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TODAY'S

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A student talks about his role model **IPS officer C Sylendra** Babu, the DG of police, Tamil Nadu



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021



### CORONA **OMICRON FORCES**

he Centre on Sunday decided to tional passenger services, in the wake of the new Covid-19 variant of conforming antibodies against the spike protein, so many mutations at the spike protein region may lead to a decreased efficacy of Covid-19 vaccines," AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria said. In such a scenario, the efficacy of vaccines including

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"critically", he said.

those in use in India needs to be evaluated



The new, potentially more contagious B.1.1.529 variant, was first reported to the **World Health Organisation** (WHO) from South Africa on

November 24



Earth could have its own Saturn-like band due to pollutants

## RINGS OF SPACE JUNK?

he rising pieces of debris floating in space may lead to form a 'ring' around the Earth, similar to the solar system's gas giants, scientists have claimed. "The Earth is on course to have its own rings," said University of Utah professor Jake Abbott. "They'll just be made of junk,"he added. In fact, according to NASA, the low-Earth orbit(LEO) is now viewed as the 'world's largest garbage dump.'

Space junk, considered a type of pollution, has grown dramatically since 1957, the study observes. NASA estimates that there are at least 23,000 pieces of debris that enter the low-Earth orbit larger than a softball in orbit, but there are probably 500,000 pieces between 0.4 inches and four inches

The weight is equivalent to 1,100 elephants. The worrying part is that the size of the herd is projected to continue to grow exponentially.

According to the **European Space Agency,** it's possible that there are 170 million pieces of space debris that are smaller than 0.4 inches



■ The rings that orbit Jupiter and Neptune are significantly fainter and are primarily made of dust. It's possible that Jupiter's rings may stem from a number of meteor strikes that have hit the planet's 79 moons

# od DID YOU

Four planets in the solar system already have rings - Jupiter, Saturn, **Neptune and Uranus** 

Saturn's rings are made of ice and rock, varying in size, and could be remnants of ancient comets, asteroids or celestial satellites, NASA notes



#### WHICH ISLAND IS THE **BIRTHPLACE OF THE WORLD'S RICHEST FEMALE SINGER?**

**CLUE 1:** It's also home to several notable cricketers, including **Garfield Sobers and Malcolm** Marshall.

**CLUE 2:** Its capital was originally called Indian Bridge, after a river bridge built by Indian settlers.

**CLUE 3:** It imported mongoose from India to take care of the rats infesting its sugarcane fields.

Answer: BARBADOS. The island nation will become the world's newest Republic as it severs its ties with the British monarchy, replacing Queen Elizabeth II, who's its current Head of State, with Sandra Mason, currently the Queen's representative in her capacity as Governor General, as the island's first President. The birthplace of Rihanna, the world's wealthiest singer, worth around \$1.7 billion, Barbados' capital is Bridgetown.

### **Merriam-Webster chooses vaccine** as the 2021 word of the year

ith an expanded definition to reflect the times, Merriam-Webster has declared an omnipresent truth as its 2021 word of the year: vaccine. At Merriam-Webster, lookups for "vaccine" increased 601 per cent over 2020, when the first US shot was administered in New York in December after quick development, and months of speculation and discussion over efficacy. The world's first jab occurred earlier that month in the UK.

■The word "vaccine" wasn't birthed in a day, or due to a single pandemic. The first known use stretches back to 1882 but references pop up earlier related to fluid from cowpox pustules used in inoculations

■It was borrowed from the New Latin "vaccina," which goes back to Latin's feminine "vaccinus," meaning "of or from a cow." The Latin for cow is "vacca," a word that might be



akin to the Sanskrit "vasa," according to Merriam-Webster. ■Inoculation, on the other hand, dates to 1714, in one sense referring to the act of injecting an "inoculum." Earlier this year, Merriam-Webster added to its online entry for "vaccine" to cover all the talk of mRNA vaccines, or messenger vaccines such as those for Covid-19 developed by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna



#### Twitter likely to roll out 'Reactions' feature soon

fter unveiling several features this year, micro-blogging site Twitter is reportedly readying new features, including Reactions, Downvotes and Sorted Replies for iOS users. According to reverse engineer Nima Owji, the Reactions feature, which started being tested a couple of months ago, is set to launch soon, reports 9To5Mac.

With four new reactions, "tears of joy," "thinking face," "clapping hands" and "crying face," this feature is designed to give users the ability to better show how conversations make them feel and to give users "a better understanding of how their Tweets are received".

