



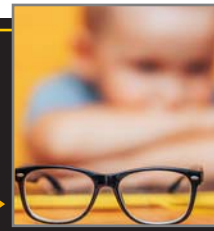
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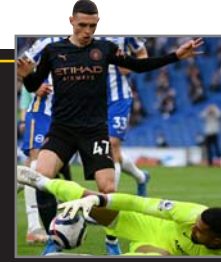
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TIMES NIE Answers Your Query

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A SHOT OF HOPE

To ask queries regarding Covid-19 and vaccination from our experts,
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Q Will a patient who has recovered from Covid-19 still face health issues six months later? Will the body be able to gain the pre-corona strength?

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

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



Yoshita Upadhyay,
class X D, Delhi Public
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Q Both my parents are Covid positive and I am the only one at home to help them, what can I do to ensure their wellbeing while staying safe myself?

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

EXPERT ADVICE GIVEN BY

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



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

Willis will essay the role of renegade bounty hunter, Ryan Swan, who must carve his way through the Hawaiian crime world to wreak vengeance on the kingpin, played by Travolta, who murdered his father
Thai actor-model Praya Lundberg will play the female lead

Entertainment

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

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

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



The benefits

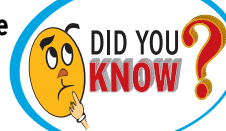
■ The researchers are of the view that their process could work effectively with other types of plastics
■ Converting plastics to ingredients for jet fuel and other valuable products would make recycling plastics less problematic, they add
■ In fact, according to them, the most-common mechanical recycling methods melt the plastic and re-mold it, but that lowers its economic value and quality for use in other products. So, this process could provide an alternative, they feel
■ Moreover, chemical recycling can produce higher quality products, but it



has required high reaction temperatures and a long processing time, making it too expensive and cumbersome for industries to adopt

■ In the recycling industry, the cost of recycling is key. Researchers hope this work is a milestone to advance this new technology to commercialisation

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



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

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



More than 159 million signatures for biodiversity-related campaigns have been collected since 2016, the study found. An expansion of media coverage, social media and internet access as key drivers of the overall trend



One million animal and plant species are at the risk of extinction due to humankind's relentless pursuit of economic growth, scientists warned on the impact of modern civilisation on the natural world.

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

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

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

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

using their platforms to amplify nature issues, with messages reaching a combined audience of almost a billion people worldwide
5 With that jump in concern, demand for change is increasing, and it is becoming an issue for the consumers

A documentary on hockey legend Dhyhan Chand



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

■ Dhyhan Chand, widely-regarded as the greatest player in Indian hockey, earned three Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932 and 1936. He played internationally— from 1926 to 1949 and scored 570 goals in 185 matches
■ Dhyhan Chand was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 1956. His birthday on August 29, is celebrated as National Sports Day in India every year

HOW DOES OUR BODY COPE WITH STRESS OF VIRAL INFECTIONS?



UK researchers analysing the effects of SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing the Covid-19 pandemic on the human body, have provided novel insights into the nature of resilience, and how we deal with stressful situations. The research team looked at Covid from a higher level than just a disease affecting the lungs, and considered how the whole body deals with the various stresses the virus causes when viewed through the lens of electron exchange, also known as 'redox' processes.

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

Asian International School participate in CSIR innovation award



Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India, a premier national research and development organization, is among the world's largest publicly funded R & D organisations. CSIR's pioneering sustained contribution to Science and Technology. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) was established on September 26, 1942. The immediate goal of CSIR was to bring Science and Technology to the country and develop research capabilities which would support Industries. "CIASC 2021" is an annual national competition to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children. CSIR invited the students to send their original creative, technological and design ideas in the form of proposals for the competition. "CSIR INNOVATION AWARD 2021" proclaimed the event was for the students of classes VI to XII. Errand execution from the students has been elaborated as follows:

Rituraj Dey of class VI worked on the "Recovery of endangered species". His designed idea might establish awareness against poaching thereby saving forest and wildlife.

Aditya Chatterjee of class VI worked on "Flying Vehicles". He designed his idea to proclaim technological innovation, advancements and creativity.

