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NATION

**IMD indicates arrival of monsoon in Kerala
may be further delayed, no date specified**

NEW DELHI: The arrival of the monsoon in Kerala is expected to be delayed further, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has indicated without specifying a fresh date for its likely onset.

Conditions such as westerly wind patterns were making the onset conditions conducive. But the formation of a cyclonic circulation that intensified into a depression on Tuesday over the Southeast Arabian Sea has led to a reduction of cloud cover—another key condition for the onset—off the Kerala coast.

“Latest observations indicate that a depression has formed over [the] southeast Arabian Sea and about 920km west-southwest of Goa, 1120 km south-southwest of Mumbai, 1160 km south of Porbandar... It is likely to move nearly northwards and intensify into a cyclonic storm during next 24 hours over [the] eastcentral Arabian Sea & adjoining southeast Arabian Sea,” IMD said on Tuesday.

Monsoon normally arrives in Kerala around June 1 before advancing northwards and covering the entire country by July 15. IMD on May 16 said the monsoon was likely to arrive in Kerala on June 4 with a model error of +/-4 days. On Monday, IMD said westerly winds continued over the south Arabian Sea. It cited the



Vehicles ply amid rains at the Marina Beach, Chennai, on Tuesday
ANI

cyclonic circulation over the Southeast Arabian Sea and said the cloud mass was now more organised and concentrated over the area. “...There has been some reduction of clouds off Kerala coasts in [the] last 24 hours.”

The monsoon is critical for India's economy as 51% of India's farmed area accounting for 40% of production is rain-fed. As many as 47% of the country's population is dependent on agriculture for livelihood. A bountiful monsoon is directly linked to a healthy rural economy.

HT had on June 1 reported the monsoon progress was likely to be dampened after its expected arrival in Kerala around June 4 with a model error of +/-4 days due to the chances of the development of a low-pressure area over the Arabian Sea around two days later.
HTC

**India's Net economy
to grow sixfold to
\$1 trillion by 2030**

NEW DELHI: India's internet economy is expected to register sixfold growth and touch \$1 trillion by 2030, mainly driven by the e-commerce vertical, a joint report by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company released on Tuesday said.

The report estimates that India's internet-economy was in the range of \$155-175 billion in 2022.

According to the report, the growth will be led by the B2C e-commerce segment, followed by B2B e-commerce, software-as-a-service providers and online media led by over-the-top players.

“India's internet economy is expected to grow 6 x to \$1 trillion by 2030,” Google India, country manager & vice president, Sanjay Gupta said while sharing details of the report.

He said most of the purchases in future will take place digitally.
PTI

**Navy's torpedo
successfully engages
underwater target**

NEW DELHI: An indigenously developed heavyweight torpedo of the Indian Navy successfully engaged an underwater target that was described by the force as a “significant milestone”.

In a brief statement, the Indian Navy said on Tuesday that the torpedo's engagement of the target reflected its commitment to “future proof combat readiness” through self-reliance. “Successful engagement of an underwater target by an indigenously developed heavy weight torpedo is a significant milestone in Indian Navy's and the Defence Research and Development Organisation's quest for accurate delivery of ordnance on target in the underwater domain,” it said. “This showcases our commitment to future proof combat readiness through Aatma Nirbharta (self-reliance),” the Navy said.
PTI

CITY LIGHTS

Timarpur lake to soon welcome tourists: Minister

NEW DELHI: A lake in Delhi's Timarpur is being developed as a tourist destination by the city government and will be opened to the public soon, officials said on Monday.

The project to rejuvenate the lake, spanning 40 acres, in northeast Delhi also aims to establish an ecological system in the area and cost-effectively recharge the groundwater levels, alleviating the water woes of the local populace, officials said. Delhi water minister Saubh Bharadwaj reviewed the progress of the project during an inspection of Timarpur lake on the occasion of World Environment Day on Monday and planted saplings in the area.

He said 90% of the work is over and the project is in its final phase. The remaining work is expected to be finished soon after which the lake will be open to the public, Bharadwaj added. The lake is being developed as a tourist destination by the government and it will soon offer people the opportunity to



Facilities like a food cafe, museum, open-air theatre, butterfly park, gallery and auditorium will come up at the lake complex
HT

revel in the marvels of nature, the Delhi water minister's office said in a statement. A Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) being constructed here will channel clean water into the lake. Once the project is completed, it will aid in water storage and groundwater recharge and contribute to water treatment, they said.
PTI

**Jamia V-C welcomes
varsity ranking in NIRF**

NEW DELHI: Jamia Millia Islamia Vice Chancellor Najma Akhtar on Monday said the varsity had progressed from 83rd rank in 2016 to third rank in 2022 in the NIRF rankings, and attributed the achievement to improved perception about the university with regard to teaching and research. The ministry of education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2023 was announced by Union Minister of State for Education Rajkumar Ranjan Singh on Monday. In the eighth edition of NIRF rankings announced on Monday, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has retained the third position in the ‘universities’ category.
PTI

**DU's central library gets
₹110 cr for makeover**

NEW DELHI: Delhi University vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh on Tuesday said the varsity has sanctioned a fund of ₹110 crore for the expansion of its central library and construction work will commence soon. Singh made the announcement at the launch of The Centenary E-Book Collection and Digital Archive. The vice-chancellor said that libraries play a very important role in the life of universities. Now, a big change has come in the form of e-resources. Today, students find it very comfortable to read e-books and supplement it with their reading of printed books; so we have to change our mindsets, he noted.
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SCHOOL EVENT

**ITL PUBLIC SCHOOL, DWARKA,
ORGANISES INVESTITURE
CEREMONY WITH FERVOUR**

ITL Public School, Dwarka, organised its investiture ceremony with all enthusiasm for its newly elected Student Council members. The chief guest for the event was National Book Trust director Yuvraj Malik, who congratulated the young leaders and reinforced the importance of nation-building and leaving a legacy. School principal Sudha Acharya congratulated all the council members and inspired them to imbibe a perfect amalgamation of head, heart, and hand. She also motivated them to build a progressively advanced society.
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WORD POWER

Dubious

Doo-bee-uhs (Adjective)

Meaning: doubtful; marked by or occasioning doubt.

