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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

In this July edition, let us discuss the advantages of planting trees and flora snap.

Each one plant a tree to save the Earth. Tulsi Gowda, a septuagenarian member of the Halakki Vokkalu tribal community in Karnataka was conferred the Padma Shri Award in 2021 for her relentless, decades long efforts to protect forests. The tribe people refer to her as the 'tree Goddess'. She is an environmentalist without any formal education or knowledge of the world outside her home. She has planted more than 30,000 saplings and has been involved in environmental conservation activities for the past six decades. Tulsi Gowda calls it her vocation and talks of an all encompassing togetherness connecting humans to the environment. Isn't it high time for each one of you to listen to these simple yet powerful words? Look around at the depleting environment, look around at the destruction caused by callous human hands, it is indeed the duty and responsibility of each one of us to rectify the damages and pay back our dues to the environment - or else we will be left without a safe planet in no time.

"Each one plant one to save earth" is our noble initiative in leading to a better tomorrow - ICSK molds socially conscious and responsible individuals capable enough to make the world a better place through flora snap. This campaign to plant trees must be a serious attempt with due care and concern, together we shall make a great difference.

Flora and Fauna of this world denotes the life in this world, they are interconnected and interdependent. The wide flora include forests, grasslands, plants, shrubs and trees: they are the life force of environment but the ever rising human population carelessly grab handfuls from this nature without pausing to contribute, we in turn create huge patches of destruction leading to catastrophes like global warming and inevitable destruction. Plants or trees can drastically help to save the environment if we act now. Some of the marked benefits are:

**1. Absorbs carbon:** Global warming with its fluctuating climate scales is a rapidly growing threat and the main cause inferred is carbon emission from various human activities (like use of fossil fuels, refrigerants, coolants

etc) the carbon dioxide thus emitted can only be absorbed by trees, they help us to clean up and produce oxygen the life saver. One plant can produce enough to help four to five humans.

**2. Purifies Air** - Not only carbon but a wide range of pollutants like nitrogen oxide, ammonia, sulphur dioxide loom around in the atmosphere as a result of careless human activity. Plants have the magical capability to filter these unwanted pollutants and provide us with purified air.

**3. Cools down the environment** - sweltering heat can lead to barren lands and severe suffering. Trees alone can save us as they provide the natural canopy and trap the rain clouds to provide with greater rainfall. As the trees grow in abundance so will the rainfall increase.

**4. Prevents water loss and pollution** - water is an essential life conserving factor, pollution of water bodies is a threat to humanity, trees and plants by large can save water pollution by absorbing many chemical pollutants and prevent the ebbing away of water from large areas; the roots preserve it, prevent its flow off and let it set into soil.

**5. Soil conservation** - save soil is another active campaign as soil is an essential factor for survival; the careless use of pesticides, chemicals and waste dumping along with natural calamities have destroyed major portions of soil around the world. We need to nurture it and plants serve the purpose by carefully binding it together, preventing further erosions. Trees bind in the soil with its roots, nurture it and conserve it.

**6. Overall well being** - to be in nature can revitalize human beings. Life is a connection of whole and this connection complements human relationship with nature. Trees become the life force with its wide network of roots protecting and preserving, so let us plant the seedlings and wait for the magical protection that spans generations.

These are but a few points to sing the praise of trees. Let us remember trees are our only lifeline to protect and safeguard our planet, so together let's contribute by joining hands in the mission "Each one plants one to save the planet". In ICSK every parent and child should be encouraged to plant trees during this summer vacation. 'Plant a new tree, plant a new life'.

*"We plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope."* Wangari Maathai (Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 2004)

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# EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Readers

It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out the July edition of our Monthly Magazine EPICS successfully .Extracting talents, ideas, skills from different fields. Our school plays a vital role in the life of young students learning to blend knowledge, wisdom, values and integrity at the very outset of the learning years is in indeed imperative. A school that imports both knowledge and wisdom to its students can only empower them holistically for a bright future.

A school is a place where students begin to learn lessons of life. As educators , we need to incorporate such activities that help the all –round development of each child. The biggest challenge we all face today is to prepare our students for a globalized world.

We , educators being facilitators should always encourage each child in our Monthly Magazine EPICS to develop in their special field of interest . Dear Students , ensure your participation in all school activities . Always and in every field , honestly do the best you can and nobody can stop you from being successful.

The best habits a student can acquire are reading and writing and the quality of the articles published in our magazine speaks very high of this ability of our students. Remember , you never get the chicks by breaking the eggs; they hatch. And where there is life , there is hope.

I hope you will enjoy this JULY EDITION of the school magazine EPICS and would give your valuable suggestions.

Happy Reading !!

Stay blessed!!

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## Elon Musk

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Twitter Inc sued Elon Musk on Tuesday for violating the \$44 billion deal to buy the social media platform and asked a Delaware court to order the world's richest person to complete the merger at the agreed \$54.20 per Twitter share, according to a court filing.

"Musk apparently believes that he - unlike every other party subject to Delaware contract law - is free to change his mind, trash the company, disrupt its operations, destroy stockholder value, and walk away," said the lawsuit.

The lawsuit sets in motion what promises to be one of the biggest legal showdowns in Wall Street history, involving one of the business world's most colorful entrepreneurs in a case that will turn on staid contract language.

On Friday, Mr. Musk said he was terminating the deal because Twitter violated the agreement by failing to respond to requests for information regarding fake or spam accounts on the platforms, which is fundamental to its business performance.

Mr. Musk, who is the chief executive officer of electric vehicle maker Tesla Inc, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The lawsuit accused Mr. Musk of "a long list" of violations of the merger agreement that "have cast a pall over Twitter and its business."

Shares of the social media platform fell to \$34.06 on Tuesday, sharply below the levels above \$50 where it traded when the deal was accepted by Twitter's board in late April.

Mr. Musk said he was terminating the merger because of the lack of information about spam accounts and inaccurate representations that he said amounted to a "material adverse event." He also said executive departures amounted to a failure to conduct business in the ordinary course, as Twitter was obligated to do.

Twitter said it negotiated to remove from the merger agreement language that would have made such firings a violation of ordinary course requirement.

Twitter called the reasons cited by Mr. Musk a "pretext" that lacked merit and said his decision to walk away had more to do with a decline in the stock market, particularly for tech stocks.

Tesla's stock, the main source of Mr. Musk's fortune, has lost 30% of its value since the deal was announced and closed on Tuesday at \$699.21

Legal experts have said that from the information that is public Twitter would appear to have the upper hand because of the way Mr. Musk negotiated the deal, declining to do traditional pre-merger diligence.



# NEET -2022



The National Eligibility -cum Entrance Test (NEET) (UG) 2022 was successfully conducted in The Indian Community School, Kuwait on July 17th, 2022 following all the exam guidelines from NTA. Around 260 students attended the NEET exam this year

Last Year, in 2021, the Government of India allotted Kuwait as the first center outside India for the conduct of the NEET examination. This was the second time the NEET exam was held in Kuwait for the benefit of large number of Indian students.

Earlier the fact was, the students have to travel thousands of miles to write NEET exam especially during the times of the covid-19 pandemic. And also they have to worry about other logistical problems the students face while traveling to far places to appear for examination like accommodation, locating and going to exam centre etc...Now students got the privilege to write their NEET exam in Kuwait. It solves many of students problem and also save their time and energy.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been made the nodal agency for the conduct of all Indian competitive exams and conducts NEET (UG) from 2019. NEET - UG is a single entrance test for admissions to MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) , BDS(Bachelor of Dental Surgery),

BHMS (Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery), BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) BUMS ( Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery) colleges across India. This exam is held in several languages Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu. But in Kuwait, it is held only in the English language. The duration of the exam is 3 hours and 20 minutes, held once a year. There are 180 questions in the examination, and 45 questions from Physics, Chemistry & Biology. Each correct answer earns 4 marks



and each incorrect answer gets -1 negative marking.

On 16th July staff meeting was conducted by Dr. Binumon (Principal & Senior Administrator, ICSK) .This meeting provided guidance for staff on developing a consistent approach on the preparation on delivery of exam. Mock tests are taken before any final competitive exam. It helps us to assess our own preparation. As per the guidelines from NTA, mock NEET exam training was conducted for invigilators by the school in the presence of the Indian Embassy observers .

On 17th July the candidates were expected to appear at the NEET 2022 exam centre as per the time stated on their respective admit cards. Candidates must enter the exam centre according to the scheduled time slot after that no candidates were permitted to enter. Candidates were thoroughly frisked at the entrance gate with the aid of highly sensitive metal detectors

by Embassy Officials and teachers . To appear for NEET 2022, applicants should follow the instructions provided by NTA. The NEET exam day guidelines are essential for every candidate to know because failing to obey the guidelines, candidates will not be permitted to appear for the exam.

The instruction and guidelines were explained by Dr. Binumon on the day of examination. He Continually endeavors to improve the operating effectiveness of the NEET exam.



He keeps informed of current practices and technics relating to the NEET exam.

The duties and coordination of the NEET Exam were meticulously carried out by Dr. Mary Issac (Vice Principal ICSK Amman Branch). To ensure smooth, fair and secure conduct of NEET the school has set up a group of teachers in the mission who had coordinated each setup with concerned authorities. The Embassy officials/staff helped the management to implement NTA guidelines, monitor the students, and safety protocols.

On behalf of ICSK management, we express our gratitude to the NTA, Indian Embassy, teaching & non-teaching staff, students and parents for the smooth and successful conduct of the NEET exam 2022.

On behalf of school management, we bless the students for their future endeavors.



# A SUMMER SPECIAL ACTIVITY OF ICSK 'SAVE OUR EARTH- EACH ONE, PLANT ONE



The future will either be green or not exist at all. In today's world it is highly essential that our kids are sensitized and educated with environment friendly activities for their sustainable future. Working towards this noble cause, ICSK has introduced the value instilling campaign for its students during the summer vacation 'Save Our Earth- Each One, Plant One- A Project for Preserving and Growing Trees'.

ICSK, would like to create a generation who would love their plants, use less paper, eat healthy food, use less plastic and above all love Mother Earth. The project is focussed on the planting habit which has to be inculcated in young minds as it will inspire them to do their bit and contribute to the society by planting plants and trees anywhere in the world.

With the perspective of creating environmental awareness the campaign of protecting environment by planting trees in Kuwait is undertaken by the representatives of each class who are the ambassadors of this project along with their parents. The campaign was flagged off by these ambassadors on 18th July 2022 as they have taken up the leadership to attain the target of 25000 set by the school. They have also formed class WhatsApp groups to motivate their friends for the effective implementation of the project. These student ambassadors have also pledged to take the campaign forward even after the summer vacation. The campaign's main aim is to direct student's mind in constructive activities with the positive outcome through the facilitation of contributing to the society.