Dyutikana Panja of class VI worked on "Filtration and distribution of water in rural areas at low cost". Her designed ideas are



"Filtration and distribution of water in rural areas at lower cost" by Dyutikana Panja VI (A)

not only ethical and empathetic but also hydro-enriching and hydro-smart. Besides it will make an overall rural development.

Prarthana Bera of class VII worked on "Rechargeable aloe vera battery" which is not only creative but also requires enough critical thinking skills.

Soumili Das of class VI worked on "Solar mobile charger", which uses solar panels to charge cell phone batteries. They can be used when no electricity supply is available.

Rwitatrika Mandal of class VII worked on "The way to sustainable India". Her designed idea can comprehensively cover social, economical and environmental dimensions of development and focus on ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions.

Biplanu Ghosh of class VII worked on "Fusion energy to electrical energy converter" thereby scheming an aid for power extraction from nuclear energy.

Arkadyuti Maiti of class VIII worked on

"Driver drowsiness detector" that helps one to keep oneself from road accidents. Thus bringing in and promoting road awareness.

Roumik Maity of class VIII worked on "Remote control device using mobile phones". This remote control device when connected with a mobile phone through wires can regulate electrical appliances such as fan, bulb etc.

Eshani Sarkar of class VIII worked on "Covid fighter robot" that can perch up with the fight for life in the new normal, that can preach social medication and cure.

Trishanjit Dolui of class IX worked on "The electrical compass" that will help in navigation and geographic orientation.

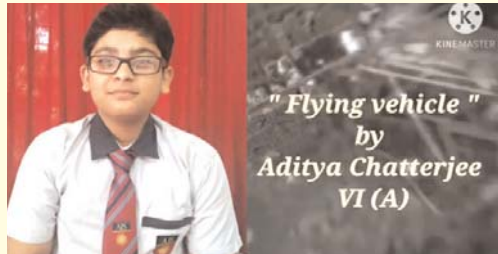
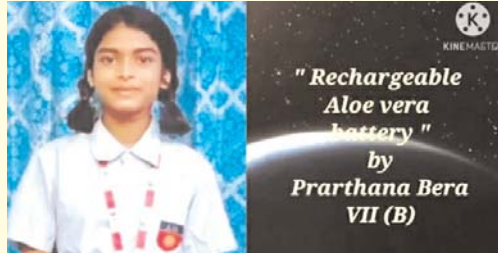
Sohail Hossain Khan of class X worked on a "plastic road divider and guide roller" designed to effectively absorb shock and lead vehicles running back to the road direction to prevent large accidents.

Aditi Banerjee of class XII worked on "Education for all - challenges and solution" furris the idea of literacy promotion and preaching education on a large mass forum

Swikrita Nayak of class XII

worked on "Fight for Right (2FR)" wherein she wants to introduce a software application to simplify such perilous procedure that one needs to follow while undergoing any judicial affairs especially during criminology.

Thus all the ideas attached here herald tribute to the creative world of science and technology thereby promoting research capabilities which would support industries.



WEEKEND PLAN

Exploring and learning the fun way!

Weekends are something, I always look forward to as my parents ensure that they are special for me in multiple ways and rejuvenate each family member for the week ahead. The last Saturday, I went for a Jungle Safari and Children Nutrition Park. The moment we reached for the Jungle Safari, my joy multiplied manifold as I saw different types of animals. We went to the petting zone as well. There were cats, a pony, rabbits, and colourful parrots.

This was followed by a visit to Children Nutrition Park. We sat in toy train and on the first station

'Phalshaka Griham', where the farmer taught us how to grow fruits and vegetables and we played a game 'basketball with fruits' and a game called 'Sow Grow'. At 'Payonagari' station, a boy taught us the importance of milk and we played a game feed the cow. This was followed by 'Annapurna', where a lady taught us



that the food which our mother makes is the best and we played a game pick the healthiest plate. On the next station, 'Poshan Puram', a girl taught us the importance of water. 'Bhul Bhulaiya Cinema' station included a mirror maze and 5D theatre. The next two stations were full of games. We returned home with beautiful memories.

