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CURRENT AFFAIRS

PM Modi thanks Australian PM Morrison for recognising Covaxin which is an important step forward in the post-COVID partnership between India and Australia.

As you are Online, so are the Bad Guys

-Farzad Irani

In recent years, Cyber Crimes have been increasing in a large number. Cyber-crime is a criminal activity carried out on a computer, a computer network, or a networked device. It is committed either for money or political reasons by individuals or organizations.

There are several types of Cyber-crimes or scams being carried out, but the most common one is the 'Tech support scam'. Have you ever been in this situation where you're browsing the web looking for a movie to watch on an unlicensed website when you get a pop-up on your browser shows you have 12 viruses detected on your computer which is a severe risk so, you need to call on the given number to solve the problem or else your computer will be bricked and hackers will steal your credit card information? There is nothing wrong with your computer, this is a tech support scam. Scammers create a Java-script pop-up on several websites and pay the owners to display the pop-up when non suspecting or novice computer users are surfing the web. The easiest way to stop it is to close the webpage but, if for some reason they manage to convince you to gain remote access to your computer to diagnose the problem, you might be in for more trouble! The scammer will either ask you for payment to fix the problem via credit card, while the nefarious ones can send malware or viruses that can destroy your computer. What you can do if the scammer has connected to your pc is, unplug the network cable and turn off the computer. The network system will disconnect and so will the remote access making the scammer helpless!

"Ransomware scams" are one of the most critical scams ever, this happens when you might have been looking to download something from the internet, maybe a game, a movie, or anything else but instead you accidentally download ransomware. Most ransomware encrypts the files

on your computer, while still letting you use your pc. While some can lock you out of your device and demand payment to unlock. A few ransomware can easily be removed by your anti-virus, but some can lynch themselves into the kernel, the core of your windows system, and can even damage the firmware of your computer. If that happens, not even a full reformat of the computer would work! So how can you get rid of this you may ask? Well, it's a serious challenge, you can sometimes rely on your antivirus to remove the ransomware, but not every time. So, the best way to prevent this type of scam is to just never download anything from unlicensed or untrusted websites from the internet. It's much better to be Safe than Sorry!

Another such type of cybercrime is the "Phishing Scams". There might have been times when you received messages like "You've WON an iPhone 7!" or "You won a giveaway! Click on the link below to enter your address and to claim the prize" which you never even joined or knew about. It's a phishing scam that is designed to steal your personal information in such a way without you even knowing about it. Or it can even download malware on your computer/phone. The Scam involves you clicking on this particular link where it redirects you to this page, where you might be asked to do a few things, while it latches on to your passwords or your private information stored in your browser or can download malware into your device. Well, you probably can take care of the malware by leaving it to your anti-virus but you can't take care of your private information being stolen, it'll be present in the scammer's phishing link logs on his computer. You can immediately contact your bank to let them know you have been compromised so that they can lock your account to prevent any further unauthorized activity from happening.

So, next time be alert!

Rules in Practical Photography!

-Sayam Doshi

1. RULE OF THIRD

* The rule of thirds is a "RULE OF THUMB" for composing visual images such as designs, films, paintings, and photographs.

* It should be divided into nine equal parts by two equally spaced horizontal lines and two equally spaced vertical lines.

* It states that important compositional elements should be placed along the lines or their intersections.

* The main reason for observing the rule of thirds is to discourage placement of the subject at the center, or prevent a horizon from appearing to divide the picture in half.



2. RULE OF ODDS

* The rule of odds states that, whenever possible, a composition should have an odd number of objects, not an even number of objects.

* So an image should have three flowers rather than two, and five people rather than four.

* With an odd number of objects, one may become dominant. And viewer's brain work a little harder and look a little longer.



3. GOLDEN SPIRAL RULE

* In geometry, a golden spiral is a logarithmic spiral whose growth factor is ϕ , the golden ratio.

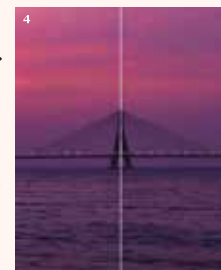
* That is, a golden spiral gets wider (or further from its origin) by a factor of ϕ for every quarter turn it makes.



4. SYMMETRY

* An image that follows the compositional rule of symmetry is one that looks the same on one side as it does on the other.

* The image can be split either vertically or horizontally to create a line of symmetry.



5. FILL IN THE FRAME

* Filling The Frame simply means to fill your photograph with more of the subject.

