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SPACEX LAUNCHES FIRST ALL-CIVILIAN CREW TO ORBIT

The quartet of amateur astronauts, led by businessman Jared Isaacman, aboard the SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule lifted off from Florida's Kennedy Space Center at 8.03 pm EDT U.S. time on Wednesday.

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A SpaceX webcast of the launch shows, from left, Chris Sembroski, 42; Sian Proctor, 51; Jared Isaacman, 38, and Hayley Arceneaux, 29, strapped into the cabin of the Crew Dragon capsule

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NATION

India likely to grow at 7.2% in 2021, Unctad says; Optimism expressed on global growth

UNITED NATIONS: India is expected to grow at 7.2% in 2021 but economic growth could decelerate next year, according to a United Nations report which said the recovery in the country is constrained by the ongoing human and economic cost of the Covid-19 pandemic and the negative impact of food price inflation on private consumption.

The Unctad Trade and Development Report 2021, released here on Wednesday, sounded a cautiously optimistic note to say that the global economy is set for a strong recovery in 2021, albeit with a good deal of uncertainty clouding the details at the regional and country levels over the second half of the year.

After a 3.5% fall in 2020, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) expects world output to grow 5% this year, partially recovering the ground lost in 2020. The report said that India "suffered a contraction" of 7% in 2020 and is expected to grow 7.2% in 2021. "The recovery in India is constrained by the ongoing human and economic



An Unctad report says that India, which suffered a 7% contraction in 2020, is expected to grow by 7.2% in 2021 and will log a growth of 6.7% in 2022

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cost of Covid-19, and the negative impact of food price inflation on private consumption," the Unctad report said.

The report projects that India will clock an economic growth of 6.7% in 2022, slower than the country's expected 2021 growth rate.

However, even with a slower growth rate of 6.7%, India will still be the fastest-growing major economy in the world next year.

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Modi, Mamata and SII CEO on TIME 100 most influential list

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Serum Institute of India chief executive officer (CEO) Adar Poonawalla have been named among the world's 100 most influential people of 2021 by TIME magazine.

TIME on Wednesday unveiled its annual list of 'The 100 Most Influential People of 2021', a global list that includes US President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince Harry and Meghan, former US president Donald Trump and co-founder of the Taliban Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

The list also includes tennis player Naomi Osaka, Russian opposition activist Alexei Navalny, music icon Britney Spears, executive director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council Manjusha P. Kulkarni, Apple CEO Tim Cook, actor Kate Winslet and the first African and first woman to lead the World Trade Organization Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

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Ozone Day: Minister lauds progress but advises caution

NEW DELHI: Minister of state for environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey on Thursday stated that while the depleting ozone layer is recovering there should not be any laxity till it is fully controlled.

Addressing the World Ozone Day event held by the ministry, Choubey stated, "Today is the 27th World Ozone Day. The world is fighting against the pandemic. We are crawling toward normalcy. The depleting ozone layer is recovering. However, till it is fully controlled there should not be any laxity. It should be a combined effort by all."

With Montreal Protocol 'Keeping us, our food and vaccines cool' in place, the Union Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change's ozone cell released India's success story on World Ozone Day.

With a high global warming potential, Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs a type of synthetic greenhouse gas) mostly used in refrigeration and air conditioning equipment is a cause of worry.

ANI

CITY LIGHTS

PM inaugurates defence office complexes

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday hit out at critics of the ambitious Central Vista project, and asserted that ease of living and ease of doing business was behind the spirit of the work being done under the initiative. Modi made the remarks after inaugurating two new multi-storey swanky office complexes at Kasturba Gandhi Marg and Africa Avenue for over 7,000 employees of the Defence Ministry and the armed forces. "Today, in the 75th year of Independence, we are taking another step towards developing the capital of our country according to the needs and aspirations of the new India," Modi said. "These complexes are going to further strengthen our efforts to make the working of our forces more convenient and effective," Modi said.

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PM Narendra Modi inaugurates one of the defence office complexes in New Delhi on Thursday

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Rain triggers major traffic snarls and waterlogging

NEW DELHI: As heavy rains lashed the national capital on Thursday, traffic snarls and waterlogging was reported from several parts of the city. According to the Public Works Department (PWD), areas that witnessed waterlogging included Pul Prahladpur underpass, Mehrauli-Badarapur road, Anand Parbat, Zakhira underpass, Nangloi, Mundka, Uttam Nagar, Rohtak Road, Sangam Vihar, Dabri, Sitapuri, Krishna Nagar, Madhu Vihar, Chhatarpur, Badli, and Kirari. The traffic police had to shut Pul Prahladpur underpass on Mehrauli-Badarapur Road in south Delhi due to waterlogging. As vehicular movement was affected on several stretches, the traffic police issued advisories on social media asking commuters to avoid such roads.

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Vigorous tests key to curb Covid-19 spread: Experts

NEW DELHI: As flu and coronavirus have similar symptoms, the Delhi government should continue vigorous testing to keep the spread of Covid-19 in check during the flu season, experts said at a meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) held recently. At the meeting held under the chairmanship of Delhi LG Anil Bajjal, Delhi's Covid situation was discussed and it was advised that the city should continue with its containment strategy. According to the minutes of the meeting, Sujit Kumar Singh, director, National Centre For Disease Control said new Covid cases have been fewer than 100 for quite some time in Delhi. Delhi battled a brutal second wave of the Covid pandemic that claimed several lives.

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WORLD

WHO reports first major drop in new Covid-19 infections

GENEVA: The WHO said there were about 4 million coronavirus cases reported globally last week, marking the first major drop in new infections in more than two months. In recent weeks, there have been about 4.4 million new Covid-19 cases. In its weekly update, the UN health agency said every region in the world saw a drop in Covid-19 cases compared to the previous week. Although the worldwide number of deaths decreased to about 62,000, with the sharpest decline in Southeast Asia, there was a 7% increase in deaths in Africa. The highest numbers of cases were seen in the US, Britain, India, Iran and Turkey and the highly contagious delta variant has now been reported in 180 countries.

