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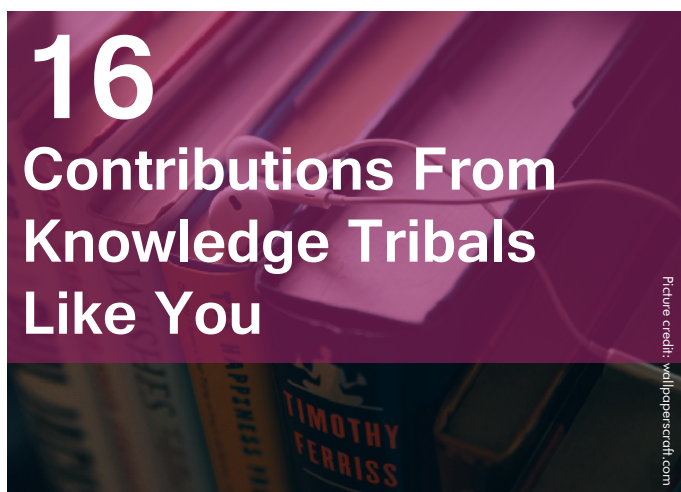
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India's Very Own SUPergirl

Tanvi Jagadish



Hailing from India's Mangaluru district, 18 year old Tanvi Jagadish is India's first professional female stand-up paddler. She has represented India at the World Cup, the 2017 Carolina Cup and has recently won a bronze medal at the Singapore Ocean Cup. She divides her time between training for international tournaments and spreading awareness about stand-up paddling. An accomplished athlete and spokesperson, Tanvi has articulated her experience with the sport on several platforms, including the prestigious TEDx Forum.

Tanvi Jagadish loves the ocean. She feels at one with the water and takes to the waves like most people take to walking. She wandered into the water at the age of nine and has not fully waded out yet. Swimming led to practicing surfing on the sly. That led to discovering stand-up paddling which led her to become India's first professional female stand-up paddler (SUP) and one of the youngest competitors in this adrenaline-filled water sport. In becoming successful in this new emerging sport in India, Tanvi has had to overcome many obstacles: lack of exposure, lack of funding, lack of recognition; she even had to overcome the fears and objections of her own family who were worried and concerned about her spending so much time in the water. However, none of this has dimmed her enthusiasm, passion and drive for the sport. A few days away from being India's sole representative at the Singapore Ocean Cup, she caught up with Rashmi Furtado of the Knowledge Tribe to discuss her love for the ocean, her love for stand-up paddling and her dreams to one day have a whole team of stand-up paddlers representing India.

"I grew up very close to the ocean, but my parents were always scared of me going into the water," Tanvi admits, on a break from her rigorous training regime. "They used to say, 'Go to the beach but don't go into the water.' I always loved the ocean and the water, but it was always something very far away." Her grandfather was the man who introduced her to the water, and to the sport of surfing. "When I was 10, my grandfather first showed me what surfing was. I didn't even know how to swim, and I was really amazed to find out that there was a sport called surfing." She might have been introduced to the ocean only at the age of 10, but from the first dip, she was hooked. "I started slowly, understanding all the rules and other intricacies of the sport. My grandfather used to teach me about surfing and I then went for lessons at Mantra Surfing Club near Mulki in Mangaluru." Tanvi also tells us about an unexpected effect that surfing had on her. "When I was younger, I had very bad wheezing and asthma. I was on heavy medication; in fact, that was one of the reasons my mother was against me swimming. But you won't believe it; since I

started surfing and doing stand-up paddling, I have not had to use my asthma medicine at all. I was cured by 'mother ocean'."

Mantra is one of the oldest surfing clubs in India and it was here that Tanvi, at the age of 12, was introduced by a guest named April, to the challenging sport of stand-up paddling. "I tried stand-up paddling for the first time when I was 12. I think I was the youngest person in India and the first girl in India to do it then. I had seen the boards in Mantra but I had never seen anything like this before." She saw April navigating the waves at incredible speeds and eagerly tried it out for herself. "I love standing up on the board, standing tall on the water. I felt free and loved going fast and paddling." Combining a natural skill with an intensive training schedule, Tanvi then went on to take part in her first national tournament in the year 2015. "It was the Nationals for both, surfing and stand-up paddling, and I was the youngest person there. That day was very good for me; I got some good waves and I just went for it. Everyone was surprised, thinking 'this girl came out of nowhere and won it.'"

