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WISE WORDS »

Today Himalaya is calling you. Wake up my son, do not allow my auction. Protect me from being slaughtered.



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AFTER GRUELLING WIN, FEDERER PULLS OUT

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Roger Federer scraped past Dominik Koepfer in the third round

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setting the track on fire

FRASER-PRYCE SETS FASTEST 100M TIME IN 33 YEARS

Jamaica's Fraser-Pryce's 10.63 sec. timing makes her the second-fastest woman behind Florence Griffith-Joyner.

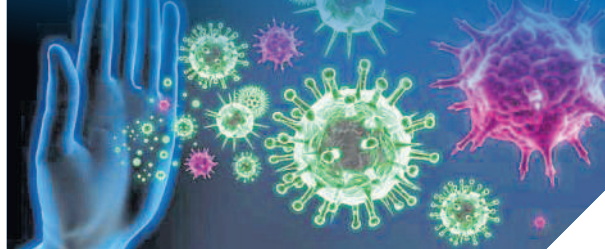
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Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce in action during the women's 100m in Kingston

body clock is key

HOW WELL OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM WORKS CAN DEPEND ON THE TIME OF DAY

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breaking it down

LOOKING BACK AT THIS WEEK THAT YEAR

Catch up with past events such as the launch of the ill-fated Soyuz 11 mission and when shooting began for Dr. Cyclops, the first horror film.

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SALVADOR PLANS TO MAKE BITCOIN OFFICIAL CURRENCY

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NATION

Covid-19: India reports 1,14,460 cases, lowest in 2 months; positivity rate drops to 5.62%

NEW DELHI: India reported 1,14,460 new coronavirus infections, the lowest in 60 days, while the daily positivity rate further dropped to 5.62%, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Sunday.

With the fresh cases, the total tally of coronavirus cases in the country climbed to 2,88,09,339. The Covid-19 death toll climbed to 3,46,759 with 2,677 daily deaths, the lowest in 42 days, while the active cases dropped below 15 lakh, the data updated at 8 am showed.

A total of 96,982 new cases were recorded in a span of 24 hours on April 6. Also, 20,36,311 tests were conducted on Saturday taking the total cumulative tests conducted so far for detection of Covid-19 in the country to 36,47,46,522.

The daily positivity has further declined to 5.62%. It has been less than 10% for 13 consecutive days, the ministry said. The weekly positivity rate has declined to 6.54%. The active cases have reduced to 14,77,799 comprising 5.13% of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery



A medical worker administers a Covid vaccine to a school student in Kolkata on Sunday

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rate has improved to 93.67%. A net decline of 77,449 cases has been recorded in the Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. Recoveries continue to outnumber daily new cases for the 24th consecutive day. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 2,69,84,781, while the case fatality rate stands at 1.20%, the data stated. The Centre has so far provided, both through the free of cost and through direct state procurement categories, more than 24 crore vaccine doses (24,60,80,900) to states and Union Territories.

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NE students demand chapter on region in NCERT books

ITANAGAR: Many student unions and organisations started a 'Twitter storm' demanding a mandatory chapter on the north-eastern states of India in the NCERT curriculum.

According to Lingdam Kame, president of All Arunachal Student Union of Chandigarh, this step has been taken to raise the issue of racial discrimination faced by people from the Northeast. Over 30 student unions and organisations across India started this movement called A chapter for NE. With the hashtag A chapter for NE and Northeast Matters, students constantly tweeted on Friday, in order to press their demands to the Union education ministry.

"Because of racial discrimination, many people of the northeastern states have faced problems. We as students, who go to other states to pursue our studies, face racial discrimination at least 6-7 times a month," Kame said. "We cannot say that the movement will completely eradicate the racial discrimination but it will surely help to minimise it," he added.

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Infected lion on antibiotic regimen; TN CM visits zoo

CHENNAI: The infected Asiatic lions at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP), popularly known as Vandalur zoo here, have been quarantined and on a regimen of antibiotics and other prophylactic drugs.

Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin, who visited the zoo on Sunday and took stock of the situation, directed the officials of Environment & Forest department and the facility to provide the best treatment to the infected lions as per protocols. Also, he instructed the authorities to ensure proper vaccination is administered to all animal handlers and officials at the zoo.

Stalin, who is also the chairperson of Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu, was taken around the enclosures through the eco-friendly battery operated vehicle. Director of the Zoo, Debasis Jana explained to the CM about the measures taken on ground to monitor all animals and meticulously follow all SOPs and treatment protocols as advised by Central Zoo Authority (CZA) and Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.

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CITY LIGHTS

Unlock part 2 begins today, more curbs being eased

NEW DELHI: Restrictions, including those on markets and transport, are being eased in the city with effect from today following a seven-week lockdown that was necessitated by a devastating fourth wave of Covid-19 cases. Delhi Metro trains will be allowed to operate at 50% seating capacity, and shops in markets and malls can reopen on an odd-even basis from Monday, in accordance with the announcement made by Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday. However, restaurants, bars and food courts across the city will remain shut and only take-away or delivery will be allowed, senior government officials clarified. The government eased restrictions on stand-alone shops, markets and malls, and permitted private and government offices to open with half their strength.

AGENCIES



A worker cleans the premises of Select City Mall in Saket, New Delhi, on Sunday. Markets and malls are scheduled to reopen from Monday.

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'2021 lockdown pollution higher than last year'

NEW DELHI: The lockdown imposed this year on account of the second wave of Covid-19 was not as effective in bringing down the pollution levels in the national capital as it was last year, showed an air quality analysis conducted by the Delhi-based think tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). "Lockdowns were effective in bringing down PM2.5 levels this year as well. But given the shorter duration and lesser stringent lockdown this year, the levels are not as low as summer 2020," read the analysis by CSE. The think tank said that the imposition of a partial lockdown (from April 6 to April 19) lowered PM2.5 levels by 20% in Delhi, while the complete lockdown (from April 20 onwards) brought the average pollution levels further down by 12%.

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Smart cards, tokens to be allowed in Delhi Metro

NEW DELHI: As Delhi Metro will resume from today (June 7) after 27 days of the shutdown, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has allowed commuters to use both smart cards and tokens. "Smart card and token both are allowed for commuting in Delhi metro from tomorrow onward. However smart cards will be preferred keeping in view contactless communication," a Delhi Metro official told ANI news agency on Sunday. However, the official also clarified that there would be no change in the existing 20% discount on smart cards. The Delhi Metro services, which were closed on May 10 due to an unprecedented spike in coronavirus cases, will be resumed for the general public from Monday, June 7, with 50% capacity only.

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SCHOOL EVENT

APEEJAY, PITAMPURA, STARTS ONLINE MORNING PROGRAMME

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WORD POWER

Verbose

Ver-bohs

Adjective

Meaning: Using or expressed in more words than are needed.

