

Understanding the role of SDGs

A masterpiece painting labelled as 'The Garden of Earthly Delights' by Hieronymus Bosch had 3 panels...The first panel portrayed the birth of humans, animals, and religious places...The second panel portrayed the time when corruption, evils started infusing their way...Overpopulation, crimes, injustice, inhumanity, etc...The last panel was the most alarming, frightening, and dreadful. It portrayed the end of the living race due to the excessive exploitation of resources.

The perspective is crooked and collapsed. It showed a burnt paradise. The 2030 agenda for sustainable development was adopted by all United Nation member states in 2015. These goals share a blueprint for peace, prosperity, and the welfare of the economy and the future of the planet. These 17 goals recognise ending poverty, malnutrition, and hunger and other strategies that must go hand in hand like climate action, good hygiene that is clean water, sanitation, shelter, etc...These goals also acknowledge decent work and eco-



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nomical growth, affordable and clean energy, etc.

The 2030 agenda also ensures a safe and secure future for mother earth, life on land and life below the water...The goals promise equality, peace, and justice and for further growth, the goals provide promising quality education and good health and wellbeing... But, a country's well-being is defined by the health of the inhabitants. In that case, clean water and sanitation play a crucial part. One of the 2030 goals is to improve water quality by reducing pollution and

eliminating the dumping of waste and hazardous chemicals in water bodies which results in water contamination. It is to reduce the fraction of wastewater and reuse it for other motives.

A major challenge confronted by India's government to achieve this goal is poverty. Which is a consequence of the high population and unemployment. Unequal distribution of resources is another factor. Pursuing this further another reason is the economic fund of India since it is a developing country. Poor drainage systems

and clogged drains is an additional factor. Lack of awareness and education amongst the common masses leads to badly taken decisions. Such factors lead to impurity of water and poor sanitation facilities. As a consequence, we face water scarcity, waterborne and other diseases, poor living conditions for marine life, disappearing wetland, damaging of the ecosystem, increased death rates, and interrupted growth.

The measures taken by the government to promote clean water and sanitation to the public are initiated projects like the Jalshakti Abhiyaan, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, and Watershed development project. But as they say each one can make a difference so here are few steps we can take as individuals in order to achieve this goal by 2030: leaking in taps should be taken care of. Instead of hose use brooms to clean sidepaths and wastage of water should be avoided. In the final analysis, the world is in our hands and we have to conserve and protect it.

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CCA holds sports meet



CCA School, sector-4, Gurugram, in spite of unprecedented times kept the zeal high and organised its much awaited Annual Athletic meet on November 26. The chief guest for the occasion, Major General Anil Jain, VSM hoisted the school flag which was followed by the spectacular and well synchronised March Past of the students coupled with some stirring marching music by the school band. It was followed by cultural extravaganza, a mesmerising display of sports drill, dance performance and melodious song were surely thrilling for everyone.

The students entered into the spirit of the occasion with the oath administered by the sports captain Achintya Sharma. School captain Mimaansha Sharda shared a brief report of the school's sports activities and achievements of the students in various sports events. The chief guest along with the director principal of the school Nirmal Yadav released different hues of balloons to declare the meet open. Students from VI-VIII competed in various track and field events to score points for their respective houses. The winners were conferred with mementoes, medals and certificates.

Student Corner

Finding happiness

Is it really sad or am I just not seeing happiness, a question - too obvious. Is it really sad or am I just not seeing happiness, a thought - completely outrageous.

I set out to the world in search of a smile, for I hadn't seen a single in a while. Not by my surprise - I could find none. No idea - when this world became so stubborn?

Born with a silver spoon, yet longs for a golden urn. Blessed with 'immortal boon', still wonders if he can be God himself.

In this world where contentment contempt to come, in this world of "tit for

tat", we are missing out on all the fun.

Why run behind what you don't have? When you can protect what you do. Why lengthen the list of 'What I want'? Rather add more points to gratitude.