National success and recognition led her to try and showcase her skills on the international stage, at the 2016 ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship, held in Fiji. Tanvi was amazed by the level of competition but she was not daunted. "I was fairly confident in my skills, plus I had already won some more national events by the time I was there." Her favourite moment remains being one of two representatives from India and being a part of a moving opening ceremony, where each athlete shares a bottle of sand from their homeland which is then added into a large bowl and poured into the ocean, signifying unity among all the competitors. At 16, "I was the youngest person in that competition. I managed

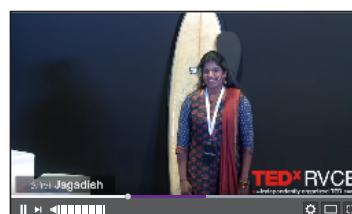
to make it to the top 16. That was a huge achievement for me. I especially loved it when all the competitors were clapping and cheering and saying, 'India, India!'"

Her performance at the World Cup brought a lot of media coverage. "ESPN, BBC and other media houses came in and started covering the story of the Indian girl who is now doing stand-up paddling." International recognition also led to national recognition and suddenly, her story was being covered by media sites like YourStory, The Better India and SUP World. She even went on to tell her story and bring attention to the sport on the TEDx platform. Stand-up paddling is an emerging sport and unfortunately, many sporting bodies do not recognise it. "I took part in the Carolina Cup in 2017 where I placed third in the SUP Surf (Amateur) category, but I have had to not go for many events because I wasn't able to raise the funds in time. For instance, I was invited to the Nautic SUP Crossing in Paris in 2018, the only Indian athlete to be invited, but I couldn't raise the funds in time." However, this hasn't dimmed her enthusiasm; she now has her sights firmly set on scaling further challenges and then making this sport recognised so that more people take it up in India.

Tanvi is riding the waves, living her dream. It's time for us to follow her example and just hit the ground (or water) running. ●

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WANT MORE? Here's
Tanvi Jagadish's inspiring
TEDx Talk.



Tanvi Jagadish talks about her journey to becoming the first female stand-up paddler to represent India.

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Key Updates

- Indian boxer Mary Kom becomes the first woman to win six World Championships, at the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi. She achieved this feat in the 48 kg light flyweight category.
- India's HRD Ministry has issued a cap on the weight of school bags. The prescribed limit is 1.5 kg for classes one and two, 2-3 kg for classes three to five, 4 kg for classes six and seven, 4.5 kg for classes eight and nine, and 5 kg for class 10.
- The trailer of Disney's live action movie, 'The Lion King', earns more than 224 million views in under 24 hours, becoming the second most-viewed trailer in that time frame.

Events This Month*



TAPMI QoTB 2019 (Qualifiers)

TAPMI, Manipal



Vyapaar Dohaeris-

The Finance Event (Oilspring 2k18- Prelims)**

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum
Technology, Uttar Pradesh



TAPMI QoTB (Qualifiers)

TAPMI, Bhubaneswar



Brain Wave 2k18- Business Quiz (Finals)

FISAT Business School, Ernakulam



Reliance Quiz-a-thon 4.0- The Technology Quiz**

Reliance Industries Limited



RANN Kaushal 4.0 (Finals)**

International Management Institute,
Kolkata



Confero 7.0

International Management Institute,
Kolkata



HR Colosseum 3.0

XLRI Xavier School of Management,
Jamshedpur



Enigma 3.0

Symbiosis Institute of Operations
Management, Nashik



Mind Games

Symbiosis Institute of Operations
Management, Nashik



Battle of Commanders

Symbiosis Institute of Operations
Management, Nashik



9 to 5 Quiz**

International Management Institute,
New Delhi

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8 **Finertia v2.0 (Finals)**
International Management Institute,
New Delhi

9 **TAPMI QoTB (Qualifiers)****
TAPMI

10 **Amuse Bouche- Business Quiz****
IIM, Trichy

11 **BrandWarz: The Flagship
Marketing Event of Dhruva****
IIM, Trichy

12 **Fin-Jig (Finals)**
Great Lakes Institute of Management,
Gurugram

14 **Hresolve (Prelims)****
IIM, Trichy

14 **15** **Intaglio- The Annual
Business Summit**
IIM, Kolkata
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15 **16** **SIMS InterMUN 2K18**
Symbiosis Institute of
Management Studies, Pune

