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**STUDENT EDITION**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021


**WEB EDITION**
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## CBSE CLASS XII BOARD EXAMS CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR

The government on Tuesday decided to cancel the CBSE class XII Board exams amid the continuing Covid-19 pandemic across the country, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserting that the decision has been taken in the interest of students, and the anxiety among the students, parents and teachers must be put to an end. The decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Modi in which it was decided that the CBSE will take steps to compile the results of class XII students as per a well-defined objective criteria in a time-bound manner. With the decision coming amid a high caseload of Covid-19 cases in several states and continuing health-related apprehensions about the future, Modi said the health and safety of students are of utmost importance, and there would be no compromise on this aspect. Referring to the wide consultative process, Modi expressed appreciation that a student-friendly decision has been reached after consulting all the stakeholders from across the length and breadth of the country. Agencies



■ Students would be evaluated based on an objective criteria, which would be announced at a later date. As for the students who wish to appear for the examination, CBSE would conduct the exams for all such students at a later date when the situation is conducive, government said.

### STUDENTS POLITICIANS WELCOME THE DECISION

The announcement comes as a huge relief to lakhs of students, who have been rallying the government requesting the same. Political leaders, including Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Omar Abdullah welcomed the decision. Taking to twitter, Kejriwal said, "I am glad XIIth exams have been cancelled. All of us were very worried about the health of our children. A big relief"

## WHERE DOES 99% OF OCEANS' PLASTIC GO?

Deo Florence Onda, a Filipino microbial oceanographer, recently made the first-ever journey to the third deepest ocean trench on the Earth—The Emden Trench. He was surprised to discover plastic during his exploration. Along with Victor Vescova, an American explorer, they reportedly explored the trench over a 12-hour period and were surprised to find plastic all over. Here's how plastics are getting deposited...



**1 THE SEAFLOOR SEDIMENT SAMPLE:** According to experts, garbage may be depositing in seafloors. If reports are to go by, the sediment sample was taken from Santa Barbara Basin, California, in a box core markings representing the years 1834-2009. The plastic deposition in the sample doubled in volume every 15 years between 1945-2009.

**2 IN TOO DEEP?** Recently a plastic bag was found 2,500m below the surface of the Arctic Ocean. Similarly, Onda and Victor found plastics, pants, shirts, a teddy bear, and packaging items in the Emden Trench. An examination by researchers revealed that in future more plastic waste will accumulate in deep sea canyons than in open-slope environments

**3 Microplastics** have become part of our geologic record and food web, as they have been found in placenta of unborn babies; guts of marine animals; dust particles in the air, and drinking water

■ According to a study, approximately 8 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean from land every year. Plastic bags have an average 'life' of 15 minutes before it becomes waste, but it takes 1,000 years to decompose



## No vaccine for climate change: Doctors urge global action against climate-linked health risks



Hundreds of health workers marched to the World Health Organisation on Saturday demanding that authorities in all countries recognise and act to counter the health risks of climate change. Signed by more than 1,100 health professionals from around the world, the text slammed the "inertia, inaction and the abyssal distance between speeches and actions". It demanded that health authorities in every country, who are currently taking part virtually in the main annual meeting of the WHO member states, "publicly state that climate change is putting people at risk of death, and act now to preserve life."

■ "Year after year, declaration after declaration, multilateral institutions - including WHO - have warned us: climate change and the loss of biodiversity endanger human health worldwide," the petition said. Health workers worldwide are already "confronted

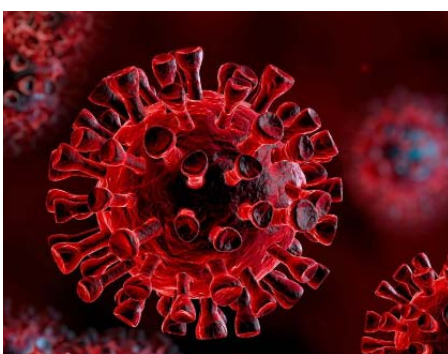
every day with the consequences of environmental deterioration on our patients and communities," they said. ■ "The list of ailments they suffer from is getting longer every day. "We are seeing more and more respiratory and cardiovascular diseases due to polluted air, loss of working days and deaths due to heat waves, over- and undernutrition due to lack of quality food, and diarrhoea and intoxications due to polluted drinking water

To make the point, the petition came in an envelope decorated with a drawing of a healthy human at 37 degrees Celsius (98.6 Fahrenheit), then "sick" if two degrees were added, in "mortal danger" at +4C and at +5C, "too late", followed by the words: "Same with the planet"