Origin: Dubious derives from the Latin verb dubare, meaning “to hesitate in choice of opinions or courses”.

Synonyms: arguable, debatable, equivocal, fishy, hesitant, problematic, reluctant, shady

Antonyms: aboveboard, believable, certain, clear, definite, determined, honest, probable

Usage: He made the highly dubious claim that Elvis is still alive and living in Hawaii.

WORLD

**Former VP Mike
Pence enters 2024
presidential race**

WASHINGTON: United States former Vice President Mike Pence on Monday declared himself a candidate in the 2024 Republican race for the White House, setting up a fight against former President Donald Trump. Pence's campaign filed a declaration of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission. Pence will launch his campaign with a video and a speech in the early nominating state of Iowa on Wednesday, three sources familiar with the situation said last week. Pence's run pits him against front-runner Trump, whom he once loyally stood by but refused to back when the former president attempted to overturn the results of the 2020 election won by Democrat Joe Biden.
REUTERS

**US fines Microsoft
\$20 million over
child data violations**

WASHINGTON: Microsoft will pay \$20 million to settle government charges that it collected personal information from children without their parents' consent, officials said Monday. The Federal Trade Commission alleged that from 2015 to 2020 Microsoft collected personal data from children under age 13 who signed up to its Xbox gaming system without their parents' permission and retained this information. To open an account, users had to provide their first and last names, an email address, and date of birth. The FTC said Microsoft violated a law called the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, or COPPA.
AFP

**Iran presents its first
hypersonic ballistic
missile: State media**

DUBAI: Iran presented what officials described as its first domestically-made hypersonic ballistic missile on Tuesday, the official IRNA news agency reported, an announcement likely to heighten Western concerns about Tehran's missile capabilities. Iranian state media published pictures of the missile named Fattah at a ceremony attended by President Ebrahim Rahisi and commanders of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards Corps. Fattah's top speed reached Mach 14 levels (15,000km/h).
REUTERS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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As valuable three-pointer piece of advice, the chief guest unravelled the importance of time, energy and life management. School principal Sudha Acharya congratulated all the council members and inspired them to imbibe a perfect amalgamation of head, heart, and hand. She also motivated them to build a progressively advanced society.

The event commenced with the solemn rendition of Sara Bareilles; song 'We are the Brave', sending a potent message to live life courageously, to become the best version of ourselves and to be empathetic.

Thereafter, council body in-charge Vaishali Mishra enlightened the august gathering about the selection procedure of the council members.

The ceremony was solemnized with the administering of the the oath as the deserving young students formally took over the mantle of responsibility of leading their school from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence.

Kanav Sharma of Class 12 was sworn in as the head boy while Vanshika Gupta donned the mantle of leadership as the head girl of the session 2023-24. Sanvi Thapar and Riyana Gulati were elected as vice head girls while Mehul Das Rehman



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THE DESERVING YOUNG STUDENTS FORMALLY TOOK OVER THE MANTLE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING THEIR SCHOOL FROM THE FRONT WITH THEIR COMMITMENT, CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE

and Aarnav Ramachandran were sworn in as vice head boys. Making a mark through significant cultural performances was a thought-provoking nukkad natak (street play) which sensitized and raised awareness on the importance of reading and the

effects of social media on reading.

An entertaining dance based on theme 'Never Give Up' reflected trials & tribulations that students encounter everyday owing to societal and peer pressures and how overcoming challenges with positive action can help one emerge as a leader.

The ceremony was a significant and momentous occasion where the school entrusted hope, faith and the mantle of responsibility to the newly-appointed school cabinet. It was the realization of one of the many spectrums of a larger vision, providing an excellent platform to the student council members to discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. The young leaders pledged to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities.

SIGHT AND SOUND SHOW AT MOUNT CARMEL, DWARKA

Mount Carmel School, Dwarka, hosted the first edition of the visual and performing arts exhibition titled Sight and Sound Show 2023. Around 535 students from Classes 4-12 participated in the event with enthusiasm. The exhibition was inaugurated by founder director Neena Williams.

The exhibition showcased a variety of performances such as Indian classical and folk music, contemporary, western and semi-classical vocal and instrumental music. Dance performances transported the audience to a world of magic. The auditorium was filled with magnificent melodies from groups of students playing the violin, tabla, esraj, guitar, and piano. The school music band presented Petra's Beyond Belief. A short live fusion by the arts students was a feast for the eyes. The exquisite paintings and excellent artworks by students showcased in the Mini Auditorium throughout the four days filled all viewers with awe. Appreciating the mesmerizing performances of the budding artists, the Dean, Michael, said the artists are truly the ambassadors of peace and harmony.



The exhibition was inaugurated by founder director Neena Williams



Students from 22 prestigious schools in Dwarka & surrounding areas took part in the event

NK Bagrodia Public School, Dwarka, organises Trishna Summit 2023 with enthusiasm

NK Bagrodia Public School, Sector 4, Dwarka, organised Trishna Summit 2023, a students' conclave focused on sustainable development goals (SDGs) on the theme of 'Sustainability Through Creativity'.

Over 460 students from 22 prestigious schools in Dwarka and the surrounding areas took part in various competitions conducted across different grade levels. The event aimed to empower students and encourage them to contribute towards creating a better and safer world through their creativity and innovation. The opening ceremony began with an invocation and a dance performance titled Saraswati Vandana. The theme of the event was introduced through a rhythmic presentation.

Group Captain Sunil Menon along with school director Rajeev N Kumar, principal Jaishree Nawani and academic coordinator Satinder Kaur Singh presided over the event. School

chairman Raghav Bagrodia, founder trustee KK Dhanuka and manager RK Paul were also present on that occasion. Head of School Anjali Kharbanda welcomed the attendees. The event featured a wide range of competitions including art, music, dance, radio broadcasting, science and treasure hunting, all tailored to different grade levels.