## unquote

During the last 254th Session, the productivity of the Upper House slipped to 29.60 per cent, which means that Rajya Sabha has lost about 70 per cent of functional time. Therefore, all concerned need to ponder over rendering legislatures so dysfunctional. Clearly, we need to have more meaningful, productive use of our time in Parliament. We need to recognise the exalted place that Parliament occupies in public

conveyed as the mandate to the government of the day. Tolerance towards the mandate of the people is the guiding spirit for legislatures. Dialogue and debates in the constituent assembly should be marked by openness to new perspectives and willingness to listen to diverse views. **Elected representatives must choose** between being a bad lot and a good lot. All citizens and stakeholders should work with passion for the nation

perception. In a democracy, people's will is

### **Dhanush wins Best Actor for** 'Asuran' at BRICS Film Festival



ctor Dhanush's stellar performance in director Vetrimaran's Tamil film 'Asuran' fetched him the Best Actor Award at the BRICS Film Festival, which was held alongside the 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) that came to a close in Panaji on Sunday. This is the first Interestingly,

time that the BRICS Film Festival has been conducted alongside the IFFI. The BRICS festival had films from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa participating in it.

■ While Dhanush was adjudged the best actor, Lara Boldorini was awarded the Best Actor (female) at the festival for her performance in the Brazilian film 'On

'Barakat' and the Russian film 'The Sun Above Me **Never Sets'** Chinese Director Yan

Han was awarded the **Special Mention Award for** his film 'A Little Red Flower' at the festival

was shared by two films -

South African film

**Dhanush had won** 

a National Award

for the same film

earlier this

## BE AN EXPERT ON ECOLOGICAL ISSUES





**CLASS:** X - 2020-21

**SUBJECT:** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS (ICSE)** 

Time Allowed: 1 Hour

**Maximum Marks: 50** 

#### PRACTICE PAPER SET BY HUMA SYED, BIRLA OPEN MINDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KOLLUR, HYDERABAD

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) All Questions are Compulsory.
- (2) The marks intended for questions
- are given in brackets [].
- (3) Select the correct option for each of the following questions.

#### **SECTION-A** (MARKS 15)

#### Question 1

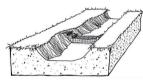
- (a) Soil management refers to
- A. Reducing Soil erosion B. Adjusting soil factors for maximum
- crop production. **C.** Increasing infiltration of rain water
- D. Protecting land surface from impact
- of rainfall. (b) Remote Sensing Satellites are used
- A. Predict weather and Natural calami-
- **B.** Ocean study and tides development.
- C. Deforestation, mining and Land degradation.
- **D.** All the above (c) Anthropogenic causes of soil ero-
- sion are A. Torrential rains and wave action.
- B. Deforestation and Mining activities. C. Wrong agricultural practices and use
- of chemical fertilizers. D. Both B and C (d) Choose the correct full form of the given abbreviations:
- i. SPM- Standard Particulate Matter ii. JMF - Joint forest management.
- iii. CNG- Compressed neutral Gas iv. SPM- Suspended particulate matter
- **Options: A.** i & iii **B.** ii & iii **C.** i & iv **D.** ii & iv (e) Which of the following point is not correct with reference to the steps tak-
- en by Supreme Court of India to protect Taj Mahal? A. Creation of Green Belt around Taj
- Trapezium Zone. B. Banning the use of Coal/Coke in in-
- C. Relocating factories outside the Trapez-
- ium. **D.** Use of only CNG vehicles in close vicin-
- ity of Tai Mahal. (f) Community Forestry is a branch of
- forestry where A. Local people are involved in forest pro-
- tection plans. **B.** Afforestation on non-forested areas is
- C. Agriculture, Livestock farming and
- forestry done together. D. All the above. (g) Pick out the right option for
- biodegradable wastes. A. Bricks and Asbestos
- B. Molasses and Crop residue C. Thermacol and Aluminium
- D. None of these
- (h) Eutrophication means A. Accumulation of toxic substances in water hody
- B. Depletion of oxygen content in the water body
- C. Increase in the toxic substances along the food chain. D. Percolation of toxic substances
  - down the layers of soil (i) The integrated Watershed
  - management refers to
    - A. Interconnected management of Soil, Water and Forests.

