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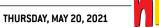
Find out why short-sightedness or myopia is affecting children?



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regarding Covid-19 and vaccination from our experts,

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Will a patient who has recovered from Covid-19 still face health issues six months later? Will the body be able to gain the pre-corona strength?

Most patients of Covid-19 recover completely, regaining their usual strength and immunity after a few weeks of infection. Those having severe pre-existing illness may have problems persisting beyond four

weeks in what is termed post-Covid-19 syndrome or 'long Covid-19'. They may suffer from chronic fatigue to more severe organ dysfunctions. As we are grappling with a relatively new disease, it is too early to tell what Covid-19 survivors are likely to experience in a year's time.



Yoshita Upadhyay, class X D, Delhi Public School, Secunderabad

Both my parents are Covid positive and I am the only one at home to help them, what can I do to ensure their wellbeing while staying safe myself?

FOR YOUR PARENTS: 1. Be in isolation for 14 days 2. Do not share dishes or any equipment 3. If you have to share space, make sure the room has good air flow 4. Use gloved hands to clean dishes with hot detergent liquid 5. Stay connected with doctor FOR YOU, THE CAREGIVER: 1. Double mask yourself in the house 2. Practise Covid-apt ways: handwashing, avoid touching face and wear gloves 3. Quarantine yourself for 14 days and stay in touch with doctor

**EXPERT ADVICE GIVEN BY** Dr Bimal Prasad Padhy, Consultant Neurologist, Care

Hospital, Nampally, Hyderabad



### **Bruce Willis, John Travolta** reuniting after 27 years for Russell's 'Paradise City'



ollywood stars John Travolta and Bruce Willis will be reteaming for the first time since 'Pulp Fiction' in Chuck Russelldirected action movie 'Paradise City'. According to Deadline, the production on the movie will start in Maui, Hawaii.

**■** Willis will essay the role of renegade bounty hunter,



Ryan Swan, who must carve his way through the Hawaiian crime world to wreak vengeance on the kingpin, played by

■ Thai actor-model Praya Lundberg will play the female lead

Travolta, who murdered his father

## Waste plastics converted into jet fuel in less than an hour!

o help tackle the plastic waste crisis, scientists have developed a method of converting waste plastics to ingredients for jet fuel in less than an hour. The researchers, by using a ruthenium on carbon catalyst and a commonly-used solvent, developed a catalytic process to efficiently convert polyethylene to jet fuel and high-value lubricants.

Polyethylene is the most-widely used plastic in the world, and is used to make shopping bags, clear food wrap and shampoo bottles, etc=According to experts, polymer is found in about a third of all plastics produced, and has a global value of about \$200 billion annually ■Experts believe waste polymers could become valuable raw materials instead of winding up in landfills and the surrounding environment, like waterways in the future by using the new technique for recycling



### The benefits

■ The researchers are of the view that their process could work effectively with other types of plastics ■ Converting plastics to ingredients for jet fuel and other valuable products would make recycling plastics less problematic, they add

■ In fact, according to them, the mostcommon mechanical recycling methods melt the plastic and re-mold it, but that lowers its economic value and quality for use in other products. So, this process could provide an alternative, they feel

■ Moreover, chemical recycling can produce higher quality products, but it

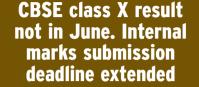


has required high reaction temperatures and a long processing time, making it too expensive and cumbersome for industries to adopt ■ In the recycling industry, the cost of

recycling is key. Researchers hope this work is a milestone to advance this new technology to commercialisation

An accumulation of waste DID YOU plastics has caused an KNOW environmental crisis, polluting oceans and pristine environments around the world. As they degrade, tiny pieces of microplastics have been found to enter the food chain and become a potential threat to human health. Last August, researchers showed that microplastics accumulate within human organs, including the kidneys, liver and lungs. Although the health impacts of this build-up in humans is unknown, experts have linked microplastic pollution to inflammation, infertility and

cancer in animals. (DAILY MAIL)





ary education (CBSE) has extended the last date to June 30 for schools to submit the class X internal assessment marks to the Board. Earlier, the schools were told to submit the internal assessment marks of class X students with the Board by June 11, 2021, while June 5 was the last date to submit marks (out of 80) based on the formula suggested by the CBSE. As the date to submit the internal assessment marks has been increased by the Board, it will directly impact result declaration. Therefore, it is nly- likely that CBSE will not be able to declare the class X results by June 20, as it was earlier declared by the Board.