**Environment**

## Covid-19 has no credible natural ancestor, was created by Chinese scientists in Wuhan lab: New study

A new study has claimed that Covid-19 has no credible natural ancestor, and was created by Chinese scientists in a Wuhan lab, who tried to cover their tracks by reverse-engineering versions of the virus to make it look like it evolved naturally. British Professor Angus Dalglish and Norwegian scientist Birger Sørensen, wrote in their paper that they have prima facie evidence that China retro-engineered the virus. However, their study was ignored by academics and scientific journals. The study accuses China of deliberate destruction, concealing data, and says that scientists who talked about the unnatural origin of the virus were silenced.



■ According to a report by Daily Mail, Dalglish and Sørensen discovered 'unique fingerprints' in the virus while analysing Covid-19 samples last year, while they were trying to create a vaccine. ■ The study claimed that Chinese scientists applied a natural coronavirus backbone found in

bats and added a new spike protein which transformed it into a deadly, highly transmissible SARS-CoV-2.

■ In the 2002 SARS1 epidemic, a bat virus had spread first to civets and from them to people. A similar bat virus also caused a second epidemic of MERS in 2012.

■ Human H1N1 virus -- the same flu that caused the 1918 pandemic, leaked in 1977 in the Soviet Union and China and spread worldwide

✦ Earlier, top US infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci said he is "not convinced" Covid-19 developed naturally

✦ Fauci said, he was in favour of an investigation to find the origin of Covid-


**RE imagine, create, store**

Covid-19 Pandemic situation has pushed us to rethink our responsibilities towards the environment and our well-being with an urgency. As the world celebrates World Environment Day 2021 with the mantra, 'Reimagine, Recreate and Restore,' we invite you to click here and bring a change with Toistudent.com

### ReImagine

'Reimagine 2030 with The Use Of Clean Energy'. Write, Paint or Make a video. Log onto the Your Corner and Hall Of Fame section of the website and send in your entries

### ReStore

Take the reins in your hand and restore the ecosystem of your choice. **PICK ONE FROM** ■ Forests ■ Rivers and lakes ■ Oceans and coasts ■ Towns and cities ■ Mountains Share your ideas on how would you want to restore the balance

### ReCreate

Recreating from waste has been a big theme during the pandemic. Tell us how have you been reusing from the waste— whether it's making plant pots from plastic bottles or compost for your terrace garden

**SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES BY JUNE 4 AT TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM AND TIMESNIE175@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR NAME, CLASS, AND SCHOOL**

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SPECIAL



**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.**  
Native American Proverb

With children coming to the forefront of environment activism and debate, this WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (June 5), we have a SPECIAL EDITION for you that is all green - in spirit at least. You get plenty of greenspiration from students doing their bit, books, movies and documentaries, trivia, eco warriors, reasons to be hopeful, and how you too can make a difference. Get ready to go green.

### I TOO AM AN ECO WARRIOR

Students tell you their little green deeds that can make a big difference

### HOLD ON TO HOPE

Even as the news cycle doesn't bode well for Mother Earth, we tell you news that gives you reason to be positive

### HERE COME THE PLANETEERS

Famous eco warriors - past and present. Read up to get inspired HOW CAN I HELP Online campaigns, petitions, initiatives, channels to follow that can help you do your bit for the world, even while sitting at home

### MY GREEN READS

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**GET READY TO GO GREEN**



## REVELATION

## Can food improve mood?

As people across the globe grappled with higher levels of stress, depression and anxiety this past year, many turned to their comfort foods – ice cream, pastries, pizza and so on. But studies in recent years suggest that the sugar-laden and high-fat foods we often crave when we are stressed or depressed, as comforting as they may seem, are the least likely to benefit our mental health. Instead, whole foods such as vegetables, fruit, fish, eggs, nuts and seeds, beans and legumes and fermented foods like yogurt may be a better bet.

Over the years, a growing body of research has provided intriguing hints about the ways in which foods may affect our moods. A healthy diet promotes a healthy gut, which communicates with the brain through what is known as the gut-brain axis. Microbes in the gut produce neurotransmitters like serotonin and dopamine, which regulate our mood and emotions, and the gut microbiome has been implicated in mental health outcomes. "A growing body of literature shows that the gut microbiome plays a shaping

role in a variety of psychiatric disorders, including major depressive disorder," a team of scientists wrote in the 'Harvard Review of Psychiatry' last year. Large observational studies, however, can show only correlations, not causation, which raises the question – which comes first? Do anxiety and depression drive people to choose unhealthy foods or vice versa. Are people who are happy or optimistic more motivated to consume nutritious foods? Or does a healthy diet directly brighten their moods?