- B. Construction of Water harvesting structures
- C. Construction of Large Multipurpose
- Dams. D. Conservation of Lakes and Rivers. (j) The Basel Convention was adopt-
- ed to -A. Provide the world a sustainable trans-
- port model.
- **B.** Restrict transboundary movement of hazardous wastes
- C. Introduction of CNG for public trans-
- D. Set emission standards to reduce automobile pollution.
- (k) Which of the following is not a technical device to control Air pollu-
- A. Electrostatic precipitator
- B. Sludge digester C. Wet Scrubber
- D. Cyclone separator
- (1) The Soil conservation strategy to reduce flow velocity of water -
- A. Check Dams B. Contour bunding C. Basin listing D. None of these
- (m) Pick out the examples of alter-
- nate fuels from the given options. A. Firewood and Coal
- B. Petrol and Diesel C. Biodiesel and CNG D. Coal and Petroleum
- (n) Which of these is not a cause of deforestation?
- A. Shifting agriculture
- B. Mining activity C. Industrialization D. Tree Break
- (o) Which of these is not an advantage of Landfills?
- A. Reduce chances of pathogenic disease B. Lechate is formed
- C. No foul smell produced

#### **D.** Prevents menace insects and rodents **SECTION-B** (MARKS 15)

#### **Question 2**

(a) Study the given picture and answer the questions that follow by picking the correct option from 1 to 4 in each



- i) The structure shown in the given picture is
- A. Johads B. Check Dam C. Contour Bunds D. Kund
- ii) This structure is build by using A. Bags of sand B. Boulders and logs
- C. Ridges and channels D. Both A & B iii) The given structure is a method to conserve
- A. Forests B. Water C. Soil D. Both B&C
- iv) The advantage of the structure given
- here is it A. Reduces flow velocity of water.
- B. Recharges groundwater. C. Harvests rainwater D. All of the above v) Pick out the option which is not cor-
- rect with the reference to the structure shown here
- A. It conserves water **B.** Cost of building is less.
- C. Water can be directed for irrigation. D. Water can be stored in reservoir for fu-
- (b) Given below is a diagram of a device to check the release of harmful

- substances into the at-
- mosphere as a strategy to control Air pollution. Study the diagram and answer the following
- questions. i) The Air pollution control device shown
- in the diagram is-A. Electrostatic Precipitator
- B. Bag House filter C. Wet Scrubber
- D. Cyclone separator ii) The device shown here can remove A. SPM and Acid gases
- B. Oxides of carbon C. Grease and Oil D. All of these
- iii) The device shown here can be used
- A. Three stroke engines
- B. Activated sludge Process
- C. Factories and Industries D. Thermal Power Plants
- iv) The given device works on the principle of
- A. Induced electrostatic charge.

- (d) Soil carried away by rain and wind end up in water bodies and cause salina-
- A. True B. False (e) Hybrid vehicle uses one or more distinct power sources to move the vehicles. A. True B. False

#### **SECTION-C** (MARKS 20)

#### **Question 4**

- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct
- option from 1 to 4. (a) The main objective of the management of forests, water re-
- sources and water security.
- A. Delhi Model City B. Auroville C. Tarun Bharat Sangh
- D. Basel Convention
- (b) The Auroville 'The City of Dawn' and experimental township is in the City/ State/Union Territory of
- A. Curitiba-Brazil B. Villupuram-Tamil Nadu
- C. Basel-Switzerland **D.** Delhi- India
- (c) Which of the following is not an advantage of Remote Sensing? A. Prediction of natural calamity



- B. Neutralization of Acid gases.
- C. Turbulent mixing of gases and liquid. **D.** Rotation and force of gravity.
- with reference to the advantage of the device shown here? A. It can handle large amount of dust par-

v) Which of the following point is correct

- ticles.
- B. It is capable of handling high temperature. **C.** It emits lower levels of acidic gases

#### and dust particles. **D.** All the above.

- Question 3 Mention weather the given statement
- is true or false: (a) Household wastes like plastic, tin can, thermocol etc that can be broken down by the microorganisms are called
- biodegradable wastes. A. True B. False (b) Euro Norms are voluntary European
- emission standard followed in European Union. A. True B. False (c) Biogas is an effective alternative for

fuel wood in the urban areas.

A. True B. False

- B. Mapping of waste land C. Studying deforestation
- **D.** Prediction of population explosion is a surface area where rain-
- water is collected and drained through a
- common point.
- A. Watershed B. Catchment C. Wetland D. Soak ways
- (e) Choose the correct full form of the given abbreviation. i. CNG - Combustible Natural Gas ii. SPM- Suspended Particulate Matter
- iii. HOV- Heavy Occupancy Vehicles iv. JFM -Joint Forest Management
- A. i and ii B. i and iii C. ii and iii D. ii and iv

- Question 5 Name the following by choosing cor-
- rect option. (a) The deposition of soil particles on the bed of water bodies due to erosion.
- A. Sedimentation B. Siltation C. Salination D. Leachate
- (b) The stalk of Sugarcane left over, after extracting its juice.
- A. Molasses B. Husk C. Baggase D. Pellets (c) The increase in the concentration of