15 **Nivesh- The 20-minute Investor****
Delhi School of Management,
Delhi Technological University, Delhi

15 **Reliance Quiz-a-thon 4.0-
The College Quiz****
Reliance Industries Limited

15 **Udghosh 2018- National Level
Open Quiz (Prelims and Finals)**
Kalinga Institute of
Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar

16 **Travel, Living and Culture Quiz**
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Technology, Bhubaneswar

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Creator, India's first corporation schools quiz

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Three-time Tata Crucible Corporate National Finalist



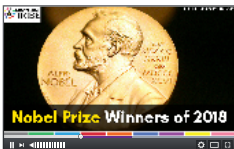
Manas Nayak

Life coach, Creator of the Navi Mumbai Quiz League



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This Month, We Celebrate...



The Nobel Prize 2018 awardees - The Nobel Prizes are awarded every year on December 10, in tribute to Swedish chemist and philanthropist Alfred Nobel. Don't miss our special factoid with the complete list of this year's Nobel Prize awardees and their achievements.

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The opening of the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel - The iconic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel that adorns the Mumbai sea line, opened to the public for the first time on December 16, 1903. Today, 115 years since the event, we trace our way back and bring to you a few amazing facts about this structure.

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Stan Lee's birthday - Stan Lee, the renowned American comic book writer and co-creator of fictional superheroes such as Spider-Man and Black Panther, was born on December 28, 1922. Catch our special factoid in tribute to this legendary man.

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The Knowledge Tribe YouTube channel is a platform where we host tons of videos on a variety of topics. This month, we introduce you to a couple of series on the channel which you can add to your binge-watch list.

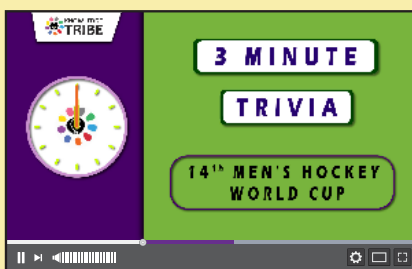
This Month in History



This Month in History is a series that highlights the key events that went down in history each month, in a manner that will delight even those who dislike the subject. This December, catch our hosts talk about the Wright Brothers' first flying machines, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the birthdays of Walt Disney and Ratan Tata, and lots more.

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3-Minute Trivia



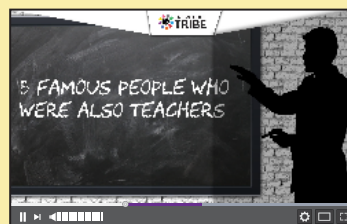
3-Minute Trivia is yet another one of our series, through which we bring to you bite-sized videos with curated information, one topic at a time. In this episode, watch quizmaster Palak Kumar talk about the 14th Men's Hockey World Cup which is being hosted by India.

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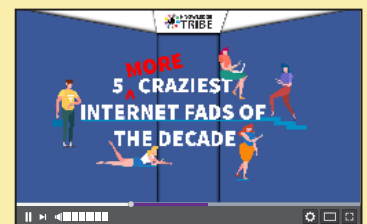
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Jayesh and Shivam: Madhya Pradesh's Record-breaking Duo

The setting: A small hall in Bhopal, on the afternoon of September 25, 2018.



The scene: The Bhopal state finals of the TCS Rural IT Quiz, 2018.

hold back when they are unsure and then capitalise on their opportunities as and when they get them.

Quizmaster Lloyd Saldanha pauses as he looks at the final scorecard. "1500 points?", he asks incredulously. The scorer checks the software and nods. 1500 points. In one afternoon, Jayesh and Shivam have created a record; this is now the highest score in the storied history of the TCS Rural IT Quiz. Over the years, teams have threatened to break the 1000-point mark, but in one afternoon, these two young boys from Dewas have not just beaten that record; they have blazed past it and will now be the trendsetters.

It is easy to watch their record-breaking performance. It is easy to look at the points and anoint them as a dominant force going to the National Finals. It is easy to look at their history in the competition and speak of how they have the experience. But is it easy to tell their story? Vishnu and Aaqilah of the Knowledge Tribe caught up with Jayesh and Shivam and tried to get their story from their own point of view.

