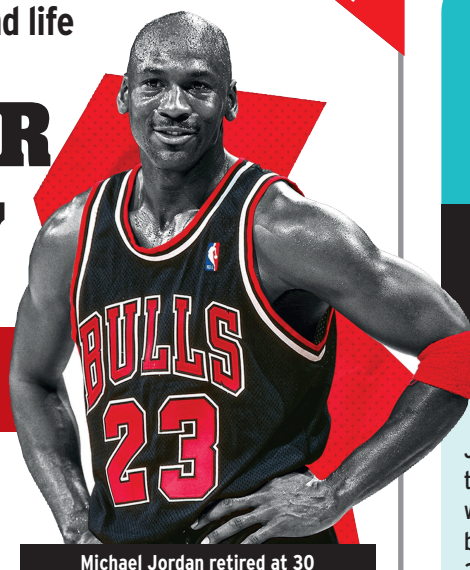
A December 2020 ‘International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health’ paper con-



cluded that the age of maximum sports performance and the age of retirement occurred significantly later in team sports than in individual sports, at least, for elite athletes. Individual sports athletes train more hours per week than those involved in team sports and they perform the physical activity more frequently than team sports athletes.

Michael Jordan lost the appetite to play basketball. So, he retired. After retiring, Borg later said, ‘When I lost what shocked me was I wasn't even upset. That was not me: losing a Wimbledon final and not upset. I hate to lose.’ While golf players often

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Michael Jordan retired at 30

play into their 40s, Lorena Ochoa retired at 28 in 2010 when she was World No. 1. ‘First, I wanted to retire as No. 1,’ she said. ‘Now, I want to leave and enjoy everyday life. I want to give back to my family the times I haven't been able to give them the last eight years,’ she had announced.

## Personal cost

Barty's retirement is indicative of an increasing awareness of a new generation of players about the personal costs involved in sustaining an elite sporting career. Her decision came after achieving her ‘true dream’ of winning Wimbledon in 2021 and the Australian Open in 2022.

In this respect, Naomi Osaka's self-enforced break to focus on her mental health was praiseworthy, but certainly an alarm bell for the sporting world. Osaka started playing at three. Well, Barty was four when she started working with her longtime junior coach. I wonder how much mental strength is needed to continue for 21-22 years when you start at that age. Did Barty play too long before saying she was ‘absolutely spent’? Will Barty make a comeback after taking a break? ‘You never say never,’ she said, wisely. At the moment, though, it's just time for her to ‘chase other dreams’. Only if some of our politicians, far less successful than her, realised that.

The writer is professor of statistics, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata | Source: ET Edit

## HAAN-JI SUNIYE, THIS BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, HOW INDIAN IS HE?

With India's colonial hangover over, every Brit PM comes to India to show that they know us intimately. And Boris Bhaiyya showed how intimate that intimacy can be



leader comes to India to show they know us intimately. And often, our real joy is finding out how intimate that intimacy is.

This time Johnson made references to Amitabh Bachchan and Sachin Tendulkar. Previously, when Modi addressed Wembley, David Cameron, then PM, began the evening with a Gujarati shout out, ‘*Kem Chho Wembley?*’ When a Brit PM now meets an Indian PM, it feels like the White son-in-law or daughter-in-law of an Indian family has returned home to talk about how much more Indian they've become. I would not be surprised if Johnson, on his next trip to India, danced to Haridya Sandhu's ‘*Bijlee Bijlee*’ with its philharmonic chorus, ‘*Cindrella/ O Cindrella, tere utte aaya/ dil mera/*



ANUVAB PAL

Karan Johar decided to rent iconic British buildings by getting Shah Rukh Khan (right) to dance in them

ghungroo paa le nachaya’ to ecstatic applause.

If you look at old footage of Nehru landing in London after independence, there's the awe of a new republic still under the umbrella of the great British aura. Nehru puts on his best British accent before Churchill. Mrs Gandhi's speeches would be judged –by Indians – according to how crisp her British accent was. We still believed that an Indian PM must somehow measure up to their British counterpart, in their way of speaking, attire, and propahness. That somehow we had something to prove to Britain.

Three things threw all that out of the window. Liberalisation, Indian stu-

dents in Britain, and Karan Johar. India's economy became more confident to the point of the Tatas making corporate purchases of entities so British and so elite that Indians wouldn't have been allowed to work there, let alone buy the company, a few decades before.