- toxic substances along the food chain
- A. Biomagnification
- **B.** Eutrophication C. Salination D. Algal Bloom
- (d) A vehicle which uses two or more dis-
- tinct power sources to run A. Alternate Energy Vehicle
- B. Liquid Nitrogen Car
- C. High Occupancy Vehicle D. Hybrid Vehicle (e) Choose the statements which are cor-
- rect pertaining to the advantages of Joint Forest Management. i. Government and local people work
- in partnership. ii. Plant cover on roadsides and Canal-ridges is increased. iii. Employment for local people
- iv. Locals have the access to forest products. **A.** i, ii and iv **B.** i, iii and iv C. ii, iii and iv D. i and iv

#### **Question 6** Match the statement in Column I with the most appropriate in Column II.

Column I	Column II
a) Thermacol and Aluminum	i ) Alternate power sources
b) Solar cooker and Biogas	ii) Green House gases
c) Heavy metals and Mercury	iii) Alternate to Fuel wood
d) CNG and Hydrogen	iv) Non-biodegradable sub- stances
e) Carbon dioxide and Methane	v) Hazardous wastes

**a)** (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) **b)** (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) c) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) d) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) e) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)

#### **Question 7**

The following questions are based on Soil Conservation methods. Choose correct option to fill in the blanks. a) Leguminous crops b) Dry leaves and

- Husk c) Slope of hill. d) Prevailing wind e) Contour bunding. f) Basin listing. i) In Terrace farming the fields are cut at right angles to the
- \_ alternate ridge and channels are made. iii) Crop rotation is the method where
- \_\_\_\_are used to restore soils fertility.
  iv) Mulching is a method where \_\_\_\_ are spread on soil.
- v) Shelter belts involve planting of Trees and shrubs at right angle to the (i) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)
- (ii) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (iii) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (iv) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)

#### (v) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) KEY: Q1. a- B, b- D, c- D, d- D, e- D, f- D,

- **G** B, **h** B, **i** A, **j** B, **k** B, **l** A, **m**-C, **n** D, **o** B
- **Q2**. **a.** i-C, ii-D, iii-D, iv-D, v-C b. i-C, ii-A, iii- C. iv- B, v- C Q3. a- False, b- True, c- False, d- False,
- e- False Q4. a-C. b- B. c-D. d-A. e-D
- Q6. A- iv, b-iii, c-v, d-i, e-ii Q7. i-c, ii-e, iii- a, iv- b, v-d

Q5. a-B, b-C, c- A, d- D, e- B

These questions are meant for practice purpose only. Students are advised to check format, syllabus and marks for Board test papers with their teachers. Questions have been given by teachers and NIE is not responsible for them.

## OF MOVEMENT, FRICTION & REST

ave you ever move? For example why an arrow shot from a bow keeps flying or why a ball keeps moving when hit with a bat. Well, a similar thought occurred to the Greek philosopher Aristotle (384 BC- 322 BC). According to him, an external force is required to keep a body in motion. However, this notion was flawed, but how? Let us see.

ple tov-bus on a floor knows that it needs to constantly drag the string attached to the bus with some force to keep it going. If it releases the string, it comes to rest. A moving bus comes to rest because the ex-

ternal force of friction

on the bus by the floor opposes its motion. To counter this force, the child has to apply an external force on the bus in the direction of motion. When the bus is in uniform motion, there is no net external force acting on it: the force by the child cancels the force (friction) by the floor. It implies that if there were no friction, the child would not be required to apply any force to keep the toy bus in uni-

forces (for fluids) are always present in the world. On this understanding is where Aristotle went wrong. To get at the true law

of nature for forces and

form motion. The opposing

forces such as friction

(solids) and viscous

small child playing with a simmotion, one has to imagine a world in which uniform motion is possible with no frictional

forces opposing. Which

is what Galileo did, he

studied the motion of

objects on an inclined plane and observed that objects moving down an inclined accelerate. plane while those moving up retard. Galileo concluded that an object moving on a frictionless horizontal plane must neither have acceleration nor retardation, i.e. it should move with constant ve-

friction and Newton built on these observations. What made Newton so radical was that before his first law of motion, scientists had said an object came to a stop because there was no force acting on it. Newton's first law of motion is also called the law of inertia. Inertia is the ability of a body by virtue of which it opposes a change. According to this law. an object will remain at rest or in uniform motion in a straight line unless acted upon by an external force.

