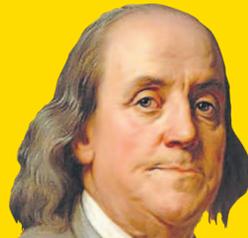


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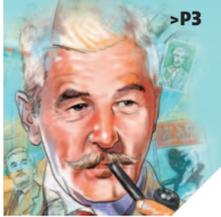
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Officials of Odisha's forest department are hoping that the affected beach will be naturally restored in the coming months

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Tedros at a conference in Berlin
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NATION

PM launches mega medical infra mission, criticises past governments over healthcare

VARANASI/SIDDHARTHANAGAR (UP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a nationwide ₹64,000-crore medical infrastructure mission and nine new medical colleges during his visit to Uttar Pradesh on Monday. Inaugurating the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, Modi said the mission will prepare the country to fight future pandemics.

Earlier, he virtually inaugurated nine medical colleges in Siddharthnagar.

He said the new mission "will give strength to the health infrastructure of Uttar Pradesh and the country and would also help high-grade preparation for facing pandemics, besides bringing confidence and self-reliance to the health sector."

The mission target is to strengthen the healthcare network in the next four years from the village to the national level. There will be a special focus on the Northeast as well.

The medical colleges inaugurated in the first part of his UP visit are located in Siddharthnagar, Etah, Haridoi, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur, Deoria,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits an exhibition at Siddharthnagar in Uttar Pradesh on Monday

Ghazipur, Mirzapur and Jaunpur districts.

The nationwide medical infrastructure scheme will provide support to 17,788 rural health and wellness centres in 10 high-focus states. Further, 11,024 urban health and wellness centres will be established.

Through this, critical care services will be available in all districts in the country with a population of over five lakh, the government said.

CITY LIGHTS

Light diyas, not fireworks, minister urges people

NEW DELHI: Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai on Monday said the city government will launch Patakhe Nahi Diya Jalao campaign from October 27 to create awareness against burning of firecrackers. He said 15 teams with 157 members will be formed at the district level to create awareness among people and to monitor sale and purchase of firecrackers. Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced a ban on firecrackers on September 15, saying it was "essential to save lives". Later, on September 28, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee ordered a complete ban on the sale and bursting of firecrackers in the national capital till January 1, 2022. "Despite the ban in place, we have been receiving reports about the sale and purchase of firecrackers," Rai said at a press meet.



Ahead of Diwali, a potter prepares earthen lamps in Gurugram on Monday

Dengue cases cross 1,000-mark, 283 cases in a week

NEW DELHI: There seems to be no respite for New Delhi residents despite a drop in Covid-19 cases as the city witnessed an alarming increase in the number of dengue cases in recent days, with 283 cases reported in the Capital over the last week. The jump in cases took the tally of infections beyond 1,000 this year, according to data released by the municipal corporation on Monday. The city recorded a total of 1,006 dengue cases this year until October 23, according to the data. Of the confirmed dengue cases this year, 665 were reported in just October, the month in which the city historically sees a peak in dengue infections. Of the total number of dengue cases recorded this year, 66.1% were reported in October alone.

City records minimum temperature of 16.4°C

NEW DELHI: The national capital woke up to clear skies on Monday morning and the minimum temperature settled at 16.4°C, the India Meteorological Department said. The city recorded 28 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours, it said. The weather department has forecast mainly clear sky during the day and the maximum temperature is likely to hover around 31 degrees Celsius. The relative humidity was 90% at 8.30 am. The city on Sunday recorded the minimum and maximum temperature of 19 and 31.5°C respectively. Rains lashed several parts of Delhi on Sunday evening. The air quality index was recorded in the moderate category at 135, real-time data of the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) app showed.

India reports 14,306 new Covid-19 cases, 443 fatalities

NEW DELHI: India logged 14,306 new Covid-19 cases, taking the virus tally to 3,41,89,774, while the active cases declined to 1,67,695, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Monday.

The death toll climbed to 4,54,712 with 443 daily fatalities, according to the data updated at 8 am. The daily rise in new coronavirus infections has been below 30,000 for 31 straight days and less than 50,000 daily new cases have been reported for 120 consecutive days now.

The active cases comprise 0.49% of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.18%, the highest since March 2020, the ministry said. A decrease of 4,899 cases has been recorded in the total active number of Covid-19 cases in a span of 24 hours. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.43%. The cumulative doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive has exceeded 102.27 crore.

Superstar Rajinikanth receives Phalke award

NEW DELHI: Superstar Rajinikanth on Monday received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the National Film Awards ceremony here and dedicated it to his mentor, the late K Balachander, his technicians, fans and also to "friend, driver and transport colleague" Raj Bahadur who encouraged him to join cinema.

Rajinikanth, whose glittering career from bus conductor to arguably the biggest star pan-India is the stuff of film fable, was presented the award by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu at the Vigyan Bhavan here.

Receiving the award, the government's highest honour for Indian cinema, for the year 2019, Rajinikanth, popularly called Thalaivar (leader in Tamil), thanked a host of people, including the Tamil people and the media. Lauding Rajinikanth, a matinee idol for the ages, the vice president said Rajinikanth was "one of the great sons of this great country". He said the veteran actor has given memorable performances in films including Bhairavi and Sivaji.

SCHOOL EVENT

NAT'L KICKBOXING CAMP HELD AT GIS, HIRAN KUDAN

Kickboxing Federation of India (KFI) organised 'Team India Camp for World Kickboxing Championship - 2021' at Ganga International School (GIS), Hiran Kudna, with focus on the Indian national team's goal of winning the upcoming world championship. The event was mentored and supported by Member of Parliament Sushil Gupta.



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WORD POWER

Tepid

Tep-id

Adjective

Meaning: moderately warm; lukewarm, characterized by a lack of force or enthusiasm.

Origin: Late Middle English from Latin tepidus, from tepere 'be warm'.

Synonyms: halfhearted, lukewarm, uneager, unenthusiastic

Antonyms: eager, enthusiastic, hearty, keen, passionate, warm, wholehearted

Usage: He drank all of the tepid water from the glass and filled it again.

WORLD

Sudan military seizes power, dissolves transitional govt

KHARTOUM: Sudan's military seized power in a coup on Monday, arresting members of a transitional government that was supposed to guide the country to democracy following the overthrow of long-ruling autocrat Omar al-Bashir in a popular uprising two years ago. Gunfire was heard as opponents of the takeover took to the street and medics said several people had been hurt in clashes. General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, who headed the Sovereign Council that had shared power between the military and civilians, said the council had been dissolved. He announced a state of emergency, saying the military needed to protect the country's security.