Indian students who went to Britain in the 1980s and 1990s essentially from upper middle-class India became the backbone of the modern British economy, from running banks to being leading surgeons, and were far more confident and English-speaking than the first wave of migrants in the 1960s. As a friend who works for the National Health Service jokes, ‘Today, in most hospitals, the last name Bose is far more common than the last name Smith.’

Then there was Karan Johar, who decided to rent iconic British buildings and removed our post-colonial insecurity of ourselves by getting Shah Rukh Khan to dance in them. And somewhere along the way, chicken tikka masala became Britain's national dish.

Meanwhile, British PMs have publicly shown up in India to do Indian things. Theresa May went to a Bengaluru temple. David Cameron played cricket at the Oval Maidan in Mumbai. And Boris Johnson was just himself. Which is Indian enough.

The writer is a stand-up comedian whose shows include The Empire Source: ET Edit

LET'S TALK ABOUT...

## An ‘Unwanted’ Birthday Party

US MAN WINS \$450K LAWSUIT AFTER PARTY CAUSED PANIC ATTACK

Wait, is that what BoJo had to cough up?

No, an apology was the penalty in Partygate though the British PM, Boris Johnson, will now face a third probe. And then there was the 50 pounds (₹ 5,000) he was fined for attending his own surprise birthday party at 10 Downing Street in June 2020 – incidentally making him the first British PM to have been found breaking the law while in office. But this was an “unwanted” office birthday party in Kentucky, US.

Unwanted, you say?

Yes, and the employee was fired after he had a panic attack over this birthday party which he had apparently explicitly warned his superiors he did not want.

That's brutal! What's his gripe with birthday parties though?

He said it triggers bad memories related to his parents' divorce.

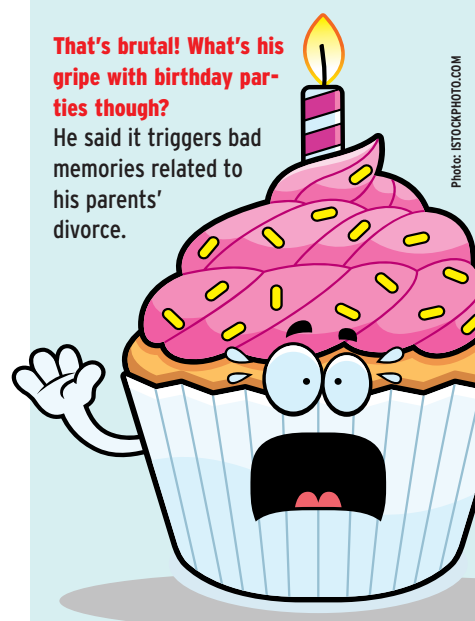


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Ah. What happened at the party?

When the birthday boy went to the break room, he found a banner for the impending birthday party. So he went and sat in his car and had a panic attack. The next day, in a meeting, he apparently lashed out and the company fired him out of fear of safety of other employees.

I see. And he sued them?

He sued them. And won close to half a million dollars, or about ₹3.4 crore in damages.

Not such an unhappy birthday then.

Indeed. But perhaps one shouldn't mention the B-word

Text: Indulekha Aravind | Source: ET Edit

## MEME'S THE WORD

SUNDAY RULE: IF YOU CAN'T REACH IT YOU DON'T NEED IT



## INFERNAL BUSINESS

## Wheeling Between The Lines: Lit Up For the Occasion

Literary festivals are highly suspicious zones. But this one was a page-turner

**L**ast weekend, I was at a literary festival in Dumka, possibly the first of its kind in Jharkhand. Unusually, it was a government initiative, organised with great flair and efficiency by the deputy commissioner and district magistrate of Dumka and his team. Even more unusually, the event was centred around the State Public Library, originally named the Rajkiya Pustakalaya. At a time when the public library system in



ABHIJIT GUPTA

India exists only on sufferance, it was refreshing to see so much public enthusiasm around a library event. As a rule, I tend to avoid literary festivals, partly because I harbour an old-fashioned suspicion about them, and partly because no one invites me. Authors, I believe, should be read rather than seen, and publishers, neither. At the risk of sounding like an old codger (hang on, I actually am an old codger), I find the non-stop carousel every winter of literary vagrants and impresarios tedious in the extreme.

