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From the President's Desk



Dear members,

Greetings!

As we are getting ready to welcome the New Year, it's time to usher in the spirit of everything new- new hopes, new resolutions and new plans. It's time to recall the memories, good and bad, and draw lessons for betterment. Though the pandemic situation is slowly improving, we still need to be very careful and follow all the protocols.

We are very happy that the recently introduced Saturday Tiffins, Sunday Brunch and Sunday Special Menu are very well appreciated by the members.

As planned, basketball court will be ready by the end of this month. Work is in progress to make a new cricket pitch and lighting in the Jubilee Grounds. We are proud to inform our members that a new sport facility, a mini golf arena is getting ready. I am sure that members would greatly appreciate this facility.

Ladies Committee has geared up to organise two fun events in this month- cake mixing and Christmas party. We request our members to come along with their family members and enjoy all the programmes. Needless to say that we are strictly following all the COVID protocols in all the events.

Following MHA guidelines, it has become inevitable to cancel New Year eve celebrations in our Club this year. However, all the regular services are open for the members on 31st December.

Advance New Year wishes to all of you!

Best Regards,

P.Phaneendra Babu

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Dr. Subrahmanyam (S-277), Retd. Professor of Neurosurgery Andhra Medical College and KGH, has taken over as the President of Indian Medical Association, Andhra Pradesh state recently. He

has been an active member IMA and has occupied many positions in the state and national executive. Dr. Subrahmanyam is also the current President of Neurological Association of Vizag.



Dr. Ramanand Satapathy (R-555), Professor of Psychiatry at the GHMC (Government Hospital for Mental Care), Vizag recently played a key role in reuniting a 22 year old mentally disturbed patient with his family, after due treatment. The patient who hails from MP had been separated from his

family since 2 years. This noble gesture was reported in the Times of India earlier this month.

Jasti Srikanth, (S-819), Chairman - Sports Committee has donated a fund of Rupees five lakhs towards the development of Health and Sports Infrastructure in Waltair Club. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Sun Educational Institutions.



Ms. Vedika Kedia (V- 376) has won a scholarship to the prestigious Yenching Academy of Peking University, in Beijing, China. Only 100 students worldwide are chosen for this fellowship which aims at building bridges between China and the world through an inter-disciplinary Master's program. Vedika graduated with a Best Student Prize from Lady Shriram College for Women, New Delhi recently and has been on international student exchange programs during each year of her graduation to Singapore, Paris and London. She interned with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and excels in debating.



Announcements

- Club Saturday Tiffins started from 21st November, 2020.
Time: 7pm to 10pm
Price: Rs.100/- per person
Venue: Lawns
Members are requested to utilize this facility.
- Sunday Buffet Breakfast has been shifted to Shells Restaurant from Sunday 22nd November, 2020.
- This is to inform all the Members that The Wills Pub will be available to host Banquet Parties till the Bar permission is obtained w.e.f. 07.12.2020.
Charges : Rs.5,000/- (including taxes)
Duration : 4 hrs
Maximum Capacity : 30 pax
Members are requested to use this facility. Club Rules applicable.

BOOKS DONATION

The following members have donated books to our Club Library:

Name	M.no.	No. of books
Mrs.Uma Raju Sagi	P-114	1
Mr.C.V.Anirudh Rao	A-255	29

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the sad demise of our senior member.



MR.Y THIMMA RAJA
(T-19) EXPIRED
ON 15.11.2020

UPDATES

Winners of Tambola held on 28.11.2020



1st PRIZE WINNER
Mr.K.Akshay, (A-362)



2nd PRIZE WINNERS
Mrs.V.Aparna, W/o. VNVSSS Murthy (M-199)
Mrs.Punam Gupta, W/o. Vivek Gupta (V-372)
Mr.G.V.S.Ramayya (R-364)



3rd PRIZE WINNERS
Mr.Bharat Chauhan (B-89)
Mrs.Ch.Sri Lakshmi W/o. Ch.Ranganadh (R-250)
Mrs.S.Vijaya Lakshmi,
W/o. S.Murali Krishna (M-194)

Bhoomi Pooja of Golf Arena



Work on the long awaited putting green at Waltair Club was formally begun with a puja being conducted at the proposed site beside Club Mart on 7th Dec 2020. "The President, Mr. P. Phaneendra Babu, Committee members and other members were present at the function. Club members who are golf enthusiasts, welcomed the idea of the upcoming golf putting green, which would encourage youngsters to try their hand at the game of Golf.



Senior Citizens' Meet

The senior citizen meet went off to a flying start on Sunday 22nd November with excellent support given by the club.

Following the rules laid by MHA due to pandemic COVID-19, we estimated about 50 senior citizens of the club to attend the meet and thankfully we had 45 of them attending the meeting which was held at the Oyster from 11.00 AM.

A warm send off was given to Capt.G.M.Peter our Chairman and founder and was felicitated by our club Secretary Sri.V.Seetharamaiah. The first and former chairman was presented with a shawl of a beautiful memento. This was a simple ceremony. The Club supported the meeting.