* So instead of having negative space or worrying about composition, you are going to get closer (this is where your feet come in, Walk, move closer) and snap it a little closer up.



LIVE GREEN, GO GREEN

-Neha Marollikar

World Vegan Day is celebrated on 1 November. It is an annual event honored by vegans all around the world every year. The vegan day is observed to encourage people to follow a lifestyle that is vegan and which benefits animal welfare and spreads awareness among people. Veganism has been around for at least 2000 years, and the idea of vegetarianism (not eating meat) may have been around for even 500 years before that! Pythagoras of Samos, a Greek philosopher, and mathematician, made it a life's effort to advocate acting with compassion and care for all animals at that time.

However, it wasn't until 1806, that the concept of veganism as a lifestyle started to take shape. Dr. William Lambe and Percy Bysshe Shelley first pushed the ethical objection to eat dairy and eggs to Europeans at this period. After more than a century, the vegan community finally came together to form the UK Vegan Society. Donald Watson coined the term "vegan" evidently taken from the word "vegetarian." Vegans, at the time, were distinguished by the fact that they did not consume dairy products.

In today's world, vegans are the ones who do not consume dairy products, meat, fish, and poultry and use things that are made up of leather. This definition was then expanded to include eggs, and by 1951, veganism had evolved into a movement of people who refused to participate in any form of animal exploitation. Wearing furs, leather, or other animal items was included under this category. Just a few years later, in 1960, the American Vegan Society was founded.

The President of the UK Vegan Society then chose in 1994 to designate November 1st as World Vegan Day, which is widely acknowledged as the day on which the Vegan Society was founded and on which Vegan Day is

honoured. It's also a great way to kick off World Vegan Month, which is November.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Vegan Society's formation and the coining of the terms "vegan" and "veganism," Louise Wallis, then-Chair of the Vegan Society in the United Kingdom, established the event in 1994. "We knew the Society had been created in November 1944 but didn't know the precise date, so I settled on 1 November, partly because it coincided with Samhain/Halloween and the Day of the Dead — traditional periods for feasting and celebration, both suitable and auspicious," Louise Wallis remarked in 2011.

World vegan day was celebrated for all the vegans around the world to celebrate their lifestyle, meet, and share their experiences. It is chosen as an international day of action for animals rights! Vegans celebrate this day as a commitment towards their vegan lifestyle. Around the world, there are many exhibitions and seminars held where the guiders answer the questions of the attendees regarding any problems they may have. These exhibitions or seminars might be helpful for the ones who are thinking to adopt a vegan lifestyle as they obtain additional knowledge about being Vegan.

One reason to observe World Vegan Day is to show compassion for animals. Fewer animal products equal fewer greenhouse gases, which equals a better environment for all. Furthermore, it is healthier for the human body. It's a win-win situation for both parties!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Focus on the step in front of you, not the whole staircase”
-Anonymous

World Adoption Day

-Tanya Purohit

Hank Fortener founded the World Adoption Day in 2014. Hank had also founded “Adopt Together”, an adoption crowdfunding platform. His goal for the day is to gather support for his mission to reduce the number of orphans in the world and provide a family for every child. Every year on November 9th, World Adoption Day encourages people to share their stories. It's also a day for adoptive parents to connect with others and reflect upon their adoption journey. "The world may not change if you adopt a child but for that child, their world will change".

Why there is a need of adoption?

Adoption is a very personal decision to be made by prospective parents. There are many reasons about why people adopt as every family is different and every family chooses adoption for different reasons. Some of the reasons are due to infertility many couples cannot have biological child so they persue adoption as a different way to become parents. Some women face medical conditions that makes it dangerous to carry a pregnancy so she chooses adoption as a way to become mother.

In some cases couples may be fully capable of conceiving but are worried about their child being born with genetic diseases so they choose to adopt instead. Other reasons to adopt a child are if a single parent wants to start a family, if a LGBTQIA+ couples want to become parents or a couple who want to give a child a loving home.

How we celebrate World Adoption Day?

To celebrate this day we can spread awareness of adoption through social media using the hashtag #NationalAdoptionDay. Draw a smiley on your hand and post a picture with the hashtag on your social media. Donate to families who need financial help for their adoption. Volunteer and connect to organization and events in your community to further raise awareness about adoption.