■ The Board had earlier announced that the entire exercise of tabulation of marks will be completed by June 11 and the result will be declared by June 20

■Due to the cancellation of the Board examinations, the assessment of 80 marks will be done by the school based on the marks scored by the candidate in the different tests/exams conducted by the school during the year ■The marks should be in consonance with the past performance of the school in class X Board exams

## Online trends show India is worried about environment, just like the rich nations

wareness of nature loss and calls to address it are growing in developing nations, not just richer parts of the world, researchers said, urging governments and businesses to speed up efforts to make economies more eco-friendly. Research by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) analysed the popularity of nature loss and biodiversity terms and topics in Google search trends, social media mentions and news coverage in 54 countries covering about 80% of the world's population.

The study, which covered the period from 2016 to 2020, showed that Google searches on nature loss and biodiversity increased by 16% worldwide, driven by growth in Asia, with searches up 190% in India, Pakistan

88% and Indonesia 53% The EIU research showed that nature-■ loss conversations on social media had grown, with annual nature-related posts on Twitter rising from 30 million in 2016 to 50 million in 2020

The trend was strongest in Latin America, where the number of Twitter messages soared by 136% between 2016 and 2019

Major influencers, including political figures, celebrities and religious leaders, are

media coverage, social media and internet access as key drivers of the overall trend One million animal and plant species are at the risk of extinction due to

than 159 million signa-

tures for biodiversity-related

2016, the study found. An expansion of lacktriangle

campaigns have been collected since

umankind's relentless pursuit of economic growth, scientists warned on the impact of modern civilisation on the natural world.

using their platforms to

billion people worldwide With that jump in concern, demand for change is increasing, and it is becoming an issue for the consumers

amplify nature issues, with

messages reaching a com-

bined audience of almost a

## **HOW DOES OUR BODY COPE WITH** STRESS OF VIRAL **INFECTIONS?**



Covid-19 pandemic on the human body, have provided novel insights into the nature of resilience, and how we deal with stressful situations. The research team looked at Covid from a higher level than just a disease affecting the lungs, and considered how the whole body deals with the various stresses the virus causes when viewed through the lens of electron exchange, also known as 'redox' processes.

■ Their analysis revealed three key areas in the body's ability to cope with the stress of viral infections **Nutrition** emerges to be of utmost importance in maintaining the necessary redox balance and provide one's metabolism with the flexibility to adjust and combat the damaging effects of viral infection on cells and tissues A highly-fragile layer on the surface of endothelium, the inner lining of blood vessels that provides organs with oxygen and nutrients regulates nutrient/fluid exchange, and protects blood cells from coming into close contact with the vessel wall 
Small molecules known as 'qasotransmitters' also play a role. These molecules, part of a body-wide system that uses circulating blood as a communication highway, inform other organs how to best respond to the mixture of stresses experienced by other parts of the body

## A documentary on hockey legend Dhyan Chand



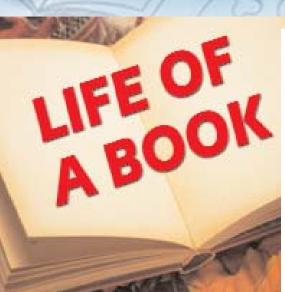
docudrama on the early years of legendary hockey player Major ▲ Dhyan Chand is in the making. Producer and entrepreneur Joyeeta Roy and Prateek Kumar Mishra, who have been working on a digital campaign to demand Bharat Ratna award for Dhyan Chand, will work on the documentary, which focuses on the early life and struggles of the hockey wizard.

■ Dhyan Chand, widely-regarded as the greatest player in Indian hockey, earned three Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932 and 1936. He played internationally- from 1926 to 1949 and scored 570 goals in 185 matches

■ Dhyan Chand was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 1956. His birthday on August 29, is celebrated as National Sports Day in India every year

## SCHOOL IS COOL

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021



e all know the way is book is made, don't we? First, the contents of the books are printed on sheets of paper. After, some sewing and gumming, the bunch of these papers are given a cover, either soft or hard. The cover holds a title which identifies the book. The cover is embellished with alluring designs. The back side of the cover has a summary, introducing the book to you.

