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- Bhanu Athaiya (28 April 1929 – 15 October 2020) was an Indian costume designer and painter. She was the only woman member of the Bombay Progressive Artists' Group and the first Indian to win an Academy Award. After her switch from art to cinema, Bhanu went on to become one of the leading creators of the aesthetic of a young India through her work on costumes for Bollywood films. She worked on over 100 films, with Indian filmmakers such as Guru Dutt, Yash Chopra, B.R. Chopra, Raj Kapoor, Vijay Anand, Raj Khosla, and Ashutosh Gowariker, notably in films like C.I.D. (1956), Pyaasa (1957), Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam (1962), Guide (1965), Amrapali (1966), Teesri Manzil (1966), Satyam Shivam Sundaram (1979), Razia Sultan (1983), Chandni (1989), Lekin... (1990), 1942: A Love Story (1993), Lagaan (2001), and Swades (2004). She also worked on international projects with directors such as Conrad Rooks in Siddhartha (1972) and Richard Attenborough in Gandhi (1982). For the latter, she won the Academy Award for best costume design at the 55th Academy Awards.
- Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelenskyy (born 25 January 1978), is a Ukrainian politician, former comedian, and actor who has served as the 6th and current president of Ukraine since 2019. Born to a Jewish family, Zelenskyy grew up as a native Russian speaker in Kryvyi Rih, a major city of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast in central Ukraine. Prior to his acting career, he obtained a degree in law from the Kyiv National Economic University. He then pursued a career in comedy and created the production company Kvartal 95, which produced films, cartoons, and TV shows including the TV series Servant of the People, in which Zelenskyy played the role of the Ukrainian president. The series aired from 2015 to 2019 and was immensely popular. A political party bearing the same name as the television show was created in March 2018 by employees of Kvartal 95. Zelenskyy announced his candidacy in the 2019 Ukrainian presidential election on the evening of 31 December 2018, alongside the New Year's Eve address of then-president Petro Poroshenko on the TV channel 1+1. A political outsider, he had already become one of the frontrunners in opinion polls for the election. He won the election with 73.23 percent of the vote.



Praggnanandhaa



Geetanjali Shree



"Dhakad" - Khelo India's new mascot



Harshada Sharad Garud



Katalin Novak

NEWS HEADLINES

- 16 year old Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa defeats world no. 1 Carlsen for 2nd time in 2022.
- Geetanjali Shree's novel is first translated Hindi work to win International Booker. This is the first novel in an Indian language to win an international award.
- Katalin Novak has been elected as the first female President of the country. She is also Hungary's youngest President at 44 years of age.
- India created history by winning the Thomas Cup title for the first time. It is an international badminton competition held by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- The name of the new mascot for Khelo India is 'Dhakad.'
- Finland and Sweden submitted their application to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Eighteen years old Harshada Sharad Garud has become India's first weightlifter to have won a gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships
- At the United Nations, Turkey will now be known as Türkiye. This decision was taken after intergovernmental body agreed to a formal request of Ankara for the name change

FACTS:

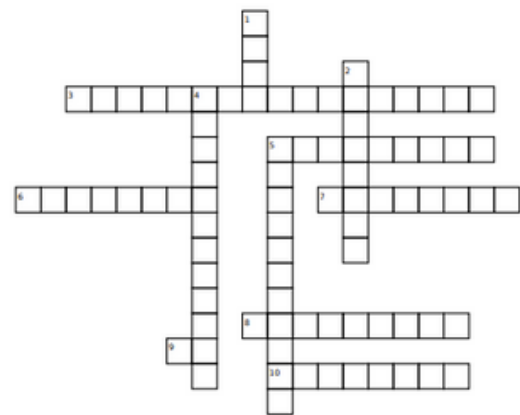
- It was found in 2002, approximately 12 miles south of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and is now housed in the city’s museum. Radiocarbon dating was used to determine the wheel’s age, which is somewhere between 5,100 and 5,350 years old.
- Sudan has more pyramids than any country in the world. While 138 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt, Sudan boasts around 255.
- The bumblebee bat is the world’s smallest mammal. Weighing in at 0.05 to 0.07 ounces, with a head-to-body length of 1.14 to 1.29 inches and a wingspan of 5.1 to 5.7 inches, the bumblebee bat—also known as Kitti’s hog-nosed bat—is the smallest mammal in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.
- Cartilage and the cornea are the only types tissue in the human body that do not contain blood vessels, according to scientists at the Harvard Department of Ophthalmology’s Schepens Eye Research Institute.
- It takes a drop of water 90 days to travel the entire Mississippi River. Spanning 2,340 miles, the Mississippi River is the third-largest watershed in the world. That’s one long stretch of water. So long, in fact, that it takes one drop of water approximately 90 days to travel its entire length.

QUIZWORD

Did you know?

- The brand name Spam is a combination of “spice” and “ham”.
- Japan has one vending machine for every 40 people.
- McDonald’s once made bubblegum-flavored broccoli.
- A cow-bison hybrid is called a beefalo.
- Armadillo shells are bulletproof.
- “Running amok” is a medically recognized mental condition.
- The man with the world’s deepest voice can make sounds humans can’t hear.
- Bananas grow upside down.
- Human noses and ears get bigger as we age.
- Theodore Roosevelt had a pet hyena.

Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. this movie got awarded the Best Original score in Oscars 2022
2. this movie was incorrectly announced as the winner of Best Picture at the 2017 Academy Awards
4. the second fantasy movie to win Best Picture at the Oscars
5. What is the name of the skyscraper in Die Hard

Across:

3. Who wrote the screenplay for Rocky
5. movie won Best Picture at the Oscars 2021
6. Virgil Abloh was the creative designer and founder of which brand
7. the first foreign-language movie to win the Oscar for Best Picture
8. the first pandemic era movie to gross over \$1 billion at the box office
9. Kanye West has officially changed his name to
10. TIME's Person of the Year for 2021

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