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CURRENT AFFAIRS

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recently decided to operationalise standards for fortified rice kernels (FRKs). Key Points Standards for fortified rice kernels will be operationalised with immediate effect, in order to strengthen national-level fortification programme in India.
- On June 25, 2022 the central bank of China inked an agreement with the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), for establishing a Renminbi Liquidity Arrangement (RMBLA). About Renminbi Liquidity Arrangement The Renminbi Liquidity Arrangement will provide support to participating central banks during market fluctuations.
- On June 28, 2022, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) Rajnish Kumar, Ministry of Defence, inaugurated the "Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)". About PADMA is an automated Pay & Allowances module, launched for the Indian Coast Guard.
- On June 27, 2022, the supreme court asked 16 rebel Shiv Sena MLAs to respond to disqualification notice issued by Deputy Speaker, until July 12. Key Facts Earlier, deputy speaker had given 48 hours to MLAs to respond. In this crisis, references have been made to landmark 1992 judgment in 'Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu And Others'

President of India 2022

-Rochelle Fernandes

For the 2022 Presidential race, is it Draupadi Murmu v/s Yashwant Sinha? Following Sharad Pawar's refusal to be the joint opposition candidate for the Presidential elections, will it now be Draupadi Muru (BJP) v/s Yashwant Sinha (AITC)?

Draupadi Murmu, a veteran Jharkhand governor, would be the first tribal woman to hold the top constitutional post if elected. Which is a strong possibility given the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance's numerical advantage (NDA). After advancing Ram Nath Kovind, to the top post five years ago, the BJP is sending a powerful democratic message with her nomination.

Murmu has dedicated her life to serving society, according to Prime Minister Modi, and he asserts she will be a "great President." A tweet says.



Murmu, a soft-spoken and affable leader from Mayurbhanj, one of Odisha's more backward regions, had held various positions in the party, rising through the ranks, and served as a minister in the state when the BJP was in coalition with the ruling Biju Janata Dal. In fact, her name was being floated as the BJP's likely choice for the top constitutional post in 2017, but Kovind eventually emerged as the party's choice. Unfortunately, the BJP may not re-nominate Ram Nath Kovind for a second term. Rajendra Prasad was the only President to serve two full terms.

The election to choose India's next President will take place on July 18, and the results will be announced on July 21, as per the Election Commission.

Earlier in the day, at a meeting called by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi, NCP supreme Sharad Pawar declined to be the joint opposition candidate for the Presidential elections. Later the name of Yashwant Sinha was unanimously agreed upon by opposition leaders who gathered in the Parliament outbuilding for a meeting organized by NCP chief Sharad Pawar to decide on a common candidate for the much-debated presidential election.

"He is eminently qualified to uphold the secular and democratic character of the Indian Republic and its Constitutional values," the joint statement said.

The longtime politician, a Jharkhand MP, "stepped aside" from the Trinamool Congress before his name was announced and will file his nomination papers on June 27. "We regret that the Modi government did not make a serious effort to reach an agreement on a presidential candidate," Ramesh said. He stated that the government should have taken the initiative to find a consensus candidate for the highest office in the Republic.

"We are pleased to announce that we have unanimously selected Yashwant Sinha as the opposition parties' common candidate for the presidential election on July 18, 2022," Ramesh said.

The leaders also announced the formation of a committee to guide Sinha's presidential campaign.

Pawar told reporters that he has privately spoken to the leaders of various political parties. When asked if the BJD and YSR Congress are on board, Pawar said, "We will try to convince them." Because both opponents are extremely powerful, choosing India's next president will be challenging.

VL-SRSAM SURFACE-to Air Missile

-Simone Jaswal

Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) was successfully flight tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy from an Indian Naval Ship at Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur on the coast of Odisha on the 24th June of 2022. DRDO has planned to offload the manufacture of the missile to a private sector company. Making it one of the first mainland weapon platforms to be produced by private industry under the aegis of Atmanirbhar Bharat. The VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, is meant for neutralizing various aerial threats at close ranges including sea-skimming targets. The tactics and the techniques of sea-skimming are vital for the warship as it is used by various anti-ship missiles and fighter jets to avoid being detected by the radars. It also adds the capability of neutralizing various aerial threats at close ranges including sea-skimming targets. The launch of this system was conducted against high-speed aerial targets mimicking aircraft, which was successfully engaged. According to the officials from DRDO and the Indian Navy, the flight path of the vehicle along with the health parameters were monitored using several tracking instruments deployed by ITR, Chandipur. The missile has been designed to strike high-speed airborne targets at the range of 40 to 50 kilometers and an altitude of around 15km, the test has broadened the scope of increasing the range beyond 50 km. Astra (weapon) is India's first air-to-air

all-weather Britons-visual-range active radar homing air-to-air missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation. A Beyond-Visual-Range missile (BVR) is an air-to-air missile that is capable of engaging at ranges of 20 nautical miles or beyond.

