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WHAT'S BUZZING AT NCS GOA?



Dear NCS Goa Families

The school was gripped by examination fever this week as everyone geared up for examinations. Some of the classes were writing exams after months. Assessment I was conducted for classes I to V, while Periodic Test I was conducted for classes VI to X. Students of class XII attempted Revision Test I during the week.

A stream selection webinar, 'Stream Selection – A Crucial Decision', organised by Team Eduvelocity was attended by students of classes X & XI wherein they were guided on choosing the right career. Meanwhile, teachers of the social science department attended a Faculty Development Programme which included concepts like teaching strategies in Social Science, maps and importance of oceans.

We have some amazing news on the sports front.

Rudra Nagarsekar of class IV D brought laurels to the school by standing first in the U 19 category in the Captain Trophy powered by Capt. Viriato Fernandes, organised by the Mormugao Taluka Chess Association. The tournament had 82 participants playing in different categories. The activity calendar is suddenly rolling and we ready with Lit Fest activities, Recitation and Elocution activities.

Navy Children School Goa team was felicitated at a glittering ceremony held at Mumbai on 21 July 2022. The school is representing the state of Goa in the nation wide held Fit India Quiz National competition. Ziyaan Charania and Tuhashri Rawal are the state champions of the Fit India Quiz state rounds that was held on 11 March 2022.

Have a great weekend all of you. We will be back next week with more updates on campus news !

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AROUND THE WORLD

Who will lead UK – Rishi Sunak or Liz Truss?



Image Credit : Trusslizz and Rishi Sunak

Boris Johnson quit as Prime Minister after he was accused of physical misconduct. His health secretary and chief finance minister quit in protest of how the prime minister handled inappropriate conduct claims against a well-known member of parliament.

Last week saw series of debates by leading contestants of the party to succeed Mr. Boris. Now, Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss are the front runners and one of the two will succeed Boris Johnson as the leader of the United Kingdom's Conservative party.

Rishi Sunak, member of the Conservative Party was the chief financial minister. Since 2015, Rishi has been a member of Parliament. British politician Mary Elizabeth Truss has been a Member of Parliament since 2010. Since 2021, she has been Foreign Secretary. Since 2019, she has been Minister for Women and Equalities.

Party members will start voting for their favourite candidate the month after next. As per political experts, the most important issue in this fight is economic policy.

Japanese passport fulfils your world tour dream!



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Japanese passport is at the top of the Henley Passport Index ranking list. A Japanese passport allows for hassle-free entry into 193 countries. The Singapore passport ranks second, and South Korea occupies the third spot.

The Henley Passport Index is a global ranking of passports based on how freely people can travel to other countries using their countries' passport. It assists individuals and governments in determining the value of citizenship by determining which passports offer the most extensive visa-free or visa-upon-arrival access.

A United States passport sits in seventh place with a score of 186, while the United Kingdom sits in sixth place with access to 187 countries. The Russian government's travel documents are placed 50th, allowing citizens to enter 119 countries without difficulty. The passport of China allows entry into 80 countries, and ranks 69th, while the passport of India ranks 87th. An Afghanistan passport allows entry into only 27 countries and is the least useful. You could check out the entire list [here](#).

Amid Europe heatwaves, most households don't have AC's!



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Heatwaves continue to affect several countries across Europe. People who live and visit the UK are having a hard time because of the heat. Pictures that have been shared on social media show dark-coloured railroad tracks and a melted railroad signal.

Numerous countries all across the continent are suffering record temperatures. In addition, several countries across Europe, including France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Croatia, and Greece, are currently experiencing wildfires of varying severity.

Authorities are reporting a high rate of burning in Morocco, North Africa, and France. Scientists say that as climate change keeps going on, these heat waves will happen more often. Thousands of firefighters are now fighting these fires. About 14,000 hectares of forest is estimated to have got burnt.

The UK and the European countries are ill prepared to handle heat. Their homes are made to protect against cold weather. The heat waves are leading to suffering among normal citizens.

Tech companies slow hiring due to economic uncertainty!



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Google, Meta, and Apple are some of the big technology companies to soften their efforts in hiring. Experts say this could mean that companies are being careful because they think there will be an economic recession soon. This slow down is also being observed in many companies across India and South East Asia.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has also lowered its growth forecasts for both this year and next year for the U.S. economy.

Alphabet, Microsoft, Meta and Apple have an optimistic long term outlook though. They say they are likely to make investments in line with their products and service offerings but not immediate hiring and people cost

In India, a new rule makes Work from home (WFH) as an option for employees working in the tech companies located in Special Economic Zones. The rule limits WFH to up to 50% of a company's total workforce. The WFH option helps organisations to cut down their costs of rent and employee general costs.



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Droupadi Murmu becomes the 15th President of India



Image Credit : @India_To_Today/Twitter

The Presidential elections 2022 were conducted on 18th July 2022. Our 15th President is Droupadi Murmu.

In the past, she has served as Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.

The swearing-in ceremony for Mrs Droupadi Murmu will take place on 25th July after the tenure of current President, Ram Nath Kovind ends on 24th July 2022.

Droupadi Murmu becomes the first Tribal President of India and the second female President of India. She is also the country's youngest President.

In the past her areas of attention have been education and the improvement of road networks, both of which have brought about substantial differences in the life of tribal people in India. People in her constituency of Mayurbhanj respect her as a great social worker. She has also been a member of BJP in the past

India achieves 200 crore mark in COVID vaccinations



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India has achieved a major goal in its vaccinations programme that started on 16th January last year. The country has achieved the 200-crore mark, that is, 200 crore vaccinations have been administered in the country.

India took 278 days to reach the 100-crore mark and another 269 days to reach the 200-crore mark. Amongst the 200 crore doses, 101.9 crore doses are administered as the first dose. Around 92.6 crore doses as the second dose and 5.49 crore doses are administered as precaution doses.

According to the data from the Union Ministry of Health, 98% of the adult population has received at least one dose while 90% of people are fully vaccinated. It is also stated that 82% of people in the age group of 15 to 18 years are also vaccinated with the first dose.

As per the data from the Union health ministry, 71% of the vaccination doses are given in COVID vaccination centres located in rural areas and 29% in urban area centres.

