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"INQUIZITIVE" is the Quiz Society under the aegis of Extracurricular Activities Committee (ECA) of Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi.

Inquizitive, being a quiz society, is not simply confined to the walls of questions and answers, but also aims to explore beyond. The utmost objective of the society is to provide a space for individuals so that they could discover various facets of intellect and cognitive ability found inside themselves.

Our goal is to bring out the best version of an individual which will not only assist them throughout their three-year Graduation course in this College, but also mould them into a different and a well-refined being by way of social and intellectual growth.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I found the newsletter quite insightful, particularly the trivia section. Looking forward to reading more newsletters by
Inquizitive

Thanks & Regards
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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is our pleasure to publish the second edition of our monthly newsletter "Quiz Buzz". The objective of this is to provide essential information to our readers in the form of news, article and more. We seek to procure and display the events of the month in a compressed and a fun way.

We're extremely overwhelmed by all the feedbacks by our readers. We have incorporated your suggestions as much as we can in this edition. We hope that you enjoy reading through March edition of our newsletter. Also, please do let us know your feedback about the same by mailing us on our official mail ID given on the last page. Happy reading!

With regards,
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MEET THE ALUMNI



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Inquizitive has been a family, close to my heart. I remember the time when we entered college and were yearning for a quiz society, only to realize that the society has been dormant for few years. Over the year, the five of us reinstated the society, with a team of 20 amazing quizzers. Over the two delightful years with Inquizitive, I gained a plethora of opportunities, to lead, to be quizzing, and to quiz the world. Inquizitive has been a family, a support system that added a lot of masala and memories to my college life. Watching Inquizitive grow year on year has been a delight and a proud experience for me.

Note to readers: Quizzing is an amazing passion. It is not just limited to the GK Questions that we used to answer in school, but spans over tonnes and tonnes of trivia, and of course, intelligent guessing. As a quizzer, you develop a habit to read about topics that interest you and identify amazing bits of stories. Such reading habit not only contributes to you being a better quizzer but also adds to your intellect and hugely adds to your confidence. The habit of reading comes in real handy for aspirants targeting examinations for further studies. If there is any topic that interests you, read about it and quiz the world!

Note to the editors: Quiz Buzz is an awesome initiative! A perfect attempt to ignite the spark for trivias and quizzing in the minds of reader. The way attempts have been made to present the crux of trending topics to readers in the past issues is commendable. Hope that the readers make best use of this publication. Looking forward to great things from the team.

What's going on Around?

- 1) Russian space agency 'Roscosmos' successfully launched 38 foreign satellites into orbit, onboard Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- 2) In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully demonstrated free-space Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 metres, with several technologies developed within the country.
- 3) Noted writer and filmmaker Sagar Sarhadi, known for films like "Kabhi Kabhie", "Silsila", and "Bazaar", has passed away. He began his career as Urdu short stories writer and entered Bollywood through Yash Chopra's 1976 "Kabhi Kabhie", which had Amitabh Bachchan and Raakhee in the lead role.
- 4) The government of India has launched the "Gram Ujala Scheme" to provide the cheapest LED bulbs in rural areas. The scheme was launched by the Union power and new and renewable energy minister, Raj Kumar Singh.
- 5) India has been placed at 139th position out of 149 countries in the UN World Happiness Report 2021 released. In 2019, India was ranked 140th. The World Happiness Report 2021 has been topped by Finland, for the fourth consecutive year.
- 6) Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in as the sixth President of Tanzania, becoming the first female leader of the East African country.
- 7) The Indian athlete Avinash Sable set a new national record in the men's 3000m steeplechase event in the ongoing Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships in Patiala, with timing of 8:20.20.
- 8) The Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting was held virtually. The Forum discussed key issues that contribute towards the transformation of women's lives
- 9) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of 2 crores on the State Bank of India (SBI) for contravention of certain provisions of Section 10 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949.
- 10) The Japanese scientific research institute called RIKEN and Fujitsu started developing the "Fugaku" six years ago. It is the world's most powerful supercomputers. Fugaku has been named after an alternative name for Mount Fuji

THE MEGXIT – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Royal family of England is one of the most celebrated families in the world. It traces its origin from the petty kingdoms of early medieval Scotland and Anglo-Saxon England, which consolidated into the kingdoms of England and Scotland by the 10th century. Today we know them as "The House of Windsor" which began in 1917 when the family changed its name from the German "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha." Queen Elizabeth's grandfather, King George V, was the first Windsor monarch, and today's working royals are the descendants of King George and his wife, Queen Mary.



When it comes to rules, the Royal Family is quite strict about them. But, over the years, the Queen has redefined what it means to be a monarch in few instances. British public were shocked when the Queen allowed her grandson Prince Harry to marry Meghan Markle, who is an American actress, biracial, and has been divorced once. It was only the second time a member of the Royal Family was marrying a foreigner since King Edward VIII. One of the many reasons that Meghan Markle's inclusion into the Royal Family became controversial.