AP

US, UK, Australia form security alliance to counter China

WASHINGTON/LONDON: The US, Britain and Australia have announced a new trilateral security alliance for the Indo-Pacific to take on the threats of the 21st century and allow for greater sharing of defence capabilities, including help Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines, in a bid to counter China's growing power in the strategically vital region.

Unveiling the ambitious security initiative, US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison in a joint statement said their move will promote stability in the Indo-Pacific and support of their shared values and interests.

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N Korea says it has launched ballistic missiles from a train

SEOUL: North Korea said on Thursday it successfully launched ballistic missiles from a train for the first time and was continuing to bolster its defenses, after the two Koreas test-fired missiles hours apart in dueling displays of military might. Wednesday's launches underscored a return of the tensions between the rivals amid a prolonged stalemate in U.S.-led talks aimed at stripping North Korea of its nuclear weapons program.

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SCHOOL EVENT

AFGJI, SUBROTO PARK, HOSTS ANNUAL COMMERCE FEST

The Bizcom Club of Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute (AFGJI), Subroto Park, in collaboration of Pearl Academy, hosted Annual Commerce Fest 2021 which witnessed a participation of more than 250 students from over 35 schools from all over India. The festival featured two events -- Corporate Roadies and The Sustainable Catch -- which laid emphasis on leadership qualities and sustainability in budding leaders and entrepreneurs. The judges were Dr Jaspreet Kaur, Anushri Dutt and Tina Mehra.

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WORD POWER

Racket

rak-it
noun

Meaning: A loud noise or clamor, especially of a disturbing or confusing kind; din; uproar.

Origin: The origin of this word is traced back from 16th century from the word rattick.

Synonyms: Agitation, babel, battle, blare, brawl

Antonyms: Agreement, calm, calmness, harmony, order

Usage: The traffic made a terrible racket in the street below.

SCHOOL REPORTS

DAVPS, Faridabad, hosts inaugural ceremony of Sahodaya School Complex

DAV Public School (DAVPS), Sector 14, Faridabad, hosted the inaugural ceremony of Sahodaya School Complex (SSC) with enthusiasm. Around 50 principals from various schools of Faridabad attended that event.

The dignitaries were given a floral welcome by the members of the core committee. The core team comprised SSC president and Grand Columbus director Suresh Chander, vice-president (operations) and Grand Columbus principal Deepika Sharma, general secretary and Vrinda International School director Vijay Laxmi, and treasurer Anita Gautam of DAV Public School, Faridabad.

The chief guest of the event was CBSE director (skill education and training) Dr. Biswajit Saha while the special guests were Faridabad district education officer Ritu Choudhary and author, coach and TEDx speaker Dr. Shankar Goenka. The event formally commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries.

The host school presented two dance performances -- 'Ish Stuti' to invoke the blessings of the Almighty and 'Unleashing the Power' to lay emphasis on women empowerment.



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A soulful rendition by the choir group of Grand Columbus School, Faridabad, mesmerized the audience.

A brief introduction of the complex was given by Deepika Sharma. Thereafter an official launch of the SSC was announced. Dr. Saha suggested the Sahodaya Team to collaborate for the holistic development of the children.

He suggested to hunt for talent and bring aimable solutions by implementing specific plan for survival. Dr Saha said that the schools must cluster together to make Faridabad a multi-talented hub. Choudhary advised the schools to work as a team and bridge the gap between private and government schools. Dr Goenka sug-

gested the schools to be influential to inspire others.

Host school principal Anita Gautam proposed a vote of thanks and thanked all the guests for gracing the occasion. The event was a huge success and concluded with a promising note of collaborating student-friendly pedagogies.

CODING: THE NECESSARY NEW-AGE SKILL

'It builds infinite thinking process among learners'

Coming from a background where my education from graduation till doctorate was on learning computer science and the tools and throughout my life, my experience with software tools has allowed me to solve complex problems.

It helps to develop critical thinking to solve a problem and this thinking is a skill that will be a requirement in the new age. It is going to be one of the essential learning skills to perpetuate lifelong learning. To find a solution to any problem in the best way is to provide the children with various goals to achieve and freedom to find various ways to get solutions.

Coding is one of the ways to enhance this problem-solving skill. It helps the children visualise more abstract concepts in a fun format that let them apply mathematics to real life. They develop logic where they can assess themselves according to strict principles of validity.

The children love to create their codes, programs, applications, and clips with the help of technology because of their interest in this work and also the excitement to see the output of their creation. While they are trying to apply their learning through the coding language, they enhance their imagination and creativity. It also enriches their knowledge and motivates them to attempt things multiple times. They keep trying various ways of programming with minimum instructions. This helps them become determined to complete the task.

The children take much pride in their achievements and this brings love to the learning process. The learning skills accelerate when the students willingly participate and complete a task. The long coding reduces the speed of processing the output, which the students realize gradually. Once they realize it, they do it.

Coding syntax and appropriately using its application is the finest way to build up their decision-making



Coding helps the children visualise more abstract concepts in a fun format, writes principal Dr. Priti Ojha

approach. Infinite ways to write coding is an exciting and engaging experience for the children. Facilitating thinking will allow them to find solutions, which will help them to become confident. They will have the courage to take risks and the students taking risks are learners for life. When the students are frequently divided into several micro-groups to complete a common assignment of coding, they learn team-building skills which improve their communication, empathy, and collaboration. The language of coding is universal and we allow the child to transit from a local to a global platform.

I wish to conclude with the best thing which I love about programming and coding is you always have the option to undo, reflect, re-plan, rewrite, re-execute and proceed for successful completion. It will ultimately allow us as an educator and as a parent to explain to our students that situations in real life also can be resolved in the same way. It builds an infinite thinking process with finite resources in the form of coding language.

