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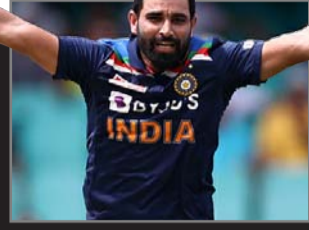
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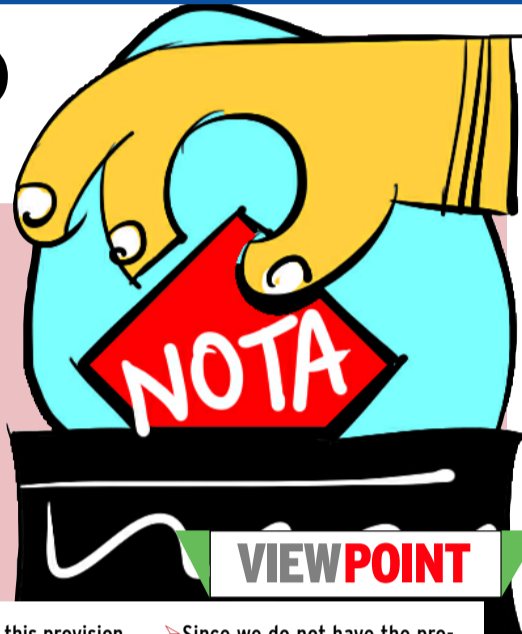
PLEA IN SC TO NULLIFY ELECTION RESULTS, IF MAXIMUM VOTES IN FAVOUR OF NOTA

A TIMELY MOVE?

A PIL seeking directions to the Election Commission to nullify the election results and hold fresh polls, if maximum votes have been polled in favour of NOTA (None of the Above) in a particular constituency, has been filed in the Supreme Court. The plea filed by BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay has also sought directions to restrict the contesting candidates from taking part in fresh poll, who have participated in the nullified election.

■ NOTA is a right given to the voters to stamp their disapproval for all the candidates, who are in the fray during elections. So, it needs to be seen how the apex court decides on nullifying an election altogether, as it would not only require an amendment in the People's Representation Act, but also the approval of the lawmakers.
S K DWIVEDI, Former HoD, Political Science, Lucknow University

■ It is a welcome move. Nullifying an election, if maximum voters vote for NOTA in a constituency, will serve two ends: It will be a wake-up call for the political parties to pull up their socks and choose deserving candidates from their parties to contest elections, and secondly, it will reflect the will and power of a democracy, and go a long way in strengthening the pillar of democracy.
ADRIAN PHILLIPS, teacher, Political Science, St Augustine's Day School, Kolkata



EXPERTS REACT

VIEWPOINT

ALL ABOUT NOTA

1. NOTA enables the voter to officially register a vote of rejection for all candidates, who are contesting
2. On Sept 27, 2013, the SC ruled that the right to register a "none of the above" vote in elections should be applied
3. The ECI introduced a particular symbol for 'None of the Above' option to allow the voters to exercise NOTA. This symbol appears in the last panel on all the EVMs
4. The main objective of the "NOTA" option is to enable voters, who do not wish to vote for any of the candidates, to exercise their right to reject without violation of the secrecy of their decision

WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES ALLOW NOTA?

Colombia, Ukraine, Brazil, Bangladesh, Finland, Spain, Sweden, Chile, France, Belgium and Greece allow their voters to cast NOTA votes. The US also allows it in a few cases. The state of Texas in the US permits the provision since 1975. The option, however, has faced opposition there

The petition contended that political parties choose contesting candidates in a very undemocratic manner without consulting the electors. That is why on many occasions, people in a constituency are discontented with the candidates who contest the election

CHALLENGES

▶ As of now, NOTA lacks teeth, as the second-best candidate is selected, if NOTA gets the maximum votes. Besides, re-polling is not a good idea, as it would not only cost the public exchequer significantly but also manpower, infrastructure and readjustments in various sectors for conducting fresh elections smoothly. So, instead of nullifying an election, strict criteria should be introduced

