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THESE 5 PAGES
WILL MAKE YOUR
DAY BETTER

FLIP OVER TO SEE
SOME AMAZING
ARTWORK BY OUR
STUDENTS



**STRESSED BY
EXAMS?**

READ OUR
FANTABULOUS
JOKES

GANDHI MONTH

READ AHEAD TO SEE
POSTERS ON THE FATHER OF
OUR NATION

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Events in Optimal October!



2nd October - Gandhi Jayanti

7th October - Navratri Celebrations

8th October - Indian Air Force Day

11th October - Durga Puja

15th October - Dussehra

The Indian Air Force
Which opens all the doors
For which you have to do a difficult course
Which does the most strenuous chores
The Indian Air Force
Which never lets down the nation's hopes
They are always there
As they are our savior
Whosoever has said this has not lied
The Air Force is India's pride!
By : Parth



I came
into your class
To learn and
to grow.
But, What has
touched me most
Is the love you
have shown!

For all the amazing
teachers!!!

*Some Amazing
Poems!!*

FINDING THE *facts*

India observes Indian Air Force Day every year on October 8 because, on this day, the Air Force in India was officially raised as the supporting force of the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom in 1932. Every year, Indian Air Force Day is celebrated at Hindon Air Force Station, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The celebrations are marked in the presence of the IAF chief and senior officials of the three-armed forces. On this day, the most crucial and vintage aircraft put up a magnificent show which is displayed in the open sky.

Also known as 'Bharatiya Vayu Sena', the Indian Air Force was established in the country on October 8, 1932, by the British Empire. The first operational squadron came into being in April 1933. However, it was only after the participation in World War II, that the Air Force in India came to be known as the Royal Indian Air Force.

The Air Force in India was officially raised in 1932 as the supporting force of the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom. Since then, the day has been celebrated every year as Indian Air Force Day.

INTERESTINGLY, THE INDIAN AIR FORCE NOT ONLY SAFEGUARDS INDIAN TERRITORY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS FROM ALL THREATS BUT ALSO PROVIDES SUPPORT DURING NATURAL CALAMITIES IN THE COUNTRY. HENCE, THE DAY IS CELEBRATED TO HONOUR AND RECOGNISE THE SELFLESS EFFORTS OF OUR JAWANS AND THE ENTIRE FORCE.

By: Yukti



Riddle Mania



1. Many have heard it,
but nobody has ever seen
it. It will not speak back
unless spoken to. What is
it? An echo.

2. Which is heavier, a pound
of feathers or a pound of
bricks? They both weigh the
same.

3. I was once a massive star
and soon I will be a brightly
colored gas cloud. For now, I
am a massive explosion. What am
I? A Supernova.



4. I have been around for millions of years
but am only a month old. What am I? The
moon.

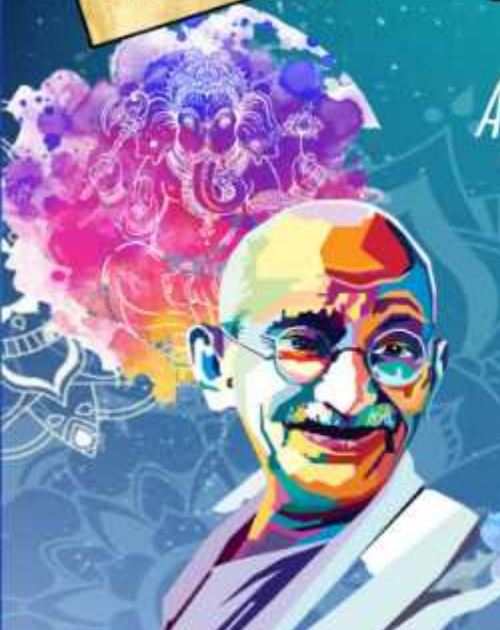
5. I can rush, I can be hot, I can be cold,
I can be hard, I can slip through anything.
What am I? Water.

By: Vaanya
Sharma

a New Look!
a New Read!

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A STUNNING MAGAZINE
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Book Review - Frankenstein

Hello friends, today I am here to present you with a book review of the book Frankenstein. Frankenstein is a fiction book which was written by Mary Shelly. This book is an old classic originally published in 1818. This is known to be one of the earliest forms of a science fiction novel. This book is about a scientist named victor Frankenstein who learns how to put life into an inanimate body and creates a human monster using the same knowledge. Victor hopes that his creation will lead to further scientific advancements for humanity but when he brings the body to life he is filled with disgust.