ICSK has started its initiative towards the preservation of environment since 2019 through the school ERP software, ICSK Cloud school application-Flora Snap module. Students are motivated to plant

saplings and upload the photo through this module, in order to prevent the Mother Earth from global warming, each one of them has to be an ozone protector.

Through this year's summer vacation campaign 'Save Our Earth- Each One Plant One- A Project for Preserving and Growing Trees', ICSK has resolved to plant 25,000 trees. Such little steps taken together by the school and students will surely help in fostering strong mental and social health amongst today's children so that they connect with their peers, their elders, their community and their environment.

The campaign ensures that in future also the

students will undertake such endeavours that contribute to make our surrounding cleaner and greener thereby making the earth a better place to live.

The main objective of initiating such drives in school is to make the students more conscious of the duty the citizens of the world have to save Mother Earth from further degradation and learn to progress by striking the right balance between sustainability and use of nature's bounty.

Through these initiatives the students of ICSK get an opportunity to make their contribution in saving the planet Earth and understand the importance of planting saplings, caring for plants, loving nature and the dire need to improve the air quality and water levels in the nearby regions.

ICSK believes that all the students around the world should be a part of this noble endeavour as it's time we give back to the Earth if we want to enjoy its bounties forever. Every tree that is planted is an important and meaningful gift to future generations. Every parent and child should be encouraged to plant trees during this summer vacation. 'Plant a new tree, plant a new life'.





# Vacation Activities For Students

It's finally that time of the year! The sun is shining brightly, children are out of school, our heavy insulated coats are packed in storage and people are starting to flock to the warm, sandy beaches! That can only



mean one thing: summer time is here! It's an exciting time of year that allows friends and family members to begin to plan their summer vacations! It is the happiest period in every student's life. At the same time, it's a worrisome question for the parents, "how to keep students busy during the summer break?" "It is important for the parents to keep their kids active and engaged during the period, because long breaks may result in boredom among students. There are a lot of fun engaging games for students to enrich their skills and to keep them entertained during the time. One of those ways is to teach kids about plants and their importance. But simply teaching them from books and pictures won't do the job. The best ways to instill a passion for plants and the outdoors are through experiences with the plants themselves. Check out these favorites.

## **Gardening: great way for how to teach kids about plants**

Gardening offers many fabulous teaching opportunities. Don't live on a farm or have a large yard? No problem! You could do indoor gardening the way Icelanders do it with a Garden Tower. These use vertical space instead of horizontal space, making gardening doable for anyone. They also offer great teaching opportunities about dirt, compost, nutrition, sunlight, water, and so much more. In addition, they can save you money in the long run, feed your family fresh food year round, and give you better nutrition. You could even turn it into a documented learning adventure with my Gardening with Kids unit study that teaches kids how to

garden but also includes other plant lessons. Working towards this noble cause, ICSK has introduced the value instilling campaign for its students during the summer vacation 'Save Our Earth- Each One, Plant One - A Project for Preserving and Growing Trees'. The project is focused on the planting habit which must be inculcated in young minds as it will inspire them to do their bit and contribute to the society by planting plants and trees anywhere in the world. The campaign of protecting environment by planting trees in Kuwait is undertaken by the representatives of each class who are the ambassadors of this project along with their parents. The campaign was flagged off by these ambassadors on 18th July 2022 as they have taken up the leadership to attain the target of 25000 set by the school.



## **Collect plants**

This idea of how to teach kids about plants isn't always allowed. Many forest preserves have strict restrictions on collecting anything from the forest. However, that doesn't prevent you from collecting plants from around your neighborhood and parks, along streets, and in vacant lots. I bet you could find about 15-20 different species of plants and trees growing right where you live. And that's a great start for developing real relationships with the green, growing things that surround you and without which you cannot survive!

## **Volunteer**

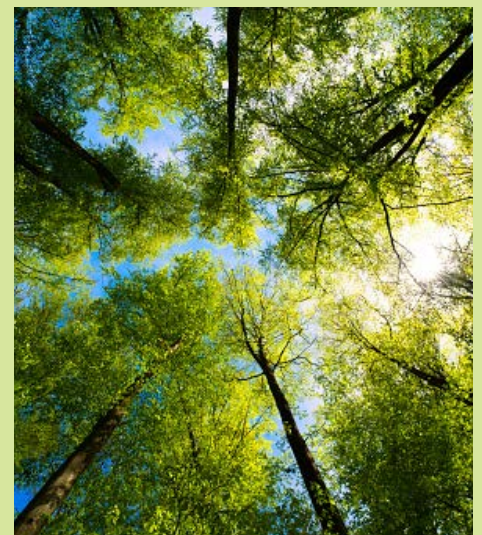
Another way that you can involve children and teach them about plants is by volunteering at the local forest preserve, nature preserve, wildlife area, community garden, or conservatory. These organizations regularly need people to help clear invasive species, weed, prune, do a controlled burn, plant, water, and generally care for the spaces

under their charge. But, very often they rely on volunteers to accomplish everything because they are non-profits. Volunteering provides opportunities to learn about habitat challenges and the needs of plants in a new way. It also puts their budding environmental concerns into action. They feel like they are doing something meaningful and they are. They are learning about what it means to be a good steward of God's earth.

## **Use hands-on projects and experiments**

These usually go along with some sort of teaching aid, such as a textbook or informational living book. You can try see through root viewers to teach about root growth and watering; mushroom growing kits to learn about the differences between fungi and plants; grow herbs for your pizza lovers;

or learn about aquaponics with a complete system. These types of activities can help your child learn about plants in ways that they can't through nature alone. And, doing experiments teaches them important science principles and ways of thinking.





# ICSK SENIOR GLEAMS WITH SCINTILLATING CLASS XII RESULTS WITH ALL THE STUDENTS ATTAINING DISTINCTION

The Indian Community School, (Senior) Kuwait, class XII students have brought glory to their alma mater with their stupendous performance in the class XII CBSE Examination held in 2022. The school shines with 100% pass percentage in all the three streams, the Science, Commerce and Humanities. It is a matter of great pride for the school that all the students who appeared for the exam secured distinction.

In the Science stream, Jeswin Suju enhances the honour board with a top score of 97.6% & the Commerce Stream topper is Ashna Anilkumar Thillamannatil with 98%. Deon D Souza is the top scorer in the Humanities Stream with 94.8% aggregate. Abhishek Sreekumar Resmi, the second position holder in the science stream has an aggregate percentage of 97.2% and the third place is bagged by Alisar Sharma with an aggregate of 96.6%. Johann Thomas has secured the second position with 95.6% aggregate in Commerce stream. The third position is achieved in Commerce stream by Anna Nixon George with the aggregate of 95.4%. In the Humanities stream Sarrah Huzefa Yousuf is in the second position with 94.6%. The third position is bagged by Lydia Roy by attaining an aggregate of 92.4%. ICSK Senior is immensely proud to announce that centum scores were achieved by 12 students in Economics, Psychology, Mathematics, Accountancy, Entrepreneurship, Computer Science, Business Administration, Fashion Studies and Bharatnatyam Dance.

Expert training, meticulous attention to details and intense preparation are the highlights of the premium education offered at ICSK. The uniqueness of ICSK lies in the equal opportunities provided to all the students with individual care and personal attention. The combined efforts of a proactive management, dedication & hard work of highly trained faculty, support and encouragement of the parent community and the sincere hard work of the students contribute to this large-scale success in academics. As the motto suggests, we move on from success to greater success with hard work, team spirit and Divine blessing. ICSK Family extends hearty congratulations to all the students of ICSK Senior for the meritorious achievement in their class XII result.



## The Indian Community School, Kuwait

### Results of CBSE Board Exam - Class 12 (2021 - 2022)

ICSK'S  
STELLAR  
ACHIEVEMENT;  
SPLENDID CBSE  
CLASS XII  
RESULTS

The Management, Principal & Staff  
take this opportunity to  
congratulate  
the Students & Parents for this  
magnificent success.

RECORD  
BREAKING  
PERFORMANCE -  
463  
DISTINCTIONS  
OUT OF  
463

*Congratulations*

100% pass a marvelous achievement

*Hearty Congratulations*  
to all the Achievers for a Wonderful 100% AISCSE-2022 Result  
**You did it!!!**

### ICSK SENIOR TOPPERS

SCIENCE  
97.6%



JESWIN SUJU  
1<sup>st</sup> RANK

COMMERCE  
98.0%



ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL  
2<sup>nd</sup> RANK

HUMANITIES  
94.8%



DEON D SOUZA  
3<sup>rd</sup> RANK

#### COMMERCE STREAM TOPPERS

1<sup>st</sup> - 98%

2<sup>nd</sup> - 95.6%

3<sup>rd</sup> - 95.4%



ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL  
1<sup>st</sup> RANK



JOHANN THOMAS  
2<sup>nd</sup> RANK



ANNA NIXON GEORGE  
3<sup>rd</sup> RANK

#### SCIENCE STREAM TOPPERS

1<sup>st</sup> - 97.6%

2<sup>nd</sup> - 97.2%

3<sup>rd</sup> - 96.6%

#### HUMANITIES STREAM TOPPERS

1<sup>st</sup> - 94.8%

2<sup>nd</sup> - 94%

3<sup>rd</sup> - 92.4%



JESWIN SUJU  
1<sup>st</sup> RANK



ABHISHEK SREEKUMAR RESMI  
2<sup>nd</sup> RANK



ALISAR SHARMA  
3<sup>rd</sup> RANK



DEON D SOUZA  
1<sup>st</sup> RANK



SARRAH HUZefa YOUSUF  
2<sup>nd</sup> RANK



LYDIA ROY  
3<sup>rd</sup> RANK

#### 100 MARKS ACHIEVERS

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ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL  
BIO 100%