Varanasi becomes 1st Cultural and Tourism Capital

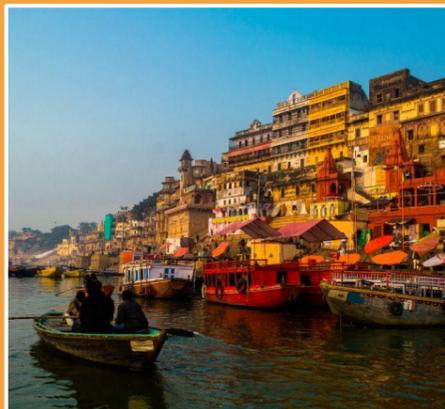


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Varanasi is known as the holy city of India as it showcases India's culture and traditions over the ages. The holy city will be declared the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an eight-member economic and security alliance organisation. Its members include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

The Secretary-General of SCO, Zhang Ming said that Varanasi will become the Cultural and Tourism Capital of the SCO for the year 2022-2023 under a new initiative by the organization. It will help in promoting contact and tourists among member states. Under this initiative, each year, a city that has cultural heritage from the member states will be given the title.

Zhang also stated that SCO member states will take promotion initiatives once the COVID travel restrictions ease.

Robin Hood Army spreads million smiles and food!

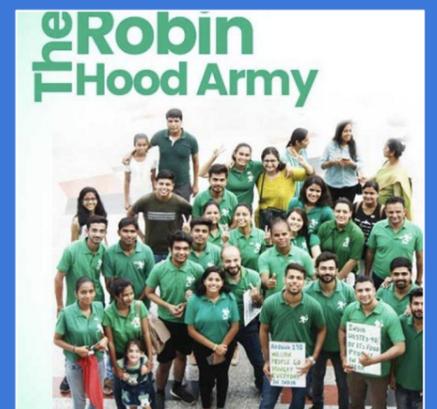


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Robin Hood Army (RHA) an organisation run by volunteers provided the 100 millionth meal. RHA is a non-profit and they provide meals without any cash donations. The organisation believes that nobody should starve from hunger.

The "volunteer-based zero-fund" organisation provides between 1.5 and 2 million meals on a monthly basis. The organisation has centres in the countries like Bangladesh, Africa, and Pakistan. A lot of food gets wasted if not consumed at events such as weddings. The organisation collects such meals and channels them to the needy.

People who are aware of the Robin Hood Army happily donate the leftover food to them. RHA was also selected as a case study for the full-time MBA programme at Harvard University. Volunteers commit and participate in RHA events in their spare time.

The organisation also comes forward during natural disasters such as drought to help the affected people. They have been active during the flooding in Kerala and Assam to distribute food and medication.



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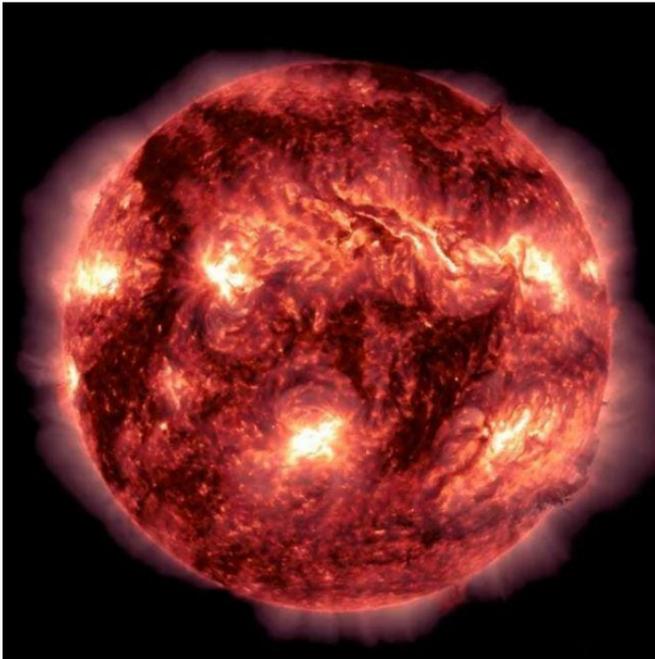


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A solar storm may hit Earth!

As per the predictions by NASA scientists, a solar storm is predicted to hit the Earth. Solar storms are bursts of mass and energy from the solar surface. The solar storm or solar flare has the potential to cause problems in radio and GPS signals. It is also stated that polar lights will also be seen on Earth due to the solar flare.

Solar storms can impact radio signals, and power grids and pose risks to spacecraft and astronauts. As per Dr Tamitha Skov, a snake-like filament has launched as a big solar storm in the Earth's zone. When the solar radiation strikes with Earth's magnetic field and traps radiation belts, it can dump particles into the upper atmosphere of the Earth to cause Aurora.

These charged particles can produce their own magnetic fields which can modify Earth's magnetic field and affect the readings of the compass. These magnetic fields can also produce electricity that can lead to blackouts.

Harmful radiations from the solar flare can't pass through Earth's atmosphere to affect human beings on the ground. Though, when the radiations are intense, they can disturb the atmosphere in the layer which affects the GPS and communications signals.

Japan introduces artificial space habitat and inter-planetary trains

Researchers at Kyoto University, Japan have announced the building of an artificial space habitat and trains which will connect the Earth, Moon and Mars. A glass living structure with artificial gravity will have public transportation, green areas and water bodies that will replicate facilities on Earth.

The working model featured a large rotating cylindrical structure which showed rivers, water and park facilities for humans to live. At a height of 1,300 feet and with a radius of 328 feet, researchers hope to build a simplified prototype version of Earth by 2050. The structure on the Moon will be called the Lunaglass while the structure on Mars will be called Marsglass. Earth's elements will be taken to be fed into the artificial structure.

The researchers have also planned to introduce an interplanetary transportation system in Hexacapsules called the Hexatrack. A mini-capsule will shuttle between the Earth, Moon and Mars.

Researchers said that these are core technologies and these are not in the development plans of other countries. It ensures the realization of human space colonization in the future.

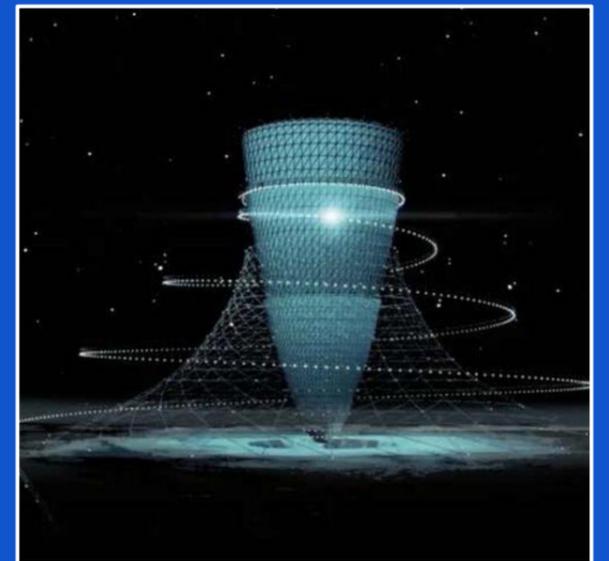


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Scientists find heartbeat signals from a distant galaxy

Recently, scientists have detected strange heartbeat signals. The signals are said to be coming from either a radio pulsar or magnetar, which are neutron stars. Scientists at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) said that the signal is precise and they are emitted every fraction of a second, exactly like a heartbeat.

