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## Missing your loved ones? Send them a robotic hug!

As threats of travel restrictions loom large, courtesy Covid-19, scientists have come up with a novel solution: Transport you anywhere in the world 'in the body of a robot' to visit your loved ones. Yes, you read it right. Cyberselves, a University of Sheffield spin-out firm, has created an app that gives you a robot's point of view through a VR headset and handheld motion controllers. The 'telepresence' technology lets people see what the robot sees, hear what the robot hears, feel what the robot feels and move around in its body, via the internet.



According to experts, it could be used to help people visit and hug relatives, explore tourist attractions, give healthcare, and assess hazardous environments

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1 Human uses Cyberselves' Teleport app on their VR headset (with handheld motion controllers) or phone
- 2 Robot responds to user's movement of controllers and motion sensors in real-time via the cloud
- 3 User can see, hear and feel through the robot even if it's in another continent

■ Cyberselves researchers have also developed Animus, a 'universal language for robots' that allows the Teleport app to be licensed for use 'with any robot in the world'



■ Apart from being able to hug relatives, it allows human operators to safely carry out tasks in hazardous environments remotely

■ Such applications range from nuclear decommissioning to bomb disposal, offshore wind production and search and rescue operations (Source: Daily Mail)



## Warholm and Thompson-Herah named World Athletes of the Year

Norwegian 400m hurdler Karsten Warholm and Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah were named the World Athletes of the Year on Wednesday for sensational performances at the Tokyo Olympics. Warholm received the men's award for smashing the 29-year-old world record to win the Olympic final in a time of 45.94sec. His performance is widely considered as one of the greatest Olympic track performances of all time. Thompson-Herah took the women's award for achieving the sprint double at a second consecutive Olympics.

➤ **Athing Mu**, the 19-year-old American, who was an impressive winner of the women's 800m Olympic title, was named the Female Rising Star



➤ **Erriyon Knighton**, the American sprinter, who at just 17 years old finished fourth in the men's 200m final in Tokyo, won the equivalent men's award



➤ There was a special award for **Mutaz Essa Barshim** of Qatar and Italian **Gianmarco Tamberi**, who shared the Olympic men's high jump gold medal in a moment that touched a nerve with the public.



➤ The awards were decided by the World Athletics Council and more than 300,000 online voters.

## 'Golden Boy' Neeraj Chopra to launch PM's mission

Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra will visit Sanskardham School in Ahmedabad on December 4 and launch Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission to spread awareness about balanced diet, fitness and sports. During his meeting with Tokyo Olympians at his residence on August 16, Modi had urged India's Olympians and Paralympians to visit 75 schools each by the 2023 Independence Day and spread awareness against malnutrition and also play a sport with school children.



■ The Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the ministry of education are working on running the awareness campaign as a 'Meet the Champions' programme over the next two years. The school visits by the Olympians would begin from January next year

■ The event will be held as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating the country's 75th year of independence

## A teen develops an app for soil identification

A 14-year-old girl from a village in Lalitpur district in UP has been ranked among the top 20 in the country in the artificial intelligence-based innovative project exhibition and award ceremony held in Delhi recently. **Nandini Kushwaha** has been awarded for devising a smart data-based AI tool that identifies the most-suitable crop for soil by analysing the various nutritional components present in it. A student of class IX of the Government Girls Inter College (GGIC), Nandini was inspired by her mathematics teacher, Prakash Bhushan, Mishra during the Covid-19 lockdown, when the specially devised website under the project 'Responsible AI for youth' was launched.

**YOUNG  
ACHIEVER**

1 Seeing the day-to-day problems related to

skewed crop production because of poor soil quality, Nandini based her project on the issue and named it 'Mitti ko jano, fasal pehchano'

2 It is a smart data-based AI tool that identifies the most-suitable crop for soil by analysing the various nutritional components present in it. This model can be deployed as a physical soil detection tool that will help farmers to understand their soil accurately and make decisions



3 With the help of the AI project, data is retrieved from the mud for its content of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, temperature, humidity content, PH value and rainfall. Based on these data, the right choice of crop for getting optimal production can be predicted

## Developed. A microscopic camera, the size of a grain of salt

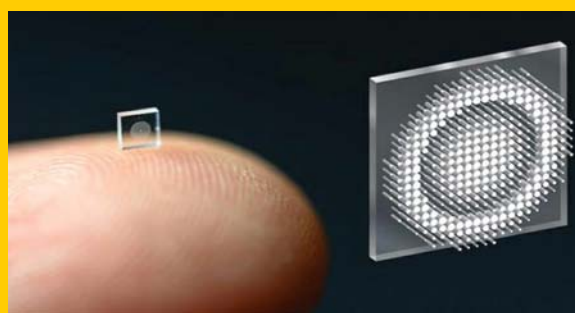
Researchers in Washington have created a camera the size of a coarse grain of salt. Despite being small, the microscopic camera can capture crisp, full-colour images on par with normal lenses that are 500,000 times larger.