MEGHA NAVATH  
Fashion Studies 100%



ALENA NAMU  
Psychology 100%



NOHA INTIYAZ  
Psychology 100%



KOTTU SHAN  
MURUGESAN  
Maths 100%



ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL  
Accountancy 100%



ANAGHA  
KOLATHARAKKADU  
Amble  
Bharat Natyam 100%



ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL  
Entrepreneurship 100%



BURHANUDDIN  
KHODEP  
SANDHURIA  
Computer Science 100%



ROHAN ELDO  
Computer Science 100%



SANJAY ATHISH  
MADHATHIL POYIL  
PAINTING - 99



KIRTI  
SURESH  
MERON  
HISTORY - 93



DARSAN  
PARANTHAN  
DINESH  
ECONOMICS - 99%



JESWIN SUJU  
CHEMISTRY - 98



ALENA NAMU  
VARGHESE  
PSYCHOLOGY - 100



NOHA  
INTIYAZ  
BIOLOGY - 97



JOVEL  
CHEPPARASAMBIL  
JOSE  
SOCIOLOGY - 96



DEON D SOUZA  
MATHS - 100



KOTTU SHAN  
MURUGESAN  
PHYSICS - 98



JESWIN SUJU  
MARKETING 98



ALISAR SHARMA  
DANCE - 100



ESNA MARIM  
MANSOOR  
HOME SCIENCES - 99



KEVIN TOM  
VARDHESI  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP - 100



JULIA SUSAN  
ALEXANDER  
COMPUTER SCIENCE - 100



MEGHA  
NAVATH  
ENGLISH - 97



DARSAN PARANTHAN  
DINESH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 98



PRASHANTH  
SARITA SACHIN NAIR  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION - 99%



SAJID  
MOHAMMED SADIQUE  
WEB TECHNOLOGY - 97



ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL  
DANCE - 100



SAMUEL  
GEORGE VARGHESE



ANAGHA  
KOLATHARAKKADU  
AMBLE



SURESHA MUZER



ASHNA ANILKUMAR THILLAMANNATIL



BURHANUDDIN  
KHODEP  
SANDHURIA



ROHAN ELDO



NITHYA  
RAGENDRA  
PATIL



CHACKO JOSE



JULIA SUSAN  
ALEXANDER



KOTTU SHAN  
MURUGESAN



SARRAH  
SHARIB  
CHIKTE

CLASS 12 STREAM & SUBJECT TOPPERS



# ICSK SENIOR EXEMPLIFIES ACADEMIC BRILLIANCE IN CBSE CLASS X RESULTS



**The Indian Community School, Kuwait**

99.6% pass - a marvelous achievement

**ICSK REVELS IN THE GLORY OF MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN CBSE CLASS X RESULTS 2022**

**TOPNOTCH RANK SCORERS**

1<sup>st</sup> - 98.8%    2<sup>nd</sup> - 98.6%    3<sup>rd</sup> - 97.2%



LAVNYA NAIR  
1<sup>st</sup> RANK



SIVANESAN SRINIVASAN  
2<sup>nd</sup> RANK



LENA LUCOSE  
3<sup>rd</sup> RANK

**100% MARKS ACHIEVERS**



LAVNYA NAIR  
FRENCH 100



SIVANESAN SRINIVASAN  
FRENCH 100



AURELIA SHARI  
MATHS 100



SIVANESAN SRINIVASAN  
SCIENCE 100



EMMA KURIAN  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



IENESH SHARMA  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



ARTHISH GANI ANBUKANI  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



JOHANN PREJITH  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



SHIFA SHAN  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100

**Subject Toppers**



LAVNYA NAIR  
FRENCH 100



SIVANESAN SRINIVASAN  
FRENCH 100



AURELIA SHARI  
MATHS 100



SIVANESAN SRINIVASAN  
SCIENCE 100



MAYRA FAISAL KAZI  
ENGLISH 99



SHARON GRACE PITTA  
ENGLISH 99



MOIZ MANSOOR ZAKIR  
ENGLISH 99



SAKINA ANIS BANDUKWALA  
ENGLISH 99



LENA LUCOSE  
MATHS BASIC 98



HRIITIKA HIRNAL KARKHANI  
HINDI 97%



TARUN RAJA RAJESH  
HINDI 97%



LAVANYA NAIR  
SOCIAL SCIENCE-99%



EMMA KURIAN  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



IENESH SHARMA  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



ARTHISH GANI ANBUKANI  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



JOHANN PREJITH  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100



SHIFA SHAN  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 100

*Hearty Congratulations*  
from ICSK Family....

The Indian Community School(Senior) Kuwait, is exuberant over the performance of its students as they brought in a stellar performance with their best-ever results in the AISSE 2022 result declared recently by the Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE), Delhi. This extraordinary and magnificent triumph of Grade X students breaking all previous records and carving a niche in the annals of school has made the accomplishments even more eventful and colourful.

ICSK Senior carved a splendid niche with the students performing exceptionally well in all the subjects. Lavnya Nair is the top scorer with an aggregate of 98.8% while Sivanesan Srinivasan who has scored 98.6% aggregate is in the second position. The third position is secured by Lena Lucese with an aggregate of 97.2%. The 99.6 % success aggregate is even more commendable as ICSK has sent the maximum number of students for class X - AISSE 2022 among all the schools in Kuwait.

ICSK Senior revels in glory as centum scores were achieved by 9 students in French, Science, Mathematics, Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence. The astounding and enthralling results were the outcome of diligence and deep commitment of the students and their family jelled with the tireless efforts of teachers. ICSK's time – tested study pattern coupled with the students' delirious desire to succeed helped them to score high distinctions. Students were fully committed to strenuous and continuous efforts and their ambitions refined their success story. Achieving thumbing accomplishments in all curricular subjects, they added yet another resplendent plume to the crowning glory of their school.

The ICSK management, staff and students congratulate the achievers of ICSK Senior for their stellar performance!



Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.  
(APJ Abdul Kalam)

# Global Warming – A Threat to Life



What is Global Warming? -Well it is the reason for the drastic change in climate all around the world in recent years. In other words, the entire earth is getting heated up with the sun's heat penetrating into the earth's atmosphere. The ozone layer is fast depleting and we cannot escape the harmful

ultraviolet rays of the sun. This change in atmosphere has caused drastic variations in natural weather conditions all over the world. Some areas are seeing an increase in rainfall, while those which have been getting little rainfall are facing the threat of drought. The temperature is increasing day by day. And this will result in frequent hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, tsunamis, etc.

What are the Reasons for Global Warming? Some major reasons for global warming, are increasing industries and heavy cooling machinery like refrigerators and air conditioners. They release harmful gases like chlorofluorocarbons into the atmosphere and which have made a hole in the protective ozone layer. And then there is the depletion of forest resources due to deforestation. As a result, the earth's temperature has increased. Increase in temperature and the

cutting of trees has led to floods. Added to these, there are hurricanes and tornadoes which again are the result of climatic changes across the world. All these contribute to global warming which again is a threat to all living beings on earth.



AARAV ANULAL  
- 8E

How can we stop Global Warming? -Well here are some of the main ways

1. Power your home with renewable energy
2. Invest in energy-efficient appliances.
3. Actually eat the food you buy - and compost what you can't
4. Drive a fuel-efficient vehicle
5. Rethink planes, trains, and automobiles
6. Reduce, reuse, and recycle

Follow these and you will save our dear Earth and we won't go extinct, whew what a relief!

## Voldymyr Zelenskyy

*I am not a politician. I am just a simple person who has come to break down this system. -Voldymyr Zelenskyy*



Voldymyr Oleksandrovykh Zelenskyy born on 25 January 1978 is a Ukrainian politician and former comedian actor who has served as the sixth and current president of Ukraine since 2019. Zelensky was born to Jewish parents in the industrial metropolis of Kryvyi Rih, a working class mining town in southern Ukraine. When he was a child, his family relocated to Erdenet, Mongolia for four years before returning to Kryvyi Rih. He grew up as a native Russian speaker, but he also acquired fluency in both Ukrainian and English. In 1995 he entered Kryvyi Rih Economic Institute, the local campus of Kyiv National Economic University, and in 2000 he graduated with a law degree. Although Zelensky was licensed to practice law, his

career was already headed in a different direction. While still a student, he had become active in theatre, and this would become his primary focus. Zelensky poured much of his energy into comedy. He and his friends founded a comedy troupe and eventually found their way into competing in 'KVN', a long running soviet improv and sketch comedy program that also staged events at college campuses and other locations. Their success with KVN allowed the group to transform their team from a comedy troupe to its own entertainment studio. In 2005, they released 'Evening Quarter' a topical sketch comedy series. He later landed big roles like "Love in the big city" "8 First dates" etc. He played an improbable president on a popular domestic TV series "Servants of the People" where Zelenskyy played a public school teacher teaching history whose impassioned rant against Ukraine's corrupt political leaders goes viral, catapulting him to presidency. On April 21, Zelenskyy was elected president of Ukraine with an impressive 73 percent of votes. During his presidential campaign, Zelenskyy promised to end Ukraine's conflict with Russia and

he has attempted to engage in dialogue with Russian president Vladimir Putin. His administration faced an escalation of tensions in 2021, culminating in the launch of the ongoing full scale Russian invasion in February 2022.

Zelenskyy's strategy during the Russian military buildup was to calm the Ukrainian populace and assure the international community that Ukraine was not seeking to retaliate. He initially distanced himself from warnings of an imminent war, while also calling for security guarantees and military support from NATO to withstand the threat. After the start of the invasion, Zelenskyy declared martial law across Ukraine and a general mobilisation of the armed forces. His leadership during the crisis has won him widespread international praise, and he has been described as a symbol of the Ukrainian resistance. Social polls have ranked Zelenskyy as one of Ukraine's greatest presidents.



NEHA ANN MANOJ  
- 11E





# STOP A WHILE AND SEE!



“Little we see in Nature that is ours  
We have given our hearts away... “

These lines from Wordsworth’s timeless poem, ‘The world is too much with us’, laments the withering ties between mankind and nature as we get caught up in materialistic pursuits.

Some people just move through life, unaware of all the beauty around them.

Or they are so caught up in themselves or their burdens that they can see only that.

The beauty of the blue skies, the green grass,

the crimson flowers, the glorious sunsets ,the wild woods and the lilly ponds are not their concern. They merely trudge along. They barely live.

And then there are the imaginative ones...the passionate ones, the sensitive ones... The hardly -ever cynical ones.

These are the ones who get excited as the distant thunder rumbles and the clouds darken. They hope for rain, just so that the parched earth can drink deep. They rejoice as the trees soak up and the leaves turn fresh and green.

To the imaginative ones, a train running late or a traffic jam is never a bother. It’s just more time for them to conjure up fascinating images or write poems in their minds.

They find joy in the small things and bask in memories of yesteryear.

And then there is another set of people out there whose senses interplay.

Some see words, letters and numbers in colour. Yet to others, a musical note gives a

wiff of the fragrance of a loved one, far away. And some of them can actually taste the rainbow.

Science calls them ‘synesthetes’.

Synesthetes hear colours, taste shapes, feel sounds and smell ordours associated with memories.

