



PUBG MOBILE PLANS A REVISIT

~ Divyanshi Singh

PUBG Mobile, which was restricted in India two months back over network safety concerns, is planning to make a return in the world's second-biggest web market. Krafton, the parent firm of PUBG Corporation, has inked a worldwide association with Microsoft. As a component of the arrangement, games including PUBG Mobile that are created by Krafton or its auxiliaries will be facilitated on Microsoft Azure. PUBG Corporation has secretly educated some prominent streamers in the nation that it hopes to continue the administration in India before the finish of this current year, the source said. The organisation could make a declaration about its tentative arrangements for India by this week itself. It additionally plans to run an advertising campaign in the nation during the celebration of Diwali one week from now, other sources indicate.

ISRO IS BACK!

~ Simran Verma

EOS – 01, India's recent earth observation satellite was launched in the afternoon of November 7, 2020. EOS – 01, along with other nine satellites from countries such as the USA, were launched by a PSLV rocket. This is the first launch after the nationwide lockdown was initiated by Prime Minister Modi. This satellite was initiated for applications in the fields of agriculture, forestry, and disaster management planning. The launch was delayed by 10 minutes due to bad weather conditions. At 3:34 pm (IST), the satellites separated and injected into their orbits. After 6 minutes, EOS – 01 separated from the fourth stage of the PSLV. Once the satellite was launched, our Prime Minister tweeted and updated others by giving his congratulations, love and support to the entire team of ISRO.

LAXMII 'BOMB'

~ Kamakshi Agarwal

Laxmii Bomb, now called Laxmii, was set to release on Eid but due to the coronavirus pandemic the makers of the film chose to release it digitally. Akshay Kumar, playing the role of a possessed transgender, is said to have given one of his best performances along with his co-star, Kiara Advani, but the views may differ from person to person.

The horror-comedy, Laxmii, is a very controversial film. Stating the film to be 'derogatory' and 'offensive', the Hindu Sena has said that the film hurts the sentiments of Hindus because adding 'bomb' in front of the name of the Hindu goddess of wealth, Laxmi, was highly inappropriate and unacceptable. Hence, the filmmakers had to change it to 'Laxmii'. Part of the populace also claim the movie to be transphobic, stating that it reinforces harmful stereotypes about the trans community, reversing the sensitisation work carried out, by various organisations and individuals, throughout the years.

The debuting director of the film, Raghava Lawrence, left the film feeling disrespected but returned when insisted by Akshay Kumar. Even after all this, LAXMII has finally released on the digital platform, Hotstar.

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EXPRESS OR SUPPRESS

~ *Devi Lavangwala*

After crossing the hurdle of fake emotions, the most difficult sentiment to reveal would be anger. It is easy to express our happiness with a couple of words but reflecting resentment with the sharpest words is like thorns in a path full of petals. What is challenging is to understand the character because every human differs, every sight of character changes. Likewise, the tears will immerse in the ocean within a fraction of seconds. Your piece of appreciation will never be defined before our hard work because barren grounds leave more impact than fertilised soils.

BIDEN CONQUERS THE WHITE HOUSE

~ *Sweety Mohanta*

With the highest voter turnout since 1900, President-elect Joe Biden won the USA 2020 Presidential elections by surpassing 270 electoral seats and will soon replace President Donald Trump. His running mate, Kamala Harris is set to be the first woman of African American and South Asian origin to become Vice President in the history of the United States. Biden's first priority is to bring a shift in the country's politics. He has promised to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and set up a new Coronavirus task force. But the Senate approval might not be easy to get for these legislations, as the Republicans still hold the seats to stay in power. Though this may change if Georgia's seats are filled by Democrats, leading to a tie in the Senate.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- After a long duration of 7 months, the local train services in West Bengal recommence.
- Government decrees that online news portals and content providers, such as Netflix and social sites, would fall under the reach of the Information and Broadcasting ministry.
- Mumbai Indians win the IPL trophy for the 5th time.
- Famed journalist Arnab Goswami, receives interim bail from the SC from the abetment to suicide case of 2018.
- Hyderabad documents 2nd lowest temperature, at 12.8 degrees, of the entire decade.

NO ENRTY TO CRACKERS

~ *Ankita Narayan*

Every year during Diwali, people get enthusiastic about bursting crackers despite the horrible rise in pollution the following day. Delhi has seen the worst of it, with its Air Quality Index being classified as 'Severe' regardless of festivals. The pollution and the onset of winter could not only affect new coronavirus patients but can also be damaging to the ones who are recovering or have recovered recently. States that have banned the sale of firecrackers are Delhi, West Bengal, Haryana, Odisha, and Rajasthan. Maharashtra has issued guidelines to follow during Diwali along with an appeal to the public to refrain from using firecrackers. Karnataka has also requested the public to abstain from using firecrackers but has allowed the use of "eco-friendly crackers".

