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**Answers Your Query**

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### ASK THE EXPERT

#### A SHOT OF HOPE

To ask queries regarding Covid-19 and vaccination from our experts,

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**Q** How can I fight the fear of losing my close family member who has contracted Covid?

One needs to avoid overthinking and understand that around 80-90% of people recover during in-home quarantine and isolation. We need to see things scientifically with caution and not with illogical fear. If you don't panic, your family will be emotionally stable and recover faster. As a child, just help them to remain happy and communicative. You can send funny videos and good thoughts, and keep them happy.



**Nimisha Soni,**  
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**Q** How can I monitor my mental health and stay calm?

If you are developing anxious thoughts, palpitations, nightmares, notice changes in sleeping and eating pattern, finding the world irrelevant, getting irritated, having anger spells, or start crying for no reason, especially during this time, then talk to a therapist for identification and rectification of the symptoms. Additionally, divert your mind to positive chores/routine. Eg: Taking a walk, pursuing a hobby, avoiding negative messages from people.

### EXPERT ADVICE GIVEN BY

**Dr Prashant Bhimani,**  
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## JOHN LE CARRÉ'S FINAL NOVEL WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER, 10 MONTHS AFTER HIS DEMISE

A final novel by John le Carré will be published this fall, 10 months after the spy writer's death at the age of 89. Publisher Viking said that 'Silview', le Carré's 26th novel, will be published on Oct 12, in the week that would have seen his 90th birthday.

The publisher said the book is the only complete, full-length novel left unpublished at the time of le Carré's death. It centres on a small-town bookseller, who is drawn into a spy leak



# Anti-Covid drug 2-DG

## WHAT

The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has given emergency use approval to 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), an anti-Covid drug developed by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a DRDO lab, in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad.

## WHY

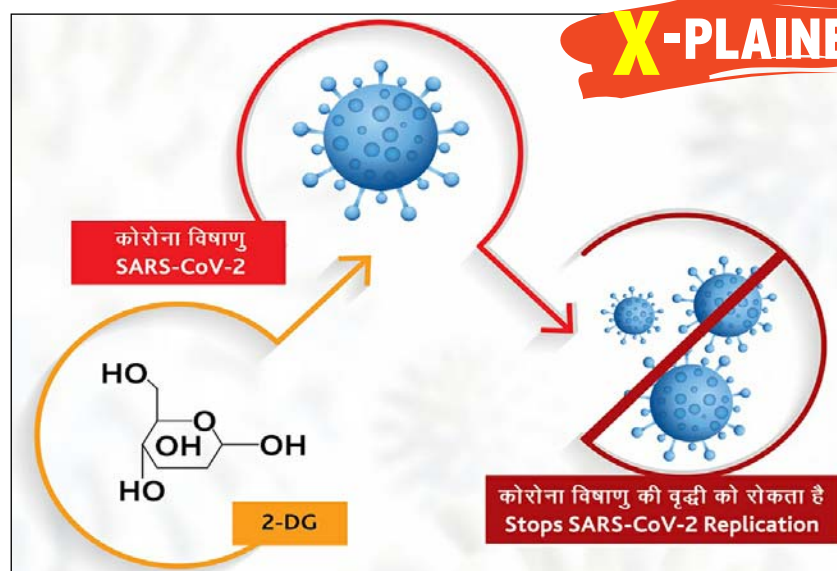
The INMAS' anti-Covid drug named 2-deoxy-D-glucose or 2DG. 2-deoxy-D-glucose, has been granted emergency approval, as trials claim reduced oxygen dependence and faster recovery of patients affected by the novel coronavirus.

## HOW

2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), which comes in a powdered form in a sachet, is taken orally by dissolving in water. Like glucose powder, this drug can be taken with water, twice a day, according to Dr Sudhir Chandna of INMAS. A Covid-19

patient may have to take this drug for five to seven days to get completely cured. According to experts, 2DG will work against variants too, as it stops virus growth. Once the growth is inhibited, there will be no sudden rise in the demand of oxygen in the body, scientists said. This is

a glucose analogue, which looks like glucose but is not. A virus that is multiplying fast in the body needs glucose for energy. Thus, the virus will take this glucose analogue and will get arrested. The drug will then stop the virus from multiplying, they added.