Galileo made observations about

AN ASTRONAUT MOVING **CONTINUALLY IN SPACE** In outer space, there are no external forces. So

an object in motion stavs

in motion as there is no

external force to oppose

A ROCK AT REST A rock lying on the ground will continue to do so for millions of years unless it is pushed by nature or by some force. It won't be

THE CHANGE OF DIRECTION **OF A SOCCER BALL** 

floating around in differ

ent places.

Tnagame of soccer, the soccer ball is continuously kicked around. According to Newton's first law of motion, it should be in motion forever, but it





When we jump on a trampoline we are thrown skywards but eventually, we do

**TRAMPOLINE** 

is because of the force of gravity which brings us back. Here, the gravitational force acts as

washing machine dryer

entirely works on the prin-

ciple of the law of inertia. In or-

The holes of the drum let the water out, leaving the clothes dry come down. This an external force. WASHING MACHINE

clothes, drum of the washing machine dryer is subjected to motion, which further causes

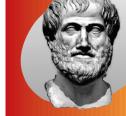
der to dry the











## Focus, commitment and sheer will

t has been rightly said that a person with unhindered focus, dedicated commitment and sheer will can even move mountains.

At Narayana, there have been many students with such qualities who have become distinguished personalities with their impressive academic accomplishments.

One such Narayanaite is a tenth grade student, Krishiv Goyal. He has raised the bar of excellence for all the pupils of Narayana institutions by securing splendid All India Rank 2 in the International Standard Mathematical Olympiad (ISMO - 2021) along with marvelous All India Rank 3 in the International Standard Science Olympiad (ISSO - 2021). These

Olympiads were conducted nation-wide in the month of February - 2021, by CNAPS. Krishiv has been a part of Narayana's E-techno section since ninth grade.

Narayana's E-techno section follows an integrated curriculum which majorly focuses on developing a child's core subject knowledge by engaging them in integrated foundational courses.

Krishiv has been upgrading his subject in such examinations. E-techno programs CBSE Board examinations.



tional courses since ninth grade. His unsheer will are clearly showcased in his brilliant Academic and Olympiad results.

strong foundation in all the academic sub-

knowledge with the help of such founda- shape students in such a way that they become capable of cracking Olympiad, JEE, hindered focus, dedicated commitment and NEET and all the other equivalent examinations

Krishiv credits the E-techno programs Olympiad examinations require a for upgrading his calibre and also shows gratitude towards his teachers for building the required skills in him. His next goal is Students have to relentlessly strive hard to make his teachers and parents proud by to develop a sturdy subject structure to shine securing All India Rank 1 in the upcoming

### **VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK**

bservance of Vigilance Awareness Week is taken up to encourage all countrymen to collectively participate in the prevention of, and the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption.

In pursuit of the vision of the Government of India, D.A.V. Public School, Thane observed 'Vigilance Awareness Week 'from 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021 on the Theme 'Independent India @ 75 Self Reliance with Integrity'

As part of the programme and to make the students understand the value of integrity, many activities were conducted throughout the week.

Conventionally throughout the week in the morning assembly, students took eintegrity pledge through online mode.

ities like they prepared a PPT on the topic, giving speeches and taking part in debate and discussion wherein they expressed their views and suggestions to put an end to existing corruption. The students also actively participat-

The students of the secondary section

of Std. VI to X took part in various activ-

ed in activities like poster making, slogan writing and essay writing activities.

There were many who recited selfcomposed poems related to anti-corrup-

This array of activities evoked a lot of interest from the students, and thus the objective of the event which was to inculcate awareness on vigilance in public life and make the students honest and responsible citizens who are now geared up to combat the menace of corruption, was



## LEARNING THROUGH ACTIVITIES





Technology used to conduct the activity:

activities related to it.

Tribal art is the visual art and material culture of indigenous peoples. Students were asked to draw and colour easy tribal art which helped them to improve their fine motor skills and creativity.

Teacher explained them about the tribal art of Odisha. It was a fun session.

'The Seventh Sun' is the story of tribal tale of Odisha. It was a great story telling activity. Teacher prepared puppets and learning material related to it.

The Seventh Sun is a simple tale from a tribal community of Odisha. It is about a time when there were seven suns in the sky. Were the animals and human beings happy with so many suns?

Students enjoyed the story a lot. They had great fun while listening and learning from the story.

Moral of the story of: Tribal Tale from Odisha — It's important to treat everyone equally and with respect.

with Odisha for Ek Bharat Teacher explained them about the tribal drawing the state of Odisha along with picart of Odisha. It was a fun session Date - 23rd October, 2021

'Jagannath' (Lord of the universe) is a deity worshipped in India and Bangladesh. Jagannath is an abstract representation of

Krishna or Vishnu. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Topic: Fauna Of Odisha State

Date: 27th October 2021 Day: Wednesday 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme

Saura painting is a style of wall mural paintings associated with the Saura

tribals of the state of Odisha in India. These paintings, also called ikons (or ekons) are visually similar to Warli paintings and hold religious significance for the Sauras.

aims to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of different states and union territories through the concept of state and UT pair-

Grade V activities at St. Wilfred's School (CBSE), Panvel included study of fauna of Odisha. The activity was conducted in order to help student get well-versed with the distribution of animals native to Odisha.

