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➤ He may have retired from Test and ODIs, but MS Dhoni's calm, composed personality in every situation is an inspiration for all to overcome hurdles

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**STUDENT EDITION**  
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## Elon Musk hints at new social media platform

**T**esla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has hinted that he might soon come up with an idea of building a new social media platform. While replying to a user named Pranay Pothole on Twitter, who asked if Musk would consider building a new social media platform, Musk said, he is thinking about it. "Am giving serious thought to this," Musk wrote on the micro-blogging site. He also asked users "is a new platform needed?"

■ Musk is currently believed to be the richest person in the world, overtaking former Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos last year to claim the title. This month, a study said that the Tesla CEO could become the first person to ever accumulate a \$1 trillion net worth, and it could happen as soon as 2024



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# Application process for CUET to start FROM APRIL 2

The application process for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for the undergraduate courses in Central Universities will commence from April 2, the National Testing Agency has announced...



- The agency has announced that the CUET will provide a single window opportunity to students to seek admission in any of the Central Universities (CUs) across the country
- The CUET (UG)-2022 will be conducted in a computer based test (CBT) mode, it said
- Aspirants should refer to the information bulletin for admission to the undergraduate programmes of the desired Central Universities, it said
- The details of the programmes offered by the universities will be available on their respective portals
- The online application forms for undergraduate programmes will be open from April 2, and the link will be made available on the official website <https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/>
- The application process will be on till April 30
- The NTA has advised the candidates to go through the required eligibility of the desired university or universities for selecting the options from the under graduate programmes being offered

## MEANWHILE, CUET SYLLABUS ELICITS MIXED REACTIONS FROM EXPERTS

Experts are divided in their reactions to the UGC's announcement on CUET being conducted in accordance with the NCERT syllabus, as some felt it might put school boards at a disadvantage, where different books are taught...

■ Many state boards are using NCERT books while some have their own books. The CBSE, which uses NCERT books, is progressive and prepares students for tests better. The NCERT books are very standardised and they are written by renowned experts. The ICSE board has different books and students from there might be at a disadvantage.

■ The CUET will pose a disadvantage for students coming from rural areas and other state boards. The coaching institutes have already started providing coaching for CUET. This means that students from urban areas and those who have the resources will be at an advantage.

■ Education is in the concurrent list and there are various state boards. Even for NCERT syllabus, MCQs will become the guiding principle for students in class XI and class XII. The MCQs are tricky, and even in JEE and NEET, we see that students require coaching to clear exams. Same will be the situation here.

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**FACTOID**

## 3.8 MILLION



That's the number of people who have fled Ukraine since Russia's invasion a month ago, the UN figures showed. Around 90 per cent of them are women and children, it added. Of those who have left, 2.2 million have fled for neighbouring Poland, while more than half a million have made it to Romania. Nearly 300,000 have gone to Russia.

Ukraine's refugee crisis is Europe's worst since World War II

### LATEST UPDATES

**1 RUSSIA, UKRAINE SET FOR FACE-TO-FACE PEACE TALKS:** Russian and Ukrainian negotiators will resume face-to-face peace talks, probing whether a near-stalemate in fighting has forced Moscow to temper its demands. President Volodymyr Zelensky hailed the new negotiations, saying he hoped they would bring peace "without delay", and lamented a month-long Russian invasion that has already killed thousands and devastated numerous Ukrainian cities. The new talks are set to start in Turkey, with Zelensky desperate to halt the bombardment of cities like Mariupol, where officials said the situation is "catastrophic"

**2 SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE SHOWN AT OSCARS:** At the Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles on Sunday night, attendees expressed support for Ukraine by going silent for 30 seconds. A tribute that started with words from the Ukrainian-born Mila Kunis ended with the Academy Awards fading to black about midway through the show, with a plea for anyone watching to do whatever possible to send help to those in the war-torn nation

## Ram Nath Kovind presents 'President's Colour' to INS Valsura

President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'President's Colour' to the Indian Naval Ship (INS), Valsura, at Jamnagar in Gujarat recently



- Established in 1942, INS Valsura is a premier training establishment of the Indian Navy, and entrusted with the responsibility of imparting training to officers and sailors of the Indian Navy, Coast Guard and friendly foreign countries in electrical, electronics, weapon systems and information technology
- INS Valsura has distinguished itself with notable and gallant service to the nation for over nearly 80 years

