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WELCOME NOTE - FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings from Navy Children School, Goa!

We take immense pride in presenting to you the first edition of the school newspaper. The children have put together their thoughts in writing and to see their names in print for all to read, is the greatest joy ever. As I present this first edition, I am delighted to share some of our important milestones and the values that sets us apart.

1. Earlier known as Naval Public School, Goa, our journey began in Oct 1987, in the Naval Kindergarten, with one section each in Std I & II. In the absence of a proper building, some of the classrooms in the Naval KG School were re-appropriated and improvised to facilitate immediate functioning of the school. From a modest beginning of 36 students in Oct 87, the School has approximately 1400 students today.
2. We have classes from Std I to XII, offering all three stream of Science, Humanities and Commerce. Counted as one of the top schools in the state of Goa, we have carved a niche in academics and co-curricular activities. Our students emerge as district, state and national achievers in various competitions – sports and extracurricular.
3. With a staff strength of 106, we offer quality and holistic education amidst a serene and green campus. Situated very close to the Goa International Airport, at Dabolim, we impart education to children of serving naval personnel and wards of other defence organizations. We also admit students from the civilian community residing around the school.
4. Discipline is a way of life and we strive to live upto our motto 'Excellence, Everywhere, Everytime', in everything that we do.
5. The armed forces are synonymous with pride for the nation, highest form of integrity, honesty, discipline and a strong sense of community. These are the values that we strive to inculcate in our students.

We look forward to presenting upcoming editions to give impetus to the creative endeavors of our students through this newspaper. We hope more students to become regular news readers and they get inspired to contribute. We hope that all of you enjoy reading the weekly edition of the school newspaper as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. We will release a weekly, online edition, every Saturday of the week.

Warm regards, Mrs Anupama Mehra

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Riyadh to become global tourism hub!



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Riyadh, the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wants to triple the number of tourists from other countries. The authorities in Riyadh are optimistic as COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted and hajj pilgrims will return. The government is pushing and trying to get more people from other countries to visit.

By 2030, Saudi Arabia wants to have had 100 million tourists. This goal is an important part of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's plan for change, called Vision 2030. The goal of the Reform Plan is to grow Saudi Arabia's economy and make Riyadh and the rest of the country more open to the rest of the world.

Officials think that a lot of tourists will go on religious trips, most of them to Mecca and Medina, which are the two holiest places in Islam. Also, the rules that used to ban theatres and concerts with people of different genders have been loosened in recent years. Officials hope that Saudi Arabia will change the way people travel around the world. By 2030, the places Saudi Arabia will have to offer will be very different.

Joe Biden announces recipients of Presidential Medal of Freedom



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Joe Biden announced the recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the nation's highest civilian honour. People who have made outstanding contributions to the prosperity, values, or security of the United States, international peace, or other public or private endeavours are eligible to receive this honour.

The late Steve Jobs, a former executive of Apple, has been posthumously honoured with an award. On the list is also the actor Denzel Washington, who has won two Academy Awards and has worked as a national spokesman for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Megan Rapinoe, an American soccer player who won an Olympic gold medal, Khizr Khan, a Pakistani immigrant, Simone Biles, an American gymnast, and Sandra Lindsay, a nurse by trade, are some of the other prominent recipients.

Joe Biden was also presented with the civilian honour in recognition of his commitment to public service over many years in 2017.

Hong Kong's 25, John Lee, its new leader



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Chinese President, Xi Jinping attended the oath-taking ceremony of Hong Kong's new leader John Lee. John Lee is a former security official who pledged to uphold the city's mini-constitution and put faith in Hong Kong. He also pledged to be accountable to the central government in Beijing.

President Xi Jinping visited Hong Kong after 2 and a half years. He said that Hong Kong has overcome many challenges and has been reborn as it was returned back to China from British rule. The flag raising ceremony was held in Chinese goose-stepping style.

China's President said that next five years will be crucial for Hong Kong to achieve breakthroughs. They will require efforts from the HKSAR government and all social sectors to improve the governance, strengths and to address difficulties in people's lives. Everyone should put their effort in the development of the city.

Strict social distancing measures were taken during the ceremony which also marked the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China.

European cities top the global liveability index!



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Global Liveability Index 2022 ranks Vienna as the best place to live in the world. The survey ranks cities into five areas of stability, healthcare, education, culture & environment, and infrastructure. Thirty-three new cities were added to the Global Liveability Index study, of which one-third are in China. This brought the total number of cities to 172.

Cities in Western Europe and Canada dominated the top ranks, with Calgary, Canada coming in third place. This was followed by Zurich, Switzerland, and Copenhagen in Denmark. While New Delhi, the nation's capital, came in at position 112 on the list, Mumbai, the country's financial capital, came in at number 117.

Tehran, Dhaka and Karachi are just a few of the cities that make the list of the 10 most unlivable cities. The city of Auckland, New Zealand came in the first place the year before, but this year it came in 34th. Australia saw a decline in its position in the rankings, with Melbourne finishing in tenth place.



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Agnipath update – Indian Navy to include women!



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As part of the Agnipath project, nearly 20% of the first group of people to join the Indian Navy would be women. The Indian Navy thinks that Agnipath is a forward-thinking plan and women will play an important role in bringing change to the Navy in many ways.

The Indian Navy began looking for people to join the Agnipath programme on July 1. In 2022, it is expected that the Indian Navy will hire about 3,000 Agniveers.

Based on operational needs, this will be the first time in the history of the Indian Navy that women will serve as sailors on warships. Officials from the Navy say that around 10,000 women have signed up for the Agnipath programme. The women who are chosen will have to show that they meet all of the requirements. In addition to being sailors, women will also be able to work in areas like ordnance, operations, communications, electronic warfare, and more.

The Indian private sector has shown interest in hiring Agniveers. The ones who have the right skills and meet the job requirements would be more than welcomed to various private organisations.

India gifts ambulances and school buses to Nepal!



Image Credit IndiaInNepal

India gifts 75 ambulances and 17 school buses to Nepal as part of its consistent efforts to assist Nepal's education and healthcare sectors. The giving of 75 ambulances symbolises 75 years of India's Independence as per the Indian Embassy. The goodwill gesture forms an important part of the Nepal-India Development Partnership Programme.

The programme covers mutual partnership and growth in a wide range of sectors, such as road and rail transportation, public health and education, and power. Its goal is not only to improve infrastructure and cross-border connections between the two countries but also aims to make the relationships people-focused.

The Nepal government welcomed India's ongoing developmental projects in Nepal. It stated that these measures will continue to strengthen people-to-people links and boost relations between the two countries. The 75 ambulances and 17 school buses would be handed over to various government ministries and NGOs working in the healthcare and education sectors in various regions in Nepal.

New Akasa Airlines has new uniform – jackets and sneakers!



Image Credit : @AkasaAir/Twitter

New airlines, Akasa airlines is backed by business man Rakesh Jhunjhunwala and it will start its services by the end of July. The airlines has taken the delivery of this first Boeing 737 max aircraft in India on 21st June. It also plans to conduct test flights this week after which the airlines will get an Air Operator permit for the launch of commercial operations.