Jayesh and Shivam first took part in the Rural IT Quiz in 2016. "Our teacher told us to take part in the school level competition first and told us that if we did well, we would go to

Students from across the state have taken part in the pre-preliminary rounds, following which around 160 of the best teams in the state have gathered in Bhopal to take the preliminary round. Six teams make it onstage. For Jayesh Chaurasiya and Shivam Kumar, this scene is familiar. They have been here before. This is their third time. However, there is no swagger traditionally associated with champions. There is a steely glint in their eyes. Twice before, they have gone to the National Finals in Bengaluru. Both the times, they have lost at the biggest stage. This year, Bhopal is not enough. They want more, and that determination and level of preparation shows. They answer fast, they strategise, they answer again. They display the maturity to

Bhopal for the State Finals. We made it from the school and then went to Bhopal for the State Finals." In Bhopal, the boys recognised that the level of competition was a lot tougher than it had been at the initial level, but they were hopeful that they would get through. "We attended the quiz for fun, actually," they candidly admit. "We didn't take it very seriously, but then we got selected for the finals. Suddenly, we were very nervous. We were onstage and the level was completely different. We maintained a lead initially, but then, we took negatives." This is usually a make or break point for a lot of teams. How they respond from this situation is what separates champion teams from others. "We recovered, but it seemed like it wouldn't be enough. When we got to the last question, we were in the third place." A place in the National Finals was up for grabs. The final question. Quizmaster Lloyd began, and the boys buzzed.

"We heard the opening and we knew the answer- VLC Player. We had won our first ever TCS Rural IT Quiz."

Though they are three-time champions in Bhopal, the National Finals experience is always challenging. "At our first National Finals, we didn't have much knowledge or experience of IT. We just went through because of our general knowledge. In the National Finals, we ended up finishing fourth." The next year, the boys came prepared. They cleared the prelims with the highest score and were back onstage. "In 2017, we started off really well but then we took some negatives and reached the fourth spot. At this point, we were very nervous." However, experience is important and their experience from the previous year and the better preparation helped them. Coming back strongly, they entered the final round on an upswing and then once again, "On the last question, we won the State Finals." Two-time champions on the last question, they resolved that the third time, they would not leave it to the end. Topping the prelims once again, they then went on a massive blitz in the finals.

"In 2018, we prepared very hard for the quiz. We improved how we prepared, looked at YouTube, looked at Wikipedia and spent a lot of time researching. Our preparation paid off, and our keen desire was to win the National Finals."

When asked about the boys from Bhopal, quizmaster Lloyd Saldanha mentions, "The two of them are a team. One complements the other and they both cover each other's gaps." Shivam and Jayesh agree, attributing their success to their strong team ethic and bonding. "We have been working together for three years. We are best friends and prepare by quizzing each other. We have fun, we learn but we are focussed on winning. Teamwork is our greatest strength and is very essential." The boys also acknowledge the challenges of hailing from a small town. "Our internet speeds are not very

fast, so we have to depend on mobiles. The mobiles we use, we won in another quiz, and have gotten slower over time, so we have to wait for information to load, losing some time in

the process. However, we believe that when you are interested in something, all the obstacles get removed."

The boys place a lot of importance in the advice they received from quizmaster Lloyd Saldanha during the Rural IT Quiz, and from Pickbrain during the IT Wiz: "Quizzing is all about taking risks. Back yourself and take the risks. Those words inspired us a lot and in the Rural IT Quiz, we backed ourselves and took some risks. Fortunately for us, it paid off."

As we said earlier, the boys don't carry the swagger you would normally associate with champions. Humble, eager and determined, these boys from Dewas, Madhya Pradesh are now all set to take on the best quizzers from across India. Whether they win or lose, they have assured their place in history. ●

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- Quizmaster Lloyd Saldanha



Quizmaster's Challenge



Sethu Madhavan

A two-time national finalist at the Tata Crucible for Corporates, Sethu Madhavan is a devoted knowledge enthusiast who has actively quizzed for over 10 years. Although a specialist in business quizzing, he has taken part in quizzes on several topics and is a well-recognised name in the Indian quizzing fraternity. In his spare time, Sethu enjoys playing badminton, is a nine-ball champion and is currently the Lead Resource Manager at Capgemini.