These signals are called FRB (Fast Radio Burst) which lasts for a few milliseconds. The researchers have named the signal FRB 20191221A and it is the longest-lasting FRB with a periodic pattern. The source of the signal lies in a distant galaxy which is several billion light years from Earth. The source of the signal remains to be a mystery, scientists are trying to find more periodic signals from this source that could be used as an astrophysical clock. It is the first time that signals are periodic.

The first FRB was discovered in 2007. The Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME) is a radio telescope and it detected a heartbeat-like signal in 2019. CHIME has detected many FRBs with different properties. Some live inside clouds while some FRBs are found in clean environments.

Scientists hope to catch more heartbeat signals from FRB20191221A. It will help them as they study the universe and neutron stars.



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Nap Boxes allow you to snooze at work!

Nap boxes or standing sleep pods allow workers to take short or power naps at work. The innovation will be introduced in Japan. As per experts, the work culture in Japan requires one to work for at least 8 hours a day. In addition to these commuting hours, endless activities such as team building, and celebrations with colleagues stretch these working hours to nearly 10 – 12 hours daily.

Nap boxes allow one to take a nap standing up. A short sleep is called a “power nap.” It is meant to help people sleep better and give them a boost of energy and alertness. Nap boxes are made so that people can take a nap in a way that keeps their heads, knees, and back strong.

This means that people can sleep or relax without being afraid of falling over. The people who made Nap Boxes are hopeful that employees will be able to use them to rest in a more flexible way. Research supports the idea that taking a nap in the afternoon can help with memory, focus, creativity, and overall productivity.

NASA did a study that found that a short nap of only 26 minutes can improve performance by almost 33%.

Skittles candies are not good for health!

A US citizen has filed a complaint against Mars Inc, the company that makes Skittle candies. According to the complaint, the Skittle candy is unfit for human consumption. These candies are banned in Europe for now. The complaint order states that the candies include titanium dioxide, a chemical used as a colouring agent. This colouring agent causes harmful health effects in human beings.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has allowed titanium dioxide to be used as long as it makes up 1% of food's weight. The titanium dioxide is used in products like chewing gum, chocolates, pastries, toothpaste and cosmetics, and in paints and paper production. Meanwhile, the European Food Safety Authority doesn't consider this chemical to be safe for consumption. This chemical can cause the risk of cancer. Though, according to the research, the amount of titanium dioxide present in most food products may not enough to pose a threat to the health of humans.

The company, Mars Inc has said that they are discarding the use of artificial colours including titanium dioxide. This chemical is still on the list of ingredients of Skittle. The court order stated that the company didn't inform the consumers about the risk of titanium dioxide and it is not necessary to use it in the manufacturing of the Skittle candies.



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Check out how Amazon Prime looks now!

Amazon Prime Video app will get a new design in its new version. The new version of the Prime Video will be a new experience for Android and home devices like smart TVs, Fire TV, Apple TV and Android TV. As per the company, Amazon says that the new version is designed to be less busy for the customers who use the app. Overall, it is stated that the new Amazon Prime Video app will give the look of Netflix.

The main navigation menu has shifted to the left side of the screen. It is now a vertical column of icons. The navigation menu includes Search, Home, Store, Live TV, Free and My Stuff.

The home section of the navigation menu includes sub-sections for movies, TV shows and sports. The store section includes sub-menus for Prime channels and Rentals/Deals. The list of top 10 shows on the Prime Video app is added to the home screen.

The new version is clear about the shows that are included in the prime subscription. While the shows that requires purchases will have a gold shopping bag icon. Users would be able to filter search results from the content that's included in Prime Video membership to avoid paying an extra charge.



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Commonwealth Games 2022!

The Commonwealth Games is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. In 2022 Commonwealth Games is scheduled to be held in the British city, Birmingham from 28th July to 8th August. A total of 72 countries and territories will participate in the event this year.

Cricket will make its comeback at the Commonwealth Games this year, after a hiatus of 24 long years in a new avatar. The matches will be played in the T20 format. This will be the first appearance of women's cricket at CWG 2022.

David Beckham and Ronaldo Singh are among the athletes who'll represent India at the Commonwealth Games 2022. They are the most promising young talents in cycling in the country.

A squad of 37 athletes were selected for the CWG 2022 headed by Neeraj Chopra. The Indian women's cricket team will be headed by Harmanpreet Kaur at the CWG 2022. A Badminton squad of 10 people is selected for Commonwealth Games 2022. India has qualified for both men's and women's hockey teams for the CWG 2022.



Image Credit : @Birminghamcg22/Twitter

PV Sindhu reigns supreme at Singapore Open!

PV Sindhu defeated Wang Zhi Yi of China at the Singapore Open Super 500 women's singles competition. She was able to maintain balanced composure throughout the match. The winning score for PV Sindhu was 21-9, 11-21, and 21-15. Super 500 is a part of the BWF World Tour, which is run by the Badminton World Federation. There are 26 tournaments of badminton on the World Tour (singles and doubles). Each tournament offers different ranking and prize money.

PV Sindhu was up 1-0 on Wang when the match began. She was able to cut down on how many mistakes she made and keep her cool so that she could win in the end. She used her reach to get the shuttle early, and played some great angled returns to keep her lead throughout the whole first game. Sindhu's score was 11-2 at halftime. When the match started again, the Indian player quickly won the first game by keeping a tight hold on the competition. But Sindhu couldn't get back on track in the second game, which gave Wang, who was on the better side of the court, a chance to show off her skills. In the final set, the two players played a lot of back-and-forth tennis, which brought the match to life.

Sindhu finally won the game when she hit long and then smashed to end an epic rally and get five match points when she was only two points away from winning. Sindhu was happy when Wang's shot went wide, she threw both of her arms in the air – a sign of victory after long hours of hard work.



Image Credit : PV Sindhu reigns supreme at Singapore Open!

Anjum Moudgil makes India proud at Shooting World Cup!

Anjum Moudgil took a bronze medal at the 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shooting World Cup. She participated in the women's 50-meter rifle competition.

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) is in charge of the rifle, pistol, and similar shooting events. It is also in charge of organising international competitions such as the ISSF World Cup.