Dr. Priti Ojha, principal, Delhi International School, Dwarka

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In the Corporate Roadies event, the participants acted as CEOs of their respective companies and suggested strategies to revive and improve their firms' position. Each team made a video for the preliminary round and the finalists presented their ideas through PowerPoint presentations.

The first position was bagged by Suraj Bhan DAV School while the second position was secured by Mater Dei School. Bluebells School International bagged the third position.

In The Sustainable Catch event, the participants had to choose a brand and launch a sustainable product extension of that brand and had to identify and explain at which point of the supply chain the product is sustainable. They made PowerPoint presentations to represent their ideas.

Father Agnel School secured the first position, Mata Jai Kaur Public School the second position and AFGJI the third position. Principal Poonam S Rampal appreciated the efforts of the schools and complimented the principals, teachers and students for their participation in making the festival a big success.

Amrita Vidyalayam, Pushp Vihar, hosts cultural fiesta



The students took part in a plethora of activities organised during the event

With an aim to raise hope amid the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Amrita Vidyalayam, Pushp Vihar, hosted an international mega event titled 'Amrita Kala Sangam: The Ambassadors of Hope' on a virtual platform.

Around 550 people from 40 educational institutions of repute took part in that event. School principal Bri. Chinmayamrita Chaitanya welcomed the dignitaries and all the participants. The ambitious idea behind organising that event was to fade boundaries and bring states and nations, which are miles apart, together, for the cause of an exhilarating cultural exchange.

In her keynote address, the principal urged the educators to open windows to enlightenment and usher in rays of optimism for the youth, who have been confined within the four walls due to the pathogen.

That inter-school fiesta was a potpourri of online and offline contests such as Radio Raga, Trailblazers, Poetic Jamboree, Newscasters, In Harmony with Divinity: Yoga, Eisteddfod, Silent Storytellers and Music Maestros, to name just a few.

Distinguished adjudicators such as Dr. Vinay Gopal Tripathi, Vijay Kumar Mishra, Maya Singh, Sudhir Kumar Singh, Geeta Sharma, Harish Sharma, Subrata Basu, Anil Kumar, Neelranjan Mukherjee and Amar Sangam graced the occasion and inspired the participants. The contestants were honoured with certificates of merit. The world deserves to recover from the shock wave, triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. And that can happen only if tomorrow's policymakers turn into critical thinkers as well as creative and compassionate individuals.

ARTIST'S CORNER

During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown period, the talented budding artists among the schoolchildren expressed their thoughts on canvas in a creative manner. Here is one of their works...



Amrita Chanana, Class 8C, Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar

MIND GAMES

SUDOKU

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SCRAMBLE

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

UVEER	*	*		*
DVIOT		*	*	*
EILPCN			*	*
ILTUFF	*			*

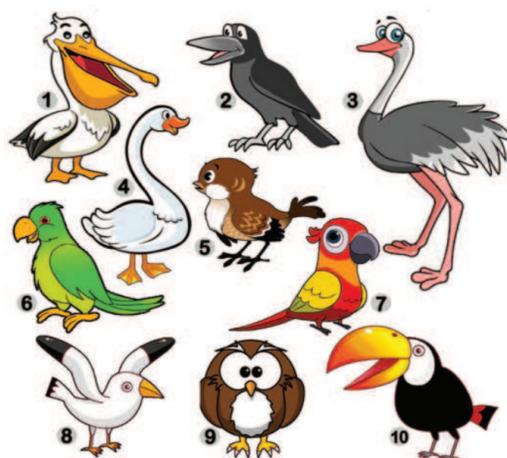
Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (*) to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing words as indicated.

Pleasure in the job puts ___ in the work. - Aristotle (10)

Answer: Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work. - Aristotle

ODD ONE OUT

One of the birds here is an odd one out. Which one is it?



Amrita Bharati Features

MATHDOKU

1-		2x	9+	
6x				1-
4:		2		
	120x			5+
7!				

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-out lined 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.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION



Swiss artist HR Giger's sculpture 'Necronom (Alien III)' is on display on the first day of the annual Berlin Art Week 2021 on Wednesday. The 5-day event showcases contemporary art from all over the world through exhibitions & fairs, spanning around 50 institutions, including established museums & fairs.

Solutions

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SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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4	3	5	2	1
1	2	3	5	4
3	1	2	4	5
5	4	1	3	2

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

Reverse: Divot, pencil, uplift

SCRAMBLE Solution Words:

'Post-Covid, tech crucial to learning'



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NEW DELHI: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday said students, teachers, and the entire Indian education system demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the main take-away from the disruption caused by the disease was that technology will play a crucial role in how we acquire knowledge in the future.

He was speaking at a two-day education conclave, which started on Thursday to discuss the road map for the future of learning.

Presented by Hindustan Times, the Lenovo SmarterEd Conclave focuses on the New Education Policy (NEP), the digital divide brought to the fore by online learning during the pandemic, developments in technology in education, upskilling teachers, and encouraging interactions with decision-makers across schools and institutions of higher education. Those interested in attending the virtual conference can visit <https://lenovosmarteredconclave.virtualeventexp.com/> or scan the QR code below this article.

In his keynote address, Pradhan said, "This is the most opportune moment for us to be discussing this topic when India is successfully emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic wave. The unprecedented advent of the pandemic adversely and significantly affected our lives. No sector remained indifferent to its impact including the education sector. However, our students and teachers and the entire Indian education system demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of the pandemic."

Pradhan spoke on how one of the largest education systems in the world moved online from offline learning. "It is



Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan speaks at the conclave.



Minister of state for electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar.



(From left) Shailendra Katyal, Managing Director, Lenovo India; Ashish Rajpal, Founder, Xseed; Narayanan Ramaswamy, National Leader, Education & Skill Development, KPMG in India. The three were participating in the Lenovo SmarterEd Conclave 2021.



also during the pandemic that India came up with the first education policy of the 21st century – the National Education Policy, 2020... Basing itself on the pillars of accessibility, affordability, equity, and quality, NEP 2020 aims to overhaul our education landscape for the greater good of our children. With a set of far-reaching recommendations, the policy has given us the road map for the future... one lesson from the pandemic is that technology will play a crucial role in how we acquire knowledge," he said.