1. From the world of mascots, how do we better know Bartholomew Richard Fitzgerald-Smythe?
2. Pule, the most expensive cheese in the world, is made from the milk of which animal?
3. This oblong pastry made with choux dough loosely shares its name with a well-known confectionery brand. Its name has been taken from the French word for 'flash of lightning', because the pastry is often eaten very quickly. Guess the name of the pastry.
4. Shaquille O'Neal has made only one 3-pointer in his entire career. It was during the 1995-1996 season, when he was with Orlando Magic. Against which team did he score this 3-pointer?
5. Launched in 1952, Christophorus is one of the oldest customer publications in the world and is the official customer magazine of an automobile company. The name is based on Saint Christopher, the patron saint of travellers. Which automobile company owns the magazine?
6. Vinson Massif is a large, 21 kilometre-long and 13 kilometre-wide mountain massif in the Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains. On which continent would one find this Massif?
7. Which word, often used in the fields of biology and medicine, is derived from the Latin term meaning 'slimy liquid or poison'?
8. Name the American graphic designer, artist and photographer, best known for designing iconic logos for the first Macintosh computer, New Line Cinema, Esprit, as well as numerous album covers for The Doobie Brothers, Carole King and others.
9. 'Solid' is a new project led by X and is being run at MIT. The project aims to radically change the way web applications work today, resulting in true data ownership as well as improved privacy. Identify X.
10. Which website owned by the Alibaba Group, literally translates to 'searching for treasure network'?

Answers in next edition.



Have You Ever Wondered?

What is the origin of the expression, 'raining cats and dogs'?

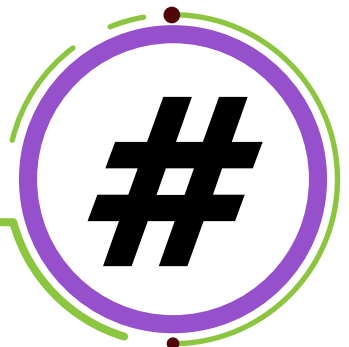
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Your Dose of Knoxygen



The people of Scotland have more than 400 words to describe something related to snow.

Hashtag is not the official word for describing the '#' symbol. It is 'octothorpe', which refers to its eight points.



The world's smallest fruit is named utricles. It is the size of a tiny ant.

A Buffet of Talent

Presidency Challenge Cup 2018

Presidency Challenge Cup.
Three words. Two days. 11 years of tradition.

This national-level literary spectacle is something that Bengaluru is used to seeing every year. Yet, each year, the event manages to excite, engage and surprise the participants and audiences alike. This year, the sands of Mangaluru too, got to witness the Presidency Challenge Cup, for the first time ever. For its debut event in the city, one could not help but be awed at the response and participation that it received. In fact, one could even say that it was quite overwhelming.

The Presidency Cup Challenge 2018 was kick-started on November 15, 2018, in Mangaluru. Held in the Presidency School campus, it featured two events- Wordsmith, the spelling bee competition, for classes 5 and 6, and the General Quiz for classes 7 to 10. The Bengaluru edition of the event began on November 19, 2018, at Presidency School, Bilekahalli South. Day 1 saw the preliminary rounds of Poetry Slam and War of Words competitions. Budding poets from classes 9 and 10 composed their original poems on the theme 'Black and White', pondering for precious thoughts. As serene as that seems, on the other hand, the participants of War of Words, the



Attendees at the Presidency Challenge Cup 2018 at Mangaluru.

leadership competition, were definitely experiencing quite some anxiety. These students of classes 11 and 12 were put through a rigorous round of personal interview with a panel of judges and tested under various criteria, before they could be shortlisted for the top 8 that would make the finals.

Day 2 of the event was held at the St. John's Auditorium, Bengaluru. This day had a completely different spirit. It had to, for it was the main day of the fest. The auditorium decked with craft work by the students, lights

everywhere, and students flocking to the venue in hundreds, along with their parents and teachers. It was refreshing madness.