We put a smile or a frown, it's totally on us. No matter if you are old or young, the formula-e-happiness is pretty miraculous.

Subtract displeasure, add appeasement and multiply delight for lifelong some forgotten tears and some retained giggles, this is how life goes on.



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Kashish wins gold at Asian Youth Para Games 2021

Paralympian Kashish Lakra, a student of class XII of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh has once again made the nation proud by securing a gold medal in the Women's Club Throw (F51) category at the ongoing Asian Youth Para Games 2021. The event was organised from December 2 to 6 in Bahrain and drew in 800 participants under the age of 23 from 30 countries. Despite the strong competition and high-stakes situation, Kashish kept her cool and displayed her mettle.

Despite battling adversity at such a young age, Kashish has displayed amazing fortitude and has overcome all the obstacles to



evolve into the wonderful athlete that she is today.

Talking about her student's latest victory, Alka Kapur, principal, Modern Public School, said,

"She is unstoppable. That's all that you can say. Few people have the courage to get up when they get knocked down and Kashish is one of those rare gems."

Mallakhamb Vyayamshala at Basava

Basava International School, Dwarka recently conducted the inauguration ceremony of Mallakhamb Vyayamshala under the flagship of Khelo India, the national authority for the development of sports. The school has been chosen as the official

centre (Delhi NCR region) for promoting traditional Indian sports.

The essence of the vyayamshala is to boost the promotion of mallakhamb, yoga, gymnastics, kabaddi, athletics, physical fitness and moral education under Khelo Fit India

initiative by the Government of India. The inauguration ceremony was held in the school premises on November 27, celebrating the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The event began with religious proceedings followed by a live display of mallakhamb by young trainees. Purnima Ambali, general manager and Dr Manimala Roy, the school principal addressed the gathering and emphasised the benefits of the sport and urged the spectators to enroll for traditional sports. Dharam Vir Singh, general secretary, Delhi Mallakhamb and MFI graced the ceremony with a positive and successful start of training sessions.



A FUN GAME

Ryan International School Sohna Road organised a friendly cricket match for the parents associated with the school. All the participants were divided in two teams. All the players played enthusiastically and exhibited great sportsmanship. The winner team held the Rolling Winner Trophy with excitement. Young Ryanites cheered joyously for their parents and joined them in the felicitation. It was a bright sunny day that made the experience even more enjoyable and memorable.

School principal Peeya Sharma congratulated the winners while giving away the trophy and thanked all the parents for their gracious presence.



DECOUPAGE BOTTLES

Decoupage art is very simple. One can use material easily available at home to create some elegant pieces.

METHOD

- Take glass bottles, clean and dry them
- Apply a few coats of white paint and let it dry.
- Cover it with a coat of mod podge to act as an adhesive.
- Stick decoupage tissue paper on it. Let it dry for a few hours.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Glass bottles
- White paint
- Mod podge
- Decoupage tissue paper

- Paint the top and other portions not covered by the tissue with acrylic paint and a sponge brush.
- You can add stamps of different types to give it a personalised touch.
- Embellish with lace, rope, flowers or other decorative items.

It is really fun making these bottles and I plan to do more of them in the future.

VEDIKA LODHA,
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The detectives at crossroads

Being a detective, an intellectual, a know-it-all with equal parts of charm and mischief... these are just some of the distinct characteristics that are shared by two most intriguing fictional characters- Sherlock Holmes and Patrick Jane. Benedict Cumberbatch plays a modern interpretation of 'Sherlock' in the show titled likewise. We see

SERIES REVIEW

A comparison of 'Sherlock' and 'The Mentalist'

Holmes' insurmountable deduction skills at play along with his uncooperative behaviour; which puts the viewers in a surprisingly enjoyable dilemma of being thrilled by his competence or in dismay of his social order. The description for the evergreen 'Patrick Jane' (portrayed by Simon Baker) from 'The Mentalist' is not too different. While his forte is associated to hypnosis and mentalist-esque activities, he deduces immaculately too. Both



of them share a ruthless disregard for the regulations, but they're still sought after due to their productivity in the most mysterious cases of crime.