A study needs to be done if the proliferation of literary meets in recent years has actually energised

book sales or depressed them. However, the literary historian within me taps me on the shoulder to re-



mind me that none other than the great Charles Dickens was an indefatigable reader of his own works. According to Susan Ferguson,

Dickens gave a staggering 472 readings in Britain and the US between 1853 and 1870, working out to an average of 26 readings per year, or one every fortnight. These were, in fact, not just readings but dramatised

**Did you know that Charles Dickens was an indefatigable reader of his own works? Ferguson, Dickens gave a staggering 472 readings in Britain and the US between 1853 and 1870!**

performances sans props, where he would bring his characters to life through impersonations. All this took a heavy toll on Dickens's health, and may have been responsible for his somewhat early death in 1870 at the age of 58.

Dumka, in comparison, was relaxing, though the temperature outside boiled at an infernal 42°C. The high point of the literary festival was a van. In 1958, two years after the founding of the Rajkiya

Pustakalaya, an American Fargo truck was given to the library. This became a ‘bhramansheel pustakalaya,’ or a bookmobile that carried books to remote locations. It had been gathering rust in the library compound till recently when Ravi Shankar Shukla, the deputy commissioner, and Akshaya Bahibala, poet, book-seller, and founder of ‘Walking Book-Fairs’, joined forces to refurbish the bookmobile.

A few years ago, Akshaya and Satabdi Mishra had driven their own bookmobile several thousand miles across the length and breadth of the country, selling and talking about books in its remotest corners. Last Saturday, the freshly-painted and restored bookmobile welcomed new visitors into it after several decades of desuetude. The idea of a library on wheels, though not new, is ripe for revisiting.

The writer is publisher, Jadavpur University Press. Source: ET Edit



## LEARNING MORE ABOUT CULTURAL HERITAGE



Army Public School Golconda observed World Heritage Day to spread awareness about the rich cultural diversity and teach the children how to preserve the ancient culture and traditions. The purpose of celebrating this day is to share an important message to students to carry forward this legacy and preserve our culture. The World Heritage Day 2022 theme is "Heritage and Climate". Heritage Walk to Qutub Shahi Tombs was organised for the students of the school. The visit to Qutub Shahi Tombs was informative and enjoyable where the students learnt about the importance of the day and the need to preserve our cultural heritage.

A special assembly was also organised for school children where children took a heritage pledge. They were appraised how climatic changes are harming our monuments and what role we can play to preserve them. To mark the special occasion, a pottery making activity was organised where the students got hands-on opportunity to make their own clay pots. Teachers also participated in the activity with great enthusiasm. The principal, Vidya Muralidharan motivated students to respect cultural heritage of human kind, protect, and conserve cultural heritage.

**Army Public School  
Golconda**

## THE AUTUMN TREE



I shed my ornate blades  
of orange and yellow shades.  
Pave carpet in the yards,  
Receive frost with regards.  
Over the sidereal days,  
Tucked in a translucent haze,  
Against torment with a shield,  
like a warrior in the battlefield.  
Not shaken, not moved,  
I stand upright behooved.  
I drop my angst and fear,  
Brave the forbidding tear.  
I prepare my fronds,  
To look beyond all bounds.  
Hard times come and go,  
Be gallant against the blow.  
I leave on my spirited note,  
with a pensive anecdote,  
Some day we depart,  
Accept with your heart,  
Scarlet flags set to tumble,  
Reveal an act of humble.  
Insane winter surmise might,  
Oblivious of my insight.  
Yes, I let fall my dread,  
And would not pled.  
I endure severance bare stalk,  
Heed the frost without a balk.  
Neither in despair nor in sorrow  
But, with a hope for tomorrow.



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

## AN INSPIRING SESSION FOR STUDENTS



Army Public School Bolaram organised an enthralling Veergatha talk on April 26 by Col Lanka Srinivas, Sena Medal (Gallantry). In an effort to salute the real heroes of the nation, instil in the students a love for the nation and to inspire them to valour; the war hero spoke to the stu-

**Army Public School  
Bolaram**

dents for over an hour. His soul-stirring talk brought out the true essence of unity in diversity and patriotism. Col Lanka Srinivas, Sena Medal (Gallantry), urged the students to respect their teachers and parents; stay

focussed towards their goals; help people in need and remain optimistic in life. Principal, Smitha Govind, felicitated Col Lanka Srinivas, Sena Medal (Gallantry), guest of honour, with a memento and presented his wife, Lanka Anuradha a token of appreciation for being the strength behind the war hero.

