

## Footballer captains state team to 1st runner-up position

Vivaan M Tiwari of class IX was selected as captain of the Karnataka state football team and got the honour of representing the state for the second time. He was part of the 10th Sub Junior National Nine-A-side Football Championship held

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on February 13-14. He played as Captain at centre back position. The team

went on to win the runner up position.

The team first won against Madhya Pradesh by 1 goal, scored by Vivaan in a free-kick. In the semi-finals against Telangana, they won 2-0 in a penalty shoot-out and finally the moment of pride when they won the 1st runner up in the finals against West Bengal.

Football is a team game that is not just about kicking a ball around the field. It involves many physical and emotional aspects. Playing the game helps a person foster important life skills, such as leadership qualities, goal-setting and time-management. Winning and losing, celebrating and contemplating is all part of being a team, an entity of its own.

Congratulations Vivaan. All of us at EuroSchool are here to cheer you on as you reach greater heights! Thank you for making your state and your school proud!



## Leverage the time available, and skill up

Students, teachers, parents, heads or school leaders, each one of us have a different role to play in a school environment. We are all entwined by a subtle thread, which is to bring out the best tangible results for the community around us. A lot has been done in the past ten months since the lockdown was imposed and there are a marathon of

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J A Vani Sharma, founder and principal, Tapovan School

activities that can be done in the months to come. Everyone can leverage the time available and complete their unfulfilled dream projects. It is a good time to attain measurable achievements.

Students: Most students from the age of five years and above have mastered the art of attending virtual

classes. The initial hiccups have been smoothened out. We now have three more months to go before schools reopen next year. Use this indoor time wisely. Sign up for the umpteen free or paid short term courses available, ranging from coding, creation of gaming apps, DIY toys, scale models of your choice, robotics, art n craft, art based learning, SAI (Sports Authority of India) courses, yoga, meditation for mental health, STREAM- Science, Technology, ROBOTICS, Engineering, Art, Math and many more. Acquire as many skills and certificates as you can. Thanks to NEP2020, there is a pragmatic approach to education. You can also attend free virtual workshops available in these fields.



More skilled you are, better the opportunities. More the privatisation, more the recognition for competency. Get in tune with the 17 goals of '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' (SDG) adopted by all United Nation member states.

Parents: My big salute to all the parents, particularly the home makers. This year teachers, students and parents learnt to manage online classes at the same time, with a degree of variation. It was not easy for the parents to be all at the same level. But with good motivation from the school, and in the interest of their wards, they adapted. Given the long relationship between teachers and students, I feel schools are bound morally to counsel parents, to engage parents meaningfully from time to

time and guide them with all the possible opportunities and avenues that is available to a student. Involve the parents in as many workshops as possible to develop a harmonious relation, particularly during the child's puberty. Parents must be counselled about teenage issues.

The pandemic lead to strengthening of family bonds for some and dejection for others. Mental Health advocates have been receiving distress calls from both students and parents. Over proximity without any relief is the main culprit. My earnest request to all the parents to be tolerant and patient with children. The expectations from your child is different from those at office. You will need to do a balancing act.

Be a friend to your children and boost their confidence with your unconditional love. We all shall overcome this phase shortly.

### MANDALA

## An art with many benefits

During the lockdown, people across the globe have used the time at their hands to engage and learn new skills in the field of art and craft. One art form that has become popular is Mandala art. The term Mandala has been derived from Sanskrit, and means a circle. Since the lockdown more and more people have taken solace in mandala art as it's easily doable and requires minimal materials. Mandala is a geometric configuration of various intricate patterns woven together to represent a wholeness. Those as young as eight years can create a mandala.

Starting a mandala piece

The center is traditionally the starting point for creating a mandala. The various other designs look like they are radiating from the centre. The art uses many principals of geometry for the dimensions of the figures, and with relation to points and other aspects like lines and surfaces.

A form of meditation

The benefits of mandala art are numerous. It has been proven by science that Mandala art is a form of meditation. It is being used in various therapies to help people overcome stress and related issues. It unleashes inner creativity, that result in many beautiful art works to adorn the walls. It is a great stress buster. It helps in building concentration. The more you practice the more perfect one gets. It's a slow paced learning and it's all about just perfecting these patterns. So even though you might take some time you will eventually be able to make beautiful mandalas.