What's the point of describing so much? Well, your life is an entire book! Its title, your name. Its summary - your personality, your qualities. Every single page is every single individual in your life - be it your friends or foes. Every person in your life is important just

like every single page of the book. Loose a single page, and the book will turn absurd and meaningless. All pages don't share love and comfort nor do all bring storms. It's their combination that makes reading an adventure.

Slowly, after long years, the ink on the book starts fading, pages turn yellow and crinkly, it collects dust if not cleaned. Finally, the book remains as a bunch of papers thrown away to recycle. So is your soul, that takes a new form later. However, your name will always remain. It

> never erased. Varada Shendye, class X, SSPM's Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Borivali East

might be forgotten from history, but

SEA!

I fail to recognise this song But I still listen to it as my I'm forgetting it blindly I hear each sound so clearly All is so beautiful! But I'm restless Want to go back to the real This feeling is so unsettling,

so comforting why? I don't fail to ask I imagine the hurt The hurt always consoled me It's a warm blue That sings of hope in my heart I feel...at home Where there's hope; there's despair I try to hold on to something I want to say the future

But it wasn't this bold. I feel taken care off And I see blue. Blue seas and I go off I'm still in this room. Flashes pass by my closed eyes

And I feel someone holding me I'm on my own, and its beautiful It's cold and warm in me A little sound each time Each time to tell me Remind me of the home I call Call my safe place to be So delicate and slow I rush the song So I don't get fed up of it It's more like the song I know But I still wait for the song to end To listen to the one that That made me feel Made me feel home again then.

### GIRLY

ere's a question for a lot of girls. Did you ever go through a phase of loving pink when you were a kid but then as a teen realised that pink was associated with all those 'silly and girly' girls. If your answer was yes then know this; you're not alone. But know this; it's okay to like pink, like make-up and dressing up while still being an



atypical girl. You may ask how? That's because feminism isn't only about overcoming stereotypes but also about accepting every girl and woman. So, don't ever worry about loving pink too much or being too girly. You have the freedom to wear an excess of pink, love flowers, be sensitive, caring and girly while still being carefree. You have the freedom to be you.

#### LOSE

I don't want to lose, A smile ;a reflection harbinged and warmed by its multiplicity and naïveté I dont want to lose, the nights I spent running in greens to the devil who tried to break me ruthlessly Run a little longer so you get away so you don't get hurt

when;

when forever comes to Don't want to lose, lose the days spent on holding onto love when everything else went astray I don't want to lose, lose The innocence that thought was real when helped me overcome fear that kept my desires at bay Run a little longer so you get away so you don't hurt when when forever comes to

I waited so long believing the dark days would die and forever won't be this way The mirror doesn't reflect back anymore and I am here to stay I stopped chasing what I chiselled on by life; I grew up and realised what my mother once said is now true " Don't lose yourself while trodding on the path to find Forever ; a delusion that will never stay".

KRITIKA AGRAWAL, class X, Ryan International School, Kandivali

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Painters' Gallery

## LIFE IS SHORT

he world is a bit of a terrible place and on some days, full of terrible people. But, in all honesty, that's not all there is to the world. I often see the small joys and the moments of fleeting happiness. In the eyes of a mother ing feels more longer rather holding her child for the first, a kid making their first friend, being with your family together and so on, and so

forth. Often, I hear people say 'Life is short and you should enjoy it to the fullest' but I say, 'Life isn't actually short but we spend our time in misery and hence, our time feels short.' Living a short life which holds meanthan a miserly long life.

On this note, I end with, 'Burn for a short time but burn bright.'