➤ The 'President's Colour' is bestowed on any military unit, in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation, both in peace and in war

➤ The Indian Navy was the first branch of the Indian Armed Forces, to be awarded the President's Colour by Dr Rajendra Prasad, the then President of India on May 27, 1951

## OCTOBER 5 TO BE OBSERVED AS NATIONAL DOLPHIN DAY

The Union environment ministry has designated October 5 as the National Dolphin Day, to be celebrated annually starting this year. The decision to designate a National Dolphin Day was taken by the standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) on Friday, according to a statement by the environment ministry. The idea behind recommending October 5 as 'National Dolphin Day' is to generate awareness and encourage community participation for the conservation of this species wherever it's found in the country.

Dolphins act as ideal ecological indicators of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. Its conservation will, therefore, help survival of the species and also benefit the people dependent on the aquatic system for their livelihood. River Dolphins are found in Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna-Indus river systems

The environment ministry had in May, 2010, notified the Gangetic Dolphin as the 'National Aquatic Animal' of India

# OSCAR 2022: 'CODA' WINS THE BEST PICTURE AWARD

Streaming portal Apple made history by nabbing Hollywood's most-coveted honour, as 'CODA' won the Oscar for best picture at the 94th Academy Awards. Apple Original Films' 'CODA' marks the first time a streaming service has won the best picture Oscar, beating rival Netflix to the punch. 'CODA' took the top prize over Netflix's 'The Power of the Dog' from director Jane Campion, which was the other leading contender in the category, reports 'Variety'. In addition, 'CODA' star Troy Kotsur won the supporting actor trophy, marking the first time a deaf actor received an acting Oscar, and the second Deaf actor ever to do so after 'CODA' co-star Marlee Matlin won for 'Children of a Lesser God' in 1986.

K-pop superband BTS members Jin, RM, Jungkook, J-Hope, Suga, V and Jimin made a surprise appearance during the awards to celebrate some of their favourite Pixar and Disney movies, including Oscar winner 'Coco' and the Will Smith-starring live-action 'Aladdin'



Troy Kotsur



Will Smith won the honour for 'Actor in a Lead Role' for the movie 'King Richard'

■ Japanese film 'Drive My Car' directed by Ryusuke Hamaguchi was honoured for the Best International Feature Film, bringing Japan its fifth Oscar win and fourteenth nomination overall

■ 'The Queen of Basketball', based on the life of legendary basketball player Lusia Harris, won for Short Subject Documentary

■ The computer-animated musical fantasy comedy film 'Encanto' grabbed the Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film

■ Actress Ariana DeBose, won the Best Actress in a Supporting Role for the remake of the musical 'West Side Story'

■ The Best actress award was won by Jessica Chastain for 'The Eyes of Tammy Faye'

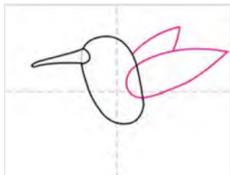
■ 20-year-old Billie Eilish won her first Oscar for 'No Time To Die'

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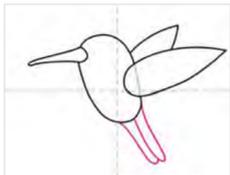


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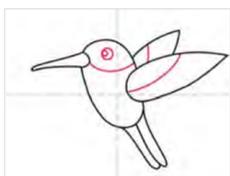
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Step-3



Step-4



Step-5



Step-6



1) DARIGEB

- a. Badminton b. Golf
- c. Cricket d. Brigade

2) RRRHGE

- a. Mobile b. Charger
- c. Recharge d. Reform

3) SOAIMNN

- a. Sports b. Segment
- c. Division d. Mansion

4) DECNEMII

- a. Medicine b. Mission
- c. Dusty d. Troop

Answers: 1. d, 2. b, 3. d, 4. a

Riding with the Riddle

They are the largest of the waterfowls that are known for their grace and beauty. They mate for life and are nurturing, protective parents. With wingspans reaching up to 10 feet, they can weigh over 15 kg. Most of them have pure white plumage, there are species among them, which are a mix of black and white. They use their beaks with serrated edges, which look like jagged 'teeth' to catch and eat aquatic plants, algae, molluscs, small fish, frogs, and worms.

SUBMS : JANSUJ

WOMEN, 'MARCH' ON!