OODLE DOODLE



~ *Shreya Ranjan*

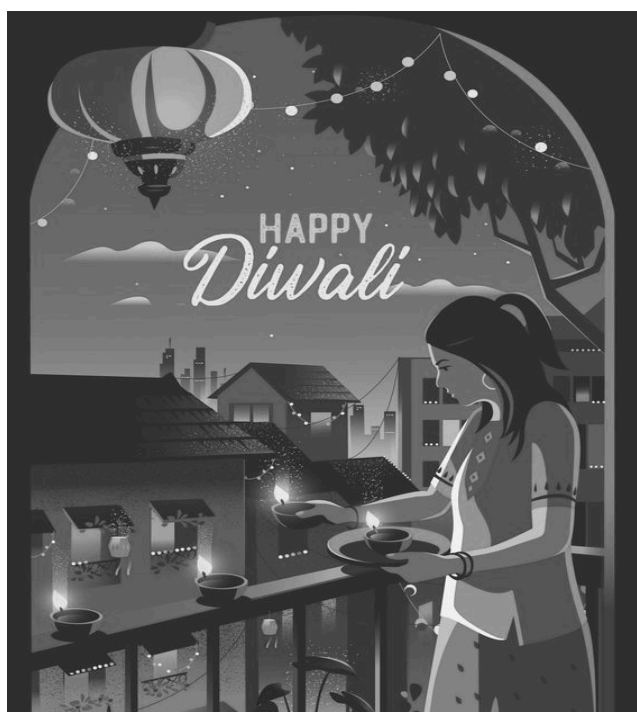
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IN SEARCH OF LIGHT

~ Gurleen Kaur Dhillon

2020, as we all know has been a year full of highs and lows, and as the year inches towards the end we all eagerly wait for the festival of lights, Diwali. Sadly, the celebration this year will not be the same as the years before, due to the virus spreading at a rapid pace. We all have to take precautions to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe, with hope in our hearts that this Diwali will light up our lives once again. However, instead of thinking how different celebrations might be this year, let's keep all the frontline workers in our thoughts and hope that they too will have a safe and memorable Diwali. As Diwali commences, we can only hope that there will be some light at the end of this dark tunnel to guide us through these tough times.

Source: <https://in.pinterest.com>



IS AAROGYA SETU SECURE?

~ Mahima Nandi

Aarogya setu app is India's first contact tracing app that allows users to conduct a self-test to check if the user is infected by COVID-19. After installing the app, the user needs to share some personal information for the services. Recently, there were some controversies raised by Elliot Alderson, an ethical hacker, about the safety and security of the data shared on this app.

The data is kept fully secured in this app and the encryption policy protects the information. This information is stored with a unique identity. Each time a user conducts self-assessment, it uploads their location data along with the ID to the server. If the results are negative, they appear in green colour. But if positive, they appear in yellow or orange color. The information that is collected from the app, will be secured on the device of the other user but will not be accessible to that user.

AIMLESS NOSTALGIA

I stepped on the steel floor,
Expecting a nourished ground.
I opened that little book,
Lying on my mind's balcony.
I had learned the beginning,
Knowing, that chapter had died.
The box I opened was filled,
The memories plenty,
But surroundings empty.
I wished I could go back,
To the time I felt soft grass,
I wished the box never existed,
I need no lightened nostalgia,
For it brings watery eyes,
With a straight smile.

~ Scarlet

SHOULD ANARCHY REIGN?