The New Chairman assisted by the Committee members 1) Sri Goli Ramakrishna, 2) Sri R.Jagapathi Raju, 3) Sri D.Murali Krishna, 4) Sri M.V.Narayana Rao plan to make the first ever Senior Citizen Committee in the Club (as a matter of fact in the Country) reach greater heights.

We are also requesting all our senior citizen members to donate a token amount of Rs.1,000/- per year to make the meetings self sufficient, so again I request all our senior citizen members of the club to kindly donate. If members pay by cheque to the Club make it under the head "Contribution for Senior Citizen's Meet", this can be paid by cash also at the club office with a mention of head of account.

Yes, we are going through tough times and let us face it bravely & keep smiling.

Chairman D.RAJ GOPAL REDDY (R-65)

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Diwali & Children's Day - LITTLE PATAKA'S

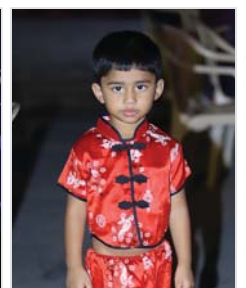


As the name says it all, little pataka's an event organised to celebrate children's day and diwali together. An event for all age groups - Fashion Show for children, Magic Show and Live Music Band. The Fashion Show for children was given a theme - Give Them Wings. This theme was chosen in to order to bring in awareness among parents to encourage their children to be free in aspiring what they want to be in the future. Every child is unique and talented. We had our children of Waltair Club dressed as a dancer, sportsperson, painter, favourite super hero, doctor, teacher etc.



Magic Show - The Magician performed many tricks and illusions that made the children watch him in attention and excitement. The magic wand, magic words and the interesting and distinctive style of magician kept everybody astounded. Live Music Band - Revive, a local live music band mesmerised the crowd with their unique style of playing old and new Telugu, English and bollywood tunes.







Galeries Lafayette, Paris

O Christmas Tree!

- Dr. Padma Murale (M-115)

Come December, and it's the season to be jolly! The countdown to Christmas has begun and there is a palpable excitement in the air, a sense of anticipation, of hope and joy! People in colder climes begin to deck the halls with boughs of holly, and everyone young and old looks forward to celebrations, carols and gifts; and as the merry song goes, 'you'd better be good for goodness sake, as Santa Claus is coming to town!' It's jingle bells time and



Rockefeller Centre, New York



Trafalgar Square, London

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer is raring to go to take Santa on his sleigh from the ice-laden North Pole to deliver marvellous Xmas gifts, crafted by his elves, to children across the world!

There are a myriad fascinating Christmas traditions, many of which originated in Germany and became popular with devout believers all over the globe. Along with famous carols like 'Silent night, holy night', the best-loved of these customs is that of the breathtakingly beautiful Christmas tree, bedecked in splendid lights and exquisite baubles, with gaily wrapped Christmas presents placed below the branches. The tradition of bringing an evergreen, usually fir or pine, into the home and decorating it for Christmas started in Germany in the 16th

century, where these trees originally represented the Paradise tree in the Miracle plays staged in Churches. It was only a couple of centuries later in 1848, that Queen Victoria encouraged her German husband, Prince Albert, to decorate a tree in their Palace and thus the Christmas tree tradition travelled to England and to other parts of the world!

The Christmas tree is symbolic of light and hope amidst the darkness and gloom of the European Winter. There is a lilting German folk song, which was composed over 500 years ago and later became a classic Christmas carol - 'O Tannenbaum', which celebrates the lovely Christmas tree and how its verdant green leaves peep out from beneath the snow - an image that was so inspiring, that they had to sing about it!

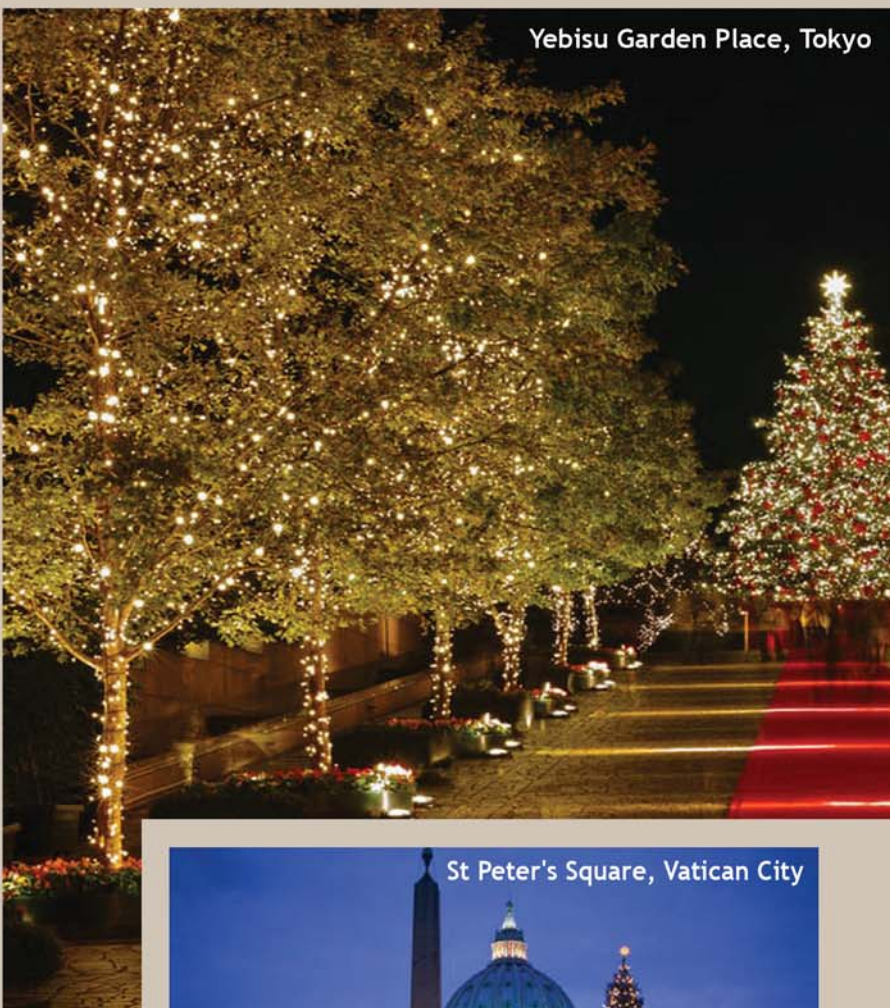
'O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree...Your branches green delight us!' - a wonderful melody that gladdens the heart and the ears, and rings in the spirit of Yuletide.



