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CURRENT AFFAIRS

- ◆ The Konkan Railway Corporation has finished electrification of its entire 741-kilometer route that stretches from Roha, Maharashtra to Thokur, Karnataka. Overview: This electrification of the 741-kilometer stretch will bring about savings of fuel amounting to Rs 150 crore. It will also reduce the dependence on diesel along with ensuring pollution-free, seamless operations.
- ◆ A border agreement was signed between Assam and Meghalaya on 29th March 2022. With this newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Meghalaya will be gaining 18.33 square kilometers and Assam will be gaining 18.46 sq km out of the total of 36.79 sq km. in 6 out of 12 areas of differences that were resolved.
- ◆ The Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Campaign- 2022 was launched by N. Biren Singh, the Chief Minister of Manipur on 29th March 2022. Aim of the campaign The campaign was launched with the aim of intensifying the various measures of water conservation in all the identified water-stressed districts and blocks across Manipur.

Quidditch!

-Faiz Farooqui



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Quidditch, Retake's much-anticipated sporting event, was held on February 18, 2022, with universities from all across Mumbai participating. Quidditch is a one-of-a-kind event hosted by Retake at L.S. Raheja College of Arts and Commerce. The festival's distinctive theme, 'Maestro of Nemesis,' probed the dynamics of the characters with their situations and walked the fine line between good and evil. It investigated how individuals' actions are defined by their surroundings, resulting in even those believed to be the epitome of virtuosity avoiding the side of light and turning towards the dark.

Every Potterhead has wished to play Quidditch at some point in their lives. Potter Mania was in full swing at Retake, with competitors competing with all their might to gain dominance and place their hard-earned crowns on their heads. The magical ambiance, along with the enthralling and breath-taking activities, ensured that the entire event would be remembered for the rest of one's life. The energy and passion displayed during Retake peaked with the vigor of participating colleges.

Retake's Quidditch is an incredible amalgamation of different sports such as football, basketball, and dodgeball. Each team consists of 5 players and 2 substitutes. The players take the roles of attackers, defenders, a seeker, and a goalkeeper. There are two kinds of ball, first is "Quaffle" the scoring ball and second is the "Bludger". There is one ball in between both the defenders called the bludger and the player shall keep it in their hand at all times. Any player hit with the bludger has to drop the quaffle and run back to their hoop, touch and return

to the play. Contestants are given a broom to hold between their legs and a quaffle (ball) to hold in one hand. To score a goal, they must sprint and pass the quaffle through the hoops. The center hoop is worth 20 points, while the side hoops are for 10 points. Each match lasted 12 minutes, with 5 minutes between halves and a 2-minute rest in between. The seekers have only one mission: to find the snitch. The snitch appears in the second half and has a minute to run about anyplace in the territory. Getting the snitch nets the scoring team 50 points, putting them on the verge of winning the game.

The date of February 18th will live on in the minds of those who attended. Quidditch has always been a spectacle because of the fast-paced game, excited fans, and overall intensity. To achieve ultimate triumph, the teams truly shed blood, sweat, and tears. The skill and competence of the experts from the renowned Nanavati Hospital ensured that even the most minor injuries on the sportsmen were mended. Contingent Guru won the trophy of first place with outstanding athleticism and smart strategies, while contingent Gabbar Won the second place they gave a quite tough competition. The third place of victory was gained by contingent Sanjay Singhania.

Every B.A.A.M.C student should put Quidditch on their bucket list of things to do. The dreamlike air of joy and feelings made this an occasion to remember. Colleges shouting to cheer for their teams, slogans sung by all, the frenzied energy elevating the "Mahol" to unimaginable heights. Every college's mass media department can participate in Retake, and Quidditch alone makes it worthwhile!