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## tête-à-tête

with

environment editor

on June 5

Send in a short write-up of about **100 words** on what your idea is – your strategy to tackle environment-related issues. Do mention your contribution towards ensuring a green, clean and free environment.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Clearly mention your name, class, school, city along with your valid email id to connect for the interview.

Have a Big E-dea on how you can make a difference this Environment Day? Tell us and you could feature in a live interview with our editor!

Send your entries at: [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com); [timesnie175@gmail.com](mailto:timesnie175@gmail.com)

## REMEMBER

1. Last date for entries: **June 4 before 2 pm.**
2. Only those students should participate who are free for a short interaction on **Saturday, June 5.**

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## WELLNESS

## RITUALS FOR HEALTHY summer skin

To keep your skin healthy, cool and fresh in peak summer months, follow these tips by cosmetic dermatologist **Dr Jaishree Sharad**

## SAY HELLO TO ALOE WITH SPF 15

Use a face and body lotion with 100% natural aloe vera extracts coupled with SPF 15 to take care of your summer skincare woes. Pure aloe extracts soothes and hydrates skin and a cream that contains it along with SPF will protect your skin from sun damage. Read the label and go for it.

## OPT FOR NON-GREASY SKINCARE PRODUCTS

Choose lightweight skincare products to let your skin breathe in warm summer months when heat and humidity produces more oil and leads to break-outs. A gentle and non-greasy moisturiser keeps the skin hydrated and supple without clogging the pores or making the skin feel heavy.



## MAKE CTM YOUR SKINCARE MANTRA

For beautiful hydrated skin, opt for the easy three fold method: cleansing, toning and moisturising. Choose a suitable face wash to cleanse your skin of dirt and pollution. Toning with a non-alcoholic gentle toner helps in getting rid of oil, dirt, and closes open pores. Moisturising with a moisturiser or face cream appropriate for your skin type reinfuses any lost moisture from the upper layers of the skin. Use products based on your skin type i.e. oily, dry, combination skin or sensitive skin type.



## DIY WITH ALOE VERA



As the stay-at-home life continues, what better than to add some spice with DIY face and hair masks to pamper yourself amidst the lockdown? You can use aloe vera as the hero ingredient and create a quick face mask to soothe your skin or a hair mask to keep the frizzy hair at bay. It will help deal with irritation of the skin and give instant relief from heat. Aloe vera has the properties to repair and recover your skin from sunburn, acne and dark spots.

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## FIGHT FAKE NEWS

# Can you get Black Fungus from onions and fridge?

## Myth busted!

The rising number of mucormycetes or black fungus cases has led to a deluge of false information floating on social media. One such recent post that went viral claims that onions that have black marks and vegetables stored in your refrigerator can cause black fungus! This claim is absolutely false and believing it may lead to unnecessary stress and paranoia. Check out this fake news versus reality...

## THE TRUTH

## MYTH

A post on Facebook says, "Beware while buying onions from the market and storing them in the refrigerator. The black grime or fungus often seen on the outer shell of the onions is toxic black fungus that causes mucormycosis." The viral claim further mentions that if people are not careful, the black grime can spread if used while cooking curries or stored in the refrigerator's cool settings. The writers of the post also claim that the black mould can collect on the refrigerator surfaces and cause more harm to health!

The fungi which forms inside the refrigerator and the fungal grime present on onion shells are completely different from the black fungus infection (that is happening with some patients suffering from Covid-19).

As per health experts, the moulds that grow inside a refrigerator may be caused by some forms of bacteria, yeast. While they can cause contamination, they showcase non-specific symptoms and certainly not black fungus.

The fungus, meanwhile, found on the onion shells is the result of a common fungus found in the soil. While it is pertinent that all vegetables be thoroughly washed before use, the fungus found on onions is rarely infectious.

Not only is this onion and refrigerator claim completely untrue and ridiculous, but the mode of transmission for black fungus also isn't through mere objects, or in this case, fruits or vegetables. Here's the truth

The black fungus infection spreads in a very different manner and is many more times symptomatic. The infection, which is spread through fungal moulds called 'mycormetes', are present in the environment. The infectious spores lead to this disease

when a person, who is at risk of infection inhales them via contaminated surfaces (such as unsanitary environment) or humid temperatures.