Students were instructed and guided in tures of fauna native to Odisha.

Students enjoyed performing art-integrated activity, which helped them learn about a new State in a fun way. Topic: Saura-Odisha Tribal Art Date: 17th November 2021

Day: Wednesday The State pairing initiative has been taken up to make students aware of the similarities and diversities among the two

Saura art from Odisha and Warli Painting from Maharashtra are visually similar and both originate from the tribes of

the respective states. Saura Painting is a wall mural paintings associated with the Saura tribals of the Odisha.

Warli paintings were mainly done by the women folk of Maharashtra. The most important aspect of the painting is that it does not depicts mythological characters or images of deities, but depict social life. Pictures of human beings and animals, along with scenes from daily life are created in a loose rhythmic pattern.

#### **ALONE**

So many people there are, 7.2 billion on this earth, Yet no one is by my side. From the world I try to hide. Because no one tries, To even be my friend Is it just me, who is at fault? Or the people are also at The world doesn't accept me,

The way I am. Why? I ask I also want to be a friend,

I also want to be loved and

I feel so alone, with no one by Alone and sad and ready to my side. embrace death. Sad and frustrated, Trying to The only way I can escape this overcome a tide. world, What does the world expect Is by closing my eyes, and from me. imagining situations, That I know will never happen. Yet I hope, only for one day,

Should I change for them, or let it be? I am searching for answers, I am trying to fit in, Hoping that the world will accept me, for who I am. I feel like dying, like ending myself,

That people will accept me, Without judging me or criticis-I just hope, that one day,

I will be accepted the way I

just one!

I feel like on another planet, RADHIKA CHOPRA, class X, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi

## World Kindness Day in schoo

he Primary Section of N. L. Dalmia High School celebrated World Kindness Day to promote the importance of Kindness among all living creatures. The main purpose

is to reinforce that it is compassion that links us all together and has immense power of bridging the gap between us. It gave us the opportunity to reflect upon one of the most important and unifying human principles - Compassion. On a day devoted to the positive potential of both large and small acts of kindness, the students of Primary section pulled up their sleeves to shed the light on spreading good deeds. The students committed several act of kindness, including providing food items to the people of their locality. This beautiful act of kindness provided a vision and showcased the importance of love, kindness, and generosity among the students.





### NERFUL PRESENCE

t can be said without doubt that Pepper Potts may not be a super-powered but she sure as heck is a powerhouse of a woman. A woman CEO (albeit fictional but come on) who runs a conglomerate of companies, I will say that is definitely badass. Often in the movies and in pop culture, it is hard to find women in high corporate positions, women who comes to their careers, women we can

look up to. **INSPIRING ICONS** PEPPER POTTS

But, Pepper Potts is someone who inspires me and countless other girls who dream of a life that allows them to be women with successful careers all while maintaining who their femininity. Sure, we haven't had a lot of glimpses of her but, whenever she is in the room, she exudes confidence and demands respect which we have only seen happening with men (not are ambitious and successful when it that it is bad, sometimes accurate representation is good.) I hope that all of us get to look up to more

> the future. Aarya Bhanushali, class XI, Thakur College Of Science And Commerce

confident women like her in



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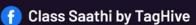
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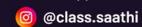
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# POLI CRUSH LAZIO

### In perfect tribute to Maradona, team score 4-0 to go clear to top

azzling Napoli paid the perfect tribute to Diego Maradona on Sunday by thumping Lazio 4-0 to move three points clear at the top of Serie A. FIFA president Gianni Infantino was among those present in Naples as the southern Italian city honoured one of its adopted sons, who led Napoli to their only two league titles and the 1989 UEFA Cup and died a year ago on Thursday. Fans chanted Maradona's name as a statue, which depicts their idol in full flight atop the number 10, was carried around the pitch. A tribute from Pele was shown on the stadium's big screens, while players came out for their prematch warm-up to the sound of "Life Is Life" by Opus, the song to which Maradona does keepieuppies in one of the most beloved pieces of footage of the Argentine in his pomp.