The ISSF Shooting World Cup 2022 started in February 2022 and will conclude on July 22. There are seven stages of the Shooting World Cup. Shooters from all over the world compete for medals in rifle, pistol, and shotgun competitions.

The first stage was held in Cairo, Egypt and the last stage 7, in Changwon, South Korea. Indian shooters started the 2022 ISSF World Cup with 4 golds, 2 silvers, and 1 bronze in Cairo. Their final medals total stands at 29.

This is the second medal for Anjum Moudgil. At Stage 6 of the competition, she won a Silver for India.



Image Credit :Anjum Moudgil



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Deforestation on a rise in Amazon rainforests

According to a report by Mapbiomas, deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon rainforest has increased by more than 20% in 2021. According to the report, Brazil lost 42,000 square kilometres of trees in the last three years. The Amazon rainforest faced deforestation at a rate of 18 trees per second.

Deforestation in the country increased by more than 20%, as per a satellite data-based report that is released on Monday. Deforestation is the purposeful clearing of forests. The report by Mapbiomas said the country lost 16,557 square kilometres of vegetation in 2021 which is an area bigger than Northern Ireland.

Data from the National Institute of Space Research shows that the Brazilian Amazon lost 3,988 square kilometres to deforestation between January and June 2022.

This is an unfortunate story, as Amazon is considered to the lungs of the Earth. Losing forests mean losing oxygen.

Ross the Croc and his companion turtle!

Ross the Croc and his companion turtle have struck up an unexpected friendship. The people who have seen them together state that the turtle is not afraid of the crocodile.

Crocodiles found in saltwater are the largest living reptiles on the planet and the largest species of crocodile found anywhere in the world. They are called saltwater crocodiles.

The residents of a town in Queensland, Australia first noticed a 2-metre crocodile carrying a turtle on his back. In another sighting, a crocodile was observed lazing in the sun with a turtle on its back on the banks of a river. The residents who saw this remarkable scene were curious and snapped their pictures.

Experts on crocodile conversation stated that they had never seen anything like this before. Saltwater crocodiles in freshwater environments enjoy eating turtles, which is one of their favourite foods. However, as per experts, it is possible that low temperature makes the crocodile focus on sunbathing than eating the turtle. Thus the abnormally chilly weather could be the reason for the unexpected bond.



Image Credit : Kane Wiblen

Hundred and One Dalmatians – by Dodie Smith!

Hundred and One Dalmatians is a children's book written by Dodie Smith. It tells the story of how a family of Dalmatian puppies was taken from their home.

It's about two dalmatians named Pongo and Missis and how they try to save their puppies from a fur farm. Along the way, they have many adventures. The book was first published in 1956, and since then, Disney has turned the lovely children's classic into not one, but two popular shows.

Pongo and Missis are two Dalmatians who live a happy and full life with each other. They have cute Dalmatian puppies, and they live in a nice house in London with them. Everyone in the city loves and cares about the puppies. The Dearlys, who own them, make sure they are healthy and happy.

Cruella de Vil, the Dearlys' next-door neighbour, likes to wear fur and loves the Dalmatians. When their puppies are taken from their house, the story takes a different turn. Pongo and Missis decide to handle the problem by themselves.

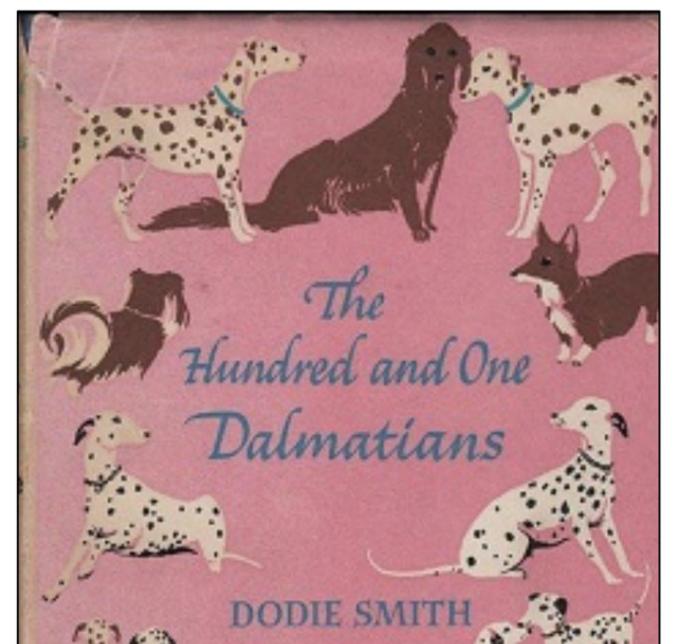


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YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS RIGHT?

Ranthambore tigers increase, approach human settlements!



Image Credit : @RanthamborePark/Twitter

The population of tigers in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve has increased by 45% in the last 8 years. The Ranthambore reserve had 59 tigers in the year 2014. With 86 tigers, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve has become the third most congested habitat for big cats or tigers in India after Corbett National Park and Kaziranga National Park.

The officials state that a dozen of adult tigers have moved to the periphery of the reserve as they do not have any marked territory. The reason is the increasing crowd in their habitat. As a result, the tigers are moving close to human habitats.

It would be dangerous if the tigers moved out of the area. They could harm human habitats.

Few measures to control the tigers such as directions for monitoring the animals have been issued. Also, cameras will now keep an eye on the movements of the feline animals. Relocating tigers to other reserves is also a suggestion as per the forest officials.

Made in India diamond ring sets Guinness World Record



Image Credit :@GWR/Twitter

A mushroom-shaped diamond ring has set a new Guinness World Record. The ring is created by Kerala's SWA diamonds. The ring is called The Touch of Ami.

It has a total of 24,679 diamonds. It is manufactured in Malappuram and it is designed by Rijisha TV, a postgraduate from the National Institute of Design.

The model of the ring has been inspired by the pink oyster mushroom which stands for eternity. The Guinness World Records entered it in the 'most diamonds set in one ring' category. The ring got ready in 90 days.

SWA Diamonds were launched by Capestone. The company is proud that this title is achieved in Kerala. It is a great achievement that the award-winning jewellery piece came from Kerala.

The ring 'Touch of Ami' marks a rise in entrepreneurship in the diamond sector of our state.