However, there is of course a colleague-cum-companion to keep them grounded, who've gained their highest loyalty and compassion, which are rare notions expressed by them. For Sherlock, that companion is ex-military doctor John Watson, while for Patrick it is CBI agent Teresa Lisbon. The way these two characters neutralise the extremes of their respective partner really shapes their growth and

accommodation. It's very interesting to see the dynamic between all of the characters. The detailed deductions of the detectives reflect a lot upon the tendencies of human behaviour and mindset. While they may be judged for their arrogant personas, only a few realise the intensity of the trauma

that they've lived through. There is, of course, a fair share of contrasts between them. While Patrick does indulge in mellowness and appreciation for multiple forms of art, Sherlock's mindset resides completely in hard logic and science. Both the shows capture the multi-dimensional personality of their respective protagonist very efficiently. Viewers usually cannot resist the fondness and passion that arises watching the two. Each season of 'Sherlock' and 'The Mentalist' is a must-watch for ingenuity, storyline, acting, and essence.

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CUMMINS SHINES, ENGLAND CRUMBLE

Rain-hit opening day sees England out for 147

It is a dream start. It was not a bad toss to lose. Starc started off nicely, all bowlers did their job and to keep England under 150 is something to be proud of. It was nice to take a fiver. Pumped for Mitchell Starc, it was an exciting way to start the series. When you think first ball of an Ashes series, your mind goes to Steve Harmison, hopefully this will be the new memory now

Aus captain,
PAT CUMMINS

Pat Cummins took a five-wicket haul in a dream start to his Australia captaincy as England were skittled for 147 by tea at the Gabba before rain brought the opening day of the Ashes to an early close. Australia's first fast-bowling skipper in 65 years, Cummins shone on a golden day for the home side that began with Mitchell Starc removing Rory Burns with the first ball after Joe Root sent his team in to bat on a grassy wicket.

The play ended with Cummins (5-38) leading his team off the ground to a standing ovation, holding the Kookaburra ball aloft in celebration of his first 'five-for' against the English. "It's been a good start to my captaincy stint," said the 28-year-old quick. "I'm really proud of not only how everyone bowled but I thought everyone stayed really composed."

The rain capped a gloomy day for England at their traditional house of pain, but they may end up praying for more of it to avert defeat. Their sole victory on Wednesday was when Root called the toss correctly, but his faith in England's batting was forlorn in the face of a fearsome pace on a muggy, overcast morning.

POOR START FOR ENG

Burns became the first player dismissed with the opening delivery of an Ashes in 85 years when Starc bowled him down the leg-side. It was an ugly dismissal for the Surrey man, who crab-walked across his stumps and trudged off with his sixth duck of the year, an all-time record for opening batsmen. Root was out for a duck by a pearl of a delivery from the big quick, with David Warner leaping wide for a superb catch in the slips.

Within half an hour he had been

joined in the dressing room by David Malan (6) and Root as the metronomic Josh Hazlewood struck twice. Malan dangled his bat out to catch an edge and gave debut wicketkeeper Alex Carey his first test dismissal.

Cummins introduced himself after the morning drinks break, dismissing England's danger man Ben Stokes (5) with a brutish ball

THE ASHES



Photo: AFP



Mitchell Starc

Photo: AP



Josh Hazlewood

that induced a nick to a diving Marnus Labuschagne. The captain then had opener Haseeb Hameed out for 25 in similar fashion straight after lunch, leaving England 60 for five.

An aggressive Jos Buttler (39) and Ollie Pope combined to rally England but Starc broke their 52-run stand with a sizzling delivery that caught Buttler's edge and sailed to Carey. Young all-rounder Cameron Green celebrated his first test wicket when Pope (35) sent a panicky pull which Hazlewood pounced brilliantly in the deep.