The day began with the usual formalities, the highlight of which was an earnest and inspiring speech by the Chief Guest, Ms. Tanvi Jagadish. All of 18 years old and being the first woman stand-up paddle boarder in India, Tanvi shared her journey as a sportsperson, ending on the note, 'The ocean accepts everyone with love'. With this, it was time to jump into the festivity. The preliminary rounds of Wordsmith and the General Quiz were held, with students taking part in huge numbers. This was followed by the finals of War of Words, hosted by quizmaster Giri 'Pickbrain' Balasubramaniam, and the finals of Wordsmith, presented by quiz host Rashmi Furtado. After all this, came the most awaited event of the 2-day literary festival- the finals of the General Quiz, with quizmaster Pickbrain returning to the dais. With cameras flashing everywhere, tension in the air, audiences at the edges of their seats and Knowledge Tribe live on social media, the event was nearing its closure.



Aditya Arya from Rashtriya Military School, Bengaluru, the winner of War of Words at Presidency Challenge Cup, Bengaluru.

Then of course, came the winners' announcements and prize distribution. Huge trophies in tiny hands, hearts beating out of their chests. As always, the vote of thanks followed. But, as the 2-day gala ended with the Indian National Anthem, one could not help but get gooseflesh. That wasn't the air conditioner or the winter temperatures doing their thing. It was the realisation of how much such an event means to children, and how much it does for them. A realisation of how much talent there is to tap into, of how much potential there is to nurture, of how many opportunities can be provided. Most of all, it was a realisation of how all of that is often taken for granted, just like the vote of thanks or the National Anthem that concluded the cultural grandeur. ●

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Sishya School, Hosur, recognised as the Best Outstation School during the Presidency Challenge Cup, Bengaluru.

YOUR SPACE

Travels



Travel, writing and reading constitute my major passions. Knowing that it was indeed possible to fulfil all three at one time was one of my greatest discoveries. Making plans impulsively, going to the nearest bus depot, seeing which destination looks exotic enough, often settling for destinations whose names I couldn't pronounce— these thrills are almost unmatched.

Travelling by local transport gives glimpses and insights into local lives and allows you to experience the legendary local flavour. Be it travelling by a rickety bus wheezing and groaning its way up a hill from Solapur to Tuljapur or taking the ferry across Goa and hearing Konkani folk music and smelling the aroma of freshly caught fish on the way to the market— all this may not sound appealing to most, but at that time, they are the best feelings and scents ever. If you travel by local transport as opposed to high-end Volvo buses, you meet all different avatars of people, ranging from the Indian cyclops (the tourist with the camera permanently attached to his face) to the local know-it-alls and the occasional cool older person who shares his words of wisdom with others.

Things I love about travelling range from making friends with complete strangers, to joining a spontaneous game of *antakshari* where melody and tune really don't matter, to meeting fellow travellers who are on their own journeys...AHHHH! Good times!

My most memorable journeys include a 30-hour bus ride from Mumbai to Bengaluru in a bus that had more cargo than passengers, a solitary trip to Lonavala which served as the starting point for a trek, and a monsoon visit to Goa at the age of 17. The last mentioned was my first impulsive journey and hence, will remain my most cherished memory.

I often ramble a lot about being lonely and about how much it bugs me. But travelling alone afforded me a freedom that all the solitude wouldn't even match. The freedom to do whatever I want without having to submit to another's wish, the freedom to stay in the cheapest hotel and not care as long as I had a bed to rest my head and a roof to keep the rains out. Lovely!

I miss travelling. But soon, I shall have some more free time on my hands. Perhaps I shall be able to bring my haversack down from its dusty perch, don my travel cargoes, head towards the bus depot and then go in whichever direction my feet might lead me.

Perhaps there is time for some more adventure.

And so,
Onwards. ●

Paresh Koirala | Knowledge Enthusiast

TCS Rural IT Quiz



My Journey

Aditya Adiga
Vidyodaya PU College, Udupi

Here is me sharing my experience at the TCS Rural IT Quiz as a four-time participant.

It all began in 2015, when I was in the ninth grade. I had recently moved from Mumbai to Udupi and did not have many friends. My only friend was my computer, and my father had enabled a broadband internet connection which was pretty fast. So, I spent a lot of time surfing the internet, playing games, reading blogs and articles, and so on. Thanks to my computer, I was hit by a tremendous amount of knowledge at a tender age. I used to frequent different online platforms including Quora and Stack Exchange. My thirst for knowledge kept increasing by the day.