Features of VL-SRSAM are Cruciform wings: They are four small wings arranged like a cross on four sides and give the projectile a stable aerodynamic posture.

Thrust Vectoring is the ability to change the direction of the thrust from its engine to control the angular velocity and the attitude of the missile. Thrust is the force that moves an aircraft through the air.

A canisterised system means when the Inside environment is controlled, thus making its transport and storage easier and improving the shelf life of weapons.

Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO, Dr. G Satheesh Reddy Complimented the teams involved in the successful flight test. He said the test has proved the integration of an indigenous weapon system onboard Indian Naval Ships. He added that it will prove to be a force multiplier for the Indian Navy and is another milestone toward Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



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A Tribute to K. K.

Neha Marolika

Krishnakumar Kunnath, familiarly known as K. K., was a renowned Indian playback singer. It was the end of the era for Bollywood when the heartbreaking news came up that K. K. was no more with us. K. K. was born on 23rd August 1968 in Delhi to a Malayali family. K. K. started his career by singing jingles for advertisements before entering Bollywood. He made his film debut with A. R. Rahman.

In 1999, he made his debut album titled "Pal." The songs 'Yaaron' and 'Pal' became very popular and were played during farewell and friendship day. The famous songs of KK to date are 'Tadap Tadap Ke Is Dil Se,' 'Mujhe Pyaar Hai,' 'Aankhon Meri Teri,' 'Khuda Jaane,' 'India Wale,' 'Tu Jo Mila,'. Most of the songs from Emraan Hashmi's movies such as 'Dil Ibadat,' 'Soniyo,' 'Tu hi Meri Shab Hai' and many more. He also recorded songs in different languages like Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Bengali, and Gujarati. K.K. was a pure singer and people from every generation treasured his voice and his singing. They do appreciate him for his great work and his mesmerizing voice.

He passed away on 31st May 2022 due to Cardiac Arrest at the age of 53, right after performing in Kolkata. K. K's fans were so shocked after they heard about the demise of their favorite singer. Celebrities from Bollywood were also shocked after hearing this news. K. K's death was a big loss to the Indian music Industry as they lost another icon this year. K. K. also won the Screen Award for the Best Playback Singer in 2009 for the song 'Khuda Jaane' from the film Bachna Ae Haseeno. K. K. will always live in our hearts.

He was a legendary singer and his songs will always have a special place in our hearts.

Critics' Section

Movies

(based on IMDb's rating)



HIT
7.7/ 10



Khuda Hafiz
8.5/ 10

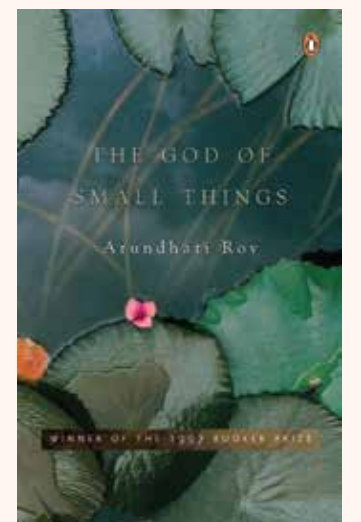


Rocketry
9.1/ 10

Book

The God of small things

'The God of small things', written by Arundhati Roy is the first book, and is considered to be one of the best novels out there. It won the Booker prize award in the year 1997. The book goes back and forth with various callbacks and unusual references with casteism, parenthood, traumatic childhood, male chauvinism et cetera. The God of small things has an eccentric set up and with this, the plot touches upon all the evils of the Indian society and their interlinked face with a helpless voice. Set in an egoistic family with traumatic background, the book portrays a picture of destruction and betrayal with its simple, non-sequential way of narration.



Konkan Diaries

-Akshat Patil

Who doesn't like to travel, especially during summer vacation? Traveling to peaceful places like beaches is a must, and this reminds me of Konkan. Konkan is a beautiful place, a home to tropical beaches, lush greenery, and prominent forts.

Places like Alibag, Mahad, Dapoli, and Ratnagiri are most recommended for tourists. Talking about some lesser-known places, Velneshwar tops the list in my mind. It is a village located 70km far away from Ratnagiri. Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) has built a resort in Velneshwar with a breathtaking view of Velneshwar Beach. The Konkani-style sea-facing rooms make your mornings better. Trips in Maharashtra are incomplete without paying visits to the temples. Shree Velneshwar Temple and Jai Siddhivinayak Temple (built by JSW) are some of the masterpieces of architecture. Another temple to visit nearby is the Marleshwar Devasthan, where one has to climb 530 steps. Ganpatipule, one of the most popular and

well-known temples and beaches, shouldn't be missed by Lord Ganesha's devotees. The journey from Velneshwar to Ganpatipule can be eased by the ferry boat route of the Jaigad-Tawsal ferry. Up to 9 cars can be accommodated on the ferry. And now addressing food, these places are the best for seafood. Fish dishes are something these places are famous for and are always delicious here.