The new camera could allow super-small robots to sense their surroundings, or even help doctors see problems within the human body.

### HOW DOES THE CAMERA WORK

■ The tiny camera relies on a special 'metasurface' studded with 1.6 million cylindrical posts – each the size of a single HIV virus – which can modulate the behaviour of light.

■ Each of the posts on the 0.5-millimetre-wide surface has a



unique shape that allows it to operate like an antenna.

■ Machine-learning based signal processing algo-

ri thms then interpret the post's interaction with light, transforming it into an image.

## Nicolas Cage to play Dracula in Universal film 'Renfield'

Hollywood star Nicolas Cage will play Dracula in Universal's upcoming monster movie 'Renfield'. The film centres on Dracula's henchman R M Renfield, who was a prominent figure in author Bram Stoker's cult classic 1897 novel. In the book, Renfield was a patient



in an asylum with an obsession for drinking blood, deluded into thinking he would find immortality. He bows at the feet of the vampire king, who feeds him insects and rats and dangles everlasting life in front of him. In the movie, actor Nicholas Hoult will take on the role of Renfield.

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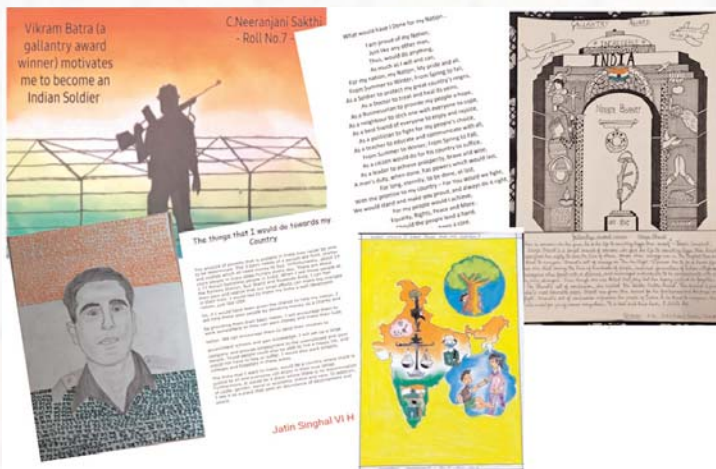
## HONOURING MARTYRS

To honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the officers / personnel of the Armed Forces, other lawfully constituted forces and civilians, gallantry awards are announced twice in a year - first on the occasion of the Republic Day and then on the Occasion of the Independence Day. In order to disseminate the details of bravery acts and the life stories of these brave-hearts among the students, it has been proposed by the Ministry of Defence that school students may be motivated to do projects/activities based on gallantry award winners. Accordingly, the Veer Gatha Project was organised from 21st October to 20th November. The Project was open for all schools in all states and Union Territories as well as all schools affiliated to CBSE.

The project 'Veer Gatha' aimed to make school students aware of the gallantry award winners, "honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of India's brave-hearts", "celebrate the valiance and courage of armed force officers and personnel".

The students of DAV Public School, Thane were nudged to prepare projects in the form of poems, paintings, essays and multimedia presentations on

the lives of gallantry award winners, according to a Union government initiative which was rolled out on the 21st October 2021. For classes 3rd to 10th, the students submitted entries on the topic, "If I had been (name of the gallantry award winner) what would I have done for my nation?" Though we witnessed a focus on known martyrs, it was also heartening to see some students touching upon the chivalry of the unsung brave soldiers of our country. We salute all of the gallantry award winners, to whom we will be eternally grateful.



