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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Global Peace Index (GPI) for 2023 has placed India at the 126th position, underscoring the country's unwavering commitment to fostering and sustaining peace amidst a complex global scenario. The GPI, a renowned measure of peace levels across the globe, takes into account various factors such as societal safety, political stability, and international relations. India's ranking is indicative of its continuous efforts to uphold peace and security within its territory. Despite a slight dip in India's GPI ranking compared to previous years, it's crucial to recognize the country's enduring dedication to peace in the face of numerous domestic and international hurdles. India's devotion to diplomatic solutions, conflict resolution, and peaceful coexistence with neighboring countries is apparent. Given its status as one of the most populous nations globally, India plays a significant role in maintaining regional and global stability.

The 126th rank serves as a reminder that the pursuit of peace is a continuous process, and India remains steadfast in its mission to build a safer and more harmonious society for its people. The GPI 2023 ranking calls upon policymakers, community leaders, and citizens to intensify their efforts in fostering peace, tolerance, and unity within the nation's diverse and dynamic society. India's position in the GPI is more than just a number; it symbolizes the collective responsibility to construct a more peaceful and secure world for future generations.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

**-DHRUVI BHARATWALA**

New beginning is full of excitement, challenges and opportunities. A time for personal growth, academic exploration, and building life long memories. Entering college with no idea what was heading our way, what would have happen, how life was going to change.

So many emotions are flying around that you can't tell the difference between excitement, nerves, or grief. The freedom of choosing own course and shaping our education path was liberating, but it also came with a sense of responsibility that we had never experienced before. Some of them Moving to new city bidding goodbye to their close ones not knowing when they are meeting again. Entering college campus with a mixture of excitement, fear and a dash of independence. Starting college with a week of Deeksharambh. Students were introduced to the college facilities, environment, resources and services provided on campus. Interacting and Connecting with our classmates with different activities and making bonds sharing academic goals, exchanging ideas, establishing friendship extending beyond classroom. As the college life kicks off, one event stands out as a rite of passage for every college freshman: THE FRESHERS PARTY. A warm welcome to all the fresh faces on campus. The anticipation surrounding the Freshers party begins with the choice of outfit according to the theme decided by seniors. The heart of Freshers' party lies in its entertainment. From lively music and dance performances to comedy skits and games, the evening is a showcase of the colleges talent with a forever lasting memories. Starting with attending lecture, participation for activities and events with that college life continues. Managing time, and juggling multiple assignments and deadlines soon became normal. College offering with a wealth of opportunities to explore new interest and passions, joining clubs and attending events these experiences helping us discover our talents and interest we may have not known before. As a freshman year sets the stage for a fulfilling and successful college career, so making the most of it and embracing the transformation of this unique chapter in our life.



# A GLIMPSE INTO MANGALOREAN CULTURE

-HASHMITHA SUVARNA

Mangaluru, also known as Mangalore, is situated in the southern state of Karnataka, India. The people of Mangalore predominantly speak Tulu and Kannada. Despite being born and raised in Mumbai, I have always felt a profound connection to my homeland. It offers much more than meets the eye; it exudes a sense of tranquility that is hard to find elsewhere. Traveling to Mangalore has consistently felt like a retreat from the chaos of Mumbai, a return to my roots. Whether it's the serene beach waves of Mangalore or the captivating authenticity of its houses, the city possesses a unique charm. The sacred and majestic temples, along with its diverse culture, contribute to the distinctive beauty that Mangalore embodies.



I visited Mangalore after nearly three years, primarily to attend our family's Bhoota Kola, also known as Daiva Kola. This ritual involves an oracle, and prayers to it are believed to bring good fortune and alleviate people's problems. The Tuluvas, who speak Tulu, are devout followers of this tradition. It is an annual celebration where a chosen individual performs the ritual of invoking local spirits. This performer acts as a bridge between the divine and the worshipper, and the bhootas are regarded as protectors and guardians who mean no harm. In Tuluva culture, belief is placed in these spirits rather than traditional gods, creating a powerful and captivating atmosphere at a kola that is truly an unforgettable experience.

One of the most heartwarming moments of my trip was capturing this photo. In the picture, you can see my 79-year-old grandfather, Nana, who couldn't visit Mangalore due to his health. After nearly a decade, he made the journey, and in the photo, he's with his 95-year-old mother. Despite her inability to walk and the loss of one eye's sight, she sat on a trolley stool and came outside to meet him. My grandfather's memory had declined, so he couldn't remember who she was, yet they held hands and inquired about each other's well-being. Surprisingly, after returning from Mangalore, his health improved. He started walking better and eating more. We can't say whether it was the place or the people, but Mangalore truly feels like home.



# MONSOON : BLESSING OR CURSE ?

**-HARSH THAKKAR**

The Monsoon Season, An Annual Visitor With Its Melodious Raindrops And Pounding Sound Of The Drops. The Shades Of Grayish Sky, Thunder Serenades Us And Rain Dances From The Clouds Of Heaven. But Is It A Blessing Or A Curse. Let's Find Out More About It. The Coming Of The Rain Signifies Relief From The Stressful Heat Of Summer. Holding Hands In Summer Comes To The Rains. Icecreams And Popsicles Turns Into Roasted Corns And Onion Pakoras. While Some Might Experience If There Is Too Much Rain It Can Spell Disaster Like Floods, Landslides , and Waterlogging. Monsoon Turns The Brown And Arid Landscapes Into Lush , Green Paradises. it's an annual spectacle to cherish. Urban Dwellers Often Face The Furious Side Of Monsoon On Their Way To Work. City Streets Turn Into Rivers , And Traffic Jams Become Never Ending Sagas. Public Transport Becomes A Nightmare For Each And Every Person. Farmers And Rural Communities Eagerly Await For The Monsoon Chills. It's A Life Giving Rain That Rejuvenates Crops And Ensures Food On Our Tables. For Them Its Not Just Rain. It's A Lifeline. So, Is Monsoon A Boon Or Bane? The Verdict On The Monsoon's Blessing Or Curse Often Hinges On Where You Find Yourself During The Monsoon Season. For Farmers Its A Lifeline But For Travellers It's A Chaos , Nature Enthusiastically Thanks Rain To Make The Greenary Around But On The Other Side City Folks Curse The Puddles. At Last, Monsoon Turns Unpredictable. It Shows It's Both Sides i.e Beautiful And Formidable.



# KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

**-SHRUTI CHAUHAN**

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every 26 July in India, to observe India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War for ousting Pakistani Forces from their occupied positions on the mountain tops of Northern Kargil District in Ladakh in 1999. The day honours the bravery and sacrifice made by Indian soldiers during the intense war. The successful operation against Pakistan was named Operation Vijay. The war began when Pakistani forces disguised as Kashmiri terrorists infiltrated on the Indian side of the LC and took over the Indian Army's winter vacated posts, as part of an operation, code-named "Operation Badr." The aim was to cut the link between Kashmir and Ladakh to isolate Indian Army. On the last day, July 26, 1999, the Indian Army completed "Operation Vijay" successfully. India won over Pakistan. On July 26, 1999, the day was marked as the "Kargil Vijay Diwas". After that, Pakistani withdrew from the areas of the Line of Control.



# NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY

-Drishti Sutaría

National Doctors' Day is observed to honor the profession of doctors and their contribution to the healthcare industry. First National Doctor's Day was observed in the United States in 1933, since then it has spread to other nations as well. There is no specific date for observation and it varies for every nation. India celebrates National Doctors' Day on 1st July every year. In India Doctors' Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. Dr. Roy was a respected doctor and philanthropist who also served as the second CM of West Bengal. This day is celebrated to honor all the doctors for their contribution to society. The first Doctors' Day was celebrated in 1933 by the United States. Since 1991, India celebrates National Doctors' Day. Many events are organized in West Bengal on this day. Every year Indian Medical Association decides on a particular theme for this celebration. Hospitals organize many events like medical camps and free checkups on this day. National Doctors' Day is a day to thank the doctors who work tirelessly for the society and remain on call 24/7. Without doctors, society would be plagued with diseases and soon end. It is essential that the efforts of doctors be applauded to inspire them and motivate them to tread proudly on the path of service to society. While National Doctors' Day is a designated day for celebration, it's essential to appreciate and respect healthcare professionals year-round for their dedication to maintaining and improving our health.

"Caring hearts, healing hands, doctors make life's toughest stands."

"Doctors, the silent heroes who mend our bodies and heal our souls."



# PHOTOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOURS



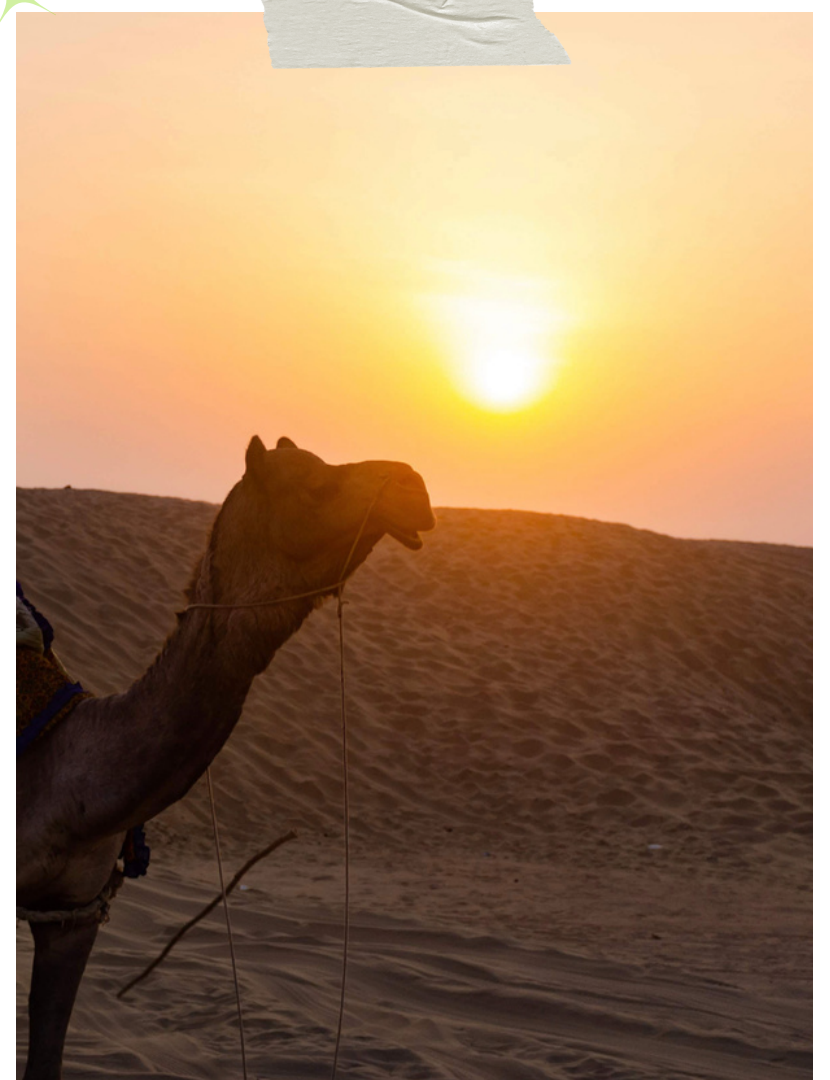
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