St. Petersburg, Russia



Schlossplatz Square, Stuttgart



Yebisu Garden Place, Tokyo



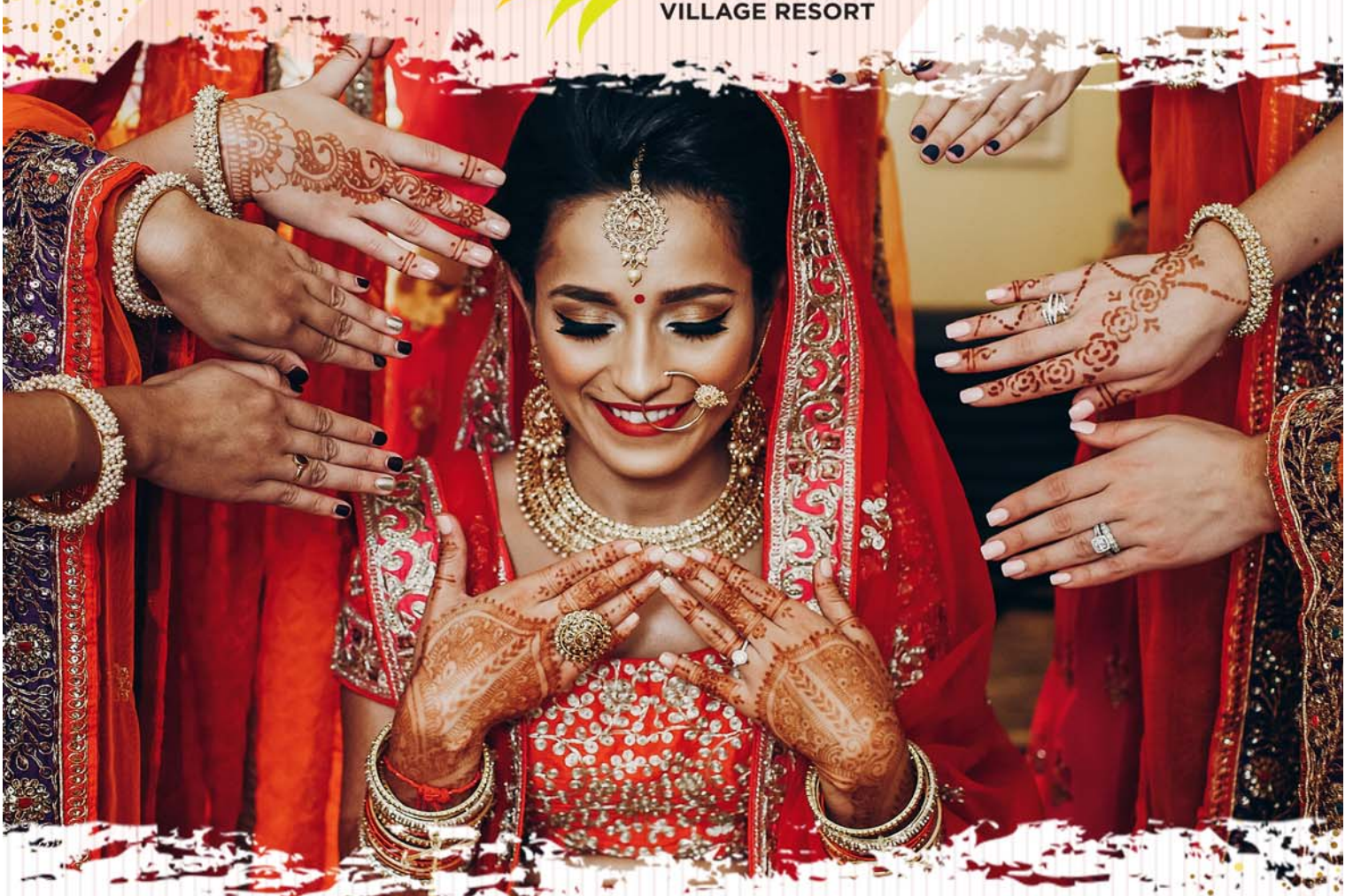
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How life changed with Artificial Intelligence

Yogitha Yerra (Y-018)

What is the first thing that happens when we wake up? Most people would have answered that they would check their phone even if it was to take a quick look at the time. We spend most of our time throughout the day on our mobile phones and some people work online which is entirely how their work is based. The evolution of technology is taking place at the speed of light and often it is hard to catch up with the infinite number of changes. The scope that technology offers is so vast that it is impossible to cover every aspect of it.