During an event titled Herb-O-Mitrali, students planted medicinal plants in the school garden & gave presentations on their benefits. The closing ceremony had poet Sukrita Paul Kumar as the chief guest.

The ceremony included a mesmerizing Ghoomar dance performance, followed by an inspirational speech by the chief guest. The best performers in each event were felicitated with certificates and gift hampers. The summit received immense appreciation for its unique concept and was a resounding success.

Ganga International School, Sawda, celebrates Mother's Day with all zeal

Ganga International School, Sawda, celebrated Mother's Day with zeal on its premises. The main aim of the celebration was to honour the mothers as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and their influence in society.

To make the occasion more distinctive, the mothers of Primary students were invited to school to grace the occasion. The event was initiated by lighting the sacred lamp by principal Prerana Chauhan. It was followed by a fun-filled yet emotional dance performance by the toddlers of Kinder-

garten. Mothers were ecstatic to see their little wards swaying for them.

In addition, there were various poems to highlight and thank mother's love and sacrifice. The spotlight of the programme was a skit which depicted the new-era mothers and their multi-tasking personalities. A heartfelt and stellar performance presented by Primary students was purely dedicated to mother's love.

The mothers participated in the fireless cooking activity and a dance competition enthusiastically.

Chauhan addressed the mothers and told them that life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother. She thanked all the mothers for sparing their precious time to grace the occasion.

She also laid emphasis on the pivotal role of mothers in shaping the personalities and strengthening the family bonding. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the principal.



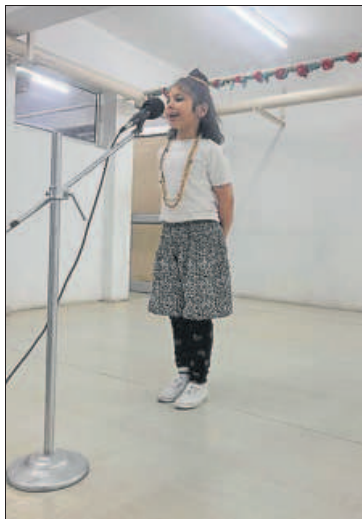
The school organised various activities to honour mothers who had been invited to attend the event

Modern Era Convent, Janakpuri, conducts event titled Extravaganza

Modern Era Convent, Janakpuri, conducted an event titled Extravaganza on the theme 'Talent Hunt'. Dressed in colourful clothes, the students of Classes 3-5 participated in various activities during the event and exhibited their innate talents.

With a vision to broaden students' thinking skills and help them explore unexplored horizons, the school strives to provide them with opportunities through a variety of activities.

The event included devotional and patriotic songs, musical instrument performance, singing, poem recitation, a variety of dances ranging from free dance to classical. The event was woven with creativity, imagination and intriguing messages. The main objective of the event was to uncover the hidden talents of students and inculcate confidence in them.



Students of Classes 3-5 participated in various activities during the event

GD Goenka, Paschim Vihar, celebrates birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore

GD Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar, celebrated the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, who is also known as the Bard of Bengal, with all enthusiasm and aplomb.

On that occasion, students highlighted his contributions and the varied aspects of his life through an array of activities. Students participated in activities like card making, sketching a portrait, essay writing, book cover designing etc.

It was an attempt to show the diverse facets of the Nobel laureate. The efforts of the school team for conducting zestful activities were appreciated by all.

The event brought the students



Students highlighted various aspects of the life of Rabindranath Tagore

closer to the magic of English language and literature.

KV Janakpuri teacher & student selected for Japan's science programme

In a momentous achievement for their school, Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Janakpuri, and community, chemistry teacher Vinay Kumar and student Sudhansu Kumar were selected by KVS, MOE from Delhi region for the esteemed SAKURA Science High School Program in Japan.

This programme is a prestigious initiative aimed at fostering scientific

research & cultural exchange among high school students from across the globe. It gives a unique opportunity to young minds to collaborate with leading researchers and engage in cutting-edge scientific projects, all while immersing themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Japan.

The programme will allow both Vinay and Sudhansu to collaborate

with students and renowned researchers across the world, enabling them to broaden their horizons & exchange knowledge.

The programme offers an excellent platform for students and teachers alike to share their own experiences and expertise, fostering cross-cultural understanding and building lasting friendships.



Vidyalaya's student Sudhansu Kumar, left, and chemistry teacher Vinay Kumar were selected for SAKURA Science High School Program in Japan

MIND GAMES

SUDOKU

4	6					1		
	3	7						
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7		1		6				
		2						7
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	2		8	5				3
				4	9	8		

SCRAMBLE

Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

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EIRNNN
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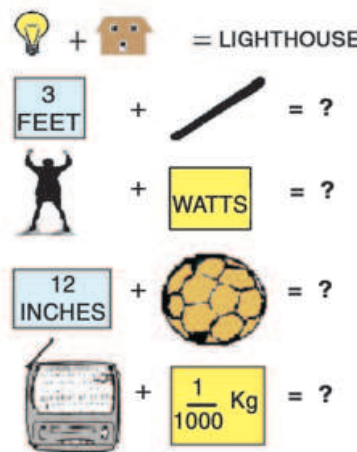
Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (*) to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing words as indicated.

If I _ _ _ I can work backwards. - Arthur Miller (3,2,6)

Answer: If I see an ending I can work backwards - Arthur Miller

PICTURE PUZZLE

Guess the words from the pictures given below.



Answer: Yardstick, Manpower, Football, Radiogram

Amrita Bharati Features

MATHDOKU

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	10×	3-	
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5÷	20×	6×	2÷
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Place numbers into the puzzle cells so that each row and column contains each of the digits from 1 to 5. No number is to be repeated in any row or column. Each bold-outlined cells contain a hint of a number and one of the mathematical symbols + x - /. The number is the result of the operation represented by the symbol to the digits contained.



