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FACTOID

£1,850

That's the price of a piece of cake from the 1981 wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer that was sold recently. It was accompanied by a warning not to eat it. The original asking price of this 40-year-old slab of marzipan and thick cream icing crowned with the royal coat of arms in gold, red, blue and silver was £300 to £500. However, it garnered more than the triple.



- 1 Moyra Smith, who worked at Queen Elizabeth II's mother's Clarence House in central London, originally received the cake.
- 2 It was sold at the same auction house in 2008 for £1,000 to a private collector in the wake of Smith's death, who sold it again for a profit.
- 3 This cake was kept by Smith, with the cling film intact, in a cake tin that was labelled 'Handle with care' and dated July 29, 1981, the date of the wedding.

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Spotlight NEERAJ CHOPRA GOLDEN BOY OF INDIA IS WORLD NO 2

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has gained 14 places to become world number two in the latest world rankings after his sensational show in the Tokyo Olympics. The 23-year-old athlete is only behind German athlete Johannes Vetter, who has a 1,396 score, as per the latest update issued by the World Athletics. Neeraj has a score of 1,315 in men's javelin throw after his Tokyo Olympics gold. The star athlete's historic golden throw in the Olympics has been listed as one of the 10 magical moments of athletics (track and field) in the Tokyo Olympics by the World Athletics.



Neeraj Chopra created history on August 7 becoming the first Indian to win a gold in track and field in the Olympics. He threw the javelin to a distance of 87.58m to pick the yellow metal at the Tokyo Games.

Neeraj had 143,000 followers on Instagram before the Olympics but now has a staggering 3.2 million, making him the most-followed track and field athlete in the world

Saluting the Tricolour

Ahead of India's 75th Independence Day, the ministry of home affairs has directed states to ensure they do not use plastic Tricolours at any function, as "plastic flags are non-biodegradable and lead to loss of dignity of the National Flag". So, what are the rules governing the Tricolour. TIMES NIE decodes the Flag Code of India 2002...

- 1 Part I of the Code provides a general description of the National Flag. Among other things, it says that the Tricolour "shall be made of hand spun and hand-woven wool/cotton/silk khadi bunting" and should comprise three rectangular panels for the three colours - saffron, white and green - of equal width.
- 2 The ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3:2
- 3 The Tricolour of 450X300 mm size are intended for aircraft on VVIP flights, 225X150 mm size for motor-cars and 150X100 mm size for table flags
- 4 Wherever the flag is flown, it should occupy the position of honour and be distinctly placed
- 5 The flag should not be damaged or dishevelled and it should not be used as a "festoon, rosette or bunting or in any other manner for decoration". Further, it cannot be used as a covering on desks or as a drape and "shall not be allowed to touch the ground or the floor or trail in water"

DISPOSAL OF PAPER FLAGS

The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act says that flags "made of paper may be waved by people at public functions and important occasions". But it also lays down rules for how these flags are to be disposed off after such events. "Such paper flags should not be discarded or thrown on the ground after the event. As far as possible, it should be disposed of in private, consistent with the dignity of the Flag," it says, adding that "when the Flag is in a damaged or soiled condition, it shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by burning or by any other method consistent" with its dignity. (SOURCE: MHA)



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IN OTHER NEWS

INDIA'S ATTEMPT TO HAVE ITS EYE IN THE SKY FAILS

The Indian space programme suffered a serious setback on Thursday, as its GSLV-F10 rocket failed midway in its mission of putting into orbit the Geo-Imaging Satellite-1 (GISAT-1). Along with the rocket, the 2,268 kg GISAT-1/EOS-03 communication satellite carried by the rocket was also lost. The 57.10 metre-tall, 416 ton-Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F10) lifted off from the second launch pad at 5.43 am.



The GSLV-F10 is a three stage/engine rocket. The core of the first stage is fired with solid fuel and the four strap-on motors by liquid fuel. The second is the liquid fuel and the third is the cryogenic engine.

'WHO CALL ON EMERGENCY NOD FOR COVAXIN IN SEPTEMBER'

A WHO official has said the agency's assessment of made-in-India Covaxin is at an advanced stage and a decision on emergency authorisation for Bharat Biotech's vaccine is likely by mid-September. Covaxin is still to be authorised by Western authorities. A top vaccines' official at the World Health Organisation says the agency expects to make a decision next month on an emergency authorisation for the Indian-made Covid-19 vaccine made by Bharat Biotech, a shot that has yet to be authorised by any Western regulatory authorities.