Around the same time, I discovered the TCS Rural IT Quiz. Then, I started learning newer things in preparation. I referred books like BLITZ and Kryptonite by Raveesh Mayya K. In fact, I go through them even now whenever I feel bored! I took part in TCS Rural IT Quiz when I was studying in grades 9 and 10. I made it to the Mysuru round on both occasions, but I could not go further. Once I started grade 11, I became busy with preparations for JEE Advanced.

Then, I met my current quizzing partner who is an absolute computer nerd and can memorise anything. I needed someone exactly like him, and he needed someone like me. We participated in TCS Rural IT Quiz the next year. We were well-prepared. So prepared, that the day before the competition, we played PUBG for more than an hour. We got selected to the finals that year. However, we ended up in the 6th position in the competition. We were disappointed with our performance and decided not to participate the next year.

But as time passed and we started our last year in school, we decided otherwise. We were going to participate, and we had to win it this time. The quiz began. Before we knew it, we were in the Top 6 final teams on stage. As the finals began, we led the quiz for a while. But after some time, we made a couple of crucial mistakes and lost 100 points. That did it for us. We lost the quiz.

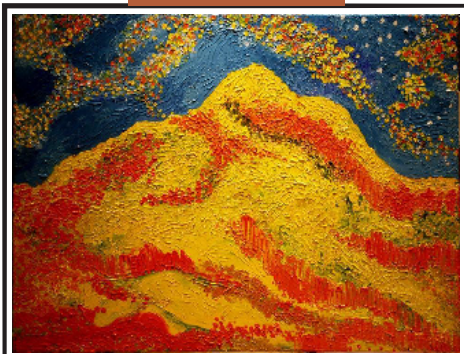
Of course, we were heartbroken. We had missed our last chance of winning the TCS Rural IT Quiz. However, looking back, I have no regrets. Taking part in this competition taught me so much. It motivated me to push my limits, to stay hungry for information and keep expanding the horizon of my knowledge. ●

Black and White



There are many colours that please our sight,
 But none as mysterious as black and white.
 Polar at most, the difference is high,
 But can also be values like truth and lie.
 Black is dark and mysterious at all time,
 And white- the pure and the ever sublime.
 They show such values in all we know,
 Even the dove is considered better than the crow.
 A stereotype can be said on the prejudiced black,
 Being considered evil and goodness its lack.
 And white so pure; a heavenly light,
 Which brings us happiness and pleases our sight.
 But how hard is it to realise?
 Without black there'd be no white.
 To condemn the means is to condemn it all,
 For without its legs, a critter can't walk.
 Black is lie, a sin to be
 White is truth, a means of relief.
 If such beliefs are what they are
 Without the darkness there'd be no stars.
 Black and white are colours renowned
 They continue to vary; to astound,
 And if attention is paid,
 To the most minute detail
 To black and to white, would lead the trail.

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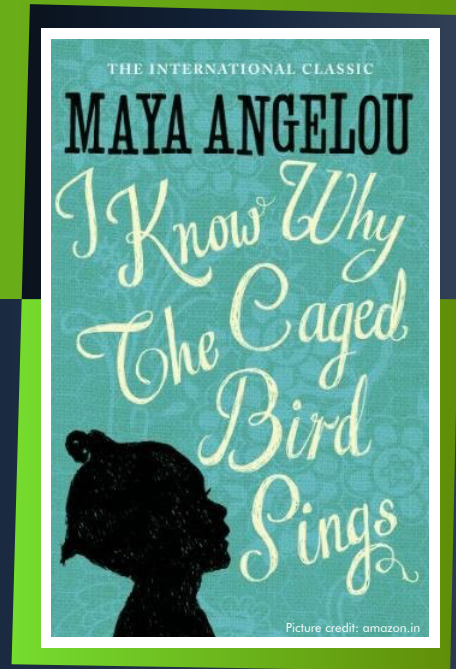
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

I always say that autobiographies are the best kind of books. That's because there's just something about a real-life saga told in first person that gets me every time. Among all the autobiographies I've managed to read, there's one that's stayed with me for a long, long time, and that is 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' by Maya Angelou.

I still remember the first time I read this book, like it was yesterday. The book had instantly gripped all my senses. I was lost in the world of the eight-year-old Angelou and all her trials and tribulations. The multiple layers of racism she endured, the abandonment from her family, the constant longing for a home, the abuse, the embarrassment and her quest for self-identity. I unconsciously travelled with Angelou through the course of the book, and experienced her journey towards dignity and strength, like it was my own. Goosebumps!

