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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS 📝

IT IS WITH IMMENSE PRIDE THAT WE PRESENT THIS SPECIAL EDITION OF THE SPARROW SYNC, A NEWSPAPER RESEARCHED, WRITTEN, AND CURATED ENTIRELY BY THE GRADE 8 STUDENTS OF CLASSES VORTEX AND POLARIS. THIS NEWSPAPER BRINGS TOGETHER CRITICAL GLOBAL REPORTING, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION UPDATES, SAFETY INCIDENTS, SPORTS ANALYSES, CREATIVE REVIEWS, INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPECIAL SCHOOL INTO ONE STRUCTURED PUBLICATION.

OUR OBJECTIVE WITH THIS ISSUE IS TO DELIVER CLEAR, CATEGORIZED REPORTING WHILE GIVING VOICE TO YOUNG STUDENT JOURNALISTS EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND THEM. EACH SECTION HAS BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY ORGANIZED INTO DEDICATED PAGES FOR COMPREHENSIVE READING.

HAPPY READING !

WHAT'S INSIDE ?



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OUR COMMITMENT TO READERS 📋

THE SPARROW SYNC IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING CLEAR, FACTUAL, AND RESPECTFUL REPORTING. OUR STUDENT JOURNALISTS AIM TO INFORM, INSPIRE, AND ENGAGE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY THROUGH HONEST RESEARCH AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION.

THE WILDLIFE ZONE

SAVE OUR WILDLIFE

Wildlife Animals Need Our Help

Forests are shrinking because of deforestation, pollution, and climate change. Many wild animals are losing their homes.People around the world are working together to protect wildlife through national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and conservation programmes.





Tiger Numbers Show Improvement

Conservation efforts have helped increase tiger populations in some regions. Protecting forests and preventing illegal hunting have made a positive difference, but continued efforts are needed to ensure their long-term survival.

"The future of wildlife is in our hands"

WILDLIFE QUIZ CORNER

Q. What was the first animal in space?

A. The cow that jumped over the moon.



WILDLIFE WORD SEARCH

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turtle · monkey · whale · eagle
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CHEETAHS RETURN TO ZAMBIA AFTER 30 YEARS

OUR PLANET OUR RESPONSIBILITY

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA — JULY 2026

SIX CHEETAHS HAVE RETURNED TO ZAMBIA'S NORTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS. THE ANIMALS WERE RELOCATED FROM SOUTH AFRICA AS PART OF A WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECT TO RESTORE THE ECOSYSTEM AND PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES.

WILDLIFE OFFICIALS ARE MONITORING THE CHEETAHS USING GPS TRACKING COLLARS TO ENSURE THEY ADAPT SAFELY TO THEIR NEW HABITAT.

THE HISTORIC REINTRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO REBUILD ZAMBIA'S CHEETAH POPULATION AND RESTORE THE NATURAL BALANCE OF WILDLIFE IN THE REGION.

MAHREEN YASIR

THE DID YOU KNOW? ZONE 🐆

- **Meow, Not Roar:** Cheetahs can't roar! Instead, they purr, hiss, chirp, and meow just like housecats. 🐱
- **Built-in Sunglasses:** The dark tear-track stripes under a cheetah's eyes act like natural anti-glare sunglasses to block the harsh sun while hunting! 🕶️
- **Built-in Cleats:** Unlike other big cats, cheetahs have non-retractable claws that stay out all the time, acting like running spikes on a track shoe for maximum grip during high-speed! 🏃‍♀️
- **Supercharged Engine:** To support their intense speed bursts, a cheetah's heart, lungs, and nasal passages are massive compared to their body size, allowing them to inhale huge amounts of oxygen in seconds! 🫁💨

SPORTS

The Learning World of Sports

~Sahil



Swimming: Race Against Yourself. Swimmers do not always think about defeating others. Many of them first try to beat their own best timing. Even improving by one second is considered a big achievement after months of practice.
Lesson: The best competition is to become better than you were yesterday.

Badminton: Stay Light, Stay Fast. Badminton players keep moving every second. If they stop for even a moment, they may lose the point. Quick feet, sharp focus and fast decisions make all the difference in the game.
Lesson: In life, staying active and alert helps us grab the right opportunities.