Origin: Mid-16th century from Latin verbosus, from verbum 'word'.

Synonyms: circuitous, diffuse, long-winded, pleonastic, prolix, rambling, windy, wordy

Antonyms: compact, concise, crisp, pithy, succinct, terse

Usage: Even on radio, their rhetorical style sounds windy, verbose, addicted to polysyllables for their own sake.

WORLD

Johnson calls on G7 to vaccinate world by end of 2022

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Saturday called for leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) rich nations to make a commitment to vaccinate the entire world against Covid-19 by the end of 2022 when they meet in Britain next week. Johnson will host the first in-person summit in almost two years of G7 leaders – which follows a meeting of the group's finance ministers which wrapped up earlier in the day – and said he would seek a pledge to hit the global vaccination goal.

REUTERS

China okays Covid-19 vax for 3-year-olds, 7 cases in Guangzhou

BEIJING: China has approved emergency use of Sinovac Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine in people aged between 3 and 17, its chairman Yin Weidong told state TV late on Friday. China's mass vaccination drive, which administered 723.5 million doses of vaccines as of June 3, is currently only open to those aged 18 and above. The southern Chinese metropolis of Guangzhou on Sunday reported seven new local confirmed Covid-19 patients for June 5, bringing the city's total since May 21 to 80 amid a resurgent outbreak. Overall, China reported 30 new mainland Covid cases for June 5, the health authority said.

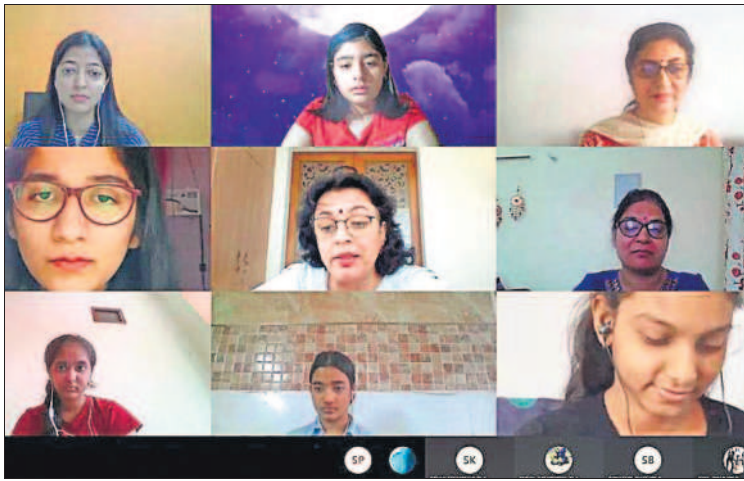
REUTERS

Normandy observes D-Day with small crowds, but big heart

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, FRANCE: Several ceremonies were held on Sunday to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the landing of the Allied forces on the Normandy shore, which led to the liberation of France and western Europe from Nazi control, and honour those who fell. For the second year in a row, anniversary commemorations were marked by virus travel restrictions that prevented veterans or families of fallen soldiers from making the trip to France. Only a few officials were allowed exceptions. A memorial to almost 22,500 under British command killed during D-Day and subsequent battles was unveiled in France as part of the commemoration.

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SCHOOL REPORTS



The teachers as well as the students took part in the programme with zeal

DLF, Sahibabad, begins Solace Circle initiative

With a view to help its students and teachers cope with the challenges during the ongoing Covid-19, DLF Public School, Sahibabad, started yet another thoughtful initiative titled Solace Circle as the first step of its Covid support group named DLF Beacons of Hope. Solace Circle is inspired by the Zulu philosophy of UBUNTU- 'I am because you are'. Led by the senior students, school Counsellors and the principal, it is an emotional first aid to help the students and teachers build a better coping mechanism for the unknown in these unprecedented times.

Senior students, teachers, School counsellors and the principal connected virtually over a two-hour meeting in which all those, who were directly or indirectly affected by the Covid, shared their feelings in a very comforting and safe environment.

They shared what helped them cope with the Covid challenges. During that meeting, they created a key team of Empathy Leaders who would function as pillars of support to provide hope to other Delfites and DLF Families who have suffered losses.

The Empathy Leaders will meet every Monday to recalibrate their plan and optimize how they can continue to anchor and support the students and teachers to help them stay

involved, connected and stand in support of each other just as a family should! Two weeks ago, the school also started counselling and interactive sessions for the stressed parents and Delfites to help them tide over the pandemic-induced challenges. During these sessions, school counsellors are meeting the parents and Delfites every day to address their fears, panic, anxieties and griefs.

Principal Seema Jerath began the session by expressing how important it is not to feed your fears as it reduces your capacity. It is all about creating the right state of mind. She laid emphasis upon the concept -- 'Tagda Raho' i.e. stay healthy and fit physically and emotionally.

Jerath said, "Our answer to every problem is in gratitude. So, be grateful for what you have, stand for others and become a pillar of support for others in these times. Almost all of us are facing a crisis like no other in living memory and thus it is important to stand together!"

"It is very important to connect with the school community and foster effective relationships. In this grave situation, we continue to move with an approach of instilling hope and confidence in our DLF Family," said school executive director, Dr Mrignaini.

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The show began moving message to all from Apeejay Education Society president Sushma Paul Berlia. The morning was lit up with a soothing melodious prayer by Tanushree Malik, an alumna, followed by Aap Ki Fitness wherein physical education department HOD Arvind Kaushal gave valuable tips on fitness. Thereafter Nitasha Garg, a yoga expert in the school, demonstrated Surya Namaskar asanas during the programme Yog Darpan, inspiring all to keep one's health at the top of the priority list. Apeejay@Cares4U is a small step to search for hope, faith and light when we are surrounded by uncertainty and insecurity.

At times, our own light goes out and it is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us should express deep gratitude to those people who have lighted the flame within us. Melodious songs and a flute performance added a musical flavour to the atmosphere.

Special thanks to alumni Khushi Garg, Pradyumun Arora (flute) and Sparsh Gulati who mesmerised the



The online morning programme titled Apeejay@Cares4U was started under the guidance of principal Veena Goel

audience with their musical presentation during the Geetmala segment. In the FolkLore segment, a captivating story session titled The Lucky Bird by PGT English Sapna Sondhi was the highlight of the show.

Sargun S. Juneja, a student of Class 9, spoke enthusiastically on the main theme 'I Am Thankful' and shared his views with conviction and clarity.

Apeejay@Cares4U was received well by all online attendees as two anchors Khushi Kalra and Saideep Keshri eloquently steered the program to success. Hartej Singh, a Class 10 student, handled the online program, visuals, videos and sound with the ease of a pro.

Ryan International, Noida, supports CBSE campaign



The students were lauded for exhibiting their strengths in these challenging Covid-19 times.

The students and the staff of Ryan International School, Noida, supported the Jan Andolan Campaign initiated by CBSE through innovative messages, posters, speeches and poetry.