Solutions

1	6	8	7	4	2	3	5	1
3	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	2	7	1	4	3	6	8	9
4	9	6	3	7	2	1	5	8
8	3	5	2	6	4	7	1	9
7	4	1	6	3	8	5	2	9
2	9	3	8	7	5	1	4	6
6	5	4	9	1	8	3	7	2
9	8	7	2	3	1	4	5	6

SUDOKU SOLUTION

1	3	2	4	5
4	2	3	5	1
5	1	4	3	2
3	5	2	1	4
2	4	5	3	1

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

SCRAMBLE Solution Words: Melele, daisy, rennin, trudge

MINDBENDER

Martin is shipwrecked on an island and must hurry to reach a village before it gets dark. There is a fork in the path — one way leads to the village and the other leads to hungry cannibals. Martin sees two sisters on the path who both know which path is safe. But one of the sisters is honest, and the other always lies. Martin can ask one of them only a single question. What should it be?



Answer: Martin should ask: 'If I were to ask you which path leads to the cannibals, what would you say?' and go the other way.

MOSCOW, KYIV BLAME EACH OTHER



This picture shows damage at the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Dam at Nova Kakhovka, near Kherson, on Monday.

Ukraine dam supplying water to nuclear plant, Crimea is breached, unleashing floods

Reuters

KHERSON, UKRAINE: A torrent of water burst through a huge dam on the Dnipro River that separates Russian and Ukrainian forces in southern Ukraine on Tuesday, flooding a swathe of the war zone and forcing villagers to flee. Ukraine and its Western allies accused Russia of blowing up the dam in a deliberate war crime. The Kremlin said it was Ukraine that had sabotaged the dam, to distract attention from a counter-offensive Moscow claims is faltering. Some Russian-installed officials said the dam had burst on its own.

Neither side offered immediate public evidence of who was to blame. The Geneva Conventions explicitly ban targeting dams in war, because of the danger to civilians posed by destruction of such "works and installations containing dangerous forces".

By mid-morning in the city of Kherson on the Ukrainian-held side, a pier on a tributary of the Dnipro had already been submerged by the surge climbing the banks.

The Nova Kakhovka dam supplies water to a swathe of southern Ukraine's agricultural land, including the Russian-occupied Crimean peninsula, as well as cooling the Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant. The vast reservoir behind it is one of the main geographic features of southern Ukraine, 240 km long and up to 23 km wide.

A swathe of countryside lies in the flood plain below, with villages on the Russian-held southern bank seen as particularly vulnerable.

The destruction of the dam creates a new humanitarian disaster in the centre of the war zone and transforms the front lines just as Ukraine is unleashing a long-awaited counter-offensive to drive Russian troops from its territory.

Russia has controlled the dam since early in the war, although Ukrainian forces recaptured the northern side of the river last year. Both sides had long accused the other of planning to destroy it.

"Russian terrorists. The destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant dam only confirms for the whole

world that they must be expelled from every corner of Ukrainian land," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

Russians had "carried out an internal detonation of the structures" of the dam. "About 80 settlements are in the zone of flooding," he said on Telegram.

Nato's Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg called it "an outrageous act, which demonstrates once again the brutality of Russia's war in Ukraine".

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a regular news briefing: "We can state unequivocally that we are talking about deliberate sabotage by the Ukrainian side."

Earlier, Russian-installed officials had given conflicting accounts, some saying the dam had been hit by Ukrainian missiles overnight, others saying it had burst on its own due to earlier damage.

Nuclear plant

The UN nuclear watchdog said the Zaporizhzhia power plant should have enough water to cool its reactors for "some months" from a separate pond located above the reservoir, and called for the pond to be spared.

The water level at the town immediately adjacent to the breached dam could rise by up to 12 metres, its Russia-installed mayor, Vladimir Leonatyev, said on Telegram. Video showed water surging through the remains of the dam - which is 30 metres tall and 3.2 km long.

Some 22,000 people living across 14 settlements in Kherson region are at risk of flooding, Russia's RIA news agency quoted the Moscow-installed head of the region as saying.

The Russian-installed governor of Crimea, Sergei Aksyonov, said there was a risk that water levels in the North Crimea Canal, which carries fresh water to the peninsula from the Dnipro river, could fall. Crimea had sufficient water reserves for the moment, and the level of risk would become clear in coming days.

The dam breach came as Ukraine prepares its long-awaited counter-offensive to drive Russian forces from its territory, using newly supplied Western tanks and armoured vehicles.

SMILE IS A GOOD EXERCISE FOR FACIAL MUSCLES

Post Covid, Japanese get trained in smiles as masks slowly come off

Reuters

TOKYO: In one of Keiko Kawano's recent classes, more than a dozen Tokyo art school students held mirrors to their faces, stretching the sides of their mouths upward with their fingers: they were practising how to smile.

It's not something most people would think to pay for but Kawano's services as a smile instructor are seeing a surge in demand in Japan, where mask-wearing was near universal during the pandemic. Himawari Yoshida, 20, one of the students taking the class as part of her school's courses to prepare them for the job market, says she needed to work on her smile.

"I hadn't used my facial muscles much during Covid so it's good exercise," she said.

Kawano's company Egaoku - literally Smile Education - has seen a more than four-fold jump in demand from last year, with customers ranging from companies seeking more approachable salespeople and local governments looking to improve their residents' well-being.

An hour-long one-on-one lesson costs \$55 (₹4,541). Even before the pandemic, donning a mask in Japan was normal for many during hay fever season and around exams due to concern about getting ill for a key life event. But while the government may have lifted its recommendation to wear masks in March, many people have still not let them go on a daily basis.

A poll by public broadcaster NHK in May showed 55% of Japanese saying they were wearing them just as often as two months earlier. Only 8% said they had stopped wearing masks altogether. Tellingly, roughly a quarter of the art school students who took the class kept their masks on during the lesson. Young people have, perhaps, become used to life with masks, Kawano said, noting that women might find it easier to go out without makeup and men could hide that they hadn't shaved.