Football: One Team, One Dream. A football team cannot win because of only one star player. Defenders, midfielders, goalkeepers and strikers all have an important job. When every player trusts each other and works together, the team becomes stronger.
Lesson: Great things happen when people work as one team.

Cricket: Every Ball Is a New Chance. In cricket, even the best batsman cannot score on every ball. Sometimes a player gets out for zero, but in the next match scores a century. Good players do not stay sad for long. They learn from their mistakes and come back stronger.
Lesson: One bad day does not decide your future. Always be ready for your next chance. Every sport teaches a lesson and every lesson helps us win the game of life



FIFA World Cup 2026 Becomes the Largest Football Tournament in History

~Afifa Shaikh



FIFA World Cup 2026 Becomes the Largest Football Tournament in History New York, August 2026 The 2026 FIFA World Cup has made history as the largest football tournament ever staged. For the first time, the competition expanded to 48 teams instead of 32 and was jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

This expansion brought together more nations, an increased number of matches, and millions of football fans from across the globe.

The tournament featured highly competitive matches, exceptional teamwork, and remarkable performances from players representing diverse countries.

Fans around the world celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship as teams competed with determination for football's most prestigious FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 UNITED STATES CANADA MEXICO 10 16 FIEA 11 2026 trophy. The event also fostered international friendship and unity through a shared passion for the sport. Sports analysts have described the 2026 FIFA World Cup as a landmark moment in international football, setting a new benchmark for future tournaments. It inspired millions of young athletes worldwide to pursue their ambitions and demonstrated the unifying power of sport across cultures and borders.



WEATHER WATCH

Assam Flood Situation Critical
-Ayesha Humaira Gilani



Assam, July 20, 2026
The flood situation in Assam remained critical on Monday, with the death toll rising to 100 after two more people died in the past 24 hours. According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), 456 villages remain inundated and 11,933.46 hectares of crop area have been damaged. Authorities are operating 125 relief camps and distribution centres across six districts, providing shelter and assistance to 49,061 people.

Devastating Floods Strike Assam
-Fatimah bint Sijin



Assam, July 19, 2026
Severe monsoon floods hit several parts of Assam, India, from late July to early August 2026, putting thousands of people in danger. Heavy rainfall caused the Brahmaputra and other rivers to overflow, flooding villages and farmland. Homes were washed away, bridges collapsed, and many areas lost electricity and clean water.
Over 90 people tragically lost their lives. One witness, Maryam, said, "The water was rising so fast we barely even had time to react, we just grabbed whatever we could and ran to the higher areas."
Currently, over 1.6 lakh people are staying in temporary shelters and receiving food and water. Rescuers continue working to help the affected communities recover.

Sharjah Bakes Under Blazing Heat

-Sithi Vasfa



Sharjah, August 3, 2026
Sharjah is experiencing extremely hot weather today, with temperatures reaching around 45–46°C or 115°F under clear, sunny skies. Residents have been advised to stay hydrated, avoid outdoor activities during the hottest hours, and take precautions against heat-related illnesses.

Although there have been no major accidents or emergencies reported in Sharjah today, authorities continue to remind motorists to drive carefully, especially during periods of reduced visibility caused by heat and dust. Officials are also encouraging the public to follow traffic rules and remain alert on busy roads.

Daily life across the emirate continues as normal, with businesses, schools, and public services operating regularly despite the intense summer heat. Residents are advised to limit unnecessary outdoor activities during the afternoon and keep following official weather updates.



CRIME & SAFETY

Jewellery Store Robbed in Midnight Theft

- Sarah Javed

Mumbai, August 5, 2026
A jewellery store in Mumbai was robbed late Tuesday night at around 11:45 p.m. The theft took place on Market Road when unknown thieves broke into the shop and stole valuable jewellery. Police reached the scene soon after receiving a call from nearby residents.

According to the police, the thieves entered the store by breaking the back door. CCTV cameras recorded the incident, and officers are using the footage to identify the suspects. The owner reported that several gold and silver ornaments were missing.

A nearby resident said, "I heard a loud noise during the night, but I didn't realize it was a robbery until I saw the police in the morning." Police have started an investigation and asked anyone with information to come forward. They also advised shop owners to improve security by installing stronger locks and alarm systems.