A dramatic presentation by the students was very emphatic and praise worthy. Posters made by the teachers were displayed in the school.

The school under the aegis of its chairman Dr. A F Pinto and managing director Dr. Grace Pinto has shown progressive and proactive approach towards the current situation that demands great awareness and suitable planning.

School principal Sumita Mukherjee lauded the students for exhibiting their strengths in these challenging Covid-19 times.

IS CANCELLATION OF CLASS 12 BOARD EXAMS A RIGHT MOVE?

'The decision was taken in the best interest of students'

Examinations have a very important role in assessing the concept and learning and presenting them in the most valuable form. CBSE Class 12 board exams are a primary tool of evaluating students' academic potential in the subjects of their choice, which forms the basis of their higher education.

Any assessment which is not credible cannot be a part of screening or elimination process in undergraduate admissions. As an educator, I was in favour of Class 12 board examinations because I feel that the school leaving examination determines the future trajectory of a student's career. A centralized uniform and standardized external examination conducted

by a central board is a determining factor for such evaluation. The CBSE exam system has a credibility, which will be lost, if we do not conduct the Class 12 board exams and prepare the results on the basis of school exams as the assessment tool, which can be biased and not a reliable one with disincentives for hard working and intelligent students. I personally believe that in these unusual times of pandemic empathy, concern for the well-being of students and teachers should precede any effort of conducting the exam. In this unpredictable situation, however, cancellation of the board exams by CBSE was in the best interest of the students as their future is at stake with university

admissions abroad closing by the month of September.

However, the weightage of board result in admission to higher studies needs to be reduced in the current scenario and standardized entrance exams can be conducted which could have a single window system Pan India.

I feel Colleges need to gear up now and work on strategies for fair admission policies so that the deserving candidates don't lose out. As a school leader, I feel the need of the hour is to design a progressive and sustainable assessment system for Class XII, which has reliability, validity and credibility keeping the academic interests of the students in mind for their higher education.



Peeyaa Sharma, Principal, Ryan International School, Sohna Road, Gurugram

'Evaluation will be an uphill task for the schools'

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express my views in the columns of your esteemed paper, now on the post final decision for not holding the CBSE Class 12 examination after the detailed discussion at the highest level keeping in view the large interest of our students.

The ball now shifts to the court of the examining body and the schools to devise critical analytical criteria by judicious application so that justice should not only be done but also should appear to have been done in both large interest of the students and not to compromise with the standards of the evaluation.

Any criteria, so arrived at will put the schools in an embarrassing predicament and in a bind.



Now the ball is in the court of the exam body and schools, says Anita Gautam, Principal, DAV Sector 14, Faridabad

They will be said to be as too harsh towards the students if they adopt any ethically or morality-based mechanisms and too soft if they opt for bit liberal options.

So the schools will be put on tight-

rope walk to keep balance and sail through this situation because of given circumstances.

The schools will have to face some situations in a typically set of students who may not fit in any criteria and making evaluation an uphill task. At the same time, the school will not be happy at heart as they will be required to work strictly as per given criteria under the given circumstances as the students are now to be evaluated on the basis of their past performances denying them the final chance to improve upon the same.

The legitimate interest of the students is always close to the hearts of the schools and the parents as the growth and development of the child is their ambitious joint enterprise..

'In current situation, Centre's step is laudable'

"The students in India go through a lot of stress and anxiety when appearing for their Class 12 exams even when everything around them is normal. Right now, we are living through one of the worst pandemics that has ever hit our country.

This generation of students and perhaps, even their parents, have never seen anything like this. The kind of toll that the pandemic has taken on people's mental health is unprecedented. I cannot even imagine what a student, who has to appear for a Class 12 examination, will feel like.



I hope that state boards follow suit, says Anjana Uberoi, Educator, MRIS, Mayfield Garden, Sec 51, Gurugram

Add to that the fact that now young people and school students alike are vulnerable to the prevalent Covid-19 strain. We all know of many youngsters who have lost the battle to the

virus. In light of the circumstances that we're all living through, I strongly believe that the central government's decision to not have Class 12 exams is a laudable one. I understand that this may affect chances of students getting into foreign universities of their choice this year.

The government has also agreed that the marks allocation can happen based on internal assessments and a "well-defined objective criterion", which is a move in the right direction. I hope that state boards follow suit and make it easy for the students to deal with these challenging times.

MIND GAME

SUDOKU

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SCRAMBLE

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

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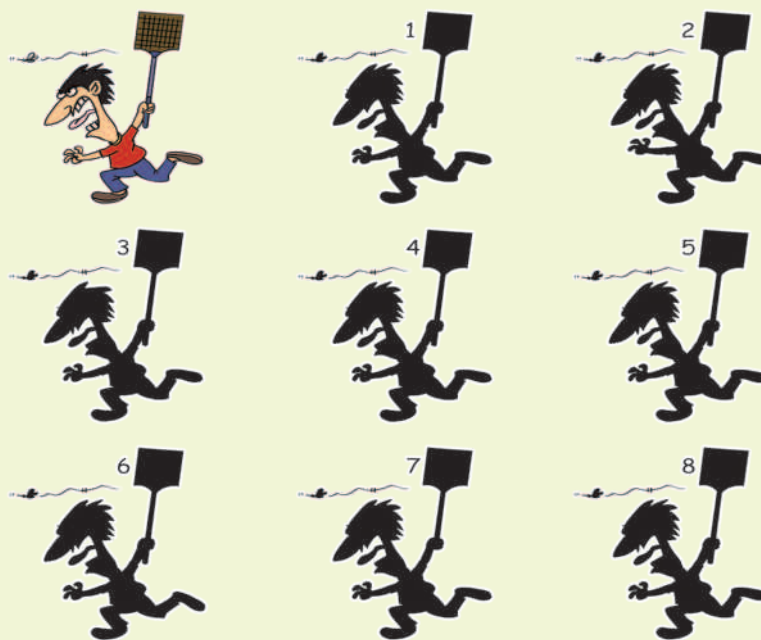
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Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (*) to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing words as indicated.

The relationship between husband and wife should be one of _____.
BR Ambedkar (7,7)

SILHOUETTE SURPRISE

Look closely at this drawing. Only one of these silhouettes is exactly the same as the one at the top left. Which one?



Amrita Bharati Features

Answer: 4

MATHDOKU

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		15×	2÷	3÷
9÷	6÷			
		120×	10×	

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.

ALL JUBILANT



People take part in Baghdad Kite Festival in Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday AP

Solutions

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SOLUTIONS

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1	4	5	2	3
5	3	2	1	4

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

SCRAMBLE Solution Words:
Erope, sissy, itonal, deface

LOOKING BACK AT THIS WEEK THAT YEAR

6 June

7 June

8 June

9 June

10 June

11 June

12 June



1891 Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, well-known writer in Kannada language renowned for his short stories, is born. He was the fourth among Kannada writers to be honoured with the Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour.