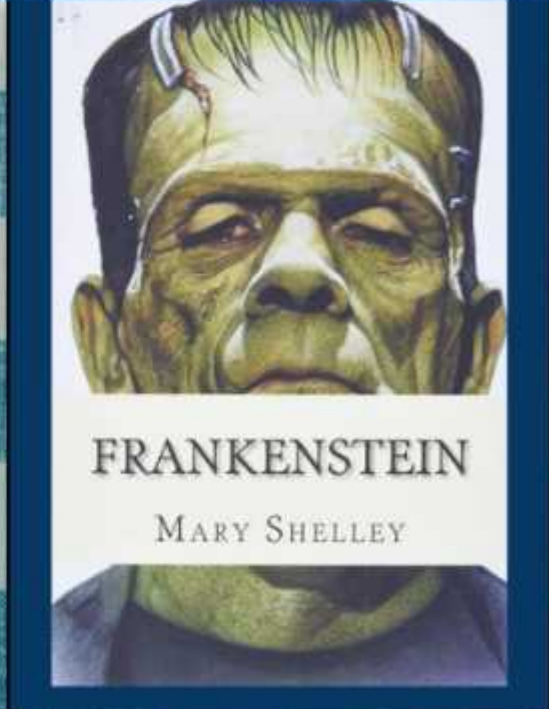
I like this book not only because I am fond of reading science fiction novels but due to the way the story builds up and clearly shows the consequences of human playing god. The story shows how victor is desperately willing to give life to an inanimate body and how it slowly leads to his downfall.

Even though the monster in the book was hostile towards Frankenstein I like the fact that the book is written from the point of view of not only Frankenstein but also the monster as it helps me sympathise with monster and helps me understand that ultimately Frankenstein is the one who is responsible for all the chaos the monster did.

I would recommend this book for children aged 10 to 14 as this book has a slightly complicated language but showcases strong emotions which make the book interesting.

I would rate this book 9 out of 10 because of its extraordinary plot and also because I could connect with the book really well. This book is highly relevant today as it makes a reader question the advancement of humanity and that our desire for unbridle authority is disturbing the equilibrium of nature and thus the blessings of consciousness is turning into a curse.

-Lakshya Dagar



Story Writing

It was 1962. On a bright sunny afternoon; an old man was sitting in an office. Not just any ordinary office, a big and lavished one. It was his birthday. A bunch of teenagers and middle-aged men came knocking to his door. Those were his students as he was a teacher in the past and some friends. They asked him to celebrate his birthday. The old person was a very kind hearted person. He said that, not only just my birthday, it would be great if we celebrate for all the teachers all over the world. His students agreed and celebrated the day with and for teachers. The old man was none other than the second prime minister of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the day was 5th September. That was the story behind why do we celebrate 5th September as teacher's day.

-Aakarsh Sindhu



-Savleen



-VISHWAJEET

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Festival of Lord Ganesha

Ganesh Chaturthi is an important event in India that is celebrated with great zeal and dedication. Lord Ganesha, the Lord of Knowledge, Wisdom, Prosperity, and Good Fortune, celebrates his birthday on this day. Vinayak Chaturthi or Vinayak chavithi are other names for the occasion. This day, which is considered one of the most auspicious in Hinduism, is widely observed, particularly in Maharashtra.

History

The Maharashtra region is where Ganesh Chaturthi began, with Chatrapati Shivaji initiating the event. The account of Ganesha's birth, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, is the basis for the religion. Despite the fact that his birth is the subject of numerous legends.

-Chahal



-PAARTH BINDAL



-NAVYA SOOD



-PAARTH BINDAL

The Legend of Ganesh Chaturthi

During the months of August and September, especially in Maharashtra, the slogan "Ganpati Bappa Morya! Mangal Murti Morya!" can be heard regularly on the streets of our country.

The ten-day festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, commemorates the birth of Lord Ganesh, the son of Lord Shiva and Devi Paarvati. The celebration begins on the fourth day of Bhadrapada, the sixth Hindu month, which corresponds to August-September in the international calendar.

The question now is, why is Ganesh Chaturthi called Ganesh Chaturthi? The answer is simple: the festival commemorates Lord Ganesh's birth and begins on the fourth day of the fourth month.

The 'Murti Visarjan' rite is well-known, as are the sweet, delectable 'Modaks' prepared during the festival. However, only a few people are aware of Ganesh Chaturthi's origins.

Around the 1650s, the famous Maratha monarch Chhatrapati Shivaji is said to have started the event. He utilised it to instil nationalist fervour in his subjects, who were fighting the Mughals at the time.

However, the festival gradually faded away after that.

When the British abolished Indian political gatherings in 1893, Bal Gangadhar Tilak resurrected the celebration.

Every year since then, the festival has been joyfully celebrated across the country.