Shark Tank India

-Aakash Kalkumbe

Shark Tank is the Indian franchise of the American show Shark Tank. A reality television show based on business where aspiring entrepreneurs present their business ideas to the panel (Sharks). The panel decides whether to invest their own money to help contestants and guide them to make a successful business in the future. The first season was premiered on Sony Tv from 20 December 2021 to 4 February 2022. The event drew 62,000 participants from India, with 198 businesses chosen to pitch their ideas in front of sharks. Out of the 198 contestants this season, 67 entrepreneurs received a deal. There are a total of 7 sharks who analyzed the business of entrepreneurs. 1. Ashneer Grover, managing director and co-founder of Bharat pe. 2. Aman

Gupta, the co-founder, and chief marketing officer at Boat. 3. Anupam Mittal, CEO of Shadi.com. 4. Ghazal Alagh is co-founder of Mama earth. 5. Namita Thapar, Executive director of Emcure pharmaceuticals. 6. Peyush Bansal the co-founder and CEO of Lenskart. 7. Vineeta Singh, CEO, and co-founder of Sugar cosmetics. A special episode of Shark tank India named 'Gateway to the shark rank' was streamed on 11 February 2022. The first season of Shark Tank India was very successful among the youth. The show received a positive and immense response from the audience throughout. This show grabs lots of attention from aspiring youth and future entrepreneurs. The audience now waits for season 2 of shark tank.

NASA’s James Webb Telescope - The Largest Ever in History!

-Ishita Karmaran

The largest telescope ever in history, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is an infrared astronomy space telescope. It was designed in partnership with the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) (CSA). The JWST was launched on an ESA Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou, French Guiana on December 25, 2021. The telescope is named after NASA Administrator James E. Webb, who served from 1961 to 1968, overseeing the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs.

The James Webb Space Telescope has four primary goals: to search for light from the first stars and galaxies that formed in the universe after the Big Bang; to study galaxy formation and evolution; to comprehend star formation and planet formation, and to investigate planetary systems and the origins of life. Well, not just that but also precise atmospheric characterization of possibly habitable exoplanets. So, you might wonder how and when was such a massive telescope built? Well here's the answer, the production began in 1996 for a 2007 launch with a US\$500 million expenditure. There were numerous difficulties and budget overruns, including a massive overhaul in 2005, a torn sunshield during a practice deployment, a recommendation from an independent review committee, a threat by the US Congress to scrap the project, the COVID-19 pandemic, troubles with the Ariane 5 rocket and the telescope itself, and communications anomalies seen between the telescope and the launch vehicle. The final structure was completed by late 2016, after which it took years to test the telescope thoroughly. After the launch, according to a statement by NASA, work on the James Webb Space Telescope is



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proceeding smoothly. Webb is now monitoring at Lagrange point 2 (L2), which is almost 1 million miles away (1.6 million km). (Lagrange Points are locations in space where the gravitational forces of two bodies, such as the Sun and Earth, generate heightened zones of attraction and repulsion.) These are employed by spacecraft to lower the amount of fuel required to stay in orbit. Lagrange points are named after the French-Italian mathematician Joseph-Louis Lagrange.

Science observations aren't anticipated to begin until this summer, but there's plenty to be excited about in the meanwhile. That science includes intentions to contribute to the Event Horizon Telescope's views of the black hole at the heart of the Milky Way, as well as a mission to detect star formation that is now veiled by layers of dust.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know sharks love the taste of the Internet?

If shark attacks give you the heebie-jeebies, you and the people over at Google aren’t alone. In 1987, it was reported by The New York Times that sharks “have shown an inexplicable taste for the new fiber-optic cables that are being strung along the ocean floor linking the United States, Europe, and Japan.”

Did you know there is a museum dedicated to failure?

Boasting around 159 failed products and innovations, the touring Museum of Failure features displays on such bad ideas as Harley-Davidson perfume, Colgate frozen entrees, and Microsoft Zune.

'Mom, I am a rich man'

-Arushi Jhajharia

Women's day is back yet again with the same affection and love to celebrate women's achievements around the globe and to appreciate their efforts, growth, and empowerment over the years. Women, as we believe, are a strong pillar of our society who play a very crucial role in strengthening it. This one day we are going to be grateful to all the amazing superwomen and will again be making social media posts, just to go back to shamelessly harass and make them feel like a second-class citizen than to let them live with that fear for the rest of 364 days until the next women's day arrives. Sounds a little harsh right? But sadly, a reality check. Yes, we are developing and making progress as far as gender equality is concerned every day but still, it's a long battle. There is still a long way to go in terms of hurdles and impediments, whether it is the wage gap, security, stereotypes, rights, or obtaining the same chance. But it is the spirit of resisting patriarchy and striving towards it. Also, realizing one's privilege counts. Many features and attitudes have evolved for the better over the ages, such as people's awareness of freedom of choice and the importance of women's education. On the ground, particularly in rural areas, however, many things stayed the same (Indian parents' preference for government work).