The word "royal" has often been associated with elegance, mannerism, and chivalry. When this word is joined with yet another meaningful word "family," which in itself resonates with love and care, the amalgamation forms the term "Royal Family". This term must create and stand by its impression of being a heaven on earth. This must have been the expectations of Meghan Markle. But one aspect that we fail to recognize is with great popularity comes along even greater responsibility and expectations.

Ever since the couple announced their engagement, everything pertaining to Meghan Markle's identity became a hot topic in UK's tabloid press. Whether it was her being a divorcee, biracial, Harry being younger than her, or just her career as an actress, suddenly everything about her identity was depicted wrongfully. There were stories about how she was demanding synthetic air freshener in the 14th-century Royal Chapel, her making Kate Middleton cry, her enjoying the conspiracy theories on social media that claimed her to be the latest celebrity to fake a pregnancy, and more.

As the couple prepared for the birth of their first child, they found themselves receiving indecent coverage from the British media. Some stories claimed the Monarch had banned Meghan from wearing royal jewellery; Meghan Markle is a "pretty difficult" person to deal with; Harry is miserable; how Meghan's favourite avocado snack was fuelling human rights abuses, drought, and murder. Such articles were never-ending.

Harry and Meghan revealed their struggles under the media spotlight. On March 2020, the couple announced that they were stepping back from working as "senior" royals and would be working to become financially independent. It was later found out that no other royal - including the Queen or Prince William - was consulted before this statement. Buckingham Palace was "disappointed" with the news and the family members were allegedly hurt. While many people were supportive of the couple's decision, the Suits actress faced a backlash from the British tabloid press, fuelled by racism and sexism.

Many have found parallels between the way Meghan Markle has been treated by the British tabloids and Diana's well-known struggle with the media. Unfortunately, nothing changed in all these years. The misinterpretation and mistreatment of both the women from the media is one of the biggest issues in this whole saga. The editors and tabloids running at the time of Diana were obsessed with her so much so that they were literally chasing her which eventually led to the demise of the 'People's Princess. Every move of Diana was not only unethically recorded but was heavily scrutinized by the press and media.

At the time of Princess Diana's funeral, her brother had strong opinions about how the press and media used to treat her in his eulogy. He spoke about how the People's Princess used to get upset the way the paparazzi used to treat her after her divorce from Prince Charles. He clearly said, "She talked endlessly about leaving Britain, mainly because of the treatment that she received at the hands of the newspapers. I don't think she ever understood why her genuinely good intentions were sneered at by the media, why there appeared to be a permanent quest on their behalf to bring her down. It is baffling".

Like Diana, Meghan also became an easy target for the British press. Unlike Meghan, Diana did not experience racism at the hands of the media as she was white. Although, it is no surprise that the media of a country that colonized half the world perpetuates racism to this extent. A lot of people hailed Markle joining the monarchy in 2016 as progressive. However, the same year when she got engaged to Harry, he released a statement and condemned the "wave of abuse and harassment" including "the racial undertones of comment pieces" and "the outright sexism and racism of social media trolls and web article comments" that Markle had been subjected to.



If we compare the tabloid headlines of Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle, it can be seen how the press shamelessly appreciated Kate for the same thing Meghan was bashed for. If one says that there were no racist remarks against Meghan, then they simply do not wish to see it. A headline from a famous newspaper, for example, "Not long to go! Pregnant Kate tenderly cradles her baby bump while wrapping up her royal duties ahead of maternity leave." The headline in the same newspaper read, "Why can't Meghan Markle keep her hands off her bump? Experts tackle the question which has got the nation talking: Is it pride? Vanity? Acting - or a new age bonding technique?".

Recently, the couple gave an exclusive interview for the first time after stepping down as royals to Oprah Winfrey, where they talked about painful discussions about the colour of their son's skin, losing royal protection, and the intense pressures that led the Duchess of Sussex to contemplate suicide.

Harry talked about how they felt trapped by their royal life and was surprised that he was cut off financially and lost his security last year. Meghan talked about her lack of experience and knowledge about the royal life and how she suffered from media criticism. Harry also acknowledged the fact that the Royals never supported Meghan.

Meghan also talked about how this criticism has impacted her mental health, which led to suicidal thoughts, and when she sought help, she was denied by saying that it's not good for the institution. She also shared her worries about her son's safety. Their son, Archie was denied a royal title, which would eventually mean that he wouldn't be provided with security too.

The interview came after it was announced that the palace would launch a human resources investigation after a London newspaper reported that a former aide had accused Meghan of bullying staff in 2018. A spokesman for the Duchess said she was “saddened by the latest attack on her character, particularly as someone who has been the target of bullying herself.” It is disappointing how women in monarchy are treated as objects and also subjected to unrealistic expectations, overlooking the fact that they are humans too and have feelings. The entire story of Meghan Markle and the Royal Family is heavily disappointing.



It is another example of incredible women with power and influence being punished for who they are by a racist and patriarchal society that we reside in. It is a reminder that media outlets globally save their most antagonistic portrayals to depict women, often punishing those who attempt to control their narratives. Meghan Markle exercises her own narrative and takes ownership of it. Her opposing the stories tabloids have sold about her, threatens the illusion of the monarchy as a secure and revered institution. The fact that a biracial, Black American celebrity divorcee who had the nerve to enter, and then worse, exit, the royal family is unacceptable to institutions that try to silence strong and independent women who dare to speak up.