Police inspect the ransacked jewellery store on Market Road.

THEFT SAFETY: PREVENTION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

How to Prevent Break-Ins

- **Reinforce Entry Points:** Install heavy-duty shutters, deadbolts, and steel reinforcement on back doors.
- **Upgrade Surveillance:** Use HD night-vision CCTV cameras with cloud backup so footage stays safe.
- **Install Motion Alarms:** Set up loud intrusion alarms and motion-sensor lights at rear exits.

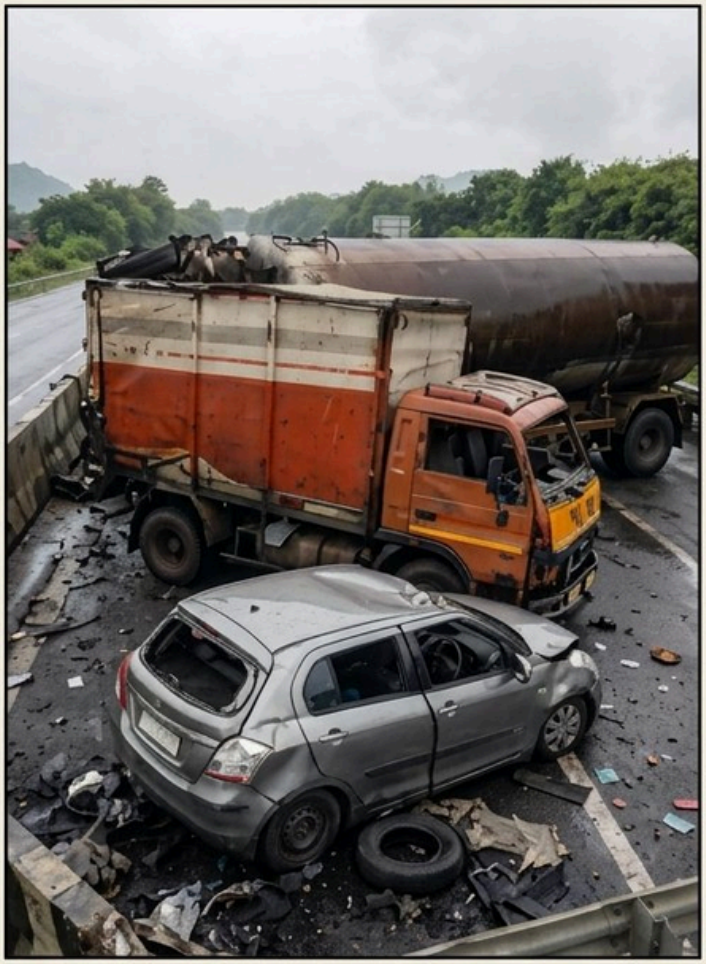
If a Robbery Happens

- **Do Not Touch Anything:** Leave broken doors and glass untouched to preserve forensic evidence.
- **Call Police Immediately:** Dial 112 or alert the nearest local police station right away.
- **Preserve CCTV & List Losses:** Secure camera recordings and prepare a list of stolen items.

Tragic Crash on Samruddhi Expressway Claims Six Lives

- Nuha Faizan

Maharashtra, July 20, 2026
Around 3:00 a.m. on July 20, 2026, a tragic road accident occurred near Virul village on the Samruddhi Expressway in Maharashtra. An overturned ethanol tanker was blocking the Mumbai-to-Nagpur highway, which forced a passenger car to come to a stop.
Moments later, a fast-moving cargo truck rammed violently into the back of the stopped car. The heavy impact crushed the car and instantly triggered a massive fire that engulfed the vehicles. Tragically, six people were killed in the incident, including a family of three (husband, wife, and daughter), their driver, and two occupants inside the truck.



Emergency crews respond to the multi-vehicle crash on Samruddhi Expressway.

HIGHWAY SAFETY: WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

How to Avoid Pile-Ups

- **Stay Alert at Night:** Drive cautiously between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. when truck traffic is fast.
- **Keep a Safe Distance:** Leave enough braking room to spot stalled vehicles ahead.
- **Use Hazard Lights:** Switch on blinkers immediately when slowing down on an expressway.