Inspired by the emotional ceremony, Napoli took full advantage of AC Milan crashing to a 3-1 home defeat against Sassuolo to go it alone at the summit with an at times electrifying performance. 'We put in one of our best performances, now the important thing is to always play like that, because you need to repeat those kinds of displays. The way we played today was perfect," Dries Mertens said, after scoring a superb double.

#### INSPIRED PERFORMANCE

Wearing shirts bearing Maradona's face, Luteam possessed and blew Lazio away with three fantastic first-half goals. In almost perfect harmony with the occasion it was another adopted Belgian nicknamed 'Ciro' scoring a brilliant

ciano Spalletti's table toppers came out like a Neapolitan in Mertens who led the charge, the brace of which Maradona himself would have

been proud. Piotr Zielinski got the ball rolling in the seventh minute by almost ripping a hole in the net with his rocket opener, and just three minutes later Mertens took the roof off the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona when he ended a brilliant move by dumping Patric on the deck with a feint

and slotting home a cool finish. After Luis Alberto and then Francesco Acerbi went close for Lazio in the space of a minute, Mertens effectively sealed the win with more than an hour to play with another wonderful goal, clipping a first-time strike that sailed over a despairing Pepe Reina and increased his clubrecord goal tally to 139.

Fabian Ruiz then capped a perfect night when he lashed home the fourth from distance. The 34-year-old's three class strikes in his last two Serie A matches will also give Spalletti hope that he can get by without star striker Victor Os-

imhen, out for up to three months with facial fractures. "These are goals which give me a great deal of satisfaction ... Victor gets injured and that's the moment when you need to be ready,' added Mertens.

Sassuolo emerged worthy winners at the San Siro earlier on Sunday after recovering from Alessio Romagnoli's 21st-minute header through a superb Gianluca Scamacca strike, Simon Kjaer's own goal and a solo effort from Domenico Berardi.

Milan also finished with 10 men after Romagnoli completed a miserable afternoon by being shown a straight red card for taking out Gregoire Defrel. Their first home league defeat of the season after last weekend's 4-3 loss at Fiorentina meant that city rivals Inter Milan are now only a point behind them in third, with Atalanta a further three back after beating Juventus in Turin on Sunday. AFP

#### **VINICIUS STUNNER LIFTS REAL MADRID**

inicius Junior scored a scintillating 87thminute winner as Real Madrid came from behind to defeat Sevilla 2-1 and move four points clear at the top

of La Liga. The 21-year-old Vinicius has been a revelation this season and proved the difference again at the Santiago Bernabeu, where he went off to a standing ovation after securing Madrid their sixth con-

secutive victory. "He's extraordinary," said Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti. "He's a player with something special in his feet."

His goal, a stunning strike into the top corner after a surging run in off the left, ensured Sevilla took nothing from a game they had dominated for most of the

Rafa Mir headed them in front early on but the game turned on an error from goalkeeper Bono, who "I knew about his individual qualities, his dribthe night before the 33-year-old hopes to win the

Victory sends Madrid four points clear of Real

Sociedad, who they face at Anoeta next weekend, while Sevilla stay fourth, now five points off the top. "Maybe a draw would have been a fairer result but I don't think we deserved to lose," said Ancelotti.

Vinicius now has 11 goals in 24 appearances this term and while he was

never a guaranteed starter under Zinedine Zidane, the Brazilian has exploded into life

under Carlo Ancelotti. This was the kind of decisive moment Madrid hoped they would be getting

from Eden Hazard but with the Belgian still lacking both form and fitness, it seems

he's very strong," said Ancelotti. "But what surprises everyone now is that ability to score goals, which he didn't have before." AFP

## SIANS KNOCK OUT HOLDERS SPA

#### Serbia make quarters of Davis Cup, US eliminated

ussia knocked reigning champion Spain out of the Davis Cup to set up a quarter-final against Sweden. The Russians' tie against the depleted Spanish team came down to a late-night dou-

bles encounter in Madrid. Aslan Karatsev and world number five Andrey Rublev won 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 against Marcel Granollers and Feliciano Lopez to win Group A and deprive the Spanish team of the chance to play in front of a home crowd in Madrid on Thursday. The Russians, playing under the name of the Russian Tennis Federation because of sanctions

against Russian sport for doping, made a bad start to the tie when Lopez beat Rublev 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the opening singles rubber. **Andrey Rubley** 

US Open champion Daniil Medvedev stepped up to bring the tie level with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/3) win over Pablo Carreno Busta, before the doubles decided the match.

#### **US KNOCKED OUT**

US captain Mardy Fish hinted at a lack of passion within his team after the record 32-time champion Americans were eliminated from the Davis Cup Finals by following up a lopsided loss to host Italy with a humbling defeat to Colombia.