-Naina Kaushal



-Nilaksh Singla

-Arnav Singh

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प्यारा मेरा गणपति
।प्यारा मेरा गणपति।।

दुखहर्ता सुखहर्ता गणपति तू है, बच्चे
या बड़े सबका साथी तू है । 10
दिन तू आए सबका दिल तो
बहलाए ,प्यारी सी सूरत चालक वही
तेरे चाल। पार्वती मां का प्यारा
और पूरी दुनिया का राज दुलारा।
मेरे मन में रहते हो तुम, भले किरण
बिन मंदिर में रहो तुम।।

-Kashish Kulshreshth



-Paarth Bindal

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My life influencer - an avid educator

- Jeevanjot Kaur
IX Sundaram

Destiny bought me the glory delight
The way I was taught with a new way to have a sight
No matter how skeptic we are
Providing authenticity, everywhere - with books or hands bare
The vast knowledge collected in your mind
Unexpected, and classified
Sciences, Arts and Values to is
You are the God, the fortune making bright
Have a glance, how proud it is being
The unconditioned love and care we get it seeing
No matter the religion, you stand out
I am proud to be a bhavanite we all can shout
Sometimes a teacher can touch your life
With a magical, mystical glow
Investing their heart in the work that he does
He helps you to learn and to grow
And when you consider just how far you've come
That teacher you loved was the key, to my success - today you see...

Thanks to all the hardest teachers
Wishing you all a very _Happy Teachers Day_

Poetry section
especially
dedicated to
our hard
working
teachers

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS A WORLD-CLASS GIFT
BECAUSE YOU GIVE ME SUCH A LIFT
LIKE A CANDLE BLOWN
CARE SPLITTED CANNOT BE REFORMED
YOU DESERVE THE VERY BEST
GOD, YOU CLEARED MY SLEEPERS, REST
YOU DESERVE THE BEST OF ALL
MAY YOUR BIRTHDAY BE AGELESS, WITH NOT BIG OR SMALL
MAY YOU ENJOY AND WONDER DELIGHT
MORNING, EVENING, NOON AND NIGHT
YOU DESERVE THE VERY BEST
GOD YOU ARE AS PRECIOUS AS GOLD
AND YOUR MEMORIES HAVE INFLUENCED MY SOUL
YOU HAVE BEEN MY KNOWLEDGE PROMOTOR
GUIDING ANGEL AND A STAYER
ਭਰ ਵਧੀ ਵੱਧੀ ਤਾਂ ਵਧੀ ਵੱਧੀ,
ਓਹ ਫੀਰੀ ਵੱਧੀ ਭਰਾ...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Jeevanjot Kaur
IX Sundaram

Ganesha Chaturthi

Ganesha Chaturthi is one of the major festivals celebrated in India with great enthusiasm and devotion. It marks the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the Lord of strength, prosperity and knowledge. Here is its origin story:-

Goddess Parvati was the creator of Lord Ganesha. She, in the absence of Lord Shiva, created Ganesha using sandalwood paste and told him to not allow anyone to enter while she will be bathing inside. While she was inside, Lord Shiva got into a fight with Ganesha as he did not allow him to enter and ultimately in anger, Lord Shiva beheaded Lord Ganesha. When Goddess Parvati came to know about it, she was enraged and took the form of Goddess Kali and threatened to destroy the world. This made everyone worried including Lord Shiva. He immediately ordered his followers to go and bring the head of the first creature they see. The followers first saw a baby elephant, cut its head and brought it to Lord Shiva. Lord Shiva placed the head on Ganesha's body and brought it to life again. Goddess Parvati was overwhelmed to see that. All the Lords blessed Ganesha and that day came to be known as Ganesha Chaturthi.

The celebrations of Ganesha Chaturthi last for around ten days (from Bhadrapad Shudh Chaturthi to Ananta Chaturdashi). On the first day a clay idol of Lord Ganesha is brought to the homes. The houses are decorated with flowers and lights. A large number of devotees go to the temples to worship Lord Ganesha. People are immensely happy and express their enthusiasm in the form of dancing or singing on the streets. The idol is finally immersed in water locally known as Ganesha Visarjan. This marks the ending of this festival.

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OUR FAVOURITE SEASON : THE FESTIVALS

**LET'S CHEER FOR
THE WONDERFUL
AIR FORCE WHO
SACRIFICE THEIR
LIVES TO SECURE
THE INDIAN
TERRITORY AND
CELEBRATE
INDIAN AIRFORCE
DAY ON 8TH
OCTOBER.**



INDIAN AIRFORCE DAY

Let's salute the legends of the sky, who safeguard the nation from up there and take it to greater heights!