Simply put, it doesn't spread through the food you eat or objects you may touch, but when you inhale these contagious moulds through unclean surfaces.

Mucormycetes infection also primarily affects people who are suffering from severe comorbidities or routinely consume medications that suppress the body's immunity to fight off infections.



Don't fall for social media forwards that mention outlandish things about Covid-19 and other diseases too. It adds to paranoia and leads to stress



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## HEALTHY LIFE

# 7 ingredient spice powder for boosting immunity

Once again everyone is stressing on consuming everything that can boost the immune system. If you are also looking for an effective immunity booster to protect your body from Covid-19, you need to consume one teaspoon of this spice mix powder along with lukewarm water before going to bed every day. Here's all about it

To make this easy spice mix powder, you need 1/2 tsp turmeric powder, 1/2 tsp fennel seeds, 1/2 tsp cumin seeds, 1/2 tsp carom seeds, 2 cloves, 1/2 tsp coriander seeds, and 1/2 tsp ginger powder. Take a pan, add fennel seeds, cumin seeds, carom seeds,

## HOW TO MAKE

coriander seeds, and cloves to it. Roast these for around 10 minutes and let them cool. Grind them to a fine powder and add turmeric powder and ginger powder to it. Your home-made immunity-boosting powder is ready. Store it in an airtight jar.

## BENEFITS OF SPICE POWDER

According to experts, this spice powder is effective in fighting bacteria causing illnesses and also boosts the functioning of the digestive system. While carom, cumin and fennel are great for the gut, turmeric and ginger powder are rich in

antioxidants that can help fight against infection and boost the immune system. Also, use of cloves works as a protective shield for the liver as it is rich in eugenol that prevents the weakening of liver and oxidative stress. Include it in your lifestyle to stay healthy.

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# SCHOOL IS COOL

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

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## LOVE

Once lived a girl, in a small town  
She was short and cute with hair dark brown.  
She always had a smile on her face,  
And all were impressed by her grace.  
Her own business she ran,  
Making her parents proud and happy.  
Independent and self-sufficient,  
Now, in her life, she just needed a man.  
She wanted to meet the perfect guy,  
Flowers for her who would buy.  
And who would treat her like a queen,  
Thinking of this she



would glow and gleam.  
She finally met him, but alas! It was a dream.  
Then, one fine day,  
As she stood, by the bay,

She saw a man, cute and handsome,  
Flexing his jaw line as he chewed his gum.  
Eyes she could not take off of him,

Gazing intently, and on her face was a grin.  
He noticed her staring,  
And he made the first move, he was daring.  
And they began to talk,

About different things as they took a walk.  
Their hands brushed against each other,  
They felt fate had brought them together.  
They giggled and laughed, Till the sun went down,  
They went their separate ways, with a frown.  
They did not wish to be apart,  
For they had stolen each other's hearts.  
She went home, her face glowing with joy  
She lay in her balcony, looking at the pretty sky  
Wondering how good was her fate  
She finally realised that he was her soul mate!

**RADHIKA CHOPRA**, class X, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi

## A FANCY PEEK IN FUTURE

Let's begin the NEWS with Space, and it has been a landmark week. NASA's Ingenuity Helicopter Flies On Mars  
It's the first time a powered aircraft has made a controlled flight on another planet.

Not only that,  
Oxygen was extracted on Mars by "Perseverance Rover"

This means we can now think of launching space vehicles from Mars - fiction will soon be a reality.

Let's come back to Earth where we celebrated "Earth Day" yesterday.

This year the theme has been "Restore our Earth". US committed to 50% emission

cuts by 2030 but each one of us need to take pledge to save our planet.

When Life Gives You Oranges Make ... Electricity?

Over 48,000 orange trees in Seville, Spain, not only fill the city's air with the pleasant smell in spring; they also offer 16,500 tons of oranges every winter. The city will now use the oranges to produce clean energy & stop wasting the fruit.

Next, Egypt Holds Eye-Catching Parade of Mummies

Egypt turned festive as over 20 kings and queens of ancient Egypt were Moved to their new home, a new museum.

Now Food Time, Introducing Cascatelli -

The Revolutionary Pasta Shape

Pashman, well known podcaster and food-lover after three years of work made a pasta shape that has: sauceability, forkability, and toothsinkability.

Amazing when will we get that?