The former radio host who started giving lessons in 2017 has also trained 23 others as smiling coaches to spread the virtues and technique of crafting the perfect smile around Japan. Her trademarked Hollywood Style Smiling Technique method comprises "crescent eyes", "round cheeks" and shaping the edges of the mouth to bare eight pearly whites in the upper row. Students can try out their technique on a tablet to get scored on their smile.

Kawano believes that culturally, Japanese people may be less inclined to smile than Westerners because of their sense of security as an island nation and as a unitary state. To hear her tell it, the threat of guns might, ironically, encourage more smiling.

"Culturally, a smile signifies that I'm not holding a gun and I'm not a threat to you," she said. With a surge in inbound tourists, Japanese people need to communicate with foreigners with more than just their eyes, she added.

"I think there's a growing need for people to smile."

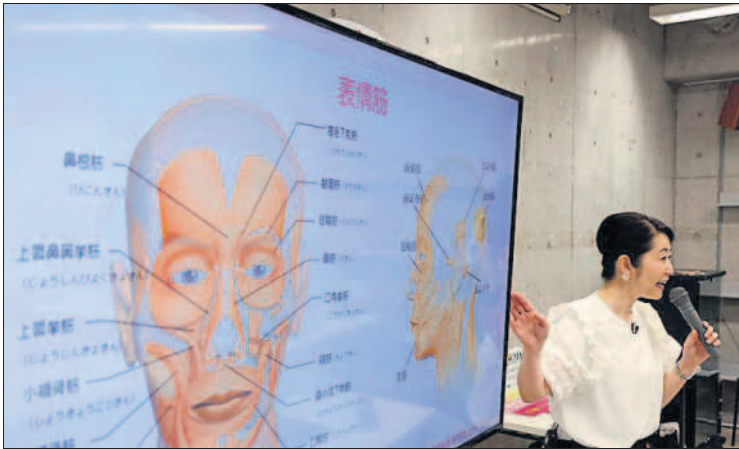


(Clockwise from left) A student practices smiling with a mirror at a training course at Sokei Art School in Tokyo; Smile coach Keiko Kawano teaching her class; Students practice smiling; Smile coach Kawano teaches how to stretch facial muscles.

REUTERS



(From left) Students practise how to smile in front of mirrors and smile coach Keiko Kawano at her Sokei Art School



REUTERS

HT CHRONICLE June 7 >> from the archives of the Hindustan Times



Infusing new life in rural areas

THE President, Dr Rajendra Prasad, yesterday cut a few slices of earth in a blocked drain at Sahibabad village, about 10 miles to the north-west of Delhi city, and thus inaugurated the Bhumi Sena (land army), the object of which is to infuse a new vigour in the rural life of the country.

The Sena will be a band of voluntary workers, spread all over the country, to assist and advise the cultivators on modern methods of agriculture.

The first platoon of the Sena was constituted of 30 graduates of Delhi University. Dressed in white trousers and shirts, the platoon stood to attention on the incline of the drain in two roles as the President arrived, the men in the - front row with spades in hand and those at the back with earth-carrying vessels. Beside the platoon stood 50 villagers and 50 teachers of village primary schools, also with spades and earth-carrying vessels.

The first task of the Sena in Delhi is to cut the drain from Sahibabad village to Najafgarh, a distance of 11 miles, requiring excavation of six million cubic feet of earth. The drain runs across 12 villages, and the whole work is intended to be completed in about 20 days with the voluntary labour of the villagers, primary school teachers and university students.



Walcott retains title

WALCOTT RETAINS TITLE POINTS WIN OVER EZZARD CHARLES

PHILADELPHIA, June 6. JERSEY JOE WALCOTT added another glorious chapter to his "Cinderella Man" story last night by winning a unanimous 15-round decision over younger Ezzard Charles and keeping the world heavy-weight championship in his first defence.

Walcott, 38-year-old father of six children, was blowing blood from his nose like an angry bull in the last round, as he moved to

the decision. Many of the spectators disagreed with the decision, but nevertheless they joined in giving the stocky, bull-shouldered Negro from Camden, New Jersey, a grand ovation when the decision was announced. **EXPLOSIVE FASHION** Walcott had won some of his rounds in an explosive fashion that threatened to knock out

Charles again, just as the 30-year-old challenger had been kayoed in their third fight at Pittsburgh last July 18. As Walcott, a true miracle man of the ring, won the decision in the same stadium where Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney fought 26 years ago, he proved the ancient ring adage about heavy-weight champions: "They never I come back."

Li Peng hurt in attempt on life

HONG KONG - Chinese Premier Li Peng was shot at and injured in the thigh in an assassination attempt by a police officer in Beijing on Sunday afternoon, a Hong Kong daily said today, report agencies.

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against the Government as his sister and a girlfriend, both students at Beijing University, were killed in Sunday's military crackdown.

The paper also said a young secretary working for Premier Li abandoned his post and fled Beijing early yesterday in protest against the bloodshed.

The young secretary was quoted as telling a friend that he found Mr Li mentally agitated and exhibiting signs of emotional instability, banging on tables and breaking glasses.

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Intense physical activity can cut genetic susceptibility to type 2 diabetes: Study