SIGNIFICANCE OF INDIAN AIRFORCE

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is the air arm and a crucial organ of the Indian armed forces which plays a vital role in the wars fought by the country.
- Its primary mission is to secure Indian airspace and conduct aerial activities during armed conflicts within nations.
- The Indian Air Force has taken part in several wars since independence, including four wars with Pakistan and one with the People's Republic of China.
- Interestingly, the Indian Air Force not only safeguards Indian territory and national interests from all threats but also provides support during natural calamities in the country.
- Hence, the day is celebrated to honour and recognise the selfless efforts of our jawans and the entire force.

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Durga Puja

Durga Puja, major festival of Hinduism, traditionally held for 10 days in the month of Ashvina (September - October), the seventh month of the Hindu calendar, and particularly celebrated in Bengal and other eastern states. Durga Puja celebrates the victory of the goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura. It begins on the same day as Navratri, a nine-night festival celebrating the divine feminine. Durga Puja's first day is Mahalaya, which heralds the advent of the goddess. Celebrations and worship begin on Sasthi, the sixth day. During the following three days, the goddess is worshipped in her various forms as Durga, Lakshmi, and Sarasvati. The puja rituals involve mantras (words manifesting spiritual transformation), shlokas (holy verses), chants and arati, and offerings. These also include Vedic chants and recitations of the Devi Mahatmya text in Sanskrit. The shlokas and mantras praise the divinity of the goddess; according to the shlokas Durga is omnipresent as the embodiment of power, nourishment, memory, forbearance, faith, forgiveness, intellect, wealth, emotions, desires, beauty, satisfaction, righteousness, fulfillment and peace). The specific practices vary by region. The celebrations end with Vijaya Dashami ("Tenth Day of Victory, when, amid loud chants and drumbeats, idols are carried in huge processions to local rivers, where they are immersed.

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WORLD STUDENT'S DAY

World Student's Day is celebrated every year on October 15. The day is celebrated in honour of the birth anniversary of former president of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. Born on October 15, 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. He worked as a scientist and administrator at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Kalam also gave invaluable contributions towards developing India's civilian space and military missile programs before becoming the 11th president of India. Often referred to as the missile man of India for his work and people's president for his term at office, Dr. Kalam was well known for his insightful lectures to students and motivated them to achieve academic excellence. Over the course of his life, Dr. Kalam was widely celebrated as a scientist, educationist, public speaker and president.



**BY:
AKSHITA
JAIN**

Artistic works



Beautiful doodles
made by anvi



YOU CAN WIN

- Shiv Khera

This book describes the principles that bring us closer to success. It tells us the power of positive attitude and the importance of inter personal skills. This book helps one to establish goals and develop a new sense of purpose. It enables you to take charge by controlling things instead of letting the problems control you. This book is a must for those willing to bring about a positive change in themselves.

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A motivational
book review
written by Akshita



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Happy
Teachers
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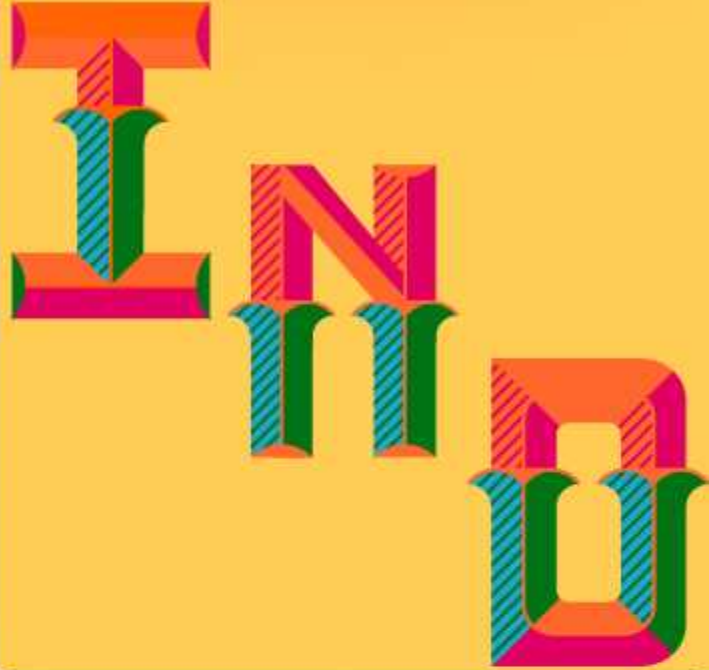
WHO BOUGHT US
FREEDOM ...



BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE
IN THE WORLD...