▶ Currently, NOTA signifies more of a protest vote, and less of rejecting a candidate. Besides, on one hand, while the government is talking about 'one nation, one election', it won't be feasible to implement this concept in principle. Secondly, it would be difficult to implement this provision for all the elections— Gram Panchayat to Lok Sabha. It can be done in a small village constituencies after evaluating all the other conditions. The candidate, should, however, not be allowed to contest election again from that constituency, otherwise this circle of rejection may not break at all.
ABHAY DESHPANDE, political analyst, Mumbai

▶ Since we do not have the proportional representation system, the candidate, who secures the highest number of votes in an election, gets elected in our political system. The Supreme Court would have to address larger systemic issues before it takes a decisive stand on this issue.
Dr M J VINOD, former chairman, political science dept, Bangalore University

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Spotlight

RAJA CHARI An Indian-American, who will be part of NASA's manned Moon mission

Raja Jon Vurputoor Chari, an Indian-American US Air Force colonel, is among the 18 astronauts, half of them women, who have been selected by NASA for its ambitious manned mission to the Moon and beyond. Chari, 43, a graduate of the US Air Force Academy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and US Naval Test Pilot School, is the only Indian-American in the list. The selected astronauts will help NASA prepare for the coming Artemis missions, which begins next year, working with the agency's commercial partners as they develop human landing systems



The modern lunar exploration programme will land the first woman and next man on the Moon in 2024, and establish a sustainable human lunar presence by the end of the decade

FACTOID



31 species have been listed on the extinct list by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. The list includes the lost shark, listed as critically-endangered or possibly-extinct, as it was last recorded in 1934. The lost shark's habitat in the South China Sea, one of the world's most-exploited marine regions, has been extensively fished for more than a century.

■ Out of the 17 freshwater fish species in Lake Lanao and its outlet in the Philippines, 15 are now extinct and two are critically-endangered or possibly extinct, the ICUN announced. The extinctions were caused by predatory-introduced species as well as overharvesting and destructive fishing methods

■ In Central America, three frog species have now been declared extinct. Another 22 frog species across Central and South America are listed as critically-endangered or possibly extinct — with the driver of the declines identified as chytridiomycosis disease, an infectious disease caused by a fungus that affects amphibians worldwide

■ In addition, all of the species of freshwater dolphin in the world are now threatened with extinction, with the addition of the tucuxi, a freshwater dolphin species found in the Amazon river system to the list, according to the ICUN. The tucuxi population has been "severely-depleted" by deaths linked to fishing gear, damming rivers and pollution

■ In the plant world, nearly a third of Oak trees around the world are threatened with extinction, with the highest numbers in China and Mexico

ERIC YUAN NAMED AS TIME'S BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR



Eric Yuan, the CEO of popular video calling platform Zoom, has been named as the Time's Businessperson of the Year. Zoom has been one of the most popular video conferencing apps that people have relied on, especially during this pandemic, which requires social distancing to curb any further spreading. Time said, Zoom was being used in "all sorts of unexpected places. It became a verb and prefix, a defining syllable of socially-distant era."

RECOGNITION

■ Yuan, 50, was born in China, where he studied computer science at the Shandong University, until he received an H-1 visa in 1997, and moved to the US, according to Time

■ Zoom's rise over the years has been phenomenal. On March 22 this year, it announced that it would go public. Its userbase skyrocketed from 10 million daily participants in December 2019 to more than 300 million in April 2020

CHRISTIAN BALE JOINS 'THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER' AS VILLAIN

