

Halwa Ceremony: Official Kick-start Budget 2021

### Budget all set for Feb 1<sup>st</sup> via paperless format

India, Jan 23: Every year the Indian government follows a sweet tradition – Halwa ceremony hosted by the Finance Minister, currently Nirmala Sitharaman, few days before the budget is announced.

- This ritual is attended by the Finance Minister, secretaries, clerks, and officers in the Budget division.
- Halwa is prepared in a big pot and served to the entire staff in Finance Ministry in recognition of their efforts.
- They are locked in the Budget press till the speech is completed with absolutely no access to the outside world.
- The Budget documents will now be published online so that the lawmakers and other government officers can access it.



Solar plant at Kochi Airport Image credit: @FinMinIndia

The Budget preparation process takes about 10 days and almost 100 officials are involved. They are also prohibited to use mobile phones. So, a process like this is formed to maintain secrecy as Budget information is top secret and not supposed to be leaked. So, shhh....

#### Biggest Floating Solar Power Plant in Kochi



Solar plant at Kochi Airport Image credit: @KochiAirport

India, Jan 23: Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) is committed to the sustenance of the power-positive airport by using green energy. It recently commissioned one of the biggest floating solar power plants in Kerala with a capacity to produce 452 kWh. With this, the airport can produce 1.6 lakh units of power a day while it consumes around 1.3 lakhs units per day. In this installation, French technology-driven, cost-effective high-density polyethylene floats have been used. 1300 photovoltaic panels were mounted on these floats and laid over 2 artificial lakes located on the 130 acre CIAL golf course. This technology is scalable and compatible with a wide range of equipment and provides ease of installation and decommissioning.

For its innovations in the area of creating reliability on green energy for high energy consumers like an airport, CIAL has been awarded the 'Champions of the Earth' award instituted by the UN.

# Sunday Fun Bonanza

Katha Korner



#### **Daring Detectives**

(Chapter 6 – The Strange Case)

Rahee

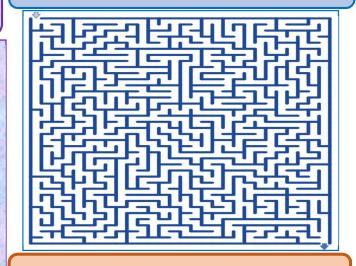
.... contd from previous week

Sarah said, 'Well I saw a man with a multi-colored scarf and stuck-out teeth wave to his friend.' Amanda tried, 'What else happened?' Sarah replied, 'I saw a lady walk her poodle around the arena while drinking lemonade. Yeah, something else...' 'What' Amanda, Beth and George leaned eagerly?' Sarah exclaimed 'I saw a boy enter a snowman. Silly thing to do, right?' The girls exchanged glances. Then Beth smiled,' Thanks so much, Sarah. Bye'. The girls went to a corner for a quiet discussion. Amanda said, 'Did you hear what Sarah said just now? She said that a boy entered the huge snowman at the ice arena. Well, what do you make of that?' George thought and suddenly answered, 'Well Colette said that after she clicked a photo near the snowman she went to another store and found her coupon missing. I think it must have been stolen during her photoshoot!' 'I bet the boy in the snowman stole it.' Beth added. Amanda said, 'I think the boy came to the fair a long time ago as Sarah saw him almost two hours ago.'

.... Chapter 7 next week.



#### Maze Mania



Word Search: "Beautiful"

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How do you say something is beautiful? Let's learn some synonyms today ©

- \* Stunning
- \* Gorgeous
- \* Lovely
- \* Elegant
- \* Classy
- \* Exquisite
- \* Divine \* Superb
- \* Appealing

\* Cute



### Personality Place Animal Thing Food Bodypart...

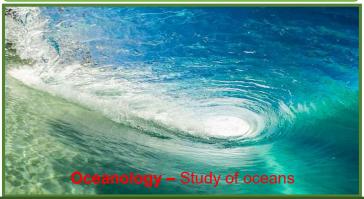


#### Brain Teaser

Can you guess this most commonly used phrase?