## Nature inspires me

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PATANKAR PARK



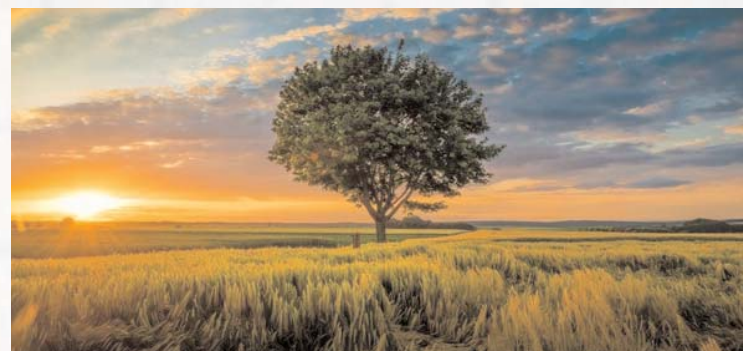
I always think that nature is a good teacher. We can see and feel it in many ways that nature inspires us. Nature is determined and find ways; it tells us we are a very small element of it. It gives us life and also inspires us to live it properly.

At morning when I hear chirping of birds it gives my mind and heart a fresh treat. It inspires me to be energetic whole day. Trees are not able to talk, walk like us but still are able to help us in many ways. In every small action nature gives us a great message which can inspire us.

Trees always shed their leaves but never cry, it tells me that we should never get upset with bad time in our life, birds have no hands but still able to make their nest and protect their young ones, it tells me that I must be happy with what-

ever I have and be able to use my strength. When it is heavy rainfall, birds and many other living beings in nature lose their shelter but once the rain stops they make it again without crying. This indicates that we should not be sad if we lose anything instead, we should try to gain it back by putting our hard efforts.

Nature is a true friend for me as it keeps me inspiring everyday. We must protect our nature to protect our self. I love to spend time with nature.



## Why Indian TV Programmes need a total revamp?

Throughout my childhood, I have had to reluctantly accompany my mom to watch Indian TV series, as any other middle-class Indian kid would also tell you. Though I was never emotionally or intellectually invested in any of them, there are a lot of observations that come to my mind today. As the years have gone by, if anything about these TV shows has changed, it is the budget. Even today, TV shows portray the sensibilities of the 80-90s era. Soap operas just can't move past bombastic background music, one-tone antagonists and preachy monologues. Sitcoms are still using state v/s state and such low-brow jokes to create humour. Supernatural shows still depend on witches, invisibility tricks, haunted houses and snakes. Yes, there have been several shows where the content is progressive and unique, but they are few and far between.

To an average Indian viewer, I might seem like a typical teen who is "influenced by Western culture", but this isn't a discussion about culture, race or geography. As much as we would like to deny it, TV shows help impact the mindset of an audience. However, if today's TV shows air content that is dated in its mindset and its execution, then we cannot expect the audience to think progressively in real-life situations. Another fact which irked me was how

episodes were being manufactured by the thousands just for the sake of airing them. I might be nitpicking, but most of the time in such TV shows is wasted in pointless drama and emotions.

Hence, I feel that Indian TV needs a turnaround with respect to the content they are providing.

Moreover, due to the emerging popularity of OTT platforms, TV shows are gradually losing their audience.

Therefore, the TV content creators must step up and provide better content to the viewers, suiting the sensibilities of a 21st century world.

Pranav Deshpande, class XII, Thakur Vidya Mandir



## Raise awareness about cleanliness

To fulfill Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean and hygienic India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated Swachh Bharat Mission across the nation.

Following the same, Team Dalmia, of N. L. Dalmia High School, Mira Road once again set out for the MSR Activity to the slum areas of Mira Bhayander on 19th November, for evoking a sense of responsibility among the underprivileged that was ushered in by the noble work of "Swachh Bharat," the dream of Mahatma Gandhi.

The students and teachers spoke to them creating awareness about keeping their environment clean and the importance of sanitation practices and hygiene which is the basic yet powerful tool to combat Covid-

19 and need of the day. This was followed by the distribution of toi-

leties.

Deepa Sur, the member of "Helping Social Foundation" thanked team Dalmia for the initiative taken.

It was heartening to spread smiles among the needy who expressed their gratitude with their cheerful faces.



## Of harmless pranks and more...

I remember thin lines, dotted with secrecy and amusement. I remember mischief and chaos unfold into a unison. Me and my groups, had a particular time to get out of the class and board our buses in orderly rows.