Jyoti Agarwal, art teacher, Bethany High School, Koramangala

## Aspiring author pens her first book

The power of a child's imagination has no limit, it brings the inanimate alive and there is magic and adventure in every fleeting moment. Their creative imagination helps them aspire to be any-

marking their future in this competitive world. Anishka Agarwal of class V has published her first book "Fairy of Crayona." The book is about a girl who meets



a fairy friend from another world. Together they seek advice from a wise princess and go through multiple situations. Each story talks about the morals that children of this generation should note. This book has short stories suitable for children to read at bedtime as well. The book is available on Kindle.

The school is delighted and congratulates the aspiring author on her fantastic new venture. The school wishes her the very best as she continues being creative and using her magical imagination to the fullest!

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thing they want. Some children bring their imagination to life in the form of pictures, stories, doodles, song and dance. This quality helps them develop a semblance of balance in life.

The school is proud to have creative little souls, who have already started

### Fairy of Crayona



## A blend of culinary skills and delectable art

Creativity and the artistic abilities of the students of the primary classes were unleashed through the Fruit Art competition. It enabled students to blend their art, craft and culinary skill to dish out delectable displays. There were

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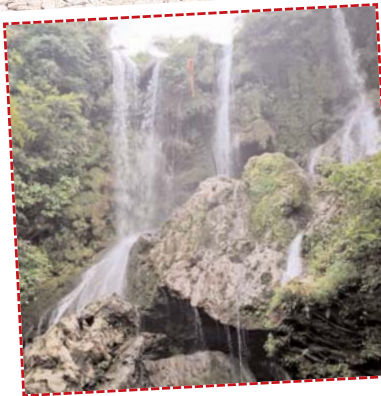
attractive caricatures made out of fruits and vegetables which elevated them to a new realm of edible creations. Students presented a 1 minute 30 seconds video on the theme - vegetable and fruit competition.



## IN NATURE'S LAP!

Before lockdown, I went to Chhota Udaipur with family and friends. On the way saw many beautiful small hills and reached the resort at 12:00 pm. There was a receptionist, a dog named Nawab, and swans to welcome us. We were so happy to see such big property surrounded by a forest.

After resting we did adventurous activities. When I was doing the climbing activity which was made of bamboo sticks and rope. Suddenly one bamboo stick broke and slid off from my foot. I fell down but I managed



to land safely on the ground. After that, we had lunch, rested for some time, and went to see Hathani Waterfall. We played in the beautiful water-

fall and saw Hathani Mata Temple. By the time, we return to the hotel it was dark already. We had dinner at 8:00 pm. We were just talking and suddenly thundering noise came and electricity went off. It rained throughout the night and the light went off...

The next day, we went to the trampoline. After having a bath we had breakfast. 11:00 am went to see the Kada water reservoir. Oh my God! It was huge. We clicked so many beautiful pictures. What a wonderful trip it was!

Vani Patel, Class IV, Zebur School For Children



### PEOPLE OF THE CITY

We should save the biodiversity, Because we are the people of the city.

People here, Should start to fear.

When the trees will disappear, The earth will mourn in pain, Our body would start to tear, And the entire living would faint.

I would really like to pray to god, To bring sunshine in the minds of the people, So, just don't get your heads to nod, Else, get your feet to the mortal.

We the people of the city, Should save the biodiversity, And let's not be witty, Else, the universe will pity.

Juhi Ragata, class XII, Nevkis Educational Centre

### ACHING LOVE

Etch your love into my skin  
With jagged teeth like rocky cliffs  
Into the maw of death  
Let me ride with the 600

You are everywhere on my skin  
Scars bloom red blushing  
Sweet kisses turn into vicious bites  
This aching love doth mesmerize  
Me and you  
As we flower under the red moon of your night  
Sucking the nectar dry  
With lingering drops on our lips  
It taste sweet and bitter  
Like your aching love

This heaviness in my heart  
As you lay on me

The deed is done  
Lingering shame residual doubt  
Clouded by the clarity of your bare arms  
You drape your white sheet round your waist