LATA MANGESHKAR, BIG B, SONU NIGAM SING FOR 'HUM HINDUSTANI'

Hum Hindustani will witness 15 Bollywood personalities coming together to lend their voices for the first time for a patriotic soundtrack. Industry legends Lata Mangeshkar, Amitabh Bachchan, Padmini Kolhapure, Anil Agarwal, Sonu Nigam, Kailash Kher, Alka Yagnik, and Shabbir Kumar have lent their voices for the song. Next-gen stars like Shraddha Kapoor, Sonakshi Sinha, Shruti Hassan, Tara Sutaria, Ankit Tiwari, Siddhanth Kapoor, and Jannat Zuber too will be singing the song.



Your new mobile set could be made of recycled products!

Samsung Electronics has said that it will use recycled material in all of its new mobile products by 2025, as the South Korean tech giant vowed to minimise environmental impact. Samsung unveiled its new sustainable vision for the mobile business, 'Galaxy for the Planet', on Wednesday, where the company also introduced new foldable smartphones. To achieve its initial sustainability goals, Samsung said, it will first try to incorporate recycled material in all new mobile products and eliminate all plastics in mobile packaging by 2025.



The world's largest smartphone vendor also plans to achieve zero power standby consumption of smartphone chargers, aiming for a reduction to below 0.005 watts by 2025



'SACH' A CAMARADERIE!

Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu was left inspired after meeting legend Sachin Tendulkar on Wednesday. "Loved meeting @sachin_rt Sir this morning! His words of wisdom & motivation shall always stay with me. Really inspired," the Indian weightlifter tweeted. "Equally happy to meet you this morning, @mirabai_chanu! It was wonderful talking to you about your inspiring journey from Manipur to Tokyo. You've got places to go in the coming years, keep working hard," Sachin Tendulkar replied to Chanu.

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Shining stars of CBSE class XII

Ram-Eesh International School, Greater Noida

Darpan Gaur	98.2% (S)
Parv Garg	97.8% (C)
Tejvinder Singh	97.8% (H)

Ryan International School, Dasna

Pratham Garg	96.6% (S)
Vani Singhal	98.6% (C)
Pratishtha Chamoli	98.6% (H)

Ryan International School, Mayur Vihar, Phase 3

Shreya Ganjoo	98.2% (S)
Aditi Jain, Arunima Mishra,	
Kartikya Aggarwal	98.2% (C)
Manvi Rana	98% (H)

Sachdeva Global School, Dwarka

Saksham Dua	96.8% (S)
Abhi Gupta	93.6% (C)
Harsh Narayan Sharma	92.8% (H)

Shaheed Rajpal DAV Public School, Dayanand Vihar

Anamoy Moitra	98.2% (S)
Kushal Somani	98.4% (C)
Ayesha Setia	98% (H)
Manan Bhatia	88% (V)

Siddharth International Public School, Wazirabad

Pawan Kumar Garg	96.2% (S)
Surbhi	94.6% (C)
Riya Saini	94.4% (H)

Sn Sideswar School, Gurgaon

Sumit Mourya	98.2% (S)
Nikhil	96.6% (C)
Anjali	94.2% (H)

Sri Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka

Vaibhav Chaudhary	98.4% (S)
Ananya Gupta	98.4% (C)
Pranjal Diler	99.2% (H)

SSLT Gujarat Sr Sec School, Raj Niwas marg, Civil Lines

Aniket	98.20% (S)
Vivan Goswami	98.20% (C)
Riya Jain	97.40% (H)

St Angel's School, Sec- 45 Gurugram

Shourya Tyagi	95.4% (S)
Nikhil Yadav	95.4% (C)
Arpan Bharti	77.6% (H)



St Mark's Sr Sec Public School, Janakpuri

Mala Jain	98.60% (S)
Raashee Babbar	98.60% (C)
Harshita Khatri	99% (H)

St Thomas' School, Dwarka

Kavya	95.80% (S)
Himank Anand	95.80% (C)
Alankrita Harit	95.6% (H)
Gurpuneet Kaur	95.6% (H)
Ishangi Kashyap	95.6% (H)
Nyamat Singh	95.6% (H)
Hardik Bajaj	95.6% (H)
Megha Sharma	95.6% (H)

Sun Valley International School, Ghaziabad

Farhat Raees	98.2% (S)
Hiral Maheshwari	98.6% (C)

The Millennium School, Noida

Subhi Mehta, Nandini Agarwal	97.4% (S)
Navya Gulati	97.6% (C)
Devanshi Panda	97.4% (H)

Uttam School For Girls, Ghaziabad

Prachi Agarwal	97.6% (S)
Arya Goyal	97.2% (C)
Priya Tyagi	97.6% (H)