“A world with no more orphans, a family for every child”
-Hank Fortener

Critics’ Section

(based on IMDb’s rating)

SERIES



Daredevil
8.6/10



My Girlfriend is an Alien
8.7/10

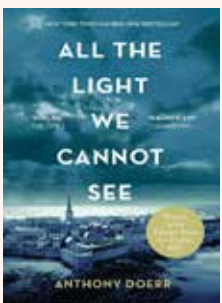


Special Ops
8.6/10

BOOKS

-Divyansh Narang

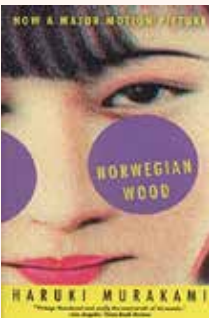
All The Light We Cannot See



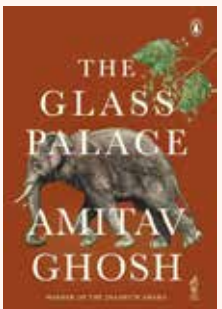
All the light we cannot see is an excruciating, evocative book about the painful ordeals and destruction the World War II inflicted upon the lives of people adding to the melancholic atmosphere of the book.

Norwegian Wood

A heart wrenching, poignant, gripping book by Murakami accentuating on mental pain caused by the loss of a loved one. The evocative, racking narration with a tinge of romance keeps the melancholic cup from overflowing and adds to the beauty of the unique writing style by Murakami.

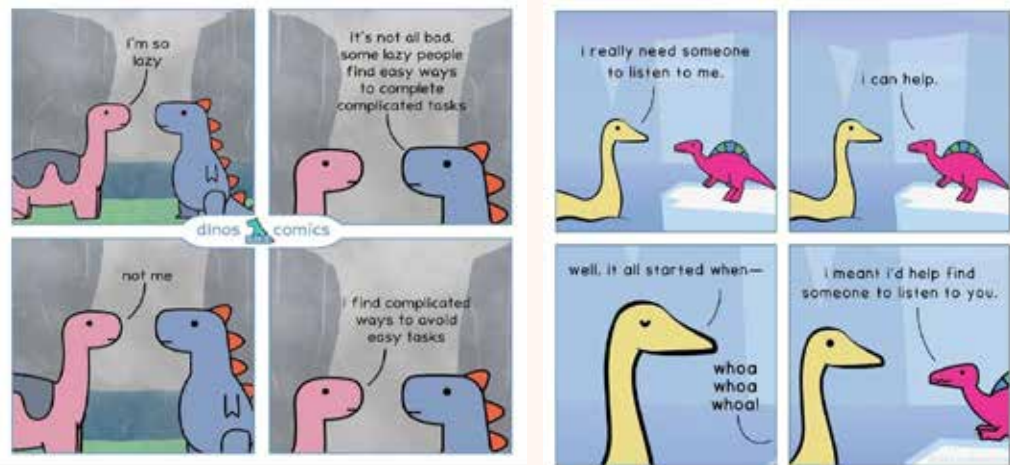


The Glass Palace



It is yet another profound, award winning novel by Amitav Ghosh depicting the enriching and deep history of the Indian sub-continent. The precision of the narration dating from independence times and such vividness of description on sensitive issues like the Indo-Burma relations, racism will keep your enthusiasm at it's peak.

TINY TICKLES



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FUN FACTS

Vegans save 1,100 gallons of water each day. The meat industry wastes one-third of drinkable water while 4 billion people don't have enough. By eating vegan, we can make good use of this precious resource.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Oldest Surviving Image

Joseph Niepce's 'View from the Window at Le Gras' is the oldest surviving camera photograph in history. Niepce captured it in 1827 using a camera with 8 hours of exposure.

There is a Species of Jellyfish that Never Dies

Turritopsis dohrnii aka The Immortal Jellyfish is known to be able to revert back into its adolescent state after going through adulthood—making it basically eternal!

HEAD OVER MEALS

HANDVO

-Neha Marolika



WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

- Semolina - 2 small bowls
- Curd - 1 small bowl
- Chopped vegetables - any according to your choice (onion, capsicum, carrot, corn, coriander, bottle gourd, green chilli)
- Salt- as per taste
- Oil - 1/2 table spoon
- Cumin seeds - 1/2 teaspoon
- Mustard seeds - 3/4 teaspoon
- Curry leaves - 3 to 4
- Sesame seeds - 1 teaspoon
- Spices - as per taste (red chilli powder, coriander powder, cumin powder, garam masala)

HOW IS IT MADE?