Suffocating you, so tightly bound  
Like cuffs of steel and brass  
Let me free you from these chains  
Unwinding you from your restraints  
Freedom has won again  
Taste her on my bruised lips  
Drink my essence in gradual sips  
Find her in my ebony strands  
Running your hands across my face  
Go on your knees  
In the praise, of freedom for who she is  
Raining from the sky in sinful viscous movements  
Praise her with your holy lips  
Scream her name in your native tongue  
Before etching my skin with your aching love

Aaron Mukhopadhyay, class XII, NPS, Koramangala



# BEAUTIFUL & INCREDIBLE

From Hardik Pandya to Kevin Pietersen, a host of cricketers have hailed the revamped Sardar Patel Stadium, aka the new Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad, ahead of the pink-ball Test match between Virat Kohli's team India and England. Apart from the pink ball Test, Motera will also host the fourth and final Test as well as the five-match T20I series

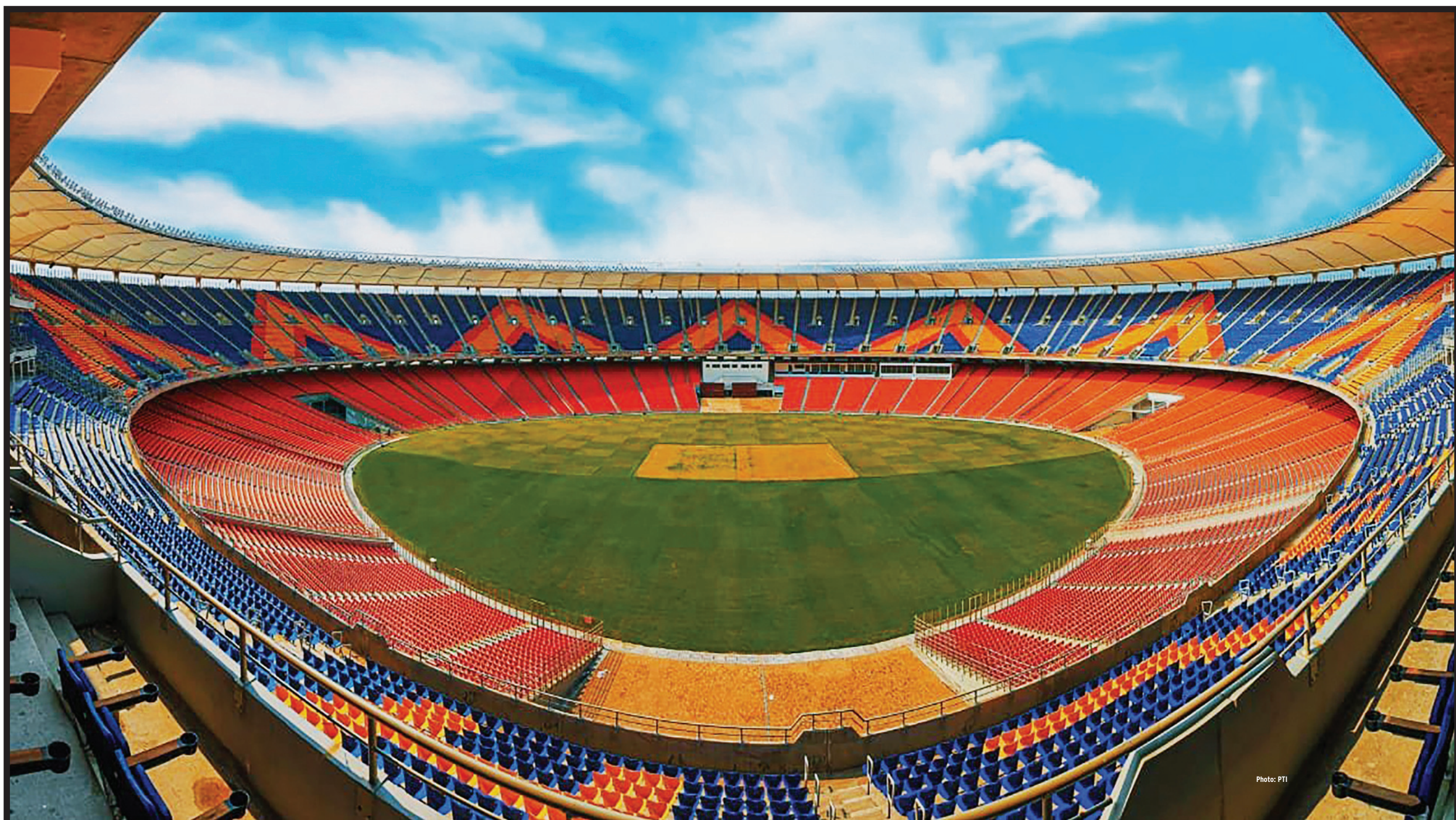


Photo: PTI

## 'PROUD THAT IT'S IN INDIA'

Indian all-rounder Hardik Pandya revealed that it took the players almost an hour to get used to the massive size of the new Motera aka the world's largest cricket arena. Pandya also asserted that a gym is attached to the dressing room at the Motera, something he has never seen before. "All the boys loved it, I think, for us, it took almost one hour to get used to the size of the ground, the kind of facilities it has provided us, I feel really, really proud that we have this in India," Pandya said. The only official matches to be played in Motera were the seven T20 games of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy this January.



Photo: TWITTER

## 'SOME STADIUM THIS IS'

England all-rounder Ben Stokes shared a short video originally posted by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) ahead of the 3rd Test match. "Some stadium this is and a bit of local music to help get through to the end," wrote Stokes as the Englishman was impressed with the reconstruction of the new stadium.



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

## 'IT CAN OUTDO THE ICONIC MCG'

England pacer Stuart Broad claimed that the world's largest stadium has the potential to outdo the iconic MCG in terms of crowd noise. "The loudest I've ever heard a crowd was at the MCG in the 2017-18 Ashes when I caught David Warner on 99, only for us to discover Tom Curran had bowled a no ball. When he got to his hundred next ball the noise was incredible but I think this ground has the potential to outdo it," Broad told the Daily Mail. Despite the pitch being said to be spinner-friendly, the pink ball is likely to help seam bowlers. It is expected to do more, especially in the twilight period, when it becomes difficult for the batsmen to sight the ball against pace bowlers.