#### **BRITAIN, GERMANY ADVANCE**

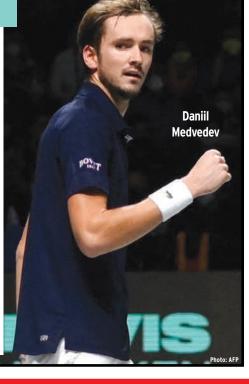
Aslan Karatsev Britain booked their place in the last eight with a come-from-behind victory over the Czech Republic on Sunday and will play Germany in Innsbruck on Tuesday. Germany backed up their shock vic-

tory over Novak Djokovic's Serbia by fighting back to edge out hosts Austria and go through as Group F winners. Serbia had to settle for second place but progressed to a quarter-final against Kazakhstan in Madrid on Wednesday as one of the best runners-up. AGENCIES

#### **RAMKUMAR WINS MAIDEN ATP TITLE**

Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan won his maiden Challenger level singles title, 12 years after turning a Pro, when he outplayed Evgeny Karlovskiy in the summit clash of the ATP80 Manama event, at Bahrain. The 27-year-old Ramkumar, who had lost six Challenger finals in his career before, beat his Russian rival 6-1 6-4 in 68 min-

utes. The 80 ranking points earned will push Ramkumar back into top-200 and also make him the highest-ranked Indian on the ATP singles ranking chart. He is likely to be ranked 186 and will surpass Prajnesh Gunneswaran (215) and out-of-action Sumit Nagal (219). PTI



## **SATWIK-CHIRAG** QUALIFY

they now have a ready-made replacement.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chi rag Shetty has become the first Indian men's doubles pair to qualify for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals start-

ing in Bali on Wednesday. Satwik and Chirag had finished at the semifinals of the Indonesia Open last week but made the cut after Japanese pairing of Akira Koga and Taichi Saito also lost in the last four at the Super 1000 tournament. The Indian pair thus leapfrogged the Japanese pair in the Road to Bali to book the

berth at the year-ending event. Satwik and Chirag needed to beat World No. 1 pair of Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sukamuljo in the semifinals to make the cut but they ended up losing 16-21 18-21. Akira and Taichi had lost to fellow Japanese duo of Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi 22-20 21-14 to pave the way for the

Earlier, Lakshya Sen be- finals. PTI



came the youngest Indian to qualify for the USD 1,500,000 tournament, which will also see the participation of Kidambi Srikanth, two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu and women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy.

Srikanth, Sameer Verma, Sindhu and London bronzemedallist Saina Nehwal have competed in the year-ending tournament in the past. While Sindhu is the only Indian to win the BWF World Tour Finals in 2018, Saina had reached the summit clash of the BWF Superseries Finals in 2011. Srikanth and Sameer have reached the knockout stage but couldn't enter the

## QUIZ TIME!

1. In which of the following sports/ games the term Interference is used?

- a. Golf
- b. Chess c. Squash
- d. Table Tennis

2. Which Indian cricketer has scored the maximum runs in ODIs?

- a. Kapil Dev
- b. Sunil Gavaskar
- c. Sachin Tendulkar d. Virat Kohli

- When was the first women's T20I match hosted in India?
- a. 1999 b. 1994 c. 2006 d. 2010

When was the OlympicFlame first introduced in the Winter Olympics?

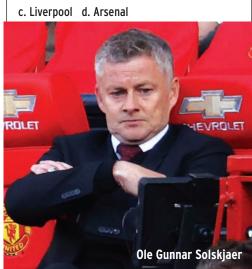
a. 1904 b. 1924 c. 1936 d. 1900

5. What is the motto of Olympics?

- a. Faster, Higher, Stronger
- b. Together We Stand
- c. Fast and High d. Do Your Best

- 6. Ole Gunnar Solskjær was the manager of which club till recently?
- a. Chelsea b. Manchester United

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- 7. In which sport do players compete for the Uber Cup?
- a. Racing b. Golf
- c. Badminton
- d. Cricket

Q8. Which country is the birthplace of the "Olympic" Games"?

- a. Denmark
- b. Italy
- c. Greece d. Germany

Q9. Which sport's competition is known as the "Marsh One-Day Cup"?

- a. Hockey
- b. Cricket c. Canoeing
- d. Fencing

Q10. Which state of India houses the Greenfield **International Stadium?** 

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Telangana
- c. Kerala d. Tamil Nadu
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- 2. c. Sachin Tendulkar 3. d. 2010
- 4. c. 1936 5. a. Faster, Higher, Stronger 6. b. Manchester United 7. c. Badminton
- 8. c. Greece 9. b. Cricket 10. c. Kerala