## A day to remember

Last day of school is a great time for kids to carry out some fun learning summer activities. This day of fun and frolic was celebrated by the tiny tots of PPI and PP2 at Gitanjali Devakul. Children were dropped off in the morning ready for some summer fun. Dressed up in cool summer wear children brought summer fruits, coconut water, umbrellas,

**Gitanjali Devakul**

hats and sunglasses. They enjoyed the ramp walk holding their umbrellas and wearing their sunglasses. Children danced to different songs and had wonderful memories to be carried home. They parted happily with a promise to abide by the dos and don'ts discussed in class and come back energized with more dynamism and vitality after summer vacations.



## CHAOS, FUN AND LAUGHTER

I recall one instance that occurred in one of my class VII online classes. Sara, my best friend, was also in my class. It was a really boring session because our teacher's lesson was not very interesting. We suddenly heard folks yelling throughout the class. Sara had supposedly been fighting with her sister when she inadvertently turned on her microphone.

For almost a minute, everyone in our class was startled. Soon, every student in our class, including myself, told Sara



to turn off her microphone, but she couldn't hear us. It was pure commotion as Sara yelled at her sister and we all yelled at her to turn off her microphone. This went on for about five minutes until Sara noticed her microphone was turned on and turned it off.

Except for Sara, we were all laughing after that. Our teacher was also laughing with us. After this experience, I always make sure that my microphone is turned off unless I am speaking in class. Such minor incidents, on the other hand, enliven an otherwise dull online class.

**NADIA FIROZE**, student, Assisi Vidya Niketan Public School, Ernakulam

## Handmade Kashmir carpet to get QR code certification

Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha has launched a QR code-based mechanism for certification and labelling of handmade carpets of the union territory. With the QR-based application, which is the first of its kind in the country, customers can check and verify the authenticity, and other requisite details of carpets produced in Jammu and Kashmir. Manoj Sinha also felicitated UT's awardees of handicrafts and handloom. J&K handicrafts are repositories of India's creative traditions that are serving as a cultural expression.

The Jammu and Kashmir government has introduced the export incentive scheme. Under this scheme, the incentive of 10% of the total volume of GI-certified handicrafts and handloom products exported to any country, with a maximum reimbursement of up to Rs 5 crores, shall be provided to eligible exporters registered with the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom.

**DEVULAPALLY SUSHRUTH**, class VII, Nandadevi, Silver Oaks International School, Mighty Oaks Campus, Hyd



## WHERE IS THE BEAUTY GOING?



A big threat to the seventh wonder, Taj Mahal, the grand Mughal monument, After rejecting a hundred designs, born Taj Mahal, Indian monument that stole the hearts of the world, Twenty-two years of work holism of artisans, Which bought the dream of marble, Symbol of love and beauty Taj Mahal.

Where is the beauty going now?  
Is the Taj Mahal the same and safe?

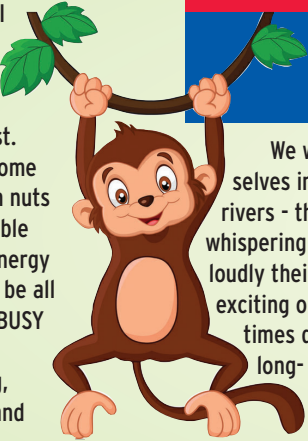
We are responsible for the potluck dinner,  
Let's put our hands together to bring back the beauty,  
Let the originality remain as it was,  
Let the beauty stay calm with peace as it was earlier.

**MOUNYA SRI**, class X, Jasmine, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad

If I were a monkey, I would dwell in the deep, dark lush green tropical forests of Asia. Jumping on four legs, swinging a long stylish tail, I would be one among the swiftest animals of the forest.

I would welcome the morning with nuts and fruits to gobble down. With my energy charged, I would be all set to begin my BUSY day- busy in the means of playing, eating, hunting and um... stealing!

Swinging and screeching, running and whooping, my friends and I would scale up the brown barks and down the green slopes.



## IF I WERE A MONKEY

We would splash ourselves into the jewel blue rivers - that would either be whispering gossip or gushing loudly their complaints. Our exciting outings would be at times disturbed by our long-distance cousins who would wear something colourful on their bodies, walk on two and worst- carry things more dangerous than all the wild beasts and demons.