## You may soon be asked to wear double mask



Government is set to recommend the use of double masking, one of them being an N-95 mask, as part of non-pharmaceutical interventions aimed at controlling the spread of Covid-19. Officials said a combination of double masking and cross ventilation could curb the spread of all variants of Covid by as much as 80% in the next 20-30 days. According to a government official, with absolutely no outside human contact, the disease can be almost eradicated in 20 days. However, that's not possible. "But with these measures, we could cut it off by 70-80%," he added.

The government's estimates and the soon-to-be-issued advisory are based on studies published by The Lancet and the CSIR that said Covid was an airborne disease rather than spread through droplets

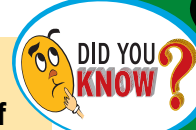


According to health ministry data, roughly 10% of India's 1.35 billion population has received at least one vaccine dose

## Centre asks WhatsApp to withdraw privacy update

The union ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY), in a letter, has asked WhatsApp to withdraw its controversial update to its privacy policy and submit a response within seven days, failing which may draw actions "in consonance with the law". The warning comes just days after Whatsapp told the Delhi high court that its privacy policies were no different from those of the government-backed apps, such as Aarogya Setu or of apps of Google and Microsoft, among others.

WhatsApp's privacy update allows for greater sharing of data – not contents of the chats, they are still encrypted, but metadata – with its parent company Facebook. Its update came into effect on May 15; the service was disrupted to several users, who have not yet accepted the new terms

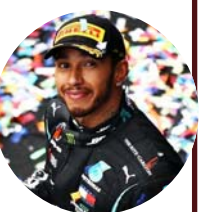


**DID YOU KNOW?**

WhatsApp hasn't offered the same privacy terms to the European users, as some of those don't meet the GDPR, the European privacy law. India has not yet passed a similar law but draws on the decades-old IT Act to regulate the field


**\$7 MN**

Price of a race-winning Formula One McLaren driven by Lewis Hamilton in 2010 that is likely to fetch at an auction at the British Grand Prix in July as it does laps of the Silverstone circuit



1 Seven-times world champion Hamilton, now at Mercedes, is Formula One's most-successful driver of all time, with a record 100 pole positions and 98 wins

2 Hamilton drove it in four races, 2009 world champion team mate Jenson Button in five, and it achieved three podium finishes and a fastest lap

3 A 2002 Ferrari F1 car raced by Michael Schumacher was sold for \$6.65 million in Abu Dhabi in 2019

## Pune teen's stunning pics of MOON

**WOW SOCIAL MEDIA**

Stunning photographs of the Moon, painstakingly shot by a 16-year schoolboy from Pune has gone viral on social media platforms and earning him accolades from all over. The lad, PRATHAMESH JAJU, is also an amateur astronomer and astrophotographer, studying in Vidya Bhavan High School in class X.

■ Last fortnight, on May 3, he captured thousands of images of Moon from 1am-5 am, and then spent another 40 hours processing them for the outstanding results.  
■ In one of his social media sites, he has uploaded the photo and explained: "Last Quarter Mineral Moon. This image is an HDR Composite of two different images made to give it a 3-dimensional effect. This is my most-detailed and clearest shot of the third quarter Mineral Moon. I cap-

tured around 50,000+ images over 186 GigaBytes of data, which almost killed my laptop with the processing"  
■ Actively-connected with the Jyotirvidya Parisanatha, the oldest amateur astronomers' association in India, Prathamesh said, he captured around 38 panels at 1,500mm and 3,000mm focal length with a 1.2 megapixel











## THE EDUCATIONIST

## 'Patience and perseverance need to be developed'

Principal of Andhra Education Society High School and Junior College, K. Lakshmi Lalitha shares her views on present day challenges inflicting the education fraternity with Shirisha Varma

**Q:** How has the cancellation of examinations affected your school and its students?

The children are really disappointed. Teachers had prepared them very well for the exams and they had attempted prelims also. They were eagerly waiting for the exams but now they are cancelled so they are feeling very bad about it.

**Q:** Given the current scenario, online classes might continue for a while. What do you think are some of its advantages over physical classes? Teachers are accessing online content and they are preparing many slides for Power Point Presentations. They are also showing live examples so that way it is really helping the students.