Let us talk about one aspect of advanced technology which is Artificial intelligence (AI). It refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think like humans and mimic their actions. The term may also be applied to any machine that exhibits traits associated with a human mind such as learning and problem-solving. Some of the applications of AI include expert systems, speech recognition and machine vision.

A few decades ago artificial intelligence seemed ascendant. During that time there was a lot of speculation on how AI would transform the world and that it would replace experts in law, medicine, finance and other professions. During 1980's there was a slump known as an "AI winter," when disillusionment set in and funding declined. It was decided that AI had not lived up to the expectations and that our minds are very difficult to replicate because we are evolved and adapted through learning to deal with multiple variables at a time. The concept of nonrecurrent engineering was used to develop an algorithm which can perform a specialized task, like playing chess, which cannot be easily adapted for other purposes.

Today, AI is thriving once again. Programs such as voice and face recognition are embedded in cell phones, televisions, cars and countless other consumer products. Intelligent algorithms help people to choose Christmas presents for their loved ones. According to WIRED, venture-capital investments in AI doubled between 2017 and 2018 to \$40 billion. A Price Waterhouse study estimates that by 2030, AI will boost global economic output by more than






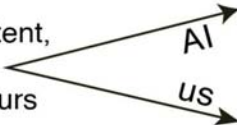








\$15 trillion, "more than the current output of China and India combined." An AI-based reading and writing program is GPT-3 which is "eerily good" at writing "amazingly coherent text" with only a few simple prompts. "Neuroscientist Christof Koch has suggested that we might need computer chips implanted in our brains to help us keep up with intelligent machines.

There is a large scale concern among the people that substantial progress in artificial general intelligence can someday result in human extinction or some other unrecoverable global catastrophe. Questions like - is AI worse than climatic change? Nuclear weapons? Psychopathic politicians? The biggest threat is the longer-term problem of introducing something radical that's super intelligent and failing to align it with human values and intentions. Few major risks of AI are a lack of transparency, liability for actions, too little privacy, impact on the labour market, loss of skill, Autonomous weapons and everything becomes unreliable - e.g. fake news and filter bubbles.

Major tech companies like Facebook, Microsoft, Google, Apple, Alibaba, Tencent, Baidu and Amazon exert a great deal of influence. These companies have the data, financial capacity and intellectual ability to raise the quality of artificial intelligence enormously. Therefore, very powerful technology ends up in the hands of a relatively small group of commercial companies.

MYTHS ABOUT AI

A captivating conversation is taking place about the future of artificial intelligence and what it will/should mean for humanity. There are fascinating controversies where the world's leading experts disagree, such as: AI's future impact on the job market; if/when human-level AI will be developed; whether this will lead to an intelligence explosion; and whether this is something we should welcome or fear. But there are also many examples of boring pseudo-controversies caused by people misunderstanding and talking past each other. To help ourselves focus on the interesting controversies and open questions - and not on the misunderstandings - let's clear up some of the most common myths.

Myth: Superintelligence by 2100 is inevitable Myth: Superintelligence by 2100 is impossible		Fact: It may happen in decades, centuries or never: AI experts disagree & we simply don't know	
Myth: Only Luddites worry about AI		Fact: Many top AI researchers are concerned	
Mythical worry: AI turning evil Mythical worry: AI turning conscious		Actual worry: AI turning competent, with goals misaligned with ours	
Myth: Robots are the main concern		Fact: Misaligned intelligence is the main concern: it needs no body, only an internet connection	
Myth: AI can't control humans		Fact: Intelligence enables control: we control tigers by being smarter	
Myth: Machines can't have goals		Fact: A heat-seeking missile has a goal	
Mythical worry: Superintelligence is just years away		Actual worry: It's at least decades away, but it may take that long to make it safe	

Majority of AIs today can only do what they are trained on and fail while trying to do anything outside their domain. Also, the world is viewed very differently by the AI's as compared to humans. New theories are to be developed to address and overcome the challenges. The importance and capabilities of AI are recognized leading the researchers to dwell more on improving it. This will lead to better performance of AI in various fields.

Self-driving cars by major tech companies like Tesla, Google and Uber with a driver at the wheel for safety are on the rise. This is set to revolutionize the field and more major developments are on its way. Maybe in the future we can enhance the natural abilities in humans by augmenting them with computers. For example, in health sectors AI's can be useful for amputees as the brain can communicate with the robotic limb for better control. Limitations of the amputees will be significantly reduced.