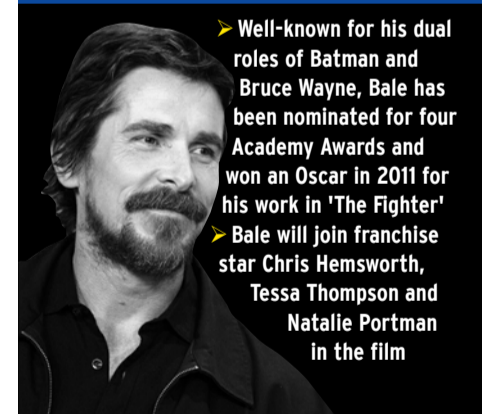
English actor Christian Bale and former star of Christopher Nolan's 'Batman' trilogy has joined the Marvel Cinematic Universe's (MCU) upcoming film, 'Thor: Love and Thunder'. However, don't expect Bale to play one of MCU's legendary good guys. He will be playing the flick's villain— Gorr, the God Butcher.

MOVIES

▶ According to Collider, the character Gorr had a tough life and lost his pregnant wife to an earthquake and the rest of his children to the difficult conditions of his nameless home-world



▶ After the tragedies, Gorr sets out to kill gods of all sorts, such as the titular Thor



▶ Well-known for his dual roles of Batman and Bruce Wayne, Bale has been nominated for four Academy Awards and won an Oscar in 2011 for his work in 'The Fighter'

▶ Bale will join franchise star Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson and Natalie Portman in the film

Gwalior, Orchha in UNESCO world heritage cities' list

Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh have been included in the list of UNESCO's world heritage cities under its urban landscape city programme, according to the state government.

■ Gwalior was established in the 9th century, and was ruled by the Gurjar Pratihara Rajvansh dynasty, the Tomars, Baghels, Kachwahs and the Scindias.

■ The memorabilia left by them is found in abundance in memorials, forts and palaces in that area

■ Orchha is popular for its temples and palaces, and was the capital of the Bundela Kingdom in the 16th century. The famous spots in the town are Raj Mahal, Jehangir Mahal, Ramraja Temple, Rai Praveen Mahal, and Laxminarayan Mandir, among others

HERITAGE SITES

'WEAR MASK EVEN AFTER GETTING COVID VACCINE'

AS THE WORLD BRACES FOR COVID-19 VACCINE INOCULATION, EXPERTS HAVE WARNED AGAINST STOPPING OF WEARING A MASK EVEN AFTER GETTING VACCINATED. HERE'S WHY...

1 Experts say, the first coronavirus vaccines require two shots. For example, Pfizer's second dose comes three weeks after the first and Moderna's comes after four weeks. Besides, according to them, the effect of vaccinations generally aren't immediate. People are expected to get some level of

protection within a couple of weeks after the first shot. However, full protection may not happen until a couple weeks after the second shot.

2 It's also not yet known whether the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines protect people from infection entirely, or just from the symptoms. It means vacci-

nated people might still get infected and pass the virus on, although it would likely be at a much lower rate, they add.

3 Moreover, even though vaccine supplies start ramping up, getting hundreds of millions shots into people's arms is expected to take months, experts say.





Home bound during the lockdown! Many youngsters saw it as an opportunity to look beyond the boredom, skill up and use their talent in productive way. Here are some of the interesting things our NIEians did during the lockdown...

HOME-BOUND, YET PRODUCTIVE

EXPLORING THE CREATIVE SIDE

VOICE MODULATION IS FUN

During the lockdown, I discovered the interesting skill of mimicry. Now I can mimic not just actors and actresses, I can even imitate many of my friends, teachers, near and dear one. During the lockdown I had time on my hands to watch videos and finally got a hang of voice modulation. I've also been making videos of my mimicry acts and sharing them with friends.

Bhavya Gulati, class XII, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula



STITCHING IS THERAPEUTIC



As part of a school project, I had to make cloth masks. I watched several videos to learn how to make them. I did not know how to stitch. My mother taught me how to do a running stitch. At first, it was difficult to get it right. However, as I continued doing it, I became better and it turned into a therapeutic activity. I was able to make fifteen masks, and I enjoyed doing so. Had it not been for the lockdown, I would never have tried this.