Though unbelievable to many, one of these traits are dominant in some of us.

But one needn’t be synesthetic to stop, stand and admire the beauty around us.

For it’s the ones who really notice the loveliness in little things who are truly happy.

They are the sensitive ones and the creative ones who walk the earth.

They are the ones who notice, and help others take notice.

They make the mundane seem marvellous.

They help to make our beautiful world, more so.



JOHANN PREMJIITH  
- 11B



# TRIP TO CONFIDENCE



Shyam was a quiet boy, in his teens. He never spoke much and was almost always found with a book in hand. And so, his classmates were rightly shocked when they discovered his talent, singing. Shyam, however, did not believe that he had a good singing voice. Self-confidence was something he lacked. The music teacher of his school, after much persuasion from Shyam’s classmates (with Shyam protesting all the while), decided to teach him. But first, he needed to make Shyam believe in himself.

He made it a point to start every lesson with a song by Shyam. Shy at first, and extremely hesitant, Shyam would begin. But he realized that if he just stared at the wall behind the teacher, rather than look into his eyes as he sang, he didn’t feel that self-conscious.

Day after day, there was an obvious change in Shyam. He started throwing challenges at himself. He started looking at the audience while singing. Soon after, he started singing in front of the whole class.

It was the annual day. Shyam’s melodious voice filled the hall and brought tears to the eyes of some parents. His performance ended with a standing ovation from the audience. It was the day he decided to make music his life.

*Moral of the story – Nothing can be achieved without self-confidence. You must know of your talents but make sure confidence does not turn into arrogance.*



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# EPICS CAREER

## Mobile App Developer

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**Have you ever used google play store for downloading the application? Would you too like to create such applications? If yes, then you should consider to become a Mobile application developer.**

Mobile app development is a type of software development. Mobile app developer specializes in mobile technology such as building apps for Android, iOS and Windows phone platforms. The creation of mobile applications is the collection of processes and procedures involved in writing software for smartphones.

**Example:** VironIT, WillowTree, Zco, Fueled, Atomic Object, Rightpoint, ArcTouch, and Intellectsoft are top mobile application development companies.

**What are the roles and responsibilities for Mobile App Developer?**

- Manage the entire application lifecycle that includes concept, design, test, release and support.
- Develop fully functional mobile applications.
- Writing clean code.
- Develop application programming interfaces (APIs) to support mobile functionality.
- Gather specific requirements and suggest solutions.
- Troubleshoot and debug to optimize performance.

- Design interfaces to improve user experience.
- Work closely with the product development team to plan new features.
- Research and suggest new mobile products and applications.
- Stay up-to-date with new technology trends.
- keeping up to date with the terminology, concepts and best practices for coding mobile apps.
- Using and adapting existing web applications for apps

**What are the key skills required for Mobile App Development ?**

- Java
- JavaScript
- HTML5
- Android Operating System Development
- IOS
- Android
- Android Software Development Kit (SDK)
- Android SDK

**What are the career opportunities in Mobile App Development ?**

- Application Integration Engineer
- Software Developer
- Android Developer
- App architect
- IOS developer
- Mobile App developer
- Programmer

**What is the salary and demand for Mobile App Developer?**

- Demand is High for Mobile App Development.
- Salary levels are High for Mobile App Development . For fresher average salary is more than 5 Lacs.
- Fees levels of the course is High. To pursue this course student need to spend more than 5 Lakhs.
- Level of preparation for Mobile App Development is High. Students spend more than 1 year to prepare for entrance test of Mobile App Development .

**What education is required to become a Mobile App Developer?**

- Student can do 12-Science(Comp sci). Then complete B.tech in Computer science. Further you can Proceed with Certificate in mobile app dev..
- Student can do 12-Science(Comp sci). Then complete BCA in Computer science. Further you can Proceed with Certificate in mobile app dev..
- Student can do 12-Science(Comp sci). Then complete B.Sc in Computer science. Further you can Proceed with Certificate in mobile app dev..
- Student can do 12-Science(Comp sci). Then complete B.Des computer science and design.

**What are the best colleges for Mobile App Development in India?**

**For Graduation**

- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Kharagpur
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], New Delhi
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras - [IITM], Chennai
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Kanpur
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Roorkee
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Mumbai
- Indian Institute of Technology - [BHU IIT], Varanasi
- Birla Institute of Technology and Science - [BITS], Pilani
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Guwahati
- National Institute of Technology - [NIT], Thiruchirappalli



### For Post Graduation

- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Kharagpur
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], New Delhi
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras - [IITM], Chennai
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Kanpur
- Indian Institute of Science - [IISc], Bangalore
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Roorkee
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Mumbai
- Indian Institute of Technology - [BHU IIT], Varanasi
- Birla Institute of Technology and Science - [BITS], Pilani
- Indian Institute of Technology - [IIT], Guwahati

- Joint Entrance Examination Advanced-JEE Advanced 2022
- Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering-GATE 2022
- Birla Institute of Technology and Science Admission Test-BITSAT 2022
- Kerala Engineering Agricultural Medical Entrance Examination-KEAM 2022
- Vellore Institute of Technology Engineering Entrance Examination-VITEEE 2022
- Telangana State Engineering Agriculture and Medical Common Entrance Test-TS EAMCET 2022
- Consortium of Medical Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka Under Graduate Entrance Test-COMEDK UGET 2022
- Odisha Joint Entrance Examination-OJEE 2022
- Rajasthan Polytechnic Exam-Rajasthan Polytechnic Exam 2022

- Odisha Joint Entrance Examination-OJEE 2022
- Telangana State Post Graduate Engineering Common Entrance Test-TS PGECET 2022
- Uttar Pradesh State Entrance Exam-UPSEE 2022
- Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test-TANCET 2022
- Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Engineering Common Entrance Test-AP PGECET 2022
- Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University Common Entrance Test-IPU CET 2022
- Punjab University Combined Entrance Test-PU CET 2022
- University of Petroleum and Energy Studies Design Aptitude Test-UPES DAT 2022
- Himachal Pradesh Common Entrance Test-HP CET 2022

### What are the best entrance exam for Mobile App Development in India?

#### For Graduation

- Joint Entrance Exam Main-JEE Main 2022

#### For Post Graduation

- Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering-GATE 2022

## What's More Important? Doing What Is Right Or Being Popular?



\*POPULAR\* is the buzz word today... almost like an invisible mantra that has engulfed our lives...be it in school or family or social media circles...everybody is out to grab eyeballs!

We want to be \*POPULAR\* and that too at any cost! And it doesn't matter if we aren't entirely RIGHT in pursuit of popularity!

By seeking to be DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, you always depend on one person and that's yourself or your inner conscience. It always makes you a righteous person and you end up being a selfless and good human being! It brings an inner sense of well-being and deep satisfaction of knowing that you chose the right way of doing things when you probably had other easy choices at hand!

By seeking to be POPULAR, you always depend on others, who are fickle-minded and eventually end up sad most of the time, trying to keep up with certain image other have of you, and by trying to please everyone all the time, out of the sheer fear that you may be labeled unpopular!



SHANAYA MARTIN  
RAO - 8A

This in itself is self-defeating because we tend to do things that we are not entirely convinced about let alone the right things and we end up unhappy even though it makes us POPULAR!

This stems from our deep-seated need to be loved and appreciated as well as a sense of insecurity within ourselves of who we truly are. Whereas people who tend to choose to do what is right are the ones that are more secure and confident and always tend to be leaders!

So, what may seem POPULAR may not necessarily be RIGHT but what is RIGHT, eventually will always end up being POPULAR!!



**Spaghetti, confetto, and graffito are the singular forms of spaghetti, confetti, and graffiti.**

Although it might sound a little strange, the word for an individual piece of spaghetti is spaghetti. The same goes for a single piece of confetti, which is confetto, as well as a single piece of graffiti, which is graffito, according to Merriam-Webster.

**The 1939 novel Gadsby is the longest book ever published that doesn't contain the letter 'e.'**

Back in 1939, American author Ernest Vincent Wright published Gadsby, a 50,000-word novel that doesn't use the letter 'e' once. What's more, it's not the only novel that ditched the letter. That's even more astounding when you consider that 'e' is the most commonly used letter in the English language.

**Japan is suffering from a ninja shortage.**

If you ever dreamed of being a ninja, now might be the time to make it a reality. The Japanese city of Iga, which has a rich history of martial arts masters and claims to be the birthplace of the ninja, is suffering from a ninja shortage since 2018, despite the fact that they're willing to pay salaries as high as

\$85,000 for the performative ninjas willing to take on the job of staffing their annual ninja festival.



JENESSA  
MATHEWS - 9E

**Santa Claus was given an official pilot's license in 1927.**

When Santa Claus makes his trip around the world on Christmas Eve, you can rest assured that he's legally allowed to drive his sleigh - at least in the United States. In 1927, the jolly man in the red suit was given a pilot's license from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics William P. MacCracken.

**There's a planet that's shaped like a potato.**

Not every celestial object has a shape that's as perfectly majestic as planet Earth. In fact, some of them are downright hilarious to look at. Take Haumea, for example. This dwarf planet is cool for a number of reasons. About the same size as Pluto, Haumea orbits the sun beyond Neptune and has rings similar to Jupiter. But what makes this object even more interesting is that it's shaped like a potato.

**The North Pole has no time zone.**

Besides visiting explorers, tourists and researchers, humans do not live at the North Pole. And because there are no permanent settlements, it has not been assigned a time zone. People at the North Pole can choose to go by any time zone that is convenient. Despite the rigid and fluctuating climate, the Arctic is incredibly biodiverse.

## World Chocolate Day



Did you know that there's a World Chocolate Day? It takes place each year on 7 July. To celebrate it, read about the history of chocolate and the interesting journey from cocoa bean to chocolate bar.

**A brief history of chocolate**

Chocolate was first used as a drink over 3,500 years ago in Central America. It was very popular with the Mayans and the Aztecs, who mixed cocoa beans with vanilla or chilli peppers. In fact, cocoa beans were

so important to them that they were used as money. Cocoa was first grown in Ecuador, which was, for a long time, the world's number-one producer of cocoa beans. It is still one of the top ten producers of the beans, but nowadays more than 70 per cent of cocoa beans come from West Africa.

**Preparing the beans**

Once the pods are picked from the tree, they are opened and the beans are taken out. The beans need to go through a number of different processes before they are ready to be turned into chocolate. First, the beans and the pulp are placed in special boxes, where they slowly ferment for up to five days. Here the beans turn brown and start to develop their special flavour. They are then put out in the sun to dry for approximately 14 days. After this, they are roasted for about 15 minutes in preparation for the final stage, when the beans are taken out of their shells. At the end of this process, we are left with the cocoa 'nibs' - chocolate in its purest form and the basic ingredient for all chocolate products.