1942 The U.S. Navy's victory over the Imperial Japanese Navy in the Battle of Midway is a major turning point in the Pacific Theater of World War II. All four Japanese fleet carriers taking part are sunk, as is the heavy cruiser Mikuma. The American carrier Yorktown and the destroyer Hammann are also sunk.



1971 Soyuz 11 is launched. It was the only crewed mission to board the world's first space station, Salyut 1 (Soyuz 10 had soft-docked but had not been able to enter due to latching problems). The crew, Georgy Dobrovolsky, Vladislav Volkov, and Viktor Patsayev, arrived at the space station on June 7, 1971 and departed on June 29, 1971. The mission ended in disaster when the crew capsule depressurised during preparations for reentry, killing the three-man crew.



2017 A Myanmar Air Force Shaanxi Y-8 crashes into the Andaman Sea near Dawei, Myanmar, killing all 122 aboard.

1892

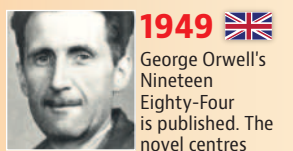
Homer Plessy is arrested for refusing to leave his seat in the "whites-only" car of a train. Arrested, tried and convicted in New Orleans of a violation of one of Louisiana's racial segregation laws, he appealed through Louisiana state courts to the U.S. Supreme Court and lost. The decision legalised state-mandated segregation anywhere in the US so long as the facilities provided for both blacks and whites were putatively "equal".



1938 The Chinese Nationalist government creates the 1938 Yellow River flood to halt Japanese forces during the second Sino-Japanese War which was a military conflict that was primarily waged between the Republic of China and the Empire of Japan. Five hundred to nine hundred thousand civilians are killed.

1929

Margaret Bondfield is appointed Minister of Labour. She is the first woman appointed to the Cabinet of the United Kingdom. She was a Labour party politician, trade unionist, women's rights activist and the first woman to be a privy counsellor in the UK.



1949 George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four is published. The novel centres on the consequences of totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and repressive regimentation of persons and behaviours in society.

1982

Fifty-six British servicemen are killed by an Argentine air attack on British ships RFA Sir Galahad and RFA Sir Tristram during the Falklands War. The conflict was a 10-week undeclared war between Argentina and the UK in 1982 over British dependent territories in the South Atlantic: the Falkland Islands and its territorial dependency, the South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands.

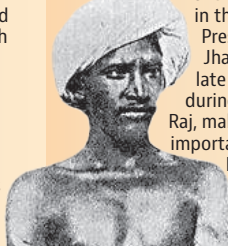
1667

The Raid on the Medway by the Dutch fleet begins. It lasts for five days and results in the worst defeat of the Royal Navy during the second Anglo-Dutch War, a conflict between England and the Dutch Republic partly for control over the seas and trade routes.

1716 Banda Singh Bahadur (born Lachman Dev), Sikh warrior and a commander of Khalsa army who was captured by the Mughals is tortured to death.

1900

Nationalist Birsa Munda dies of cholera in a British prison. He was a tribal freedom fighter, religious leader, and folk hero who belonged to the Munda tribe. He spearheaded a tribal religious movement that arose in the Bengal Presidency (now Jharkhand) in the late 19th century, during the British Raj, making him an important figure in India's independence movement.



1957 John Diefenbaker leads the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada to a stunning upset in the 1957 Canadian federal election, ending 22 years of Liberal Party government. He was the 13th prime minister of Canada, serving from 1957 to 1963.

1967

The Six-Day War ends. Israel and Syria agree to a cease-fire. Also known as the third Arab-Israeli War, was fought between June 5 and 10, 1967 between Israel and Jordan, Syria, and Egypt. Between 776 and 983 Israelis were killed and 4,517 were wounded. Arab casualties were far greater.

1977

James Earl Ray escapes from prison and is recaptured three days later. He was convicted of assassinating Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. Ray entered a guilty plea — thus forgoing a jury trial and the possibility of a death sentence — and was sentenced to 99 years of imprisonment.

1955

Eighty-three spectators are killed and at least 100 are injured after an Austin-Healey and a Mercedes-Benz collide at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the deadliest ever accident in motorsports. It took place at Circuit de la Sarthe in Le Mans, France.

1963

Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc burns himself with gasoline in a busy Saigon intersection to protest the lack of religious freedom in South Vietnam.



1983 Ghanshyam Das Birla, pioneering businessman, passes away. Envisioning infrastructural development in his hometown, Birla founded the Birla Engineering College (rechristened as Birla Institute of Technology and Science in 1964) in Pilani and the Technological Institute of Textile & Sciences in Bhiwani. He was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi. In 1957, he was awarded India's second-highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan.

1939

Shooting begins on Paramount Pictures' Dr. Cyclops, the first horror film photographed in three-strip Technicolor in USA.

1975

Judge Jagmohanlal Sinha of the Allahabad High Court ruled that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had used corrupt practices to win her seat in Parliament, and that she should be banned from holding any public office. Gandhi sent word that she refused to resign.



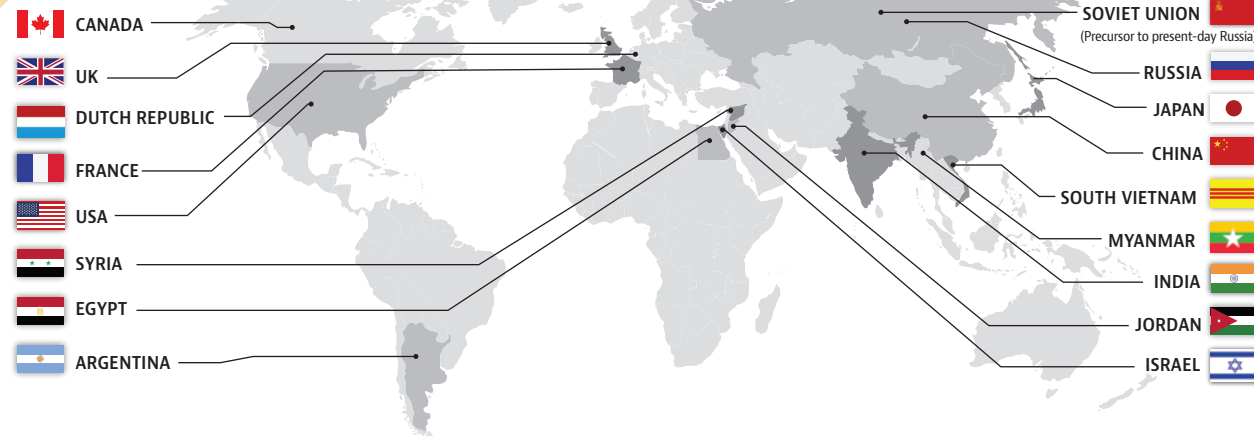
1976 Gopinath Kaviraj, Sanskrit scholar, Indologist and philosopher passes away.