Vincent Van Gogh's self-portrait discovered during X-Ray

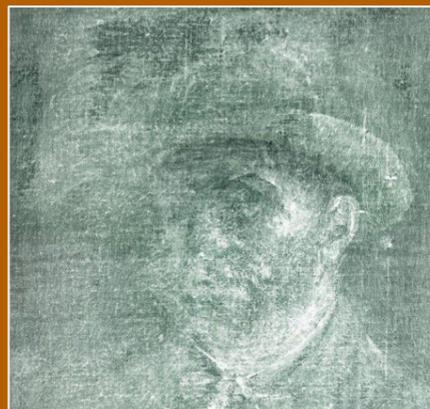


Image Credit :@VanGoghMuseum/Twitter

Researchers at the National Galleries of Scotland took an X-ray of the painting by Vincent Van Gogh, 'Head of a Peasant Woman.' While taking the X-ray, they found the portrait of Van Gogh hidden behind cardboard and glue.

The painter, Vincent Van Gogh reused canvases and used them to paint on the backside of the canvas. This work is likely to be part of a series of experimental self-portraits that Mr Vincent made during the summers of 1887.

Moreover, five other self-portraits made by Vincent Van Gogh are on display at the Van Gogh Museum in the Netherlands.

The state of the self-portrait remains unknown still. The researchers will attempt to uncover Van Gogh's portrait without damaging the Head of a Peasant Woman. It came into the museum's collection in 1960 when a lawyer donated it in honour of his late wife.

Frogs wedding takes place in Gorakhpur to bring rain!



Image Credit : @ivyasa/Twitter

A wedding of its own kind has taken place in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. The people believe that this wedding of two frogs will bring rain and end the drought-like situations in the state. A drought is an extended duration of shortage in the water supply. It can last for months or years.

The wedding was organised by the Hindu Mahasangh. The ceremony was held at the Kalibari temple in Gorakhpur on Tuesday. A large number of people attended the wedding. Before the frog wedding, a hawan puja was organized as per Ramakant Verma of Hindu Mahasangh. Five days of Sawan month have already passed but there is no rain. Locals believe that the frog wedding will please the rain god "Indra".

Moreover, to please the rain god, a group of women in the Maharajganj district of the state soaked the local MLA Jaimangal Kanojiya and Nagar Palika chairman Krishna Gopal Jaiswal in a mud tub. Mr Jaiswal said to pass through the drought-like situation, women only followed the age-old traditions.



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LESSER KNOWN FACTS

Easy Explainer: How do bees make honey?



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People often like honey because it tastes sweet and good. This substance is made by bees. It's really interesting and easy to understand how honeybees make honey.

Bees fly from their hives (bee's home) in search of nectar (sweet liquid present in plants and flowers). Next, they extract the nectar from flowers using their long tongue and store it in their honey stomach. The bee, which collects nectar, is called a "worker bee".

As soon as the worker bee reaches the hive, the "house bee" is waiting for it and gathers nectar from the worker bee. The House bee, then, proceeds to chew the nectar until it creates a syrup kind of liquid. This syrup is transformed inside the comb (individual housing) of a hive.

Further, the house bee utilizes its wings as a fan to make the syrup thick. They additionally seal (lock) this comb with wax so that syrup does not spill.

Snoopy: Charlie Brown's beloved dog!



Image Credit Twitter@Snoopy

Snoopy is Charlie Brown's pet dog in the Peanuts comics, created by Charles M. Schulz. His first appearance in the comics was on 4 October 1950. Since then, Snoopy has become one of the most recognizable comic characters in Peanuts.

Moreover, he has appeared in numerous films, t-shirts, books and more. Snoopy is a type of dog known as a beagle. In the cartoon, it is a loyal, imaginative and good-natured dog. While sometimes he makes fun of Charlie, he also shows great love and loyalty towards him.

Snoopy like cookies and also loves living in an imaginary world. He is often seen imagining himself to be an author, a college student, a lawyer and a pilot. In his imagination, he wears a pilot's clothes like a helmet, goggles and a scarf.

Snoopy is very popular around the world and also appears in many of NASA's space projects.

Dinosaur – Word of the day!



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Have you ever wondered, where the word 'dinosaur' come from? The word "dinosaur" comes from the phrase "terrible, powerful, and wonderful reptiles."

The name comes from two Greek words: deinos, which means "terrible, powerful, and amazing," and sauros, which means "lizard." In 1841, the name "dinosaur" was made up by a British scientist and palaeontologist named Sir Richard Owen. But calling something "awful" in this situation doesn't mean that it was meant to be scary.

When people first started finding dinosaur bones, they were shocked by how big they were because they had never seen anything like it before. So, the word "awful" meant "wonderful" instead of "scary." So, even though it might sound that way, scientists don't think dinosaurs are "horrific" in any way.

In fact, now we also know, they aren't 'lizards' either. Many different types of dinosaurs have been discovered – from small bird types to large sea creatures.

How much is the hottest temperature for humans?



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New research stated that the combination of heat and humidity gets dangerous faster than people realise. As per the research, scientists have become alarmed about the increase in extreme heat along with high humidity. It is measured as wet-bulb temperature.

A study has estimated a wet-bulb temperature of 35 C which is equal to 95 F at 100% humidity would be an upper limit of the temperature.

Researchers have done experiments to find out the hottest temperature for the human body. When the person's temperature rises, it is called a critical environmental limit. Below this limit, the human body is able to maintain a stable temperature over time. Above the limits, the hot temperature can put human lives at risk of heat-related illness.

In order to stay cool in the rising heat waves, we should stay hydrated and seek areas to cool down. Staying well hydrated and seeking areas in which to cool down – even for short periods – are important in high heat.



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KEY PEOPLE & DAYS

Magnus Carlsen gives up his World Chess Champion title



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World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen will not defend his title in the year 2023. He says that he is not motivated to play another match at the World Chess Championship.

Magnus made this announcement on International Chess Day on his podcast, the Magnus Effect. Norway's Magnus Carlsen has held the title of the World Chess Champion since 2013 when he was 22 years old. He pulled this title from Indian chess grandmaster, Viswanathan Anand.

Magnus has won every World Chess Championship since then. But, he had already expressed frustration with the competition format. Now at 31 years old,

Magnus said winning the championship for the fourth and fifth time seemed nothing to him. He says that he's happy that he didn't lose any match but he's no more motivated and he doesn't see any growth. Chess officials have offered changes in the championship format and discussed it with Carlsen, last month. But, he is adamant.

Nelson Mandela International Day!



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Nelson Mandela International Day: On July 18, which also happens to be Nelson Mandela's birthday, an annual holiday honouring Nelson Mandela is observed around the world. The United Nations General Assembly made the day an official observance in November of 2009.

Mandela was an activist and patriot in his home country of South Africa. He battled against the control of the British as well as the racist apartheid system that existed in South Africa. In 1994, he became the first black person to be elected as the President of South Africa.

He was honoured with a number of prestigious accolades, including the Nobel Peace Prize and the Bharat Ratna. On this day, people around the world remember the contributions Nelson Mandela made to world peace, human right and freedom.