Netherlands could face higher sea level rises: Climate experts

THE HAGUE: Dutch climate experts warned on Monday that the low-lying Netherlands could face higher sea level rises than previously forecast as well as the threat of extreme rainfall and other dangerous weather events caused by climate change. The Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, known by its Dutch acronym KNMI, issued the stark warning in a new update based on its own research and a report issued in August by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

James Tyler, who played Gunther in sitcom Friends, dies

LOS ANGELES: James Michael Tyler, known widely for his role as Gunther in the sitcom Friends, has died. Tyler, 59, died on Sunday in Los Angeles from cancer, said his manager. Tyler had appeared briefly in 1990s series like Just Shoot Me! and Sabrina the Teenage Witch before being cast as a background character in Friends in 1994. Over the show's multi-year-run, he became the most frequently recurring guest star on the series playing Gunther, the Central Perk barista. Warner Bros. Television, which produced the series, mourned the death of Tyler, "a beloved actor and integral part of our Friends family."

SCHOOL REPORTS

DAVPS, East of Loni Road, celebrates Hindi Week with zeal

DAV Public School (DAVPS), East of Loni Road, celebrated Hindi Week with enthusiasm. It was a week of flurry and excitement as the students participated in a plethora of activities which were conducted to enhance their vocabulary and language skills and make learning more enjoyable.

Those activities were planned in such a manner that the students not only realised the pride and respect of the language but also developed interest towards innovation.

The students showcased the importance of Hindi language through various activities such as poem recitation, character enactment, lyrics, speeches, poem composition, role play, slogan writing, kavi goshti (a gathering of poets), doha singing and antakshari matwari or virtual drama.

The week culminated with two exciting events -- a Kavi Sammelan

and a Prashn Manch by the senior students.

They all participated in the event with enthusiasm and also showcased their love and respect for their mother tongue.

The event turned out to be an extremely engaging experience for the students as it mixed learning with fun.

School principal Sameeksha Sharma applauded the enthusiastic efforts of the students and the Hindi department.

The principal told the students that the Hindi language unites the whole country in the thread of unity and exhorted all of them to always strive for the upliftment of this language.

Such events will surely inculcate a sense of affinity, respect, pride in the hearts of the students and at the same time ensure a prominent place on the world stage.



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VIRTUAL VS IN-PERSON LEARNING

'Online education is OK but not a viable option in long run'

Internationally recognized training designer Cathy Moore has said, "The most important principle for designing lively eLearning is to see eLearning design not as information design but as designing an experience."

In the current Covid-19 times across the globe, our daily course of activities has been metamorphosed tremendously. Similarly, schools have adopted the virtual mode of learning, which involves a computer software or the internet or both used by teachers to deliver instructions to the students.

This new model of learning has impacted students' life in numerous ways, both positively and negatively. Online classes benefit students in plenty of ways. They are not only effective but efficient as well as it has reduced the human interaction due to which a lot of time is saved by both the teachers and students, which was earlier wasted in settling down the students or by the troublesome students.

Online classes have also enabled students to take classes from the comfort of their homes. Today even if a student is sick, he/she can still attend their classes.

Moreover, it provides schedule flexibility i.e. teacher can schedule the class at any time as there are no time restrictions. Another benefit of online classes is that it gives geographic flexibility, which means that a student from India can attend an online course provided by an American school.

There is a flip side to it also. Online classes also have some negative impacts on the students. The cons of online classes outweigh the their pros. Since it is a new way of teaching, a huge number of students as well as teachers find difficulty in adapting to this new technology. Students face a lack of comfort to ask doubts and get them cleared satisfactorily due to problems caused by networks or other social media distractions.

The students nowadays fail to



Sitting in front of a laptop or a mobile phone screen all day long causes health problems, writes Manya Gangwani, Class 12, Convent of Jesus and Mary School, New Delhi

understand the course expectations because subjects like mathematics and science require practical knowledge and hands-on experience in the labs, which is not possible in the online classes. The class becomes less interactive as there is no student-teacher connection. Even the spirit of competition among the students is reduced as there is no motivation among the students as in online examinations every student uses unfair means to get their desired result.

Sometimes the students have to leave their classes in between due to network connections and it becomes difficult for the teachers to repeat what the student had missed.

Sitting in front of a laptop or a mobile phone screen all day long causes health problems such as headaches, eye pains and weak eyesight. Online classes also leave room for laziness as the students get away with their online classes by blaming their network issues.

Therefore, I can conclude the argument by saying that this method of virtual teaching cannot be used in the long run as it is more inimical than being hostile.



The players displayed their determination to win the upcoming championship

Nat'l kickboxing camp held at GIS, Hiran Kudan

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The event was mentored and supported by Member of Parliament Dr. Sushil Gupta.

School chairman Bharat Gupta, director Colonel Ashok Kaul, principal Swati Joshi, KFI chief patron Pawan Yadav and federation member Lt. Col. Dinesh Kapoor graced the occasion with their benign presence.

A team comprising 40 players and coaches left no stone unturned in making umpteen efforts to achieve their goal of winning the world championship.

The team is being trained under the guidance of coaches Vijender Singh Rawat and Amit Yadav along with assistant coaches Arun Singh and Yogesh Sharma.

Tajumul Islam, who won a gold medal in the World Kickboxing Championship held in Italy in 2016, along with other team members are all geared up and determined to win the championship.

The KFI chief patron expressed his gratitude to the GIS management for providing extensive support in organising the camp and for cheering the team members with good luck for their big event.

It is rightly said that champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision.

St. Angel's, Rohini, arranges screening of Shiksha Parv



The school teachers attended the screening session of Shiksha Parv

St. Angel's School, Rohini, arranged the screening of Shiksha Parv, especially for its teachers.

It was celebrated to recognise the contributions of teachers and to take New Education Policy (NEP) a step forward.

Prime Minister Modi addressed the inaugural conclave of the event and launched key initiatives including Vidyanjali along with the five plans in the academic sector.

The PM praised the academicians, experts and teachers for their contributions at every level of the formulation of the NEP and its implementation.

The session motivated everyone to take this participation to a new level and also to involve society in it. The measures introduced by the NEP will not only make our education system globally competitive but also make the youth future-ready.

RRPS, Saket, students perform musical show at Gandhi Smriti

It was a proud moment for the students of Red Roses Public School (RRPS), Saket, when they got an opportunity to perform in a musical show at Gandhi Smriti, a museum in Delhi dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, during the 152nd Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.