It is the first airline to introduce a very functional kind of uniform for the in-flight crew. It is a big contrast to the formal uniforms with most airlines. Akasa's uniform comprises orange jackets, black trousers and sneakers. The uniforms are made of polyester fabric. They are designed keeping the busy schedule of the crew members in mind.

Sneakers are designed to be light and are well-cushioned from heel to toe to ensure better support. The sneakers sole is made of recycled rubber. The air-crew uniform is designed by Rajesh Pratap Singh. The orange-coloured jacket is inspired by the Indian bandhgala, but a modern version of it. It looks comfortable and modern, isn't it?

What's special about Alluri Sitarama Raju's bronze statue

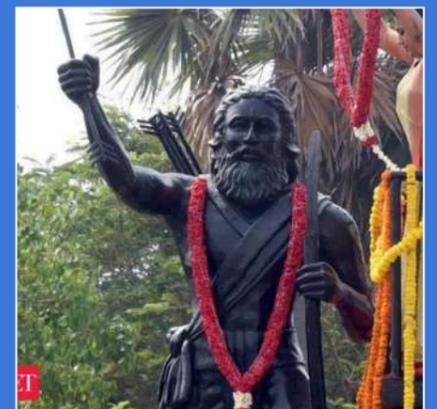


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Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 30 feet bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju on his 125th birth anniversary. Alluri Sitarama Raju was popularly known as Manyam Veerdu (Hero of the forest). He was born on 4th July 1897 at Pandrangi village in the Visakhapatnam district.

A social activist, Alluri Sitarama Raju was deeply influenced by India's freedom struggle and revolutionary personalities. He had organised several movements in support of the marginalised sections of the society and against the Britishers.

The statue is installed by the Kshatriya Seva Samiti in the Municipal Park at ASR Nagar in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh. This is a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

The government has approved the construction of Alluri Dhyana Mandir (temple) at Mogallu with the statue of Sitarama Raju in Dhyana Mudra. The temple will depict the life story of the freedom fighter through paintings and AI-enabled interactive systems.



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Earthshine moon, the phenomenon of new moon

The phenomenon known as the new moon is often referred to as the earthshine moon. It takes place when the sunlight hits the Earth and is then reflected back toward the moon.

As the moon passes between the Earth and the Sun during the phase of the new moon, it is typically not possible to see the moon with unaided vision. When it is later possible to see the moon, sunlight will have been reflected from the Earth, and when it reaches the moon, it will cause the moon to glow.

NASA claims that the moon's dark side is able to capture the brightness that is reflected off of Earth and then return that light. A glimmer of light may be seen emanating from the far side of the moon.

Earthshine is the name given to this process. The reflection of the Earth shifts throughout the year due to the elliptical motion of the Earth's orbit, which causes seasonal shifts in the Earthshine.

One could spot the Earthshine moon from June 30 to July 5.

Curious to know, why do stars twinkle!

If you are outside on a night with a clear sky and it is dark where you are, you may notice that the stars appear to be blinking.

The idea is so well-known and it was chosen to serve as the basis for one of the most well-known and well-loved children's poems ever written. But what kind of scientific phenomenon lies behind this glittering scene? The straightforward response to the question of why stars twinkle is that they do not.

The stars are not responsible for the blinking that we observe on their surfaces. On the contrary, it is due to the fact that we are viewing them from the perspective of Earth. We only perceive the stars as very small points of light when we look up at the night sky because of how far the stars are from us. As per experts, the light from the stars has to travel a tremendous distance before it reaches human eyes.

After the sun, the next closest star to us is Proxima Centauri. It is located more than 4 light-years away from our planet. The twinkling effect is caused by light from faraway stars colliding with the atmosphere of Earth as it travels to our eyes. When viewed from space, far above the earth's atmosphere, the stars do not blink or move at all.

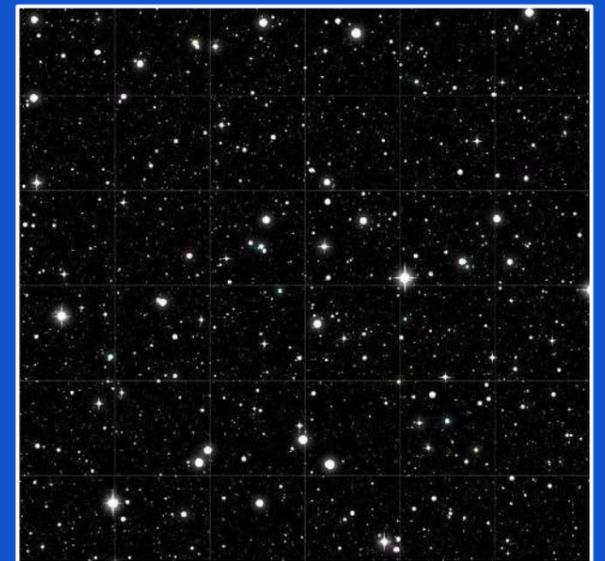


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Saturn – Light enough to float on water!

Saturn is the second-largest planet in the Solar System. The sixth planet in order of distance from the Sun. It is a gas giant and has a radius that is approximately nine and a half times that of Earth on average. The planet Saturn is very large. It is the second-largest planet in the solar system.

However, the most fascinating fact about Saturn is that it consists of mostly hydrogen with some helium. Moreover, it is less dense than water. This means it is lighter than water! Since it is lighter than water, it can float on water. None of the other planets in our solar system can do this because they have a higher density than water.

It's surface can have huge storms. It contains some of the fastest winds in the solar system, up to 1800 km/h. Saturn goes around the Sun very slowly. A year on Saturn is more than 29 Earth years. Each season on Saturn lasts more than seven years. It spins on its axis very fast. So, a day on the planet is 10 hours and 14 minutes.

It is so far away from the Sun that it receives much less sunlight than we do here on Earth.

Yes, the Sun looks smaller from there. Last but not the least, the name Saturday comes from Saturn.



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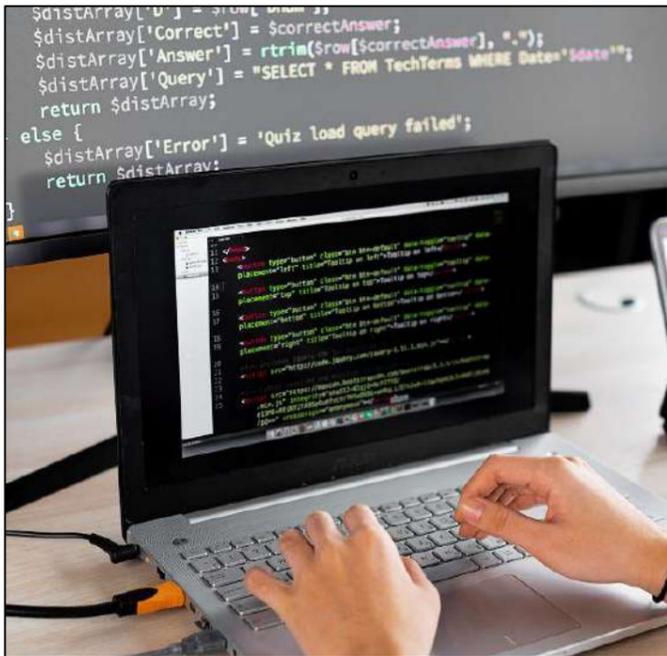


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The top programming languages for developers 2022

The IT sector is growing rapidly and its fast development demands more talent who can work in a variety of fields in the programming world. The students need to learn programming skills. Programming languages are always going through change; the top ones to learn in 2022 include Python, C/C++, Java, SQL and Javascript.