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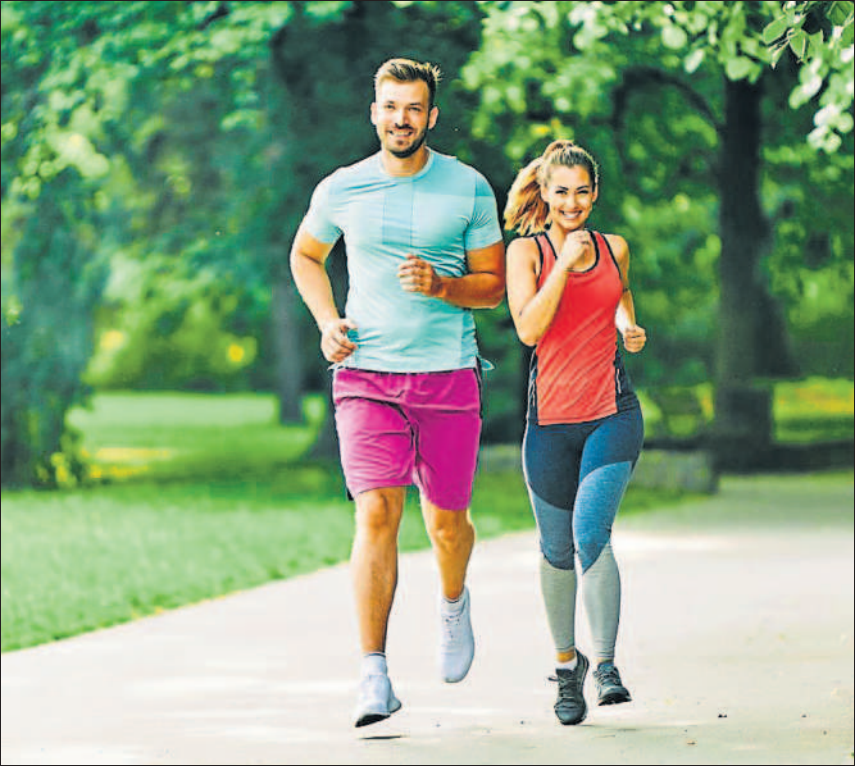
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SYDNEY: Regular vigorous-intensity physical activity can reduce a person's genetic susceptibility to type 2 diabetes, according to a study. The University of Sydney-led study discovered a robust correlation between higher levels of overall physical activity, mainly moderate — to vigorous-intensity physical activity and a lower risk of type 2 diabetes. The findings were published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine. The researchers say the study demonstrates higher levels of physical

activity should be promoted as a major strategy for type 2 diabetes prevention. The study involved 59,325 adults from the UK Biobank, who wore accelerometers (activity trackers worn on their wrist) at the start of the study and were then followed for up to seven years to track health outcomes. The UK Biobank is a large-scale biomedical database and research resource containing anonymised genetic, lifestyle and health information from half a million UK participants. This included genetic markers

associated with a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. People with a high genetic risk score had 2.4 times the risk of developing type 2 diabetes when compared with those with a low genetic risk score. The study showed more than an hour of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity per day was associated with a 74% lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes when compared with participants who did less than 5 minutes of physical activity. This was even when other factors, including genetic risk, were accounted for. Another compelling finding was that participants with a high genetic risk, but who were in the most physically active category, actually had a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes when compared with those with a low genetic risk but in the least active category. Senior author Associate Professor Melody Ding from the Charles Per-

kins Centre and the Faculty of Medicine and Health says although the role of genetics and physical activity in the onset of type 2 diabetes is well established, until now most data were self-reported and there was little evidence whether the genetic risk could be counteracted by physical activity. Associate Professor Ding says moderate-intensity physical activity describes movements that get you sweating and slightly out of breath, such as brisk walking and general gardening. Examples of vigorous-intensity physical activity include running, aerobic dancing, cycling uphill or at a fast pace and heavy gardening such as digging — all activities that make you out of breath or cause you to breathe heavily. Diabetes is a global public health concern. In 2021, there were 537 million adults living with diabetes worldwide.



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Wolverine spotted in California for only 2nd time in last 100 years



This May 2023 image released by the National Park Service shows a rare wolverine sighting in the eastern Sierra Nevada, California. One wolverine was spotted in the state from 2008 to 2018, beginning in the Tahoe National Forest, officials said. Last month's wolverine is likely a different one because the animal's lifespan is usually 12 to 13 years. AP

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BISHOP, CALIF. : A wolverine was spotted three times last month in the eastern Sierra Nevada, a rare occurrence for an animal that's only been seen one other time in California over the last 100 years, state wildlife officials said. While wolverines are native to California, they've been essentially extinct from the state since the 1920s — likely the result of hunting and fur trapping in the decades following the gold rush, though records from the time don't indicate what exactly caused the population to decline. One wolverine was spotted in the state from 2008 to 2018, beginning in the Tahoe National Forest, officials

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"It's just really exciting and surprising," said Daniel Gammons, a senior environmental scientist in California's Department of Fish and Wildlife. Male wolverines walk through huge territories — easily several hundred square kilometers — and this winter's heavy snowfall in the West may have created "habitat bridges" for the wolverine, Gammons said. The animal could have travelled from the Rocky and Cascade mountain ranges, or from as far away as Canada or Alaska. Wildlife officials are trying to get a specimen of the wolverine's hair or scat for genetic testing. The species — the largest terrestrial member of the weasel family — is listed as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act.

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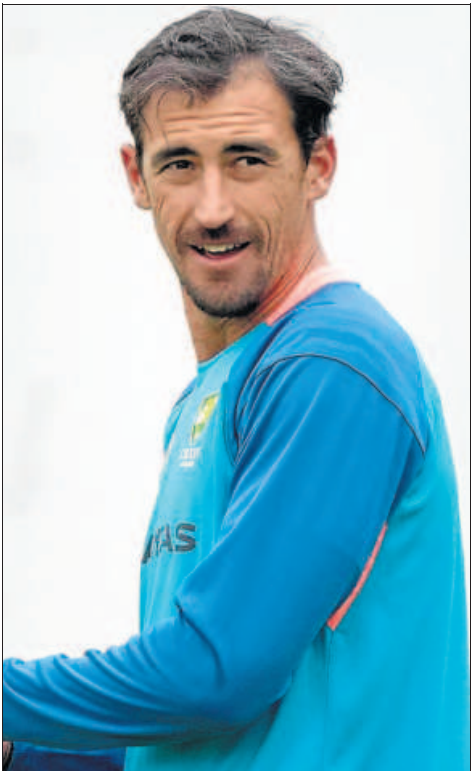


WTC FINAL

The money's nice, but I'd love to play 100 Test matches, says Aussie pacer Starc on IPL

LONDON: Premier Australian pacer Mitchell Starc said he hasn't been participating in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for a long time to prolong his international career as he wants to represent his country in 100 Test matches.