AAROHI TRIVEDI, Class IV, Udgam School For Children, Ahmedabad

BOOK REVIEW: THE BLUE UMBRELLA



The book, 'The Blue Umbrella' By Ruskin Bond brings various adventures in a girl named Binya's life and teaches her kindness, sacrifice, and let go. Binya lives with her grandparents, who lovingly took care of her. They told her many stories linked to the peepal tree. They had a superstition that if we yawned under a peepal tree, a soul enters our throat and gets stuck.

One day her grandma gets sick and so her grandfather takes her to a hospital in a distant place, so Binya had to stay alone for a few weeks. A thunderstorm breaks up in the period and she has to abandon the house and leave at once. She thinks if she will be able to see the peepal tree again in her life or not.

Read this enjoyable book to know yourself about the story further. The book is short and it can easily be read in half an hour. Ruskin Bond has entertained the readers by his words in this simple, sweet story. The story is simple and so are the characters.

AASHI GANDHI, Class VI, Udgam School For Children, Ahmedabad



AIS students celebrate WORLD EARTH DAY



Amidst the murky atmosphere, where survival of the fittest seems to be nothing but an illusion, Asian International School celebrated World Earth Day, virtually, as a step towards inspiring and educating the students to take up the responsibility of their environment. World Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22 to create awareness among people about protecting the environment. On this occasion, a special assembly was organised to mark the 51st anniversary of this day and to ignite the young minds towards their contribution to Mother Earth.

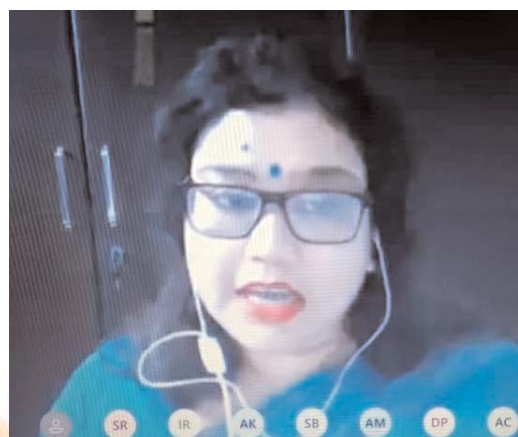
The programme started with a self composed verse beautifully penned down by Arnesh Dhara of class V. His verse reiterated the environmental problems like pollution, global warming, extinction of flora and fauna, deforestation and so on. The poem concluded with an appeal to come together and help our Mother Earth thrive for many more generations.

After the contemplative verse, followed a wonderful



derful dance performance by the dance teacher. His breathtaking and exuberant movements grabbed the attention of the AISians. After the amazing dance performance, an interesting skit was presented by the teachers which instantly took the students to the year 2080 for a while. It depicted how human intervention had disrupted the natural balance of the planet in 2021 and how protecting the planet lead the human race to live a healthy, secured and prosperous life in future.

The programme came to an end with a pledge, taken by the AISians, to plant more trees, minimize usage of non-biodegradable materials and restore our Mother Earth by following the principle of 3Rs reduce, reuse and recycle. By celebrating this day, Asian International School hopes to give a voice to an emerging consciousness, channelling human energy towards environmental issues in a bigger way as LM Wilde has rightly remarked, "When we honour the Earth, We honour ourselves."



Why nearsightedness in children is rising

Kids' health

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

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



Why is this happening?

2 Children with one or both nearsighted parents are more likely to become myopic. The prevalence of myopia in the United States increased from 25 per cent in the early 1970s to nearly 42 per cent just three decades later.

3 Given that genes don't change that quickly, environmental factors, especially children's decreased exposure to outdoor light, are the likely cause of this rise in myopia, experts believe.

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

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

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Kids spent five hours a day on screens other than school work during 2020, found a Canadian study

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

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

Happy touch for home to lift the Covid gloom

FIGHT THE PANDEMIC

We are living the indoor life once again and it's not easy and certainly not fun if it extends for too long. So, to make things bright, nice and happy in your home haven, follow these easy-to-do tips

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

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



cheerful surroundings.

Paint planters and add string lights

To pull yourself out of sadness, redecorate your home and balcony garden. Paint pots to rejuvenate a home corner as well as your tired mind. Reorganising your furniture and adding some string lights to a plant or a cosy corner also de-stresses the mind.

Make space for gym

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

Play good music

Music not only plays an important role in lifting our mood, but it also helps create a positive vibe in the immediate surroundings. When you are staying indoors or self-isolating, play music of your choice to drive away loneliness and negative feelings.