Those students were selected from a group of 200 students from 20

schools of Delhi. They sang 'Vande Mataram' and patriotic song 'Sare Jahan Se Accha' as a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi who is revered as the Father of the Nation.

The students sang along with the Padma Shri award winner singer Hans Raj Hans in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice President Vainkaiya Naidu.



The school students sang Vande Mataram and the patriotic song 'Sare Jahan Se Accha' as a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his 152nd birth anniversary

MIND GAMES

SUDOKU

7			8	5	9			
6						2		
	4	2						
	8	1		3	4			
		9	1	7				
			8	2		9		
				7	3		4	
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	8	3						

SCRAMBLE

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

DGEEO	*	*	*	*
AOINN	*	*	*	*
AHNYCC	*	*	*	*
BIORDF	*	*	*	*

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

— cannot find a place wherein to rest in safety. - Virgil (10)

Answer: Confidence cannot find a place wherein to rest in safety. - Virgil

CAKE CUTTING

The samurai warrior here is allowed to make only four cuts on his birthday cake. How should he cut the cake so that he can get the maximum number of pieces?

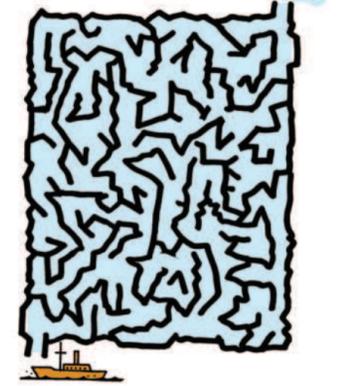


Answer: If the samurai cuts the cake in the manner shown alongside, he can get eleven pieces.

Amrita Bharati Features

MAZE

The pirates have hijacked a ship deep into the sea. Help the Coast Guard vessel to locate the hijacked ship.



MATHDOKU

9+		2+	300x	
2x				
	5:		8	6x
2-	20x			
		8x		

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.

IT'S ADVENTURE TIME!



Children play in floodwaters on Robin Road in Mill Valley, California, US, on Sunday. A powerful storm drenched wildfire-scarred Northern California on Sunday, triggering mudslides and flooding.

Solutions

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7	7	4	2	3	5	6	7	1
8	6	4	2	7	4	9	8	2
6	1	5	7	4	9	8	2	3
7	3	2	6	8	1	5	4	9

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

SCRAMBLE Solution Words: Geode, anion, chancy, forbid

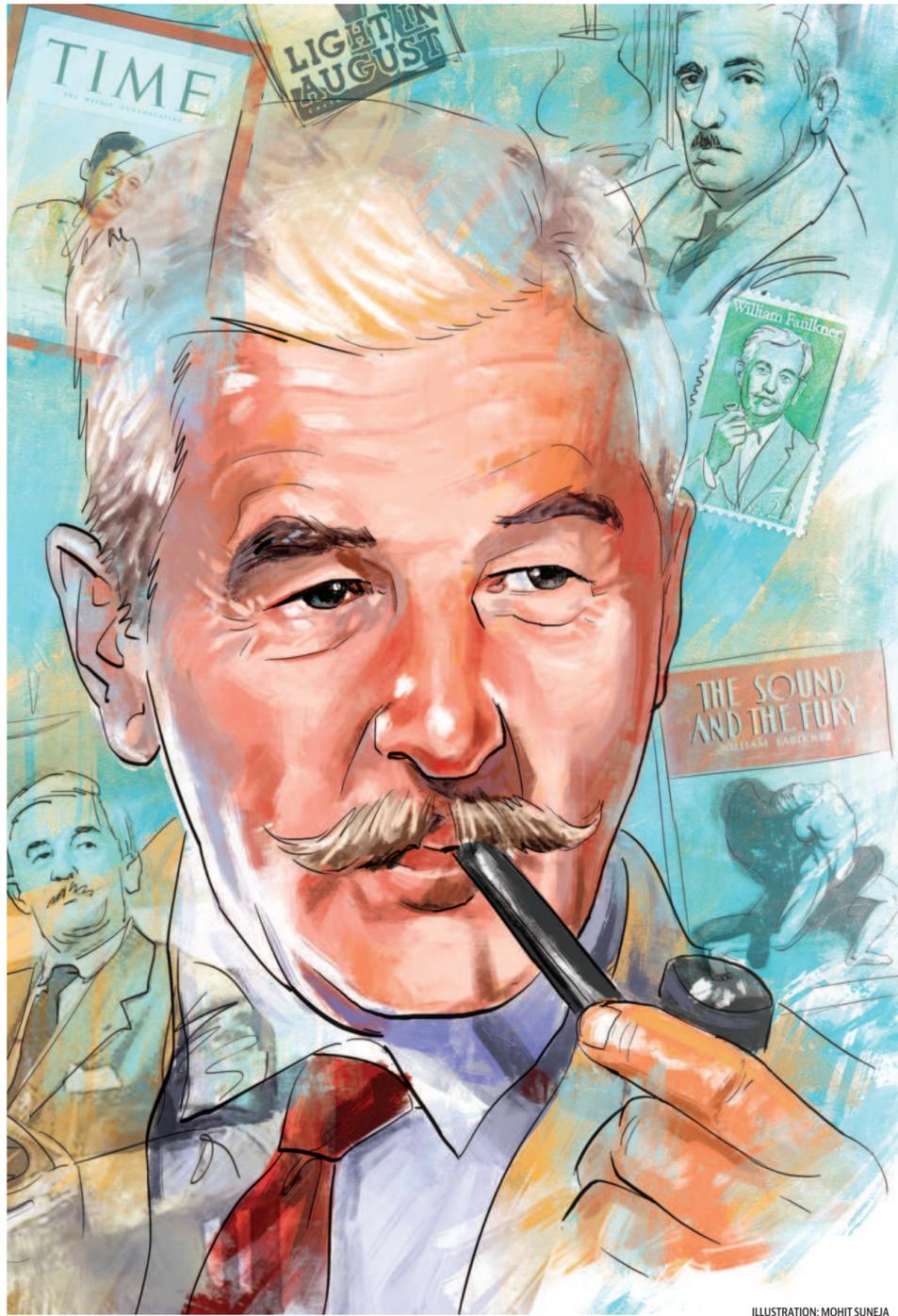


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Titan of 20th century American literature

WILLIAM FAULKNER: This celebrated author has powerfully made his presence felt in both popular and Modernist genre of literature. Renowned for novels set in Yoknapatawpha County, a fictitious place set in the American South, he has been conferred the Nobel Prize for literature and two Pulitzer Prizes for fiction.