**Q:** What were some measures and



K. Lakshmi Lalitha, principal

activities undertaken to increase attentiveness and engagement in online schooling? The teachers have continuous comprehensive evaluations on google

forms. After completing every topic, they are giving google forms to check the students' understanding levels. So, if they are not coping up, the teachers are again taking classes.

**Q:** What values should be inculcated in students for them to deal with these challenging times?

Perseverance. Values like having patience, perseverance and spending good time with family should be inculcated.

**Q:** What activities would you suggest students to perform in order to relieve boredom and stress at home?

Activities including physical exercises, push-ups and once in a while online games, one-minute activities, breathing exercises and yoga are suggested for the students.

## Importance of lesson planning

*Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges*  
~ Joyce Meyer

Mubarak Fanuswala is one such passionate teacher and the Primary Section Head of the English Department at the Diamond Jubilee High School, Mumbai (DJHSM), managed by the Aga Khan Education Service, India (AKESI), which has been ranked among the country's top 10 most respected educational brands and early childhood brands. Mubarak believes in 'making the ordinary come alive', through curating unforgettable experiences for the students in class. Her companion through this teaching-learning adventure has been the 'humble lesson plan'.

Mubarak has been creatively stitching together content which is relevant from various sources for many years now. She recognises the importance of this 'living document', which outlines the learning goals and pedagogy to help students achieve the desired mastery levels. Recently, one of her lesson plans was selected from among 2000+ others, for receiving the Centre of Assessments for Excellence (COAE) Global Awards for Virtual Learning & Lesson Planning 2021 - Teacher's Transformation Tech Journey at the Primary School level.

The lesson plan for the poem 'The Circus Elephant' by Kathryn Worth caught the attention of the jury. Unlike usual lesson plans, it did not just focus on the literal meaning of the words. Instead, it encouraged students to make connections about the theme of the pain and torture that circus animals endure for the entertainment of human beings. As the students engaged deeply with the lesson, it urged the stu-

dents to empathise with the elephant and its point of view. Taskeen Bhore (Vice Principal, DJHSM) observed this lesson and remarked, "The lesson plan was creative and thought-provoking. It made students reflect on the ramifications of callous choices made for one's entertainment".

The robust continuous professional development opportunities at AKESI coupled with her passion to research and use unconventional, yet effective methods to influence student outcomes in the classroom, were responsible for Mubarak achieving this feat. Asiya Kazi, a par-



ent, said, "Thank you for inspiring the students to learn. We will always be grateful for the hours of hard work and dedication you so generously put in, to ensure our students have a unique experience in the classroom. Congratulations on this achievement!"

Though lesson planning is a long and arduous process, it is the backbone of a quality lesson and one which every teacher at AKESI believes in. With hours of research and planning, every lesson crafted accelerates a student's love for learning and refines a teacher's clarity of purpose. Mubarak Fanuswala and her tribe at AKESI, have made excellence a habit, one lesson plan at a time!

## Express YOURSELF

### INTO THAT NIGHT

Is this the life that I live?  
Or this a delusion?  
Men still believe that  
Life is yet to begin;  
But only the wise ones know,  
Right now is life.  
And it begins when you  
Realise that you've only got  
one.

They say that Icarus fell  
Because he was arrogant  
And he flew closer to the  
sun  
Than he should've.  
But they don't know,  
There's a grace in falling  
too.  
They never thought

That flying could be so human.  
So, live a little  
And fly higher.  
Remember that happiness  
Brings joy and pleasure  
But, sadness and grief  
Bring growth and change.  
Only rainstorms  
Make the flowers bloom.

Falling and failing  
Makes you human.  
And remember,  
Fight and fight,  
For all that is right  
For all that is meant to be.  
Fight and fight but;  
Don't go gentle  
Into that night.

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

### WHEN THE THUNDER ROARS

The swirling storm has  
reached its peak  
The thunder roars,  
deafeningly  
Sending us a warning  
sign, saying:  
"don't you dare try to  
mess with me,

Don't you raise your  
feeble voices against  
me -  
I'm louder, and ever  
keen,  
To teach you mortals  
How to accept  
defeat."