Aarya Bhanushali, class X, S.V.D.D. English Medium Secondary High School

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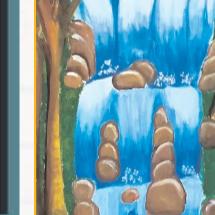
o, my 10th std classes started a few days ago and it was hectic. We had classes six days a week and by the end of the week I was so exhausted from the school work, tuition work and most of all sitting in front of

the screen for so long without a break. I was so tired that I woke up late on the weekend. I just wanted to relax myself so I grabbed my headphones and my paintbrush and just started painting. I mean, who doesn't love this combination?! You can listen to music while watching the sunset and just let the rhythm and

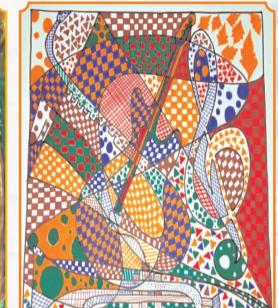
music soothe your body, or play the piano or read, do whatever you want. Do a quick workout and pamper yourself with face masks, eye patches and what not. Cause everyone loves to pamper themselves. Try a new hobby, a

new painting. Take inspiration from Pinterest and create whatever you want. Do some art and crafts, make DIY items, make a journal and fill it up regularly. There is so much do. Just calm down and prepare yourself for the week ahead.

Radhika Chopra, class X, Fr. Aanel Multipurpose School, Vashi

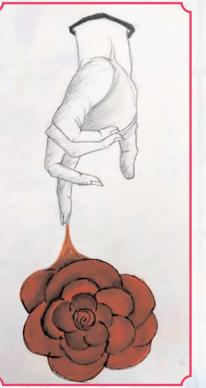






BITHIKA SASMAL, class VIII

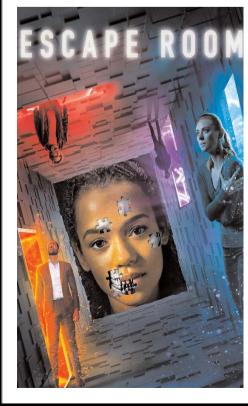
Navodaya English High School and Junior College, Thane





AARYA BHANUSHALI, class X, S.V.D.D. English Medium High School

### **MOVIE: ESCAPE ROOM**



nix strangers, being as different as you can imagine, participate in a magnificent game of escape room. Everything about this contest is amped up one notch higher- the prize of winning is a solid 10 grand, every room is meticulously designed, each with a different, horrifying theme. But most importantly, every room is designed to kill. It's not a random mix of players either. Deep down, they all share something in common, something terrifying. What is this missing link in their darkened pasts? And who is the game's grand master, who secretly knows so much about them and is pulling all the strings? Who is this mysterious Dr. Wutan Yoo, who's giving them such mystic clues? Who sent them the invitations, who wants them all dead? The participants have no time to ponder over these questions; from the blazing flames of the first room, to the lethal chills of the second, they must find clues to escape each room, or die.

> Sanisa Patrikar, class X, D.A.V Public School, Thane

Even without a star studded cast, this psychological thriller/horror movie is sure to leave you enthralled, and with a fear of es-

cape rooms.

"Life is short, but there is always time enough for courtesy." **RALPH WALDO EMERSON, POET** 

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# Why nearsightedness in

children is rising

A largely unrecognised epidemic of nearsightedness, or myopia, is afflicting the eyes of children. Let's find out why...

eople with myopia can see closeup objects clearly, like the words on a page. But their distance vision is blurry, and correction with glasses or contact lenses is likely to be needed for activities like seeing the blackboard clearly, cycling, recognising



The growing incidence of myopia is related to changes in children's behaviour, especially how little time they spend outdoors, often staring at screens

indoors instead of enjoying activities illuminated by daylight. And the devastating pandemic of the past year may be making matters worse.

## Why is this happening?

Children with one or both nearsighted parents are more likely to become myopic. The prevalence of myopia in the United States increased from 25 per

cent in the early Kids 1970s to nearly 42 spent five hours per cent just a day on screens three decades other than school later. work during 2020, Given that

study

found a Canadian genes don't change that quickly, environmental factors, especially

children's decreased exposure to outdoor light, are the likely cause of this rise in myopia, experts believe.

Recent research suggests that months of Covidinduced confinement may be hastening myopia's silent progression among young children. A Canadian study found that 8-yearolds spent an average of more than five hours a day on screens for leisure, in addition to screen time needed for school work.