Focussing on technological innovations and solutions leading to progression and tech penetration, the conclave also discussed concerns on digital inequality and the new forms of exclusion that may arise.

At least 80% students aged between 14 and 18 years reported lower levels of learning at home during the Covid-19 pandemic compared to when they attended classes in schools, a survey conducted by the United Nations Child

ren's Fund (Unicef) across six states revealed. The survey report released on Thursday also warned that approximately 8% of children are not likely to return to schools in the future.

"While we emphasise on the significance of technology in the future of education, a hybrid education model wherein technology will supplement classroom teaching is vital. Indeed, technology will be used to facilitate a better teaching-learning process and make it more accessible. However, this will not devalue the importance of in-person learning," the education minister said.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the Union minister of state for skill development, spoke about the importance of skill education and how it can be built up in the coming years.

"Along with water, electricity, and housing, the internet, and access to the internet and connectivity are almost as equal a priority for all people. This was emphasised during this once-in-a-lifetime

global pandemic," said Chandrasekhar.

"There is a strong argument that education will never go back to the pre-pandemic times and technology is going to be as important as physical campuses. The focus on large physical spaces will shrink and a hybrid model of education involving a combination of classroom teaching and online lessons will find greater acceptance," the organisers said in a statement.

The managing director of Lenovo India, Shailendra Katyal, also shared insights on how technology can help bridge the digital divide.

"The world in the past few decades has become much more complex and challenging to navigate. Education systems across world had to evolve to cope with the new challenges. When we talk of digital divide, it comes in the context of the new way of learning which is student centric, as per experts and educators. The new way of learning is person-

alised. It is not one-size-fits-all and is about creating problem solvers. And technology has to play a very critical role in asynchronous learning as every student will learn at his/her own pace," Katyal said. He also said that there is no other way but to adopt this new way of learning.

The two-day conclave will touch upon the three key areas of the education sector – technological advancements in education, digital inequality, and reskilling or upskilling of the educator workforce.

The conclave will also see in-depth discussions on government policies, focusing on upgrading the education sector with innovative tools and ideas.



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Managing director, Lenovo

What does the new order of education mean for 32 Crore* young minds?

Lenovo SmarterEd™ Conclave presented by Hindustan Times, brings together thought leaders, policy makers, educators & industry experts to envision an India-centric education system that can contribute directly to nation's transformation in view of the 'National Education Policy'. This first-of-its-kind event will also focus on the emerging digital divide, teacher upskilling and the role of cutting-edge technology solutions for the future of education. With presence of decision makers from K12 & universities, the Conclave is slated to be a win-all event.

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1.5° C WARMING LIMIT 'IMPOSSIBLE': UN

UN: World likely to miss Paris targets despite Covid pause in emissions

Reuters
ZURICH: The pace of climate change has not been slowed by the global Covid-19 pandemic and the world remains behind in its battle to cut carbon emissions, the United Nations said on Thursday.

The virus-related economic downturn caused only a temporary downturn in CO2 emissions last year and it was not enough to reverse rising levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said.

"There was some thinking that the Covid lockdowns would have had a positive impact on the (...) atmosphere, which is not the case," WMO secretary-general Petteri Taalas said at a news briefing.

The world in 2021 was missing the mark of building back sustainably from the Covid-19 crisis and "not going in the right direction," Taalas said. Reduction targets for emissions are not being met and there is a rising likelihood the world will miss its Paris Agreement aim of reducing global warming to 1.5° Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the WMO said in its United in Science 2021 Report.

"This is a critical year for climate

action," UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres said in a statement, and the results were an "alarming appraisal of just how far off course we are."

"This year has seen fossil fuel emissions bounce back, greenhouse gas concentrations continuing to rise and severe human-enhanced weather events that have affected health, lives and livelihoods on every continent," he said.

Concentrations in the atmosphere of the major greenhouse gases - CO2, methane and nitrous oxide - continued to increase in 2020 and the first half of 2021, the UN said.

The average global temperature for the past five years was among the highest on record, estimated at 1.06° Celsius to 1.26° Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

There is now a 40% chance that the average global temperature in one of the next five years will be at least 1.5° Celsius warmer than pre-industrial levels, the report said.

"Unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to 1.5° Celsius will be impossible, with catastrophic consequences for people and the planet on which we depend," Guterres said.

The United in Science 2021 report presents the latest scientific data and findings related to climate change.

WMO's Taalas compared the dramatic upsets to daily life caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to the more moderate changes required to mitigate climate change and stave off much more dire consequences.

"If we fail at climate mitigation, we would have a permanent problem for at least hundreds or even thousands of years," he said. "The...economic, human wellbeing effects would be much more dramatic than this Covid pandemic."



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Top carbon emitters fall short on climate risk disclosure: Report

Reuters
LONDON: Top emitters of carbon are not disclosing the full risks associated with climate change, reducing the chances of meeting global emissions targets, a study by Carbon Tracker and the Climate Accounting Project (CAP) said on Thursday.

The CAP is an informal team of accounting and finance experts while Carbon Tracker is funded by around 30 charitable foundations.

Of 107 listed companies assessed in the study, across sectors including oil and gas, automobiles and aviation, more than 70% did not reflect the full risks resulting from climate change in their 2020 accounts, the Carbon Tracker report said.

"Based on the significant exposure these companies have to transition risk, and with many announcing emissions targets, we expected substantially more consideration of climate matters in the financials than

we found," Barbara Davidson, senior analyst at Carbon Tracker said.

"Without this information there is little way of knowing the extent of capital at risk, or if funds are being allocated to unsustainable businesses, which further reduces our chances to decarbonise in the short time remaining to achieve Paris goals," Davidson added.