Born on September 25, 1897 in New Albany, Mississippi, USA he was the first of four sons of Murry Cuthbert Falkner and Maud Butler. His mother and his maternal grandparents greatly influenced his creative resourcefulness as they were all avid readers and actively took part in creative pursuits themselves.

Early life

His childhood years were one of adventure and he was taught how to hunt, fish and track by his father, while his mother taught him and his brothers to take pleasure in reading and going to church. Thus, from a very young age, he was exposed to classics by Charles Dickens and the like. He began writing poetry and started to model most of his works on the Romantic era. Although he was a good student in school, his academic performance began to decline as he reached high school where he gradually lost interest in studying.

Rising career

Faulkner's earliest works include poetry such as his most famous collection titled *The Marble Faun*, published in 1924. His first novel, *Sol-*

diers' Pay, in 1925 earned him much recognition. His second novel was titled *Mosquitoes* and two years later, he penned his first novel set in Yoknapatawpha County. It was named *Flags in the Dust*. To the writer's surprise, several publishers did not accept *Flags in the Dust* and he had to get the novel re-edited. It was eventually published in 1928 as *Sartoris*.

In 1931, his first collection of short stories titled *These 13*, was published. It contains some of Faulkner's most famous stories including *Red Leaves*, *Dry September*, *A Rose for Emily* and *That Evening Sun*. Many of those stories were set in Yoknapatawpha County.

By 1932, Faulkner was in need of money. That year, Faulkner was offered work as a screenwriter in Hollywood; which he accepted and was paid well. Alongside working for films, he continued to write several stories and novels, which included important ones like *Light in August* (1932) and *Absalom, Absalom!* (1936). His stint in screenwriting continued well into the 1940s. In 1949, he brought out another collection of short stories, this time written in the crime fiction genre titled *Knight's Gambit*.

Major Works

The Sound of Fury, published in 1929, was one of his early creations which wasn't successful during its initial release. However, after another one of his works named *Sanctuary* was published, the novel achieved critical and mainstream success. The novel is ranked as one of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century by the Modern Library and was re-released in 2012 as a limited-edition collection.

Sanctuary, published in 1931, was Faulkner's first international literary breakthrough. The magnum opus became popular and was adapted for a film titled *The Story of Temple Drake*.

Awards and achievements

In 1949, Faulkner was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for his 'unique contribution to the modern American novel'. He was also honored with the Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur, in 1951. He won two Pulitzer Prizes for his novels *A Fable* and *The Reivers* in 1955 and 1963. The latter was awarded posthumously.

Sources: thefamouspeople.com, softschools.com, Wikipedia

INTERESTING FACTS

- 1 On June 17, 1962, William Faulkner suffered a serious injury in a fall from his horse, which led to thrombosis. He suffered a fatal heart attack on July 6 and at the age of 64 passed away.
- 2 In 1918, he changed his surname from Falkner to Faulkner when a typist made a mistake on his first book's title page. He wrote his first novel at 25. Prior to that, he had focused on poetry.
- 3 He attended the University of Mississippi from 1919 to 1920 and dropped out after three semesters. Faulkner received a D in English at the University of Mississippi because he had skipped many classes.
- 4 William worked as a postmaster at the University of Mississippi but was fired when caught reading on the job. The PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction created in his memory is awarded to new fiction writers.
- 5 Jackie Kennedy, once invited him to dinner when she was the First Lady of the United States. His excuse was that it was 160 km away just to go eat. In 1987, the USA Postal Service issued a 22-cent postage stamp in his honour.

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USAGE OF MEDICAL TOOLS ADVISED

Pandemic will end when world chooses to end it, says WHO chief

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GENEVA/WASHINGTON: The coronavirus pandemic will come to an end when all the countries start using the health tools effectively, Director-General of the World Health Organization Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Sunday. "The pandemic will end when the world chooses to end it. It is in our hands. We have all the tools we need: effective public health tools and effective medical tools. But the world has not used those tools well. With almost 50,000 deaths a week, the pandemic is far from over," Tedros said in his address to the World Health Summit in Berlin.

The WHO chief called on G20 countries that have already vaccinated 40% of their population to actively engage in the COVAX mechanism, as well as the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust. On Sunday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on the G20 countries to help collect \$8 billion to ensure a fair distribution of Covid-19 vaccines.

Speaking at the World Health Summit in Berlin, Guterres said that earlier in October, he joined the WHO chief to launch a global strategy for Covid-19 vaccination, which suggests

a credible and cost-effective plan to deliver vaccines to 40% of people in all countries by the end of this year and 70% by mid-2022.

Vaccines for 5-11-year-olds likely to be available in Nov: Fauci

Vaccines for kids between the ages of 5 and 11 will likely be available in the first half of November, top US infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci said on Sunday, predicting a timetable that could see many kids getting fully vaccinated before the end of the year. "If all goes well, and we get the regulatory approval and the recommendation from the CDC, it's entirely possible if not very likely that vaccines will be available for children from 5 to 11 within the first week or two of November," Fauci said in an interview with ABC's This Week.

US Food and Drug Administration officials are reviewing the Pfizer/BioNTech application seeking authorization of its 2-dose vaccine for younger children, with its panel of outside advisers scheduled to weigh in on Oct. 26. The FDA typically follows the advice of its panel but is not required to do so.

Advisers to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will weigh in on recommendations for the vaccine at a meeting on November 2 and 3, helping to inform a final decision by its director.

Once authorised, roughly 28 million more children in the United States would be eligible to receive what would be the first US Covid-19 vaccine for younger kids. The Pfizer/BioNTech shot is already available to those ages 12-17, and the companies are still studying it for children younger than 5.



World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in Geneva. REUTERS FILE

Covid-19: Beijing cancels marathon, restricts entry-exit

Sutirtho Patranobis

BEIJING: China on Monday indefinitely postponed the annual Beijing marathon scheduled to be held later this month as it fights a country-wide surge in Covid-19 cases including in the capital. Beijing authorities also restricted entry to the city on Monday, and sent out directives asking citizens not to leave unless necessary.

"The epidemic situation is severe and complex, and the epidemic risk and prevention pressure faced by the capital continue to increase," a Beijing official said on Monday.

Organisers of Beijing's marathon said in a statement on Sunday that the run would be postponed until further notice "...in order to prevent the risk of the epidemic spreading (and) effectively protect the health and safety of the majority of runners, staff and residents." More than 30,000 people were expected to take part in the event on October 31.

A marathon in Wuhan, the central Chinese city where the first Covid-19

cases were detected in 2019-end, was cancelled on Sunday.

The China-Mongolia border city of Ejin Banner, a region hit hard in the latest coronavirus flare-up, told all residents and tourists on Monday that they must stay indoors to prevent the spread of the outbreak.