**From cocoa nibs to chocolate liquor**

The first step is to grind the nibs by machine or between two large stones. This produces cocoa liquor, a semi-solid paste. This is then cooked and mixed continuously for hours or even days until it is just right. This is also the stage at which other ingredients are added: sugar, milk, various flavours. Interestingly, chocolate melts at 34°C. This is just below body temperature, which explains why it can be so sticky and messy, but also why it melts as soon as you put it in your mouth. This chocolate liquor is added to the mould, and wrapped up into chocolate bars.



YUKTA MENON  
- 12C





# WORLD POPULATION



Every year, World Population Day is observed on July 11, to highlight the problems of overpopulation and raise awareness about the effects of overpopulation on the environment and development.

There has been a rapid increase in the world population over the last few decades and continuous population growth can give rise to many other problems. Thus, to increase people's awareness of various population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights, World population day is observed every year.

Every year on this day, various events and activities are organized, mostly in schools and colleges, like seminar discussions, educational information sessions and essay competitions to draw attention to the issues of the growing population.

**WORLD POPULATION DAY 2022 THEME:** Every year there is a specific theme for World Population Day and the theme of World Population Day 2022 is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all."

It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion, then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

## WORLD POPULATION DAY HISTORY:

The first World Population Day was marked on 11th July 1989 and today, in 2022, the World will mark its 33rd Population Day.

World Population Day was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989. It was inspired by the public interest in Five Billion Day, the approximate date on which the world's population reached five billion people on July 11, 1987.

## WORLD POPULATION DAY 2022: QUOTES

"Almost half of the population of the world lives in rural regions and mostly in a state of poverty. Such inequalities in human development have been one of the primary reasons for unrest and, in some parts of the world, even violence" -A P J Abdul Kalam

"As a woman leader, I thought I brought a different kind of leadership. I was interested in women's issues, in bringing down the population growth rate as a woman, I entered politics with an additional dimension - that of a mother." -Benazir Bhutto



MADIHA IRFAN  
SHAIKH - 11H

"Rapid population growth and technological innovation, combined with our lack of understanding of how the natural systems of which we are a part work, have created a mess." -David Suzuki

"Yet food is something that is taken for granted by most world leaders despite the fact that more than half of the population of the world is hungry." -Norman Borlaug

"When the family is small, whatever little they have they are able to share. There is peace" Phillip Njuguna

"Our human population continues to expand at such a scary rate - it's unbelievable." -Bindi Irwin

"Population growth is the primary source of environmental damage." -Jacques Yves Cousteau.



## QUOTE GARDEN

1. "Good, better, best. Never let it rest till your good is better and better is best." - St Jerome
2. "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - Thomas A. Edison
3. "Words can inspire, thoughts can provoke but only action truly brings you closer to your dreams." - Brad Sugars
4. "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." -Henry Ford
5. "We can complain because roses have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses." - Abraham Lincoln
6. "A champion is defined not by their wins, but by how they can recover when they fall." - Serena Williams
7. "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin." - Tony Robbins
8. "The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet." - James Oppenheim
9. "You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." - Christopher Columbus
10. "Never do tomorrow what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time." -Charles Dickens



REVA KANTARIA  
- 10A

# Cream Cheese Stuffed Red Velvet Cookies



cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt together until combined. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl using a hand-held or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, and the brown sugar together on high speed until completely smooth and creamy, about 2 minutes. Add the egg, milk, and vanilla extract and beat until combined, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.

3. On low speed, slowly mix the dry ingredients (flour mixture) into the wet ingredients until combined. Finally, beat in the food coloring. Add 1-2 teaspoons more for a brighter red, if desired. The cookie dough will be slightly sticky. Cover dough tightly with aluminum foil or plastic wrap and chill for at least 1 and 1/2 hours and up to 2-3 days.

4. Meanwhile, make the cream cheese filling: In a large bowl using a hand-held or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, flour, and vanilla extract together on medium-high speed until completely smooth and creamy, about 3 minutes. Drop teaspoonfuls onto a lined baking sheet that will fit in your freezer. Freeze for at least 1 and 1/2 hours and up to 2-3 days.

5. Remove cream cheese spoonfuls from the freezer. Roll each into a ball as best you can. It will be a little sticky. Place in the refrigerator until ready to use in step 7. You want them as cold as possible!

6. Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. (Always recommended for cookies.) Set aside.

7. Assemble the cookies: Remove cookie dough from the refrigerator. If the cookie dough chilled longer than 3-4 hours, let it sit at room temperature for about 20 minutes. This makes the cookie dough easier to scoop and roll. Roll cookie dough, 1 Tablespoon each, into balls. Using your thumb, make an indent into one cookie dough ball. Remove cream cheese balls from the refrigerator. Place one inside the indentation. Cover the cream cheese ball with another cookie dough ball and mold the two dough balls around the cream cheese, making sure it is completely covered and snug inside. Repeat with remaining cookie dough and cream cheese.

8. Roll each stuffed cookie dough ball in remaining granulated sugar and arrange 3 inches apart on the baking sheets. Bake for 12-13 minutes or until edges appear set. Centers will look soft.

9. Remove from the oven and allow cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

10. Cookies will stay fresh covered at room temperature for 3 days or in the refrigerator for 1 week.



SHREYA NARAYAN PILLAI - 12H

- 1 and 1/2 cups (188g) all-purpose flour (spoon & leveled)
- 1/3 cup (27g) unsweetened natural cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick; 115g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup (100g) packed light or dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 Tablespoon (15ml) milk\*
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 Tablespoon red food coloring (liquid, gel, or 2 tsp beet powder alternative)\*

## Cream Cheese Filling

- 4 ounces (112g) full-fat block cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 and 3/4 cups (210g) confectioners' sugar
- 1 Tablespoon (8g) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Make the cookie dough: Whisk the flour,



As I began to love myself, I found that anguish and emotional suffering are only warning signs that I was living against my own truth. Today, I know this is authenticity. (Charlie Chaplin)



# EPICS : Current Affairs

## Breaking new ground in skies! Dad, daughter fly fighter planes in formation.



The Indian Air Force has just broken new ground with a father and his daughter flying in formation on a combat proficiency mission. Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma and Flying Officer Ananya Sharma created the record on May 30, when they flew in the same formation of Hawk-132s at the Air Force Station in Bidar, where Ananya is undergoing training. IAF spokesperson Wing Commander Ashish Moghe said, "There has not been any previous instance in the IAF where a father and his daughter were part of the same fighter formation for a mission." Since a very early age, Ananya wanted to be a fighter pilot. But, at that time the stream was not open for women. Whenever she would bug her dad about it, he would reassure, "Don't worry you will be one."

## Kerala woman's dream drive to obtain heavy vehicle license.



At 38, Jumaila Haris is on a mission to explore a new path. Well, not just to find a way forward in her life. Rather something that would break barriers and inspire women to unshackle themselves. A mother of three, she recently obtained a heavy vehicle licence. Her next target is driving tanker lorries. And she wants to help fellow women improve their driving skills. The Marakkara

resident has already set that process in motion in her area. "I used to commute on private buses during my school days. The one thing that amazed me was the manner in which the mighty vehicles were controlled by the drivers. I made up my mind then that I would drive these big vehicles one day," Jumaila says.

## Health guru in Khaki uniform.

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and



subsequent lockdowns prompted a senior IPS officer to inspire people, especially the youth, to channelise their energy to adjust to the new normal. Ratanlal Dangi, the 2003-batch IPS officer, took to yoga to first keep himself stress-free and then help others. What began as a small beginning caught the attention of many to focus on health and make life better during the pandemic. It has now turned into a routine engagement for thousands inspired by the IPS officer, who is currently the Bilaspur range Inspector General of Police.

## Research scholar Maharashtra woman's eatery is back with a bang in Kerala.



Lockdown had dealt a huge blow to the aspirations of 32-year-old researcher Sneha Limbgaonkar, just like thousands of people in the country. Sneha, a native of Nanded in Maharashtra, was in the final

phase of her research at the Department of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics at the Kerala University when the first lockdown was announced in March 2020. Sneha's bukateria on the National Highway in front of the Kariavattom campus had attracted customers as she served authentic North Indian food at a cheaper price. Sneha, who joined the Kerala University in 2014, set up the Bukateria on a pushcart with the support of her husband in 2016. She used to earn Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 daily. This money, along with the scholarship, was more than enough for her to fund her studies and manage her home. "We all were happy but destiny had something else in store for me", says Sneha.

## Sports complex in Telangana's Tiger reserve sparks concerns.



Telangana, , will become the first state to build a sports complex within the core area of a tiger reserve. It is to be noted that Nirmal is the home district of Telangana's forests and environment minister, Allolla Indrakaran Reddy. The district administration has already started the construction of the Telangana Kreedha Pranganam (sports complex) in the forest in the Buttapur village limits of Nirmal's Dasturabad mandal. Buttapur is about 10 kilometres, aerially, from Jannaram, the headquarters of the tiger reserve .The sports complex is expected to cater to around 100 families, of whom no more than 50 have aspiring youth, according to forest department officials.

Kreedha Pranganams are a new idea mooted by the state government this June, as part of the two-week Palle Pragati and Pattana Pragati programmes.



My children, of course, will have a computer, but first thing they will get are books.