Hina Naela, class XII, G D Goenka Public School, Lucknow



PENCIL PAINTING TECHNIQUES

Being home for five months and not getting bored is a mammoth task. So, I decided that it was time to brush the dust off my art books and watercolor pencils which I couldn't have done in my routine. I turned to YouTube and managed to learn many new techniques of painting with watercolor pencils. Now, I've gained quite a lot of proficiency in their usage!

Aarya Rajesh Bhanushali, class X, S V D D English Medium Secondary High School, Mumbai



BONDING WITH FAMILY AND BEYOND

ECO-FRIENDLY BRIDGES

Nature is intrinsic to all things associated with life: During this lockdown I indulged in some eco-friendly activities with my family. I helped my mother clear out plastic and transformed an old water bottle into a pen stand. I helped my grandmother renovate our garden area by seedling seasonal veggies. I also learned to make cloth bags and masks with my cousins. Not only did I cultivate hobbies that are close to nature but I also got a chance to bond with my family without the influence of technology. This period of lockdown helped most of us to realize the importance of taking care of each other.

G Darshan, class VI, San Academy, Chennai

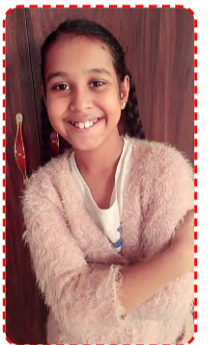


ONLINE MEETS AND PEALS OF LAUGHTER

Having grown up with my grandparents around, I have always considered myself lucky. But my parents' stories about their boisterous childhood often made me feel deprived.

Voilà! I decided to revive the family group. I got each of them to join an online meet. Over sessions of small talks, peals of laughter, and silly fights, magic happened! The meetings have become a Sunday ritual now and I find myself engrossed in an enchanted world, loved and adored by a gaggle of grandparents and a band of cousins.

Ishika Padhy, class IV C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad



PHOTOS AND WISHES

My aunt who lives in Japan was to visit us, but had to cancel her trip due to the pandemic. So, I decided to surprise her with a compilation of all her childhood photos and memories. I collected and put together photos. I also added clips of other family members wishing her. Using these I created a film highlighting some of the key events in her life in chronological order. I sent her this video on her birthday to convey our love and wishes for her. It helped not only bond with her, but brought other members of the family together as well.

Likhith L Gowda, class X, Delhi Public School North, Bengaluru



RECYCLING AND UPCYCLING

GREAT WAY TO REDUCE WASTE

I recycled and upcycled a lot of trash during this lockdown. Recycling is a great way to reduce waste



and save money. Making flowers out of pencil shavings, cloth leaves and vases from trash cups was fun. I upcycled plastic bottles into plant pots, watering cans, snack boxes, charging docks and trash cans. I recycled old paper into new notepads, bookmarks, wrapping paper and bags. It helped me destress and gave me satisfaction.

Gouri Theertha, class XI, KV Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram



PAINT ON, CRACK GONE

A week ago, I recycled my favorite tea cup. It was a present which I received on my 10th birthday. But last week, it fell from my hands and developed a crack. I knew I could not use it to drink but I did not want to throw it away. But an idea struck me on how I could upcycle it. I coated the rim and handle with glass paint. That way the crack marks



were covered. Then I gave it a designer look with some decorating beads and the cup was successfully converted into a pen stand. The cup which primarily found a place in my kitchen-shelf, is now proudly sitting on my study table. My very beautiful "DIY" pen-stand made with my broken birthday present,

Jyotirmoy Chatterjee, class XII, Central Modern School, Kolkata

LENDING A HELPING HAND

BAGS & POTS PAYING FOR MASKS

When the pandemic hit the country not everyone could afford sanitizers and masks, which were the basic needs to stay safe from the virus. So we decided to distribute masks among the needy people. We raised funds to buy the masks by selling hand painted pots and paper bags which

we made. So far we have distributed more than 500 masks to people living on roadsides, children in orphanages and elders in old age homes. Apart from distributing the masks we also created awareness among them regarding safety precautions to be followed to stay safe from Covid-19.