# ECNALG

#### Oooology Fact!



### Wuzzles - Junior

Next week's letters are "Fr" © Enjoy!

Parth, for your answers.

#### What am I?

My first is in Fish but not in Snail !		
My second in Rabbit but not in Tail	!	
My third in Up but not in Down!		
My fourth in Tiara but not in Crown	!	
My fifth in Tree you plainly see !		
My whole a food for you and me !		



# Nuzzles

 $2 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 20$  $\rightarrow$  30  $\rightarrow$  ?  $\rightarrow$  56

What replaces? in this series?

Last week's winners: Krishu Kumari Samskruti Sonawane Shivaani Mohan Priyansh Jain Preesha Jain Smita Haldar Anshika Yadav Parth Joshi Yukti Katle Aashi Gupta

#### Editorial

Hola Amigos,

Don't forget to send your creative experiments. 
⊚

Enjoy the fun-filled edition ©

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Pun of the Day...

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Have you heard the one

Have you heard the one

the post a chemist who was

about a chemist who was

reading a book about

helium?

# Ridley the Riddle Turtle



Roses are red, violets are blue,
If you put me in this, I'll look like new!
I also have a big mouth and am quite loud.
I'm not gossip, but
I get involved in everyone's dirty business.
(Yuck!!)
I keep it clean and keep it dry.

Can you guess? Come on, just try!

#### Bizzare News

I love bubbles. Do you?

Chang Yu-Te from Taiwan has set the Guinness
World Record for the most soap bubbles blown
inside one large bubble. The number was 783:0

Wow, right?

He also holds the record for most bounces of a soap bubble on Sept 2020.

How many can you do at once?

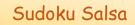
#### Name the bird By Shivani Manivannan

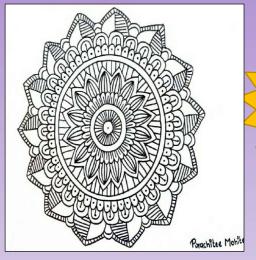


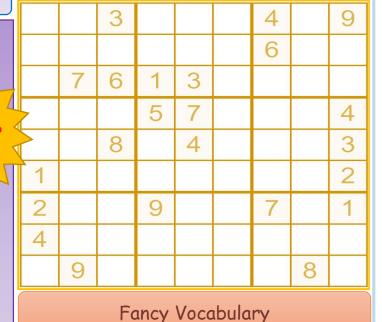
#### Hints:

- 1. We are black-and-white birds with a very fancy looking crest. We are found all over India in monsoon and migrate to Africa in the winters.
- 2. We are brood parasites (which means we don't make our nests). We lay our eggs in the nests of babblers, bulbuls, and shrikes. Most of the time we lay our eggs in the nest of the same species of bird we were raised by.
- 3. We are called *chatak* in Hindi and Gujarati.
- 4. We are commonly mentioned in Indian mythology as the harbinger of the monsoon which gives us our English name Rain Catcher.
- 5. Legend has it that we live for many months without water, and when we get very thirsty, we call the clouds to rain. Many people believe

# Budding Artist of the Week









# Quintessential

Meaning: perfect, typical example of quality

**Usage:** He is trying to be the quintessential heavy metal guitarist by wearing black clothes, having rugged hair.

#### **Credits and Answers**

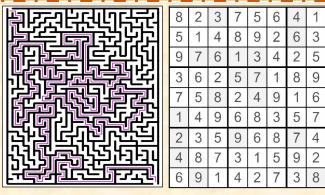
Ridley: Washing Machine

Name the Bird: Pied Cuckoo (Clamator jacobinus)

#### Last week:

Brain teaser: Last but not the least

Nuzzles: P=1, I=6, E=9 Wuzzles: Wheat



#### Maze Mania

Sudoku Salsa

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