I remember how my three best friends and I always stuck up into something and being late. Until our teacher gazed our way out of the habituality, some noise from our classmates and bursting through the chaos there the three of us ran on the endeavour to successfully and slyly merge with other students as to not get caught. It wasn't just the slow attempts at hiding our hair and covering our skirts. It was the



constant thrill and the outburst of laughter every time we did manage

to wonderfully get out of the lines after boys. We'd then scream and talk and laugh and giggle and

punch and then; and then board our buses taking a seat so regularly as our hearts raced down and our smiling eyes held more than our regular mischief, but oh, slow memories.

Kritika Agrawal, FYJC Arts, Jai Hind College



## Climb every mountain

The first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru known as 'Chacha Nehru' advocated for children to have an all-rounded education that would build a better society for the future. He considered children as the strength and foundation of society.

Children's Day was celebrated in Rizvi Springfield High School [S.S.C.] with great joy on the occasion of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday.

On this very special day Rizvi Angels celebrated the innocence and purity of their children. Each student is like a pretty flower and when they all are together, they make Rizvi Angels a beautiful garden.

The teachers organised a small virtual programme for the little ones to make them feel special.

Teachers made a short video to cherish all the tiny tots. There were sweet wishes for the students and the teachers thanked them for teaching them how to live life to the fullest.

The day was spent with a rendition of songs by the teachers, enjoyable games were played and the children danced to music. All the little ones were beautifully dressed up and were beaming brightly.

The Primary Section celebration commenced with a beautiful welcome by the students, the school prayer and the pledge.

Then with a short introduction of the theme for the day, Veer Jaiswar explained the significance of Children's Day beautifully. One of the students put together a sweet dance accompanied with a medley of songs.

The teachers collated a melodious rendition of songs to entertain the students. The lyrical song 'Aashayein' sung by the teachers was well liked by all the students.

An energetic and fun aerobics session was also organised for the students.

Dipanker Marchande, student of the school left every one spell-bound by drumming to the popular

Michael Jackson song 'Billie Jean' which felt like being at a music concert. The celebration ended with the National Anthem.

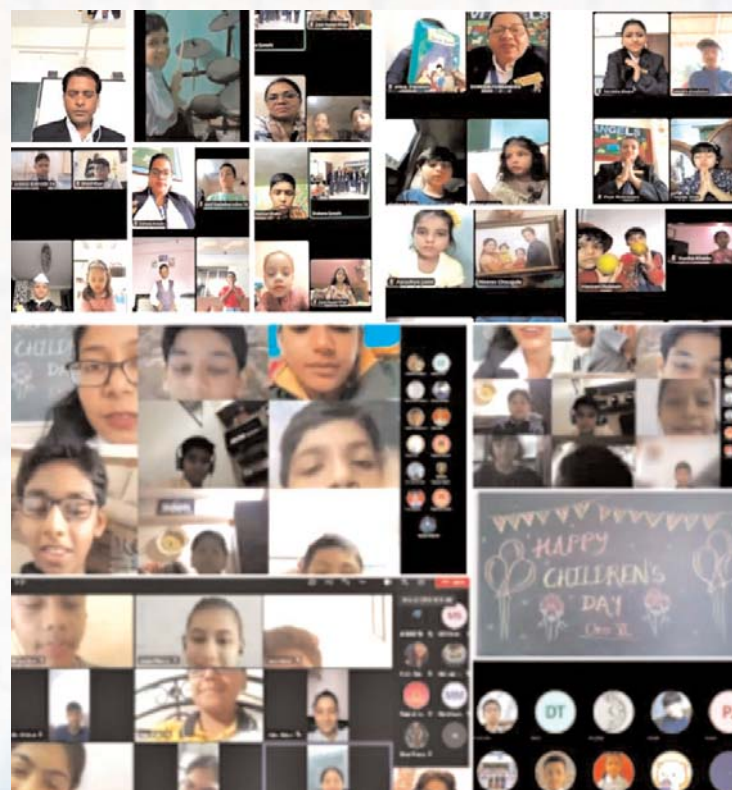
Grade V of the Secondary Section conducted an assembly where the importance of Children's Day was highlighted. Children were asked to write about their dreams.

A unique scavenger hunt game was played which the students found very enjoyable. Grade VI displayed a Power Point presentation to explain the significance of the day. A game of Housie was then played with students. Grade VII and VIII conducted a fun quiz with a game of Housie.