The latest outbreak, said to have been triggered by tour groups travelling out of the northern autonomous region of Inner Mongolia, comes as the country's top health official warned of more cases.

Authorities have suspended inter-provincial tour groups in five areas where cases have been detected, including Beijing. There is an increasing risk that the outbreak might spread, helped by "seasonal factors", Mi Feng, spokesman at the National Health Commission, said.

It's likely to have raised concerns over China's ability to maintain its zero-tolerance approach to the virus, especially leading up to the 2022 Winter Olympics, slated to begin on February 4, to be held in and around Beijing.

A member of the Basque confectioners' association works on a chocolate dress with motifs of Pablo Picasso's masterpiece Guernica



A close-up of a motif from Picasso's Guernica that adorns the creation



Chocolatiers at work on the creation



A close-up of the dress crafted by confectioners from different kinds of chocolates



CHOCO GARB INSPIRED BY ART

In Spain's Basque region, a confectioner's association has created a chocolate dress adorned by motifs of Guernica, Pablo Picasso's masterpiece that depicts the bombing of a small town in 1937. Apart from commemorating the 85th anniversary of the bombing and acknowledging the cultural heritage of Picasso's iconic work, the chocolatiers also used the opportunity to showcase their high level of craftsmanship. The creation that was put together in the Zarautz city is scheduled to be presented during the inauguration of the Salon du Chocolat in Paris on October 28. Picasso's 140th birth anniversary was celebrated on Monday.

The chocolate dress will be presented during the inauguration of the Salon du Chocolat in Paris on October 28



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Record polling in U.K. election

London - Record number of voters went to the polls today in Britain. At many points throughout the country spot checks showed business at polling booths ran ahead of the figures that produced a record national turn-out of 84 per cent at the last general election in 1950.

1951

Weather over most of Britain was bright and clear following early morning fog in some areas, heartening Labour officials whose party traditionally draws a higher percentage of votes when the poll is heavy.

The first voters in an electorate of

34,914,112 were milk men, charwomen and all night workers retiring home from work. Mr Attlee and Mrs Attlee, their daughters, Felicity and Alison, and their son, Martin, voted at a polling station near 10 Downing Street. Mrs Churchill cast her ballot near her London residence while Mr Churchill voted later.

Polling took place in 620 constituencies out of 625. Four Ulster Unionists (Conservatives) have been returned unopposed, while in one constituency the voting will be on November 8 as the candidate died

during the campaign.

There are 1,376 candidates, comprising Labour (including 38 Labour and Co-operative Party nominees) 617, Conservatives and allies 17, Liberals 109, Communists 10, Independent Labour Party (relic of the movement from which the main Labour Party sprang) 4, Independents 10, Nationalists (Scottish, Welsh and Irish) 9.



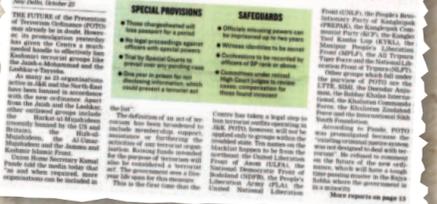
23 groups banned under POTO

New Delhi - The future of the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) may already be in doubt. However: its promulgation yesterday has given the Centre a much needed handle to effectively ban Kashmiri terrorist groups like the Jaish-e-Mohammad and the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba.

As many as 23 organisations active in J&K and the North-East have been banned in accordance with the new ordinance. Apart from the Jaish and the Lashkar: other outlawed groups include the Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (recently banned by the US and Britain), the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, the Al-Umar Mujahideen and the Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front.

Union Home Secretary Kamal Pande told the media today that "as and when required, more organisations can be included in the list".

23 groups banned under POTO



The definition of an act of terrorism' has been broadened to include membership, support, assistance or furthering the activities of any terrorist organisation. Raising funds intended for the purpose of terrorism will also be considered a 'terrorist act'. The government sees a five-year life span for this measure.

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This is the first time that the Centre has taken a legal step to ban terrorist outfits operating in J&K. POTO, however will not be applied only to groups within the troubled state. Ten names on the blacklist happen to be from the northeast.

IPKF in control of entire Jaffna municipal limits

Jaffna - The Indian Peace Keeping Forces (IPKF) today gained control of the entire municipal limits of this beleaguered north-eastern town, save an area of one kilometre, establishing its overall supremacy and opened the way for possible negotiations with the leaders of the LTTE, which has been fighting a last-ditch battle.

The IPKF hopes that the LTTE would now surrender arms and

come to the negotiation table failing which, they fear, there might be protracted counter-insurgency.

Lt-Gen. Depinder Singh, General Officer Commanding Southern Command of the Indian Army, who is overseeing the IPKF operations, made it clear that his men would continue the drive for disarming all LTTE activists and "would go for" anyone who refuses to surrender or opposes the

IPKF drive.

He was answering a question from a newsmen, who asked whether the IPKF would "go for" the LTTE leader, Velupillai Prabbakaran.

The whereabouts of Mr Prabbakaran, who has been considered the main force behind the resistance to the Indo-Sri Lanka accord and the efforts at restoration of normalcy in Sri Lanka are not known.

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NATURAL CALAMITY

Olive Ridley turtles' nesting faces sea erosion risk

BERHAMPUR (ODISHA): A massive sea erosion near the confluence of Rushikulya River and Bay of Bengal in Odisha's Ganjam district has posed a threat to the mass nesting of the Olive Ridley turtles this year, wildlife activists said. A six-km stretch from Puruna Bandha to Bateshwar near the river mouth is considered as the second largest mass nesting site after Gahirmatha in Kendrapara district in the state where lakhs of the endangered marine turtles nest between November and February every year. The state forest department expressed hope that natural restoration will take place in the affected beach in the coming months and there will be no negative impact on the mass nesting of the turtles. The place of the confluence has changed due to sea erosion. While Rushikulya earlier used to meet the sea at Puruna Bandha area, the new location is New Podampeta, around 2.5-km away.

More erosion occurred when the high tidal waves lashed on the beach on Wednesday due to the full moon, said Rabindranath Sahu, secretary of the Rushikulya Sea Turtle Protection Committee. "At present, very limited space is left on the beach. The sea is destroying the site," Sahu said.

PK Mohanty, professor of Marine Science at Berhampur University, also expressed fear that a decrease in the space of the rookery, coupled with sea pollution, would affect the mass nesting.

Berhampur divisional forest officer Amlan Nayak confirmed the change of location of the river mouth and erosion of the beach.

