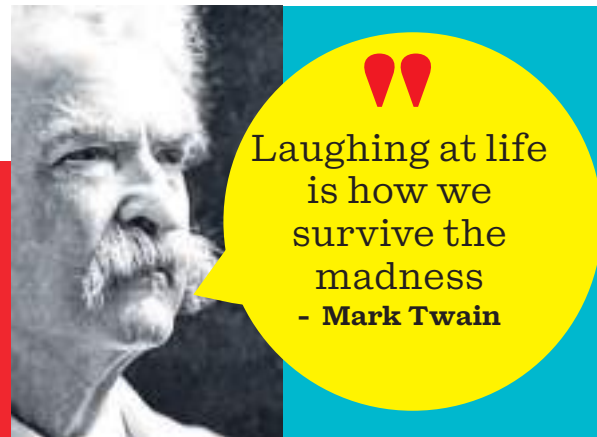


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Laughing at life is how we survive the madness - Mark Twain

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'Gunshot fired, judiciary is bleeding'



States can tax farm income

Economist Montek Singh Ahluwalia has opined that state governments can tax large agriculture farms that are diversifying and getting high income levels, to strengthen finances. He said that the revenue generated from taxing diversified agriculture can be retained entirely by the states



The Supreme Court on Thursday imposed a "complete blanket ban" on any further publication, reprinting or digital dissemination of the NCERT's Class 8 social science book as it contains "offending" contents on corruption in the judiciary, saying a gunshot has been fired and the institution is bleeding. The government, on its part, expressed anguish, with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan promising to fix accountability and take action against those involved in drafting it. Observing that there appeared to be a "deep-rooted conspiracy" and a "calculated move" to undermine the institution and demean the dignity of judiciary, the Supreme Court directed that all copies of the book -- physical and digital -- currently in circulation be seized immediately.

DID U KNOW?
A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant issued show-cause notices to the NCERT director



More Shorts

Railways to employ ex-servicemen: MoU signed



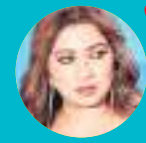
Nine out of 70 railway divisions in the country have signed memorandums of understanding with Army organisations to recruit ex-servicemen as pointsmen, the Railway Ministry said on Thursday. A pointsman is a railway employee responsible for operating track switches and directing trains from one line to another to ensure safe shunting and yard operations.

India must have chemical, biological weapons: CDS



India must stay ready with indigenous chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) defence equipment for early warning systems, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan said on Thursday. Gen Chauhan was addressing a CBRN conclave organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Gen Chauhan made the remarks after inaugurating the two-day conclave.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world, because transformation begins with each one of us - Mahatma Gandhi



likes and views are very skewed because har cheez kharidi jaa sakti ha - Shreya Ghoshal

Villages of Excellence with Israeli help

DID U KNOW?

Villages of Excellence will take the benefits of Israeli agricultural technology to the grassroots level

On the back of the success of the Centres of Excellence established with Israeli cooperation across India for strengthening the agricultural sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday announced the creation of "Villages of Excellence" to further deepen

agricultural cooperation between the two countries. "The Centres of Excellence established in India with the cooperation of Israel are excellent examples of our friendship. Seeing their success, we have set a target to increase their number to 100," he said.



Stay on release of Kerala Story 2



The Kerala High Court has directed the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to re-watch and reconsider the clearance of 'The Kerala Story 2', following claims that the film contains hate-spreading content. The Kerala HC also imposed a 15-day interim stay on the film's release. This follows the concern that certain scenes in the film allegedly incite hatred and threaten communal harmony.

Dhadak 2 in Ivy League Universities



Filmmaker Karan Johar has expressed pride as Dhadak 2 is being screened at Ivy League universities, calling it a significant milestone for the team at his production house. Karan took to Instagram, where he shared a poster of the film starring Siddhant Chaturvedi and Triptii Dimri. Karan said that seeing Dhadak 2 resonate in prestigious academic spaces has been a "great moment. He wrote: "Dhadak 2 being screened at all the Ivy League universities is such a moment of pride for us."

