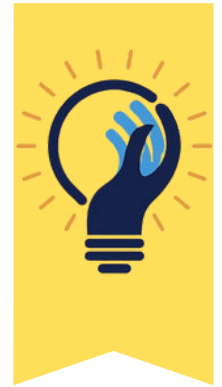


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- Har Gobind Khorana** (9 January 1922 – 9 November 2011) was an Indian American biochemist. While on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, he shared the 1968 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine with Marshall W. Nirenberg and Robert W. Holley for research that showed the order of nucleotides in nucleic acids, which carry the genetic code of the cell and control the cell's synthesis of proteins. Khorana and Nirenberg were also awarded the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize from Columbia University in the same year. Born in British India, Khorana served on the faculties of three universities in North America. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1966, and received the National Medal of Science in 1987. After Dr CV Raman he was the first scientist of Indian origin to get a Nobel Prize. Unfortunately for India he had become an American citizen by then. Khorana died on 9 November 2011, in Concord, Massachusetts, at the age of 89. On 9 January 2018, a Google Doodle celebrated the achievements of Har Gobind Khorana on what would have been his 96th birthday.
- Neil Nongkynrih** (9 July 1970 – 5 January 2022) was an Indian concert pianist and conductor. He founded the Shillong Chamber Choir (SCC), which won the reality show India's Got Talent in 2010. Nongkynrih was born in Jaiaw Langsning, Khasi Hills district, in the then state of Assam (now East Khasi Hills district, Meghalaya state) to A. H. Scott Lyngdoh, a former state minister of Meghalaya, and Elvirial Nongkynrih. Nongkynrih studied music at Trinity College and Guildhall School of Music in London. He performed in numerous shows as a concert pianist in United Kingdom. Nongkynrih was also teaching music in Oxfordshire in addition to the concerts. One of his students was Philip Selway, a member of the British band Radiohead. He returned to India in 2001 and started teaching piano in Shillong. In the same year, he founded the Shillong Chamber Choir (SCC). He wrote an opera in Khasi, the native language of Meghalaya, with the intention to revive the dialect. The opera, titled Sohlyngngem, is based on a tragic Khasi folktale which was woven into musical lingo by Nongkynrih and his team. He was awarded Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award of India in 2015.



Virat Kohli



Raj Bawa



Birju Maharaj



Spider-man comic book page sold for record 3.36 million

NEWS HEADLINES

- U19 India player Raj Bawa breaks Shikhar Dhawan's 18-year-old record in the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup 2022. During India U-19 vs Uganda U19 encounter in T20 World Cup 2022, the left-handed batsman slammed unbeaten 162 runs. This has become the highest score by an Indian player in the history of the tournament.
- Virat Kohli has announced that he is stepping down from Test captaincy of the Indian team after the recently-concluded South Africa series. He has also stepped down as captain of Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) after IPL 2021 because he wanted to manage his workload in international cricket and the Indian Premier League (IPL)
- Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj died at his home in Delhi, on the 17th of January, after suffering a heart attack. He was 83. He was a recipient of the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian honor, in 1986.
- A single page of artwork from a 1984 Spider-Man comic book sold at auction Thursday for a record USD 3.36 million (over Rs. 24 crore). Mike Zeck's artwork for page 25 from Marvel Comics' Secret Wars No 8 brings the first appearance of Spidey's black suit. The record bidding, which started at USD 330,000 and soared past USD 3 million, came on the first day of Heritage Auctions' four-day comic event in Dallas.

FACTS:

- Three presidents, all Founding Fathers—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe—died on July 4. Presidents Adams and Jefferson also died the same year, 1826; President Monroe died in 1831.
- The hardest working muscle in your body is your heart: It pumps more than 2,000 gallons of blood a day and beats more than 2.5 billion times in a 70-year life span.
- Flamingoes are only pink because of chemicals called carotenoids in the algae and fish (which also eat the algae) they eat; their feathers are grayish white when they're born.
- People started wearing pajamas, originally spelled "pyjamas," instead of nightgowns so they'd be prepared to run outside in public during World War I air raids in England.
- At over 29,000 feet tall, Mt. Everest is the highest point on Earth, but it doesn't compare to the deepest point on Earth, the Mariana Trench, which is over 36,000 feet deep—nearly seven miles—in the Pacific Ocean.
- The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros.
- The Four Corners is the only spot in the US where you can stand in four states at once: Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Did you know?

- There's a basketball court in the US Supreme Court building. It is now known as the highest court in the land.
- The dwarf planet Haumea is shaped liked a potato.
- The filling in Kit Kats is made from damaged Kit Kats.
- There are 3 US Presidents who have won Grammys. Former President Jimmy Carter has won three Grammy Awards in the Best Spoken Word Album category. In 2004, Bill Clinton won Best Spoken Word Album for My Life. Finally, Barack Obama has won a couple of golden megaphones of his own. He won Best Spoken Word Album in 2006 for the narration of his book, Dreams from My Father audiobook.
- An astronaut was allergic to the moon. During the Apollo 17 mission, astronaut Harrison Schmitt found out that he had a severe reaction to moon dust.

Crossword

Across	Down
1. The Queen of Jhansi.	1. Three _____ is the national emblem of India.
2. Full form of INC: Indian National _____.	3. "_____ is my birthright, and I shall have it!"
6. National Song of India.	4. Viscount Louis _____ announced partition of India.
9. Indian National Anthem.	5. Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place in _____.
11. Netaji _____ Chandra Bose created National Army for Indian Independence.	7. A city in India in which the Taj Mahal located.
12. _____ Prasad was the first President of India.	8. Rabindranath Tagore gave Gandhi a title of _____.
14. _____ Nehru Became the first Prime Minister of free India.	10. India is located in this continent.

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