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2 A well-known simile:

- A. Hawk B. Hedgehog
- C. Hare D. Heron

3 The symbol of Aries, a March Zodiac sign, is a

- A. Crab B. Ram
- C. Lion D. Scorpion

4 In the old Roman calendar, the Ides of March corresponds to March

- A. 5 B. 10 C. 15 D. 20



5 March 3 is the World Day of

- A. Women B. Wellness
- C. Water D. Wildlife

6 Not born in March was

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Yuri Gagarin
- C. Michelangelo
- D. Albert Einstein

Quiz TIME



Complete these statements on March. Choose correctly!

1 March is named after Mars, the Roman god of

- A. War B. Work
- C. Weather D. Wisdom



Answers: 1) A. War 2) C. Hare 3) B. Ram 4) C. 15 5) D. Wildlife 6) A. Winston Churchill

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Idiom-etrics

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(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

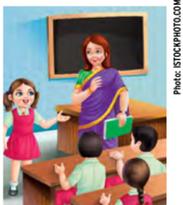
Anand was not doing well at school and his grades were steadily slipping. His teachers thought that there might be a problem at home, but Anand's parents denied that anything was troubling their son. "All I can say," said the principal to Anand, "is that you have to show considerable improvement and perform well in your forthcoming tests, if you hope to be promoted to class X."

- A. Pull (one's) leg
- B. Pull the wool over (one's) eyes
- C. Pull up (one's) socks



Shalini told everyone that school would close early that day. The principal herself had given

- A. Straight from the horse's mouth
- B. Flog a dead horse
- C. Hold one's horses



TRIVIA

Before placing a bet on a racehorse, a person wants to know which horse will win. Getting something 'straight from the horse's mouth' is an exaggerated way of saying that such inside knowledge can be obtained from someone close to the animals. A tip from a stable-boy is almost like a horse speaking out! This idiom, dating back to the 19th century, means to derive information from a reliable source

EDITOR IN THE MAKING

WEAVE A STORY WITH PICTURES

Observe these images below carefully, then weave a story around them in not more than 150 words and give it a title. Ensure, reference of all images is there in the story. Mail the story to us at [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com). The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch this space!!!

TELL TALE



Blank lines for writing a story.



And the winner is...  
VAISHNAVI RAWAT  
class X, DPS (Dwarka),  
New Delhi

THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES...

In the apocalyptic world of Nurasia, the quasi fascist government of Erick Wutar has taken over through a coup. They're spreading the ideology of religious superiority and racial exclusivity. Individuals with darker skin, lower height or belonging to certain demographic categories are being separated from lighter skinned, taller individuals.

When the students at the University of Nurasia opposed such a regime, they were imprisoned. People from all over the country are coming together as a whole to protest and free the students, who were put behind the bars for dissenting but the military has been stationed at every street and corner and anyone who dares to oppose shall be put to jail. People have tried fleeing the country, but the government has shot down anyone who tries to escape.

Now, it's up to the youth of Nurasia and their emerging leaders to free their country as they navigate through tough situations.

Learn a NEW LANGUAGE ITALIAN

- 1) Salute! - Sah-loo-tay  
Meaning: Cheers! (To your health)
- 2) Come si chiama? - Koh-meh see kyah-mah?  
Meaning: What is your name?
- 3) Non capisco - Non kah-pee-skoh  
Meaning: I don't understand
- 4) Piacere - Pyah-cheh-reh  
Meaning: Pleased to meet you
- 5) Mi displace - Mee dees-pyah-cheh  
Meaning: I'm sorry

Work sheet

- Q:1 How will you ask somebody his/her name?
- Q:2 How will you communicate that you don't understand?
- Q:3 How would you say that you are pleased to meet a person?
- Q:4 How will you say sorry??

Answers: 1) Come si chiama? 2) Non capisco 3) Piacere 4) Mi displace 5) Mi displace



NUMBER SERIES

1 How many feet are equal to a meter?

- A) 3.28 B) 7.37
- C) 2.99 D) 4.31

Answer: A

2 If you had 785 dogs, how many would you have if I took 524?

- A) 765 B) 543
- C) 875 D) 261

Answer: D

2 If Hannah has 19.27\$ and Riley has 13.59\$, how much more money does Hannah have?

- A) 3.45\$ B) 4.45\$
- C) 5.68\$ D) 7.85\$

Answer: C

3 Harmony had 357 cats, and Lindsey had 150 dogs, so how many animals are there altogether?

- A) 456 B) 275
- C) 507 D) 122

Answer: C