Vidya Bharti School, Surya Nagar

Pratham Khare	96.6% (S)
Aditya Baloni	95.8% (C)
Rishav Kumar	98% (H)

Vishwa Bharati Public School, Noida

Gargi Goel	99.6% (S)
Hardik Bhandari	98.2% (C)
Saanaya Dixit	98% (H)

Vishwa Bharati Public School, Greater Noida

Jaya	96% (S)
Shivani Rawal	85.66% (C)

S - Science; C - Commerce; H - Humanities; V - Vocational

A healthy mind resides in a healthy body

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy- we all have been familiar with this proverb. So shouldn't we allow our children to have a proper playtime which can help them stay fit and raw? From helping our child maintain good health to helping them to increase self-esteem and mental alertness, sports and games do it all.

A vibrant kaleidoscope of co-curricular and extracurricular activities provides ample opportunities to grow in confidence and develop a sense of healthy competition amongst students. Sports play a great role in everyone's life especially for students. Playing a sport is a great way for children to take a break from academics and release pent-up energy. It also helps them lead fuller and happier lives as regular sports and fitness activities have proven to provide not only physical benefits but also social and psychological benefits to children.

In sports, just like in life, one cannot win all the time. Playing a sport teaches our children this truth early in their life. Therefore, we must teach our children how to ac-

cept defeat and lose gracefully. They must learn how not to get disheartened and to get back up and try again as it teaches them about healthy competition. An important thing we all should remember is that a child's self-esteem should not be distinguished by victory or loss.

Words of praise and encouragement from the coach, parents and other teammates raise their self-esteem. A pat on their back, high-five from a teammate, or handshake after a match really boosts a child's confidence. Constructive criticism is a key where our children learn to accept their mistakes and work on their weaknesses. When we ask them 'did you enjoy the game?' rather than 'did you win?' Really helps them a lot to build their confidence.

I personally believe that we all should involve ourselves in the sports activity on a regular basis as continuous and small efforts repeated day in and day out can change our life for good. It lays the foundation of healthy individuals and develops their capabilities and personalities in building a well developed and resilient nation.



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Manav Sthali organises Global Intelligentsia

Keeping this thought in mind in helping the children broadening their horizons and encouraging their thinking abilities a virtual Intra Class Quiz Competition for Class-VII was organised by Manav Sthali Global School on 11th June, 2021.

The quiz comprised of two main rounds - Qualifying Round and The Final Round. In the final round finalists showcased their brilliance by rapidly answering the questions with great confidence. The winners were announced and awarded with e-certificates based on the criterion of the

total scores obtained at the end of the quiz. The accolades go out for all the winners who gave their best and put their best foot forward.

The names of respective winners of Global Intelligentsia are

1st: Adintapt Jain
2nd: Jaskaran Sidana
3rd: Aadya Garg, Paarth Aggarwal



Khushi representing SMS in Int'l MUN

Khushi Mishra of class XI from **St Mark's School, Meerapal** is one of the four Indian students representing India in interna-

tional MUN organised by Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCUC) in collaboration with Paryavaran Mitra school network run by Centre for Environment Education.

The conference began on August 5 and will end in October.



The participants will be 32 school students from five Asian countries - Japan, Mongolia, Korea, Thailand and India. It is aimed at cultivating knowledge among young minds for contributing to peaceful and sustainable society with respect for cultural diversity and deepens their understanding to think much of global issues.

Cambridge holds Investiture Ceremony

Cambridge School Srinivaspuri held the virtual Investiture Ceremony to appoint the Prefectorial Council for 2021-22 in the month of June. This is conducted to highlight the responsibilities and confidence that the school invests in students. Donning the mantle of leadership, students develop as good citizens of the country with the true potential and experience to guide and mentor others as role models.



An auspicious beginning with the school prayer, 'Sanghachadvam Samvatatvam' was followed by a dance performance by Diya Rakheja, motivational speeches by Hadia Arif,

Zayna Khan and Ananya Singh and a self-composed poem on leadership and responsibility by Yashvi Chandra.

The newly appointed prefects of each class took the oath of office and promised to adhere to the school's rules to become role models for others by maintaining an atmosphere of friendly cooperation, peace, discipline and unity. The principal, Dr Seebaluck encouraged the students to work hard and perform their duties sincerely.

IMPRESSIONABLE MINDS

Teacher's word is gospel and young students tend to literally



revere all their teachers. It is not uncommon to see children in preparatory schools idolise their teachers blindly and worship the ground that they walk on.