Python is the simplest language for beginners. It is mostly recommended to programmers who have started learning coding. The language is used for machine learning, data science, and it plays as a backend for web services. C/C++ is the most common language used in the field of computer programming.

Java is an attractive language for developers. SQL is a special-purpose language used to work on database systems. Javascript is a scripting language which is used to design web pages. It is written in an HTML document and is run through a web browser.

PHP is an old scripting language and it is widely used in web applications worldwide. It is the first server-side scripting language that is embedded in an HTML code.

So if you are an IT student and want to major in computers, it would be good to take a grip on these languages.

Sand Battery could solve clean energy problem!

'Sand Battery' – a gadget which can store renewable energy for a period of several months at a time is developed by researchers from Finland. The battery is completely operational and could solve Finland's problem of having a consistent supply of clean energy. Most of Finland's gas comes from Russia, and the war in Ukraine has made the topic of renewable energy more important. And because Finland chose to join NATO, Moscow has stopped sending gas and electricity to the country.

The people who made "Sand Battery" think that it could solve the problem of having an inconsistent supply of green energy all year long. The device is powered by heat made from cheap electricity made from solar or wind power, and it uses low-quality sand. The heat is kept in the sand, which is about 500 degrees Celsius hot. It could be used to heat homes in the winter when energy is more expensive. Researchers think that sand grains could be a simple and cheap way to store energy when it is needed most. Also, the people who made it say that it could keep the temperature in the sand at 500 degrees Celsius for several months.

The winters in Finland last a long time and are very cold. In some parts of Finland, it can get down to almost -50 degrees Celsius. So, both the government and the people of Finland welcome the idea of Sand Battery with open arms.

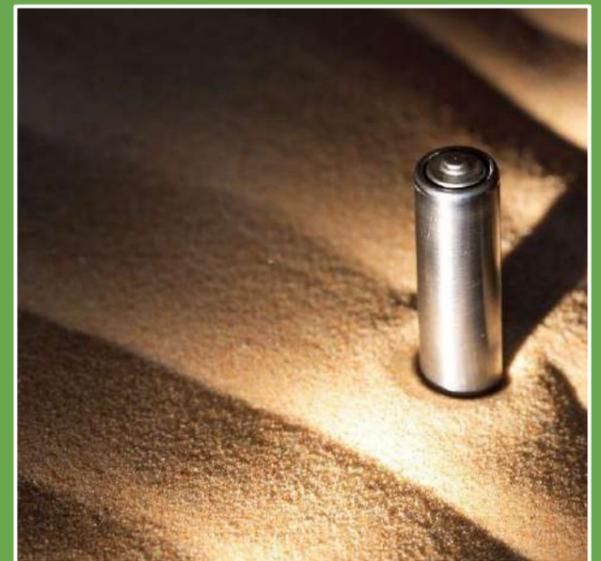


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Google gets fact-check and 5 new languages

Google has added five new languages to its training network in India. The five languages include Punjabi, Assamese, Gujarati, Odia and Malayalam. Along with 5 new languages, Google will launch the fact-check academy. They will induct 100 new trainers and journalists. It will help in tackling climate misinformation and verify the misleading data and claims of false numbers. All of this will be done in partnership with DataLeads.

Google will select the candidates and they will join a 3-day fully-supported residency and trainer program. The candidates from the newly added languages and those who have experience in data or science journalism experience will be given the preference. The candidates can apply for the program until 30th July 2022.

Indian fact-checkers and Global verification experts will train the candidates on a syllabus based on the consultation with the Science Journalists Association of India, Amity University, Jagran Lakecity University and OP Jindal Global University.

Google News Initiative Training Network in India started in 2018 and it has trained nearly 40,000 reporters, editors, media students and media educators in 10 languages.



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Wimbledon Championship 2022 update!

The Wimbledon 2022 championship is ongoing. Novak Djokovic is preparing for Wimbledon Semifinal against Cameron Norrie. Rafael Nadal has opted out from the Wimbledon semifinals after an abdominal injury. As a result, Nick Kyrgios has advanced to the Wimbledon Finals on Sunday. It is Nick Kyrgios's first final match at a major tournament.

Ons Jabeur from Tunisia has entered the final of the 2022 Wimbledon Championship by defeating Germany's Tatjana Maria. It is Jabeur's first game in a Grand Slam final. Ons Jabeur will face either Simon Halep or Elena Rybakina in the final on 8th July.

India's Sania Mirza and her mate Pavic led their Wimbledon mixed doubles semifinal by one set but they were unable to bring it home. The American-British duo Desirae Krawczyk and Neal Skupski won their second Wimbledon mixed titles on 7th July 2022. They became the first pair to defend mixed doubles at All-England Club.

Rafael Nadal and Nick Kyrgios will play the semi-final match at the All England Club on Friday, 8th July. At Curious Times, we extend our good wishes to all the players at the Wimbledon 2022 events.

New Zealand male and female cricketers to receive equal pay

In accordance with the terms of a contract that New Zealand Cricket and the players' association have agreed to sign, both male and female cricketers will be paid the same amount. As part of this agreement, players of both genders, as well as those participating in other types of cricket, will get the same compensation for their participation in the match.

According to the Chief Executive of New Zealand Cricket, this pact is a significant agreement due to the fact that it commits New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and the players to establish a common foundation. It will help in funding and growth of cricket. This is a really positive move in the direction of recognising women players on a domestic and international level. It is going to be beneficial to the expansion of women's cricket.

The new agreement sets the updated payment for a test at a level of New Zealand Dollars 10,250 for both male and female participants. The fees will be NZ\$2,500 for a Twenty20 International match, and NZ\$4,000 for an ODI match.

Additionally, as a result of the deal, there will be a greater number of contract opportunities available to women who play cricket in New Zealand.



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Karnataka's Sini Shetty becomes Miss India 2022

21-year-old Sini Shetty is crowned Femina Miss India 2022 at the 58th Femina Miss India beauty pageant. Femina Miss India Pageant 2022 was held at Jio World Convention Centre. The beauty pageant had launched a nationwide hunt to find prospective talents from all corners of the country through virtual auditions.

Ms India 2022 pageant process includes scouting drive and interview rounds and 31 winners were shortlisted. The shortlisted candidates arrived in Mumbai and underwent training and grooming sessions in order to compete for the Femina Miss India 2022.