Eight out of 10 audits also showed no evidence of assessing climate risk, for example testing the assumptions and estimates made about impairments on long-lived assets, before the accounts were signed off. Inconsistency between climate pledges made and their treatment in financial accounts was also a concern, the study said, adding that none used assumptions in line with the Paris Agreement, which aims to limit global warming to no more than 1.5° Celsius. The report was released ahead of the next round of global climate talks in Glasgow in November.

Mirrored Russian matryoshka nesting dolls, topped with headdresses, are placed in front of an imposing hotel in Moscow



BABUSHKA DOLLS ARE CULTURAL TREASURES

People in Moscow recently witnessed a display of seven mirrored Russian nesting dolls, named matryoshka, topped by kokoshnik headdresses. Normally, the matryoshka dolls are a set of colourful wooden dolls of decreasing size placed one inside another. The name matryoshka, which means little matron, is a short form of the Russian female first name Matryona or Matryosha. They are also known as Babushka (grand-mom) dolls, stacking dolls, nesting dolls or Russian tea dolls. The theme of these dolls range from fairy tale characters to political leaders.

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A girl plays in front of a larger-than-life Matryoshki object d'art



Matryoshka dolls are colourful Russian dolls that are traditionally made of wood



IN THE LIMELIGHT



75 cr vax shots given

India on Monday crossed the milestone of administering 75 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses, but the target of inoculating the entire adult population with two doses by December 31 appears increasingly difficult. With 75 lakh plus inoculated till 10 pm on Monday, more than 57 crore have received the first dose while 18 crore adults have got both. This translates to 60% of Indians getting the first shot, while 19% are fully vaccinated. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization's southeast Asia office lauded India for vaccination drive and achieving the 75-crore mark.

Girls can enter NDA

The Centre on last Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that all the three armed forces have agreed to induct women into the National Defence Academy (NDA). Appearing for the Centre, additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati told a bench headed by Justice SK Kaul that the decision was taken at the highest level of the armed forces and the government that women would be inducted for permanent commission through the NDA. The academy, that recruits cadets fresh out of school, has been an all-male bastion since its inception.



Afghan dissonance

As the Taliban interim government in Kabul began governance, a row broke out between two senior Taliban leaders over the composition of the new government last week, the BBC reported on Wednesday. Taliban co-founder Abdul Ghani Baradar and minister for refugees Khalil ur-Rahman Haqqani exchanged strong words and their followers brawled. Meanwhile, the Taliban's higher education minister Abdul Baqi Haqqani said that women can study in universities but gender-segregation and Islamic dress code will be a must.

US Open

The US Open saw some unique performances from across the globe this year. While it had a fairytale ending for Britain's Emma Raducanu and Russia's Daniil Medvedev it was a heartbreak for Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic whose quest for a record 21st major title, which would have completed the calendar year Grand Slam, collapsed at the final hurdle. The women's final on Saturday saw clash of the teens when Raducanu, 18, defeated Canada's Leylah Fernandez, 19, 6-4 6-3 to be crowned the champion. On Sunday, Medvedev did the unthinkable. He defeated the world number one in straight sets (6-4 6-4 6-4) to claim his maiden Grand Slam.



HT CHRONICLE from the archives of the Hindustan Times Quiz no. 17092021



- In which year did Michael Schumacher win his 50th Ferrari victory at the Italian Grand Prix?
A. 1997 B. 1998
C. 2000 D. 2003
- In which city was the body of Pakistan's Governor-General Muhammad Ali Jinnah buried?
A. Islamabad B. Lahore
C. New Delhi D. Karachi

- On which day in 1953 did the Council of States pass the Andhra States Bill?
A. September 12 B. August 11
C. August 15 D. October 2
- Who was India's Home Minister when the the Council of States passed the Andhra States Bill in 1953?
A. C. Rajagopalachari
B. Dr K. N. Katju
C. Govind Ballabh Pant

- Lal Bahadur Shastri
5 How many more tanks did Indian troops capture from Pakistan's armour during their march in the Lahore and Sialkot sectors on September 12, 1965?
A. 12 B. 15
C. 17 D. 20
- How old was Charlie Cole, one of the photographers who captured the famous 'Tank Man' onfilm during the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989, when he died in 2019?
A. 59 B. 61
C. 64 D. 70
- In September 1946, a bronze life-size statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled opposite the Chief Court in Karachi. Who unveiled the statue?
A. Jawaharlal Nehru
B. Dr Rajendra Prasad
C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
D. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan
- On September 14, 2003, the Bhutanese King met Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and discussed bilateral, regional and international issues of

- mutual concern. Name the king.
A. Jigme Singye
B. Jigme Khesar Namgyel
C. Jigme Dorji
D. Jigme



- In 1975, India's Vijay Amrithraj won the men's singles title in the Carolina's International tennis tournament beating Ilie Nastase of Rumania. What was Amrithraj's score?
A. 3-6, 7-5, 6-4
B. 7-5, 2-6, 6-1
C. 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
D. 7-5, 3-6, 6-1
- Who won the women's title in the Carolina's International tennis

- tournament in 1975?
A. Evonne Goolagong
B. Martina Navratilova
C. Chris Evert
D. Billie Jean King
- In which year did Princess Grace of Monaco die in a car accident on a road outside of the principality?

- A. 1979 B. 1981
C. 1982 D. 1984
- How old was Princess Grace of Monaco when she died in a car accident on a road outside of the principality?
A. 46 B. 49
C. 50 D. 52

Answers of the quiz #10092021

- 1997
- 87
- Krishna Menon
- 1999
- Bangladesh
- 102
- September 5
- September 6
- 2001
- Lusaka
- 20 min. 11.4 sec
- Rupinder Singh

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INSPIRATION4 EMBODIES OUR VISION FOR A FUTURE

First all-civilian crew launched to orbit aboard SpaceX rocket ship

The flight, representing the first crewed mission to orbit with no professional astronauts, is expected to last about 3 days from launch to splashdown in the Atlantic. The suborbital flights of Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic, lasting for a few minutes, were short hops compared with Inspiration4's space flight.