Educators are always imparting knowledge to students but there are three things only a child can teach everyone:

**To be happy for no reason  
To always be curious  
To fight tirelessly for something**

At Rizvi Springfield High School they hope that every child can fulfil the dream of a good education, strive for a brighter future, conquer any mountain and spread sunshine everywhere.



Being a city, I'd probably have a distinct personality of my own as most of my counterparts do. Being a city is like being a person, complex and so much more than just the sum of my parts. I like to think that I would be a riot of bright colors and smells that just somehow make the travelers passing by comfortable and at home. I definitely would have a long history and numerous identities and names that came with it. But, as times changed, so would I and



## IF I WERE A CITY

move towards becoming more accepting to everyone seeking to live here. After all, the world is a small place and a lot

of places can feel like home too.

Aarya Bhanushali, class XI, Thakur College Of Science And Commerce







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Art Educator  
Bodakdev School For Children, Ahmedabad

## LEVEL-1

### Draw the easy way



Step-1



Step-2



Step-3



Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



#### SITBAELU

- a. Celebration b. Celebrity  
c. Suitable d. Selfish

#### ERECNPT

- a. Percept b. Period  
c. Picture d. Prospects

#### AHNFDUL

- a. Pillar b. Pretty  
c. Handful d. Haircut

#### IWNWOD

- a. Building b. Window  
c. Daffodil d. Door

Answers: 1) c, 2) a, 3) c, 4) b

### Riding with the Riddle

I am a medium-sized migratory shorebird. I am tawny or yellowish-brown in colour. I breed during the summers in Alaska and Siberia. During the non-breeding season, I migrate across the Pacific to Asia, Australasia, and the Pacific islands. Although I am a shorebird, I prefer open spaces and feed on insects and berries.

Answer: Pacific golden plover

### BIRDS IN BOOKS

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

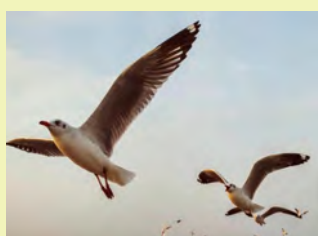
**3** 'Nevermore' declares this bird in a poem by Poe.

- A) Jay B) Jackdaw  
C) Rook D) Raven



**4** This bird helps Mary find the key to the Secret Garden.

- A) Magpie B) Lapwing  
C) Robin D) Goldfinch



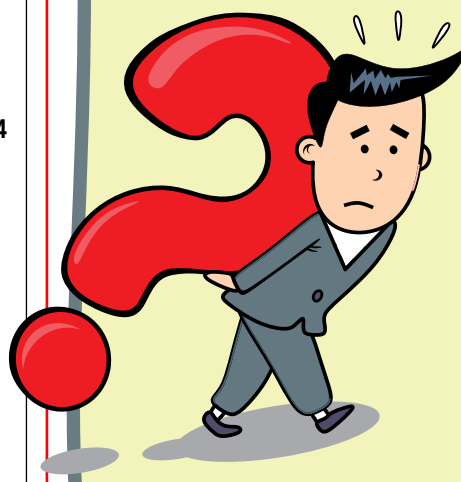
**5** In Enid Blyton's 'Adventure' series, Jack has this bird.

- A) Dove B) Macaw  
C) Parrot D) Owl

**6** This bird is the 'blithe Spirit' of Shelley's poem.

- A) Nightingale B) Skylark  
C) Woodpecker D) Eagle

### Quiz TIME



Find these fictional feathered friends. Choose correctly!

**1** This bird features in the title of Harper Lee's novel.

- A) Hummingbird B) Mockingbird  
C) Tailorbird D) Wattlebird

**2** Thumbelina befriends this bird in a fairy-tale.

- A) Swallow B) Swift  
C) Starling D) Stork



Answers: 1) B. Mockingbird 2) A. Swallow  
3) D. Raven 4) C. Parrot 5) C. Robin 6) B. Skylark

## LEVEL-2

### Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

As his final exams drew near, Vikram began to panic. He was a hardworking student, but somehow never did well in certain subjects. Aware that he was struggling, his parents asked if he would like them to arrange tuition for him. Vikram nodded gratefully. "Don't worry, Vikram," said his mother reassuringly. "We shall use all the means at our disposal to find a solution to your problem."