I remember my class teacher from South India when I was in kindergarten, a mere four year old. One evening, while I was practising my alphabet aloud at home, my mother was most amused to hear me recite 'yell, yemm, yen, yo, pee' in a heavy accent. She tried to correct my pronunciation, instructing me to say 'el, em, en, o, pee' in a more anglicised manner for the letters 'L, M, N, O, P...' of the English alphabet.

But would I listen to my mother at that time? No way! And for the entire academic year, I emulated my South



Indian class teacher right from 'yay' to 'jed', that is, right from A to Z!

Another time that year, the teacher had asked all students to bring in a rupee for some charity fund. My mother handed me two fifty paise coins in the morning to take to school for this purpose. I am still teased to end about my wailing because I refused to take these 'two coins' and insisted upon being given 'one rupee' specifically, as the teacher had said!

That is the age of innocence and so immense is the influence of an educator upon young minds.

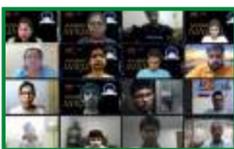
All teachers should realise this power that they wield and strive towards building a better future, understanding the responsibility of handling young children like a potter's clay that may be moulded in any way.

ISHITA BASU, Senior Teacher, La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow

Mount Carmel hosts series of events

CARMELIAN 2021

Mount Carmel School, Dwarka organised a two-day interschool event, Carmelian on June 22 and 23, 2021. It was a fun-filled experience for 14 neighbouring schools which participated enthusiastically in various academic and co-curricular events held online. Mount Carmel School, Dwarka was adjudged the winner of the event. Being the host school, the rolling trophy was passed on to Sri Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka, the runner up of the event.



MATH MELA

Mathematics Department at MCS Dwarka hosted Math Mela on July 16, 2021 via the online platform (Zoom). The core essence of the mela was to dispel fear of Mathematics from young minds. Stu-

dents of classes IV to VII got an opportunity to connect with their peers and showcase their creativity, innovation, and mathematical temperament.

HAYWIRE 4.0 - ONLINE TECHFEST

Haywire 4.0 Online Techfest which was held from July 12-17, total 34 schools participated in seven online events. The top three winners were awarded with e-certificates. The overall winner was Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar.

Gyan Bharati's house function enlightens

House function jointly presented by the students of Abhimanyu and Bharat House, **Gyan Bharati School**, shed light on the arbitrary practice of caste discrimination that continues to exist in our country even after 75 years of independence. The theme of the function was "Jaat paat poochey nahiko, Hari ko bhajeso Hari ka hoi." The chief guest of the show was Dr Shalendra Vyas, a scientist by profession and a theatre enthusiast.

The function, which was live streamed on YouTube, started with the principal, Jyoti Saxena's



address. It was followed by the invocation "Man mandira tejaane", which was a beautiful amalgamation of Kathak, Odissi and Bharatanatyam.

The orchestra, which was a musical rendition of Sant Kabir's dohas, comprised of an array of instruments like guitar, tabla, flute and many more. It was followed

by the group song, "Bulla ki jaana main kaun?" which is one of the well-known 'Kaafi' poems written by the punjabi sufi philosopher Bulleh Shah. The programme also included a virtual art exhibition "Lalit Kala Sangam".

Perhaps the most impactful performance of the show, was the play, "Bin baman sagdagi na hoye?" which highlighted the prevalence of the caste system in today's time.

The programme culminated with the address of the chief guest and the school director, Lata Vaidyanathan.



If I were a tree, I would have loved to feel the summer breeze, swaying my leaves, and rattling the green blades that fill my lush emerald jewelled crown. I would be a fruit tree, dropping red juicy apples on the soft grass for children to pick up and carry them in their little fibre baskets while they gallop and skip down the hill to their cosy cottages. If I were a tree, I would have strong branches and a heavy trunk to support the group of mischievous children that would climb my wood and sit on my arms, watching the sky paint itself orange at twilight. I would listen to the chatter and laughter of the people who would sit under my canopy, seeking shade and equanimity during the hot summer.

If I were a tree, I would let my leaves fall during autumn and welcome the new ones that I grow and breed. I would be bare and empty, but my timber heart will grow warm

on the sight of the tiny tots coating my base with carved glowing pumpkins to help me dress for Halloween. At least, I would be the spookiest tree the neighbourhood would see, even if I had no leaves.

If I were a tree, I would be the favourite picnic spot for families who wish to dine under me. My new lush canopy would be the shadow

IF I WERE A TREE

that keeps them cool whilst the tang of marmalade sandwiches, frosted cupcakes and olive salads surround me. I would be the friendly neighbourhood tree, giving company to daisies that circle me and embrace the humans who douse me with love and care.

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