Reuters

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.: A billionaire e-commerce executive and three less-wealthy private citizens chosen to join him blasted off from Florida on Wednesday aboard a SpaceX rocket ship and soared into orbit, the first all-civilian crew ever to circle the Earth from space.

The quartet of amateur astronauts, led by the American founder and chief executive of financial services firm Shift4 Payments Inc, Jared Isaacman, lifted off just before sunset from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral.

A SpaceX webcast of the launch showed Isaacman, 38, and his crew-

mates - Sian Proctor, 51, Hayley Arceneaux, 29, and Chris Sembroski, 42 - strapped into the pressurized cabin of their gleaming white SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule, dubbed Resilience, wearing their helmeted black-and-white flight suits.

Thumbs-up were on display as the capsule streaked into the dark sky, perched atop one of SpaceX's reusable two-stage Falcon 9 rockets. The Crew Dragon, fitted with a special observation dome in place of its usual docking hatch, reached orbit almost 10 minutes after the 8:03 pm EDT blastoff.

The rocket's first-stage booster, after separating from the spacecraft's top half, flew itself back to Earth and

touched down safely on a landing platform floating in the Atlantic on a drone ship whimsically named Just Read the Instructions

Amid cheers heard in SpaceX's mission-control center as the spacecraft climbed to nearly 200 km above Earth, Isaacman read a statement thanking those who made possible a journey "right to the doorstep of an exciting and unexplored frontier, where few have come before and many are about to follow."

"The door is open now, and it's pretty incredible," he said.

Within three hours the capsule had reached its final cruising orbital altitude of just over 585 km - higher than the International Space Station or Hubble Space Telescope, and the furthest any human has flown from Earth since Nasa's Apollo moon program ended in 1972, according to SpaceX.

At that height the Crew Dragon was circling the globe once every 90 minutes at a speed of some 27,360 kph, or roughly 22 times the speed of sound.

The flight, representing the first crewed mission to orbit with no professional astronauts, is expected to last about three days from launch to splashdown in the Atlantic, mission officials said.

It also marked the debut flight of SpaceX owner Elon Musk's new orbital tourism business, and a leap ahead of competitors likewise offering rides on rocket ships to customers willing to pay a small fortune for the exhilaration - and bragging rights - of spaceflight.

Nasa, which exercised a govern-



The Inspiration 4 civilian crew aboard a Crew Dragon capsule and SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launches from Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Wednesday



SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk, centre, poses with the all-amateur crew before departure to Launch Complex 39A for a launch into space, at Kennedy Space Centre, in Cape Canaveral, Florida on Wednesday. Standing behind Musk, from left to right, are Chris Sembroski, Jared Isaacman, Sian Proctor and Hayley Arceneaux.

ment-run U.S. monopoly over space-flight for decades, has embraced the nascent commercialization of rocket travel.

In a Twitter message posted shortly before Wednesday's launch, the space agency said: "#Inspiration4 embodies our vision for a future in which private companies can transport cargo and people to low-Earth orbit. More opportunities to fly = more opportunities for science."

Isaacman paid an undisclosed sum to fellow billionaire Musk to send himself and his three crewmates aloft. Time magazine has put the ticket price for all four seats at \$200 million.

The mission, called Inspiration4, was conceived by Isaacman mainly to raise awareness and donations for one of his favourite causes, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a pediatric cancer centre in Memphis, Tennessee.

Suborbital space billionaires SpaceX rivals Virgin Galactic Holdings Inc and Blue Origin inaugurated their own private-astronaut services

this summer, with their respective founding executives, billionaires Richard Branson, each going along for the ride.

Those suborbital flights, lasting a matter of minutes, were short hops compared with Inspiration4's space-flight profile.

SpaceX already ranks as the most well-established player in the burgeoning constellation of commercial rocket ventures, having launched numerous cargo payloads and astronauts to the International Space Station for Nasa. Two of its Dragon capsules are docked there already.

The Inspiration4 crew has no part to play in flying the spacecraft, which is operated by ground-based flight teams and onboard guidance systems, even though two crew members are licensed pilots.

Isaacman, who is rated to fly commercial and military jets, has assumed the role of mission "commander," while Proctor, a geoscientist and former Nasa astronaut candidate, has been designated as the "pilot."

Rounding out the crew are "chief

medical officer" Arceneaux, a bone cancer survivor turned St. Jude physician assistant, and mission "specialist" Sembroski, a US Air Force veteran and aerospace data engineer.

The four crewmates have spent five months in rigorous preparations, including altitude fitness, centrifuge (G-force), microgravity and simulator training, emergency drills, classroom work and medical exams.

Inspiration4 officials have said the mission is more than a joyride.

While in orbit, the crew will perform a series of medical experiments with "potential applications for human health on Earth and during future spaceflights," the group said.

Biomedical data and biological samples, including ultrasound scans, will also be collected from crew members before, during and after the flight.

Arceneaux was tasked with overseeing the medical experiments. She also made history as the youngest American launched into space and the youngest among just over 550 humans to reach Earth orbit, according to SpaceX.

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CRICKET

Shastri & Co awaiting "fit to fly" certificate

NEW DELHI: India's head coach Ravi Shastri, along with bowling and fielding coaches Bharath Arun and R Sridhar, respectively, would need to undergo a "fit to fly" test post recovery from COVID-19, which led to the cancellation of the fifth Test against England in Manchester last week.

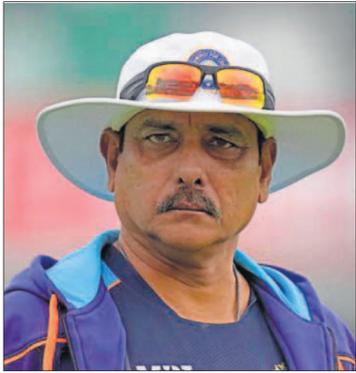
The trio have completed a 10-day isolation as per the UK Health Protocols but, to return home, they also need to pass a "fit to fly" test, apart from negative RT-PCR reports.