He, however, hoped that the beach might be redeveloped naturally in the coming months after withdrawal of the rain and it would facilitate the mass nesting of Olive Ridley turtles.

About three years ago, a similar erosion had occurred at the beach, but natural restoration took place through deposition by the sea, an official said. During 'arribada', female turtles reach beaches usually at the dead of the night for laying eggs. After that, they return to the sea.

An Olive Ridley usually lays about 120 to 150 eggs, and hatchlings, after emerging from these eggs in a span of 45 to 60 days, travel to the sea. They grow up without their mothers. PTI



A 6-km stretch from Puruna Bandha to Bateshwar is considered as the second largest mass nesting site in Odisha's Kendrapara district. SHUTTERSTOCK

IOC to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 to tackle climate change

ATHENS: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that it will cut its direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030, as part of its commitment to tackling climate change. The announcement was made by IOC president Thomas Bach during the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees currently taking place in Greece. It comes ahead of COP26 due to be held at the end of October in Glasgow.

With this decision, the IOC increases its level of ambition from a previous commitment that set a 45% reduction over the same time period, in line with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. In order to achieve the 50%

cut in emissions by 2030, the IOC has set an intermediate reduction target of 30%, to be achieved by 2024. Its action plan to deliver on this commitment will now be updated with increased efforts to reduce emissions in the areas of travel, energy use and procurement. All upcoming Olympic Games have committed to carbon neutrality, with Paris 2024 aiming to become the first climate-positive Games. All competition venues at the Beijing 2022 Games aim to use 100% renewable energy. Natural and low carbon emission CO2 refrigeration systems will be used at most of the Beijing 2022 ice venues - the first time this low climate impact technology will be used in China and at the Olympic Winter Games. ANI

HOW & WHY

GLOBAL WARMING KILLS 14% OF WORLD'S CORALS IN A DECADE, REVEALS NEW STUDY

The world's coral reefs are under attack by climate change and more will disappear if oceans keep warming, says a report released this month. Based on the largest-ever survey, the study by the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, a UN-supported data network, reveals that 14% of the world's coral on reefs was already lost between 2009 and 2018.

Joint initiative

The report was undertaken with support from UNEP and the International Coral Reef Initiative, a partnership of governments and research organisations focused on preserving coral reefs and related ecosystems.

Data spanned

For **40** years
Across **73** countries
On **12,000** sites

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Number of coral reef-bearing regions the study looked at

Hardest hit areas in world

South Asia, Australia, The Pacific, E Asia, The Western Indian Ocean, The Gulf, Gulf of Oman.

About **11,700** sq km Area over which coral on reefs was lost between 2009 and 2018

8% of world's corals killed by one bleaching event in 1998 alone

Less than **1%** of the ocean floor is covered by coral reefs

25% of marine biodiversity is supported by coral reefs

70 to 90% Of all corals will disappear due to global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels

About **\$2.7 tn/yr** Annual global economic value of coral reefs



Dead coral on the ocean bed in the Straits of Florida near Key Largo, Florida, USA. AFP

Coral reefs

Found all over the world's oceans, coral reefs are large underwater structures composed of skeletons of colonial marine invertebrates called corals. Each individual coral is referred to as a polyp. Coral polyps live on the calcium carbonate exoskeletons of their ancestors, adding their own exoskeleton to the existing coral structure.

2,400 km+
Length of the largest coral reef system, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia

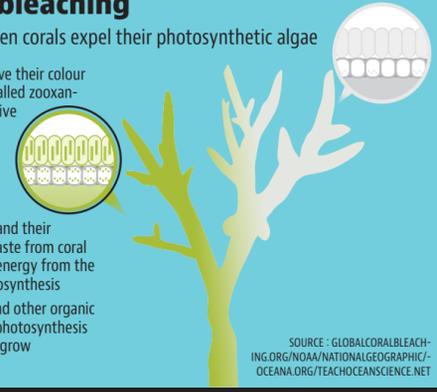
'Climate change is the biggest threat to reefs'

Study co-author and Australian Institute of Marine Science CEO Paul Hardisty, climate change is the biggest threat to the world's reefs. Oceans absorb more than 90% of the excess heat from greenhouse gas emissions, shielding land surfaces but generating huge, long-lasting marine heatwaves that are pushing many species of corals past their limits of tolerance.

Coral bleaching

Occurs when corals expel their photosynthetic algae

1. Coral receive their colour from algae called zooxanthellae that live on them in a symbiotic relationship
2. Algae use nitrogen, phosphorus and their metabolic waste from coral to generate energy from the sun via photosynthesis
3. Oxygen and other organic products of photosynthesis help coral to grow



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Process

- Under environmental stress, such as a change in temperature, corals expel algae
- Overexposure to the sun's rays can also cause algae to leave
- Loss of algae causes coral bleaching, making them vulnerable to disease
- Bleached coral will eventually die if they don't regain algae

'We have to act now'

Since 2009, the world has lost more coral than all the living coral in Australia, says UNEP executive director Inger Anderson, adding that we can reverse the losses but we have to act now.

'Coral reefs can flourish again'

Scientists found there was about a 2% regain among coral reefs in 2019, showing they can be resilient when given respite from the siege of factors working against them. If pressure is relieved on the coral reefs, they could flourish again within a decade to pre-1998 levels, says the report.

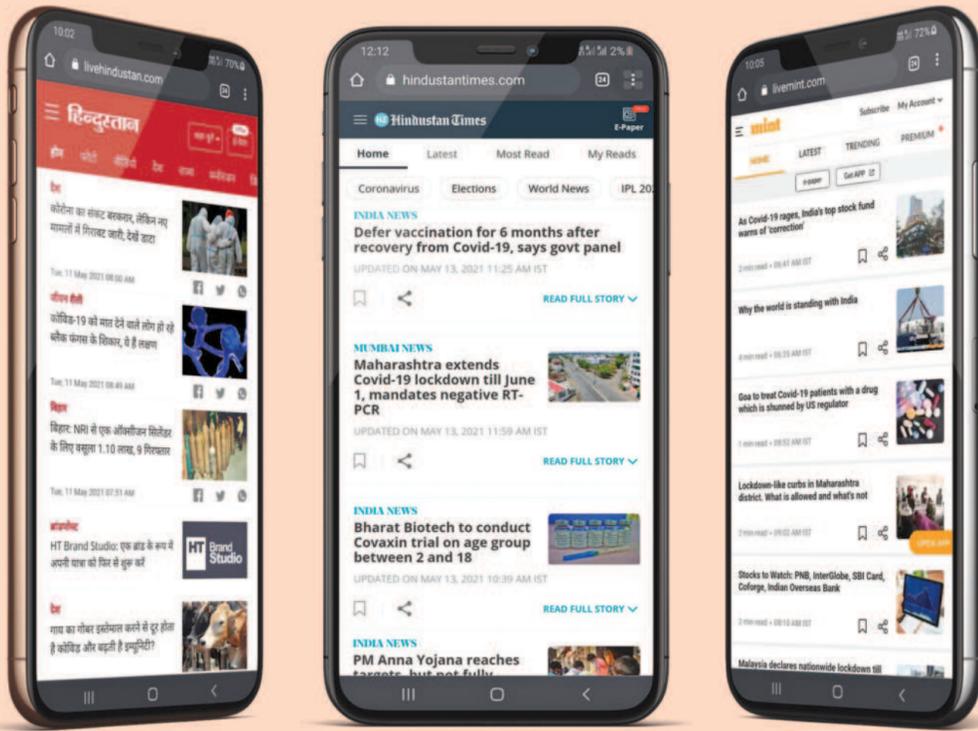
Efforts on to save Florida coral reef from mysterious disease