The future
depends on
what you do today

Happy 
Gandhi Jayanti



भारत की वायुसेना



दुश्मनो का डरावना सपना
है भारत के जवानो से लड़ना ,
अगर चील है गगन का राज ,
तो वायुसेना भी है महाराज।
चाहे जो परिस्थिति आन पड़े ,
चाहे जान ही क्यों न गंवानी पड़े
ये जीत कर उतरेंगे धरती पे ,
ये चीर के उतरेंगे धरती पे।
ध्वनि तक को नीचा दिखाए,
इनके विमानों की गति तो ,
दुश्मन को पता तक न चल पाए,
मिट्टी में मिल गया, उनका मान तो।

यदि मृत्यु कभी करीब हो ,
तो आखरी सांस तक करेंगे सामना ,
दुश्मन भी घबरा के उड़नछू हो ,
जब मौत को भी दे ये ताना।

दुश्मन भी लड़ने से डरते है,
जब भारतीय वायुसेना से करना हो सामना,
क्यों न डरे वह ?

जब लिखा है उनके नसीब में हारना।





MATHEMAGICS

Finding the angle between the minute hand and hour hand of clock at a specific time.

This is a common Mental ability question asked in many high-level Olympiads.

Now what if you could do it in seconds? Well, you can with this formula...

So, the angle between minute hand and hour hand of clock at 12:20 AM/PM is 150° .

SOLUTION:

Formula: $11m/2 = 30h + a$

Here: m = The number of minutes that have passed in that hour

h = the current hour

a = the angle between minute and hour hand

(Note: The angle after solving the equation may come out as a reflex angle, in that case subtract it from 360.)

Example Q: Find the angle in between hour hand and minute hand when time is 12:20.

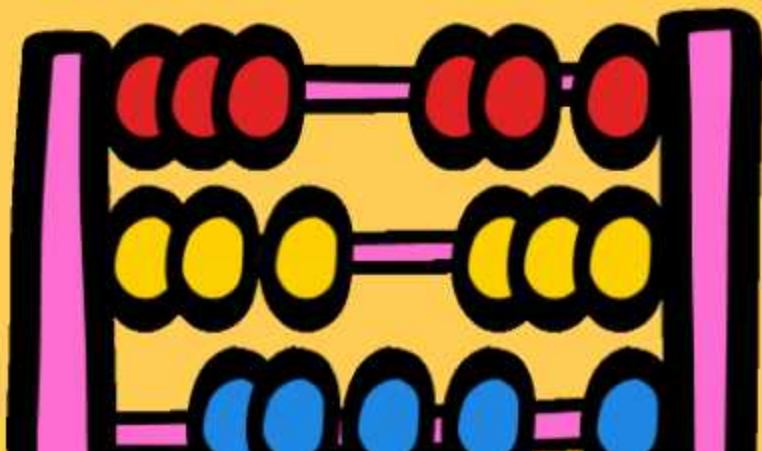
Here $h = 12$, $m = 15$;

$11m/2 = 30h + a$

$11(20)/2 = 30(12) + a$

$110 = 260 + a$

$a = 260 - 110 = 150^\circ$



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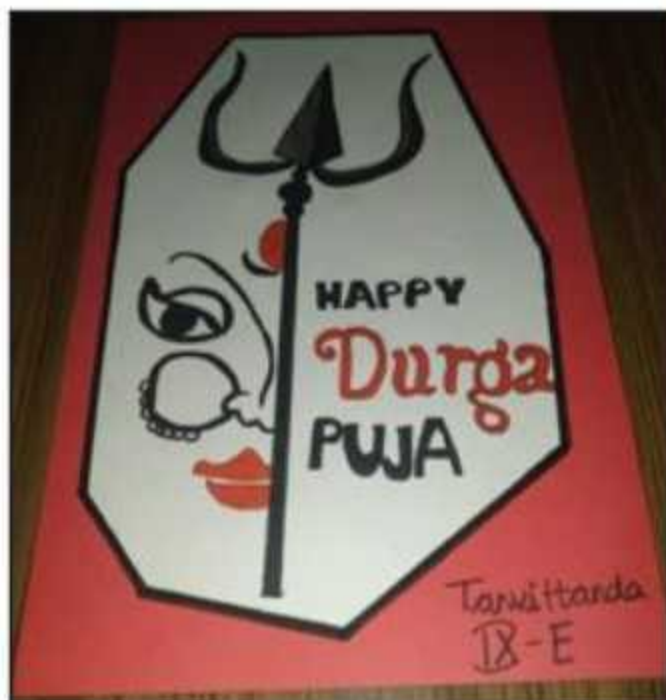




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Rizul Katefa's masterpiece compels everybody to cherish life with Garba.



Tanvi Handa wishes everyone a happy Durga Puja with her artwork.



Kimaya's artistic skills makes one realise the divinity of God's beauty.