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

Keep a bird feeder

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

ECO-FRIENDLY Life

COOK AND EAT IN COCONUT SHELLS!

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

Controls overeating

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

refilling is an option, it has been found that people often avoid refilling and that helps manage overeating.

Adds aroma to food

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

Reduces cholesterol level

When you cook in a coconut shell, the natural



fibre present in the shell gets infused in your food and helps in weight maintenance and also reduces cholesterol level. It also adds a fun element to your cutlery as it is eco-friendly and looks interesting.

Good for your tummy

According to health experts, coconut shells are packed with nutrients and minerals that are beneficial for your stomach. It is suggested that

when suffering from digestion issues like constipation, try using coconut shells as natural cutlery and the fibre and vitamins A, D, E, and K content will slowly improve your bowel movements. TNN

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TIMES NIE SUMMER CAMP 2

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

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QUIZ TIME (SPORTS)

Q.1) Which part of England is called cradle of cricket?
A. Broad Half-penny Down
B. Yorkshire
C. West Midlands
D. North East England

Q.2) When were the first widely accepted laws of cricket brought out?
A. 1855 B. 1744
C. 1566 D. 1878

Q.3) Till 1889 how many balls per over used to be bowled?

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

Q.4) In which country was an eight-ball over in vogue until recently?
A. West Indies
B. England
C. Pakistan D. Australia

Q.5) What was the colour of the ball used in the earlier days of women's cricket in England?
A. Blue B. Pink
C. 1954 D. 1456

C. Yellow D. Red

Q.6) Which is the oldest cricket club in the world?
A. MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club), London
B. Calcutta Cricket Club
C. Fiskerton Cricket Club
D. Bashers Cricket Club

Q.7) When was overarm bowling accepted as legal?
A. 1800 B. 1864
C. 1954 D. 1456

ANSWERS

1. A) Broad Half-penny Down 2. B) 1744 3. C) 4
4. D) Australia 5. A) Blue 6. A) MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club), London 7. B) 1864

KNOWLEDGE BANK (FUNGI)

Carolina Reaper

Carolina Reaper, originally named the HP22B, is a cultivar of the Capsicum chinense plant. The pepper is red and gnarled, with a small pointed tail. In 2013, Guinness World Records declared it the hottest chilli pepper in the world, surpassing the previous record holder, Trinidad Scorpion "Butch T". The sensory heat or pungency detected when consuming a Carolina Reaper derives from the density of capsaicinoids, particularly capsaicin, which relates directly to intensity of chilli pepper heat.



MAN CITY STUNNED BY BRIGHTON, MAN UTD HELD

FANS RETURN TO STADIUMS AFTER
14 MONTHS AS UK EASES LOCKDOWN RULES

Manchester United's Edinson Cavani celebrates scoring their first goal

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

City fine-tuning preparations

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

CHELSEA CLOSE TO TOP-FOUR FINISH

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



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

A wake up call

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



Need to keep it simple

■ Solskjaer pointed to the performance of Cavani, who this month signed a one-year contract extension, as an example of how his players can keep things simple. "Back tackles, runs, scores - there's no fluff," Solskjaer said. "We can't have fluff in a game of football." While Solskjaer was happy to see fans back in the stadium he conceded his players may have been trying to put on a show. The buzz, the energy, the atmosphere was magic, really," he added. "It was fantastic to have the fans back. Maybe that was part of the reason we played the way we did because we played too much to entertain at times. Too many difficult choices instead of a simple one."

■ United, who have failed to win their last three home games, travel to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Sunday to wrap up their league campaign before facing Villarreal on May 26 in the final of Europe's second-tier competition.

AUS HOPING FOR 'FULL CROWDS' FOR ASHES

England fans unlikely to be present at series

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

Hoping for crowds

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



Women's Ashes

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



In this Sept. 15, 2019, file photo, Australia's cricket team poses with the Ashes Urn after the fourth day of the fifth Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia at the Oval cricket ground in London.