Another study of schoolaged children in China described a substantial decline in the visual acuity (sharpness of vision and thought) among 123,535 children following school closures in 2020. This was marked worse than previous annual screenings.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Happy touch for home to lift the Covid gloom



ear now, the Covid-19 pandemic has challenged us at every step and made us stay-at-home. Add to that the never-ending anxiety and fear, with people either getting infected or losing their near and dear ones, and life is not the same anymore. Our homes, too, are no longer the spaces where we once relaxed and spent quality time with families. Our bedrooms are now our gyms, our living rooms have become our workplaces and our balconies the only 'me time' spots.

Now, with the second wave of the pandemic hitting us hard, our homes have once again become our safe havens. And given the tension all around, the best we can do is add a vibrant and happy vibe to this sacred space. Here's how you can push the gloom away and create

cheerful surroundings.

To pull yourself out of sadness, redecorate your home and balcony garden. Paint

ner as well as your tired mind. Reorganising your furniture and adding some string lights to a plant or a cosy corner also de-stresses the mind.

Identify a free corner of your home and transform it into a gym and meditation zone. You don't need fancy equipment for it: a yoga mat, an inspirational wall hanging, aromatic incense sticks, and perhaps some heavy things that can act as dumbbells are good enough.?

Music not only plays an important role in lifting our mood, but it also helps create a positive vibe in the immediate surroundings. When you are staying indoors or self-iso-



lating, play music of your choice to drive away loneliness and negative feelings.

> Think of new, fun and creative ideas to redo your home. It will give a fresh lease of life to indoor living!

You can make your balcony a happy feeding station for winged visitors. All you need to do is catch their attention with an attractive bird feeder. Colourful flowers and potted plants can entice birds like sparrows, finches and doves to your balcony and help in brightening your day. Delhi Times

## COOK AND EAT IN COCONUT SHELLS that cooking it has been found that

and eating in coconut shells has immense health benefits for your body? Well, yes, you read it right! India is one of the largest producers of coconut and we often use this versatile fruit in cooking and even as a dry fruit. But if you have been throwing away shells, reconsider and keep them for the following benefits:

When it comes to overeating, portion control is the best way. Use coconut shells for eating as it is small in size and so you end up eating less. While experts agree that

people often avoid refilling and that helps manage overeating.

Adds aroma to

If earthy flavours tempt you, then cooking and eating in coconut shells is a good idea. When you cook rice or curry in a coconut shell, it transfers the subtle aroma to your food and helps in elevating the fibre present in the shell **Good for your** 

Reduces cholesterol level

When you cook in a coconut shell, the natural

gets infused in your food and helps in weight maintenance and also reduces cholesterol level. It also adds a fun element to your cutlery as

looks interesting.

tummy

According to health experts, coconut shells are and minerals that are it is eco-friendly and beneficial for your stom- ly improve your bowel ach. It is suggested that movements. TNN

when suffering from digestion issues like constipation, try using coconut shells as natural cutlery and the fibre packed with nutrients and vitamins A, D, E, and K content will slow-