If Your Vehicle Stops on a Highway

- **Exit the Vehicle:** Never stay inside a stopped car—move behind the crash barrier.
- **Warn Traffic:** Place a reflective warning triangle 50 meters behind your car.
- **Call for Help:** Dial 112 (Emergency) or 1033 (Highway Helpline) immediately.



The Knowledge Hub

Education System in India: Empowering Every Dream

-By Hafsa Kazi



Educate every child, empower every dream,
and build a stronger India through
knowledge, values, innovation,
and equal opportunities.

India's education system helps students gain knowledge, values, and skills for a better future. It offers quality education through schools, colleges, and universities, and it encourages learning, creativity, and personal growth. However, the system also faces challenges, such as unequal access to education, exam pressure, and a heavy focus on marks instead of practical skills.
With better teaching methods, modern technology, and equal opportunities for all, India's education system can become stronger and brighter.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
— Nelson Mandela



"Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action."
— Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



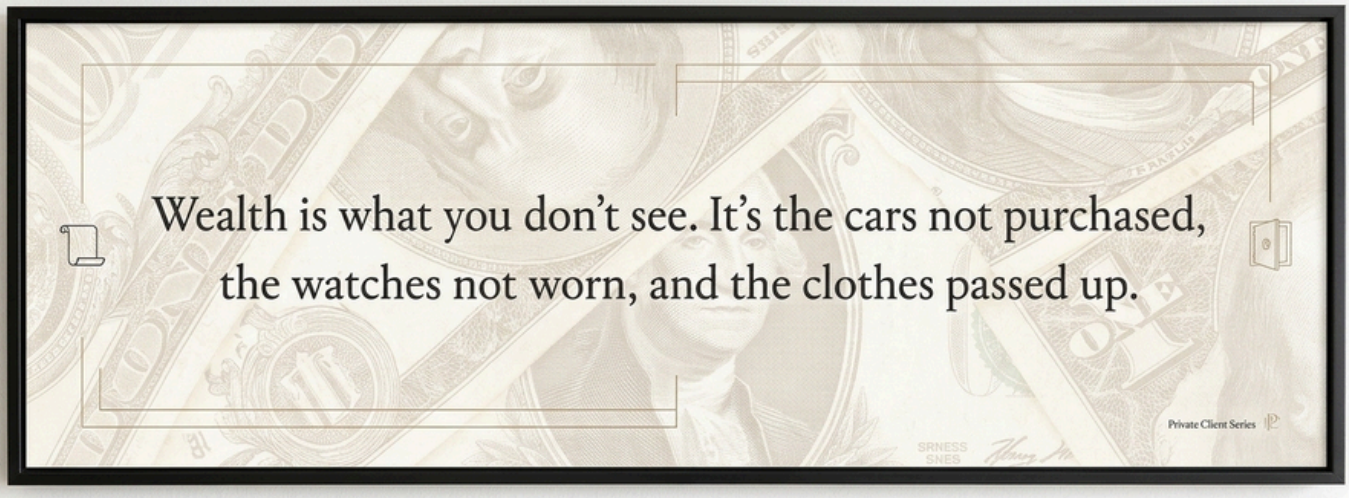
WHY OUR MINDS MAKE WEIRD CHOICES WITH MONEY

By: Anay Pai

Have you ever wondered why we do dumb things with cash? A book I read says it is not about being smart. It's about how we feel! Like, we buy stuff just to show off, not because we need it. The coolest part was finding out that wealth is actually just the money you DON'T spend. That is a super weird concept. The book shows how feelings, like being scared, make us make bad choices. We have to learn to control our feelings more than our math. It's simple!



Figure 1: Cash versus modern spending.



TEXTILE TRENDS: INDUSTRY TESTING & SMART FABRIC VALIDATION

-By Phil Fernandes

Section 1: Industry-Standard Testing Equipment

- Air Permeability Testers: Essential for verifying low GSM, breathable athletic gear.

- Bursting and Tensile Testers: Precision load devices used to check the lifecycle of circular fashion.

- Color Fastness Tester: Heavily utilized to test how raw denim and bright new color trends hold up to washing.



Figure 2: Sustainable materials and quality testing in modern fashion.