- Mix 2 small bowls of semolina with 1 small bowl of curd [if needed you can add some water]
- Add chopped vegetables, spices and salt to the batter.
- Add some baking soda in the batter and mix it properly.
- Make a mixture, not very thin or thick and keep it at rest for 10 minutes.
- Keep a deep pan on the burner and add some oil, cumin seeds, mustard seeds, curry leaves and white sesame seeds.
- Pour the batter on the deep pan and close the lid until cooked from the bottom.
- Then flip it and let it cook thoroughly from the other side as well.
- And your dish is ready to serve! Enjoy with ketchup or green chutney.



QUOTE FROM BHAGVAD GEETA

"It is better to live your own destiny imperfectly than to live an imitation of someone else's life with perfection."

The Lowest Possible Form of Journalism

-Faiz Farooqui

Everyone is familiar with the phrase "Yellow yellow dirty fellow". Yellow also symbolizes cowardliness and deceit, attributes that are heavily involved in our topic. The topic is the look down upon practice of Yellow Journalism.

What exactly is Yellow Journalism?

Yellow Journalism is the malpractice wherein newspapers publish news that has little to no background and not an iota of legitimacy. This type of journalism thrives on reckless sensationalism and the controversial potential the incident possesses.

When did the concept of Yellow Journalism originate?

Yellow Journalism was initiated by two individuals - William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer. The rivalry between Joseph Pulitzer's New York World and William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal for more readership and circulation led to a bitter battle that lasted from 1895 to 1898.

Why is Yellow Journalism still somewhat popular yet so bad?

Yellow Journalism appealed to the people's thirst for news they perceived as juicy. Mocking up imaginary topics was just one of the tricks to gain readers. According to Frank Luther Mott, these characteristics are why Yellow Journalism initially prospered:

- 1) scary headlines in huge print, often of minor news
- 2) lavish use of images, or imaginary drawings
- 3) use of faked interviews, misleading headlines, and a parade of false

learning from so-called experts.
4) emphasis on full-color Sunday supplements, usually with comic strips
5) dramatic sympathy with the 'underdog' against the system.
In its heyday, Yellow Journalism is a prime reason for the war that took place between the United States and Spain.

How do you recognize Yellow Journalism and try to stop it?

- Yellow Journalism flourishes on these traits:
- News on rape, riots, murder, violence
- Untrue or partly true reports
- Lurid exposure of personal lives of persons in power or otherwise
- Obscenities
- Distortion of facts
- Faked stories
- Misinterpretation of opinions as 'facts'
- Deliberate invention of tales, calculated to excite the people
- Recklessness in the construction of headlines or large scare type headlines
- Blatant emotional appeals
- Distortions of all kinds to incite antagonistic feelings against the enemy country

To get rid of this practice, consumers of news have to think carefully about where they get their news and information. Seek information, which is the primary objective of journalism and not entertainment. Gradual change will lead to publishers needing to improve the methods with which they spread the news.

WRITE OUT LOUD

Every day I wake up,
I get a heartwarming view from my eyes,
I am glad my day starts from an awesome sunrise.
The smell of mud during monsoon cherish my veins,
I am glad that I can experience the rain.
I sit beside the window,the wind entangles my hair,
I am glad to breathe the fresh air.
The nature have so much shower,
And I am glad that I get to smell different flowers.
My mother earth holds many roots,
I am glad that I can eat nutritious fruits.
Our mother earth gives us so much without any
conditions,
And now it's our duty to save our mother earth from
any worse situation
I thank my mother earth for such well being
And I pledge to save my mother earth from
everything.

-Tanya Purohit

Had I known my demons would fill me with the blues
I wouldn't have set them loose
The gordian knots they weave
The earsplitting sounds they scream
Like the monster under my bed does in my dream
I implore my demons to leave
Atrocious they are
Taking my mind very far
Talent they possess
With their only mission
To divert me from every situation
And have success
Hearing their deep roar
My tears pour
Knowing one thing
they will not be gone
even after I am long gone

-Divyansh Narang

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Nikhil Bhandari- 5th November
Haider Ratlamwala- 9th November
Mrunali Shrikrishna- 18th November
Aneree Dedhia- 18th November
Anisha Banerjee- 20th November
Renuka Pujari- 22nd November
Devang Bajpai- 27th November
Chetan Diwan- 27th November



Today is the oldest you have been, and the youngest you will
ever be. make the most out of it. -Nicky Gumbel

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