It's a long journey, and we are grateful to all the incredible and invincible women out there from around the world who fought the battle and are still working to make their way through the hurdle, standing tough with a smile. Ladies, you, your efforts, hard work, and accomplishments (large or small) are a true inspiration for the rest of the world to see. The women of today are lone wolves, representing themselves, living in their conditions, don't need a rich man but are RICH WO-MEN. Wishing all the wonderful women out there a happy women's day- you all are more than enough, keep on shining and inspiring!

Critics’ Section

(based on IMDb’s rating)

MOVIES



Old Man
8.5/10



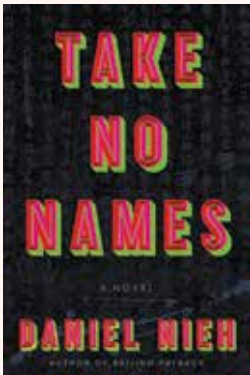
The Mandalorian
8.7/10



The Black Phone
7.3/10

BOOKS

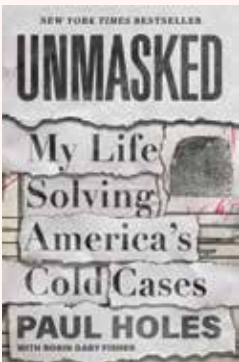
Take No Names



Daniel Nieh's Take No Names is a blast from start to finish. A riveting thriller about a fugitive in search of a quick payday in Mexico City who finds himself in the crosshairs of a dangerous international scheme Victor Li is a man without a past. It’s a classic crime thriller that shifts into an over-the-top action romp.

Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases

This book is written by Paul Holes, a retired detective from Contra Costa County in California. The region is where Laci Peterson was murdered, where Jaycee Dugard was held in captivity and where the Golden State Killer terrorized communities for decades. Holes spent his entire career in the county, with a particular focus on cold cases, and he devoted 24 years to investigating and ultimately finding the Golden State Killer.