Cummins cleaned up the tail to complete an inspirational performance, some 10 years on from his test debut as an 18-year-old, when he took a seven-wicket match haul at the Wanderers to help beat South Africa.

VETERANS WILL BE MISSED

With England resting both Stuart Broad and James Anderson, the first time the veteran seamers have both missed a test together in five years, it will be up to the inexperienced Ollie Robinson and Mark Wood to lead the pace attack on a wicket that tends to quicken on days two and three.

The last time England played without both Broad and Anderson, they lost to Bangladesh on the 2016 tour.

England fans may wake up to a feeling of déjà vu, given the team's record at the Gabba, where they have lost six of the last eight tests. But Pope insisted the team could still work their way back into the game. "I think we've got the skill set in our bowlers to drag this back," said the middle order batsman. We're going to keep fighting. We don't know how (the wicket) is going to react tomorrow." REUTERS

LIVERPOOL MAKES PERFECT 6

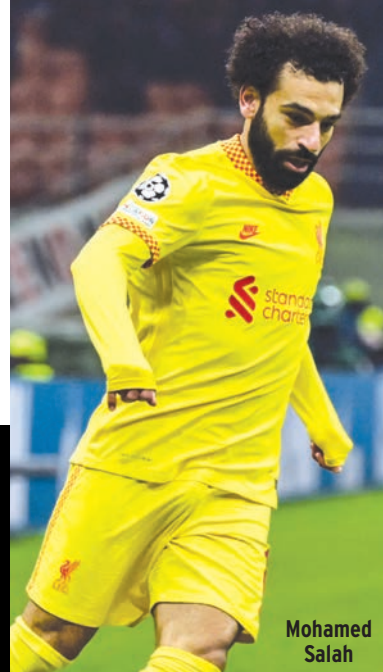
Wins 2-1 at AC Milan to get on top of group stage in CL

Liverpool made it a perfect six in the Champions League group stage by winning 2-1 at AC Milan as the Italian team's return to Europe's premier club competition came to a swift end on Tuesday.

Milan needed a victory to have any chance of qualifying for the knockout stage in its first appearance in the competition since the 2013-14 season and things appeared to be going to plan when Fikayo Tomori scored in the first half. But Mohamed Salah kept up his impressive scoring streak and fired Liverpool level seven minutes later. And a Tomori howler gifted Divock Origi and

Honestly I don't feel pride a lot in football because most of the time I expect good things to happen. But tonight fills me with a lot of pride. It's not a prize (winning all six) and you win something. I'd have taken each point tally to go to the next round but 18 is the best so we take that as well.

Liverpool manager JURGEN KLOPP



Mohamed Salah

Photo: AFP

Liverpool the winner in the 55th minute.

That saw Liverpool become part of an elite list of clubs to qualify for the knockout stage with a perfect record, and the first English team to do so. Milan, a seven-time European champion, finished bottom of the group.

Both teams in Milan were without a number of first-choice players: the Rossoneri because of an ever-lengthening injury list and Liverpool through choice, with manager Jurgen Klopp making eight changes to the team that beat Wolverhampton 1-0 on Saturday.

It was Salah's 11th goal in 11 Champions League matches. The Egypt forward also became the first player to score 20 goals for Liverpool in five successive seasons since Ian Rush in the 1980s.

Cautious start

Liverpool dominated possession from the outset in Milan but it was a cautious start from both teams with chances few and far between. Milan upped the pressure but never really threatened and its winless streak in the Champions League continued. AP

ATLETICO REACH KNOCKOUTS

Make last ditch comeback with 3-1 win at Porto

Atletico Madrid found a way to win again in the Champions League when it needed the most. After three straight losses, Atletico made an improbable comeback with a last-round 3-1 win over Porto to advance to the knockout stage of the European competition on Tuesday.