It is our father who taught us the importance of being compassionate and kind to people around us. We grew up seeing him serve the needy in the society.

Mahaswetha and Madhulekha Unnikrishnan, class V, AKR Academy, Tirupur



GIVING SHOWS WHO YOU ARE

With job loss and unemployment rate rising during this lockdown, I wanted to do my part in healing the world of the scar that Covid 19 has left. My family and I collected clothes and distributed food packets in the slum areas. The blessings we got and the happiness



that I felt cannot be justified in words. Keeping our humanity in such difficult times and not ignoring others' sufferings is important. One of the biggest lessons I learned during the lockdown is to do things for others not because of who they are or what they do in return but because of who you are.

Sakshi Panwar, class X, The Indian Academy, Dehradun

CHILDREN CAN LEARN

more effectively through stories than activities



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When making children learn about evolution, the oldest form of teaching - storytelling - is the most effective way of teaching primary school, suggest the findings of new research. The study was led by researchers at the Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath

than the somewhat abstract example of trilobites, but in fact the opposite was true. "This is the first large randomised controlled trial that is evaluating the effectiveness of different methods of teaching, using similar scientific methods to those used in drug interaction trials to test whether a new treatment works. "Our results show that we should be careful about our preconceptions about what works best. We only tested the teaching of evolution in this way - it would be interesting to see if these findings also applied to other subjects of the curriculum."

Professor Momna Hejmadi, Associate Dean of the University's Faculty of Science, helped to design the study and co-authored the paper. She said: "Evolution was introduced to the national curriculum for primary schools in 2014.

"It's a really important subject as it forms the foundation for biology. However, many primary school teachers, if they don't have a science background, are less confident about teaching it.

It is important for schools to make available free online courses for teachers to help them effectively engage their pupils with this important subject.

THE METHOD

While all teaching methods improved the pupils' understanding of evolution, a study published in the journal 'Science of Learning' found that the story-based approach combined with abstract examples of evolution were the most effective lessons.

A randomised controlled trial found that children learn about evolution more effectively when engaged through stories read by the teacher, than through doing tasks to demonstrate the same concept. The scientists investigated several different methods of teaching evolution in primary schools, to test whether a pupil-centred approach (where

pupils took part in an activity) or a teacher-centred approach (where pupils were read a story by the teacher), led to a greater improvement in understanding of the topic. The study recruited 2,500 primary school students who were tested for the understanding of evolutionary concepts before and after the lessons. Professor Laurence Hurst, Director of the Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath, led the study.

THE FINDINGS

He said: "We were surprised by the results - we expected that pupils would be more engaged with an activity rather than listening to a story and that children would identify more strongly with the human-based examples of evolution



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Best of the Christmas movies

EDWARD SCISSORHANDS

A reclusive genius creates a boy but dies before completing him, leaving his brainchild with scissor-like blades in place of hands. A kindly woman from a nearby suburb takes pity on the lonely figure and welcomes him into her home. Tim Burton's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp.



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

A cheerful novice nun is employed as governess to the seven children of an austere widower. As she brings light, laughter and a love of all things harmonious to a family previously beset by grief, she also falls in love with her employer. Oscar-winning musical with Julie Andrews.

EDDIE THE EAGLE

Biopic of British Eddie Edwards. Determined to fulfil his dreams of becoming an Olympic athlete, Edwards trains as a ski jumper - a field in which Britain had no other competitors - and secures a place in the Olympics. Starring Taron Egerton.



INSIDEOUT

Inside 11-year-old Riley's head lives a team of five that control her emotions. Led by the eternally upbeat Joy, they have always ensured she lived a happy life - but when Riley's parents move to a new city, she is plunged into depression. It's a Pixar fantasy, with the voice of Amy Poehler.