1991

Boris Yeltsin becomes Russia's first democratically elected President. He was a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from 1961 to 1990, he later stood as a political independent.

1997

Queen Elizabeth II reopens the Globe Theatre in London. Shakespeare's Globe is a reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, an Elizabethan playhouse for which William Shakespeare wrote his plays, in the London borough of Southwark, on the south bank of the River Thames. The original theatre was built in 1599, destroyed by the fire in 1613, rebuilt in 1614, and then demolished in 1644.



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1ST NATION TO ACCEPT CRYPTOCURRENCY

El Salvador plans bill to make bitcoin official currency

Agence France-Presse

SAN SALVADOR: El Salvador may become the first country to make bitcoin official currency, President Nayib Bukele announced on Saturday, saying he would soon propose a bill that could transform the remittance-dependent economy.

The move would make the Central American nation the first in the world to formally accept the cryptocurrency as legal money and would "allow the financial inclusion of thousands of people who are outside the legal economy," Bukele said. "Next week, I will send to Congress a bill that makes Bitcoin legal money," the populist leader said during a video message to the Bitcoin 2021 conference in Miami, Florida.

The bill aims to create jobs, he said,

To know more about bitcoin, look up pg 3 of the edition dated June 3

in a country where "70% of the population does not have a bank account and works in the informal economy."

The El Salvador government is yet to give details of the bill, which will require approval from a parliament dominated by the president's allies.

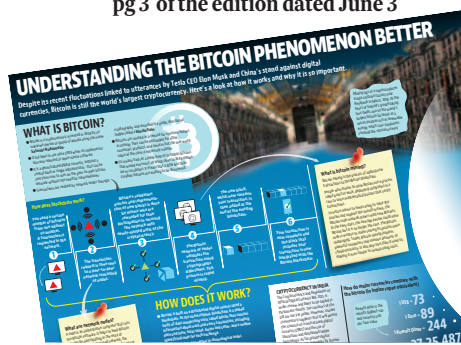
Remittances from Salvadorans working overseas represent a major chunk of the economy — equivalent to roughly 22% of Gross Domestic Product. In 2020, remittances to the country totaled \$5.9 billion, according to official reports.

According to Bukele, bitcoin represented "the fastest growing way to transfer" those billions of dollars in remittances and to prevent millions from being lost to intermediaries.

"Thanks to the use of bitcoin, the amount received by more than a million low-income families increases by several billion dollars every year," said the president. "This improves life and the future of millions of people."

The cryptocurrency market grew to more than \$2.5 trillion in mid-May 2020, according to the Coinmarketcap page, driven by interest from increasingly serious investors from Wall Street to Silicon Valley.

But the volatility of bitcoin — currently priced at \$36,127 — and its murky legal status has raised questions about whether it could ever replace fiat currency in day-to-day transactions.



S Korean designer creates 'Third Eye' for 'smartphone zombies'

Reuters

SEOUL : A South Korean industrial designer has come up with a satirical solution for "smartphone zombies" who can't take their eyes away from their screen long enough to stop themselves walking into a wall or other obstacle.

Paeng Min-wook, 28, has developed a robotic eyeball he has dubbed The Third Eye, which obsessive mobile phone users can strap to their foreheads so they can browse injury-free on the go.

The device, part of an artwork Paeng has called "Phono Sapiens", opens its translucent eyelid whenever it senses the user's head has been lowered to look at a smartphone. When the user comes within one to two metres of an obstacle, the device beeps to warn of the impending danger.

"This is the look of future mankind with three eyes," Paeng, a postgraduate in innovation design engineering at the Royal College of Art and Imperial College, told Reuters as he demonstrated use of The Third Eye around Seoul.

"As we cannot take our eyes off from smartphones, the extra eye will be needed in future."

Paeng's invention uses a gyro sensor to measure the oblique angle of the user's neck and an ultrasonic sensor to calculate the distance between



South Korean designer Paeng Min-wook showcases a robotic eye, called The Third Eye, on his forehead in Seoul

the robotic eye and any obstacles. Both sensors are linked to an open-source single-board microcontroller, with battery pack.

Paeng's demonstration of the device in Seoul this week garnered attention from passersby.

"I thought he looked like an alien with an eye on his forehead," Seoul resident, Lee Ok-jo, said. "These days many young people can get into accidents while using their mobile phone. This would be good for them."

Paeng plans to develop a camera module for the Third Eye and a linked mobile phone application, but he has no plans to commercialise his invention - a stance that he might consider changing given potential demand.

"It is so cool and interesting," said 23-year-old Shin Jae-ik. "We can easily bump into each other on street while using smartphones. I may not need it now, but I'd like to buy it when they sell it later."

Mumbai: Dark clouds hover over the city as seen from Kanjurmarg



Thiruvananthapuram: View of the Arabian Sea on June 3, the day the monsoon arrived this year



Kochi: A fisherman casts his net below an overcast sky



Thiruvananthapuram: A deserted beach buffeted by strong wind



MONSOON STARTS CASTING ITS SPELL

The annual four-month spell of the Southwest monsoon rains have so far touched parts of southern and western India since its slightly delayed arrival in Kerala on June 3. The India Meteorological Department declares the arrival of the monsoon on the basis of parameters measuring the consistency of rainfall over a defined geography, intensity, cloudiness & wind speed. A good monsoon is vital to India's economy which is based on agriculture & allied activities. PHOTOS: AGENCIES

Navi Mumbai: A couple takes a selfie with rain clouds in the backdrop



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Army controls temple

New Delhi — In a well-planned and swift operation the security forces today flushed out well-entrenched and heavily armed terrorists from the entire Golden Temple complex, including Harmandir Sahib, after fierce fighting in which over 250 terrorists and 59 army jawans were killed.

Although the armed forces had taken over most of the buildings in the Golden Temple complex during the course of the day, the terrorists holed up in the

Harmandir Sahib surrendered at about 9 p.m. after one of them was killed and another injured.

The army conducted mopping up operations at night, including in the basement of the Akal Takht, which was the scene of fierce fighting in which the terrorists used highly sophisticated weapons including rockets and missiles which even the Government's paramilitary forces do not possess.

Despite heavy odds the security forces achieved a major objective

in that the Akali Morcha "dictator" Harchand Singh Longowal and Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee president G. S. Tohra were escorted out of the Temple to a place of safety. The fate of the militant Sikh leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranavale, who was widely believed to be hiding in the Akal Takht, was not known at the time of going to the press.

on guard at the hall.

The paper said Mr Li's wound was not severe.