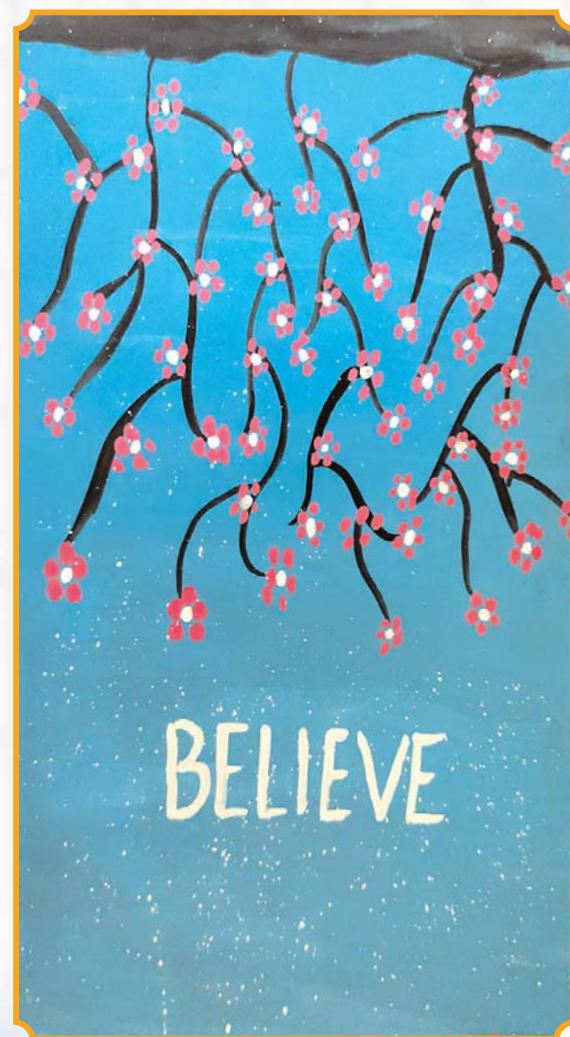
"I cannot be tamed",  
the thunder roars.  
"mankind, you'll pay  
for your sins  
Of taking my holy  
mother nature for  
granted.  
You choke up her

And she sends me to  
reign,  
Wearing the blinding  
crown of her wrath -  
Bejeweled by the  
deadly tips of her  
lightning.

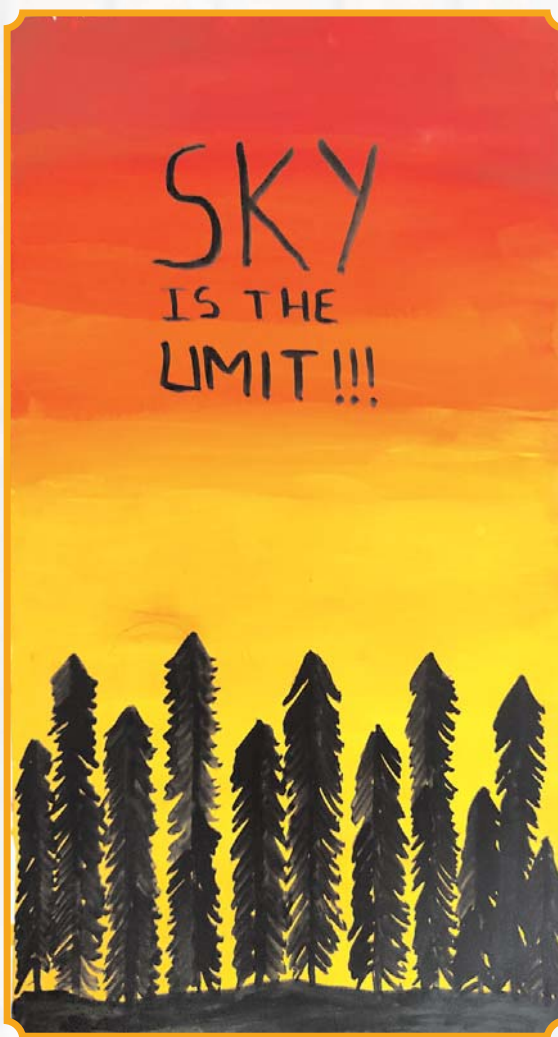
You can never win  
against  
Her rain, her storm,  
the surge of her sea.  
Mankind, accept  
defeat -  
Learn to finally cower  
beneath."