And Now Sports - Bhavani Devi, 27 year old Chennai girl will be the first to represent India in Fencing at Tokyo Olympics. While the world was fighting Corona last year she was practicing fencing in Italy - we are proud of her. Speak of Believing in yourself & chasing your dreams.

Jasmine Chaana, class IV, Lokhandwala Foundation School, Kandivali East



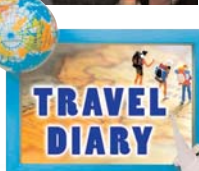
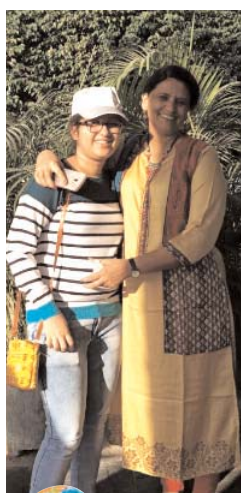
## Memorable Manali



Come 9th grade and I was pumped up because our school always organised a long tour for students. I had managed to convince my mum to let me go on the trip! So, we boarded the August Kranti express and headed to Delhi. I always love train journeys. We boarded a bus to reach Chandigarh. We visited the Rock garden of Chandigarh and Sukhna Lake, and then obviously had a shopping spree.

Next stop was Manali which involved a visit to the Manali zoo, an unfortunate incident with a monkey and solo sightseeing on my part. And then we visited Amritsar! While going to the Golden temple was a surreal experience, one is filled with patriotism and adrenaline rush while visiting the Attari border. Last stop, the capital city, New Delhi and all of its iconic landmarks. The trip may have been a whirlwind but as I flew back home on a flight, I did miss the constant feeling of travelling. This trip was indeed memorable.

Aarya Bhanushali, class X, S.V.D.D. English medium secondary high school



## MY FIRST SCHOOL

School days never come back in life and this batch has lost over a year due to the pandemic

Our first school is very dear to us, whether we are still a part of it or not. In school, we make friends, create memories, learn values and of course get education. However, I would not associate my first school with the academic school which I attend. In my first school, I have and will continue to learn things which no books can teach. In that school, I took my first steps and spoke my first words. This school is none other than my "home." Just like my aca-



demical school, I had my first teachers - my parents, who were also my first friends. Here, I learnt true bonding, true love, true care, true sacrifice along with teamwork. Here, even the smallest of celebrations are carried out with a zestful attitude, the way we do it in our academic school with our peers. Every

single moment of dejection is mended by moments of care and sometimes even frivolous jokes.

Varada Shendye, class X, SSPM's Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Borivali East



## COPING WITH LONELINESS

The corona virus pandemic has completely changed our lives. From wearing masks to staying home most of the time, almost everything has been changed. And we, humans are called as the social animals by nature. Just think about the pre pandemic time, the socialising we used to do. Every single day we used to socialise with so many people. And now abruptly, all of this has stopped. We barely get a chance to talk to anyone. All we do is stay home and attend the online classes. And all of this has led to the feeling of loneliness.

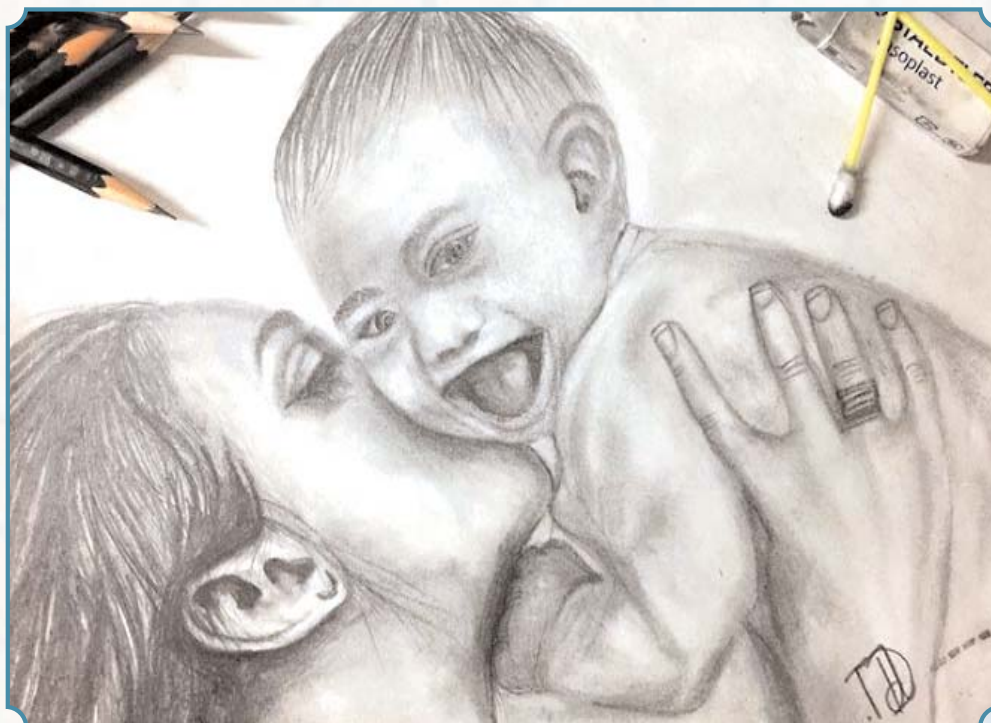
This is the feeling that millions of us are expressing right now. And now, it's time to cope up with loneliness. There are many ways which can make you feel better. You can call a friend, talk to them, share your feelings with them. You can exercise daily, because this will release some happy hormones and will make you feel much better. Do something you love, now this can be absolutely anything! You can paint, cook, dance, sing, sketch. Binge watch some of your favourite shows. And I'm pret-