Mr Li was attacked immediately after he entered the hall after inspecting Tiananmen Square on Sunday afternoon. He survived because the guard, who fired four shots, was some distance away, it said.

The officer was immediately shot dead, and his family members

were arrested, the daily said.

The paper said 170 other policemen guarding the hall were immediately disarmed after the assassination attempt.

The newspaper reported that the officer had a bitter grudge against the Government as his sister and a girlfriend, both students at Beijing University, were killed in Sunday's military crackdown.

A Grand Slam by Paes-Bhupathi

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Vicky Labbe and Bhupathi's Indian coach, Enrico Piperno.

There was barely a handful of NRIs in the stands when the momentous winning point came Ivanisevic returning long a Paes serve. Thankfully, Doordarshan telecast the contest live.

It was the second senior Grand Slam title for Bhupathi, who shared the French Open mixed doubles with Japan's Rika Hiraki in 1997. "You have done the country proud," Prime Minister Vajpayee told Paes-Bhupathi in a message from New Delhi.

Li Peng hurt in attempt on life

Army units clash in Beijing

HONG KONG, June 6 — Six Chinese Premier Li Peng was shot at and injured in the capital today, according to Hong Kong daily said today, report agencies.

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.

The Chinese-language Ming Pao, quoting informed sources in Beijing, said Mr Li was attacked in the Great Hall of the People by a young officer



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BODY CLOCK CONTROLS OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

How well our immune system works can depend on the time of day

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Press Trust of India

DUBLIN : When microorganisms – such as bacteria or viruses – infect us, our immune system jumps into action. It is highly trained to sense and eliminate infections and clear up any damage caused by them.

It is typically assumed our immune systems work the exact same way regardless of whether an infection occurs during the day or at night. But research spanning over half a century now shows our bodies actually respond differently at day and night. The reason for this is our body clock, and the fact that each cell in the body, including our immune cells, can tell what time of day it is.

Our body clock has evolved over millions of years to help us survive. Every cell in the body has a collection of proteins that indicate the time depending on their levels. Knowing whether it's day or night means our body can adjust its functions and behaviours (such as when we want to eat) to the correct time.

Our body clock does this by generating 24 hour rhythms (also termed circadian rhythms) in how cells function. For example, our body clock ensures that we only produce melatonin as night falls, as this chemical makes us tired – signalling it's time for sleep.

Our immune system is composed



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of many different types of immune cells that are continually patrolling the body looking for evidence of infection or damage. But it is our body clock that determines where those cells are located at particular time of the day. Broadly speaking, our immune cells migrate into tissues during the day and then circulate around the body at night. This circadian rhythm of immune cells may have evolved so that immune cells are directly located in tissues at a time when we are more likely to be infected, primed for attack.

At night, our immune cells circulate around the body and stop off at our lymph nodes. Here, they build up memory of what was encountered during the day – including any infections. This ensures they can respond better to the infection the next time they encounter it.

Given the body clock's control over our immune system, it's hardly surprising to learn that some research has shown that the time we're infected with a virus – such as influenza or hepatitis – can impact how sick we become. The exact timing is likely to differ depending on the virus in question.

Other research has also shown that the time we take our medicines can

affect how well they work – but again, this depends on the drug in question. For example, since we make cholesterol when we sleep, taking a short-acting statin (a cholesterol-lowering drug) just before bedtime provides the most benefit. It's also been shown that time of day impacts how well certain types of immune cells work.

Body clocks and vaccines

There's also an increasing body of evidence showing vaccines – which create an immune “memory” of a particular pathogen – are impacted by our body clock, and the time of day that a vaccine is administered.

For example, a 2016 randomised trial of over 250 adults aged 65 and older showed having the influenza vaccine in the morning resulted in a greater antibody response compared to those vaccinated in the afternoon.

More recently, people in the mid-twenties who were immunised with the BCG (tuberculosis) vaccine between 8am and 9am had an enhanced immune response compared to those vaccinated between noon and 1pm. So for certain vaccines, there's evidence that early morning vaccination may provide a more robust response.

One reason for seeing improved

immune response to vaccines in the morning may be due to the way our body clock controls sleep. In fact, studies have found that sufficient sleep after vaccination for hepatitis A improves the immune response by increasing the number of vaccine-specific immune cells which provide long term immunity compared to those who had restricted sleep following vaccination.

It's still not fully understood why sleep improves vaccine response, but it might be because of how our body clock directly controls immune cell function and location during sleep. So for example, it sends the immune cells to our lymph nodes while we sleep to learn about what infections were encountered during the day, and to build a “memory” of this.

Of course this raises the question of how this might all relate to the current pandemic and worldwide vaccination programmes. How our immune body clock works might be important in terms of whether we develop Covid-19.

Intriguingly, the receptor which allows the Covid virus, SARS-CoV-2, to gain entry into our cells is under control of our body clock. In fact, there are higher levels of this receptor on the cells which line our airways at distinct times of day.

This could mean we're more likely to get Covid-19 at certain times of the day, but further research will be needed to determine whether this is the case.

Whether the time of day we're vaccinated against Covid-19 impacts immune response remains to be answered. Given the high effectiveness of many Covid-19 vaccines (with both Pfizer and Moderna reporting over 90% efficacy) and the urgency with which we need to vaccinate, people should be vaccinated at whatever time of day is possible for them.

But current and future vaccines which do not have such high efficacy rates or if they're used in people with poorer immune response, using a more precise “timed” approach may ensure better immune response.

NEW FEATURES

Soon, WhatsApp users will be able to access account from 4 devices

Asian News International

WASHINGTON: Facebook-owned instant messaging application WhatsApp will soon allow support on multiple devices at the same time. The company also confirmed that it will roll out more new features including disappearing mode' across all chat threads along with a 'view once' option as well.

As per The Verge, the multi-device support feature will be entering public beta in the coming months, allowing users to access their accounts from up to four linked devices.

The news came in an interview between WABetaInfo and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and WhatsApp head Will Cathcart.

Cathcart stopped short of confirming reports that WhatsApp has an iPad app in development, but said that multi-device support will make WhatsApp on iPad a possibility.

Zuckerberg also confirmed that WhatsApp is adding a new 'view once' feature, which will allow users to send content that disappears after it's been viewed.

The service is also expanding its disappearing messages feature, which currently allows messages to be deleted after a set period of time. In the future, a new 'disappearing

mode' will let you turn on disappearing messages across all chat threads.

Facebook's CEO confirmed that the multi-device feature will not compromise the end-to-end encryption that WhatsApp offers for messages sent between individuals.

"It'll still be end-to-end encrypted," Zuckerberg wrote.

Zuckerberg added, "It's been a big technical challenge to get all your messages and content to sync properly across devices even when your phone battery dies, but we've solved this and we're looking forward to getting it out soon!"