Now for many of you, the themes I spoke of above, may seem very familiar and mainstream, especially if you are into African Literature. However, to me, this book isn't just another one in the pile. It stands out because of Angelou's immensely poignant and unmatched writing style that both narrates her story with utter ease, and leaves a lasting impact.

Another huge takeaway for me from this book is Angelou, through all of her hurdles, finding solace and freedom in literature. This aspect, which is a huge part of the book, in fact



taught me how to appreciate, and even adore many writers who somehow never impressed me earlier. Angelou also gives us incredible life lessons perfectly packed in just a few words like, "I had given up some youth for knowledge, but my gain was more valuable than the loss", 'If you're for the right thing, you do it without thinking', "Anything that works against you can also work for you once you understand the Principle of Reverse" and other gems, that greatly inspired me. Above all, there's one line from the book that continues to echo within me, and within several others, as I later learnt-

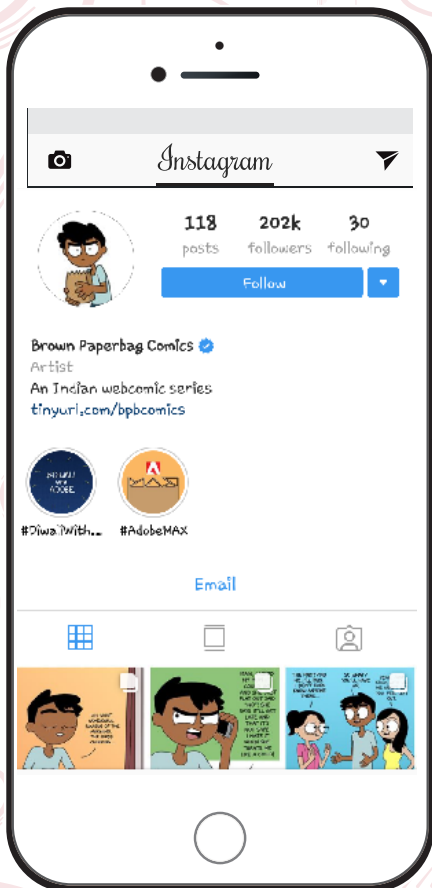
"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

This for me, sums up the entire book- its purpose, its meaning and its message. This is why I would heavily recommend this book to every one of you reading this (and to all of you who aren't). This is why I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is one of the most deeply moving autobiographies I have read so far. ●

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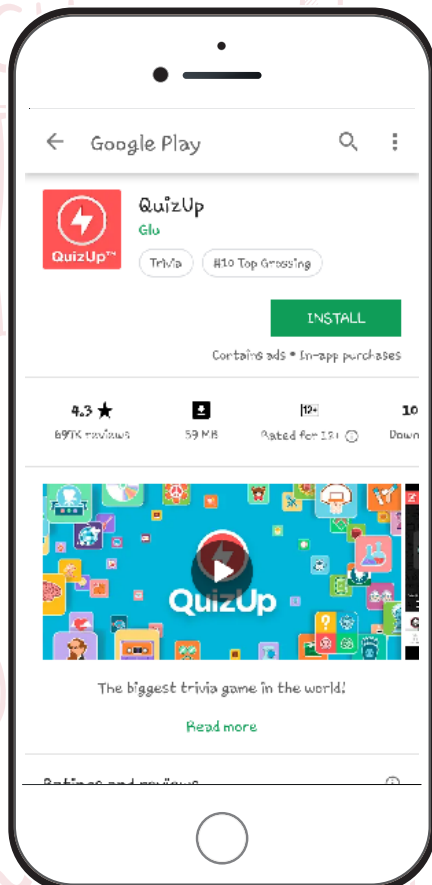
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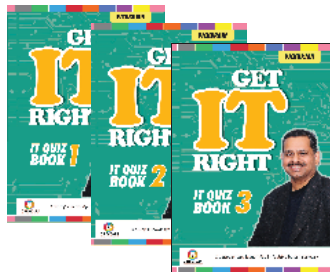
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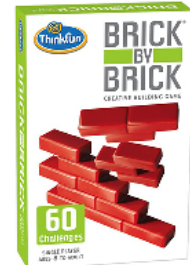
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