ty sure that this one made you excited. And now most importantly, spend some quality time with your family. Talk to them about how you feel and trust me, this will make you feel better instantly! And always remember that, all of this is temporary because we will get through this together! So be hopeful and optimistic!

Angelina Pandey, class IX, NES High School



## Painters' Gallery



TIMSA BAJPAI, class XI, Singapore International School



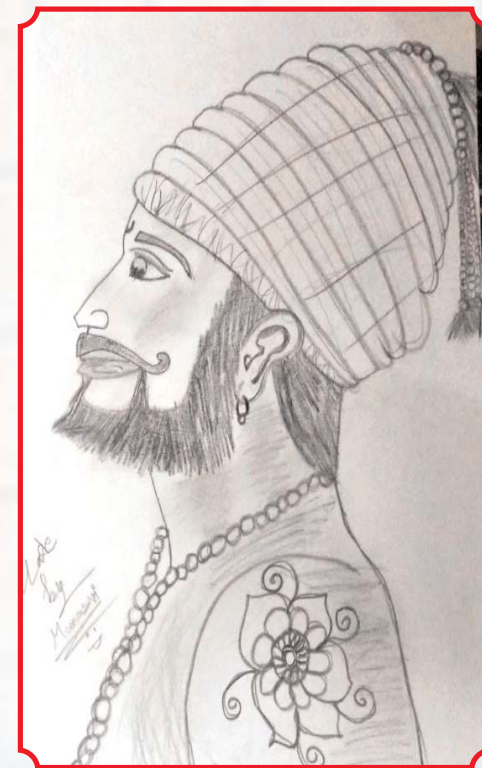
KRIKITA AGRAWAL, class X, Ryan International School, Kandivali



ISHITA KARKHANIS, class X, Carmel convent High school, Badlapur



MANASVI KAMBLE, class IX, Gopal Sharma International School, Powai





# FEDERER WINS RETURN TO PARIS

## FANS CHEER AND APPLAUD ALMOST EVERY SHOT OF HIS REJUVENATED RETURN TO TOURNEY

**T**hey feted Roger Federer with as loud as applause gets from a crowd capped at 1,000 people in Court Philippe Chatrier \_ when he walked out with a wave, when he hit one of his 48 winners, even when he attempted a back-to-the-net 'tweener and hit the ball out. This match, bathed in sunshine Monday, meant Federer finally was back at the French Open and back in Grand Slam action and he gave the excited fans what they wanted perhaps as much as he did: a victory.

Federer's first competition at any major tournament in 16 months ended with him on the right side of a 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 score against qualifier Denis Istomin at the French Open as fans chanted "Ro-ger! Ro-ger!" It was a case of many happy returns \_ and serves, forehands, backhands, volleys and drop shots, too. "What a pleasure to be back," Federer said.

### Shows no sign of rust

■ Federer showed no signs of rust or trouble with the right knee that needed two operations last year. He produced more than twice as many winners as his 20 unforced errors and never faced a break point while improving to 8-0 against Istomin over their careers. Federer, whose 40th birthday is on Aug. 8, hadn't appeared on the Grand Slam stage since Jan. 30, 2020, when he lost to Novak Djokovic in the Australian Open semifinals. This was just Federer's second trip to the French Open since 2015. In addition to last year's absence because of the knee issues, he withdrew in 2016 citing a bad back, then sat out the clay-court circuit each of the next two years to focus on the grass-court portion of the season.

