Blooming Tulips! Welcome to Kashmir

**Srinagar, Mar 25:** Asia’s largest tulip garden in the Himalayan foothills, overlooking the Dal Lake in Srinagar has opened to the public today.

The garden has over 1.5 million multi-coloured tulips of 63 varieties. They are expected to bloom by the end of this month and will last for a maximum of four weeks.

The tulip garden is a terraced garden covering an area of 30 hectares. This Tulip Garden was opened in 2007 and every year, the Tulip Festival is held attracting many tourists. This year, two lakh new tulip bulbs were added to the garden.

Tulips in Kashmir were once grown on traditional mud rooftops of the houses.

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522 Million Year Old Cephalopod Fossils Discovered

**Heidelberg (Germany), Mar 25:** A team of scientists from the University of Heidelberg, Germany have discovered possibly the oldest cephalopods (literally means head foot in Greek. They are animals with prominent head and a set of tentacles or arms) in Earth’s history. They studied the chalky shells of the fossils attached to the rocks from the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland, Canada. The fossils were found to be around 522 million years old and could be the first known form of the highly evolved invertebrate organisms, the cephalopods. This evolved into the present day brainy octopus, gorgeous nautilus, and charming cuttlefish. The fossil’s shell was shaped like a long cone and subdivided into individual chambers. These are connected by a tube called the siphuncle (a tissue that helps to empty water from the shell).

These fossils prove that cephalopods may be 30 million years older than previously thought. The scientists are hoping to find a better preserved sample to reconfirm their study.
The ‘What If’ Challenge: What if We Could Shrink or Expand at Our Own Will?

By Aashi Gupta

If we could change our size anytime we wanted
Hide and seek would be very difficult
But we could get in tiny places easily
If our parents forbid to open any box
We could shrink ourselves and voila!
We will know the secrets they hid

If we want to explore an ant hill
Or a rat hole
We just need to change our size
Won’t it be amazing to get into the tiny details of a car,
Or pop our head out of earth and grab the moon?
We will be able to see wonders which we didn’t know

Wouldn’t it be ridiculous,
To go in a person’s nose or ear?
But for robbers
There will be no trials or tribulations for getting out of a jail!

By Rani Chand

"What if" we could change our size according to our wish.
I would make myself so tall
That I could touch the tip of Mount Everest
And turn into a small ant
To live a community life
Even inside a pit.

Become as much as my pet’s height
To sit on him and go on a ride
Or cross the camel’s hump to see
What’s happening on the other side!

Though I wonder
“Where would I keep the remote?”

Bangladesh Celebrates Golden Jubilee of Independence

Dhaka, March 25: Bangladesh celebrates fifty years of Independence on 26th March, 2021. On 26th March, 1971, Bangladesh’s independence was declared by Sheikh Mujibur Rehman who was the most influential leader then and was referred to as ‘Bangabandhu’ (Friend of Bengal). 26th March, 2021 is his birth centenary too. He was the first President of Bangladesh and father of Sheikh Hasina who has been the longest serving Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the guest of honour at the national celebrations planned at Bangladesh. The other distinguished guests joining the celebrations are Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Sri Lanka’s Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, and Nepal’s President Bidya Devi Bhandari.

अक्ष अग्रवाल द्वारा

अगर हम बड़े छोटे हो पाते,
तो ना जाने क्या - क्या करतब दिखाते।
कभी बोतल मे घुस जाते,
कभी पेड़ की तरह लबे हो जाते।
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कभी हाथी बनकर पूरे जंगल पर रोब जमाते।
कभी बड़े - छोटे बनकर सबको सताते,
कभी सबकी मदद कर जाते।
अगर सबको यह power मिल जाए,
तो छोटे - बड़े का concept ही खतम हो जाए।
Formula One: Jehan Daruvala – India’s F1 Hope

By Praneeth Udathu

Introduction
Since the start of the F1 sport, there have been only two Indian drivers that have managed to get into the pinnacle of motorsport. However, these two are by no means the final F1 drivers from India; we still have many young drivers eagerly waiting on the wings of F1. The one looking the brightest is Jehan Daruvala, who appears to be one of the most promising young drivers in the world right now and could very likely become the third and most successful F1 driver from India.

Karting Career
Jehan Daruvala was born in 1998 in Mumbai to Khurshed and Kainaz Daruvala. He began karting at the age of thirteen (which is a relatively late start to driving). Nonetheless, he had a very successful early career, winning karting championships in Asia and stood third in the Karting World Championship when he was sixteen only, behind two drivers who are currently racing in F1.

Daruvala was coached from an early age by Rayomand Banajee. He is a legendary Indian karting and race driver who at one point even raced with drivers on the current F1 grid. However, he is now even better known for setting up the ‘Rayo Racing’ karting academy in Pune in the hope of teaching and inspiring more young Indians to get into racing.