(Bill Gates)



# Birthday Arcade - JULY



SEANNA ANTHONY  
12K - JULY 1



ABDULLAH MOHAMMED  
6A - JULY 1



DARIS BASHEER  
8E - JULY 1



JESVIN MATHEWS  
8F - JULY 1



SHARON ANGEL D  
8B - JULY 1



ARUN SUNIL KUMAR  
12G - JULY 2



JASWANTH JANGITI  
10G - JULY 2



NEHA MARIAM AJI  
11B - JULY 2



ROSHNI VIVEKANAND  
8E - JULY 2



SAMEEKSHA SHIJU  
12H - JULY 2



VEDHA VARSHA  
UDAYAN 9G - JULY 2



ZOHRA MOHAMMED  
10F - JULY 2



HASNAIN ALI KHAN  
9C - JULY 2



MALIHA TANWIR  
ALAM 11F - JULY 2



NITUNA ISHI  
11F - JULY 3



DEVIKA SURESH  
11J - JULY 3



NIAH ANN BINU  
7E - JULY 3



ANNA SARA BENNY  
12K - JULY 4



SARA SAIF KAZI  
12I - JULY 4



NAMITH VINUKUMAR  
9F - JULY 4



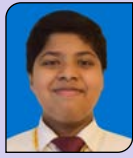
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AARON MATHEW  
7C - JULY 5



HUZAIFA ELYYAS  
11F - JULY 5



JOHANN JACOB  
10E - JULY 5



NABIA HANIF  
11D - JULY 5



NISHITA BAGYARAJ  
8D - JULY 5



NARISSA AZAVEDO  
10C - JULY 5



FATHIMA MUHASINA  
11A - JULY 7



SANJAY KALAI CHELVAN  
7C - JULY 7



EMAAN MOHAMMED  
12H - JULY 8



LAMIAH TARIQ ABDUL  
11K - JULY 8



LESLIE VARGHESE  
8A - JULY 9



MUSTAFA BURHANI  
12F - JULY 9



ANNA JAMES  
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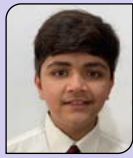
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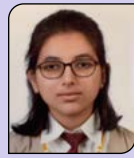
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NASHWA NASAR  
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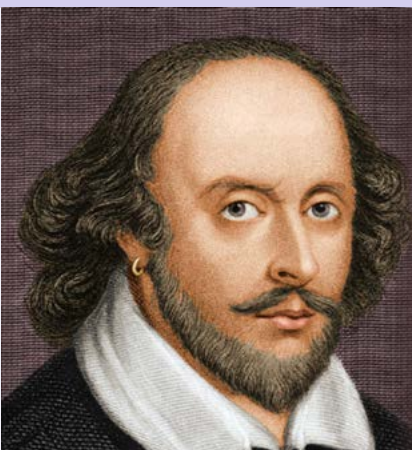
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All the world is a stage, and all men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts.  
(William Shakespeare)

# EPITRavel SPAIN



NISHMA TAJ  
- 12B

Spain, a country on Europe's Iberian Peninsula, includes 17 autonomous regions with diverse geography and cultures. Capital city Madrid is home to the Royal Palace and Prado museum, housing works by European masters. Segovia has a medieval castle (the Alcázar) and an intact Roman aqueduct.

## Weather

Splendid Spain is on everyone's list of places they want to visit at least once in their lifetime. But the beauty of visiting a place like Spain is in knowing the best time to visit because weather matters, especially depending on what you're planning to do. If you want to lounge on the beach, then you want to make sure the sun is shining brightly. If you want to explore the cities and monuments, you want to have cool and pleasant weather.

Since Spain has a number of different climatic conditions, when you go will certainly influence the kind of holiday you have. Typically speaking, Spring (March to May) or Fall (September to November) are considered to be the best times to visit Spain. But it's also a good idea to know when prices are low, when crowds are minimal, so here's a list of the best times to visit Spain.

## Geographical location Southwestern Europe

Spain, country located in extreme southwestern Europe. It occupies about 85 percent of the Iberian Peninsula, which it shares with its smaller neighbour Portugal

## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

### 1. The Alhambra and Generalife Gardens, Granada

No matter how much you have read or how many pictures you have seen of Granada's Alhambra palaces, this Moorish pleasure palace will still take your breath away. The Nasrid dynasty's royal palace is the artistic highlight of Spain's Islamic period, when Al-Andalus – as they called Andalucía – represented the epitome of culture and civilization in Europe's Middle Ages.

The Alhambra complex includes several buildings, towers, walls, gardens, and a mosque, but it's the indescribably intricate stone carvings, the delicate filigrees, the

magnificent tile-lined ceilings, the graceful arches, and serene courtyards of the Nasrid palace that will haunt your dreams.

### 2. Barcelona's Sagrada Família and Gaudi Sites

Antoni Gaudi took the architectural style known as Art Nouveau a step further, even, some have argued, into absurdity. The fanciful and outrageous buildings he created in Barcelona have become landmarks, the signature attractions of this Catalan city.

Foremost is The Sagrada Família church, officially the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família or the Holy Family Church of the Atonement. One of Europe's most unconventional churches, it is also unfinished, so as you look down from its tower, you can see the work in progress below.

### 3. The Great Mosque of Cordoba (Mezquita)

Once the principal mosque of western Islam and still known as the Mezquita, Cordoba's mosque is one of the largest in the world and the finest achievement of Moorish architecture in Spain. In spite of later alterations that carved out its center to build a Catholic cathedral at its heart, the Great Mosque ranks with the Alhambra in Granada as one of the two most splendid examples of Islamic art and architecture in western Europe.

Building materials from Roman and Visigothic buildings were used in the construction, which began in 785, and by 1000, it had grown to its present dimensions, its prayer hall with no fewer than nineteen aisles. No matter where you stand or which direction you look, its rows of columns and rounded Moorish arches line up in symmetrical patterns.

### 4. The Prado and Paseo del Artes, Madrid

The Prado alone ranks with the world's top art museums for the riches of its collections. But add the Reina Sofia National Art Museum, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, and the CaixaForum, all along Madrid's mile-long, tree-shaded boulevard, and you have what may be the world's highest concentration of priceless art treasures. It's no wonder this is

known as El Paseo del Arte – Boulevard of the Arts.

After a 2007 expansion that doubled its exhibition space, the Prado added another 12 galleries in 2009 to house a collection of works by Goya and other late 19th-century artists. The Prado has the world's largest collection of Spanish art, an impressive continuum from 12th-century medieval works through the avant-garde movement of the early 20th century, and is especially noted for its works from Spain's golden age by El Greco, Velazquez, and Goya.

### 5. San Lorenzo de El Escorial

San Lorenzo de El Escorial, about 45 kilometers northwest of Madrid, was the summer home of Spain's kings, and in 1563, work was begun here on a huge complex, which would include a monastery, church, royal palace, mausoleum, library, and museum, all conceived as a monument to Philip II and his reign.

The result is a staggering collection of attractions, built around 16 courtyards, its rooms and structures connected by 16 kilometers of corridors. At its core is the church, the highlight of which is Herrera's 30-meter-high retablo, made of jasper and red marble and approached by a flight of 17 steps.

Along with the vaulted and frescoed ceilings by Tibaldi in the rooms off the lower cloister, highlights of the monastery are the Panteón de los Reyes (the Baroque burial vault of the Spanish kings) and the library, a grand room also decorated by Tibaldi frescoes.

## CUISINE

Spanish cuisine consists of the cooking traditions and practices from Spain. Olive oil (of which Spain is the world's largest producer) is heavily used in Spanish cuisine. It forms the base of many vegetable sauces (known in Spanish as sofritos). Herbs most commonly used include parsley, oregano, rosemary and thyme. The use of garlic has been noted as «common to all Spanish cooking.» The most used meats in Spanish cuisine include chicken, pork, lamb and veal. Fish and seafood are also consumed on a regular basis.





## THE ASTUTE OBSERVERS

It was a beautiful spring day. A proud red rose blossomed in a garden. Everyone who saw it admired its beauty, fragrance and softness! Right next to the rose was a cactus that didn't look as good as the rose and also had many thorns. No one dared to touch the cactus! The rose started making fun of the cactus. "You are so ugly! Your thorns hurt others. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" The sunflower heard this and said, "You should not be so rude, dear rose." The rose was too proud to care and said, "Why shouldn't I? After all, this cactus is such a useless plant!" The cactus did not upset and said, "God did not create any form of life without a purpose." Soon, it was summer. It became very hot and

the rose started to wilt. It became too weak to insult the cactus, which, on the other hand, looked healthy as usual. One day, the rose saw that birds and bees would come to the cactus, suck water out of it and leave. The rose felt ashamed - it had learned its lesson. Even though the cactus was not beautiful, it served an important function in the plant world by providing water to birds and bees in the hot, scorching summers. The sunflower raised its yellow head and said, "Yes, you can also drink from the cactus. The sparrow can bring water to you if you ask the cactus for help." The rose apologized to the cactus and humbly asked for help. The cactus happily agreed and the birds filled their beaks with

water to pour it at the rose plant's roots.

*Moral of the story: Never criticize others. Everyone is unique in their own way*



ELIJAH RICHARD  
- 12B



## You and Your Data



As the internet and digital technology become a bigger part of our lives, more of our data becomes publicly accessible, leading to questions about privacy. So, how do we interact with the growing digital world without compromising the security of our information and our right to privacy?

### Who uses our data and why?

In the past, it was easy for people to keep track of their personal information. Like their possessions, people's information existed mostly in physical form: on paper, kept in a folder, locked in a cupboard or an office. Today, our personal information can be collected and stored online, and it's accessible to more people than ever before. Many of us share our physical location, our travel plans, our political opinions, our

shopping interests and our family photos online – as key services like ordering a takeaway meal, booking a plane, taking part in a poll or buying new clothes now take place online and require us to give out our data.

Every search you make, service you use, message you send and item you buy is part of your 'digital footprint'. Companies and online platforms use this 'footprint' to track exactly what we are doing, from what links we click on to how much time we spend on a website. Based on your online activity, they can guess what you are interested in and what things you might want to buy. Knowing so much about you gives online platforms and companies a lot of power and

a lot of money. By selling your data or providing targeted content, companies can turn your online activity into profit. This is the foundation of the growing industry of digital marketing.

### Can you protect your data?

As internet users, we should all have a say in how our data is used. It is important that we pay more attention to how data is acquired, where it is stored and how it is used. As the ways in which we use the internet continue to grow and change, we will need to stay informed and keep demanding new laws and regulations, and better information about how to protect ourselves.



YUKTA MENON  
- 12C







RITHIKA RAJ - 12F

Meghalaya meaning "abode of clouds" is a state in northeastern India. Meghalaya was formed by carving out two districts from the state of Assam: the United Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills, and the Garo Hills on 21 January 1972.

The state is the wettest region of India, with the wettest areas in the southern Khasi Hills recording an average of 12,000 mm (470 in) of rain a year. The capital of Meghalaya is Shillong. During the British rule of India, the British imperial authorities nicknamed it the "Scotland of the East".

### Festivals

#### Khasis

Dance is central to the culture of Khasi life, and a part of the rites of passage. Dances are performed in Shnong (village), a Raid (group of villages), and a Hima (conglomeration of Raids). Some festivals includes Ka Shad Suk Mynsiem, Ka Pom-Blang Nongkrem, Ka-Shad Shyngwiang-Thangiap, Ka-Shad-Kynjoh Khaskain, Ka Bam Khana Shnong, Umsan Nongkharai, Shad Beh Sier.