Futuristic warfare



An analysis of India's security challenges and discussions on modern and futuristic war fighting topped the agenda at the third edition of the Future Warfare Course (FWC-03), an official said on Thursday. The course, which culminated on Wednesday at Manekshaw Centre, featured an enhanced curriculum covering specialised subjects and domain-specific warfare developments in military operations, the Defence Ministry official said in a statement. The course was organised by the Doctrine, Organisation

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and Training (DOT) under the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) from February 2 - 25, 2026. Curated through the vision of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, the FWC 3.0 provided a heady mix of

operational and strategic alignment and technological proficiency to the participants. A total of 39 officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force participated in the course. The course was conducted in two phases.



HBO's 'Industry' in for 5th season

American network HBO has renewed its critically acclaimed financial drama series "Industry" for a fifth and final season. The fifth season will bring to a close the series created by Mickey Down and Konrad Kay, which follows ambitious young graduates navigating the brutal, high-octane world of London investment banking. The show's fourth season concludes its run on March 1.

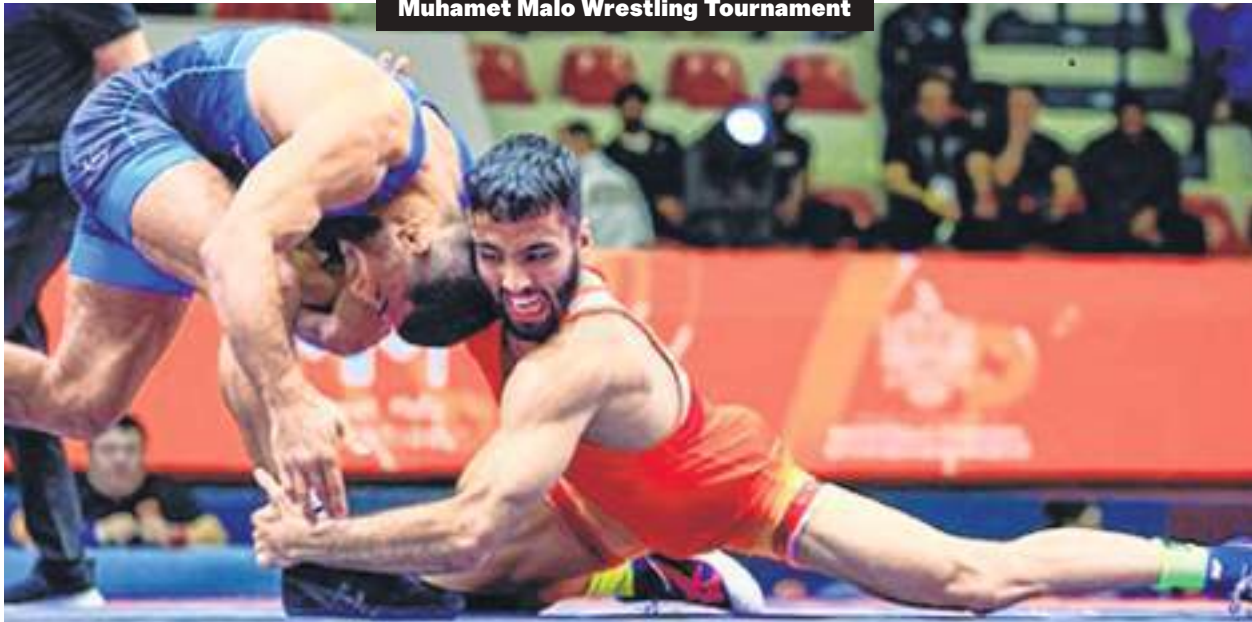


♥ All you have to do is dream big and try fulfilling it
- Kapil Dev

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Muhamet Malo Wrestling Tournament