Sini Shetty was born in Mumbai but hails from Karnataka originally. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. Currently, she is pursuing a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Ms Sini Shetty will represent India at the next edition of the Miss World pageant. She is also a trained Bharatnatyam dancer.

Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan is declared as first runner-up and UP's Shinata Chauhan is declared the second runner-up at the Femina Miss India pageant.



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Watch a video: An orangutan feeds and plays with tiger cubs

The Internet is full of adorable animal videos. Animals are compassionate creatures, they get to know it when another animal or a human being is in need. Recently, an old video has gone viral on the internet. In the video, an orangutan is seen feeding and playing with 3 tiger cubs.

The [viral video](#) shows an orangutan in Myrtle Beach Safari, South Carolina who adopted three tiger cubs. Orangutans are great apes and are usually found in the rainforests of Indonesia and Malaysia.

In the video, one can see an orangutan feeding milk to the tiger cubs. Moreover, it embraces and cuddles them just like a mother would do. The monkey is also seen playing with the tiger cubs as if they were his own babies.

The kind and loving gesture of the orangutan has won people's hearts on the internet. As human beings, we should learn about caring for everyone around us.

Do click to watch the video, if you have not already done so. [viral video](#)

Mecca prepares to embrace a million pilgrims!

Mecca welcomes almost one million people this year to make their once-in-a-lifetime dream come true. After nearly two years of COVID restrictions, the holy city prepares to host the hajj pilgrimage. The hajj is one of the most important parts of Islam, and all Muslims who are healthy and able must do it at least once in their lives. This year, Mecca expects that about 8,50,000 pilgrims will come from outside the country.

Banners that wish the faithful visitors a warm welcome hang all over the city. On July 3, the government of Saudi Arabia said that at least 650,000 pilgrims from other countries had come to the country as of that date. State officials say that more armed guards have been sent to protect the historic city where the Prophet Mohammed was born. Authorities will make sure that the holy place is thoroughly cleaned so that pilgrims who have been vaccinated can go to the hajj.

The holiest place in Islam, the Grand Mosque, will be cleaned and disinfected ten times a day. In Saudi Arabia, masks are no longer required in most enclosed spaces, but they will have to be worn inside the Grand Mosque. Those who are coming from a different country will have to show proof of a negative PCR test.



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Flowers blossom on sensing pollinators!

Flowers blossom on sensing pollinators and some even sweeten their nectar as per a new study. Sound is all around us, and many species have found ways to use the power of sound to help them evolve in some way. Plants have been around for a long time, so it makes sense that they must have some kind of response to sound.

As per experts, sound travels in waves thus to detect sound, one needs to just hear vibrations. The researchers played five different kinds of sounds for the study. The flower blossoms were exposed to buzzing bees. The researchers found that the blossoms changed the sweetness of the nectar exposed to the buzzing of bees.

On the contrary, when the blossoms were exposed to stillness as well as high-frequency and medium-frequency sound waves, a normal amount of sugar in the nectar was made. The researchers also put the flowers in a laser vibrometer, which records very small movements, and plays the sounds over and over to make sure it was the sound and not something else that made the flowers make sugar.

As per experts, the flowers have evolved with pollinators for a very long time. As they are living things they have to find a way to live in this world. Moreover, it is important for the flowers to be able to find out what is going on around them, especially if they are stuck in one place. Doesn't nature amaze you?

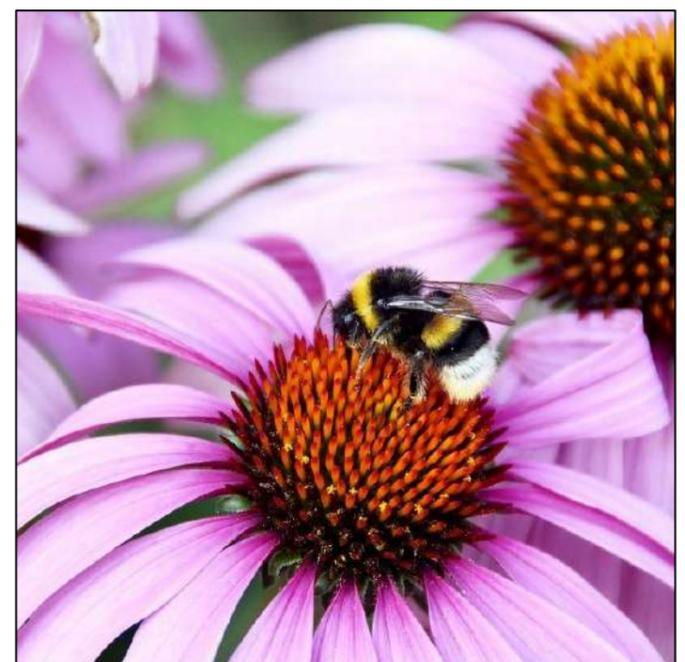


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YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS, RIGHT!



Image Credit : Richard Fisher

Future Library – Curious case of unreadable books!

Future Library is an art project that will last for 100 years. It was made to make people think more about time and their responsibilities to future generations. Since 2014, the Scottish artist Katie Paterson, her Norwegian colleague Anne, and a group of members have asked a few well-known authors to write a book every year. This will keep happening until the year 2113. Then, 100 years after the project was first started, each of them will finally be published.

The Future library located in Oslo, Norway has asked writers from all over the world to send in their work. Among them are the English novelist David Mitchell, the Icelandic poet Sjón, and the South Korean writer Han Kang, just to name a few. All of the manuscripts will be kept for close to a hundred years in locked glass drawers in a quiet part of Oslo's main public library.

This area is called the Silent Room, and it has a small wooden storage space. In the year 2114, the drawers will be opened, the trees will be cut down, and one hundred stories that have been kept secret for a century will be published all at once. The Silent Room is a small magical room surrounded by tree rings and the light shines through the manuscript drawers.

Newly discovered species of hundreds of microbes baffles scientists!

Tibetan Plateau is home to more than 900 species of bacteria that have never been seen previously by scientists. It is a large, high plateau that stretches across South Asia, Central Asia, and East Asia. When the bacteria were closely studied, it was clear that some of them could cause new pandemics.

Researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences collected ice samples from 21 different glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau for the purpose of a new study. The group closely studied the tiny creatures that had been frozen in the ice. This gave them the information they needed to make a huge database of the microbes. They called this database the Tibetan Glacier Genome and Gene (TG2G) catalogue. The group found 968 different kinds of microbes frozen in the ice. Most of them were bacteria, but algae, archaea, and fungi were also there.

About 98% of these species had never been studied by scientists before. Because of how hard it is to live in glaciers, the researchers were surprised to find so many different kinds of microorganisms there. We are definitely curious to know more about these species, as the scientists do experiments.



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Australia lockdown bees to save its honey

Recently Australia has put honey bees into lockdown. It is done in order to prevent the plague caused by varroa mites that is affecting the Southeast region of the country. Australia saw an outbreak of varroa mite, which is a small parasite that has posed threat to Australia's honey industry. The varroa mite was spotted for the first time at a port near Sydney.