"Shastri, Arun and Sridhar are all doing well physically having recov-

ered from COVID-19. They are out of isolation." However, as per health protocols they need to have a CT score of 38 plus which will ensure a fit to fly certificate for them. We expect them to fly out in next two days if all goes well with CT score," a senior BCCI official told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

The CT (CT scan) score tells about the presence of viral load in a COVID-19 affected person and how much his lungs have been infected. A higher CT score indicates recovery and it is believed that to take long flights, one needs to have a CT score of 40. None of the three Indian coaches currently have any symptoms and are completely fit but can only avail the return flight once they get the certificate.

Shastri tested positive on the third day of the fourth Test at Oval and Arun and Sridhar, deemed as close contacts, had to be isolated. The duo also later tested positive and all of them finished their 10-day isolation on Wednesday. However, the fifth Test at Old Trafford had to be cancelled after Indian players refused to play with junior physio Yogesh Parmar also testing positive. Parmar was the only physio treating the players since head physio Nitin Patel also had to isolate being a close contact.



Ravi Shastri.

AP

ATHLETICS

Salazar's four-year ban upheld by CAS

NEW YORK: American Alberto Salazar, who has coached some of the world's top long-distance runners, had his four-year suspension for a series of anti-doping rule violations upheld by the highest court in sport.

The 63-year-old, who guided Britain's Mo Farah to Olympic titles, was banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) in 2019 for "orchestrating and facilitating" doping as head coach of the Nike Oregon Project, an elite camp designed primarily to develop U.S. endurance athletes.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) said in a statement on Thursday it had upheld the ban on Salazar as well as that on endocrinologist Jeffrey Brown, who worked alongside him. "CAS confirms the four-year bans imposed on Dr. Jeffrey Brown and Alberto Salazar for anti-doping rule violations," the court said.

Salazar was found guilty of possessing testosterone, complicity in Brown's administration of a prohibited method, and tampering with the doping control process, CAS said.

Brown was found guilty of complicity in Salazar's possession of testosterone, trafficking testosterone to Salazar, administration of a prohibited method, and tampering with the doping control process. However, the court rejected USADA's appeal to increase the bans on Salazar and Brown beyond four years and criticised its handling of the case, calling it "out of proportion and excessive". "The relief requested by Dr. Brown/Mr. Salazar, on one hand, and by USADA, on the other hand, in their respective appeals has been rejected," CAS said.

"None of the ADRVs (anti-doping rule violations) directly affected athletic competition, and... there was no evidence put before the CAS as to any effect on athletes competing at the elite level."

USADA investigated Salazar for four years and concluded that he had trafficked testosterone to multiple athletes. The agency also said he tampered or attempted to tamper with Nike Oregon Project athletes' doping control process.

CRICKET

I can say that old Yuzi is back, asserts Chahal ahead of IPL

DUBAI: One of the most notable omissions from India's T20 World Cup squad, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal on Thursday asserted that he will be his wily, old wicket-taking self in the upcoming second half of this year's IPL.

During a training session for his team Royal Challengers Bangalore, a cheerful Chahal offered to bat, but only if the swashbuckling Glenn Maxwell was the bowler. Reflecting on his first training session with the team, Chahal said, "Obviously, the feeling was good, it was okay and I'm happy with the way I bowled today. I'm very pumped up, especially, you know, we're good on the points table and we have a very good chance to stay at the top of the table and when you bowl well after a long time you always feel good. Today, I can say that the old Yuzi is back." The IPL-14, which was suspended mid-



Yuzvendra Chahal.

AP

way into the league in May owing to multiple COVID-19 cases in its bio-bubble, will resume in the UAE on Sunday and Chahal will be one of the many players trying to reclaim his place in the national team.

Chahal was far from his best in the first leg of the IPL in India. Despite his team playing in spin-friendly surfaces such as the one in Chennai, the leg-spinner struggled for rhythm and could only pick four wickets in seven matches at an economy of 8.26.

During the training session, South African legend AB de Villiers was seen welcoming both Chahal and Maxwell back into the team.

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN



A fan is chased by security after he ran on the field during a Major League Baseball game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Arizona Diamondbacks at Dodger Stadium on Wednesday.

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Virat Kohli will lead India in the T20 World Cup starting next month in UAE. After that will continue to captain India in ODIs and Tests.

GETTY IMAGES

Kohli to step down as T20 captain after World Cup

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DUBAI: Virat Kohli on Thursday announced he will step down as India's T20 skipper after the T20 World Cup in UAE but will continue to lead the side in ODIs and Tests, a decision that paves the way for Rohit Sharma to captain in the shortest format.

"I've decided to step down as the T20 captain after this T20 World Cup in Dubai in October," the 32-year-old Kohli, who is here to compete in the IPL that resumes on Sunday, said in a statement posted on his Twitter page.

"Understanding workload is a very important thing and considering my immense workload over the last 8-9 years playing all three formats and captaining regularly for last five to six years, I feel I need to give myself space to be fully ready to lead Indian team in Test and ODI cricket," Kohli explained.

For some time, there has been speculation surrounding Kohli's future as white-ball captain especially in the backdrop of Rohit's brilliant track record of winning five IPL titles for Mumbai Indians.

The 34-year-old Rohit is Kohli's deputy in the white-ball formats and is most likely to take up the leadership role when India clashes with New Zealand in a home series in November that will feature three T20 Internationals along with two Test matches.

BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, in a statement issued by the Board after Kohli's announcement, said the body has been in discussion with Kohli for a while now. "We have a clear roadmap for Team India. Considering the workloads and ensuring that we have smooth transition, Mr Virat Kohli has decided to step down as T20 captain after the upcoming World Cup," Shah said.