A member of the 2015 ODI World Cup winning team and the 2021 T20 World Cup winning side, Starc will be looking to add another ICC event to his name when he turns up for Australia in the World Test Championship



Mitchell Starc. AP

final against India at The Oval starting on Wednesday.

"To choose not to do certain things to prolong playing for Australia, I've tried to be smart about that," Starc, who has played only two editions of the IPL for the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), told cricket.com.au.

"Yeah, the money's nice, but I'd love to play 100 Test matches. Whether I get there or not, I don't know, but that would be a nice one to tick off. Hopefully, there's a little bit left in me." The 33-year-old left-arm pacer has so far appeared in 77 Tests, taking 306 wickets at an average of 27.52 since making his debut in 2011. He also played 110 ODIs and 58 T20s, snapping 219 and 73 wickets respectively.

"To play three formats for over 10 years, it's been a lot of pain along the way, but I'm grateful I've gotten that far. Whilst I've tried to add to the bow, as soon as I lose air speed, there's going to be someone chasing me.

"Once that next left-artermer is coming through, yeah, I'm sure I'll know when I know." Starc had received a lot of flak for his unflattering performance in the last few years with the late Shane Warne even questioning his place in the team. "That (media criticism) might have bothered me a few years ago, but I've certainly settled on a happy place where it doesn't bother me anymore," he said.

"If that's what people think, that's what they think... if I'm the whipping boy sometimes, that's fine.

"I'm certainly more comfortable in my own skin. Perspective is everything, and one of the biggest contributors to perspective is going through those tough times."

FOOTBALL

Benzema signs for Saudi's Al-Ittihad: Club

RIYADH: Real Madrid's Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema has signed for Saudi Arabia's Al-Ittihad for three years starting next season, a source in the Jeddah-based club told AFP on Tuesday. "Benzema has signed a contract for his transfer to Al-Ittihad for a three-year period starting next season," the source said.

The announcement comes days after Real Madrid announced that the 35-year-old was leaving the club after 14 seasons, the day after coach Carlo Ancelotti had said there was "no doubt" Benzema's future was in the Spanish capital.

Benzema is in line to join Cristiano Ronaldo in the Gulf kingdom after the Portuguese five-time world player of the year moved to Al Nassr from Manchester United following last year's World Cup. Lionel Messi, who is leaving Paris Saint-Germain after two seasons, has also been linked to a move to Saudi Arabia. Senior officials from Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal have flown to France to try and seal a deal for Messi after the 35-year-old Argentinian



Karim Benzema. AFP

played his last game for PSG at the weekend. The Saudi delegation plans to meet Messi's father and agent, Jorge, with the aiming of completing the signing as soon as possible, sources told AFP on Sunday.

Benzema joined Madrid in 2009 from Ligue 1 side Lyon. He made 647 appearances for Madrid and is the second on Real's all-time goalscoring list with 353, only Cristiano Ronaldo has more.

SINGAPORE OPEN

Srikanth wins; Sindhu, Prannoy bow out

SINGAPORE: Kidambi Srikanth made a winning start but PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy were ousted from the Singapore Open Super 750 tournament after suffering contrasting losses in the opening round.

Srikanth beat Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen 21-15 21-19.

The former world number one will meet either Japan's Kenta Nishimoto or Chinese Taipei's Chia Hao Lee next. Up against world number 1 Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, defending champion Sindhu fought hard

before going down 21-18 19-21 17-21. Sindhu had also made a first-round exit from Thailand Open last week.

Prannoy, who came into the tournament after claiming his maiden BWF title at Malaysia Masters, couldn't match the young Kodai Naraoka, losing 15-21 19-21 to the third seeded Japanese in 56 minutes.

Doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila, however, made a good start after claiming a 21-16 21-15 win over France's Lucas Corvee and Ronan Labar in their opening match.

EYEING A HISTORIC TREBLE



Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola (R) takes part in a team training session ahead of their UEFA Champions League final against Inter Milan on June 10. AFP

WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



India's Rohit Sharma with head coach Rahul Dravid during a practice session at The Oval in London on Tuesday.

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Australia a hurdle in India's bid to end ICC title drought

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LONDON: A formidable bunch of Indian cricketers will require a perfect blend of skill and temperament when it clashes with an equally-strong Australia in the World Test Championship final, starting Wednesday, with an aim to end a decade-long global trophy jinx.

India have been the most consistent side over the past two WTC cycles and also reached knockout phases of major white-ball tournaments over the last 10 years but a trophy has eluded them.

The last major ICC trophy India won was way back in 2013 when it bagged the Champions Trophy in England. Since then, the side has lost three finals and on four occasion it bit dust at the semifinal stage. It also made an exit at the preliminary stage of the 2021 T20 World Cup. The country has been pretty much driving the finances of the sport and considering the vast talent pool on offer, the expectations of dominating the game on field seem only fair.

Out of the six series India played in this cycle, their only series loss came

in South Africa and that led to an unexpected change of guard with Rohit Sharma taking over the leadership role from Virat Kohli. They remained unconquerable at home, drew a hard-fought series in England before surviving a slight scare in Bangladesh. Winning the big titles is what defines the legacy of a team but whatever may be the outcome of the final at The Oval, India head coach Rahul Dravid's opinion about his team won't change.

"In the context of things, you look at this and you see this is the culmination of a lot of success that gets you here," said Dravid ahead of the title clash. "Winning the series in Australia, drawing series here, being very competitive everywhere that this team has played in the world over the last five or six years. I think those are things that will never change just because you have or you don't have an ICC trophy," he said.

India ignored the conditions and went with their traditional strength – two spinners – against the Black Caps in the final at Southampton two years ago but the move backfired.

As The Oval gears up to host its first

ever Test in June in its 143-year existence, India are heading into the unknown and face a couple of key selection calls that might decide the fate of the game. It will always be a temptation to play both Ravindra Jadeja and R Ashwin in the same team but considering that it is only the start of the summer and pitches are fresh, there is a strong case for a fourth pace bowling option.