The Varroa mite is a parasitic insect that attacks and feeds on honeybees. These mites are reddish-brown in colour and are known to kill honeybees. The spread of the varroa mite is responsible for a decline in the number of colonies of honey bees worldwide. It has spread to over 400 different sites and over six million bees have been destroyed.

When the varroa mite was detected in the country, the authorities established strict biosecurity zones and limits the movement of bees, hives, honey and comb until further notice. The varroa mites do not feed on the native bees of Australia, but several non-native species are affected. Luckily, Australia's honey industry relies on non-native bees.

The government is trying to find the locations of all the infected bee hives. The colonies of honeybees have been put under lockdown as part of biosecurity measures to limit the outbreak of varroa mites. As per the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council, it is important that the beekeepers in the Newcastle area do not move any beehives in or out of the area.



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Venice to tackle over-tourism with an entry fee

Venice is Italy's one of the most beautiful cities. Millions of tourists visit Venice every year.

Venice has decided to start charging admission fees in order to cut down on the number of people who visit the city every day. With this plan, Venice will be the first city in the world to make visitors pay an entrance fee.

As the new rule comes into effect visitors to Venice will have to book their trip online and pay a minimum of 3 to 10 euros (~Rs 800).

As per Venice's tourism department, it is the first place in the world to start this policy. The new rule is a way for the city to deal with the problem of "overtourism". As per officials tourism in the city has been on a consistent rise since the end of the Covid outbreak. Thus people who visit the city often outnumber the people who live in the city.

There are certain exceptions to this rule such as people with disabilities, homeowners, people who visit Venice for medical reasons and children under the age of six will not have to buy tickets to get in. The price of a ticket will vary as per the flow of visitors. People who break the law will be fined.

Lemonade – What's in a word!

Many of us look forward to the refreshing taste of lemonade on hot summer days. It is made up of water, sugar, and lemon juice. Lemonade is a beverage that has been enjoyed by people for more than a thousand years. Around the world, you may find a wide variety of lemonades, each of which has its own special spin on the classic recipe. In India, we drink it as nimbu pani.

The English term "lemonade" originates from the French word "limonade." This term, which is also used in English, refers to a sweetened carbonated beverage that has a hint of lemon flavouring and is popular in France. In French, the word "limon" refers to a certain variety of lemon. The Arabic word laymn is where this English term got its start. This is a general word referring to lemon-flavored fruit.

If you are in South Asia or North America and you ask for lemonade, you will most likely be given a beverage that contains lemon juice, water, and a sweetener such as sugar. On the other hand, in the United Kingdom and Australia, it typically comes with soda rather than water. You can also have beverages that are quite similar to lemonade produced with other fruits, such as limeade, cherryyade, or orangeade.



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Bull-run festival returns with a bang!

Bull-run festival in the Spanish city of Pamplona returns after nearly two years. The festival had been postponed owing to the coronavirus outbreak. The festival is held in honour of Saint Fermin, who was the city's first priest.

The Festival of Saint Fermin takes place every year in Pamplona, Spain. It began at noon of July 6 and continues until midnight on July 14. The traditional clothing consists of white pants and a shirt with a red neckerchief.

The bull runs are the most exciting part of the nine-day festival. During these events, thousands of people rush to try their best to stay out of the path of six charging bulls as they make their way to the bullring in the centre of the city.

People watch the race from balconies and the wooden barricades that have been placed up all along the track. The remaining hours of each day are reserved for cultural activities like eating, drinking, dancing, and entertainment.

During this year's festival, hundreds of activists dressed up as dinosaurs and raced the bull-run route while holding posters reading "Bullfighting is Prehistoric."



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KEY PEOPLE AND DAYS

Ukrainian woman receives Fields Medal in Mathematics!

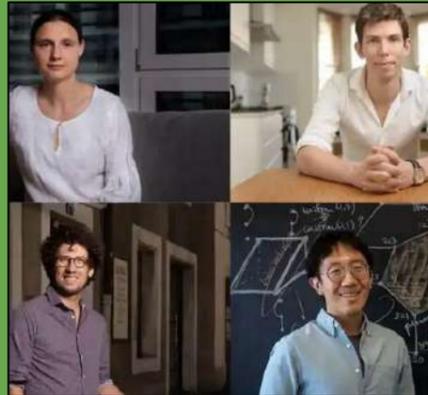


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Maryna Viazovska is chosen as one of four winners of the prestigious Fields Medal 2022. Four additional mathematicians have won the Fields Medal. Maryna is a mathematician from Ukraine. The Fields Medal is given to mathematicians for outstanding research.

Every four years, a mathematician under the age of 40 can win the Fields Medal. Ms Viazovska is being awarded the medal for her work on spheres in eight dimensions.

The other three winners are Hugo Duminil-Copin, James Maynard, and June Huh. Hugo Duminil-Copin is a mathematician from France. He works at the University of Geneva. He won the Fields Medal for figuring out how to solve problems in Probability. June Huh – a Korean and American – works at Princeton University. He got the highest honours in his field for his work on algebraic geometry and combinatorics are related.

James Maynard is a British mathematician who works at the University of Oxford. For his work in number theory, he won the Fields Medal this year.

World UFO Day!



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World UFO Day gives people in the UFO community a chance to talk to and test the beliefs of millions of people who might be willing to do so. People from all over the world agree to forget what they think they know about the topic for one day and show that extraterrestrial life is welcome on earth.

This day is celebrated to show that intelligent aliens and unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are real and can't be denied. People who believe in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and people who don't get together on this day to talk and share what they know. People think that because of their militaries, many governments, like the U.S. government, know things about UFOs that the public does not.

The main point of the day is to give people in the UFO community a chance to talk to as many willing people as possible and test their beliefs. People get together on this day to look up at the sky and do other UFO-related things, like watch movies about UFOs or meditate on the subject.

US Independence Day!



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US Independence Day is observed annually on July 4th. On this day, people remember when the Declaration of Independence was signed and the United States of America became an independent country.

The Declaration of Independence is the most important sign of freedom in the United States.

People celebrate the Independence Day by marching in parades and going to events and concerts where patriotic music is played. Americans also have barbecues or picnics with their families and friends at their homes or in nearby parks to celebrate the holiday. Families take vacations and spend time outside camping, going to amusement parks, and visiting important historical sites all over the country.

Late at night, lots of people gather in parks to watch fireworks, which are explosions of bright lights in the sky. The Fourth of July celebrations also bring a lot of tourists to Washington, DC, the nation's capital.

World Chocolate Day!



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Chocolate is one of the most beloved foods in the world. Most people love chocolates, especially in the form of sweets, such as cake, ice cream and of course, chocolate bars.

World Chocolate Day is an annual celebration of chocolate that takes place all over the world on July 7.

Experts believe that people started using chocolate as medicine and in holy rituals thousands of years ago in Mesoamerica. Mesoamerica is where Mexico is situated today. Ancient people like the Mayans and Aztecs also used it in drinks and considered it a gift from the gods.