JURASSIC WORLD

Decades on from the creation of Jurassic Park, an attraction filled with genetically engineered dinosaurs has been opened on the island. In need of a new attraction, the company behind the park creates a new species - only for it to escape. It's an adventure sequel starring Chris Pratt.

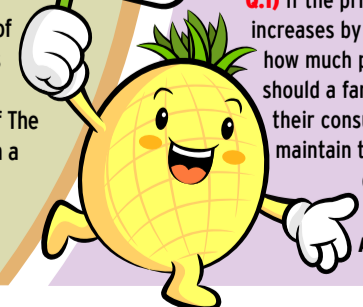
NEW ON THE BLOCK

NEW BATMAN WILL BE BLACK

Tim (Jace) Fox will follow Bruce Wayne as Batman in the upcoming miniseries. A surprise variant cover to issue #2 of the four-issue January/February miniseries was revealed and Tim Fox as Batman was in it. Tim is the estranged son of Lucius Fox and brother to the former Batwing Luke Fox. He first appeared in Batman #313, April 10, 1979. More

recently, in October's Batman #101, he was in a conversation between Batman and Lucius Fox, who has since acquired the Wayne fortune and technology as a result of The Joker War. The story is written by John Ridley, Nick Derington and Laura Braga, and the art is by Doug Braithwaite and Diego Rodriguez 'Future State: The Next Batman' will debut on January 5, 2021, with new

issues available every other week. Every 64-page oversized issue will include stories of other Gotham City heroes and villains. On February 23, 2021, another story of The Next Batman will give him a sidekick as part of DC's 'Batman: Black & White' anthology series.



MIND TEASERS (MATHS QUIZ)

Medha Bhavani Girish, class IX, National Public School HSR Layout, Bengaluru

- Q.1)** If the price of salt increases by 20%, by how much per cent should a family reduce their consumption to maintain their expenditure on salt?
A. 16.66 B. 20 C. 18 D. 40
- Q.2)** If Raju's dad is 4 times Raju's age, and in 5 years, Raju's dad will be thrice his age, find Raju and his father's present age.
A. 8 and 32 B. 9 and 36 C. 10 and 40 D. 5 and 20
- Q.3)** If the area of a rectangle is equal to its perimeter, and the length is 3 less than the breadth, find the length and breadth.
A. 12 - b5 B. 13 - b6 C. 15 - b18 D. 15 - b8
- Q.4)** If 3 consecutive multiples of 7 add up to 84, find the multiples.
A. 14, 21, 28 B. 42, 49, 56 C. 7, 14, 21 D. 21, 28, 35
- Q.5)** The digits of a 2 digit number add up to 7. When reversed, the number is increased by 27. Find the number.
A. 16 B. 34 C. 25 D. 61

ANSWERS

- (1) A) 16.66% (2) C) Raju 10, dad 40 (3) B) L3 - b6 (4) D) 21, 28, 35 (5) C) 25

STAY HEALTHY

4 fruits for maintaining weight in pandemic

Rich in fibre, vitamins and essential nutrients, fruits are one of the best foods that you can include in your diet for maintaining weight. The fibre keeps you fuller for a longer time and the fructose content helps to satiate your sweet tooth. Here are 5 fruits you can eat regularly if you are trying to lose weight.



APPLES

1 With just 4 grams of fibre and only 95 calories per serving, apples are one of the best fruits for weight loss. They are more satisfying than other snacks because it takes longer to consume an apple due to its high fibre content. Studies suggest that apples can support weight loss and reduce the risk of high cholesterol.



BANANAS

2 Contrary to popular belief, bananas are not fattening. It is certainly more calorie-dense than many other fruits, but the yellow fruit is also rich in nutrients. Bananas are packed with potassium, magnesium, manganese, fibre, vitamins and many antioxidants. Eating a banana every day can help reduce the risk of high cholesterol and help in maintaining weight.