At a laboratory in central Florida, biologist Aaron Gavin and his team have diligently recreated the coral reef habitat found in the waters off the southern tip of the state, complete with artificial currents and local fish. They hope to prevent the 18 species of coral in their care from suffering the same mysterious ailment, called SCLTD (stony coral tissue loss disease), that is afflicting their wild cousins.



Rescued corals are kept in a tank as staff members work on restoring coral reefs at Florida Coral Rescue Center in Orlando, Florida, USA. AFP

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FOOTBALL

Dybala helps Juventus hold Inter Milan

MILAN: Paulo Dybala returned to rescue Juventus as they snatched a 1-1 draw at Inter Milan on Sunday.

Dybala converted a penalty a minute from time to cancel out Edin Dzeko's first-half opener for Inter.

Inter remained third, seven points behind Napoli and AC Milan. Napoli earlier saw their perfect start to the season end with a 0-0 draw at Roma. They are above Milan on goal difference alone after the Rossoneri beat Bologna 4-2 on Saturday. Head-to-head is the first tiebreaker in Italy if teams are level at the end of the sea-

son. "It was the only way we were going to concede a goal," Inter coach Simone Inzaghi said. "We're disappointed because we controlled the match from the start without conceding anything to Juventus. It's two points that we've thrown away." Juventus is three points behind Inter.

"We always play to win, but today we played against a great team and the way the game was going, we got an important point," Dybala said.

After a rocky start to the season, Juventus were unbeaten in their previous eight matches heading into the eagerly awaited match and had won their past four games 1-0. Defending champion Inter had lost their first league match of the season last weekend, at Lazio.

The Nerazzurri took the lead in the 17th minute. Hakan Çalhanoğlu unleashed a screamer from distance that bounced off the right post and Dzeko fired home the rebound.

However, just as it looked as if Inter was about to get a potentially crucial victory, Juventus was awarded a penalty when Denzel Dumfries fouled Alex Sandro just inside the area.

Juventus were awarded a penalty on video review and Inzaghi was so incensed that he threw a piece of clothing onto the field and was sent off. Dybala slotted home the spot kick. He had come on in the 65th minute for his first match since an injury in the tie against Sampdoria last month.



Paulo Dybala (right) celebrates after scoring. AFP

BASKETBALL

Jordan sneakers sold for nearly \$1.5 million

NEW YORK: A pair of sneakers worn by NBA superstar Michael Jordan early in his career sold for nearly \$1.5 million on Sunday, setting a record price at auction for game-worn footwear, Sotheby's said.

The white leather shoes with the red Nike swoosh and soles were worn by the iconic player in the fifth game of his rookie season with the Chicago Bulls, when Nike's Jordan-affiliated brand was only just taking off as a sensation both on and off the court.

"The most valuable sneakers ever offered at auction—Michael Jordan's regular season game-worn Nike Air Ships from 1984—have just sold at \$1,472,000 in our luxury sale in Las Vegas," the auction house said in a statement on Twitter.

The astronomical price easily beat the record held by a pair of Nike Air Jordans which sold for \$615,000 in August 2020 at a Christie's auction.

A pair of Nike Air Yeezy 1s worn by

rapper Kanye West sold for \$1.8 million in April, triple the previous record for sneakers—although that was a private sale.

Jordan's autographed size-13 lace-ups were in good overall condition, with signs of court wear and tear, Sotheby's said. The pair was a gift from the player to Tommie Tim III Lewis, who was a ball boy for the Denver Nuggets during the 1984-'85 season. The market for rare sports shoes is soaring. The record price for sneakers has been broken several times recently as what was seen as a niche market a decade ago now attracts interest from the general public as well as leading collectors.

And the market value of objects identified with the retired basketball superstar have skyrocketed since the release of "The Last Dance," an ESPN/Netflix documentary that chronicles the saga of Jordan and his Chicago Bulls.

FOOTBALL

Ligue 1: PSG held by rivals Marseille

MARSEILLE: Ligue 1 leaders Paris St Germain dropped two points as they were held to a 0-0 stalemate at bitter rivals Marseille after playing more than half an hour with 10 men amid minor crowd trouble on Sunday.

The game was briefly paused twice because of incidents involving OM fans after both teams had goals disallowed in an entertaining first half.

PSG, who had Achraf Hakimi red carded in the 57th minute, have 28 points from 11 games and lead RC Lens by seven points and Nice by nine. Lens thrashed lowly Metz 4-1 while Nice claimed a thrilling 3-2 comeback win against 10-men Olympique Lyonnais.

Marseille, who will replay their game against Nice on Wednesday after it was abandoned after serious crowd incidents in August, are fourth on 18 points from 10 matches.

PSG thought they had an early goal when Luan Peres deflected Neymar's fluffed shot into his own net but a VAR review ruled that the Brazilian was



Lionel Messi had a sedate outing against Marseille. AFP

offside. The visitors were dealt a massive blow just before halftime as midfielder Marco Verratti was forced off and replaced by Idrissa Gueye after taking a knock on his left hip.

The match took a sour turn for PSG when Hakimi was sent off for a foul on Cengiz Under as the last defender 12 minutes into the second half. PSG were left banking on counters but the hosts stayed alert at the back with William Saliba saving the day for OM with a match-saving tackle on Kylian Mbappe, who was running clear on goal seven minutes from time.