Then, the Spanish brought chocolate to Europe from the Aztecs in the 16th century. There, they started adding sugar to it as chocolate is naturally bitter. It became very popular among rich people. Then in the 1800s, the invention of the chocolate press made it popular among common people too.

Today, West African countries, particularly Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, are the leading producers of cocoa.



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Silver torch cactus – Unique Plants!



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Today, we will read about another unique-looking plant named the silver torch cactus. It is a cactus of the family Cactaceae.

Silver torch cactus is also known as *Cleistocactus strausii* and woolly torch cactus. It is native to South America and found in the high mountain regions of Bolivia and Argentina.

The cactus has slim, straight and grey-green columns, which are covered in white spines and can reach a height of 3 metres. Only older plants blossom deep red and burgundy cylindrical flowers, which grow from the cactus's stem.

The Silver Torch cactus thrives in soils that drain well and receive a lot of direct sunlight, but it cannot tolerate temperatures that are too warm. In addition to this, it is unaffected by the low levels of nitrogen in the soil in which it can thrive.

Because it does not need to be watered on a consistent basis, it can also be kept as a houseplant.

Artificial Intelligence engineer – Passion profession!



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Engineers who work in artificial intelligence make things like robots, voice assistants (like Siri, Alexa, and Google), automated voice machines, and voice-to-text converters, among other things. Artificial intelligence is a way to make computers "smarter."

It means computers that can think like humans and do things like humans. They can see what's going on around them, understand what people are saying, make decisions, and translate between languages.

A person who works on AI problems or technologies is called an AI engineer. AI engineers make systems that can learn on their own. AI-based products are in high demand in many areas, so these IT professionals are in high demand. They make, test, and use models of AI.

To become an AI engineer, you have to get a Bachelor of Engineering (BE). To go into this field, you also need to be interested in math, physics, computer science, and other related fields.

What's special about Thar Desert, Rajasthan?



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Part of the Thar desert can be found in the Indian state of Rajasthan as well as the provinces of Punjab and Sindh (Pakistan). As a result, it serves as a natural divide between the countries of India and Pakistan.

The name Thar originates from the Arabic word thul, which refers to a landscape characterised by prominent ridges of sand. Because of the Aravalli mountain range, the monsoon winds that originate in the southwest never make it to the Thar desert. As a direct result of this, the climate in the Thar region is characterised by extremely high temperatures.

People around these parts are fluent in a wide variety of tongues, including Sindhi, Lahnda, Marwari, and others. The vast majority of individuals are engaged in some form of agriculture, animal husbandry, arts and crafts, or commerce. Camels are a common mode of transportation for residents of the Thar desert.

Chickpeas or Chickpea – Healthify!

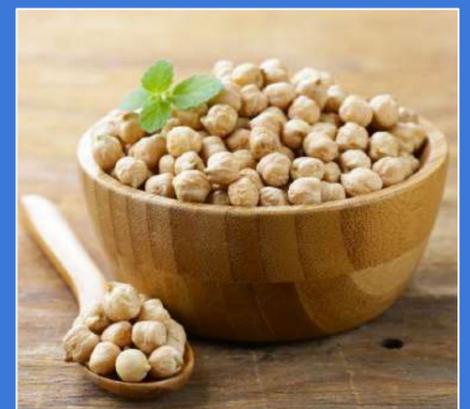


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Chickpeas are Asian herbs, now how many of you like masala chana? Today, let's read a little about the main ingredient of this dish – 'chana' or chickpea.

Chickpeas are a type of legume plant. It belongs to the Fabaceae family which includes kidney beans and peanuts. You can find different types of chickpeas such as Bengal gram, garbanzo bean, Egyptian pea, chana and chole. They have been part of the human diet for thousands of years.

Today, they're grown in more than 50 countries. India is the largest producer of chickpeas. Chickpeas are high in protein. A cup of chickpeas provides almost one-third of a person's daily protein needs.

They are a great source of fibre and nutrients like folate and iron. They are also good for diabetic patients as they help control blood sugar. You can use chickpea in salads, soups and stews and Indian curries.



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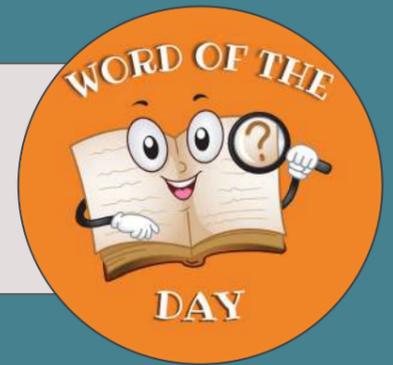


Q: Who did Frankenstein's monster bring to prom?

A: His goulfriend.

Agitate(Verb)

to promote something



When a doctor doctors a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored or does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as he wants to doctor?

Word Search

Y	L	Q	R	H	M	E	V	Z	N
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Q	M	T	I	D	N	G	N	I	T
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G	J	N	A	M	Z	E	R	A	B
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D	T	B	R	A	P	N	X	H	Z
O	H	Z	A	R	N	K	G	B	L

Here is your Rhyming Words Word Search!

1. Can
2. Fan
3. Tan
4. Ban
5. Van
6. Ran
7. Pan
8. Man

Sudoku

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5				3	
3				1	4

Solution for last week:

3	4	6	5	2	1
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6	3	5	4	1	2
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5	2	3	1	4	6

Check out the solution, next week



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Birth Of the Universe

5A, Mandovi Ghosh



Scientists believe that the Universe was born in a huge fireball about 13.7 billion years ago. This “Big Bang” was the beginning of everything: time and space, as well as all matter and energy in the Universe.

INFLATION

At the instant it began, the newborn Universe was incredibly small and unimaginably hot and dense. Inside the fireball, energy was being turned into matter and antimatter. Then it began to expand and cool. For a tiny fraction of a second the expansion was quite slow, but then the Universe shot outwards. It has been expanding steadily ever since, and might even be speeding up.

Which came first? There was nothing “before” the Big Bang because time and space did not exist. After the Big Bang, space began to expand and time began to flow. But neither could start until the other one began.

The Red Planet

5A, Dhruv Diptesh Gawde



Mars, a red planet with iron rust,
Is prone to storms filled with dust.
Life used to exist in its past,
But now not a plant can last.