- A. A. Get blood from a stone  
B. Leave no stone unturned  
C. Cast the first stone

Answer: B



Rani was growing into a vain and self-centred teenager, but her parents chose to ignore her faults.

- A. Turn a blind eye  
B. Keep an eye peeled  
C. Catch someone's eye

Answer: A



#### TRIVIA

In 1801, Admiral Horatio Nelson (then Second-in-command) was told to refrain from attack in a sea battle. Peering through a telescope with his sightless eye, Nelson disobeyed by declaring that he could not see the flags that signalled the order. 'To turn a blind eye', which means to intentionally overlook something unpalatable, is popularly attributed to this incident. The phrase, however, had been in use long before the aforementioned conflict.

### EDITOR IN THE MAKING

### WEAVE A STORY WITH HEADLINES

Include some of these headlines to make a story and give it a title. Mail the story to us at [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com). The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch out for this space!!!

#### The headlines:

- 1) Black Friday gone, mark cyber Monday
- 2) OMICRON, How WHO named it
- 3) Pizza at home
- 4) Do this for your own good! your own good! your own good!

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**And the winner is...**  
**NIMISHA SONI**  
IX-B, Zebar School For Children, Ahmedabad

### A DAY AT SCHOOL!

Going back to school after Covid pandemic is a true delight and I am happy to return to school! As I was having my breakfast, my father, who was reading the newspaper told me, "Nimisha, you can try this DIY". I asked what Dad and he said, "A dress out of recycled packaging". Laughing, I left for school.

I entered class and we all were set for our first lecture of English, the teacher came and informed us about the group activity of story writing. Topic was, "Next frontier of biosecurity risk- Alien bacteria, so you have to imagine and write within 15 minutes." We all got busy and then suddenly our activity ma'am came in and said there's going to be a interschool competition, she said, as we have "No respite from pollution and in India, pollution is even more rampant and she concluded by saying that prepare charts and speak how environmental pollution will affect the life on earth and should be reduced as far as possible.

As I was having my lunch in the break, I was wondering about the survival of the human race. One of my batchmates said, "you know Venezuelan musicians set the world's largest orchestra record".



### NUMBER SERIES

**1** Dexter and Prexter are competing with each other in a friendly community competition in a pool of 50m length and the race is for 1000m. Dexter crosses 50m in 2 min and Prexter in 3 min 15 sec. Each time they meet/cross each other, they do handshake's. How many such handshake's will happen if they start from the same end at the same time?

- A) 19 B) 20 C) 17 D) 18

Answer: A

**2** 2 trains starting at the same time from 2 stations 200km apart and going in opposite direction cross each other at a distance of 110km from one of the stations. What is the ratio of their speeds?

- A) 11:9 B) 11:3 C) 12:5 D) 0

Answer: A

**3** A man traveled from the village to the post-office at the rate of 25 kmph and walked back at the rate of 4 kmph. If the whole journey took 5 hours 48 minutes, find the distance of the post-office from the village.

- A) 27 km B) 25 km C) 29 km D) 10 km

Answer: B



### Learn a NEW LANGUAGE GERMAN

- 1) Eins Meaning: One
- 2) Zwei Meaning: Two
- 3) Drei Meaning: Three
- 4) Vier Meaning: Four
- 5) Fünf Meaning: Five
- 6) Sechs Meaning: Six
- 7) Sieben Meaning: Seven
- 8) Acht Meaning: Eight
- 9) Neun Meaning: Nine
- 10) Zehn Meaning: Ten
- 11) Elf Meaning: Eleven
- 12) Zwölf Meaning: Twelve

#### Work sheet

**Q:1** How will you say number 15?

**Q:2** How will you say number 12?

**Q:3** How will you say number 8?

**Q:4** How will you say number 4?

1) fünfzehn 2) zwölf 3) acht 4) vier



# LIVERPOOL BEATS EVERTON

**Mohamed Salah scores twice as Liverpool pile on pressure with 4-1 win in Premier League**

**M**ohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool piled more pressure on former manager Rafael Benitez with a 4-1 win over local rival Everton in the Premier League on Wednesday, breaking a scoring record in the process. Jordan Henderson and Diogo Jota were Liverpool's other scorers in the 239th Merseyside derby as the Reds became the first top-flight English team to score at least twice in 18 straight matches in all competitions.