In the batting department, Rishabh Pant is not available to bail the team out in case of a top-order collapse. Therefore, the management needs to decide whether it need the 'x-factor' of Ishan Kishan or the more reliable wicket-keeping skills of K S Bharat. The wily Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj pick themselves in the pace department and a call needs to be made between old-horse Umesh Yadav and all-rounder Shardul Thakur.

Majority of India's squad members were involved in two-month long IPL and only got a week to train together in the scenic town of Arundel before heading to London. As a modern-day cricketer, one is expected to smoothly switch formats but playing Test cricket in England is never easy. The

job gets tougher when one has to face the likes of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Scott Boland, who is expected to start in place of injured Josh Hazlewood.

It is being as billed as the 'Ultimate Test' and it will indeed be one for proven performers like Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli as well for a rising star like Shubman Gill. Cheteshwar Pujara will look to extend the rich form he has shown in County cricket while Ajinkya Rahane will be itching to deliver in his comeback game.

In comparison to Indians who are match-fit after a long IPL season, Australians will go into the final with fresher mind and body. Only three of their players were part of the league in India. Players like Cummins chose to prepare back home while Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith got themselves ready for the long summer with County stints.

The game could well be decided by how the top-order of either team fares against high-quality pace. After a couple of prolific seasons, opener Usman Khawaja will be expected to shine on the big stage while David Warner will have a point to prove in the twilight of his career.

TENNIS

Muchova beats Pavlyuchenkova to reach first French Open semis

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PARIS: Karolina Muchova is in the French Open semifinals for the first time.

The unseeded Czech defeated 2021 runner-up Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia 7-5, 6-2 in the quarter-finals on Tuesday.

Her previous best result in Paris was the third round last year.

Pavlyuchenkova played for more than three hours in her previous match and appeared tired as she got off a sluggish start and gave away too many easy points.

She tried to fight back using her powerful groundstrokes but her hopes of a comeback were dashed when she went down 4-1 in the second set after another big forehand bounced wide.

Pavlyuchenkova missed most of the 2022 season with a knee injury. Ranked No. 333, she was the lowest-ranked woman to reach the Roland Garros quarterfinals in the Open Era, and the lowest at any Grand Slam since 2017.

Muchova has also been slowed by an injuries as an abdominal problem forced her to rest for six months after the 2021 U.S. Open. She damaged an ankle during her third-round match at Roland Garros last year.

Muchova will be playing her second semifinal at a major after making it that far at the Australian Open two years ago.

Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka was to play Elina Svitolina in Tuesday's other women's quarter-



Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic in action against Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova during their French Open quarter-final. AP

final.

Sabalenka is from Belarus, and Svitolina – playing in her first major since becoming a mother – is from Ukraine. Belarus aided Russia in its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and the war continues. Like other players from Ukraine, including Sabalenka's first-round opponent last week, Svitolina has not been shaking hands with players from Belarus or Russia after matches.

In the men's bracket, top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic are on a collision course and could set up a mouth-watering semifinal contest if they both win Tuesday.

Djokovic, the 22-time Grand Slam champion, plays No. 11 Karen Khachanov on Court Philippe Chatrier. Alcaraz, who won last year's U.S. Open, takes on No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas, a two-time runner-up at major tournaments.

WOMEN'S JUNIOR ASIA CUP: INDIA FIGHTBACK TO HOLD KOREA TO 2-2 DRAW

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KAKAMIGHARA: India came from behind to salvage a 2-2 draw against Korea in their third game of the women's Junior Asia Cup hockey tournament here on Tuesday.

Yujin Lee (15th) and Jiyeon Choi (30th) found the back of the net for Korea, while Deepika Soreng (43rd) and Deepika (54th) scored a goal each, enabling India to secure a draw and maintain their position at the top of Pool A. Korea swiftly settled into a passing rhythm and dominated India in the first quarter, controlling the majority of possession and repeatedly testing India's defence. They won a couple of penalty corners but failed to capitalise.

However, they were able to take the lead when Lee scored a field goal through a well-placed shot from inside the D.

With a 1-0 lead, Korea entered the second quarter with an assertive approach and played a pressing game to dominate India. But minutes before the half-time break, India began to put pressure on Korea by counterattacking, but they were unable to find an equaliser. Meanwhile, Korea shifted gears and started playing more aggressively which helped them double their lead as Choi converted a penalty corner with absolute precision to make sure that Korea went into the half-time break with a 2-0 lead.

The third quarter began with Korea attacking again and winning an early penalty corner, which India's goalkeeper Aditi Maheshwari saved to prevent Korea from extending their lead.

Students' flair for art, poetry showcased

Summer vacations give the students a break from the routine of daily homework and studies. Given the scorching heat outdoors, some students utilise this time to express their creativity through paintings and drawings as are evident in these art pieces. Today, the verse section features a poem on India's prestigious presidency of the G20 group of nations and another one on how the society expects women to behave and what all she is deprived of.



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Poem on G-20

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A place of beauty and grace aside.
G-20 summit comes to call,
To bring our country's story forth for all.
From sustainable development to digital revolution and more,
The leaders gather in India's hallowed door.
This momentous event will be remembered still,
As the G-20 summit reaches its peak on India's hill.
A platform for economic growth and innovation too.
For global financial stability, there is much we can do.
It is an opportunity for us to come together as one,
And show the world what progress has been done.
Let us use this time wisely with hope in our hearts,
Making sure that everyone plays their part.

Rakshita Singh, Class 9 C, St. John's School, Greater Noida West

Her

Everyone likes her when she is a giver.
Nobody likes her when she is a receiver.
Everyone wants to take her everything away from her.
Nobody wants to give her their everything.
She is 'taken' until she is quiet,
She is 'loner' if she demand once.
Everyone loves her to be submissive
Everyone leaves her to be dominative.
At the end, she is left abandoned for some silly reasons as always

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