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Name of Activity	Duration	Class	Price	Times NIE Offer
Roots Collegium - Workshop on Photography & Picture editing	10 days	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.2,500	Rs.999 + E-certificate
Canon - Photography Workshop	5 days	5 <sup>th</sup> and above	Rs.7,999	Free
Brain Excel - APP/Game Development, A.I and coding	2 weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.4,000	Rs.2800 + 1 Free Workshop
Rabbit Tortoise - Spoken English through Cricket - 'British Council'	6 months (24 x 7 Access)	6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.5,000	Rs.1,500 + E-certificate
SkillAngels - Skills of the Future Program Brain Games & IQ Cognitive Puzzles	10 sessions	1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 1,999	Rs.1,499 + E-certificate (Use code NIE)
Swiflearn - Mental Ability Workshop	40 sessions	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.15,000	Rs.6,000
LearniQo - Debate Summer Camp	4 weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.6,000	Rs.4,800 + E-certificate
Curiosity Gym - Coding Workshop	2 weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.6,000	Rs.3,999 + Certificate (Use code <b>NIE022</b> )
SEFT -Fashion Illustration and Design course	4 weeks	5 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.9,000	Rs.5,999 + E-certificate
Sankalp -Artificial Intelligence Foundation using Python	15 Sessions (3 per week)	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.8,999	Rs.6,999 + E-certificate
The Talk Room - Personality Development Workshop	4 weeks	Toddler to 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.3,500	Rs.2,999 + E-certificate
Globalart -Creative Art Workshop	2 hours	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.500	Free + E-certificate
Mahindra University - Career Counselling on Digital Marketing & Artificial Intelligence	2 sessions (1 hour each)	11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Free	Free + E-certificate
Nayi Taleem - Theatre for Young Performers	6 weeks (12 sessions)	1 <sup>st</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.3,500	Rs.3,000 + E-certificate
ThinkTac - Discover Science Summer Camp - Hands on Science	4 weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.1,350	Rs.1,080 + E-certificate
Indian Music Experience -Stories & Songs from around the World	5 days	1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.2,500	Rs.2,000 + E-certificate (Use code <b>NIE001</b> )
LeapWaters - Coding, Apps, A.I, Comics, Games & More Fun	4 weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.1,800	Rs.1,500 + E-certificate (Use code <b>SUMMERFUN</b> )
Codingal - Coding Workshop	12 sessions	1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.9,600	Rs.6,999 + E-certificate
OneUp - Adaptive Maths & Science Test for Child & Parent	1 hour	1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.199	Rs.99 + Free for first 50 registrants & more
PrepGenius - Career Counselling	1 hour	10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.5,000	Rs.3,999
Wishtree International - Painting, Quiz and more	6 weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.120 -175	Rs.200 Amazon Voucher for 5 students every week
SkillSir - Discover your Version 2.0 (A Life Skills Workshop)	21 hours (2 weeks)	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.9,000	Rs.6,000 + E-certificate
Walnut Excellence Education - MathOMagic	6 days	1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs.1,499	Rs.999 + E-certificate

Click on the Activity for further Information & Registration!

### QUIZ TIME (SPORTS)

Q.1) Which part of **England** is called cradle of cricket? A. Broad Half-penny Down

B. Yorkshire C. West Midlands D. North East England Q.2) When were

the first widely accepted laws of cricket brought out? A. 1855 B. 1744

**C.** 1566 **D.** 1878 Q.3) Till 1889 how many balls per

over used to be

bowled?

**A.** 8 **B.** 6 **C.** 4 **D.** 9

Q.4) In which coun-Q.6) Which is the try was an eightoldest cricket club ball over in vogue in the world? until recently? A. MCC (Marvlebone

Cricket Club), London

B. England C. Pakistan D. Australia Q.5) What was the colour of the ball

A. West Indies

used in the earlier days of women's cricket in England? A. Blue B. Pink

B. Calcutta Cricket Club C. Fiskerton Cricket Club D. Bashers Cricket Club Q.7) When was

overarm bowling accepted as legal? A. 1800 B. 1864 **C.** 1954 **D.** 1456

ANSWERS 1. A) Broad Half-penny Down 2. B) 1744 3. C) 4

4. D) Australia 5. A) Blue 6. A) MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club), London 7. B) 1864

### KNOWLEDGE BANK (FUNGI)

### Carolina Reaper

Carolina Reaper, originally named the HP22B, is a cultivar of the Capsicum chinense plant. The

pepper is red and gnarled, with a small pointed tail. In 2013. Guinness

**World Records** 



declared it the hottest chilli pepper in the world, surpassing the previous record holder, Trinidad Scorpion "Butch T". The sensory heat or pungency detected when consuming a Carolina Reaper derives from the density of capsaicinoids, particularly capsaicin, which relates directly to intensity of chilli pepper heat.

Manchester United's Edinson Cavani

celebrates scoring their first goal

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righton staged a superb fightback from two goals down to beat Manchester City 3-2 after the champions had Joao Cancelo sent off, while Manchester United were held to a 1-1 draw by relegated Fulham as fans returned to the Premier League on Tuesday. Supporters have been allowed back into Premier League matches this week for the first time since December. A limited number of fans had attended the League Cup final and the FA Cup final in April and May respectively, as well as one of the FA Cup semi-finals. All of those matches were staged at Wembley, but the Premier League had delayed the last two rounds of fixtures to take advantage of UK's easing of coronavirus restrictions. Around 7,900 saw Brighton's dramatic revival against City, with 10,000 United fans present at Old Trafford and 8,000 at Southampton for their 2-0 defeat against Leeds.