He topped the podium with four straight wins on technical superiority

Indian wrestler clinches gold



23 world champion Sujett Kalkal clinched the gold medal in the men's 65kg freestyle category at the Muhamet Malo 2026 wrestling tournament in Tirana, Albania. He topped the podium with four straight wins on technical superiority. The 23-year-old Indian dominated Azerbaijan's Rashid

Babazade 10-0 in the final. He had a convincing 11-0 win over USA's two-time Pan American champion Joseph McKenna in the semifinal after beating Nika Zakashvili of Georgia 10-0 in the quarter-finals and starting his campaign with a 16-4 victory over Endrio Avdyli of Albania. This is his second straight gold medal in the 2026 UWW Ranking Series, following his Zagreb Open victory in Croatia earlier this month. Sujett

warmed up with a 16-4 victory over Endrio Avdyli, who tossed the Indian for a four at the start of the bout. Nika Zakashvili (Georgia) fell next, 10-0, before Sujett defeated Joseph McKenna (USA), 11-0, the same scoreline as the one in the semifinals of the Zagreb Open.

DID U KNOW?
Sujett laced Rashid to win 10-0 to capture a second straight Ranking Series gold medal.

South Africa beat West Indies

Skipper Aiden Markram led from the front with an unbeaten 82 as South Africa chased down a challenging target of 177 runs in just 16.1 overs for the loss of only one wicket and secured a nine-wicket win over the West Indies in their second match in Super 8s stage of the ICC T20 WC 2026 played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday.



Harmanpreet to play second ODI



India all-rounder Deepti Sharma has confirmed the availability of captain Harmanpreet Kaur for the second ODI against Australia, offering reassurance after the skipper's knee scare in the series opener. Harmanpreet had

injured her left knee while batting against Megan Schutt of Australia during the first ODI in Brisbane, a match India eventually lost after clinching the preceding T20I series 2-1.

Gold in Ch'garh: Kapil meets CM



In a significant step towards expanding India's golf ecosystem and strengthening sports-led tourism development, Padma Bhushan Kapil Dev, President of

the PGTI, held discussions with CM of Chhattisgarh Vishnu Deo Sai on the future growth of golf infrastructure in the state. The meeting was also attended by Subodh Kumar Singh, IAS, senior representatives of the Government of Chhattisgarh, and PGTI CEO Amandeep Johl.

QUICK NEWS

MO: Kecmanovic upsets Zverev

Alexander Zverev bowed out of Mexican Open after losing to Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic 6-3, (3)6-7, 7-6(4). This is the second time Zverev has been knocked out in round of 16 in Acapulco, after winning title in 2021 edition.

CL: VINICIUS SCORES WINNER

Real Madrid advanced to the Champions League last 16 with a 2-1 home win over Benfica, sealing a 3-1 aggregate victory. Vinicius Jr. scored the decisive goal in the 80th minute to settle an anxious night at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Ronaldo buys 25% stake

Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo has made a big investment in the Spanish Football. He has purchased a 25% stake in the second-tier club UD Almeria, which is currently owned by the Saudi Arabian investors.



It was my dream to score a century in the IPL.
- Vaibhav Suryavanshi

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Suryavanshi, Tendulkar power DY Patil Blue to win

India's Under-19 World Cup hero Vaibhav Suryavanshi and Arjun Tendulkar lit up the DY Patil Ground in Talegaon as DY Patil Blue pulled off a high-octane chase against Indian Navy on Day four of the 20th DY Patil T20 Cup on Thursday. Suryavanshi slammed 63 off 19 balls with seven boundaries and five sixes. Tendulkar, on the other hand, remained unbeaten on 55 off 29 balls with seven boundaries and two sixes.



Bengaluru braces for ISL match



The floodlights at Sree Kanteerava Stadium are prepared to illuminate this Friday as former champions Bengaluru FC host Punjab FC in an important match of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2025-26 season. The visiting 'Shers' come for their second straight away game, aiming to recover after a close 1-0 defeat to Jamshedpur FC.