Antoine Griezmann and Angel Correa scored second-half goals for Atletico, which had entered the final round in last place in Group B and could only advance with a win and some help from already qualified Liverpool. Atletico finishing with seven points and Porto with five points, one more than Milan.

"This match and this group-stage campaign sums up just what Atletico is all about," Griezmann said. "We are a true group and we need everyone to do their bit to get to where we want to. We never stop believing."

Tense match

Diego Simeone's team had lost its last three Champions League games



Antoine Griezmann

Photo: AFP

against Liverpool twice and to Milan _ and was facing its second group-stage elimination in nine seasons. It was a tense match in Portugal, with both teams having players sent off after altercations three minutes apart in the second half.

Atletico's Yanick Carrasco saw a red card after shoving Porto's Otavio to the ground in the 67th, then Wendell was shown his red after pushing an Atletico player away with his arm. Wendell had entered the match seven minutes earlier. Porto also had reserve goalkeeper Agustin Marchesin sent off for complaining from the bench. AGENCIES

OTHER MATCHES

- ◆ Manchester City suffered a 1-2 defeat against RB Leipzig, but is still in the top position in Group A.
- ◆ Borussia Dortmund thrashed Besiktas 5-0
- ◆ Real Madrid defeated Inter Milan 2-0.
- ◆ Ajax defeated Sporting FC 4-2
- ◆ Paris Saint-Germain defeated Club Brugge 4-1

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which among the following sports has the largest number of participants in teams of either side?

- a) Rugby
- b) Water polo
- c) Baseball
- d) Soccer

Q2: Which of these games was previously known as Mintonette?

- a) Football
- b) Baseball
- c) Volleyball
- d) Handball

Q3: When did the World Chess Championship begin officially?

- a) 1946 b) 1925 c) 1899 d) 1886

Q4: When was the Olympic Motto introduced?

- a) 1920 b) 1914 c) 1924 d) 1928

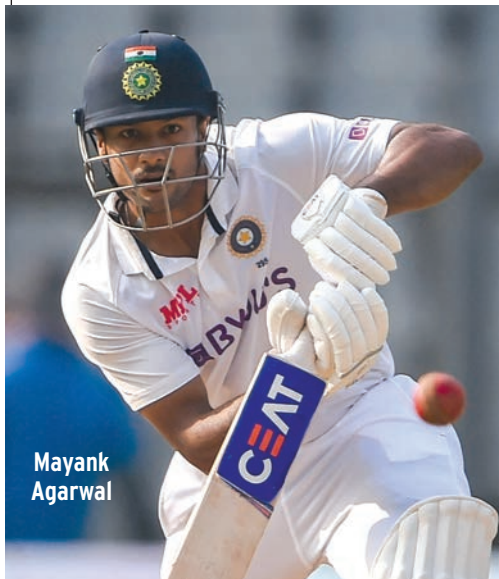
Q5: Who was the first president of FIFA?

- a) Sepp Blatter
- b) Robert Guerin
- c) Daniel Woolfall
- d) Carl Hirschmann

Q6: Mayank Agarwal scored his maiden Test century

against which country?

- a) Bangladesh b) West Indies
- c) New Zealand d) England



Mayank Agarwal

Photo: AFP

Q7: Which country hosted the 2016 Summer Olympic Games?

- a) China
- b) Brazil
- c) United States of America
- d) Japan

Q8: How many team members are there on each side of a Kabaddi match?

- a) 5 b) 7 c) 9 d) 11

Q9: What is the name of ice hockey designed for players who have a physical disability?

- a) Sledge Hockey
- b) Bandy
- c) Roller Hockey
- d) Rink Hockey

Q10: In which year was hockey introduced for the first time in the Commonwealth Games?

- a) 1995 b) 1996 c) 1997 d) 1998

ANSWERS: 1. a. Rugby 2. c. Volleyball
3. d. 1886 4. c. 1924 5. b. Robert Guerin
6. c. New Zealand 7. b. Brazil
8. b. 7 9. a. Sledge Hockey 10. d. 1998