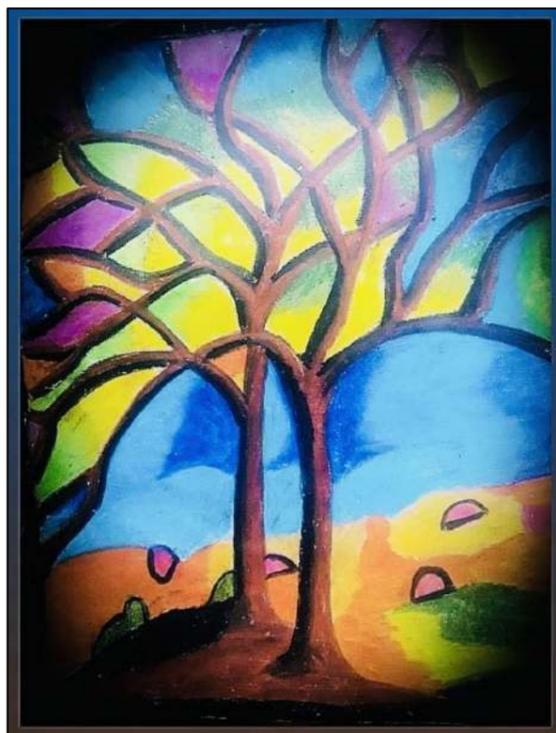
Fortunately we have discovered there is hope,
Because there is an ice cap on its pole!

Mars can also experience weathers but very extreme,
Its water froze into ice caps leaving dried up streams.

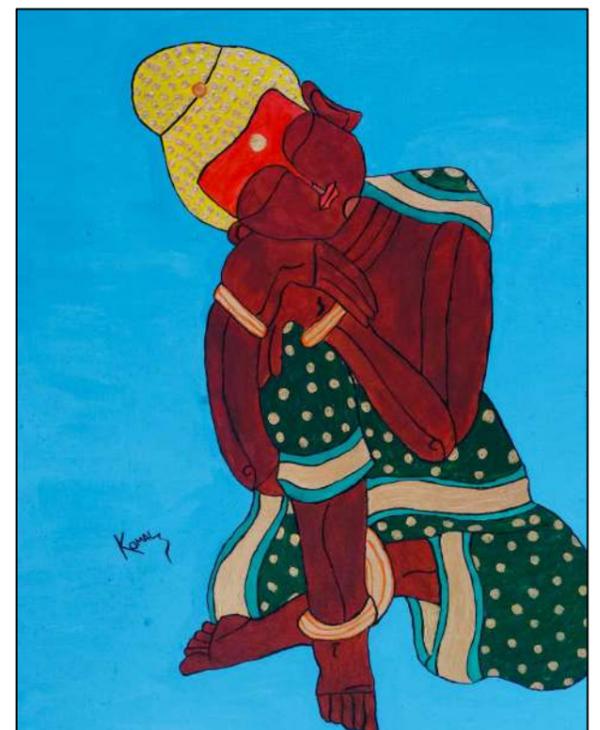
This red planet is the one and only in the
Whole solar system which has given mankind interest,
Although this cold, dead desert is filled with just iron,
dirt and dust!



12D, Abhilasha Ghosh



12D, Pooja Prasad



12D, Komal Sandhu



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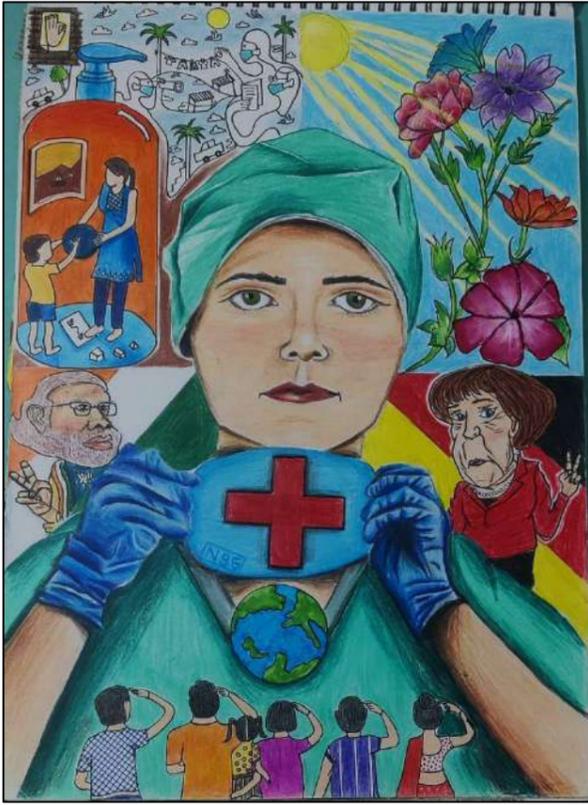
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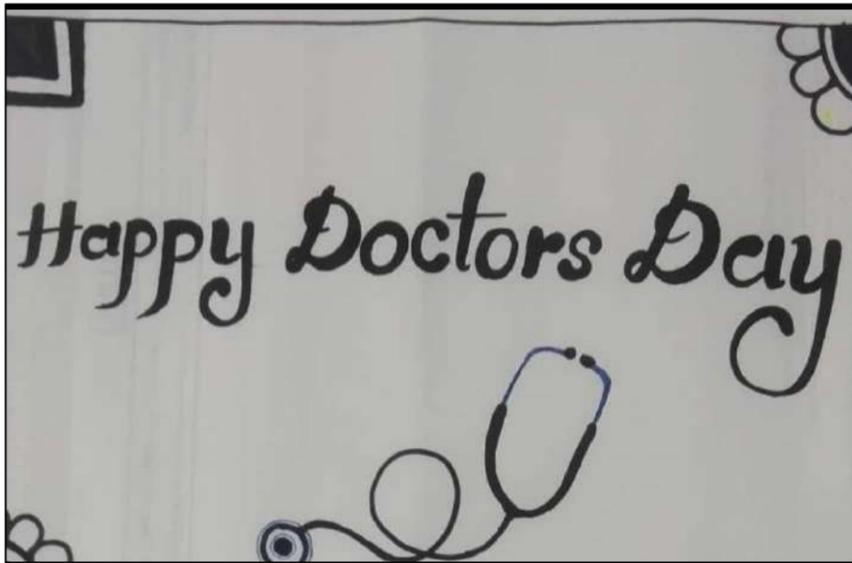
Tribute to frontline warriors "Doctors"