CAN'T THINK OF WINNING FRENCH OPEN: FEDERER

Roger Federer said he is not playing well enough to have a chance of winning the French Open after the Swiss' preparations for the clay-court Grand Slam were cut short in Geneva on Tuesday. The 39-year-old was up 4-2 in the final set against world number 75 Pablo Andujar of Spain but lost the next four games to lose 6-4 4-6 6-4 in his only tune-up event on clay before the French Open starts on May 30. It was Federer's first match since his comeback in Doha in March after

sitting out over a year due to two knee surgeries. "I think when you played so little and you know where your level is at, how can I think of winning the French Open?" the 20-times major winner said.

"I'm just realistic that I know I will not win the French and whoever thought I would or could win it is wrong. "Of course, crazier things might have happened, but I'm not so sure in the last 50 years at the French Open, somebody just rocked up at 40-years-old, being out for a year and half and just go on to win everything straight." REUTERS



QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who is the 1st Indian to win an Asian Gold Medal in Javelin Throw (Men's Event)?

- a) Shivpal Singh ☐ b) Neeraj Chopra ☐
c) Davinder Singh Kang ☐ d) Gurtej Singh ☐

Q2: Who won the Orange cap in the 2019 IPL for being the highest run scorer?

- a) David Warner ☐ b) Virat Kohli ☐
c) KL Rahul ☐ d) AB DeVilliers ☐

Q3: Which Grand Slam tennis tournament is held first in the year?

- a) French Open ☐ b) Australian Open ☐
c) Wimbledon ☐ d) US Open ☐

Q4: What's the maximum number of clubs allowed in a golf player's bag during a round?

- a) 10 ☐ b) 11 ☐ c) 12 ☐ d) 14 ☐

Q5: Which Indian cricketer was the fastest to make 20,000 international runs?

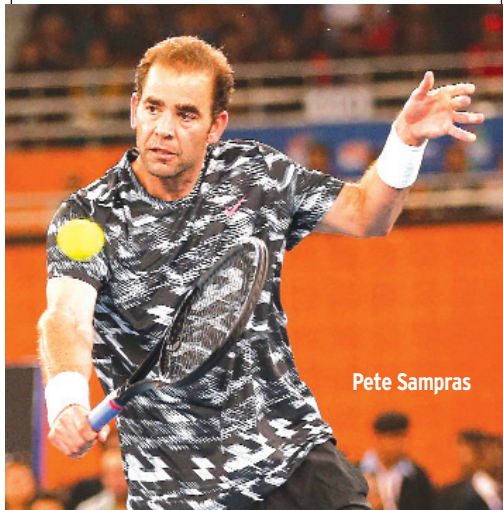
- a) Virat Kohli ☐ b) Rohit Sharma ☐
c) Rishabh Pant ☐ d) Shikhar Dhawan ☐

Q6: How many regulation strokes are there in swimming?

- a) 4 ☐ b) 3 ☐ c) 2 ☐ d) 1 ☐

Q7: Who broke Pete Sampras's record of maximum Grand Slams in tennis?

- a) Rafael Nadal ☐ b) Novak Djokovic ☐
c) Roger Federer ☐ d) Daniil Medvedev ☐



Pete Sampras

Q8: In which sport would competitors use a piece of equipment known as a foil?

- a) Javelin throw ☐ b) Marathon ☐
c) Fencing ☐ d) Pole Vault ☐

Q9: What is the maximum break you can score in snooker?

- a) 150 ☐ b) 50 ☐ c) 100 ☐ d) 147 ☐

Q10: In football, which team has won the Champions League (formerly the European Cup) the most?

- a) Real Madrid ☐ b) Arsenal ☐
c) Liverpool ☐ d) Bayern Munich ☐

Q11: The Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius", it means "Faster, Higher, _____".

- a) Sharper ☐ b) Stronger ☐
c) Smoother ☐ d) Leader ☐

Q12: Which is the only country to have the cricket World Cup in the 60 overs, 50 overs and 20 overs format?

- a) Pakistan ☐ b) Australia ☐
c) West Indies ☐ d) India ☐

ANSWERS: 1. b. Neeraj Chopra
2. a. David Warner 3. b. Australian Open
4. d. 14' 5. a. Virat Kohli 6. a. 4
7. c. Roger Federer 8. c. Fencing 9. d. 147
10. a. Real Madrid 11. b. Stronger 12. d. India