PIA OZA, class X, SSPM's Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Borivali East

## Painters' Gallery



RADHIKA CHOPRA, class IX, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi



## DISCOVER YOUR MAGIC

Rescend Annual Cultural Day of Bombay Cambridge International school, Andheri West was celebrated on 10th April, 2021.

Annual Cultural Day was a unique celebration in its way. It was the first ever Virtual Annual Cultural Day celebrated by Bombay Cambridge International School. The programme was streamed live on Google Meet, began with the welcoming of the audience followed by the Gurukul song. After this a wonderful welcome dance was performed by our students in both the events. The theme for Class 6-7 was 'Magic lies within us' and for Class 8-9 was 'Humour comes to the rescue'. Principal, Poonam Arora, addressed the virtual audience with her words of wisdom and thanked parents and students for their constant support in this new venture and making this event a successful one.

The skits performed by the students was splendid and gave a virtuous message which is the need of the hour. Comic dance performed by class 8 and 9 was really funny and tickled everyone's funny bones. Magic show presented by class 6 and class 7 students was the lime light of the show.



## HANDICAP

A soldier finally coming home after a long war, called his parents, before reaching home. He said, 'Mom, Dad, I am coming back home, but with a friend with me.'

Delighted, the parents readily agreed.

The son said, 'There is something you should know about him. He was gravely injured in the war, stepping on a land mine, losing one leg and arm. I thus want him to come and live with us.'

The parents agreed to help and find a good place for the fellow friend to live, to which, the son said that he wanted his friend to spend the rest of his life with him.

Dad replied, 'But son, you don't know what you are asking for. Someone handicapped like this isn't easy to handle. We have our own life to handle. Just forget him, come back home.'

The son then

hung up the call, but never returned. Few days later, the parents received a call from the police.

The police informed that their son had died following a fall from the building which was sus-

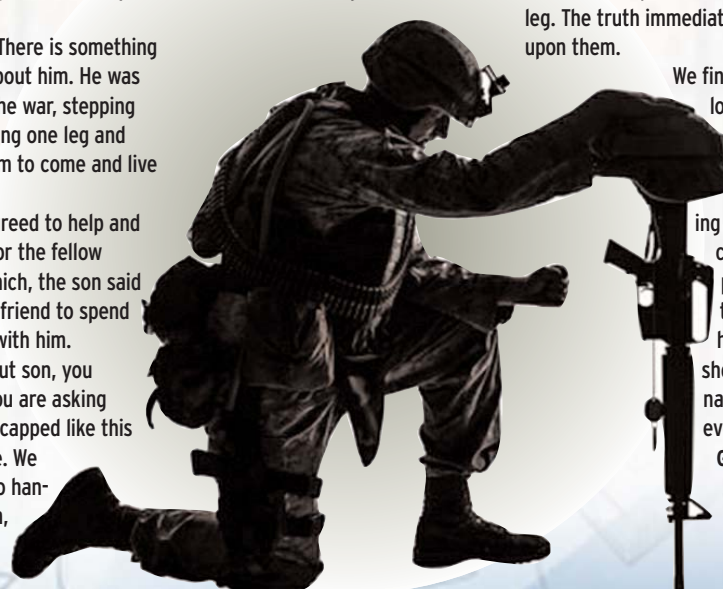


pected to be a suicide!

The grief-stricken parents were taken to the morgue to identify the body. They recognised him but were shocked to see that their son had just one arm and one leg. The truth immediately dawned upon them.

We find it easy to love outward looks, hate inconvenience, staying away from so called ugly people, but this ultimately harms us! Love should be eternal and for everyone.

Garvit Agarwal,  
class X, NL  
Dalmia High  
School





# Atletico Madrid clinch LA LIGA

**Suarez winner lands the title in dramatic final**



Luis Suarez of Atletico de Madrid celebrates after scoring their side's second goal during the La Liga Santander match

Atletico Madrid survived a dramatic final round to clinch its first Spanish league title since 2014 with a 2-1 come-from-behind win at Valladolid on Saturday. Luis Suarez scored the winner for Atletico as it beat Real Madrid for the La Liga title in a wild finish that had plenty of twists with the two remaining title contenders playing at the same time.