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## 10 MESMERISING FACTS & FEATURES

**1** Motera stadium has a capacity of **1,10,000 SPECTATORS**, making it the biggest cricketing venue in the world, surpassing Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia.

**2** A total of **₹800 CRORE** was spent to revamp this grand stadium in Ahmedabad. It hosted its first ODI back in 1984.

**3** There are a total of **76 CORPORATE BOXES** in the stadium with a capacity of 25 each. All of these corporate boxes are air-conditioned.

**4** A total of **3,000 CARS** can be parked at the venue besides **10,000 TWO-WHEELERS**. Not just the seating capacity inside the stadium, but the parking space is also the biggest across the world.

**5** The ground is mesmerising but the venue also features a full-fledged **CRICKET ACADEMY**, numerous indoor pitches and a number of facilities for other

sports like football, hockey, basketball etc.

**6** For the ease of commute, the stadium has also been linked with the **AHMEDABAD METRO**, making it extremely easy for fans to witness cricketing action at the venue without being stuck in traffic jams.

**7** There are three entry points to the stadium which is spread across **63 ACRES** of land.

**8** It is the first time that the field of an Indian cricket stadium has been fitted with **LED LIGHTS**. No other stadium has this feature.

**9** A built-in clubhouse with **55 ROOMS** further adds to the stadium's glory. The clubhouse features both indoor & outdoor games, restaurants, an Olympic size swimming pool, gym as well as a 3D projector theatre.

**10** Unlike some other venues, the Motera stadium has a **FOOD COURT** at every stand.

## 'THEATRE OF DREAMS'

Kevin Pietersen summed up the new Motera as the Theatre Of Dreams. Originally, Manchester United's home ground Old Trafford is referred to as the Theatre Of Dreams. However, the Englishman has opined that the game of cricket has its own Theatre Of Dreams in the form of the new Sardar Patel Stadium. "My goodness! How spectacular does this stadium look for the next Test match in Ahmedabad?! 110K capacity," the former England skipper wrote.