■ "Always great to be on court with this legend. To play against him is always a big (deal)," Istomin said. "I was expecting all the spectators to cheer for him." They sure did, with one voice from the stands shouting, "A delight, Roger! A delight!" as Federer went up 4-2 in the third set.

### SERENA WINS FIRST NIGHT MATCH

**S**erena Williams won in the first scheduled night session in French Open history, erasing two set points to beat Irina-Camelia Begu 7-6 (6), 6-2 under the lights. Williams and Begu took the court in the twilight at 9 pm with the stadium stands empty. Fans are being admitted for day matches this year, but not for night sessions. Matches at the tournament in September 2020 stretched into the night on courts with new lights, but scheduled night play is new this year.

Williams wasn't sharp with her serve but played aggressively, charging forward when she had the chance. Facing a set point in the tiebreaker, she dashed in and from the service line ripped a nervy swinging volley for a winner. At 39, she seeks her fourth French Open title and a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title.

Making a stunning departure was Naomi Osaka, who announced her withdrawal from the tournament. The four-time major champion said on Twitter she has suffered long bouts of depression since winning the 2018 US Open. Osaka had earlier declared she would not speak to the media during Roland Garros and was fined \$15,000 after she skipped the post-match news conference following her first-round victory Sunday.



Photo: AFP

### Taking one game at a time

■ Federer had acknowledged recently he has zero chance of claiming the trophy this time around in Paris; instead, he is hoping to tune up his game to be ready to challenge for a championship at Wimbledon, where play begins in late June. "In a way I like this situation \_ that I don't know what's next, how my next match will be. I don't even know who I play, to be honest," said Federer, whose second-round opponent will be 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic. "I take it round by round, match by match."

■ After rhythmic clapping accompanied Federer's trot to the baseline for the match's opening point, he got off to the perfect start against Istomin, who is ranked 204th and now is the owner of a seven-match Grand Slam losing streak but did upset Djokovic at the 2017 Australian Open.

■ Federer used a drop shot to earn a break point in the opening game, then converted it with a forehand winner, before holding to go up 2-0. Just 1 1/2 hours later, it was over for Federer, who won the 2009 French Open for one of his 20 Grand Slam titles.

■ He shares that men's record with rival Rafael Nadal, who is scheduled to play his first-round match Tuesday to open his bid for a 14th championship in Paris and tiebreaking 21st major overall.

■ Djokovic also is slated to make his debut on Day 3 of the clay-court tournament. Daniil Medvedev proved that perseverance pays, finally winning a French Open match on his fifth attempt. The second-seeded Russian, twice a runner-up at other majors, beat Alexander Bublik 6-3, 6-3, 7-5, after starting 0-4 for his French Open career. AP

# NZ CAN 'CREATE A BIT OF HISTORY' IN WTC: BOULT

New Zealand pacer Trent Boult feels the Kiwi team can "create a bit of history" when they lock horns with India in the World Test Championship (WTC) final later this month

**N**ew Zealand and India will lock horns in the final of the WTC, beginning June 18 at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton. Before that, New Zealand will also play a two-match Test series against England, beginning June 2 at Lord's. "The way the group has travelled and performed around New Zealand and the world, the boys are in a great place to hopefully create a bit of history," Boult said in a virtual press conference.

New Zealand coach Gary Stead on Monday said he doesn't see Boult playing the two Tests against England. However, the New Zealand pacer is "hopeful" of playing the second Test which gets underway on June 10. "Everything is feeling good with what lies ahead, a big stage for the

### FAMILIES GET NOD FOR UK TOUR

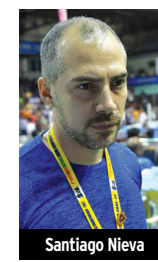
The families of players and support staff of both the Indian men's and women's cricket teams will be allowed to accompany them during their tour of England this month, a senior BCCI source revealed on Tuesday. The BCCI had put in a request that the players be allowed the company of their loved ones given that they have to spend a considerable amount of time in a bio-secure bubble because of the COVID-19 pandemic. BCCI office-bearers, including president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah will not be present for the final from June 18-22. "BCCI understands that we need our players and support staff to be in a good head space," the source said.

