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- Parag Agrawal** (born 21 May 1984) is an Indian-American technology executive, and the chief executive officer of Twitter since November 2021. He joined Twitter as a software engineer in 2011 and became the chief technology officer in 2017. On 29 November 2021, Jack Dorsey announced that he was resigning as CEO of Twitter and that Agrawal was replacing him, with immediate effect. Agrawal was born in Ajmer, Rajasthan, India. Later he shifted to Mumbai. His father was a senior official in the Indian Department of Atomic Energy and his mother is a retired school teacher. He studied at Atomic Energy Central School No.4. He was a classmate of singer Shreya Ghoshal. He won a gold medal at the 2001 International Physics Olympiad held in Turkey. He earned 77th rank in the IIT Joint Entrance Exam in 2000, and then obtained his B.Tech. degree in computer science and engineering from IIT Bombay in 2005. He then moved to the United States to pursue a PhD in computer science from Stanford University under the guidance of Jennifer Widom.
- Leena Nair (born 1969)** is a British Indian business executive who is the first female and youngest ever CEO of Chanel. Nair previously served as the Chief Human Resource Officer of Unilever and member of the Unilever Leadership Executive. Nair was responsible for the human capital of Unilever, which operates across multiple regulatory and labor environments spread over 190 countries. Under her leadership, Unilever has been named the number one FMCG graduate employer of choice in 54 countries. She headed the Diversity and Inclusion agenda for the organization ensuring that its workforce is diverse and inclusive. Nair is an advocate for human-centered workplaces and compassionate leadership. Her hometown is Kolhapur, Maharashtra. She was a student of Holy Cross Convent High School in Kolhapur. She was also student of The New College Kolhapur. Before graduating from XLRI - Xavier School of Management as the gold medalist, she studied Electronics and Telecommunication (E&TC) engineering at Walchand College of Engineering, Sangli (Maharashtra). After working at Jamshedpur, she started working at three different factories in Kolkata, Ambattur, Tamil Nadu and Taloja, Maharashtra.



Lionel Messi



Anju Bobby George



Harnaaz Sandhu



Neena Gupta



Prarthana Goswami

NEWS HEADLINES

- Lionel Messi won the men's Ballon d'Or for a record-extending seventh time, ending the year in style after a brilliant final season with Barcelona and earning his first major international trophy with Argentina.
- Anju Bobby George wins World Athletics' Woman of Year Award. She said that she was 'humbled' and 'honoured' to win the Woman of the Year Award by World Athletics for grooming talent and encouraging young girls in India to take up sports and fight for gender equality.
- India's Harnaaz Sandhu crowned Miss Universe 2021. The 21-year-old from Punjab, representing India at the 70th Miss Universe 2021, held in Eilat, Israel, brought home the crown, 21 years after Lara Dutta won the title in 2000.
- Neena Gupta, a professor and mathematician at the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata, has been awarded the 2021 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians from developing countries. She is the fourth Indian mathematician to receive the award.
- Tezpur girl Prarthana Goswami's 'The Wait' bags 5 International awards. 'The Wait', an Assamese short film scripted, directed and produced by Prarthana Goswami under the banner Kahua Bon production. She has been able to establish herself at the international level.

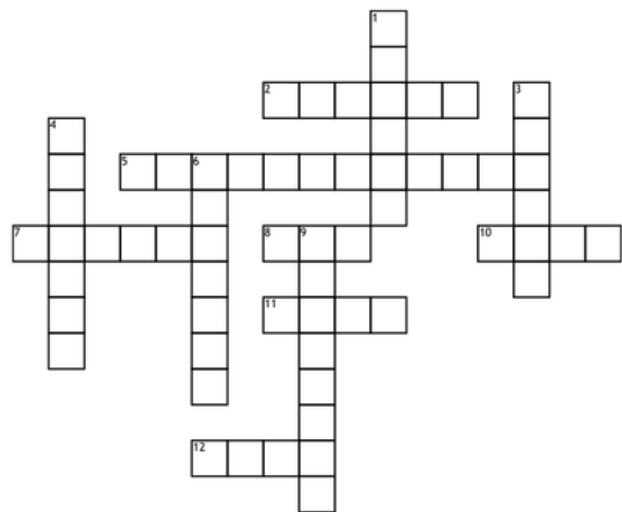
FACTS:

- The tallest man ever recorded was American giant Robert Wadlow (1918-1940), who stood 8 feet 11 inches. Wadlow’s size was the result of abnormally enlarged pituitary gland.
- The heart of the blue whale, the largest animal on earth, is five feet long and weighs 400 pounds. The whale in total weighs 40,000 pounds. For comparison, an elephant’s heart weighs around 30 pounds. And a human heart? A mere 10 ounces.
- The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland. It was apparently chosen because of its connection with dominance and chivalry as well as purity and innocence in Celtic mythology.
- It is illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland. It is considered animal abuse because they are social beings and get lonely.
- The first airplane flew on December 17, 1903. Wilbur and Orville Wright made four brief flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, with their first powered aircraft, aka the first airplane.
- A 73-year-old bottle of French Burgundy became the most expensive bottle of wine ever sold at auction in 2018, going for \$558,000 (approx £439,300). The bottle of 1945 Romanee-Conti sold at Sotheby for more than 17 times its original estimate of \$32,000.
- The Japanese word 'Kuchi zamishi' is the act of eating when you're not hungry because your mouth is lonely.

Did you know?

- The festive tradition of the Christmas tree dates back thousands of years to the Romans and Ancient Egyptians.
- The term astronaut comes from Greek words that mean "star" and "sailor".
- Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise. It has the slowest rotation.
- The world's smallest fruit, an Utricle, is the size of a small ant.
- The shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- Sea otters have a pouch under their forearm to store their favorite rocks.
- Octopuses have blue blood and nine brains.
- The world’s heaviest carrot grown by Christopher Qualley in the USA weighed 10.7kg (or 22.44 lb).

Cricket Crossword



Across

- 2. What is the name of the cricket official
- 5. What is the name of the fielder who stand behind the stumps
- 7. How many players in a cricket team
- 8. What is the short term for leg before wicket

10. What is the name of a five day international match

- 11. If you score 0 runs, your out for a
- 12. If you bowl six balls in a row called an

Down

1. An over in which the batter scores no runs

3. If your bowl the ball at the batsman’s feet it’s called a

4. What team won the 50 over World Cup final in 2019

6. If you score 100 runs it’s called a

9. When you score a six you have to hit it over the

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