BERRIES

3 Berries are considered nutritional powerhouses. They are low in calories, packed with different kinds of vitamins and antioxidants. One serving of (152 grams) strawberries contains just 50 calories, while 148 grams of blueberries contains just 84 calories. They can be enjoyed with cereal or yogurt for breakfast or blended in a healthy smoothie.



ORANGES

4 Include oranges in winter to maintain weight. This fruit is rich in vitamin C, fibre and low in calories. It is four times more filling than a croissant and twice as filling as a muesli bar. One orange contains just 45 calories, so you can enjoy this fruit without worrying about your calories intake. TM

3 POSITIVES BEFORE THE TESTS

Kohli-less Team India ticked all the right boxes in the 2nd and final practice match against the Men from Down Under in the build-up to the four-match Test series

1 Shami & Bumrah working in tandem

Premier pacers Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah received a heavy bashing after their no-show in the white-ball series against the mighty Aussies. Though India avenged the One Day International (ODI) series by winning the T20Is, it was the batch of make-shift pacers (Shardul Thakur and Thangarasu Natarajan) that forced the premier bowlers to take the back seat. However, both Bumrah and Shami have bounced back by running rings around the Aussie batsmen in the practice matches. While Shami was the pick of the bowlers in the 2nd practice match with five wickets, Bumrah scored a gritty half-century and also secured a brace of wickets in the same match.

2 Hanuma, Shubman give fresh headaches

At a time when Ravindra Jadeja is recovering from a concussion, middle-order batsman Hanuman Vihari is keen on cementing his place in the playing XI for the Adelaide Test. Vihari not only slammed a crucial century against Australia A, but the all-rounder also chipped in with tidy spells and was rewarded with the prized wicket of Australia A skipper Alex Carey. Meanwhile, Indian opener Shubman Gill has also strengthened his selection case with his elegant batsmanship and consistency. The promising young talent is already heavily tipped to spearhead India's batting order when Kohli leaves the Indian contingent post the series opener. Gill is also likely to receive a surprise start in the Adelaide Test as the Indian think tank continues to deal with the selection dilemma. Gill scored a patient 43 in the first innings before scoring a sublime 65 in the second.

3 Pant puts himself on the map

With a strike rate of 141 plus and an innings laced by six sixes and nine fours, it's fair to say that Rishabh Pant was only toying with the Aussie bowlers in the build up to the first Test between India and Australia at Sydney. The out-of-favour batsman has remained behind Wriddhiman Saha in the pecking order but Pant's quick-fire century against Australia A has created the right noise prior to India's first pink-ball Test against Australia. In the previous match where Saha perished for a duck, Pant staged his return-to-form act in the second game. There is no denying that the India southpaw has put himself on the map.

India will miss Ishant badly: Manjrekar

Former Indian cricketer-turned-commentator Sanjay Manjrekar feels India will miss Ishant's presence in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2020-21 edition. "India will miss Ishant Sharma very, very, badly because he was the third support bowler. He ensured that the pressure wasn't off. In many ways Mohammed Shami and Bumrah are your seam bowlers and you needed somebody to just keep that line outside the off-stump, be economical, keep the pressure on," Sanjay Manjrekar said on Sony Network. Ishant was one of the key performers for Team India in the maiden Test series win on Australian soil. He played the senior pacer's role to perfection and returned with 11 scalps in the last India-Australia Test series. Hence, his overall experience and presence will be a big loss to Kohli & Co.

Shami bowled noteworthy spells in the pink-ball warm-up against Australia A

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

There will be no pressure of captaincy on Rahane: Gavaskar

Legendary batsman Sunil Gavaskar feels Ajinkya Rahane won't be under any pressure to lead Team India in the last three Tests of the upcoming series against Australia once regular skipper Virat Kohli leaves after the Adelaide match. After the culmination of the first Test, which will be played under lights at the Adelaide Oval from Thursday, Kohli will return to India to be with his wife Anushka Sharma who is expecting their first child.

There is no real pressure on Ajinkya Rahane because both the times that he has led the team, he has won. He led against Australia at Dharamshala and India won. He led against Afghanistan and India won.