This day encourages people to spend 67 minutes doing something good for others. The number represents the 67 years he spent working toward change.

World Emoji Day!



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World Emoji Day 2022! 🌍📱👉 This day celebrates the use of emojis to express our emotions better. When we cannot find the exact words to write, emojis do it for us! World Emoji Day is celebrated on 17 July as it is the date that appears on the iPhone's calendar emoji.

Google's calendar emoji has also been changed to display on 17 July. People believe that Jeremy Burge started this day. He is the founder of Emojipedia. Japanese mobile phones were the first ones to use emojis.

Eventually, its popularity spread across the world. The word 'emoji' comes from the Japanese words 'e' (絵 meaning "picture") + 'moji' (文字 meaning "character").

The use of emoticons has changed the way people talk to each other in a big way in this day and age. Emojis have made it much easier for us to talk to each other. In fact, many smartphone keyboards already suggest the right emoticons based on the words being typed

International Moon Day!



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International Moon Day is celebrated with the intent to educate people, especially the younger generation, in the fields of astronomy and astrology. The Moon Village Association proposed the idea of celebrating International Moon Day.

The Moon Village Association was started in 2017 to make the Moon Village a real place. It gives everyone, even countries that don't have their own space programmes, a chance to work together to reach this goal. The date was selected to honour the first time a human being set foot on the moon on July 20, 1969.

Mankind's attempts to land on the moon were launched into space by the Soviet Union. Since that time, numerous nations, including Japan, China, the United States of America, India, and others, have carried out space missions to the Moon.

"Living in Space" is the theme for 2022. Its main purpose is to teach people how to explore and use the moon in an environmentally friendly way.



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Starfish flower – Unique Plants!



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Can you guess how the starfish flower looks? Yes, it resembles a starfish, of course! But there are many other interesting facts about this pretty flower too. The starfish flowers are found in South Africa. They grow best in a warm climate.

The starfish flower is also called the carrion plant, giant toad plant and the starfish cactus. But it is not a cactus.

The starfish flowers are of different colours, such as brown, purple or red. They are also usually covered with tiny hairs that are white, purple or red in colour. The starfish flower looks beautiful with its five petals. But it has a really bad smell.

The smell attracts insects for pollination. Pollination is the process of transferring pollen from one flower to another. New seeds or flowers can grow on the plant after pollination.

Many people keep a starfish plant in a particular room or outside their home to attract insects. This helps keep the insects away.

McLeodGanj – India Travel Diaries!

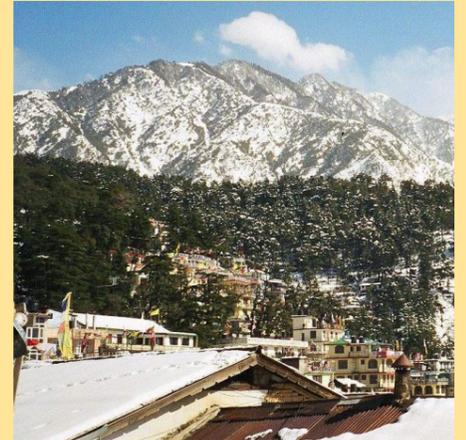


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McLeodGanj is a small town located in Himachal Pradesh, India. It is part of another popular hill station, Dharamshala. In McLeodGanj, you can find the magnificent Dhauladhar Mountains, pretty waterfalls and lakes. However, it is just not any ordinary beautiful and chilly hill station. It is also home to many people from Tibet and is where the 14th Dalai Lama lives.

Many Tibetans have shifted their homes to McLeodGanj along with their religious leader, the Dalai Lama. The hill station is also called 'Little Lhasa' and it has many monasteries and temples. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet. The Tsuglagkhang Complex (also called the Dalai Lama temple) is the main Buddhist monastery.

Many tourists visit the complex and watch the monks and nuns praying or meditating. While visiting this lovely town, make sure to stop by the many cafes to see the amazing mountain views. You can also shop for Tibetan crafts or trek (walk) along the mountain slopes, with, of course, a guide or adult help.

Oats – Healthify!



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Oats are one of the healthiest grains on Earth. They are an important part of people's daily diets. The plant's scientific name is *Avena sativa*.

Oats are often rolled or crushed into oatmeal or ground into fine oat flour. Oatmeal is eaten as porridge and is also used in a variety of baked goods. Oatcakes, oatmeal cookies and oat bread are some famous oat foods.

They are a type of gluten-free whole grain. So it is good for people who have a gluten allergy. Gluten is a group of proteins found in many grains. Whole oats are the only food source of 'Avenanthramides'. It is a unique group of antioxidants that helps to protect against heart disease.

Oats also contain vitamins, minerals, fibre and other antioxidants. Weight loss, lower blood sugar levels and a reduced risk of heart disease are the major health benefits of eating oats regularly.

Bubble Tea – Eat Street!



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Bubble tea (also known as pearl milk tea, bubble milk tea, or boba) is a popular drink in Taiwan. It is a mixture of tea (like black, green, oolong and white tea) along with milk powder, ice cubes, sugarcane syrup and boiled tapioca balls.

The tapioca balls (pearls) which are the main ingredient, are chewy and salty in taste. Other toppings like fruit jelly and grass jelly are also added to the drink.

You can drink it hot or cold, with or without milk. There are many varieties of the drink with the two most popular varieties being black pearl milk tea and green pearl milk tea. It is the first thing served at restaurants, often without even placing an order for it.

Both the local people and tourists enjoy it in Taiwan. Bubble tea is also becoming very popular all around the world. There are even a few restaurants in India that serve it. Make sure to try bubble tea whenever you visit Taiwan!



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MY EXPRESSIONS - STUDENTS OF NAVY CHILDREN SCHOOL GOA

My experience from Online to Classroom learning

12C, Poorna Karpe

These past two years have made me feel nothing but as if I had been home arrested. The first year of course, was a completely new experience in terms of learning, knowing what exactly online classes meant which at least I have been thinking and dreaming of experiencing, eventually in the future as the world is getting advanced at a fast pace. Now we've finally got the chance to get to know about it and learn from it, thanks to the most hated virus.