"I have been in discussions with Virat and the leadership team for the

last six months and the decision has been thought through. Virat will continue to contribute as a player and as a senior member of the side in shaping the future course of Indian cricket," he added.

Kohli took over India's limited-overs captaincy in 2017, succeeding MS Dhoni. "I have given my everything to the Team during my time as T20 captain and I will continue to do so for the T20 captain and will continue to do so for the T20 team as a batsman," he further added.

The decision, Kohli said, was taken after consulting head coach Ravi Shastri, his heir apparent Sharma, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah.

The T20 World Cup starts on October 17 and Kohli will be under intense pressure to deliver the trophy. "Of course, arriving at this decision took a lot of time. After a lot of contemplation and discussions with my close people, Ravi bhai and also Rohit, who

have been an essential part of the leadership group..." Kohli stated.

"I have also spoken to Jay Shah and Sourav Ganguly along with the selectors about the same. I will continue to serve Indian cricket and Indian cricket team to the best of my ability," Kohli said.

Kohli has played 90 T20 Internationals scoring 3,159 runs with 28 fifties and captained India in 45 of those games winning 27 and losing 14. He has a winning percentage of 65.11. "I have been fortunate enough to not only represent India but also lead the Indian cricket team to my utmost capability," the flamboyant star batsman said.

"I thank everyone who has supported me in my journey as the captain of the Indian cricket team. I could not have done it without them—the boys, the support staff, the selection committee, my coaches and each and every Indian who prayed for us to win," Kohli said.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Sedate start for Messi as PSG are held by Club Brugge

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GENEVA: Lionel Messi, Kylian Mbappé and Neymar lined up together in the near-perfect attack for Paris Saint-Germain and still could not score or deliver a win in the Champions League. Instead, it was low-key midfielder Ander Herrera who got PSG's goal in a 1-1 draw at underrated Belgian champion Club Brugge.

Though Messi saw a first-half shot strike the crossbar, he was later shown a yellow card for a foul and Mbappé went off because of an injured left ankle.

French forwards flourished elsewhere with Sébastien Haller scoring four for Ajax in a 5-1 rout at Sporting Lisbon and Christopher Nkunku netting all of Leipzig's goals in a 6-3 loss to Manchester City.

The English clubs in action combined for two wins in matches involving 14 goals as Liverpool beat AC Milan 3-2 in the Italians' return to the competition after a seven-season gap.

There was just one goal in the games involving the Madrid clubs, and Rodrygo's 89th-minute strike won it for Real Madrid at Inter Milan. Atlético Madrid was held 0-0 at home to Porto. Debutant Sheriff Tiraspol from the Moldovan league won 2-0 against Shakhtar Donetsk from neighboring Ukraine.

Three-time European champion Messi was added to PSG's already stellar squad last month to drive the Qatar-owned club's quest to win soccer's most coveted club prize.



Paris Saint-Germain's Lionel Messi (centre) is marked by Club Brugge during their Champions League clash on Wednesday.

AFP

The Jan Breydel Stadium in Belgium was a modest venue for the Messi-Mbappé-Neymar forward line to be unveiled for the first time. They lasted just 50 minutes together, though Mbappé did create Herrera's opening goal from a sharp first-time shot in the 15th minute. Club Brugge rose to the moment and captain Hans Vanaken leveled in the 27th.

City leads Group A after beating Leipzig 6-3 with six different scorers including record signing Jack Grealish. Leipzig defender Angelino was sent off on his return to his former club. PSG hosts City on Sept. 28 in a rematch of last season's semifinals. The English champion advanced after winning the first leg 2-1 in Paris.

Liverpool and AC Milan traded titles facing each other in the 2005

and 2007 Champions League finals yet had never met at any other stage of the competition.

Their first match at Anfield was a typically rousing affair in the storied venue that thrives on European nights. Liverpool's early surge yielded only a Trent Alexander-Arnold-inspired opening goal and a penalty for Mohamed Salah saved by Milan goalkeeper Mike Maignan.

Milan stunned its hosts with two quick goals just before halftime, but the lead lasted just a few minutes into the second half before Salah leveled.

Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson clinched a 3-2 win with a sharp half-volley shot in the 69th minute.

Atletico's returning star forward Antoine Griezmann was jeered by many home fans at the Metropolitan Stadium when he came on as a substitute in a goalless draw with Porto.

ST KITTS & NEVIS WIN FIRST CPL TITLE, BEAT SAINT LUCIA IN LAST BALL THRILLER

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BASSETTERRE (ST KITTS & NEVIS): Hosts St Kitts and Nevis Patriots eked out a three-wicket win over Saint Lucia Kings in a last-ball thriller to claim their maiden Caribbean Premier League (CPL) title at Warner Park here. Saint Lucia Kings won the toss and chose to bat, as they did in their semi-final. Despite losing wickets at key stages of the game, Saint Lucia posted a decent 159 for seven riding on Roston Chase and Rahkeem Cornwall's 43 each.

In what was a dramatic final, the Patriots managed to successfully chase their target with Dominic Drakes turning out to be the hero with the bat, scoring 48 off 24 balls and securing a remarkable victory in the last ball of the match.

Saint Lucia Kings started their innings with the loss of captain Andre Fletcher and Mark Deyal in the Powerplay. Cornwall got the innings back on track with some power hitting but the Patriots utilised spin to great effect—Fabian Allen, Jon-Russ Jaggesar and Fawad Ahmed working in unison to pick up three wickets in the middle overs and leave the Kings in a spot of bother.

Chase then anchored the innings and a late burst from Keemo Paul (39 off 21), which saw him hit three consecutive sixes in an over, took the Kings to a challenging total.

Brief Scores: St Kitts and Nevis Patriots 160/7 (Drakes 48 not out, Da Silva 37; Riaz 2/36, Chase 1/17) beat Saint Lucia Kings 159/7 (Cornwall 43, Chase 43; Naseem 2/26, Fawad 2/32) by three wickets.