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Ranji Trophy final Day 3

Mayank Agarwal produced a century to anchor Karnataka's resistance, but J&K retained firm control on the proceedings at stumps on Day 3

Karnataka- 220/5 at stumps



Opening batter Mayank Agarwal produced a magnificent rear-guard century to anchor Karnataka's resistance, but Jammu and Kashmir retained firm control on the proceedings at stumps on Day 3

of the Ranji Trophy final at the Hubli Cricket Ground, the home side closing at 220/5 in response to the visitors'

DID U KNOW?
Despite Mayank's heroic effort, J&K remain firmly in command of the contest after three days.



imposing first-innings total of 584. Resuming the day with Jammu and Kashmir's lower-order at the crease, Karnataka struck early through Prasad Krishna, who completed a superb five-wicket haul as the visitors added 57 runs to

their overnight tally. Valuable contributions from Sahil Lotra (72), Abid Mushtaq (28), and Yudhvir Singh Charak (30) helped push Jammu and Kashmir to a commanding 584, establishing a dominant platform in the summit clash.

AKMAL TROLLS BABAR AZAM

Pakistan cricketer Umar Akmal has trolled Babar Azam in his latest social media post. He mocked the Pakistani star batter by comparing his 94 runs knock against Australia with Babar Azam's 25 from

24 balls against England in T20 WC. Umar Akmal shared the screenshots from his ICC T20 WC 2014 match against Australia where he scored 94 runs off 54 balls to lead Pakistan to a 16-run victory.

Abhishek produces record low of 64

Abhishek Kumar produced a tournament low score, a sublime bogey-free eight-under 64 in third and final round, to register a sensational come-from-behind victory in first leg of the INR 25L DP World PGTI NexGen 2026 played at Aravalli Golf Club in Haryana, on Thursday.

The Panchkula-based 24-year-old Abhishek Kumar (72-73-64), who was overnight tied 10th and eight shots off the lead, delivered eight birdies in the last round, including five on the trot, to outshine all his rivals as he ended the week with a tournament total of seven-under 209.

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Fun DIY Experiments, Magnetic Compass, and Tasty Science Snacks

TINA KHATRI

On National Science Day, we embark on a quest where questions are keys and curiosity is the compass. From the magnetic pull of Earth to the crunch of crispy vegetables, today we unlock the wonders that lie beneath the surface.

Craft your own magnetic compass and let the Earth's unseen forces guide you;

Never lose direction: Compass

Never Lose Direction: DIY Compass (Quick Guide)

1. GATHER MATERIALS

- ▶ Needle or straightened paperclip
- ▶ Magnet
- ▶ Small cork/foam/leaf (to float it)
- ▶ Bowl with ~1 inch of water
- ▶ Pliers (optional)



2. MAGNETIZE THE NEEDLE

- ▶ Rub the magnet along the needle in one direction only.
- ▶ Lift and repeat from the same starting end.
- ▶ Do this 20–50 times.

3. MAKE IT FLOAT

- ▶ Push the needle through cork/foam or
- ▶ Lay it on a floating leaf or bottle cap.

4. USE YOUR COMPASS

- ▶ Place the float in water away from electronics.
- ▶ Let it spin and settle.
- ▶ It will align North–South.
- ▶ Check with a real compass to confirm which end points North.

whip up a batch of baked vegetable chips and witness the magic of heat transforming humble veggies into crispy creations; and dive into a poem of discovery, where science and adventure collide.

This day isn't just about experiments—it's about embracing the thrill of the unknown and letting your curiosity set the course. Ready to explore? Let the science begin!