WTC final. Hopefully, I can get over there, get settled in, and be part of that second Test as well," said Boult.

Boult highlighted that no one exactly knows how the WTC points system works but is "definitely excited" to feature in the summit clash. "I've taken a while to understand the process with qualifying, how everything works with the points, still think no one knows how that actually works, but to get into that final the excitement is ramping up now," said Boult. After the bilateral series against England, the BlackCaps will transition from the ECB's bio-secure environment into the WTC Final bubble on June 15 and will be subject to regular testing in Southampton. ANI

## INDIAN BOXERS WILL TRAIN ABROAD BEFORE OLYMPICS

**I**ndia's nine Olympic-bound boxers will travel abroad for a three-week training stint after getting a few days' break following a record-shattering medal haul by the country's pugilists



Santiago Nieva

at the just-concluded Asian Championships in Dubai. Indian men's boxing's High Performance Director Santiago Nieva said the boxers will reach Tokyo for the Games five to seven days before the start of the event from July 23. "We will go abroad for training. It will be a three-week camp. We will come back to India to fine tune a few things, and then head to Tokyo," he said.

The training at home has been sporadic because of COVID-19.

Indian boxers fetched their best ever medal haul of 15 at Dubai, two more than their previous best. The medals clinched this time included two gold, five silver and eight bronze medals. The only gold-winner among the Olympic-bound was Pooja Rani (75kg), while MC Mary Kom (51kg) and Amit Panghal (52kg) won silver medals. The lone male boxer to fetch a gold was Sanjeet (91kg), who is not a part of the Olympic group. Vikas Krishan (69kg), Simranjit Kaur (60kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) were among bronze-medallists.

The others bound for Tokyo are Manish Kaushik, Ashish Chaudhary and Satish Kumar. IN

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who was the highest scorer in the first ODI in the ongoing series between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh?

- a) Mustafizur Rahman ☐ b) Shakib Al Hasan ☐  
c) Wanindu Hasaranga ☐ d) Kusal Mendis ☐

**Q2:** In which country did the modern football originate?

- a) Britain ☐ b) India ☐  
c) America ☐ d) Spain ☐

**Q3:** Which Indian shooter won the first individual gold medal in the 2008 Olympics?

a) Abhinav Bindra ☐ b) Vijay Kumar ☐

c) Jaspal Rana ☐ d) Rajyavardan Singh Rathore ☐

**Q4:** What was Don Bradman's batting average in cricket?

- a) 99.8 ☐ b) 100 ☐ c) 99.94 ☐ d) 90 ☐

**Q5:** Who hit the first ever IPL hundred?

- a) Gautam Gambhir ☐ b) Brendon McCullum ☐  
c) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ d) Chris Gayle ☐

**Q6:** How many different disciplines are there in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics?

- a) 200 ☐ b) 501 ☐ c) 339 ☐ d) 370 ☐

**Q7:** How many grand slam titles has Novak Djokovic won so far?

- a) 16 ☐ b) 20 ☐ c) 18 ☐ d) 10 ☐



Novak Djokovic

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**Q8:** What is the other name of Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy?

- a) ICC Cricketer of the Year Awards ☐  
b) ICC Test Captain of the Year ☐  
c) Spirit of the Cricket Awards ☐  
d) Test Player of the Year Award ☐

**Q9:** Which type of shooting championships were discontinued in 1991?

- a) 300m rifle ☐ b) Shotgun ☐  
c) Running Target ☐  
d) Special Air gun championships ☐

**Q10:** Till 2010, who was the only Indian athlete to win an individual gold medal at the Commonwealth Games?

- a) Krishna Punia ☐ b) PT Usha ☐

c) Milkha Singh ☐ d) Lavy Pinto ☐

**Q11:** Which of the following terms are used to describe parts of a cricket bat?

- a) Eye and Toe ☐ b) Leg and Hand ☐  
c) Shoulders and Toe ☐ d) Neck and Shoulders ☐

**Q12:** When was the Olympic flag first hoisted?

- a) 1920 ☐ b) 1926 ☐ c) 1923 ☐ d) 1928 ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1) a. Mustafizur Rahman 2) a. Britain 3) a. Abhinav Bindra 4) c. 99.94 5) b. Brendon McCullum 6) c. 339 7) c. 18 8) a. ICC Cricketer of the Year Awards 9) d. Special Airgun Championships 10) c. Milkha Singh 11) c. Shoulders and Toe 12) a. 1920