Book Review on Three Men in A Boat

This is one of the best books I have ever read in my life. This is a fictional story of three hypochondriacs – J., Harris and George; Harris being my favourite one; who decide to boat up the river Thames starting from Kingston, all the way to Oxford. Mr. J and his other two companions share end number of comic anecdotes, which have always succeeded in making me have a good laugh. Moreover, the late author does describe the history of a couple of places where the three pay a visit. Plus, he talks about various ideas which the common man doesn't even have time to mull over, thanks to the hectic schedule. All in all, it is a well-apposite book and an epitome of British Humour. Interestingly, stories like 'Uncle Podger Hangs A Picture', 'Packing', etc. are all excerpts of this wonderful book and I suggest everyone to read it.

BY MAYANK SINHA



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गणनायक घर में पधारो

गणनायक घर में पधारो,
आपका आवाहन करते हैं,
शिव पार्वती तनय,
आपको नमन करते हैं।



सर्वप्रथम आपका स्मरण होता,
तभी हर कार्य सिद्ध होता,
मोदक, मेवा का भोग लगता,
आप हो सुखकर्ता दुःखहर्ता।

आपकी काया निराली है,
इस धरा पर महिमा प्यारी है।
आप हो रिद्धि सिद्धि के दाता,
सभी जग के भाग्य विधाता,

नष्ट करना अभिमान को,
वरदान देना ज्ञान को,
दिलाते रहना एहसास,
हमारे हृदय में आपका वास।

गणेश उत्सव में सपने सजाते,
अपने मन को जगाते,
गजानन आप अंतर्यामी हो,
जगत के स्वामी हो,

BY DEEPANSHI GAUTAM

Into The Vales of Kashmir - Paradise on Earth

We all know the place and as a proud Indian as well as an avid traveller, it is extremely close to my heart. I have lived in Kashmir for almost all of my life. In my early years, I hardly noticed its natural beauty, but as I grew up and discovered other parts of my country, I realized that even though I find it amazing to explore new places, the charisma of Kashmir compels me to miss this heavenly place from the deepest core of my heart!

And all thanks to my good luck, here I am! Back to the Heaven on Earth. Now, that I am able to comprehend and cherish the wonders of nature I witness, I felt an urge to share it with all my friends!

I hope you enjoy reading through my mini travelogue!

Gulmarg

Gulmarg aka Gulmarag, as the locals call it, is a small tourist town, located in the Ganderbal district of the recently formed UT of Jammu and Kashmir. This is a heavenly bowl which is lush green in summer months and white carpet of snow in winters filled hustle-bustle of tourists throughout the year. There are many a planned activities for different weather for tourist in and around town, a few of them are-

Gondola Ride

If you don't have a heart to try out an adventure sport, but are still down for something new yet enjoyable, then without wasting a single minute, book your ticket for a nice gondola ride and hop right in. It offers you a great time witnessing the on-goings and of course, the scenic beauty. It is ideal for those who wish to participate in the activities but contribute only by sitting back. The ride has two parts, stage II Gondola ride being one of the highest tram rides in the world which exposes the tourists to snowclad mountains throughout the year.

Pony Ride

Even if one is scared of quadrupeds, one cannot wade off the immense adorability of the tiny Kashmiri ponies. I feel any scenery is painted incomplete without these small creatures. You are given with an option to either ride them through the meandering routes of the bowl along the sides of river Sind or simply click pictures with them by the local herdsman.

The Best Part!

In my words, I call Gulmarg a complete package for holidaying, as not all of us enjoy adventure sports in full spirits, but the vista is so tantalizing that one can spend hours just sitting by the bonfire lit in a small veranda or open picnic ground. Or for those willing to have a relaxed holiday and not planning to move a leg, you can simple enjoy a nice kahwa (a local drink), basking in the warm Kashmiri sunshine.

IMPORTANT: People generally don't enjoy car rides in hills, but mark my words - you will never regret this one. Book a taxi from Srinagar, and behold the most beautiful journey ever!

BY ANANDITA CHAUHAN

Into Abysmal Depths We Shall Plummet

Trapped I was in the cabin,
With the steer in my wee hands.
For my crew's corpses were laden,
On the bloated ship's in-lands.

Entered my eyes an odious flood,
The diabolical flood had engulfed
'em.

Five brave swains, lay slayed,
smeared with blood,
And doomed I was to see the
mayhem.

The lightning tumulted, the seas
screamed,
The sky shuttered & the big bellies
rumbled.

Feasting on us, the sea and the
sharks dreamed,
Then something caught my eye -
when she... alas! TUMBLED.

Stood hovering above the deck, a
heavenly fair maiden.

On having gazed at the corpses,
My vision too began to faden,
Whilst the waves rode the holy -
horses.

Stood I in the long-lost-Atlantis,
For a beloved welkin loomed over
my head.

For the Earth seemed to be her own
scientis',

And the maiden towards me tread.