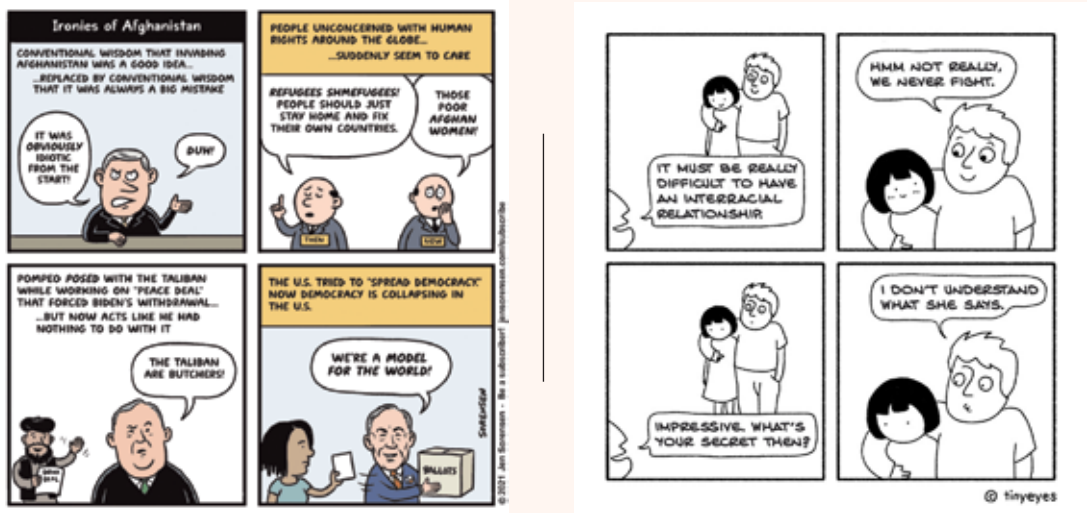


Samsung to use Ocean Plastic for Future Galaxy Phones

-Darshit Tanna

Imagine that you are on your way to eat your favorite food and just then you find nearly 12 big pieces of a used poly-thene bag. Feeling Disgusted, right? Aquatic animals have to face this havoc every day! “But why are you telling us? It’s not just our fault!” But, we cannot just ignore this issue. “Hold my Galaxy!” said Samsung! Samsung has started Reusing Ocean Plastic for their Future Galaxy Smartphones!40% of a smartphone is plastic. That means you are carry-ing almost half a piece of a non-biodegradable product. NEVER! Before this initiative, Samsung and other smart-phone brands utilized fresh plastic for their smartphone's bodies. But, as the evolution of machines has sped up, reusing and recycling have become much more efficient, convenient, and sustainable. "Why not use the plastic that is currently available?" suggested Samsung, one of the most reputable smartphone companies. The brand shared a press release that revealed fishing nets being a looming concern is often hidden by the impact made by other plastic waste. It highlighted that over 640,000 fishing nets are abandoned and discarded every year. This traps and entangles marine life, damaging coral reefs, and other natural habitats, as well as our food and water sources.This is a win-win situation because if the outer structure of the phone is manufactured from ocean plastic, then the amount of plastic in the ocean will be reduced. As a result, the public will be drawn to the brand as they support Samsung's Heroic Movement.

TINY TICKLES



FUN FACT

Someone actually paid \$10,000 for invisible artwork.

An art collector once paid \$10,000 for a "non-visible" sculpture created by actor James Franco. The artwork was billed as an "endless tank of oxygen." Um, yeah... it's called air. We're breathing some now... for free!

The 2022 Budget for Mental Health

-Khushi Chheda

According to Article 112, the Union Budget is the annual financial account reflecting the government's expected receipts and expenditures. The role of the Union Budget is to keep an account of the government's finances. In 2022-23 the Budget estimate for the health sector is Rs.86,200.65 crore, a 16.59% increase compared to the 2021-22 budget estimate. The Government of India has prioritized another vital issue related to the pandemic, namely mental health, through its health infrastructure. A mental disorder may also be referred to as a mental sickness or a psychological disorder. It is a habit of behavior or thinking that creates distress or impairs personal functioning. This has long been an issue in India, and the causes are largely unknown. According to the Global Burden

of Disease survey, about 200 million Indians suffer from mental illnesses. The government has established a National Tele Mental Health Programme in the 2022-23 Budget, including 23 tele-mental health centers of excellence, with NIMHANS serving as the co-ordinating center and IIT Bengaluru providing technical support. Because it is a neglected issue in our Indian society, the government has developed this initiative to assist those in need. According to the WHO, one out of every four households has a mental condition. People suffering from mental illnesses do not have the support of their loved ones. However, as a result of the Government of India's initiative, such challenges encountered by the nation would be quickly eradicated, contributing to the betterment of the future.

HEAD OVER MEALS

Yogurt Crunch Pudding

- Ingredients:**
- 400 gms hung yogurt
 - 2 tbsp fresh rose water
 - 1 tbsp organic honey
 - 1/2 cup grapes, chopped
 - 1/2 cup strawberries, chopped
 - 1/2 cup pomegranate kernels
 - 2 tbsp butter
 - A pinch of ground cinnamon
 - 2 tsp finely ground cane sugar

- Base:**
- 1 cup dried breadcrumbs/crushed ragi biscuits

How to Make Yogurt Crunch Pudding:

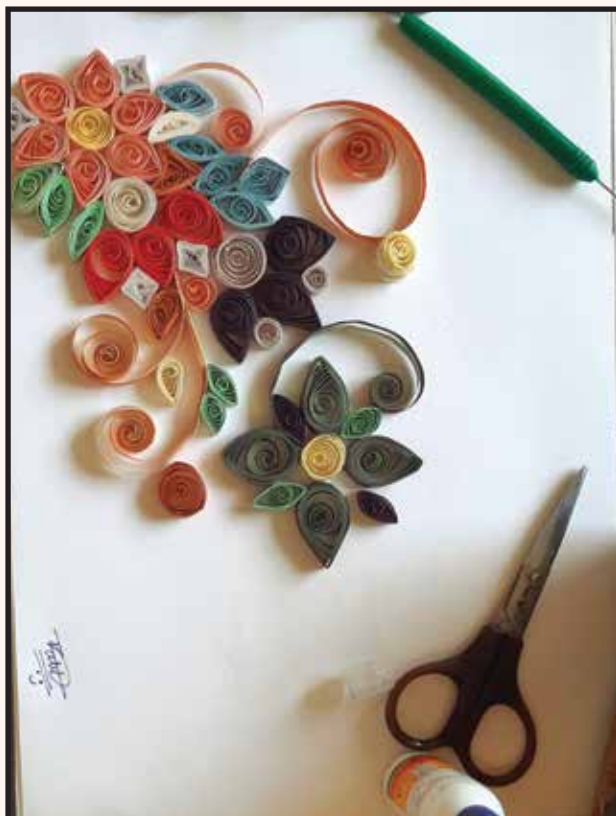
1. Put together the cane sugar, butter, breadcrumbs, and a pinch of cinnamon with butter in a bowl and rub between your fingers.