WhatsApp did not confirm when the 'view once' and 'disappearing mode' features are expected to launch, but Cathcart said that multi-device support will be entering public beta "in the next month or two."

Alongside multi-device support, WABetaInfo has also reported that WhatsApp is working on a new password-protected encrypted chat backups feature that could finally allow users to transfer their chat histories between iOS and Android devices. WABetaInfo has previously discovered numerous features before their official release, including adding contacts via QR codes and WhatsApp's disappearing messages feature.



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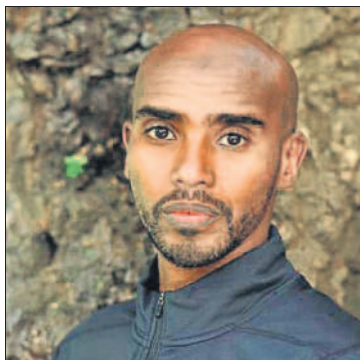
OLYMPICS

Farah fails to make 10k qualifying time

LONDON: Four-time Olympic champion Mo Farah's hopes of ending his track career at the Tokyo Games suffered a huge blow as he fell short of the qualifying mark for the 10,000 metres in Birmingham on Saturday.

The 38-year-old finished eighth, behind fellow Briton Marc Scott, in the European Cup, which doubled as British Olympic trial.

Farah's time in his first race at this distance for four years was 22 seconds short of the required standard of 27 mins 28 secs to qualify for the Games which are due to start on July 23. He blamed a foot injury for his poor showing, which had prevented him from training over the last two weeks. "I am four-times Olympic champion but that doesn't mean nothing. You've got to go out there each race and mix it with the best and give yourself a chance," said Farah. "I've been carrying a niggle since I came back from training. It is frustrating because I have done a lot of good work in Flagstaff (Arizona). If you would have asked me two weeks ago it would have been a lot different. It's part of the sport. "It just suddenly came on. I have



Mo Farah

REUTERS

had some treatment to it and then coming back, it really flared up. To be honest, this is the first bit I have done of track in the last two weeks. It is not ideal." He has another three weeks to make the qualifying time and could also turn his attention to the 5,000 metres in which he won gold at London 2012 and Rio 2016. A mixed sequence of results since moving from the track to the marathon persuaded Farah to give it one last blast on the surface he enjoyed his greatest moments on.



Tvesa Malik

TRISTAN JONES

Tvesa earns career-best sixth-place finish in France

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: Indian golfer Tvesa Malik recorded her second consecutive top-10 result and also equalled her career-best finish on the Ladies European Tour with a Tied-6th place at the Jabra Ladies Open, here. Tvesa, who began the week with a modest 75, soared up the leader board with a 4-under 67 on the second day and closed with 1-under 70 on the final day for a total of 1-under 212 late on Saturday.

Tvesa had enjoyed a similar result at home in Hero Women's Indian Open in 2019. Tvesa was tied with five other players, including Austrian Christine Wolf (67), Scot Alison Muirhead (68), French golfer Anne-Lise Caudal (69), Dane Linette Littau Durr Holmslykke (69) and Thai Attthaya Thitikul (74).

Thompson powers into US Women's Open lead

SAN FRANCISCO: Lexi Thompson fired five birdies without a bogey in a sparkling round on the Olympic Club Lake Course Saturday to grab a one-shot lead in the US Women's Open.

The American's five-under par 66 on the imposing layout gave her a 54-hole total of seven-under par 64 and a one-stroke edge over second-round leader Yuka Saso of the Philippines. Saso, a 19-year-old whose pro resume features two wins on the Japan LPGA tour, scrambled to an even par 71 for 207 -- leading by as many as two but dropping out of a share of the lead with her fourth bogey of the day at 18.

US amateur Megha Ganne, a 17-year-old New Jersey high school student, kept herself in contention with a one-over par 72 that left her sharing third on 210 with South Korean Lee6 Jeong-eun, who battled her way to a two-over 73.

China's Feng Shanshan was alone in fifth after a 72 for 211.

Thompson was the first player to post a bogey-free round this week at Olympic Club, which has hosted five men's US Opens but had never before hosted a women's major. The 2014 ANA Inspiration winner is seeking a first US Open title in her 15th attempt.

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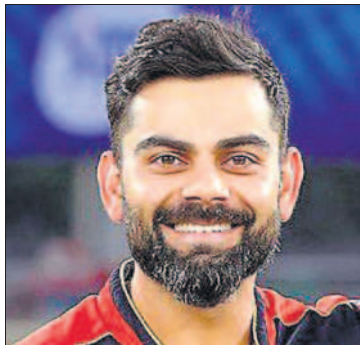
'Lack of match practice may hurt players like Kohli'

MUMBAI: Lack of match practice before the World Test Championship final is not a big worry for Virat Kohli but the legendary Dilip Vengsarkar believes that it "may hurt" the Indian captain. Kohli-led India reached England on Thursday and headed into a three-day quarantine in Southampton, the venue for the eagerly-awaited match from June 18.

Their opponents New Zealand, on the other hand, are engaged in a two-Test series against England, the first of which would finish on Sunday.

Vengsarkar, a veteran of 116 Tests, said that Kohli and Rohit are in very good form, but lack of competitive time in the middle might affect their performance at least in the tour-opening WTC final.

"Well he (Kohli) has been around for a long time. He (Kohli) is one of



Virat Kohli will lead India in the WTC final against New Zealand. **ANI** the best batsmen in world cricket at the moment. Players like Virat or Rohit Sharma, they are world class players, they take a lot of pride in their performance and pride in winning matches for India.

"It is a good thing and both are in very good form. But having said that, I think lack of match practice may hurt them in the first Test match that is what I feel," Vengsarkar, the former chairman of selectors, told PTI on Sunday when asked how important Kohli's role is going to be in the clash.

MOTORSPORTS



Finnish driver Teemu Suninen steers his Ford Fiesta WRC with Finnish co-driver Mikko Markkula, between Arzachena and Braniatogghiu during the 5th round of the FIA World Rally Championship. AFP

FRENCH OPEN



Switzerland's Roger Federer reacts after winning against Germany's Dominik Koepfer during their men's singles third round French Open match.

AFP

After gruelling win, Federer withdraws from Grand Slam

Swiss great needed all of his fighting qualities to scrap his way past Koepfer in the third round clash

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PARIS: Former world number one Roger Federer, who is targeting a record 21st Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, withdrew from the French Open on Sunday, a day after winning a tough third-round match, opting to save himself for the grass-court season. "After discussions with my team, I decided that I should withdraw from the French Open today," Federer said in a statement released by the French Tennis Federation.

"After two knee operations and more than a year of rehabilitation, it's important that I listen to my body and not rush back into competition," the 39-year-old Swiss added.