"Oh! You human! You bloody beast,
I'm the Earth who gave y'll birth.

But now on this weed I shall feast,
To clear my ever-blossoming berth."

The skies then reddened,

The land cracked.

The yellow light blackened,

For we *free-fell* - GOBSMACKED.

(To be continued in the next round
of life. Godspeed!)

This is how folks, we shall end,

And we already get her smashes.

So now it's time for our path to
bend,

Or we incinerate to ashes

BY MAYANK SINHA

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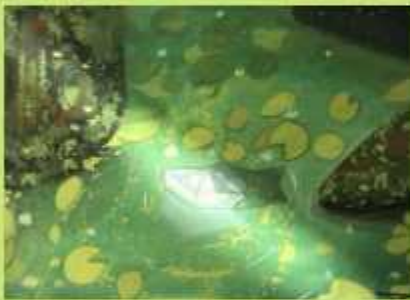
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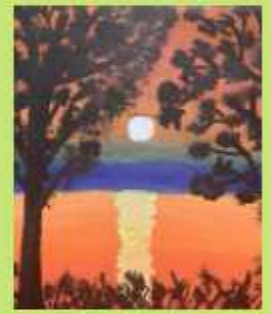
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AIR FORCE DAY

Many of us have dreamt of serving the country by joining the armed forces. Narrating one such story of trial, triumph, is a fighting pilot who goes on by the name Aston Wun on social media. Speaking to humans of Bombay, the Indian Air Force officer said that he realized early on that “being poor was a crime”. In a series of Instagram posts, he is quoted as saying, “While growing up, I could count the no.of days I and my sister had a full meal.”,he recalled. “To get one daughter married Papa would have to sell off a chunk of his land. As time passed, maa started painting her jewelry.” I wanted to get away from home somehow. Little did I knew that in a few years the whole country would become my home,” he said. Explaining how he realized he wanted to serve the nation, he said, “I’d walk to the ground near my house and sit there, starrng at the sky. One such evening, I saw three fighter planes cross the sky at lightning speed. Fascinated, I chased them as far as I could. I thought, ‘If I sat on one of these planes, I could fly far away. By the time he had completed class 12, the officer was sure that flying for the country was his calling and soon found an NBA application to fill out. “But that day, Papa had a stroke... I had to quit my studies and started looking for work gradually Papa got better and resumed farming.” A timely visit of my cousin from Pat’s gave wings to Air Force dreams again. “I persuaded him to take me back with him. Papa agreed on one condition – ‘You have to prepare for engineering entrance test’ Once there, I instead filled out my NDA form. Four months later I appeared for the exam and got shortlisted to join the NDA as an Air Force cadet!” However, the opposition from my family caused the aspiring fighter pilot to run away from home. “The major in charge of admission at NDA said to me, ‘Admissions are closed’. I pleaded, ‘Sir, main apna Papa ka duplicate sign kar sakta hoon. Laughing he said, ‘I’ve only seen people running away from NDA . You’re the first one to run away from home to get here!’”. As a cadet, the officer faced the challenges of English language barrier. His motion sickness also come in the way of his flying Carrier and he was asked to stop flying. “I pleaded for one last chance – ‘It’s either do or die,’I thought to myself and took off the plane. Believe it or not I didn’t feel sick! After the course, I was commissioned as a pilot!” With the money he saved up over the year, he brought back the earrings his mother had pawned. As an officer, he also faced with the tragic deaths of his friends and his roommates, for which he blamed himself as on that day he was not able to fly the plans so his roommate had taken his place. Following thus, the officer also lost his father to an accident which altered his outlook towards the world. The accident occurred when the officer was traveling home from hospital with his mother and his father who had just recovered from an illness. “For 1.5 hours, I kept begging for a lift but no one helped. Many come close just to click Pic, but when I asked for help, they just went away. I cried... Papa brother his last on my lap... when J was performing the last rituals, I thought to myself – ‘Did my father deserve such a brutal death? ‘Everyday I risk my life out at the border, so that my fellow Indians can be safe at home and this is what I get back in return?’” As a final piece of advice to aspiring cadets he said, “. Serving at the border is not work it’s passion... Yaha dimag nhi lagata,dil lagana hai.

by - Riddhima Arora

- The Air Force Day is celebrated on October 8th every year.
- Indian Air Force stands as the fourth-best air force on the planet.
- 8th October 1932 was the foundation day for Indian Air Force.
- This day likewise, is set apart with a function for the achievers.
- The day marks unique tributes to the fearless hearts of Indian Air power who lost their lives during different tasks executed by the Indian Air Force.
- The service is set apart to spread awareness about the exercises that the Indian Air Force manages.
- There are various types of arrangements made by warrior stream pilots.
- The president directs vow taking role.
- The ceremony is marked in order to spread awareness about the activities that the Indian Air Force executes and deals with.
- The latest aircrafts and recently inducted helicopters are also displayed to show the power capacity of Indian Air Force.

