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BOX CORNER

BANK MIECES

The biggest news last month was the announcement of bank mergers. 10 Indian banks are going to be merged into four. Among them will be the merger of Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank, two of the nation's oldest banks.



OPEN SISAME



Have you heard of Alibaba? Not the story, but the Amazon-like company. Jack Ma, Alibaba's founder, has retired after 20 years of successfully running the Chinese company.

AT THE BALL GAME

FOOTBALL'S ACES

The annual awards to honour the best in the sport were given out. USA's Megan Rapinoe - who helped the country win the World Cup recently - stood on top.



GATORADE'S NEW POSTER GIRL

Hina Das, the champion runner, has been named brand ambassador of Gatorade. She will appear in ads for the sports drink.

HOOP KINGS

Spain are the new world champions in basketball.

GRETA THE GREAT

NAME Greta Thunberg
AGE 16 Years
BORN IN Sweden



WHY IS SHE FAMOUS

Greta is a young school-going kid like all of you. The reason her name is seen in the newspaper every day is thanks to her efforts to bring up the issue of climate change - her campaigns have gained her international recognition.

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GOING RUST

Thomas Cook is one of the oldest travel companies in the world. Some of you who have taken vacations at resorts may have heard of this 176-year-old company. It has run into bad times, however, and the owners say it will be shut down.



Thomas Cook was a pioneer of tourism. He was the first to offer a cruise on the river Nile. He also organised pilgrimage packages to religious sites a "19th century yoga".

DID YOU KNOW?

Rafael Nadal now has 19 major titles. Roger Federer is at the #1 spot with 20 titles. By God, it seems these two can never stop winning!

TENNIS CHAMPS

In the tennis world - the final major of the year, the US Open - took place in New York. Spain's Rafael Nadal and Canada's Bianca Andreescu won the men's and women's titles respectively.

A word of caution - Gatorade is for athletes who need to replenish sugar, sodium, and potassium that is sweated out. Children need to drink lots of water. Remember, extra sugar in the diet can lead to health problems.

AGE NO BAR

Age is not a barrier for Jeanne Calment. At 77, this "young" woman broke a record by becoming the oldest person to sail around the world solo. What an achievement!



IT HAPPENED IN...

SEPTEMBER

- 01 SEP 1847: First metro in USA opens in Boston
- 05 SEP 1400: Muhammad Ali wins the Olympic gold medal in boxing
- 13 SEP 1922: The temperature in Al Aziziyah, Libya reaches a world record of 136.4 degrees
- 23 SEP 1446: "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci is completed
- 28 SEP 1914: The first World War begins

SPORTS DIARY

THE GREATEST GYMNAST IN THE WORLD
American gymnast Simone Biles won her 20th medal in a world championship. This medal for the youngest who has won the most medals.



Gymnastics is a sport that includes various events. There are seven such as vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise. Simone Biles is a star in all these events.

SCIENCE NEWS

AND THE WINNER IS...

The Nobel Prize for 2014 was awarded to scientists who discovered the Higgs boson particle. It is named after the physicist Peter Higgs.



MAKING IN ZERO G

NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir made history by completing the first ever all-female spacewalk.



LONGEST FLIGHT

Australian airline Qantas has completed a test of the longest operating passenger flight. The flight between New York to Sydney was covered in 20 hours.



WISDOM, WISDOM ON THE WALL

The cry of the bird has been found to represent of wisdom. The bird is said to be about as loud as a very loud rock concert!



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The bird monkey comes a close second. Its scream can be heard for more than 10 kilometers, it is said.



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DAY OF CHARITY

5-September was observed as the International Day of Charity. This is in memory of Mother Teresa who showed us a world with caring people is a better place.

DAYS TO REMEMBER



DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGE

25-September was the International Day of Sign Language. Sign Language is a form for our brothers and sisters who cannot hear well. They use it to communicate with others.

SCIENCE CORNER

LUNAR THUD

The eagerly looked-forward-to event of the month turned out to be a dud. Chandrayaan-2, India's mission to the Moon was not a full success. The lander failed to touch down on lunar surface softly. The scientists at the ground were monitoring the spacecraft's lost contact with it, and could not control the landing.



A GRAND-PAD FROM THE PAST

The skull of humankind's oldest-known ancestor has been discovered. This will throw more light on how humans evolved from apes. This discovery is now able to give us more information on evolution in the past 100,000 years.

ASLI HIP HOP

How many of you have watched Gully Boy. The makers of the movie must be very happy. The movie, about two young rappers in Mumbai, has been picked as India's entry to the Oscars.



DID YOU KNOW?

Dadasaheb Phalke was India's first movie maker. The award for lifetime achievement in cinema is named after him.