## Title after 25 years

Real Madrid couldn't repeat as champion despite rallying to defeat Villarreal 2-1 at home and giving Atletico a very late scare. A win for Madrid and draw for Atletico would have kept the title with Madrid on the head-to-head tiebreaker. The results left Atletico two points in front of Madrid at the end of the 38-round season, giving Diego Simeone's team its second league

title in 25 years. Atletico's previous league title was in 1996, when Simeone still played for the club.

## Barca's 7-year dominance broken

As players chanted and celebrated on the field, several hundred Atletico fans held their own celebrations outside the Jose Zorrilla Stadium in Valladolid. Some players later joined them, sharing hugs and chanting together, many without masks. Atletico's 11th league title ended a seven-year dominance by Barcelona and Real Madrid in Spain. Since 2014, Barcelona had won the league four times and Madrid twice, including last season. Real Madrid was trying to win back-to-back league trophies for the first time since 2007-08. Barcelona was out of contention entering the final round.

## CELEBRATING WITH TEARS AND SMILES

When the final whistle blew, Diego Simeone broke out into a broad smile, laughed and breathed a sigh of relief. A few moments later, Luis Suarez was sitting on the field weeping profusely while on a video call. Suarez's goal came as redemption in what he called his "toughest year". "This has been a hard season for the situation I had to go through, starting the season the way it did, being disrespected (by Barcelona) and having Atletico open its doors to me," Suarez said. "I will always be thankful to this great club for that."



Supporters celebrate after Atletico Madrid won the Spanish Liga Championship title

"It has been such a difficult year, with so many people dying," said Simeone, who won a record eighth title with the club since arriving as coach in 2011. "For Atletico to win the title this season, it's different. It was a difficult year,

just like our own history. This was one of the best years for Atletico to be the champion." After embracing his family, Simeone jumped on the team bus as his players were celebrating and singing "We Are the Champions."

## Suarez key to win

Atletico led the league since the ninth round but risked losing it at the end after Valladolid jumped ahead with a goal by Oscar Plano in the 18th minute, but Angel Correa equalized in the 57th and Suarez sealed the win in the 67th. It was the 21st league goal for Suarez, who was key for Atletico throughout the season after being let go by Barcelona against his wishes. The Uruguay striker was clearly moved after the match. "Atletico opened the doors to me," Suarez said. "I'll always be very thankful for this great club."

## Tense moments for Simeone

Earlier in the match, Simeone was down on a knee, shaking his

head. He raised his arm and looked back to his bench, apparently searching for answers as his team appeared nervous and continued to struggle. Angel Correa scored after dribbling past two opponents outside the area and finding the net with a low shot between the legs of a defender. Atletico started breathing a sigh of relief 10 minutes later as Suarez scored the go-ahead goal in a breakaway, calmly sending a shot into the net in a one-on-one situation with Valladolid goalkeeper Jordi Masip.

Atletico wasn't safe yet, though, as Madrid rallied with Benzema scoring in the 87th and Luka Modric scored in stoppage time to give the defending champions a chance. There were only a few minutes left in Valladolid, though, and Atletico held on for the victory and the title.

# 'SCI-FI' LEWANDOWSKI BREAKS MUELLER RECORD

Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski said it felt like being in a "science fiction film" after scoring his 41st Bundesliga goal of the season to break Gerd Mueller's 49-year-old German league record for a single campaign

Lewandowski hit the net in the 90th minute of Bayern's 5-2 home win over Augsburg having equalled Mueller's record of 40, which was set in 1971/72. Lewandowski broke Mueller's mark with a classic poacher's effort, rounding the Augsburg goalkeeper to fire home, having snapped up the rebound

after Leroy Sane's shot was parried just before the whistle.

"You wait for 90 minutes and then it comes in the last few seconds," Lewandowski said after the final round of games. "It was like being in a science fiction film. I've lost my voice. I saw Leroy shoot for goal, I had to keep believing and luckily it came off."

Lewandowski claimed the record having had his six previous shots all saved

as Bayern lifted the Bundesliga trophy after the final whistle for the ninth straight season. They finished the season 13 points clear in the table. "I was a little bit disappointed to have not scored sooner, but sometimes such records have to be fought for," added Lewandowski. "I was patient and believed until the end. I thank my team, who share the record with me. This is something very special, a historic moment in my career." AFP

## 3-DAY QUARANTINE FOR INDIA IN ENG LIKELY

The Indian cricket team touring England may be asked to undergo only a three-day hard quarantine before being allowed to practice in a bio-secure environment during isolation, ahead of the World Test Championship (WTC) final in Southampton. The roadmap could be similar to what New Zealand is following on arrival in England for their Test tour. Apart from the WTC final, India play five Test matches against England in August-September.