Federer, who has hardly played in the last 17 months because of a knee injury, suffered physically in his four-set, late-night victory over German

Dominik Koepfer on Saturday and decided to end his Roland Garros campaign ahead of what would have been a punishing fourth-round match against Italian Matteo Berrettini.

He had said after Saturday's match that he was pondering whether to participate in the second week of the clay-court Grand Slam as his season goal was Wimbledon, the grass-court major starting on June 28.

"We go through these matches... we analyse them highly and look on what's next and we'll do the same tonight and tomorrow," he said. "Because I need to decide if I keep on playing or not, or is it not too much risk at this moment to keep pushing or is this just a perfect way to just take a rest."

Tournament director Guy Forget said: "The French Open is sorry to see Roger Federer withdraw from the tournament but he put up a great fight last night.

"We were all delighted to see him back in Paris, where he played three top-level matches. We wish him all the best for the rest of the season."

Seven-time Grand Slam champion Mats Wilander said Federer's decision made sense as the eight-time Wimble-

don champion had more chance to succeed on grass.

"It proves that it's a long-term project for him to come back. For me, that's good news because it shows he's going to be around for a bit longer," Wilander, a tennis expert for Euro-sport, said.

"Obviously, he got the matches that he needed and he wanted. The main period for him over the years is the grass-court season -- he obviously enjoys all the Grand Slams and different surfaces but grass comes so naturally to him and that's where he has had the most success.

"So, yes, obviously perfect for him. I think it's absolutely perfect preparation."

Federer needed all of his fighting qualities to scrap his way past Koepfer 7-6(5), 6-7(3), 7-6(4), 7-5. It was Federer's first taste of a Grand Slam match played without fans, courtesy of Paris's 9pm COVID-19 curfew, and it was not an experience he seemed to enjoy as he was given a torrid time by the 27-year-old left-hander.

Yet the fact Federer prevailed in such surreal circumstances, having hardly played in the last 17 months because of a knee injury, illustrated

the passion that still burns within him for the game.

Federer had looked superb in his opening two matches here, but was rattled by the heavy hitting of the world number 59 and struggled for rhythm, racking up 63 unforced errors. But he dug deep to win the night's opening tiebreak, helped by a Koepfer double fault at a crucial moment. Federer piled on the pressure at the start of the second set and secured an early break. But Koepfer broke back and after breaks were traded again, the set reached a tie-break. Koepfer moved 6-2 ahead as mistakes flowed off Federer's racket and he levelled the match thanks to another unforced error from the Swiss who was playing only his sixth match in 17 months following knee surgery. Federer, the 2009 champion, was wobbling when he dropped serve early in the third but battled back from 2-4 down and after missing a set point in the 12th game he reeled off the last three points of the night's third tiebreak. Sensing his chance of taking the biggest scalp of his career was slipping away, Koepfer's temper boiled over when his service was broken at 1-1 in the fourth.

Fraser-Pryce sets fastest time in women's 100m in 33 years

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KINGSTON: Jamaican sprint darling Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce became the second-fastest woman of all time behind 100 metres world record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner when she clocked 10.63 seconds at a meet in Kingston on Saturday.

Double Olympic champion Fraser-Pryce, who laid down a marker ahead of next month's Tokyo Olympics with her searing sprint, said her speed had taken over her by surprise.

"Honestly no... I never expected I would run 10.6 and think it's a good thing because there was no pressure," Fraser-Pryce told reporters even as she screamed with excitement.

"I just wanted to get one run in before the (June 24-27) national championships and that's what I was really looking forward to."

American Griffith-Joyner still holds the women's 100 metres world record of 10.49 seconds, set in Indianapolis in 1988, as well as the three fastest times ever, with 10.61 and 10.62, also in 1988.

But Fraser-Pryce shaved 0.01 seconds off Carmelita Jeter's 10.64 set in 2009 to climb behind Griffith-Joyner on the all-time list.

Running in an empty stadium in Kingston at the JOA/JAAA's Destiny Series, she decimated the field in the first of three heats from a rocket start, to finish ahead of former world championship finalist Natasha Morrison.

Fraser-Pryce, the reigning world champion after winning gold in Doha in 2019, said she had already set her sights on her next target.

"I'm lost for words because 10.6 has been a dream, a goal, I've been work-



Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce in action during the women's 100m event at the Jamaica Olympic Destiny Track Meet in Kingston.

REUTERS

ing so hard, being so patient to see it finally unfold. I'm so ecstatic," added the 34-year-old, who set her previous personal best of 10.70 seconds nine years ago.

"If I'm able to run 10.6 now... I'm just looking forward to what the process will bring. I'm continuing the work because I did say that this year I wanted nothing more than to break the 10.7 barrier and I did it.

"But now the focus is on making the national team then taking it from there. This is just one part of the puzzle, so you can't get too complacent and comfortable."

Meanwhile, the Indian Olympic Association on Sunday asked five Olympic-bound sportspersons, who

have recovered from COVID-19 in the recent past, to take their first dose of the vaccine as soon as possible.

Simranjit Kaur (60kg), who is a 2018 World Championships bronze medalist, is the lone boxer in the list while the other four are shooters, including 19-year-old Saurabh Chaudhary who won a silver medal at this year's ISSF World Cup in the men's 10m air pistol event. The other three are 2018 Jakarta Asian Games gold medallist Rahi Sarnobat (women's 25m pistol), silver medallist at the same edition Deepak Kumar (10m air rifle) and veteran shotgun shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan.

"Request boxing and shooting to get needful done urgently and revert," IOA President Narinder Batra said.

BROMELL CLOCKS FASTEST MEN'S 100M TIME OF 2021

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FLORIDA: American Trayvon Bromell underlined his credentials as the Tokyo Olympics 100 meters gold medal favorite on Saturday by running the fastest time this year of 9.77 seconds at the New Life Invitational in Miramar, Florida. Bromell becomes the ninth man to dip under 9.80 seconds, slashing nearly one-10th of a second off his personal best of 9.84.

Marvin Bracey of the United States was second in 9.85 followed by Chris Royster in 10.08. Reigning Olympic double sprint champion Elaine Thompson-Herah won the 100m and 200m events, clocking 10.87 and 22.54 seconds, respectively.

Malone wins

FORT WORTH: Brody Malone's summer calendar might be filling up quickly.

The 21-year-old won his first U.S. men's gymnastics title on Saturday night, shaking off an early miscue on parallel bars to post a two-day total of 170.700. The two-time NCAA champion's victory gives him plenty of momentum heading into the U.S. Olympic Trials in St. Louis later this month.

Malone admitted Thursday he didn't feel much pressure, calling competing for Stanford at the NCAA championships far more nerve-racking. Staked to a sizable lead after a polished performance on opening night, he appeared ready to give it away after ending up on the mat in the middle of his parallel bars set, his first event during finals.

No matter. He responded by drilling his high bars set, where his 15.050 score was the best of the meet and the second-highest on any event.