AWARD FOR MEGA-STAR

Bollywood's megastar Amitabh Bachchan has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke award this year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT'S UP IN OCTOBER

- 02 OCT: Gandhi Jayanti; Lal Bahadur Shastri's birthday too
- 08 OCT: Mysore Dussehra
- 12 OCT: Marwar Festival

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PINK BALL TEST MATCH

It has been announced that India will play a Day Night Test match against Bangladesh. The match will be played with a pink ball.

There are three main forms of cricket. Test cricket is the longest duration. It is played over five days. Next are One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Twenty20 (T20) matches. T20 is the shortest form of cricket. It is played in 20 minutes.

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HEARDY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN

The crown of the Queen of England has over 1000 precious stones and weighs over 400g. She usually wears it when she gives her annual speech in parliament. But this year she gave it a more but more a simpler design instead.

Astoria is 60
The famous Astoria statue has turned 60 years old. First published in 1904, the statue is admired by people all over the world. The statue, not in Astoria town, is called the Columbia Astoria. Her friend Olivia, and their friends.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR FORMALLY ASCENDS THE THRONE
Some countries still have kings and queens. Japan is one of them. This October, Emperor Naruhito officially took the place on Japan's Chrysanthemum Throne. He is the 126th in a line of emperors that go back 1500 years.

ARE YOU A FAN OF FRODO?
If you are, you are in for a treat. The next Frodo movie will be released in November. The Frodo movie and his sister Anne embark on an adventure far away from the kingdom of Gondor.

IT HAPPENED IN...
OCTOBER
18 OCT: Soviet astronaut Leonov died aged 80
19 OCT: Shuru Lily Festival, Manipal
20 OCT: First Indian woman to win a medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games
24 OCT: Fathima's birthday
25 OCT: Fathima's birthday
26 OCT: 150th anniversary of Guru Nanak

WHAT'S UP IN NOVEMBER
05 NOV: Melbourne Cup, one of the most popular horse races
07 NOV: Indonesian Literature Festival
09-10 NOV: Tennis - ATP Finals, London
24 NOV: World Trampoline Championships
26 NOV: Birthday of Charles Schulz

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER
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EAT SMART, LIVE HEALTHY

The food
pyramid

BANYAN TREE AND FRIENDS

India's
national
symbols

PLAY!

A look at the
world of
sports

Stay Alert, Be Safe

How to
handle
yourself on
the road

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

The concept
of time

UP, UP, AND AWAY

10 super
heroes

GREEN FINGERS

Gardening
concepts

LANGUAGE

Homonyms
and
homophones

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Indian words in English

A primer to our universe

Dictionary basics

Clothing from around the world

The Sun and the planets

Finding one's way around maps

A primer to recipe reading and cooking

Fun with sight words

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FROM BEAN TO BAR

The story of
chocolate

MADE IN INDIA

Handicrafts
of our nation

IN A POUCH AND ON A TREE

Marsupial
and arboreal
animals

BRICK BY BRICK

9 great
buildings
from the
past 100
years

VROOOOM!

Famous car
brands

SUBMERGED

The science
behind our
oceans

A PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN A SWORD

Famous
authors

LANGUAGE

The world of
prefixes and
suffixes

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BRAND IDENTITY

Mascots of well-known brands

ANCIENT WONDERS

We look at the ancient wonders of the world

BRING ON THE FIREWORKS

Unique world festivals

PUGMARKS

The science of animal tracking

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Sobriquets for famous places

HANDS ON HIPS

Gestures and other body language signs

LIP SMACKING

A tour of food from around India

LANGUAGE

Fun with sight words

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A journey along 10 countries

The magnificent Taj Mahal

British vs American English

The Arctic and the Antarctic Oceans

Commonly used sports equipment and their origins

Famous explorers

Commonly confused adjectives

Well-known idioms and what they mean

Quiz sets



WHATS IN A LOGO?

Brand logos and their meanings

WILD INDIA

A primer to the wildlife sanctuaries and national parks in the country

ETIQUETTE

A guide to good manners

COLOURFUL WORLD OF FLAGS

And the stories they tell us

MONEY BAGS

The world of finance

SERENDIPITY

The world of accidental inventions

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Commonly confusing words

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SILK ROAD

The lifeline
of the
ancient
world

A GAME OF THRONES

Royal
dynasties of
England

COMMA AND FRIENDS

A guide to
punctuation

INTO THE WILD

Wildlife
sanctuaries
and national
parks in the
country

THE LIVES OF ARTISTS

10 famous
painters,
their works,
and lives

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

10 films for
early teens

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More idioms

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NATION BUILDERS

Famous Indians from all walks of life

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Awards in various fields

LIFE IS A ROLLER COASTER

Metaphors for young adults

HEROES OF OLYMPUS

Gods and goddesses from Greek mythology

THE WORLD IS A STAGE

More metaphors for young adults

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Famous American presidents

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