### City fine-tuning preparations

■ With the title wrapped up, City are fine-tuning their preparations ahead of the Champions League final against Chelsea in Porto on May 29. But Pep Guardiola's side were beaten for the second time in their last three games after a second half collapse at the Amex Stadium. Ilkay Gundogan headed City into the lead from Riyad Mahrez's second minute cross. But Cancelo saw red in the 10th minute after the City defender hauled down Danny Welbeck. Phil Foden increased City's lead in the 48th minute with a fine solo effort, only for Leandro Trossard to get one back moments later. Adam Webster equalised with a thumping header in the 72nd minute before Dan Burn grabbed the winner from close-range four minutes later.

### **CHELSEA CLOSE TO TOP-FOUR FINISH**

Chelsea got revenge for Saturday's FA Cup final defeat to Leicester City with a 2-1 win in the Premier League on Tuesday night, which lifts them to third in the table and strengthens their chances of qualifying for next season's Champions League. Chelsea deserved to win after controlling most of the game, but it wasn't until the 47th minute that Antonio Rudiger put them ahead following a corner. Jorginho looked to have assured the win from the penalty spot in the 64th minute after Timo Werner had been hacked down, but Kelechi Iheanacho came off the bench for Leicester to pull a goal back in the 76th minute to ensure the result was in doubt until the final whistle.



Jorginho of Chelsea celebrates with team mates after scoring their side's second goal from the penalty spot

### A wake up call

■ Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said the team's eagerness to entertain fans had cost them in Tuesday's 1-1 Premier League draw with Fulham and the result is a wake-up call ahead of the Europa League final against Villarreal. United went ahead at Old Trafford through Edinson Cavani in front of 10,000 home fans, who returned for the first time in 14 months as the British government eased COVID-19 lockdown rules. However, Joe Bryan's Ole Gunnar late equaliser spoiled the party and Solskjaer Solskjaer said United had made it difficult for themselves. "We need to play better against Villarreal than what we have the last three games," Solskjaer told reporters. "It might be a wake-up call because we tried to do the fancy stuff, the flicks, extraordinary things, the things that pleased the fans. That's not what we're about."

#### Need to keep it simple

- Solskjaer pointed to the performance of Cavani, who this month signed a one-year contract extension, as an example of how his players can keep things simple. "Back tackles, runs, scores there's no fluff," Solskjaer said. "We can't have fluff in a game of football." While Solskjaer was happy to see fans back in the stadium he conceded his players may have been trying to put on a show. The buzz, the energy, the atmosphere was magic, really," he added. "It was fantastic to have the fans back. Maybe that was part of the reason we played the way we did because we played too much to entertain at times. Too many difficult choices instead of a simple one.'
- United, who have failed to win their last three home games, travel to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Sunday to wrap up their league campaign before facing Villarreal on May 26 in the final of Europe's second-tier competition.

## **AUS HOPING FOR 'FULL CROWDS' FOR ASHES**

### England fans unlikely to be present at series

ricket Australia is hoping for packed stadiums for this year's Ashes series even if England's "Barmy Army" of travelling fans are unlikely to get into the country, interim chief executive Nick Hockley said on Wednesday. The schedule for Australia's 2021-22 home season was confirmed on Wednesday with a maiden test against Afghanistan in November starting proceedings before five Ashes contests over five weeks around the New Year. Australia's borders are still closed to all non-essential travel because of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, and the government said last week that might remain the case until the middle of next year. CA said it had built quarantine periods for touring squads into the schedule but it is unlikely at this stage that England fans will be able to travel to support

Hoping for crowds

back the Ashes.

"We're all hoping for a summer of full crowds and an Ashes atmosphere we're all accustomed to," Hockley said in a statement. "In a perfect world, we would welcome the Barmy Army back to these shores for a summer of singing and

their team as they look to win

sportsmanship. Of course, we will be guided by the Australian government on all things related to international travel." The inaugural test against Afghanistan was called off last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic but will now take place from Nov. 27-Dec. 1 at Bellerive Oval in Hobart. The Ashes series will open at the Gabba in Brisbane on Dec. 8 before moving on to a day-night clash at Adelaide Oval followed by the Boxing Day test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and New Year's match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. In a change from recent Ashes series in Australia, the fifth and final test will take place at the 60,000-seater Perth Stadium from Jan. 14-18.