#### Jaintias

Festivals of the Jaintia Hills, like others, is integral to the culture of people of Jaintia Hills. It celebrates nature, balance and solidarity among its people. Festivals of



Jaintias includes Behdienkhlam, Laho Dance, Sowing Ritual Ceremony.

#### Garos

For Garos, festivals sustain their cultural heritage. They were often dedicated to religious events, nature and seasons as well as community events such as stages of jhum cultivation. The main festivals of Garos are Den Bilsia, Wangala, Rongchu gala, Mi Amua, Mangona, Grendik BaA, Jamang Sia, Ja Megapa, Sa Sat Ra Chaka, Ajeaor Ahaoea, Dore Rata Dance, Chambil Mesara, Do'KruSua, Saram Cha'A, A Se Mania or Tata which celebrated .



#### Tourism

Meghalaya is compared to Scotland for its highlands, fog, and scenery. Meghalaya has some of the thickest primary forests in the country and therefore constitutes one of the most important ecotourism circuits in India. The Meghalaya subtropical forests support a vast variety of flora and fauna. Meghalaya has 2 National Parks and 3 Wildlife Sanctuaries.

Cherrapunji is a tourist destination in north-east of India. It lies to the south of the capital Shillong. A rather scenic 50-kilometre long road connects Cherrapunji with Shillong.

Living root bridges are also a tourist



draw, with many examples located near Cherrapunji. The Double-Decker root bridge, along with several others, is found in the village of Nongriat, which is tourist friendly.

#### Waterfalls & Rivers

The most visited waterfalls in the state include the Elephant Falls, Shadthum Falls, Weinia falls, Bishop Falls, Nohkalikai Falls, Langshiang Falls and Sweet Falls. The hot springs at Jakrem near Mawsynram are believed to have curative and medicinal properties.



#### Living root bridges

Meghalaya is famous for its living root bridges, a kind of suspension bridge made over rivers using intertwined roots of Ficus elastica trees planted on opposite banks of the river or hill slopes. These bridges can be seen around Cherrapunji, Nongtalang, Kudeng Rim and Kudeng Thymmai villages (War Jaintia). A double-decker bridge exists in Nongriat village.

#### Caves



Meghalaya has an estimated 500 natural limestone and sandstone caves spread over the entire state including most of the longest and deepest caves in the sub-continent. Krem Liat Prah is the longest cave, and Synrang Pamiang is the deepest cave. Both are located in the Jaintia Hills.



# EPITOME OF SUCCESS S P BALASUBRAMANYAM



## THE PRIDE OF INDIAN CINEMA S P BALASUBRAMANYAM

### Who Is He ?

Sripathi Panditaradhyula Balasubrahmanyam (4 June 1946 – 25 September 2020), also fondly known as SPB or Balu is a legend of Indian cinema. He was an all in one package of talent, a playback singer, television presenter, music director, actor, dubbing artist and a film producer who worked across 16 languages and spread his Magic all over Indian films. He is widely considered as one of the greatest Indian singers of all time. He is and will continue to be a role model to many upcoming playback singers

### Achievements

To list few of his achievements, Bala subrahmanyam has won six National Film Awards for Best Male Playback Singer for his works in four different languages – Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Hindi, 25 Andhra Pradesh state Nandi Awards for his work

in Telugu cinema and numerous other state awards from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. In addition, he won the Filmfare Award and six Filmfare Awards South. In 2012, he received the state NTR National Award for his contributions to Indian cinema. In 2016, he was honoured with the Silver Peacock Medal as Indian Film Personality of the Year. He was a recipient of the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan (2011) and Padma Vibhushan (Posthumously) (2021) from the Government of India. He was a recipient of Harivarasanam Award from the Government of Kerala.

He stands tall with his staggering achievements in music and holds a Guinness World record to his name for rendering more than 44,000 songs across 16 languages (the most by any human during his lifetime). He recorded 21 songs in Kannada in a single day on 08th February 1981 from 9 am to 9 pm.. In addition, he recorded 19 songs in Tamil and 16 songs in Hindi in a day, a record which is unbeaten till date.

All these achievements fall short when compared to the greatest achievement of his lifetime – Millions of hearts he stole during a span of 50 long years.



SHRUTHIKA V.  
- 8E

### Curse Of Covid

He became a victim to the curse of covid and after being hospitalized for over a month his physical presence departed the universe on 25th September 2020

Difficult to digest that we will never be able to hear that hearty voice again or see the twinkle in his eyes.

But Legends such as SPB never die for they live in the hearts of people through their art.



## QUIZ!

1. Kratos is the main character of what video game series?
2. In what country would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?
3. What is a group of pandas known as?
4. What European country experienced the highest rate of population decline from 2015 - 2020?
5. How many bones do we have in an ear?
6. Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to a war the Romans?
7. True or False: Halloween originated as an ancient Irish festival.
8. What Netflix show had the most streaming views in 2021?
9. Which grammy-nominated New York rapper died in April of 2021?
10. What software company is headquartered in Redmond, Washington?



RIAZ MOHIDEEN

1. God of War
2. Tanzania
3. An embarrassment
4. Lithuania
5. 3
6. Hannibal
7. True
8. Squid Game
9. DMX
10. Microsoft



## M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIAR



Raja Sir Muttaiya Annamalai Muthiah Chettiar was an Indian banker, politician, philanthropist, socialite and cultural activist who served as Mayor of Madras city and Minister of Excise and Education in the provincial government of Madras Presidency. He was holder of the hereditary title Kumar-rajah and later, Raja of Chettinad. The Indian government honoured him with a postal stamp issued on his memory on 21 December 1987.

## RITWIK GHATAK

Ritwik Kumar Ghatak was a noted Indian



film director, screenwriter, and playwright. Along with prominent contemporary Bengali filmmakers Satyajit Ray, Tapan Sinha and Mrinal Sen, his cinema is primarily remembered for its meticulous depiction of social reality, partition and feminism. He won the National Film Award's Rajat Kamal Award for Best Story in 1974 for his Jukti Takko Aar Gappo and Best Director's Award from Bangladesh Cine Journalist's Association for Titash Ekti Nadir Naam. The Government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri for Arts in 1970. A stamp was issued for him on 31 December 2007.

## Mangal Pandey

Mangal Pandey was an Indian soldier who played a key part in the events immediately preceding the outbreak of the Indian rebellion of 1857. He was a sepoy (infantryman) in the 34th Bengal Native Infantry (BNI) regiment of the British East India Company. His life



## ARJAN SINGH

Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh, was a senior air officer of the Indian Air Force. He served as the 3rd Chief of the Air Staff from 1964 to 1969, leading the Air Force



(IAF) to be promoted to five-star rank as Marshal of the Indian Air Force, equal to the army rank of Field Marshal. The Indian government released a stamp on October 9 2019 to commemorate Arjan Singh.

## M. S. SUBBULAKSHMI



Madurai Shanmukhavadiyu Subbulakshmi was an Indian Carnatic singer from Madurai, Tamil Nadu. She was the first musician ever to be awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour. She is the first Indian musician to receive the Ramon Magsaysay award in 1974 with the citation reading "Exacting purists acknowledge Srimati M. S. Subbulakshmi as the leading exponent of classical and semi-classical songs in the carnatic tradition of South India. She was the First Indian who performed in United Nations

and actions have also been portrayed in several cinematic productions. In 1984, the Indian government issued a postage stamp to remember him.

General Assembly in 1966." A commemorative postage stamp on her was issued on 18 December 2005. United Nations decided to issue stamp to mark birth centenary M.S. Subbulakshmi.



VIGNESH  
- 12D

## FRANK ANTONY



Frank Antony was a leader of the Anglo-Indian community in India, and was until his death their nominated representative in the Parliament of India except

6th and 9th Lok Sabha. He served as the president of the All India Anglo-Indian Association. He was also the founder of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) which operates the ICSE board of Education in India. A stamp was issued for Frank Antony on March 28, 2003.

## ABDUL QAIYUM ANSARI



Abdul Qaiyum Ansari was a participant in the freedom struggle of India. He was known for his commitment to national integration, secularism and communal harmony. He was a leader who worked against the demand of Muslim league for creation of a separate Muslim nation from India as an independent state. Mr. Ansari fought against Jinnah's two nation theory through All India Momin Conference of which he was the President. On 1 July 2005, the Government of India (Or India Post) released a Postage Stamp to commemorate him.





HANA THOMAS  
VITHAYATHIL - 11A

hat telling Luffy to return it to him someday after becoming a pirate who would have surpassed him. 10 years later, Monkey D. Luffy starts his journey with his first goal of find crew mates who would travel together with him to becoming the Pirate King.

becoming the Pirate King.

Set in a fantasy world overshadowed by Pirates, comes a boy whose idea of being a Pirate is that of pure wonder. To him being free, and going on fun adventures and finding treasure was much more exciting than being the common shrewd, toothless, vicious man who ransacks villages for entertainment. After anchoring off to sea, his infamy soon grows as he proceeds on meeting new crew members forming the "Straw Hat Pirates", unveiling the secrets and horrors of their world. One Piece is so popular because of its astounding "World-Making", showing that every character in the plot has their own life moving on apart from the protagonists, making the plot very convincing to the watchers. Fans adore the series because the plot is so interesting. It shows you an unimaginable world with Pirates, Marines, the World Government, the Void Century, Samurais, Devil fruits, The Will of D, Ninjas, Zombies, Sky islands, and much more. This Anime is unquestionably one that people of all ages can always enjoy as it has a bizarre way of captivating people's hearts.



"Inherited Will, The Destiny of Age, The Dreams of Its People. As Long as People Continue to Pursue the Meaning of Freedom, These Things Will Never Cease!" -Gol D. Roger.

One Piece is an animated series based on the Manga by Eichiro Oda, serialized in the Weekly Shounen Jump. The Anime adaption is produced by Toei Animation and broadcasted by Fuji Television. The anime originally premiered on October 20, 1999, it has currently aired over 990 episodes along with 14 films and many more TV specials and has been exported to more than thirty countries worldwide. One Piece is the first manga to have over 100 volumes in circulation with over 1 million copies sold for each. It has also started a live-action produced by Netflix and is officially in production. The series has now been running for 22 years and the 1000th episode has been formally

announced to air on November 21, 2021.