~ Ashiyana Prasai

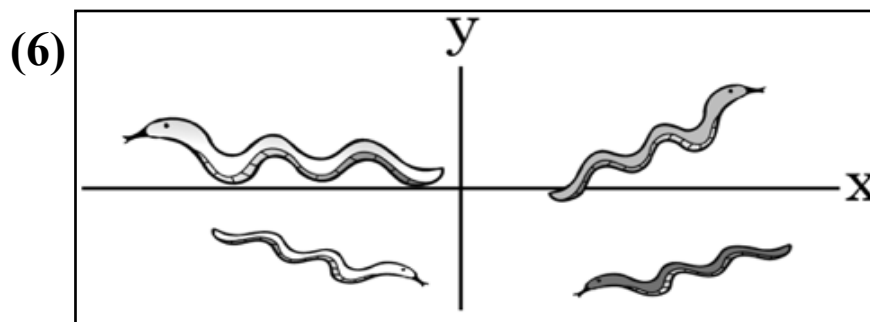
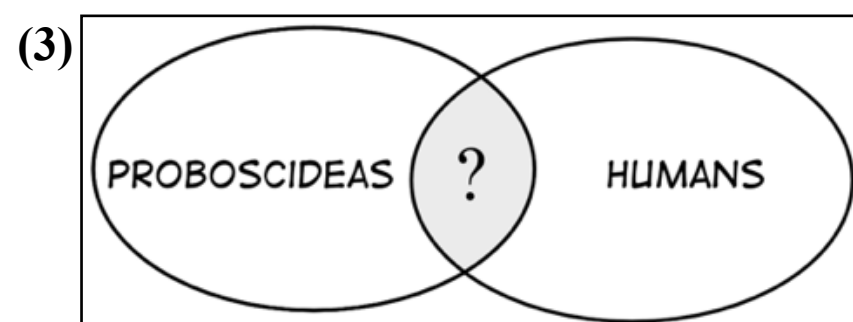
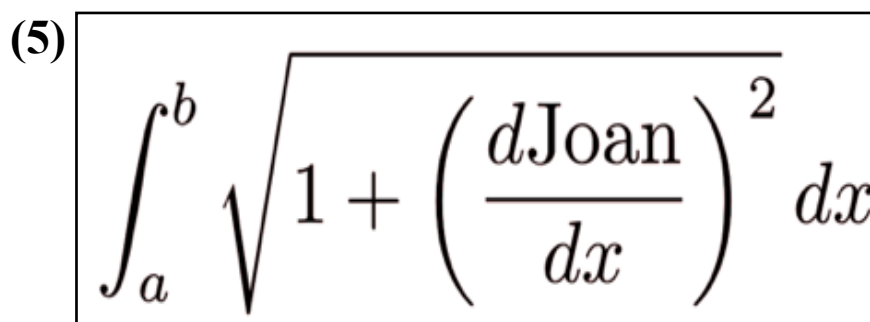
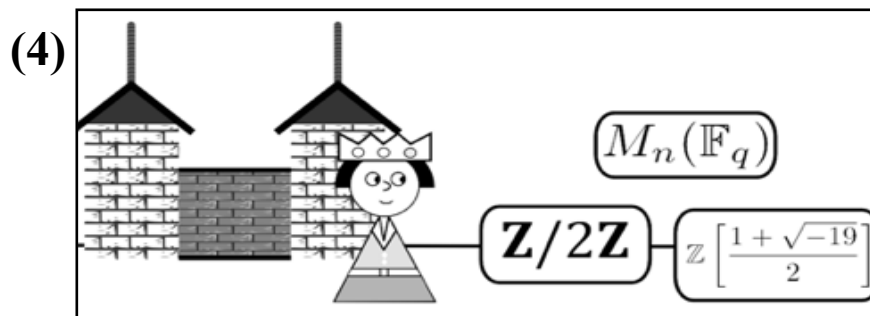
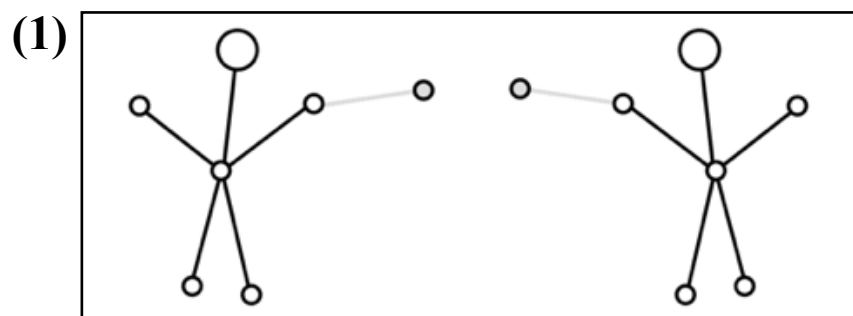
The dictionary definition of anarchism is the belief in the abolition of all government or a society built on cooperation without resorting to force or compulsion. It was the heart of the punk movement in the 70s and 80s, a driving force for civil wars, and violent revolutions. It is a concept to be in a state without a governing body or authority. Authority is so ingrained in our lives that many people do not realise the extent to which it influences society. From our early ages, we are taught to function and obey a predisposed image of ourselves. Oftentimes more than not, this image is a reflection of what our predecessors would have liked to accomplish. We are taught to fit the status-quo, and straying away from this perfect portrayal endangers our societal respect. Anarchy believes symbolism and dying voices of resentment is a vain rhetoric. Only complete revolution with a radicalised mindset can achieve true freedom. True freedom is not defined by 'Civil Rights'; rights are a distortion of true freedom, made to make us believe that our individuality lies in the hands of the government. In truth, we are born free and the purpose of governments is to take that away in order to protect the money, property, and privileges of the rich. Anarchist symbols like the black flag and the circled 'A' are easily recognisable when scrawled on desks or spray-painted on walls, but they have also become ubiquitous in music and film.

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Diary of a MISTar

Dear Diary,
We are back! Finally after two weeks of grilling exams, we have attained (temporary) peace. The past week was as monotonous as any other, classes were attended, meetings were held, assignments were due, we were all tired and the screens made our eyes cry tears of agony. Nothing unusual, all the same.
The only thing making this week special is Diwali, which is today! Happy Diwali folks! I hope you all have the best <i>holiday</i> over the weekend. Also, why might the Almighty punish us? Why is Children's Day on the same day as Diwali? I swear they couldn't bear seeing us enjoy just one more holiday. Well, that's all I have, I'm becoming rusty now, I can't write the same thing over and over again in a different way anymore, every week is literally the same as any other. Happy Diwali and Happy weekend everybody, give your eyes some rest, you know they need it. Till next time.
~ Samiksha Singh

DISCOVER THE MOVIE



Source: <http://spikedmath.com/movie-math-quiz/>

1. Star Wars, 2. Duck Soup, 3. The Elephant Man, 4. Lord Of Rings, 5. Joan of Arc, 6. Snakes On The Plane.

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