During dinner, our favourite

topic would be about our capricious cousins and how they are betraying their own family. After a long tiring day, bidding good night to each other, we would pray to our own god to protect us every night from sudden invasion and ensure a fruitful tomorrow. If I were a monkey, I would live in harmony with the supreme mother of all- NATURE.

**AADYA KHULBEY**, class IX, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills

As a patriotic Indian, I would wish to lead my country in the correct direction. By wielding great power in administration, I may establish my country's reputation and fame on a global scale.

My first responsibility is to establish a capable ministry. My ministers should strive to promote the nation rather than themselves. My next responsibility is to work to eliminating poverty. Rather than providing free essentials, I would create employment possibilities for the underprivileged.

India is an agricultural country. We can make our country a food bowl for the globe by using better seeds, and encouraging farmers by setting fair prices for

## IF I WERE PRIME MINISTER

their produce. I will promote small-scale and cottage industry as a means of propelling our country forward at a rapid pace. To tackle water difficulties, I will nationalise all rivers. Our forests, that serve as the nation's lungs, should be protected by taking steps to maintain ecological equilibrium.

In order to guarantee national security, relations with neighboring coun-

tries should be smooth. This will also result in a significant increase in foreign investment. As the world's second most populous country, we have an abundance of people resources.

Everyone should be educated on how to use resource properly. Children's skills will be improved through practical sessions, seminars, workshops, and field work. I



ough change in all areas and turn India into a paradise on Earth.

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# LIVERPOOL OVERWHELMS VILLARREAL

## EUROPEAN GIANT MOVES ON COURSE FOR CL FINAL

**L**iverpool looks like being one European giant too many for Villarreal. Wins in the Champions League semifinals are rarely as routine as Liverpool's 2-0 first-leg victory on Wednesday over the Spanish underdog, which appears to have finally come unstuck on a fairy-tale run that has already accounted for European football royalty in Juventus and Bayern Munich.

Liverpool, still on course for an unprecedented quadruple of major trophies, proved to be a bigger test. The six-time European champions slowly dismantled the limited challenge of Villarreal on another night when they were swept along by the power of Anfield.

### TIP A LOOPING BALL

The goals came early in the second half - and within 133 seconds of each other - as

Villarreal left back Pervis Estupinan unwittingly deflected a cross by Jordan Henderson into his own net in the 53rd minute, with goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli only managing to tip a looping ball into his own net.

One goal can quickly turn into two in these energy-charged European nights at Anfield and that's what transpired again, with Villarreal still shaken up from conceding the opener when Sadio Mane ran onto Mohamed Salah's through-ball and toe-poked a low finish beyond Rulli.

The second leg takes place at Estadio de la Cerámica on Tuesday and only a major surprise will prevent Villarreal - a team only in seventh place in the Spanish league and filled with players who failed to make it in England - from bowing out, just like in 2006 in its only other appearance in the semifinals.

### WINNING MACHINE

Klopp has built a formidable winning machine that looks even more complete than the team which won the Champions League in 2019, a year after also reaching the final and losing to Real Madrid under the German coach. As his players did a lap of honour inside Anfield after the final whistle, Klopp waved to the crowd and tapped the club crest on the front of his thick coat.

Another win. Likely another Champions League final. And, amazingly, the quadruple is still on for a team that has already won the English League Cup, is into the FA Cup final and is only a point behind Manchester City in the Premier League title race. It could yet be a Champions League final between the two northwest rivals,



Pervis Estupinan

with City taking a 4-3 lead over Real Madrid into the second leg of their semifinal in Spain next Wednesday.

### SPACE CRISIS

Liverpool snapped into tackles and pressed high from the first whistle, meaning Villarreal's players hardly got out of their half all match. "The reality is, they are in the best moment," Villarreal coach Unai Emery said of Liverpool. "They are the favourite to win this competition."