Initially online classes meant fun. Like obviously, having online tests, skipping classes by using the same old "connectivity issues" excuses and many such to not open the webcam, getting to attend everything by being at your best comfort level and I'm sure there won't be anyone who has not taken the advantage of it, I did it too!. Not to forget, it was a yay! Moment for all the introverts out there just like me. But as this went on, to be honest, it started getting quite boring. There was a lot of work load and studying on top of that would make it hectic even by sitting at home the entire day. These classes started becoming no joke for me then. Indeed, I took them seriously as it was a crucial year for me and studies are something which cannot be taken lightly. Finally, those years are gone and so are our habit of attending the actual school. It was quite stressful for me at first because I had everything all together to manage-, the school, the tuitions, the projects, studies, tests and what not. Despite all this, it really felt good. To meet my friends as if we had been separated for ages, get to see new faces, make new friends, talk to the teachers face to face, seeing classes being filled with students, see all the ammas and peons working back hard, the principal being at her best to make students feel excited about offline schooling by giving her inspirational talks. I don't know why, sitting back on those wooden benches made me feel like I was an ex-student. Just a year left for being one though. Another good thing was that my notes were no longer incomplete. The work load did lessen. Watching kids run around the corridor, sharing our thoughts and experiences with teachers were just so lovely. I am fortunate enough to spend the last year of my schooling in the offline mode as it really was my wish too.

I have spent twelve years of my life in this school and the last year I didn't want to just go off like that. Two years might not look that long, but it did. We all know that. Who knew there would come such a time where all we had to do was just sit at home? How can anything be more boring than that? Going nowhere, no enjoyment, no fun, no friends, just nothing. But we all endured it, did not leave our hopes, stayed connected, helped each other and here we're back to normal. The restrictions have now slowly been lifted and hopefully we all will be mask free too. Again, for a self-conscious person like me, to get rid of the mask will be a bit hard, but I shall do it. just kidding. This mask has given me quite a lot of trouble.

So finally, I would like to conclude as, school life is one of the best experiences any kid could have and that we need to take the most out of it. we all had to get back to it. so let's just hope this virus does not ruin anything further and we have many amazing years ahead.

You can

5C, Saksham Bhimsen Rustumpur

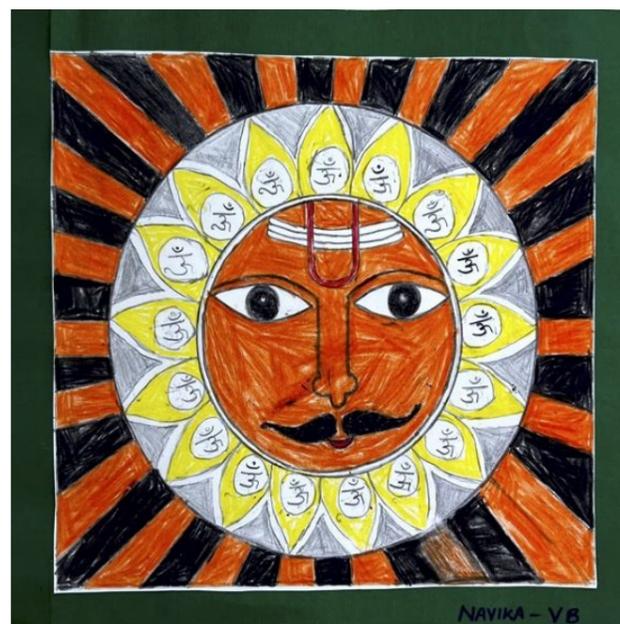
If you think you're beaten, you are...
 If you think you dare not, you don't...
 If you like to win, but think you can't...

It's almost a cinch, you won't...
 If you think you'll lose, you're lost...
 For out in the world you'll find...

Success begins with a will...
 It's all a state of mind...
 If you think you're outclassed, you are...
 You've got to think high rise...



5c, Akshika Abhilash



5B, Navika



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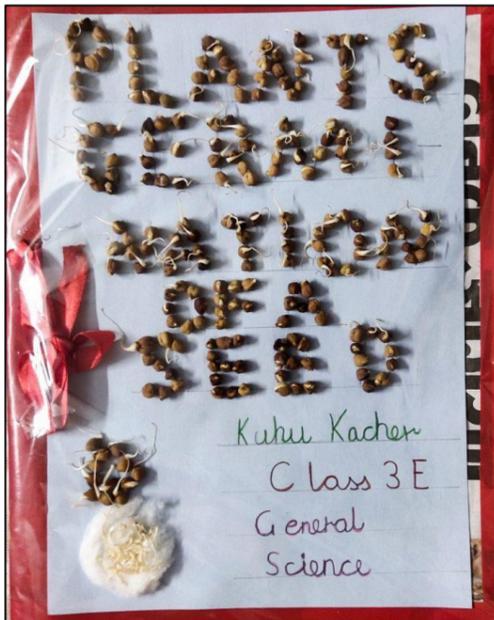
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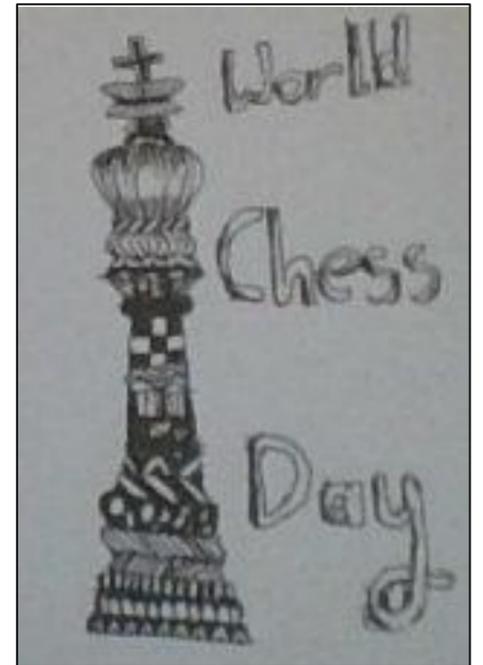
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Autobiography of a Pencil: The Wonder Journey Of My Life