Baked Vegetable Chips

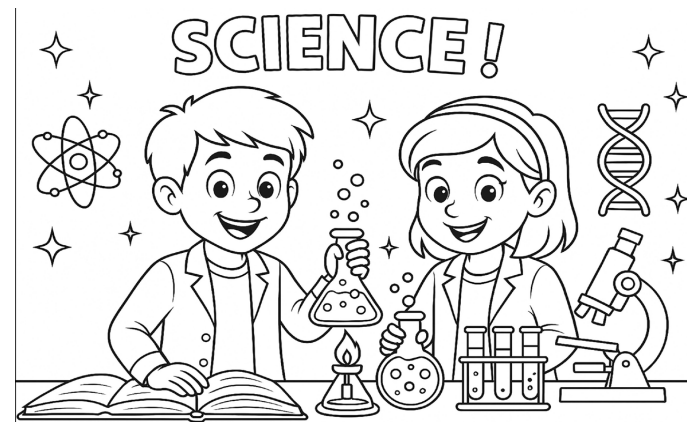
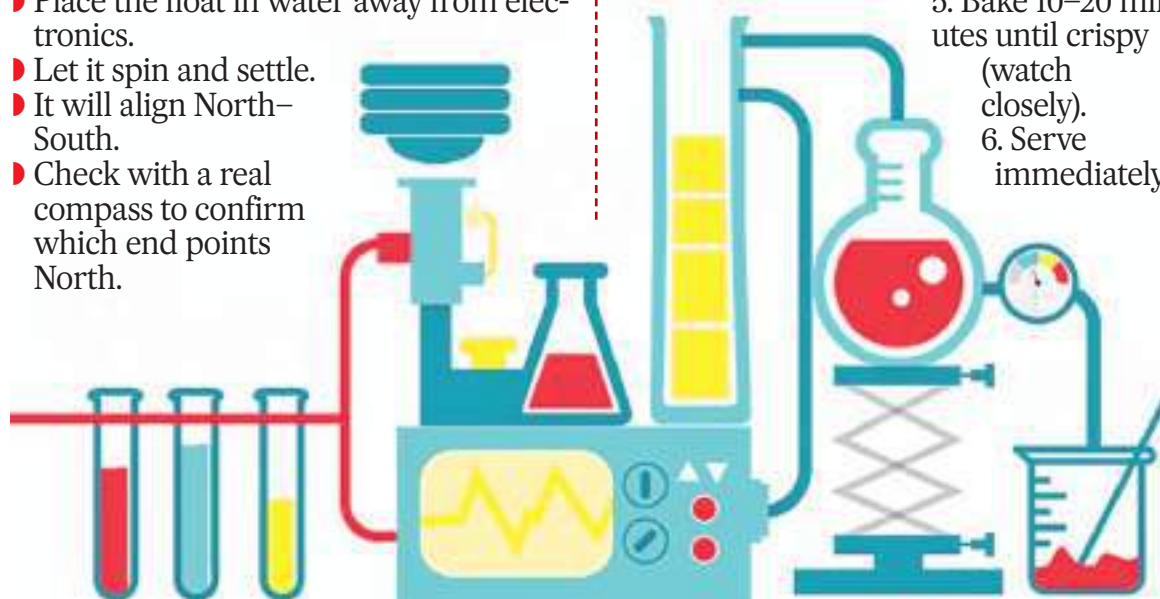
Food Science: Low-temperature baking evaporates moisture, concentrating flavour and creating crisp texture.

INGREDIENTS:

- ▶ Kale leaves (or thinly sliced sweet potato/zucchini)
- ▶ 1 tbsp olive oil
- ▶ Salt, pepper, seasonings

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 150°C (300°F).
2. Wash/dry kale or thinly slice vegetables.
3. Toss with oil and seasonings.
4. Spread in a single layer on a baking sheet.
5. Bake 10–20 minutes until crispy (watch closely).
6. Serve immediately.



Mystery of Science

- ▶ Fill in the blanks with any scientific words or ideas that inspire you. Let your creativity flow!
- ▶ On this National Science Day, we stand so tall, With questions that rise, and answers to _____ (verb).

A world full of wonder, yet waiting to see,
What mysteries are hidden in the _____ (place).

The stars in the sky, the secrets they hold,
Of _____ (scientific concept), so shiny and bold.
The _____ (particle) that dance in a _____ (motion),

In the _____ (atom part) they twist with emotion.