Velneshwar is around 300km away from Mumbai and is a place that must be visited to spend a beautiful vacation. "So, if you are planning to take a trip somewhere, make sure Konkan is at the top of your list. You will be surprised how beautiful this place is!"



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Then came July like three o'clock in the afternoon, hot and listless and miserable."

— Allie Ray, Holler

GURU GRANTH SAHIB

One who walks in harmony with the Will of the True Guru, obtains the greatest glory. The Exalted Name of the Lord abides in his mind, and no one can take it away.

DID YOU KNOW?

10% of the world population is left-handed.

It is said that men are more likely to be left-handed than women. Various studies have also suggested that the handedness of a person can be determined from the time they spend in the mother's womb.

Some studies also suggest that one's heritage may also play a role in determining if someone will be left or right-handed.

Country, Agnipath, and Agniveer

-Bhawna Patel

Once, very famous personality Joe Andrew, an American politician, said "The hardest decision in life is not between good and bad or right or wrong, but between two goods or two rights."

If we talk about Agnipath, it is a scheme introduced by India's government on 14th June 2022. This scheme is regarding recruiting soldiers below the rank of commissioned officers across the three services: Navy, Army, and Airforce. This scheme allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the defense services for four years. Under this scheme, the youth joining these services will be called Agniveer. They will recruit in services for a short duration. Under this new scheme, around 45,000 to 50,000 soldiers will be recruited annually, and most will leave the service in just four years. However, after four years, only 25% of the batch will be recruited back into their respective services for 15 years. Under this scheme, the eligibility criteria of the person to be an Agniveer is that the aspirant needs to be between the age of 17.5 years to 23 years with no disability. The main objective behind this scheme is to provide 'Josh' and 'Jazba' to youth to join the armed forces. It is expected to bring down the average age profile of the Indian Armed Forces by about four years to five years.

The scheme envisions that the average age in the forces is 32 years today, which will go down to 26 in 6-7 years. After completing the four years of services, Agniveer will get a one-time 'Seva Nidhi' of Rs. 11.71 lakhs. They will also get Rs. 48 lakh life insurance for four years. In case of death, the pay-out will be Rs. 1 crore, including pay of unserved tenure.

As we all know, every situation has two sides, positive and

negative; this scheme has sides too. The most crucial difficulty is job issues. The year of working and retirement in this scheme is concise duration. So other than 25% of soldiers, 75% will be jobless after four years. The age for joining Agneepath for youth is 17.5 years to 23 years. In most youth's lives, this is time to make their career to complete their studies and get a good job. So, after those four years, jobs will be out of reach for the agniveer. Another significant drawback of the scheme is the pension issue; those hired under the Agnipath will get a lump sum for their services. However, they do not receive any pension benefits. For most, seeking a second job is essential to support themselves and their families.

The next concern about the scheme is that their training may remain unutilized. The defense service will lose their experienced soldiers. Agniveer will get technical training so that they are able to support ongoing operations but, they will leave it after four years which could create a void.

But if the scheme has its drawbacks, it has its benefits also. If we see its overall impact on a country rather than a single person, it is very much beneficial for the development of our country. This scheme will create 'future-ready' soldiers. It will increase the employment opportunity, skills, and experience that Agniveer will acquire in four years, which will help them to get employment in a different field. Through this, our country will get a higher-skilled workforce. This will lead to productivity and overall GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth.

WRITE OUT LOUD

Worthwhile!!

It still hurts,
But aren't this dark days worthwhile!!

This dark days make me grasp,
Grasp all that i have been through,
Grasp all that i have accomplished without you by
my side..

Looking back I still recall,
Recall all the notions u gave about me,
Recall you calling me this persistent and vain
person..

But isn't it heavenly,
Heavenly because it is just reassuring, Heavenly
because it was nothing but a few senseless assump-
tion..

And i am sure it'll continuously hurt,
But usually that's what's gonna compel me to be
nothing but gold.

-Khushi Chheda

FUN FACTS

The # symbol isn't officially called a hashtag or a pound. It's technically called an "octothorpe." The "octo-" means "eight" to refer to its points.

Snakes do not have eyelids. Although they cannot close their eyes while they are sleeping, they can close their retinas.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Tanvi Patil- 9th July 2022
Shruti Pandey- 19th July 2022
Ekta Bhadra - 21st July 2022



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

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