22 years ago, the man who attained everything the world had to offer, Pirate King, Gol D. Roger, the most infamous pirate to have ever sailed the Grand Line, was executed. Nevertheless, the last words he told before his death revealed the location of the greatest treasure, the One Piece, which was deemed to be of unimaginable value. His last words brought forth the Grand Age of Pirates, men from all around the world now aim for the Grand Line to find the One Piece and to gain the title of Pirate King. 12 years later, Monkey D. Luffy a determined young boy who upon accident ate a Devil Fruit which granted him the power to stretch his body like rubber in exchange for his ability to swim, declared that he wanted to become the King of Pirates to Shanks a pirate whom the boy had favored. Amazed by his bold words, Shanks gives him his precious straw

## RUBIK'S CUBES



1. The Rubik's cube is a puzzle invented by a Hungarian professor, Ernő Rubik.
2. It was initially called "Magic cube".

3. Rubik built the cube in order to find a method by which the pieces could be moved independently. He did not realize he had built a puzzle until he scrambled his cube for the first time and tried to restore it.
4. The first batches of Rubik's cubes were released in May 1980.
5. The Cube won the German Game of the Year Award and many others in the UK, France and the US.

6. Yusheng Du holds the current official record for the fastest time to solve a Rubik's cube. He solved the cube in 3.47 seconds.
7. The first-ever guide, You Can Do The Cube, was created by a 13-year old.



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8. The largest cube in the world, made by Tony Fisher, is 2.022m x 2.022m x 2.022m in size. All the layers move too.







**Smt. Droupadi Murmu becomes 15th President of India; first-ever tribal woman to hold the highest Constitutional post:** Smt. Droupadi Murmu was sworn in as India's 15th President at an impressive ceremony in the packed and historic Central Hall of Parliament.

Smt. Murmu is the first tribal leader to assume the office of the President who is now the second woman President of the country, and the first President to be born in independent India, was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice of India Sri. N. V. Ramana.



**Biden nominates Indian-American Arati Prabhakar as top science advisor:**

United States President Joe Biden nominated Indian American engineer and applied physicist Dr Arati Prabhakar as the next White House science adviser as his administration

aims to leverage science, technology, and innovation.



**Ukrainian mathematician becomes second woman to win Fields Medal:**

Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska was named as one of four recipients of the prestigious Fields Medal, which is often described as the Nobel Prize in mathematics. The

Fields Medal, often described as the Nobel Prize in mathematics, is awarded every four years to mathematicians under age of 40.



**India-Australia hold ninth Army to Army Staff Talks in Dehradun:**

The ninth Army to Army Staff Talks, which were held in Dehradun, between the Australian and Indian armies were centred on developing a roadmap for improved defence cooperation and joint

military exercises. The Indian Military Academy (IMA) was the location of the discussions, where both parties went over the road map for initiatives promoting defence cooperation, according to the Army.



**IAF receives over 1.83 lakh applications under Agnipath scheme in 6 days:**

The Indian Air Force (IAF), under the recently announced Agnipath recruitment scheme, has received over 1.83 lakh applications within six days of the registration process. Under the

scheme, the government had said youths between the ages of 17-and-a-half and 21 years would be inducted for a four-year tenure, while 25 percent of them would be subsequently placed for regular service.



**More Indian firms will reach space in near future, says PM Modi:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed ISRO's PSLV C53 mission for achieving the milestone of launching two payloads of Indian start-ups in space, and expressed confidence that many more Indian

companies will reach space in the near future.



**Microsoft Teams Now Gives You Captions And Transcript In Hindi:**

Microsoft on Wednesday introduced Hindi captions and transcripts for its video collaboration app Teams on Web that will help small and medium businesses (SMBs) in India.

Microsoft Teams on Web now allows live Hindi captions, along with other new spoken languages, including German, Portuguese (Brazil), Japanese, to name a few. This provides flexibility and additional clarity for your participants to engage in meetings. Small businesses in India need the right technology tools to adapt to customers' needs and scale operations," the company said in a statement. Live transcription allows users to follow and review conversations alongside the meeting video or audio in real time. This promotes inclusivity for participants who have hearing disabilities or different levels of language proficiency.



**U.S. to bolster its military in Europe:**

President Joe Biden said Wednesday that the U.S. is enhancing its military presence in Europe for the long haul to bolster regional security after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Mr. Biden opened his participation in the summit by

announcing that the U.S. is establishing a permanent headquarters in Poland, sending two additional F-35 fighter jet squadrons to the U.K. and will send more air defense and other capabilities to Germany and Italy.



**Australia plans to supply critical minerals to Indian electric vehicle makers, space and defence programmes:**

Canberra's Minister of Resources and Northern Australia Madeleine King said that Australia is ready to supply critical minerals needed

for India's electric vehicles, solar power projects and other strategic sectors. Welcoming India's Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Prahlad Joshi, Ms. King said Australia will commit \$5.8 million for the three-year India-Australia Critical Minerals Investment Partnership.



**Lt Gen Subramanian appointed as Force Commander of UN Mission in South Sudan:**

Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian of the Indian Army has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as his new Force Commander of the United Nations

Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). India is the second-highest military troop-contributing country to UN Mission in South Sudan with 2,385 Indian peacekeepers serving with the mission, second only to Rwanda.



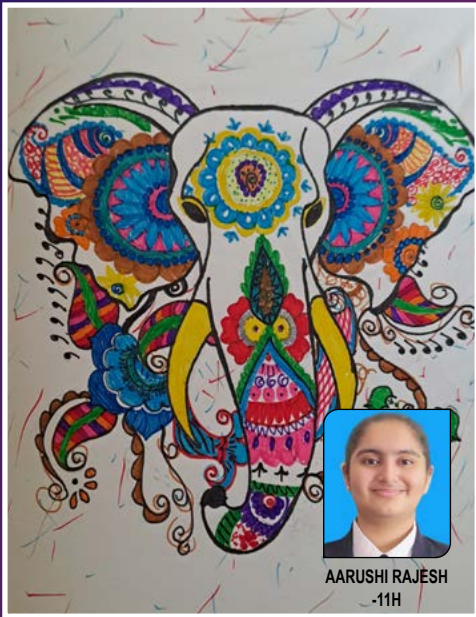
**Dalai Lama marks 87th birthday by opening library and museum:**

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama marked his 87th birthday by inaugurating a library and museum in his hillside Indian headquarters. The Dalai Lama Library and Museum contain artifacts, his

teachings, and books on his life and struggle for Tibetan autonomy and protection of its native Buddhist culture.



# Art Gallery



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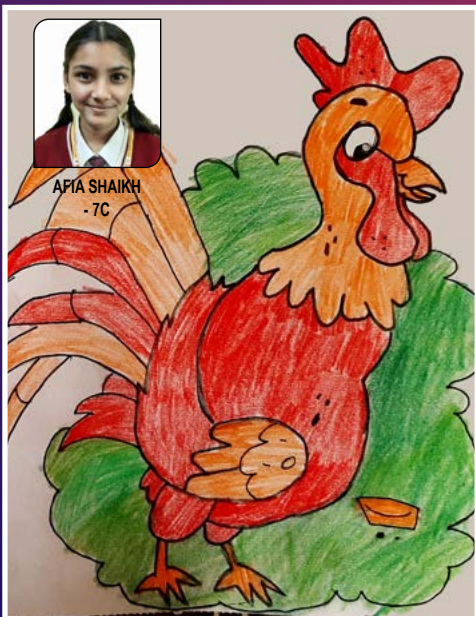
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# EPictionary

- 1. Arrogate** : to claim or seize without justification  
Usage in a sentence: She arrogated the leadership role to herself.
- 2. Blandishment** : something as an action or speech, that tends to flatter, coax, entice, etc.  
Our blandishments left him unmoved.
- 3. Bilk** : to defraud; cheat  
Usage in a sentence : bilked the government of almost a million dollars.
- 4. Congruity** : the quality of agreeing; being suitable and appropriate  
Usage in a sentence: There's little congruity between your professed religious beliefs and your actual behavior.
- 5. Cupidity** : strong desire, esp for possessions or money; greed  
Usage in a sentence: This is the first time the presents have excited my cupidity.
- 6. Ephemeral** : lasting a very short time; short-lived; transitory  
Usage in a sentence: The ephemeral joys of childhood are something that I dearly miss.
- 7. Exhort** : to try to influence (someone) by words or advice : to strongly urge (someone) to do something  
Usage in a sentence: exhorted his people to take back their land.
- 8. Flagrant** : conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible  
Usage in a sentence: Her flagrant disregard for other people's rights was astounding.
- 9. Grandiloquence** : a lofty, extravagantly colorful, pompous, or bombastic style, manner, or quality especially in language  
Usage in a sentence: Our central problem is that the combination of his grandiloquence and the September 2008 financial crisis led to his election.
- 10. Inane** : lacking sense, significance, or ideas; silly  
Usage in a sentence: And they would, it seems, nominate any movie - no matter how inane - to get those big-name butts in the seats.



## Dark Nostalgia



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The darkest nights,  
The loneliest phases.  
Those sad pasts,  
All forgotten.

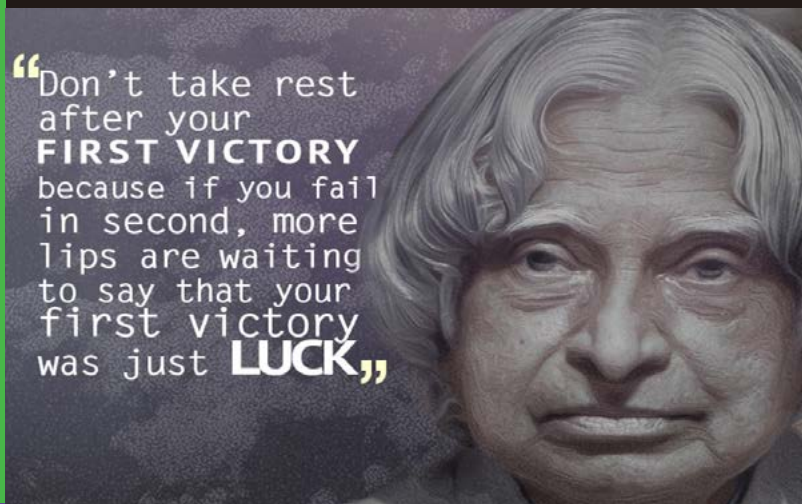
Laughter looking back at cries,  
but memories through the glimpses of the past.

Dark tears rolling down.  
The past still misted.

Going through the vintage aesthetic,  
Strolling down those rainy sights,  
In the favorite bridge of lights and sighs.

The nostalgia felt,  
Reverting back those old days.  
Unexplainable and perplexing life situations.

Still getting through.  
Reminiscing about the past with petrifying hallucinations,  
Living in a nightmare full of glum,  
No way to escape but to outlast times.



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