2. Lay out the dry mixture in a flat dish as the base of the pudding.
3. In a bowl mix the hung yogurt, honey, rose water, chopped strawberries, and chopped grapes and lather it on the base.
4. Topping it finally with crushed pistachios and pomegranates, and allow to set in the fridge for 20 mins.
5. Voila! Your Pudding is ready to be served.



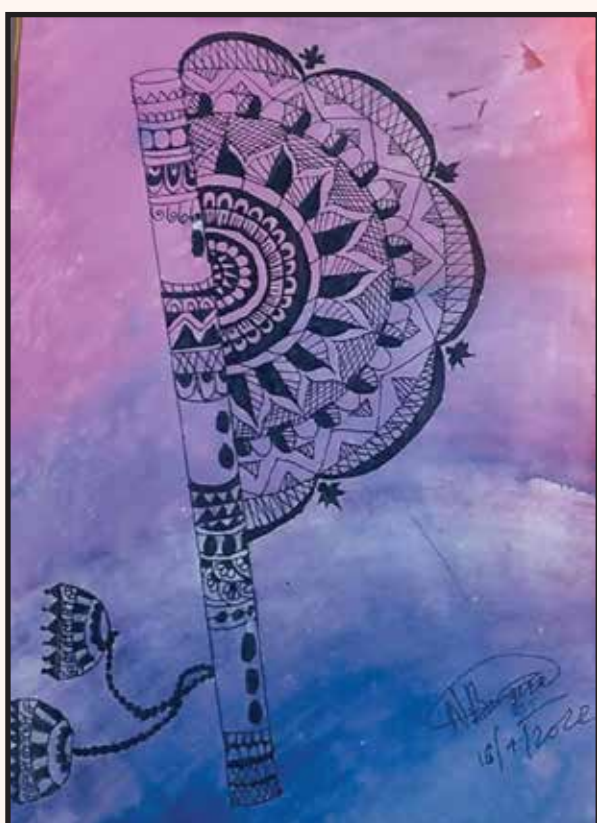
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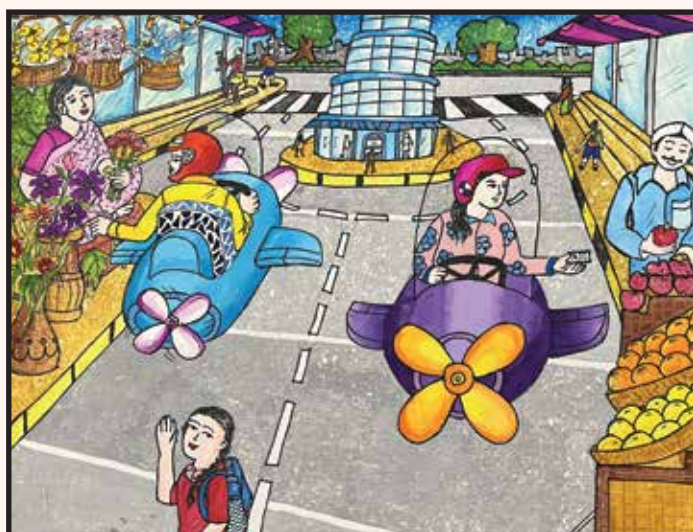
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Pratham bhanushali- 9th March
Aryan Wake- 11th March
Sakkshi Patel- 13th March
Kavita- 17th March
Rochelle Fernandes- 29th March



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

– Bhagavad Gita