As always, the introduction to new technologies sets in anxieties. The major concern being the

employment sector. Honestly, no one really knows what's ahead of us. Entrepreneurs around the world will put these technologies to use. AI's uses are determined largely by the market force. Companies and consumers are going to use AI for numerous practical purposes, most of them for the greater good but their cumulative effect cannot be foreseen.

In the future it might be as common place and ubiquitous as a mobile phone. Will it replace humans? I think not, it will act more as a complement to what people can do, enabling us to make better decisions by giving us more information. Just like how the computer revolutionized the way the world works, we can expect AI to also change the way the world works. A common man can use AI to augment his decision making in battle mostly like how Iron Man operates. Hopefully AI can identify trends and use that information to solve the world's biggest problems. Ultimately only time will tell.

Jest like that !

Much Ado about something ... well, a briefcase!

- S. Nandagopal (S-455)

The corporate world is governed by procedures on how to handle various situations. The public sector in India prides itself on well-laid procedures. However, situations do occur, which need to be resolved using common sense; furthermore, relying only on procedures can lead to unnecessary delays and avoidable losses.

To illustrate this, I would like to recount an incident which happened in the early '80s when courier services were still not established. Organizations had to rely only on the postal services for sending documents. This could take 3 to 4 days to reach their destinations. Important documents were usually sent by registered post, which took even longer.

So, if an important document had to be sent urgently, organizations usually sent one of their own employees (as a courier) to carry the documents and ensure that it reached the concerned person/office in time. In my earlier job as a marketing engineer, I do remember several occasions when we had to hand-deliver our bids (offers) through our own personnel for prompt and immediate delivery.

There was a public sector unit in Vizag, with their head office (HO) in Bombay (now Mumbai), that regularly sent important documents through a personal courier to HO. This person (courier) would carry all these documents in a briefcase, which was specially given to him, specifically for this purpose. Generally, this public sector employee, who is usually from the clerical cadre, is happy to act as a courier, as it is a welcome break from the daily grind of routine work. As an added bonus, the courier gets to travel on the company's account to Bombay and back. If the documents were very urgent/important, he was even allowed to fly which was considered a high privilege.

On one occasion, when they had to send some urgent documents to the HO, the employee who usually acted as a courier was off sick. So, the head of the department (HOD) selected another employee and told him that he would have to travel to Bombay urgently, carrying some important documents. He was also informed that he could travel by air in case train tickets were not available at such short notice, but the documents had to reach HO within two days.

The HOD had to make arrangements to provide a briefcase for the new 'courier' guy, as the original briefcase was with the regular 'courier' employee, who was unfortunately laid up in hospital and undergoing treatment. An old briefcase was located and the HOD gave it to the new 'courier' person. After taking a good, long look at the briefcase, the new courier guy bluntly told his boss (HOD), 'I'm sorry, sir, but I cannot be seen carrying such important documents to HO in such a battered, old briefcase! Please give me a new briefcase.' He took it as a personal insult to be seen carrying this old and battered briefcase ... and he was probably right.

Now, a briefcase of reputed make, like VIP, would cost around Rs800-1,000 in those days. However, you could get a cheaper deal if you bought an unbranded briefcase, off the shelf, from the local market. But ... nothing is so simple in a public sector, ever! The procedures had to be followed. So, the HOD consulted the managers in the Purchase and Finance Departments. He was told, 'No problem! Just send us a purchase requisition, duly signed by the GM.' 'How long will that take? We need it urgently,' said the HOD. He was informed that it usually took about a month to send enquiries > get quotations > select the lowest price vendor > place the order > and then procure the item.

'Oh, no! This is very urgent! I need it by tomorrow because I need to send some urgent documents to HO,' the HOD was distraught. 'Isn't there a faster method?'

The finance manager suggested that the HOD take up the matter with the GM. The HOD immediately met the GM personally and apprised him of the urgent need to buy a briefcase. After some deliberation, the GM agreed to expedite the matter and summoned the manager of Purchase and Finance to his room. Everyone agreed that the need to purchase the briefcase was urgent, but they unanimously said that they could not do it without following the rules and regulations. The GM commanded his executive assistant, a young MBA graduate, to stop whatever he was working on, and minutely study the SOP (rule book) to find a loophole so they could procure the briefcase IMMEDIATELY. Accordingly, the young man sat down at his desk and studied the book in detail, especially the rules regarding purchases. After a deep study of around two hours, he rushed into the GM's room saying, 'Sir, I've got it! There's a provision under rule so-and-so, which says that the GM can authorize local purchases (up to a certain limit) to meet any emergency situations.'

This good news was communicated to all the concerned managers, and the HOD was asked to move a note sheet and get it signed by the GM. The manager of Purchase was then asked to send a person from his department to go to the local market and carry out the local purchase (within a certain limit, of course). By the end of this process, a new briefcase was acquired, and the courier could travel to HO, carrying the urgent/important documents. This story has a happy ending! To make up for the one-day delay in procuring the briefcase, the courier was allowed to fly to Bombay carrying the shiny, new briefcase with the important documents.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief that the matter had been resolved in time but for an outsider like me, working for my own business, I found it hilarious that so many man-hours and money had to be spent for overcoming such a small problem. That was when I properly understood the meaning of 'red tape' and how much of 'uncommon' sense was needed to overcome it.