Sunil Gavaskar, former Indian captain



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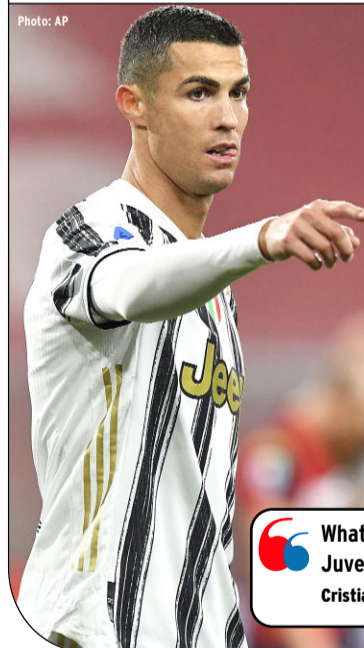
Kuldeep to be game changer in D/N Test



Pragyan Ojha

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Ronaldo scores twice on 100th Juventus appearance



Cristiano Ronaldo marked his 100th game for Juventus with a pair of penalties in a 3-1 success over Genoa, as the champions closed the gap on Serie A leaders AC Milan. Paulo Dybala got his first league goal of the season in the 57th minute and Ronaldo sealed the points with two late strikes from the spot after Stefano Sturaro had levelled for the hosts after an hour. The Portuguese forward's strikes have taken him level with AC Milan star Zlatan Ibrahimovic as leading scorer in Serie A with 10 goals.

What better way to celebrate my 100th game for Juventus, than scoring two more goals for the team?
Cristiano Ronaldo

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: In which tournament did Australian tennis player Ashleigh Barty win her maiden Grand Slam title?

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

Q2: Who is the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship?

- a) Nikhat Zareen b) Sarita Devi
c) Lovlina Borgohain d) MC Mary Kom

Q3: In which year did Neeraj Chopra win a gold medal at

the Asian Athletic Championships?

- a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018 d) 2019

Q4: Which country clinched a gold medal at the 2020 European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Kyiv with victory in the group mixed apparatus final?

- a) France b) Turkey c) Greece
d) Italy

Q5: Which player holds the record of most catches in the history of IPL?

- a) AB de Villiers b) Suresh Raina
c) Rohit Sharma d) Kieron Pollard

Q6: In which year did Ravichandran Ashwin win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy after being named ICC Cricketer of the Year?

- a) 2015 b) 2016 c) 2017 d) 2018



Ravichandran Ashwin

Q7: Who is the only Indian athlete to have won at a World Athletics Championships, with a bronze in long jump at the 2003 World Athletics Championships in Paris.

- a) Mercy Kuttan b) Anju Bobby George
c) Nayana James d) Reeth Abraham

Q8: Which cricketer has captained the most matches in all seasons of IPL?

- a) Virat Kohli b) Rohit Sharma
c) Gautam Gambhir d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Q9: Who has officiated the most number of matches as an umpire in the history of IPL?

- a) Asad Rauf b) Nitin Menon
c) Kumar Dharmasena d) Sundaram Ravi

Q10: In which year was Maradona crowned world champion with Argentina?

- a) 1986 b) 1987 c) 1988 d) 1989

Q11: Which Indian player has the record of most runs in T20 Internationals?

- a) MS Dhoni b) Shikhar Dhawan
c) Rohit Sharma d) Virat Kohli

Q12: Who is the present coach of FC Barcelona?

- a) Pep Guardiola b) Ernesto Valverde
c) Ronald Koeman d) Quique Setien

ANSWERS: 1 b) The French Open 2 d) MC Mary Kom 3 b) 2017 4 b) Turkey 5 b) Suresh Raina 6 b) 2016 7 b) Anju Bobby George 8 d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni 9 d) Sundaram Ravi 10 a) 1986 11 d) Virat Kohli 12 c) Ronald Koeman