## SALAH SHINES

Salah is fronting Liverpool's scoring charge and he now has 19 goals in as many appearances this season after his double at Goodison Park. His first was a beautifully taken curling shot across goalkeeper Jordan Pickford into the far corner in the 19th minute, doubling the lead given to Liverpool by Henderson in the ninth

Photo: REUTERS



Diogo Jota

minute off a first-time shot from the edge of the area. "I think we know each other more now," Salah said. "We are together for five or six years. Last season we had a few injuries. The season before we were playing really well, we won some titles together."

Then, after Demarai Gray pulled a goal back just before half time, Salah seized on bad error by Everton captain Seamus Coleman to race from halfway and apply the finish.

Jota completed the scoring by lashing a shot inside Pickford's near post as Everton's winless run extended to eight matches, with just two points from a possible 24.

"The performance of all of the boys was absolutely outstanding," Jürgen Klopp said.

Some Everton fans streamed for the exits after Jota's goal. Others stayed and directed their anger toward the directors' box after the final whistle. There were chants of "sack the board" as well as boos at the final whistle.

On a rare occasion when the front-runners were playing at the same time, Manchester City won 2-1 at Aston Villa to stay a point ahead of Liverpool in second and Chelsea remains a point better off at the top after beating Watford by the same score.

## NO GERRARD FAVOR

Former Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard couldn't help out his old team in his third game in charge of Aston Villa. Bernardo Silva's volley from Gabriel Jesus' cross followed Ruben Dias' goal for Manchester City in the first half at Villa Park.

Ollie Watkins reduced the deficit in the 47th with a first-time finish off a corner to the near post but City held on, helped by the second-half introduction of Jack Grealish - the boyhood Villa fan and former club captain who left for a British-record fee of 100 million pounds (then \$139 million) in the offseason.

"We've had an incredibly tough first part of the league," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "We are there one point behind. The important thing is the way we are performing. The way we are performing is a high level."

The top three pulled away from fourth place after West Ham was held 1-1 by Brighton. Leicester and Southampton also drew 2-2, while the meeting between Wolverhampton and Burnley was goalless.

## ZIYECH OFF MARK

Hakim Ziyech scored his first league goal of the season to clinch Chelsea's 2-1 win at Watford in a match that was halted for 32 minutes in the first half after a spectator suffered cardiac arrest. The substitute converted a cross in the 72nd from Mason Mount, who had put Chelsea in front in the first half before Emmanuel Dennis equalized. Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel was surprised by what he called a "very sloppy" performance. "I have to get the team ready and obviously I didn't prepare them for what was coming because for the first time we were completely underperforming as a team," he said.

"We did not cope well with the first balls, we did not cope well with the pressure and we did not cope well with the second balls." AGENCIES

Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Jordan Henderson



Mohamed Salah

Photo: AFP

# INDIA EYE GERMANY SCALP

Defending champs will bank on solid drag-flick prowess in Junior Hockey WC semis

**H**igh-flying defending champions India would bank on their solid defensive structure and drag-flicking prowess to outsmart six-time title-winners Germany in the semifinal of the FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Friday.

After a disappointing start to the tournament when they were stunned 4-5 by France, India lifted their game by leaps and bounds to qualify for the second consecutive semifinal in the Junior World Cup.

India produced a defensive master-class on Wednesday to eke out a narrow 1-0 win over European giants Belgium with the likes of Yashdeep Siwach, vice-captain Sanjay Kumar and Shardanand Tiwari shining bright in the backline. India's two goalkeepers - Prasanth Chauhan and Pawan, in particular - were terrific against Belgium and

produced some breath-taking saves to deny their opponents.

## Strength in set pieces

With four quality penalty corner specialists - Sanjay, Tiwari, Arai-jeet Singh Hundal and Abhishek Lakra - in their ranks, India's strength lies in set pieces and it has been quite evident in the tournament so far. In fact, India's winner against Belgium came from a penalty corner through Tiwari after he was brilliantly set up by a dummy from Sanjay.

Even though Sanjay didn't score in the quarterfinal, he still remains India's best bet from set pieces and has already registered back-to-back hat-tricks against France and Poland in pool stages.

The hallmark of India's performance against Belgium was the calm and composed mindset of the players when put under pressure and chief coach Graham Reid too

accepted the fact.