India depart from Mumbai on June 2. It is understood that discussions between BCCI and England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) have been going on and since most India players are already in a bio-secure bubble in Mumbai, the quarantine wouldn't be a hard one for all 10 days despite India being in the red list of UK government.

New Zealand will move to London at the monthend. India will move in from June 2. AGENCIES



Virat Kohli clutches his arm as he walks out after receiving a dose of the Covid-19 coronavirus vaccine, in Mumbai

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which county did Sunil Gavaskar play for?

- a) Somerset ☐ b) Worcestershire ☐  
c) Warwickshire ☐ d) Glamorgan ☐

**Q2:** Who was the first Indian to win the World Amateur Billiards title?

- a) Geet Sethi ☐ b) Wilson Jones ☐  
c) Michael Ferreira ☐ d) Manoj Kothari ☐

**Q3:** Which team won the first Premier League title?

- a) Chelsea ☐ b) Aston Villa ☐

- c) Manchester United ☐ d) Liverpool ☐

**Q4:** Against which team did Mohammed Shami make his test debut?

- a) Bangladesh ☐ b) Australia ☐  
c) New Zealand ☐ d) West Indies ☐

**Q5:** Jude Felix is a famous Indian player in which sports?

- a) Football ☐ b) Hockey ☐  
c) Swimming ☐ d) Badminton ☐

**Q6:** India won its first Olympic hockey gold in which year?

- a) 1928 ☐ b) 1932 ☐ c) 1936 ☐ d) 1948 ☐

**Q7:** Vikas Gowda won a Gold Medal in 2014 Commonwealth Games. Which sport does he represent?

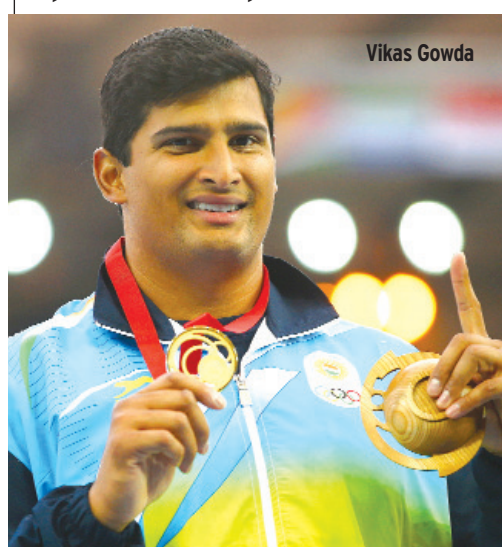


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- a) Discus Throw ☐ b) Javelin Throw ☐  
c) High Jump ☐ d) Long Jump ☐

**Q8:** In which year did Milkha Singh win the first National title in the 400 m race?

- a) 1955 ☐ b) 1957 ☐ c) 1956 ☐ d) 1970 ☐

**Q9:** Who was the 1st ODI captain for India?

- a) Ajit Wadekar ☐ b) Bishen Singh Bedi ☐  
c) Nawab Pataudi ☐ d) Vinoo Mankad ☐

**Q10:** Which player has scored the most runs in a single Test innings?

- a) Graham Gooch ☐ b) Matthew Hayden ☐  
c) Brian Lara ☐ d) Ajit Agarkar ☐

**Q11:** Which of the following sports was invented by James Naismith?

- a) Football ☐ b) Basketball ☐  
c) Ice Hockey ☐ d) Badminton ☐

**Q12:** Which of these IPL players have never played for India?

- a) Deepak Hooda ☐ b) Ishan Kishan ☐  
c) T Natarajan ☐ d) Kedar Jadhav ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1. a) Somerset 2. b) Wilson Jones  
3. c) Manchester United 4. d) West Indies  
5. b) Hockey 6. a) 1928 7. b) Javelin Throw  
8. b) 1957 9. a) Ajit Wadekar 10. c) Brian Lara  
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