Women's Ashes The women's Ashes will open with the test match in Canberra from Jan 27-30, followed by three T20s and three one-dayers in February. The world champion Southern Stars will also host India in a one-day series with dates yet to be confirmed. REUTERS



the fourth day of the fifth Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia at the Oval cricket ground in London.

## **CAN'T THINK OF WINNING**

oger Federer said he sitting out over a year due to is not playing well two knee surgeries. "I think enough to have a when you played so little and chance of winning the you know where your level is French Open after the Swiss' at, how can I think of winpreparations for the clayning the French Open?" the court Grand Slam were cut 20-times major winner said. short in Geneva on Tuesday. "I'm just realistic that I The 39-year-old was up 4-2 in know I will not win the French and whoever thought I the final set against world number 75 Pablo Andujar of would or could win it is Spain but lost the next four wrong. "Of course, cragames to lose 6-4 4-6 6-4 in zier things might his only tune-up event on have happened, but I'm not so sure clay before the French Open starts on May 30.

It was Federer's first

match since

his come-

back in

Doha in

March

in the last 50 years at the French Open, somebody just rocked up at 40-yearsold, being out for a year and half and just go on to win everything straight." REUTERS

## QUIZ TIME!

1. Who is the 1st Indian to win an Asian Gold medal in Javelin Throw (Men's Event)? a) Shivpal Singh 🔲 b) Neeraj Chopra 🖵

c) Davinder Singh Kang 🔲 d) Gurtej Singh 🖵

• Who won the Orange cap in L. the 2019 IPL for being the highest run scorer?

a) David Warner 🔲 b) Virat Kohli 🖵 c) KL Rahul 🔲 d) AB DeVillers 🖵

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Q3. Which Grand Slam tennis tournament is held first

a) French Open 🔲 b) Australian Open 🖵 c) Wimbledon 🔲 d) US Open 🔲

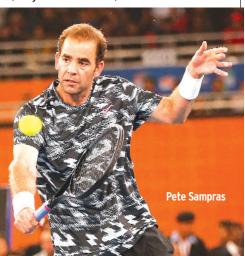
Q4. What's the maximum number of clubs allowed in a golf player's bag during a round? a) 10 b) 11 c) 12 d) 14

. the fastest to make 20,000 international runs? a) Virat Kohli 🔲 b) Rohit Sharma 🖵 c) Rishabh Pant 🔲 d) Shikhar Dhawan 🖵

✓ • How many regulation Strokes are there in swimming?

7. Who broke Pete Sampras's • record of maximum Grand Slams in tennis?

a) Rafael Nadal 🔲 b) Novak Djokovic 🖵 c) Roger Federer d) Daniil Medvedev



O. competitors use a piece of equipment known as a foil? a) Javelin throw  $\Box$  b) Marathon  $\Box$ 

In which sport would

c) Fencing (a) Pole Vault (b)

What is the maximum • break you can score in snooker?

10. In football, which team has won the Champions League (formerly the European Cup) the most?

a) Real Madrid  $\Box$  b) Arsenal  $\Box$ c) Liverpool (a) Bayern Munich (b)

O11. The Olympic motto is . "Citius, Altius, Fortius", it means "Faster, Higher, \_\_\_\_ a) Sharper  $\square$  b) Stronger  $\square$ 

c) Smoother  $\Box$  d) Leader  $\Box$ 

12. Which is the only country to have the cricket World Cup in the 60 overs, 50 overs and 20 overs format?

a) Pakistan 🔲 b) Australia 🖵 c) West Indies ( d) India ( )

SWERS: 1. b. Neeraj Chopra

2. a. David Warner 3. b. Australian Open

4. d. 14' 5. a. Virat Kohli 6. a. 4 7. c. Roger Federer 8. c. Fencing 9. d. 147

10. a. Real Madrid 11. b. Stronger 12. d. India