SAMAIRA SACHDEVA
12, Indraprastha International School, Dwarka, Delhi



Happy doctor's day

YUVRAJ JAISWAL
1, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur



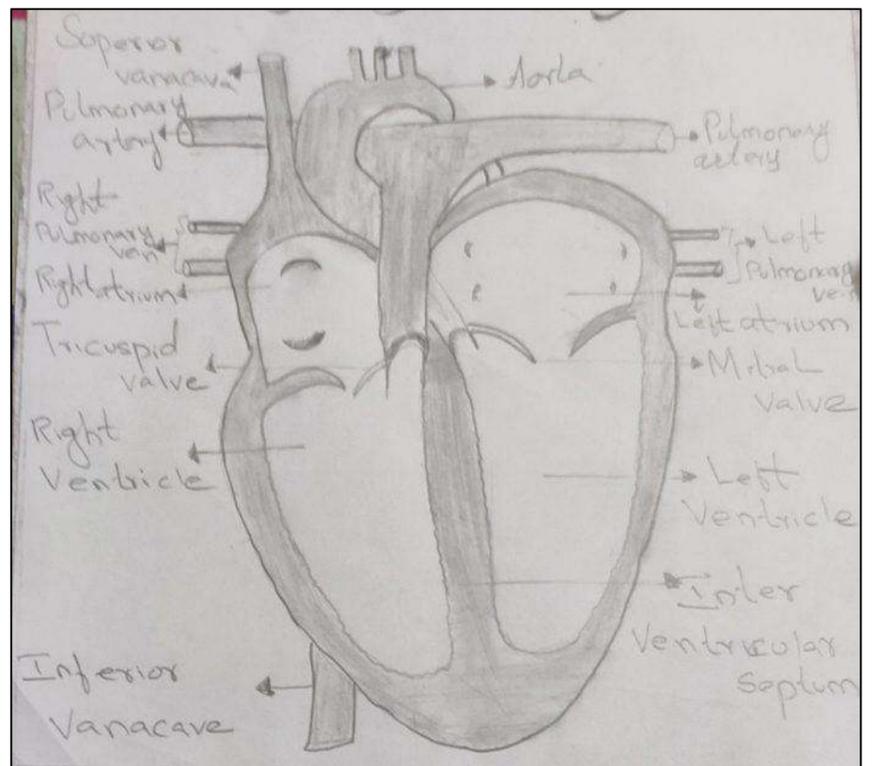
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KUHU KACHER
3, La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow



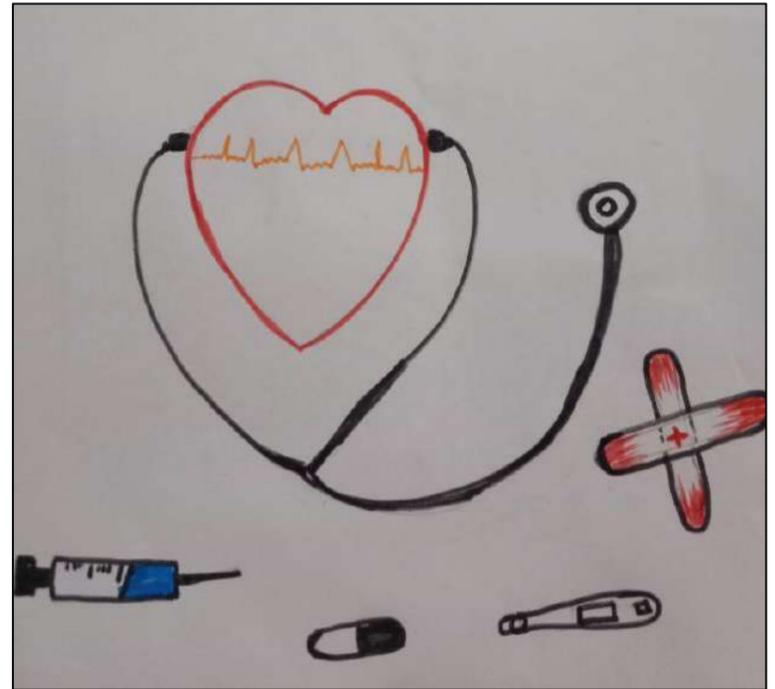
Heart

L MOHAMMAD ASJAD
8, Green Valley Matriculation School, PERNAMBUT, Tamil Nadu



Doctor's day

RAM JI GUPTA GUPTA
3, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, KANPUR



Fathers Day

OLIVIA MIA SAM
4, Gems Millennium School, Sharjah, U.A.E





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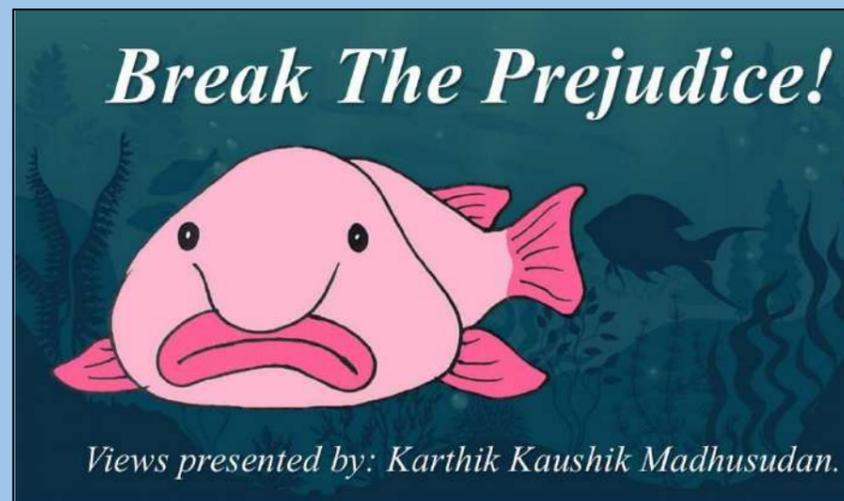
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Many organisms face lookism which may be a threat to their existence

Karthik Kaushik Madhusudan
 11, DLDAV Model School, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi



A few examples like the effortlessly elegant angel fish and the objectively horrible-looking blob fish confirm that marine life comes in all shapes, sizes, and appearances. But, did you know that the ugly ducklings of the underwater kingdom are under threat? According to new research on marine life-forms, humans might not care about the phenotypically odd-looking species enough.

Now, the question arises, why are we so selective in something so humane as conserving a fellow creature or species? By surveying almost 13,000 people, academics from a french university ranked more than 2400 reef fish on aesthetic value. From this, they concluded that the appearance-wise ugliest fish were the most at risk of being left out and eventually dying – yet they were among the most ecologically important creatures.

This makes us think that cute and charismatic animals like the Polar bear and panda drew the most funding and attention, while the other endangered species couldn't. In such a scenario, It's harder to imagine the gruesome – but critically endangered – Titicia frog as the face of a conservation charity.

We should remember that our support mustn't vary according to how dreadful or splendid a creature looks. What's important to remember is that their loss could have a disproportionate impact on high-biodiversity ecosystems.

Video- Yummy chocolate oreo Butterfly cake

MISS PRASHIKHA
 1, Delhi Public School Jankipuram Lucknow,

Video- Steam Project

Vedaant Tuli
 3, GEMS Millennium School - Sharjah

Video- Piano Performance

DEVANSH Srivastava
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Video- Small tribute to Doctors

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FACTS AND QUOTES

Did You Know?

In 1986, yellow tennis balls were introduced in the Wimbledon Grand Slam.

Did You Know?

The bull run festival gained popularity as a result of Ernest Hemingway's novel "The Sun Also Rises," which was published in 1926.

Did You Know?

In 1909, representatives from Australia, England, and South Africa got together and set up what would become known as the International Cricket Conference (ICC).

Did You Know?

Saturn's rings are the only ones that can be seen from Earth. All you need is a small telescope.



QUOTES TO INSPIRE YOU



Quote

"If we take care of the moments, the years will take care of themselves." —Maria Edgeworth

Quote

"For the great doesn't happen through impulse alone, and is a succession of little things that are brought together." —Vincent van Gogh

Quote

"It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness." —Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Quote

"Make sure your worst enemy doesn't live between your own two ears." —Laird Hamilton



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