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## 'BEAUTIFUL STADIUM, BEAUTIFUL SEATS'

England pacer Jofra Archer opined that the Motera is one of the best stadiums he has ever been to. "The stadium is beautiful, the seats are beautiful. The ground is probably one of the best. Half of 1,10,000 would be present at the stadium, this is the most we get at most places anyway," Archer said.

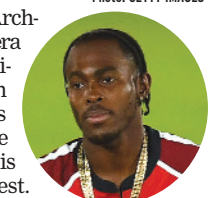


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## 'BIG DRESSING ROOMS'

Looking forward to playing the third pink-ball Test at the Motera, India's numero uno Cheteshwar Pujara said players are enjoying the facilities available at the new arena in Ahmedabad. "The gym is next to the dressing room so you know it's very useful for guys who want to train in between the game or whenever there is time. Gym is excellent, it's quite spacious and we did our first gym session here and we had a good time," Pujara told news agency PTI.



Photo: ANI

## QUIZ TIME!



**Q1:** During which Olympics did Usain Bolt win his first Olympic Gold medal?

- a) 2016 Rio Oly ☐ b) 2012 London Oly ☐  
c) 2008 Beijing Oly ☐ d) 2004 Athens Oly ☐

**Q2:** In which year did Manchester United win the Football League Cup, beating Nottingham Forest?

- a) 1992 ☐ b) 1994 ☐ c) 1996 ☐ d) 1998 ☐

**Q3:** Which of these cricketers has smashed most centuries in ODI career?

- a) Rohit Sharma ☐ b) Ricky Ponting ☐

- c) Virat Kohli ☐ d) Sachin Tendulkar ☐

**Q4:** In which year was Barcelona FC founded?

- a) 1898 ☐ b) 1899 ☐ c) 1900 ☐ d) 1901 ☐

**Q5:** During which Olympics did Michael Phelps make his Olympic debut, when he finished fifth in the 200m butterfly final?

- a) 2012 London Oly ☐ b) 2008 Beijing Oly ☐  
c) 2004 Athens Oly ☐ d) 2000 Sydney Oly ☐

**Q6:** Who holds the record of fastest fifty in One Day Internationals?

- a) AB de Villiers ☐ b) Martin Gupthill ☐  
c) Kusal Perera ☐ d) Sanath Jayasuriya ☐

**Q7:** Serena Williams won the 2014 Women's US Open. Which tennis player did she defeat?

- a) Eugenie Bouchard ☐ b) Garbine Muguruza ☐  
c) Maria Sharapova ☐ d) Caroline Wozniacki ☐



Serena Williams

**Q8:** Who won the 2015 French Open singles title?

- a) Andy Murray ☐ b) Marin Cilic ☐  
c) Novak Djokovic ☐ d) Stan Wawrinka ☐

**Q9:** Who won the 2014 Women's French Open title?

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c) Maria Sharapova ☐ d) Caroline Wozniacki ☐

**Q10:** In which year did Larisa Latynina make her Olympic debut?

- a) 1956 ☐ b) 1960 ☐ c) 1964 ☐ d) 1968 ☐

**Q11:** In which year was Bayern Munich founded?

- a) 1898 ☐ b) 1899 ☐ c) 1900 ☐ d) 1901 ☐

**Q12:** Who won the 2004 NBA Rookie of the Year award?

- a) LeBron James ☐ b) Kevin Durant ☐  
c) Brandon Roy ☐ d) Emeka Okafor ☐

**Q13:** The Major League Baseball (MLB) record for most consecutive games played as a first baseman without making an error is 274. Which of these players achieved it?

- a) Casey Kotchman ☐ b) Mark Kotsay ☐  
c) Reid Cornelius ☐ d) Barry Bonds ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 c) 2008 Beijing Olympics 2 a) 1992 3 d) Sachin Tendulkar 4 b) 1899 5 d) 2000 Sydney Olympics 6 a) AB de Villiers 7 d) Caroline Wozniacki 8 d) Stan Wawrinka 9 c) Maria Sharapova 10 a) 1956 11 c) 1900 12 a) LeBron James 13 a) Casey Kotchman