Raghav Chitra (R-477)

"Music is a drug", they say. Studies have proven that when we listen to music, our brains release dopamine, a type of neurotransmitter that plays a critical role in how we feel pleasure; an emotion we just cannot get enough of. "They" can say what they want, but have you ever wondered why we love music so much?

A bit of introspection and you'll realise that humans are nothing but creatures of habit and habits in turn are nothing but a series of patterns. The difference between noise and music effectively boils down to the ability of our brains to recognise or predict a pattern. We're constantly anticipating what melodies, harmonies, and rhythms may come next and if we're right, it makes us happy and the brain gives itself a little Scooby Snack in the form of a surge of dopamine. This constant dance between expectation and outcome thus enlivens the brain with a pleasurable play of emotions; the enhancement of which is something we are in constant pursuit of.

And this is where the delivery mechanism comes in. I am of course referring to those voodoo pieces of silica and silicon that simulate an experience that allows us to reach deep into our emotional centres striking all the right chords along the way, audio devices. Music initially was of course best experienced at exclusive locations - stores, concert

halls, events, etc. But then something magical happened and things became a lot more....personal. You no longer had to listen to what everyone around you "approved" of and could instead indulge your personal tastes at decibel levels you choose, wherever and whenever you wanted. And that proved to be a game changer.

Sony revolutionised personalised audio with the Walkman from what, now, feels like eons ago. Along came the iPod that sensationalized and then smartphones that commoditised it. The headphone, a vital part of the experience became a very important accessory that accompanied these devices. The quality of its internals dictated the degree to which your senses were titillated, and the material within which it is housed becoming a lifestyle statement. Grooving to your favourite track was as important as how good you looked while you were at it.

Yesterday's launch of the AirPods Max seems to have taken things to a new level. While the AirPods and AirPods

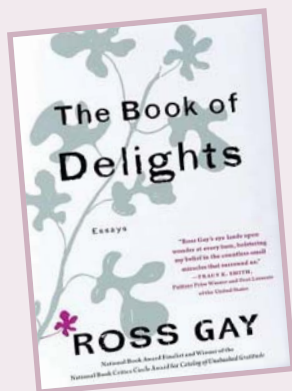


Pro may have set high standards for the industry, the AirPods Max seems to be creating an industry of its own. With some of the most cutting edge features that audiophiles care about clubbed with apple's propriety spatial sound experience and computational audio that delivers a customised sonic experience, the proposition is tempting. A looker, it comes in an ergonomic design that looks oh-so-comfortable! This is an exclusive, luxury product and apple makes no qualms about making it clear that it's not meant

for the masses. Most people won't have it and the status and brag value that comes with it is of course unparalleled. It's as much apparel as accessory, that comes in some stunning colours that should go nicely with any of the apple devices, especially if you're rocking the new iPhones.

So the next time you feel like thanking Abba for the music, make sure you plug in some hardware that leaves your soul smiling. And of course, feel free to thank me too and have me atop that gifting list and gift me an earful of love in the form of the AirPods Max.

The Book of Delights



Whether you are stressed about the unprecedented circumstances that the world is facing right now, exhausted from being homebound all day, or generally finding life to be arduous and stripped off of all its glee, Ross Gay's latest book and New York Times Bestseller, *The Book of Delights* is the right read for you.

Gay's newest work is a collection of essays, or essayettes as he calls them, written over the course

of a year, from his 42nd to 43rd birthday. Gay's essays meditate on delight and record joyful, minuscule, detailed observations from his daily life. The essays read like journal entries that you and I would write before switching off the lamp and going to bed. But when one reads closely, one realises that these are not the details of the day that you and I would write about, nor are these sentences the sentences that you and I would use in our journals. Gay writes about unique joys in a unique manner, and that is his speciality. The themes of his essays range from music, kindness, flora, and fauna to racism, travel, politics, books, and his mother. Despite the wide net that he casts, Gay maintains intricacy and intimacy in the narratives he weaves. One finds it effortless to move from one entry to the next as Gay unearths delights in things such as drinking coffee from a perfectly shaped cup, the obligatory greeting nod among black people, friendly physical gestures like hugs and handshakes, writing poems with a pen, a gorgeous red flower in the curb of a street, saying phrases like "whoop-de-do" and many more spectacles in the natural world. As a reader, one basks in the warmth and sunshine that Gay fabricates and craves more of it.

When you read his book, it might be convenient to assume that Gay is a perfectly cheerful, buoyant utopian who easily extracts joy from quotidian happenings. But according to Gay, finding delight and sharing it is more of a discipline or a practice: something that you get better at as you do more of it. As he writes in the preface of his book, "a month or two into this project delights were calling to me: Write about me! Write about me!". This shows that the more you study delight, the more delight there is to study. In Gay's own words, this practice is like "training a muscle, and one of the muscles that we have is to acknowledge what delights us".

If you end up reading the *Book of Delights*, don't just lounge in the bliss that Gay creates, but think about how you can train your own delight muscle!

Srikari Tadikonda (S-734)

Prisoner of Yakutsk



Someone once said books let you travel without moving your feet, and this has always stuck with me for the last decade. I've been an avid reader and recently conspiracy theories have intrigued me. "My recent love for the book, *Prisoner of*

Yakutsk has not been much of a secret. I've been discussing this with all my friends and have also influenced a few to give it a read.