## Germany a tough team

The Germans would be a tough nut to crack as they would be aiming to reclaim the world title after a hiatus of eight years. Germany last won the Junior World Cup title in 2013 in New Delhi but since then, a third place finish in the last edition in Lucknow in 2016 was the best they could achieve. Reid too acknowledged Germany's potential at this level.

"You should never ever write Germany off even in last seconds. They have proven over the years that they are a class side, specially in this level of competition. Junior World Cup they almost own it," he said. "They are a quality team."

Meanwhile in the other semifinal, tournament's surprise package France will be up against Argentina.



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Indian players celebrate after beating Belgium 1-0

# DJOKOVIC WINS TWICE, LEADS SERBIA TO SEMIS

**A**fter having to play in an empty arena in the group stage, Novak Djokovic relished being in front of Davis Cup fans again. Djokovic fed off the energetic crowd from the start at Madrid on Wednesday, leading Serbia into the semifinals with a 2-1 come-from-behind win over Kazakhstan at the Madrid Arena.

The top-ranked Djokovic kept Serbia alive in the quarterfinal by defeating Alexander Bublik in straight sets in his singles match, then teamed up with Nikola Cacic in the deciding doubles for a 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 win over Andrey Golubev and Aleksandr Nedovyesov. Serbia had played its group-stage matches without fans in Austria, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It makes a huge difference," said Djokovic, who was constantly turning to the crowd to celebrate during his



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matches. "Fans are one of the reasons why professional tennis exists. Playing in front of the fans is very important. They give us great energy, they give us a lot of motivation to try to play our best on the court. In Innsbruck we didn't have fans so it was a completely different atmosphere." Serbia reached the last four for the first time since 2017. They face Croatia next.

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which country hosted the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games?

- a. Dominica
- b. The Bahamas
- c. Dominican Republic
- d. Trinidad and Tobago

**Q2:** Which is the first fully inclusive international multi-sport event?

- a. Olympic Games
- b. Asian Games
- c. Common wealth Games
- d. European Games

**Q3:** Who is the founder of the Indian Olympic Games, who helped in the creation of the National Games of India?

- a. F C Aurora
- b. S S Dhawan
- c. G D Sondhi
- d. M G Nageskar

**Q4:** Which country was the host of the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup?

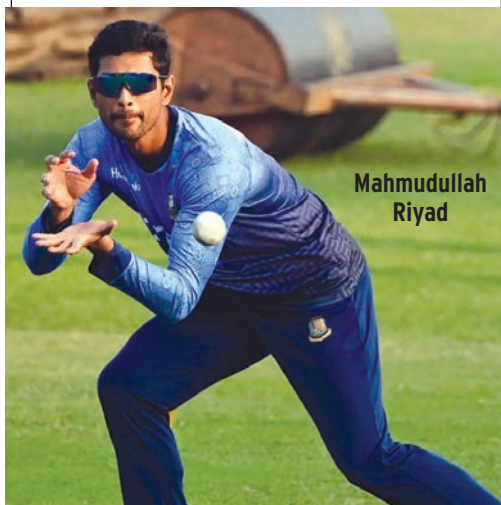
- a. England
- b. New Zealand
- c. Australia
- d. South Africa

**Q5:** The first shoulder-less cricket bats were produced

by Slazenger in which decade?

- a. 1950s
- b. 1960s
- c. 1970s
- d. 1980s

**Q6:** Mahmudullah Riyad became the first Bangladeshi



Mahmudullah Riyad

Photo: AFP

batsman to score a century in Cricket World Cup in 2015. Whom did he record the hundred against?

- a. New Zealand
- b. India
- c. England
- d. Australia

**Q7:** In which year did the Wimbledon Championships began?

- a. 1873
- b. 1877
- c. 1905
- d. 1904

**Q8:** Which England player became the first, since Tommy Taylor in 1957, to score back-to-back hat-tricks?

- a. Kalvin Phillips

- b. Harry Kane
- c. Marcus Rashford
- d. Raheem Sterling

**Q9:** Which Indian woman created history at Tokyo Olympics 2020 by qualifying for final of discus throw?

- a. Kamalpreet Kaur
- b. Seema Punia
- c. Krishna Poonia
- d. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. The Bahamas  
2. c. Common wealth Games  
3. c. G.D Sondhi 4. a. England  
5. b. 1960s 6. c. England  
7. b. 1877 8. b. Harry Kane  
9. a. Kamalpreet Kaur