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- Neeraj Chopra**, (born 24 December 1997) is an Indian track and field athlete who competes in the javelin throw. As of August 2021, he is ranked as world No. 2 by the World Athletics organisation. Neeraj Chopra is the first track and field athlete to win a gold medal for India at the Olympics. He is also the first track and field athlete from India to win at the IAAF World U-20 Championships, where in 2016 he achieved a world U-20 record throw of 86.48 m, becoming the first Indian athlete to set a world record. He participated in the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the 2018 Asian Games, serving as the flag-bearer in the latter and winning gold medals in both. In his debut at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Chopra won the gold medal on 7 August 2021 with a throw of 87.58 m in his second attempt. As of 2021, he is one of only two Indians to have won an individual Olympic gold medal (the other being Abhinav Bindra), as well as the youngest-ever Indian gold medalist in an individual event and the only one to have won gold in his Olympic debut.
- Pusarla Venkata Sindhu**, (born 5 July 1995) is an Indian professional badminton player. Over the course of her career, Sindhu has won medals at multiple tournaments including Olympics and on the BWF circuit including a gold at the 2019 World Championships. She is the first Indian to become the Badminton World Champion and only the second individual athlete from India to win two consecutive medals at the Olympic Games. She represented India at the 2016 Summer Olympics (Rio), becoming the first Indian badminton player to reach a final. She won the silver medal after losing out to Spain's Carolina Marin. She made her second consecutive Olympic appearance at the 2020 Summer Olympics (Tokyo) and won a bronze medal, becoming the first Indian woman ever to win two Olympic medals. She is the recipient of the sports honour Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, and India's fourth highest civilian award, the Padma Shri. She was also honoured with Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award in India, in January 2020. She has also been bestowed with Arjuna Award for badminton.



Mark Zuckerberg



Lionel Messi



Antonio Guterres



Rajeev Chandrashekhar



Narendra Modi announces National Hydrogen Mission

NEWS HEADLINES

- Social media giant, Facebook, banned the Taliban and all the content supporting it from its platforms after designating the Taliban as a terrorist organisation.
- Secretary General of United Nations, Antonio Guterres, has asked the international community to unite and use all available instruments in order to ensure Afghanistan is not used as safe haven for terrorists again. The UN Security Council met for second time in a week under India's Presidency to discuss Afghanistan.
- On 10th August 2021, Argentine football star Lionel Messi finally signed a two-year deal with French League club Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) after flying to Paris to finalise his transfer.
- According to Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrashekhar, six lakh villages in India will get internet connectivity by 2024 under the Bharat Net programme. According to the minister, about 2.8 lakh villages have got internet facility as of now.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched National Hydrogen Mission on August 15, 2021 from Lal Quila on the occasion of celebration of 75th Independence Day. This mission was launched to push for energy security of India.

FACTS:

- Armadillo shells are bulletproof. In fact, one Texas man was hospitalized when a bullet he shot at an armadillo ricocheted off the animal and hit him in the jaw.
- Blue whales eat half a million calories in one mouthful. These random facts are mind-blowing! Those 457,000 calories are more than 240 times the energy the whale uses to scoop those krill into its mouth.
- Mercedes invented a car controlled by joystick. The joystick in the 1966 Mercedes F200 showcase car controlled speed and direction, replacing both the steering wheel and pedals. The car could also sense which side the driver was sitting in, so someone could control it from the passenger seat.
- The inventor of the microwave appliance only received \$2 for his discovery. Percy Spencer was working as a researcher for American Appliance Company (now Raytheon) when he noticed a radar set using electromagnetic waves melted the candy bar in his pocket. He had the idea to make a metal box using microwaves to heat food, but the company was the one to file the patent.
- The first commercial passenger flight lasted only 23 minutes. In 1914 Abram Pheil paid \$400, which would be \$8,500 today, for a 23-minute long plane ride. He flew between St. Petersburg, Florida and Tampa, Florida, where only 21 miles of water separate the cities.
- The Eiffel Tower can grow more than six inches during the summer. The high temperatures make the iron expand.

Did you know?

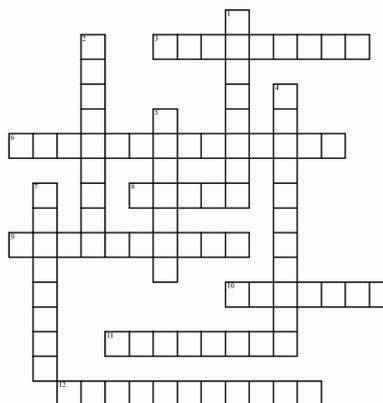
- The strings of string instruments were originally made from the guts of animals like sheep or lambs. Now, instrument makers have transitioned to metal wiring.
- You lose about 8 percent of your body water while on a flight. This is because the humidity in the climate-controlled environment can be as low as 10 to 15 percent.
- The fastest reptile is the sea turtle. They can swim as fast as 35 mph.
- The world’s longest pizza is a mile long. At 1.15 miles exactly, this whooping pizza was made in Italy by the sweat of 250 chefs and 4409 pounds of flour.

QUIZWORD

Name: _____

Date: _____

Water Pollution



Across

- 3. the type of pollution that can last for millions of years
- 6. The correct name for an algal bloom
- 8. An example of a biological indicator
- 9. dirty water left over from cleaning items such as a car
- 10. An example of a heavy metal
- 11. The main cause of water pollution
- 12. The main source/type of pollution produced in our gardens

Down

- 1. A major source of oil that causes oil pollution of water
- 2. the main source of water pollution produced in the kitchen
- 4. a pipe containing dissolved chemicals from a factory
- 5. the type of pollution produce by the excess heat released from a power station
- 7. Usually a visible sign of water pollution

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