SCAMS IN HISTORY

Vijay Mallya – "King of good times"

There was a time when people used to call him King of good times but today things are far from being good for him. We're talking about liquor baron Vijay Mallya. In 2016, Mallya absconded the country and sought refuge in the UK after he was accused of fraud and money laundering in the country. Vijay Mallya allegedly owes various banks over Rs 9000 crores, which he'd taken as a loan to keep his now defunct Kingfisher airlines from failing. He was recently declared a fugitive economic offender under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act.

2G Spectrum scam – Rs. 1,76,000 crore

In 2008, the government came under scrutiny when it was alleged that they had undercharged mobile telephone companies for frequency allocation licenses that were used to create 2G spectrum subscriptions, and at the centre of this controversy was the former Telecom minister A. Raja himself. The CAG had stated that "the difference between the money collected and that mandated to be collected was Rs. 1.76 trillion." (Rs. 1,76,000 crore) In 2012, the spectrum was declared as "unconstitutional and arbitrary" by the Supreme Court and led to the cancellation of over 120 licenses.

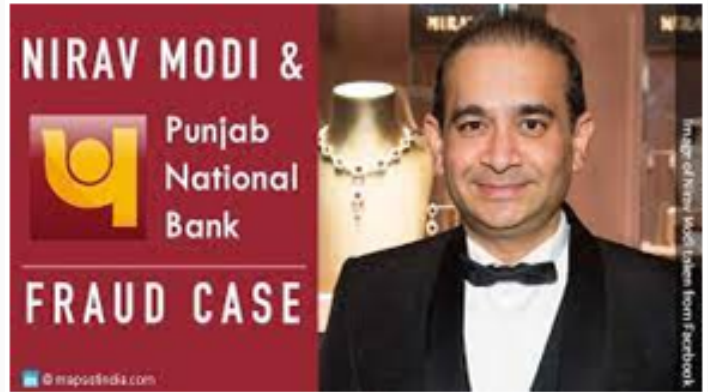
Commonwealth Games scam – Rs. 70,000 crore

In 2010, the Commonwealth Games held in India made more headlines for the controversies and corruption it was involved in than the games itself. The whole event was marred with accusations of criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery and the chairman of Common Wealth Games 2010 Suresh Kalmadi was accused of corruption and malpractices. It was also reported that the Indian athletes were forced to stay in terrible conditions instead of the accommodation allotted to them by the authorities.



Nirav Modi PNB Bank fraud – Rs. 11,400 Crore

Diamonds are a man or woman's best friend, but diamantaires like Nirav Modi are not. One of the most controversial scams, this fraud reportedly took place through Punjab National bank's Brady house brand. Not just Nirav Modi, his uncle Mehul Choksi and two senior PNB officials were also involved in this fraud.



In 2018, PNB filed a case with CBI accusing Nirav Modi and the companies he was connected to of obtaining Letters of Undertaking (LoUs) from PNB without paying up the margin amount against loans. This meant that if those companies failed to pay the loan, PNB would have had to pay the amount.

Want to buzz your mind?

Q. The music video of the popular song X by the artists Y was animated by studio Gonzo which contained anime style graphics created under the supervision of Kazuto Nakazawa who had previously worked on the animated scenes on Kill Bill Vol 1. The video was extremely popular among fans winning the artists on MTV VMA Viewer's choice awards in 2004. Identify X and Y.

Q. X has consistently appeared near the top of lists of "most-loved books" among literary scholars and the reading public. It has become one of the most popular novels in English literature, with over 20 million copies sold, and has inspired many derivatives in modern literature. On 11 December 2017, Netflix announced that a person from Chile watched the film (an adaptation of novel) 278 times during the entire year. It was later reported that this person was a 51-year-old woman, who declared herself as "obsessed" with the film and saw Y as "a feminist icon". Identify X and Y.

Q. X is a Chinese foreign policy attributed to Mao Zedong that considers Tibet to be China's right hand palm, having the following digits on its periphery: Ladakh, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and Arunachal Pradesh, and that it is China's responsibility to "liberate" these regions. It was never discussed in official Chinese public statements, but external concerns have been raised over its possible continued existence or revival. An article in a provisional mouthpiece magazine of the Chinese Communist Party verified the existence of this policy in the aftermath of the 2017 China-India border standoff. What is X?

Q. X is an Earth-like planet orbiting the closest star to our solar system Proxima Centauri which is only 4.2 light years from the sun. It was first discovered in 2016 using HARPS (High Accuracy Radial Velocity Planet Searcher). In May 2019, a paper presenting recent Spitzer Space Telescope data concluded that X does not transit its sun relative to Earth, and attributed previous transit detections to correlated noise. Id X.

Answers of the questions (February Edition)

1. Meme
2. X- Unfriend
Y- Muggles
3. Eno
4. They ate the last Dodo

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED SHALL BE GIVEN IN THE NEXT ISSUE

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