The book has a nice fusion of both history and mystery which unfolds itself in a very nice manner. Written about the mysterious death and disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the book takes us into the world of sinister ploys, unspeakable findings, a gangly group of spies, treacherous sell swords and a bunch of highly dangerous but patriotic Indians. "A lot of Indian authors have done so before but *Prisoner of Yakutsk* is a kind of masterpiece that you don't come across every day.

The book takes you back in time and also throws light on some very important questions regarding our beloved Netaji. "Finally, the book takes insights from real facts and findings to bring to us a story that is both thrilling and adventurous. "The characters are pretty decent in their appeal and relevance. Though there are multitudes of them, not one of them seems out of place and unnecessary to the events that unfold. "They all bring something to the story and are quite realistic in their mannerisms and charms. "Go for this book if you enjoy historical fictions or thrillers. Also, if you are intrigued by the mystery of Netaji's death or looking for a decent entertainer go for this book.

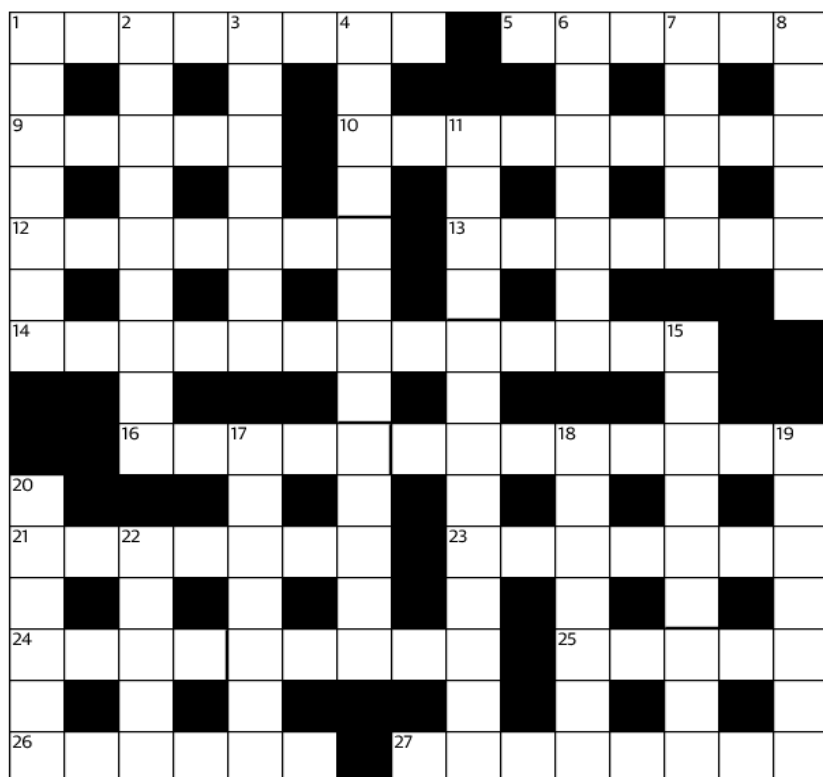
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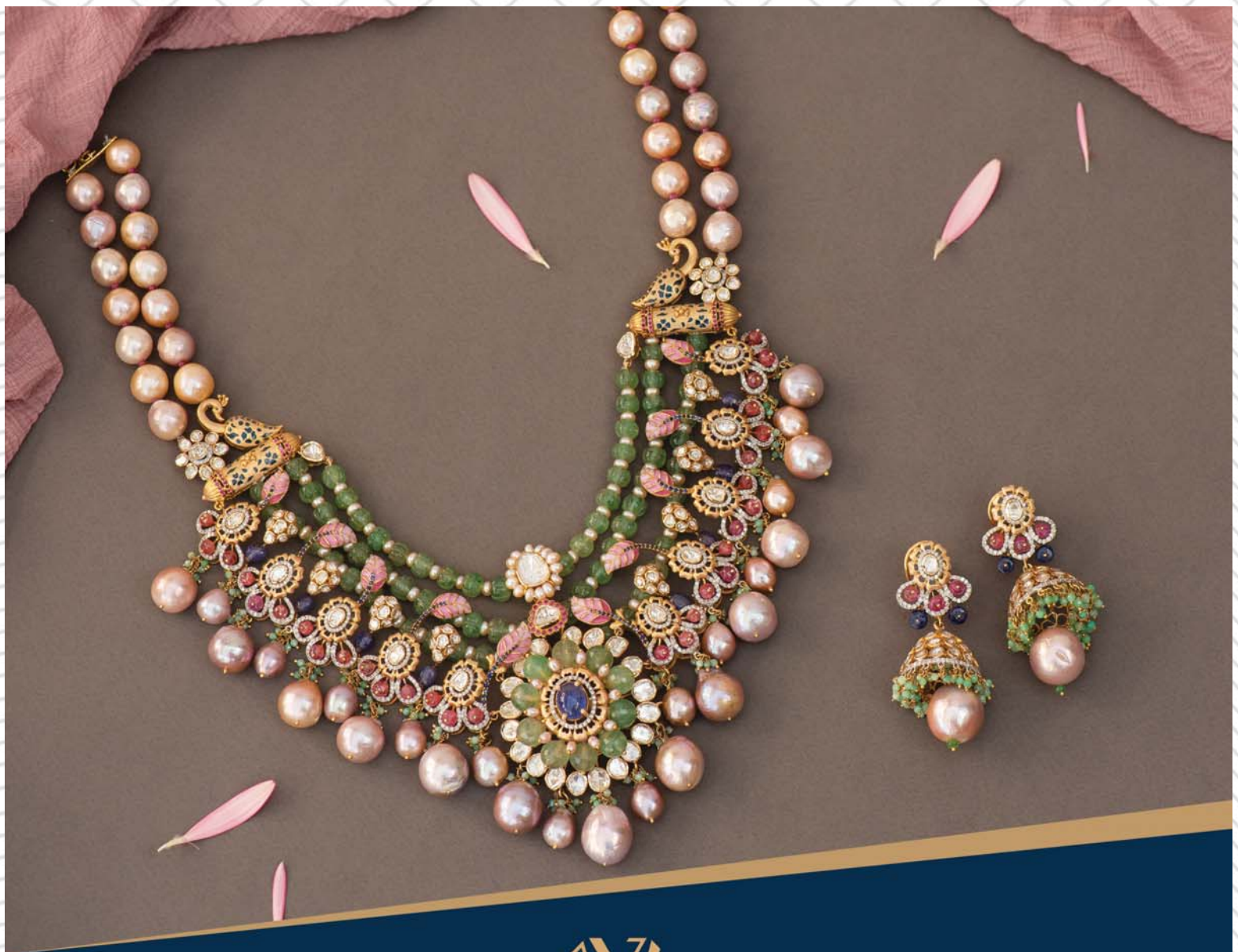
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CLUE	SOLUTION	EXPLANATION
Across		
1 Indian officer, soldier and revolutionary (8)	COMANCHE	CO (Officer) + MAN (Soldier) + CHE (Revolutionary - Che Guevara)
5 Hold up a picnic basket (6)	HAMPER	Hold up - hamper, picnic basket - hamper; double definition
9 Professional wearing article, a protective garment (5)	APRON	An (Article) around Pro (Professional)
10 A man from Ireland collecting standard US equipment (9)	APPARATUS	A + Pat (man from Ireland) + US containing Par (standard)
12 Lab cope with modifying drug for clinical trial (7)	PLACEBO	Anagram of lab and cope
13 One may be required after a game of rugby on 'B' deck (7)	RUBDOWN	RU (rugby) + B + deck (down)