Daruvala was also seen to have massive potential from a young age after winning the ‘One in a Billion Hunt’ (organised by Force India in 2014). He was one of the three winners of this series; winning this event also meant that he was sent to the UK to race in the British Karting Championship and was able to receive coaching from the British karting legend – Terry Fullerton (best known for being teammates with Ayrton Senna, a three time F1 world champion in the 1980s/90s).

Junior Career
He began racing cars in 2015 in the Formula Renault series and finished fifth in his debut season and was at the highest position among all his teammates. His good form continued in 2016 where he finished second in the M2 series in New Zealand only behind Lando Norris (a current F1 driver). Later in the same year, he raced in the Northern European and the Euro cup, finishing fourth and ninth respectively, but achieved his first major racing win in Hungary.

In 2017, Daruvala won the New Zealand Grand Prix in the Toyota Racing Series (the first Indian to win an FIA sanctioned Grand Prix) and later that year raced in the European F3 series. Here, he finished a respectable sixth in the championship (he beat all of his team mates that year except for the previously mentioned Lando Norris) and finished tenth the year after (but still outscored his teammates).

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Editorial

Dear Stars,
Here’s today’s ‘What if’ challenge: What if the Earth was flat? Enjoy the edition.
Love,

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Book Review: विदेशी यात्रियों की नज़र में भारत - डॉ. परमानन्द पांचाल

I would like to start the review with 3 points:
A. As the preface of the book says, while there are many records of travellers coming to India, there is no single book that takes us on a chronological journey of their travel from Megasthenes to the modern times. This book does that.
B. In a pithy 54 pages, this book recreates India from the times of Megasthenes to Bernier.
C. At the end, in a single paragraph, the author is able to quickly summarise the common threads that appear in all these accounts.

It is said that to explain a subject to a six year old, you must know it really well. You truly understand that quote when you read this book. Dr. Parmanand Panchal really knows his subject well and is able to explain it in a very interesting way for the reader.

Whether you are a history buff or just a curious soul, this book is perfect for you. History seekers will treasure it for the chronological continuity, while others will be amazed to read how India was described even in the ancient ages.

Jehan Daruvala – India’s F1 Hope

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In 2019, he was able to race for Prema (the best junior racing team in the official formula 3 series) and while he finished behind both of his teammates that season, he was signed by the Red Bull Junior academy (these driver academies are set up by F1 teams to recruit drivers who they feel have the potential to get into F1 and provide guidance and financial aid to these drivers).

2020 saw Daruvala race in the F2 series with Carlin Racing alongside another Red Bull academy driver - Yuki Tsunoda.

The first part of the season was dreadful for him but after getting his engine replaced, he began showing his true pace, getting two podium finishes at the end of the season. He finished at the twelfth place in the season due to a faulty engine in the first half of the season.

This year sees Daruvala yearning to show his pace over a full season, while his former teammate Yuki Tsunoda was able to graduate into F1, Daruvala is still in F2 wanting to prove himself to Red Bull. He has tough competition from many other drivers in the academy and a lack of space in F1, but has shown with his junior results that he can certainly perform very well with a good car. His results seem even more promising than the other two Indian drivers and he has shown that he is capable of beating other amazing racers. Only time will tell whether he can make it all the way to
Interaction With A Coin

By Atharva Dangi

Yesterday whilst I was walking around,
I found a coin on the ground.
It was full of dust and looked very old,
It made me wonder if it was made of gold.
I pulled a chair and sat,
Then we both began to chat.

Me: Since when you are lying here?
Coin: For almost 28 years dear.
Me: Please tell me your story.
Coin: Let me tell you that my past was full of glory.
One day, I fell down here.
I waited for years but no one came near.

Me: What have you been doing all this time?
Coin: Let me share with you in a rhyme-
I spent time watching people all day,
The Children that play,
The women that talk
The elderly that walk.

Me: Oh, my dear Coin, now that you are mine
We will be together, and I will ensure that you shine.
Coin: Thank you my dear Boy
For filling my life with Joy!

Funny Sleep Story

By Nupur Agrawal Bhagat

I used to take hours to drink my glass of milk, so early in the morning while I was still asleep my mother would gently make me sit and put the cup of milk on my mouth and make me drink milk while I was still asleep. Most times I drank it up quickly so that I could go back to sleep again and wouldn’t even remember if I had the milk when I woke up a couple of hours later. This went on until I was in high school!
Sports News: Badminton - Orleans Masters Tournament 2021


Rumble Jumble

The teacher had asked to write an essay on 'My favourite sport'. Bhuvam got confused and couldn't decide which his favourite sport is; he ended up mixing all the letters. Help him by unscrambling the letters below:

1. mtnbdiaon
2. klbatablse
3. crecos
4. rehyrca
5. bfolatol
6. nwla nestin

Artist Corner by Saksham T Kulkarni

Cartoon Corner: Funny Bunnies by Aakarsh Agarwal

Credits and Answers

Congratulations to Swetha R., Amey Haldankar, Priyansh Jain, and Aashi Gupta for correct answers to last week’s Sudoku and Word web. Credits: Image of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman is from wikipedia

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