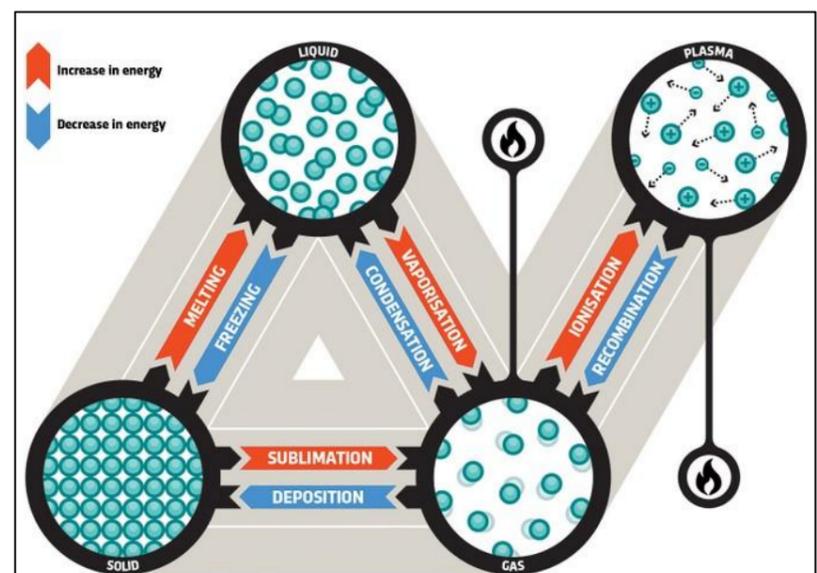
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Autobiography of a Pencil
The Wonder Journey Of My Life
Hi! It's me your bestest friend, pencil!
Do you know how long journey it is in my life?
Let me share it with you all!
First of all I get my life in a factory. Then I get packed into a box with some of my new pals. Soon I was send to a shop where the shopkeeper kept us very nicely. After a couple of days, a curly haired man bought us and took to his massive palace like house. I was glad that I was the first one to be used by his baby son to write. When he was first writing with pencil, he chose me as I was the most colourful of all. Though I get smaller after a period of time and people throw me away, I'm really really happy with my life. The thing that makes me the most happy is, I'm something with the help of whom a baby started his educational journey. Afterall I am too much glad to get the life of a Pencil.

Is fire a solid, a liquid, or a gas?

ALISH
10, New Era school



Every object that has ever existed on this planet can be classified into three basic states of matter: solid, liquid or gas. That's what we were told to believe in our science classes, right? But... what about fire? Imagine holding fire in your hands like a brick, storing it in some kind of vessel or even better, trying to fill a balloon with a raging inferno! Doesn't seem possible, right? To all those people who scratched their heads during those boring chemistry classes, here's a piece of trivia: fire doesn't really belong to any of the aforementioned groups. In fact, the closest state of matter that it can be compared to is plasma. The nature of a flame depends on what is being burnt. A candle flame will primarily be a mixture of hot gases (air and vaporised paraffin wax). The oxygen in the air reacts with the paraffin to produce heat, light and carbon dioxide. Other materials - such as magnesium - burn much hotter, resulting in the fourth state of matter: plasma



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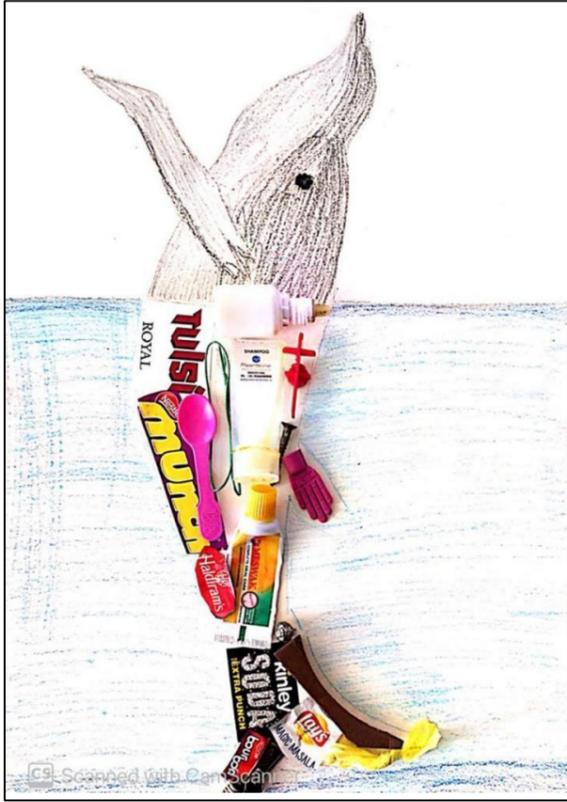
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Plastic Fish Art

SAANVI DAMELE
3, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School



Starry Night Silhouette

Dakshita Singh
9, Delhi Public School, Sonepat, New Delhi



Drawn Picture

MANAV KRISHNA
3, GEMS Millennium School, Sharjah-UAE



Pokemon Art

SAMYAK LINESH
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Yashvardhan Gupta
6, Shalom Hills International School, Gurugram

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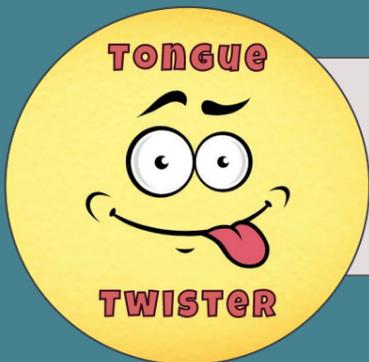
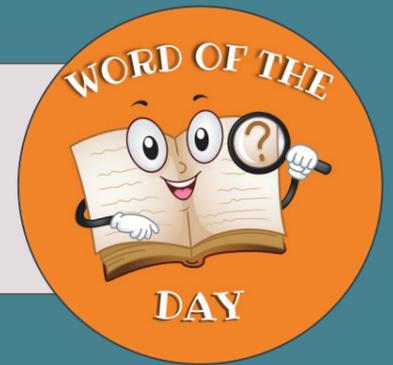


Q: What did the apple tree say to the farmer?

A: Stop picking on me!

Vestigial(Adj)

remnant of something or smaller version of something that was once full size



A happy hippo hopped and hiccupped.

Word Search

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Here is your 'Days of the Week' Word Search!

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

Sudoku

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6			2		4

Solution for last week:

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

Check out the solution, next week



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Did You Know?

The female cheetah can have anywhere from two to eight cubs at once.

Did You Know?

Chess was invented in India around the 8th century and it was known as Chatrang.



Did You Know?

The world's first passport called "Old Blue" was issued in 1920 by France.

Did You Know?

In 1973, a NASA engineer, Jack Nilles, came up with the word "telecommuting." This was the start of modern remote work or work from home.



QUOTES TO INSPIRE YOU

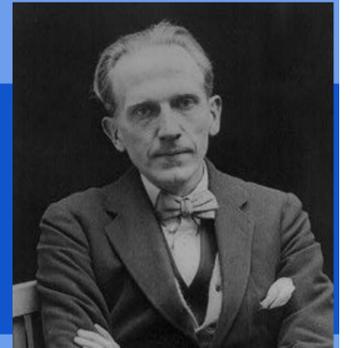


Quote

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." —Warren Buffett

Quote

"Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day." -- A.A. Milne



Quote

"Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance." -- Anne Lamott



Quote

"True freedom is impossible without a mind made free by discipline." -- Mortimer J. Adler





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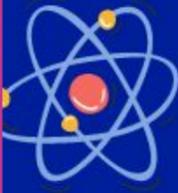
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