14 Just awful, residents' diet (13)	DISINTERESTED	Anagram of resident's diet
16 More than one good man lacking polish seen in sharp suit (5,8)	ROUGH DIAMONDS	ROUGH (lacking polish) + DIAMONDS (suit with sharp corners)
21 One in cartel amended clause (7)	ARTICLE	I in anagram of cartel
23 Jolie, perhaps, or Bill with long hair? (7)	ACTRESS	AC (Bill) + TRESS (long hair)
24 Something that is incidental to neighbourhood children? (4,5)	SIDE ISSUE	SIDE (Neighbourhood) + ISSUE (Children)
25 Club record on circuit (5)	DISCO	DISC (record) + O (circuit)
26 Damage in a harbour (6)	MARINA	MAR (damage) + IN + A
27 Cabinetmaker subdued about that woman (8)	SHERATON	HER (that woman) + SAT ON (subdued)
Down		
1 Applauded Charlie, left well behind in race? (7)	CLAPPED	C (Charlie) + LAPPED (left well behind in race)
2 Misguided rangers coming after me, a fish-eating duck (9)	MERGANSER	Anagram of ME and RANGERS
3 Article used in navy, strong fabric (7)	NANKEEN	AN (article) in N (navy) + KEEN (strong)
4 Madly in love? Completely (4,4,5)	HEAD OVER HEELS	Double definition
6 Turn holding mug and a tumbler (7)	ACROBAT	ROB (mug) + A in ACT (turn)
7 A top spinning round one in courtyard (5)	PATIO	Anagram of I and A TOP
8 Feel bitter about unopened gift (6)	RESENT	PRESENT (gift), unopened (without first letter P)
11 Take wine with girl in a South African city (4,9)	PORT ELIZABETH	PORT (wine) + ELIZABETH (girl)
15 Intimate group after ultimate in food and service (6,3)	DINNER SET	INNER SET (intimate group) after D (ultimate, i.e. last letter in food)
17 Affected charm in meeting from which Jack is excluded (7)	UNCTION	JUNCTION (meeting) without J (Jack is excluded)
18 Bullfighter in Benidorm, at a do, relaxing (7)	MATADOR	hidden in Benidorm AT A DO Relaxing
19 Soldiers shortly to join poet (7)	SASSOON	SAS (soldiers) + SOON (shortly); Visal Sassoon is a poet
20 New manor's an extortionate price? (6)	RANSOM	Anagram of MANORS
22 Organised tour round duke's house (5)	TUDOR	Anagram of tour and d (duke); Tudor is a royal house to which Henry VIII belonged



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