FLYING HIGH



Carmelo Anthony (right) scored 28 points off the bench to help Los Angeles Lakers beat Memphis Grizzlies 121-118 during their NBA match at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday. AP

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE



The BCCI will earn ₹12,690 crore from the two new teams that will take part in the 2022 IPL. The franchises will be based in Lucknow and Ahmedabad. BCCI

RPSG Group, CVC Capital bid highest for new teams

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DUBAI: Kolkata-based business tycoon Sanjiv Goenka's RPSG Group claimed the Lucknow franchise for a mammoth ₹7,090 crore while international equity investment firm CVC Capital won the bid for Ahmedabad with a ₹5,600 crore offer as the eagerly-awaited two new IPL teams were unveiled here on Monday.

The BCCI was expecting a windfall in the range of ₹10,000 crore but to their surprise earned ₹12,690 crore from the two new teams that will take part in the 2022 IPL.

PTI had reported on Sunday that Goenka is one of the favourites to win a team after having been in the IPL for two years in 2016 and 2017 when he owned the Rising Pune Super Giants.

"Yes, RPSG had the highest bid of

₹7,090 crore while CVC had the second highest bid at ₹5,600 crore. The BCCI stand to earn around \$1.70 billion from the deal," a senior BCCI source present in Dubai told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

One of the major companies that lost out was Gautam Adani's Adani Group which bid around ₹5,000 crore while bids of Glazers from Manchester United and Torrent Group also fell short of the mark. A total of 22 had picked up tender document worth ₹10 lakh but with base price for new teams pegged at ₹2,000 crore, only five to six serious bidders were in fray.

The IPL 2022 season will comprise ten teams and will have 74 matches, wherein each team will play seven home and seven away matches.

BCCI President, Sourav Ganguly said: "The BCCI is happy to welcome two new teams from the next season

of the Indian Premier League. I would like to congratulate RPSG Ventures Ltd & Ireliya Company Pte Ltd for being successful bidders. The IPL will now go to two new cities in India viz in Lucknow and Ahmedabad.

It is heartening to see the inclusion of two new teams at such a high valuation, and it reiterates the cricketing and financial strength of our cricket ecosystem. True to IPL's motto of 'Where Talent Meets Opportunity', the inclusion of two new teams will bring more domestic cricketers from our country to the global stage."

The Luxembourg based CVC has a cash chest of more than 100 billion dollars which it has used in recent years to change international sport.

CVC has already spent several billion dollars to take major stakes in international rugby union and top football properties such as Spain's La Liga championship.

It has also bought into the international volleyball federation, previously owned Formula One and has been in talks in recent months to merge the men's and women's international tennis tours and to take a stake in the San Antonio Spurs NBA franchise.

Jay Shah, honorary secretary of the BCCI, said: "It is a momentous day for all of us and I formally welcome them into the IPL fold. We had promised that IPL will be bigger and better from the 15th season and with Lucknow and Ahmedabad, we will take the league to different parts of India. Despite numerous challenges posed by Covid-19, the 13th and 14th seasons were completed, and the bids prove that interested parties have faith in BCCI and its hosting capabilities. I am thrilled for the people of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat as their long wait is over."

FORMULA ONE

Gritty Verstappen holds off Hamilton to extend lead

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AUSTIN, TEXAS: Red Bull's Max Verstappen doubled his lead in the Formula One world championship to 12 points after holding off charging title rival Lewis Hamilton to win the US Grand Prix in Austin on Sunday.

Mercedes' seven-time world champion Hamilton slashed the Dutch driver's lead with a late attack on fresher tyres but finished 1.333 seconds behind, with a bonus point for fastest lap at the Circuit of the Americas. Red Bull's Mexican Sergio Perez was a distant third, struggling with dehydration after a water bottle failure in the Texas heat.

"I think I've aged about 25 years in that race," said relieved Red Bull team boss Christian Horner. "I really didn't think we were going to hang on."

The win was Verstappen's eighth of the season, and first in America, but one he had to sweat for in front of a sell-out 140,000 crowd.

The 24-year-old started out on pole position, ending a Mercedes run of qualifying domination in Texas, lost the lead into the first corner and then won it back with an aggressive pitstop strategy. Hamilton was quickest when the lights went out, squeezing through on the inside at turn one with Verstappen forced to run wide and plenty of overtaking going on in their wake. The pair pulled away from the field, with Perez unable to stay with them.

Verstappen soon started chafing over the radio that he had more pace



Red Bull's Max Verstappen leads Lewis Hamilton by 12 points in the championship after winning the US Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, on Sunday. AFP

and was first to pit on lap 11, as Red Bull went for the 'undercut'—a strategic bid to close the gap and get back in front when Hamilton pitted three laps later. "Of course we lost out in the start so we had to try and do something else. The tyre wear is quite high around this track, we went aggressive and I was not sure it was going to work but the last few laps were fun," said Verstappen. "A bit sideways through the high-speed corners but super happy to hang on."

Verstappen made his second stop on lap 30 to hand Hamilton the lead again. The Mercedes driver was told it

was now "target plus six" and stayed out for another seven laps before pitting again and slotting in 8.58 seconds behind Verstappen with 18 laps to go but on fresher tyres.

"It's all about the last three laps," Hamilton was told over the radio but while he closed the gap to under a second, he could not get close enough to attempt a move.

"It was such a tough race. I got a good start, gave it absolutely everything but at the end of the day, they just had the upper hand this weekend and we couldn't really have asked for more," said the Briton.

KOHLI VOWS TO RECTIFY MISTAKES AFTER LOSING TO PAKISTAN

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DUBAI: India captain Virat Kohli denied his team underestimated Pakistan in Sunday's high-profile Twenty20 World Cup contest and said they know what went wrong in their 10-wicket thumping by the arch-rivals.

India went into the match with a 12-0 record in World Cups against their neighbours but Pakistan snapped that streak with a 10-wicket romp at the Dubai International Stadium. Kohli reacted with incredulity when asked if their unblemished track record made them complacent against the arch-rivals ahead of the Group Two blockbuster.

"You don't go out there to take anything lightly, especially a team like Pakistan who on their day can beat anyone in the world," Kohli, who will relinquish India's Twenty20 captaincy after the tournament told reporters.

"This is a game that has to be respected, and we are a team that definitely respects the game... We never take any opposition lightly. Neither do we differentiate between oppositions, that's how we play our cricket."

Put into bat, India could not really recover after Shaheen Afridi wrecked their top order. With Pakistan captain Babar Azam and opening partner Mohammad Rizwan smashing unbeaten half-century, the chase was a cakewalk for Pakistan who triumphed with 13 balls to spare.

"They definitely outplayed us, there's no doubt about that," Kohli said. "You don't win by 10 wickets if you don't outplay the opposition. We did not even get any chances. They were very professional."