by - Dhairyaman Madan

GANESH CHATURTHI

Ganesh Chaturthi, also called Vinayaka Chavithi, is an auspicious Hindu festival which is celebrated for 10 days every year. The festival is celebrated in the Bhadra month as per the Hindu calendar which generally falls in mid-August to September. It marks the birthday of the beloved elephant-headed Lord Ganesha. Ganesha is known as the God of wealth, science, Knowledge, wisdom and prosperity and that's why most Hindus remember him and seek his blessings before starting any important work. Lord Ganesha is known by 108 different names like Gajanana, Vinayaka, Vignaharta etc.

It is majorly celebrated in states inc. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana. Ganesha is the youngest son of Lord Shiva and Parvati.

There are various stories behind his birth but one of them is most common, according to which Lord Ganesha was created by Parvati (out of sandalwood paste) to guard her in the absence of Shiva. She gave him the task of guarding her bathroom door while she was taking a bath. In the meantime, Shiva returned home and Ganesha, who didn't know who Shiva was, stopped him. This angered Shiva and he severed Ganesha's head after a tiff between the two. Parvati was enraged when she came to know about this. Lord Shiva, in turn, promised to get Ganesha back to life. The devas were sent to search for a child's head facing north but they could only find an elephant's head. Shiva fixed the elephant's head on

the child's body, and that is how Ganesha was born. Hence, we celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi every year to devote our prayers, due respect and offerings (such as Modak etc.) to Lord Ganesha, and seek his blessings.

by - Mannat Verma

NAVRATRI

Navratri is a festival of worshipping different incarnations of goddess Durga like Shailputri, Brahmachari, etc. It is a Hindu festival. The Sanskrit word 'Navratri' means nine nights. It is often followed by Vijaya Dashmi (or Dussehra) on the tenth day. People celebrate this festival as goddess Durga killed the demon Mahishasura. This festival symbolises the victory of good over evil. There are four kinds of Navratri – Chaitra Navratri, Ashadha Navratri, Magha Navratri, Sharada Navratri. However, Sharada Navratri (September – October) is the most significant and prominent. Many people observe fast during this festival.

In north-eastern and eastern states of India Navratri is celebrated as Durga Puja. Dance performance like Garba is performed in Gujarat. In West Bengal special Pandals are set up where goddess Durga is worshipped.

by - Aashina Gupta

DUSSEHRA

Today is the day when we burn all our sins,
And promise to begin all over again,
Flames come and take all the darkness away,
Light shines and makes its own way,
Because this is the festival where truth wins,

We make our way towards a bright future
And with our heads high and up chins,
Take a vow to do all this together,
As we burn the ravana inside us
Which is kept like a false heather!
Happy dusherra

by - Pranava Mittal

THOUGHTS

When I look out of my window

When I look out of my window,
I see a million uncharted stories;
Waiting to be read, waiting to attract my ink so that I could settle them in between the printed lines of my journal

A whole book store full of unread tomes by anonymous writers, waiting to be bought by me; so that I could fill the bookshelf of my lifetime and read them to everyone sitting on the patio of my home

A million blank parchments stacked together with ethereal covers, waiting for my memoirs, entries, poems, odes and epics to be tattooed all over them. So that my cursive becomes my legacy.

The roads of foreign lands waiting for my footmarks to be left on them, coffee of foreign cafes brewing in vending machines, waiting to inspire the creative neurons of my brain.

Sunsets and sunrises sitting on the horizon, waiting for my words. So that I can paint the pinks and the purples in my poetry. An ocean full of undiscovered human beings waiting for me to dive in so I can be part of their bookshelf and they can be a part of mine.

I see my whole life waiting to be discovered so that I could fill my journal scandalised by the uncharted stories, fill the book shelf in my home, see my words tattooed on someone's skin, watch my words become my legacy, walk on foreign land leaving my footprints for people to follow, sip the freshly brewed foreign coffee and create art, paint the sunsets and sunrises in my poetry, dive in the ocean full of people and become a part of their story. As I look out of my window; I see a million uncharted stories

- Rehmat

Let's be grateful.

Let's be grateful for the people who make us happy,
They are the lovely gardeners who make our hearts blossom by sowing their kind words and tender deeds.

Let's rejoice for all we have,
And not grieve for what we not.

Because there is a peculiar calmness in the life lived in joyful gratitude,
One that makes our souls pure and our hearts full.

So let's be grateful for life itself,

For the chance of each day

For the chance of being happy

And for the chance of living

Let's be grateful.

Parisha Kundu