Yet, with Emery setting up his team with his back four screened by a deep-lying and narrow midfield four, Liverpool was initially starved of space in what quickly became tantamount to an attack vs. defense exercise. There were plenty of half-chances - Mane headed wide off his face, Salah curled over then volleyed over, and Thiago Alcantara smashed a long-range shot off the outside of the post - but Villarreal held out until halftime. Then it all went wrong. The two goals came in between two disallowed efforts, by Fabinho then Andrew Robertson, and it was only Liverpool's players taking their foot off the gas that stopped an even bigger victory. Liverpool's quadruple charge is likely to be heading deep into May. **AP**



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Liverpool's Jordan Henderson celebrates after Villarreal's Pervis Estupinan scored Liverpool's first with an own goal after deflecting a shot by Henderson



Sadio Mane

Photo: REUTERS

# RUNE STUNS ALEXANDER ZVEREV

## REACHES QUARTERFINALS AT BMW OPEN



Holger Rune

Photo: AFP

**D**anish teenager Holger Rune upset top-seeded Alexander Zverev 6-3, 6-2 Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the BMW Open.

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**HOLGER RUNE**

### REALLY HARD MATCH

The 18-year-old Rune broke Zverev's first service game in each set to take control of the match on his way to his first career win over a player ranked in the top 10.

"I have a lot of respect for him, and I obviously didn't expect to win in two sets, and with a score like this," Rune said. "But it was a really hard match, we played a lot of rallies and I'm really happy about my performance today." It was the first time since 2014 that Zverev, a two-time winner of the tournament, lost his opening match on the Munich clay courts.

### YET TO WIN TITLE THIS YEAR

The German has yet to win a title this year after winning six last years, including the Olympic gold medal. Rune is ranked 70th and had not won back-to-back matches in the main draw of any ATP Tour event this season until now.



Alexander Zverev

Photo: AP

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Rune next faces Finland's Emil Ruusuvuori, who won 6-3, 6-3 against Maxime Cressy. Fourth-seeded Nikoloz Basilashvili needed nearly two hours to beat Ilya Ivashka 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 and set up a quarterfinal with seventh-seeded Miomir Kecmanovic. Cristian Garin lost an all-Chilean first-round match 6-3, 6-4 against Alejandro Tabilo, and Botić van de Zandschulp beat Brandon Nakashima 7-6 (3), 6-3. **AP**

## SWIATEK WANTS UNITED FRONT IN RUSSIAN, BELARUSIAN BAN

**I**ga Swiatek called on Wednesday for the governing bodies of tennis to unite in their decisions regarding the involvement of Russian and Belarusian players at tournaments, to avoid the "chaos" created by Wimbledon's unilateral move to ban them from this summer's Championships.

The world number one has been vocal in her support for Ukraine and has been wearing a ribbon with the country's colours during her matches. Last week, Wimbledon announced Russian and Belarusian players were banned from this year's tournament due to the invasion of Ukraine. "The situation is getting more chaotic, I would say," Swiatek told reporters at the Madrid Open.

"But I feel like it would be



Iga Swiatek

Photo: AP

nice to have all these bodies making the proper decision so that we're not going to have that kind of chaos." "I feel like people are expecting us players to make the decision, but it's hard for us to make one because we know these people. We are spending so much time on tour that it feels like we're family." **AGENCIES**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which Major League Baseball player holds the record for all-time career high batting average?

- a) Ty Cobb
- b) Larry Walker
- c) Jeff Bagwell
- d) Frank Thomas

**Q2:** In which year did Milkha Singh win the first National title in the 400 m race?

- a) 1955
- b) 1956
- c) 1957
- d) 1958

**Q3:** Which player has scored the most runs in a single Test innings?

- a) Sunil Gavaskar
- b) Brian Lara
- c) Matthew Hayden
- d) Ajith Agarkar

**Q4:** Where did India play its 1st one day international match?

- a) Lords
- b) Headingley
- c) Taunton
- d) The Oval

**Q5:** Memphis Grizzlies players **Ja Morant** won the NBA Most Improved Player award. Which of the following basketball players

has won it previously?

- a) Dejeunte Murray
- b) Darius Garland
- c) Julius Randle
- d) Jeremy Lin



Ja Morant

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**Q6:** Who is the highest wicket taker in Test cricket?

- a) Brian Lara
- b) MS Dhoni
- c) Shane Warne
- d) Muttiah Muralitharan

**Q7:** Where was the 1st ODI match played in India?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Kolkata
- d) Mumbai

**Q8:** Who was the first captain of the Indian Test team?

- a) Vijay Hazare
- b) C K Nayudu
- c) Lala Amarnath
- d) Vijay Merchant

**Q9:** Who has scored the most Test hundreds ever?

- a) Saurabh Ganguli
- b) Shane Warne
- c) Sachin Tendulkar
- d) Sunil Gavaskar

### ANSWERS:

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2. c. 1957
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