Beneath the earth's surface, so deep and so _____ (adjective),

There's energy that's waiting to _____ (verb).
A spark in the dark, an idea takes flight,
Could it be in _____ (scientific concept), that we find the light?

The oceans are vast, with creatures so _____ (adjective),

In their depths, _____ (name of a creature) has grown.

What secrets lie under the _____ (water body),
Perhaps in the shadows, a _____ (adjective) discovery.

Look to the sky, so vast and so _____ (adjective),

Where _____ (scientific discovery) shines like a light.

How far will we travel? How high will we soar?
Exploring the _____ (space), we'll always want more.

But it's not just the _____ (place), the atoms, or the sea,

The wonders of science are found even in _____ (everyday object).

A question, a theory, a spark in the _____ (noun),

And suddenly the _____ (discovery) breaks the chain.

Science is a puzzle, with pieces to find,
The answers are waiting for those who _____ (verb).

So, fellow adventurers, with curiosity in hand,
What will you discover? What will you _____ (verb)?



BMC school students display exemplary science skills



The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Schools for the very first time had successfully organised ward-wise Science Exhibitions across A to T Wards, showcasing innovation, creativity and scientific temper among students. Informs Prachi Jambhekar, deputy commissioner, education, BMC, “Despite being the first year of organising these ward-wise science exhibitions of BMC Schools. The scale and qualitative presentations by students are absolutely mind-blowing. Their creativity, enthusiasm and level of expertise visible from their projects is simply outstanding. It speaks volumes of the exemplary services rendered by BMC educators as well. The final round of these exhibitions was on display at N M Joshi Marg Municipal Secondary School, attended by over 500 visitors, it served as a grand platform where BMC school students displayed their topmost science projects and helped instill scientific temper among the masses.”

A total of 24 projects were presented, reflecting the practical learning and application-based approach encouraged in BMC schools. In the ward-wise Science Exhibition awards, Mithanagar English MPS School secured the first rank and received a cash prize of Rs 12,000. Pant Nagar English MPS School was awarded the second prize of Rs 8,000, while Sion MPS School received Rs 5,000. A consolation prize of Rs 2,500 was presented to Gundavali MPS School.



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Deputy commissioner, education, BMC

In the Kitchen Garden project category, Mominpura Urdu Medium BMC School won the first prize of Rs 11,000. Barve Nagar School secured the second prize with Rs 8,000, and IB Patel Urdu Medium School was awarded the third prize of Rs 5,000.

The exhibition witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 23 display tables set up and three students presenting at each table. The projects covered diverse and socially relevant themes including agriculture, health, hygiene, kitchen garden

initiatives, herbal plantations and mathematics-based models. These themes reflect programmes that are being actively implemented across all BMC schools in the city, reinforcing experiential learning and real-life application of knowledge. Chhaya Salve, superintendent of CPD, education, BMC Schools, highlighted, “Such exhibitions strengthen confidence, teamwork and problem-solving skills among students, while fostering curiosity and scientific thinking.” Salve was responsible for implementing these science exhibitions on behalf of BMC, at the ward-level schools the preparations for the same were on for the last six months.

The event was graced by several distinguished dignitaries, including MLA Aamin Patel, President of the Education Committee. Also present were Rajshree Shirwadkar, President, Education Committee; Sujata Khare, Education Officer (Secondary); Kiratwardhan Kiratkudve, Education Officer (Primary);

and the Administrative Officer (Schools). Their presence encouraged the participating students and appreciated the collective efforts of teachers and school administrations in making the exhibition a success.

Approximately 500 visitors attended the exhibition, including parents, community members and education officials, making the event a vibrant platform for collaborative learning. The initiative formed part of the Science Day celebrations conducted across all BMC schools, emphasising inquiry-based education and scientific awareness among students.

According to Varsha Ghangurde, administrative officer for G South Ward, “The efforts of students and teachers in presenting thoughtful and innovative projects are really commendable.”

Through these exhibitions, BMC Schools continue to promote holistic education, encouraging young learners to explore, experiment and excel beyond the classroom.