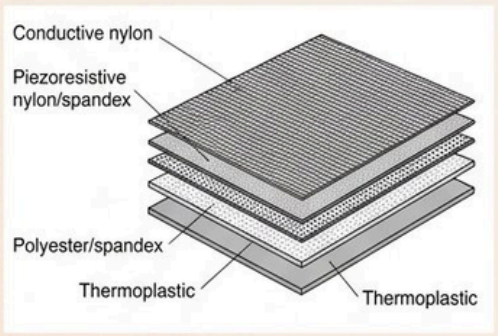


Figure 1: Multi-layer smart textile sensor architecture.

Section 2: Smart Textile Validation

- Sensor Integration: Advanced systems weave functional yarns alongside polyester and spandex spandex layers. Labs must verify that these components accurately track bio-data like heart rates.

Science and Technology

NASA's Roman Space Telescope Nears Launch

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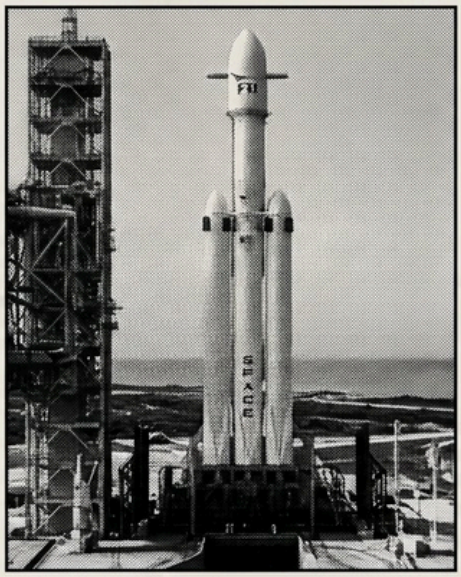
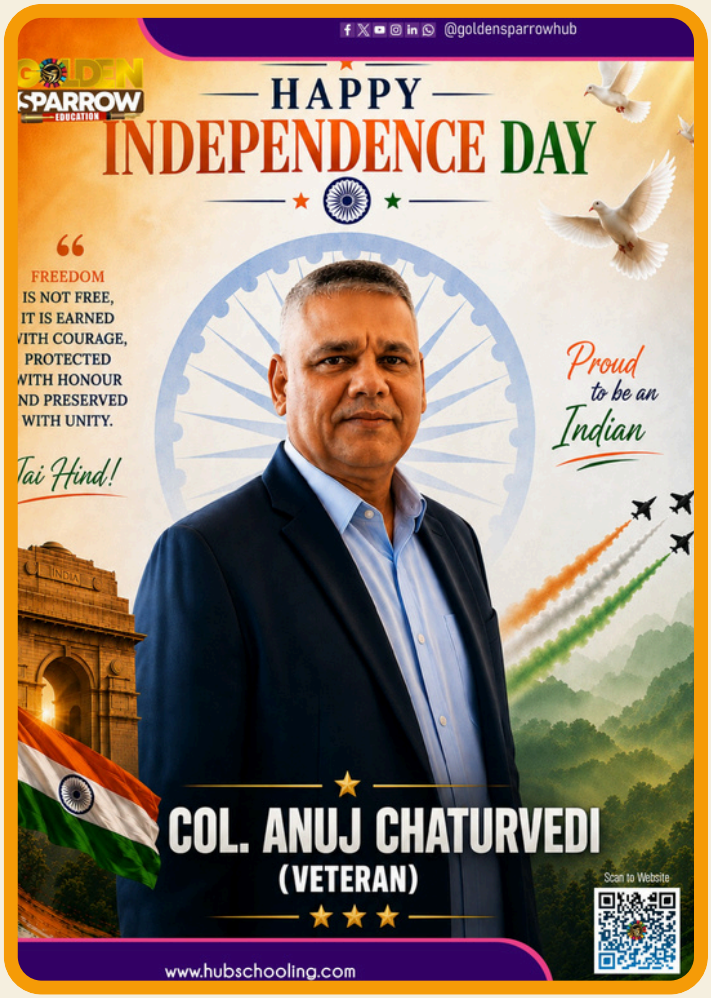


a SpaceX Falcon will be launched on rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

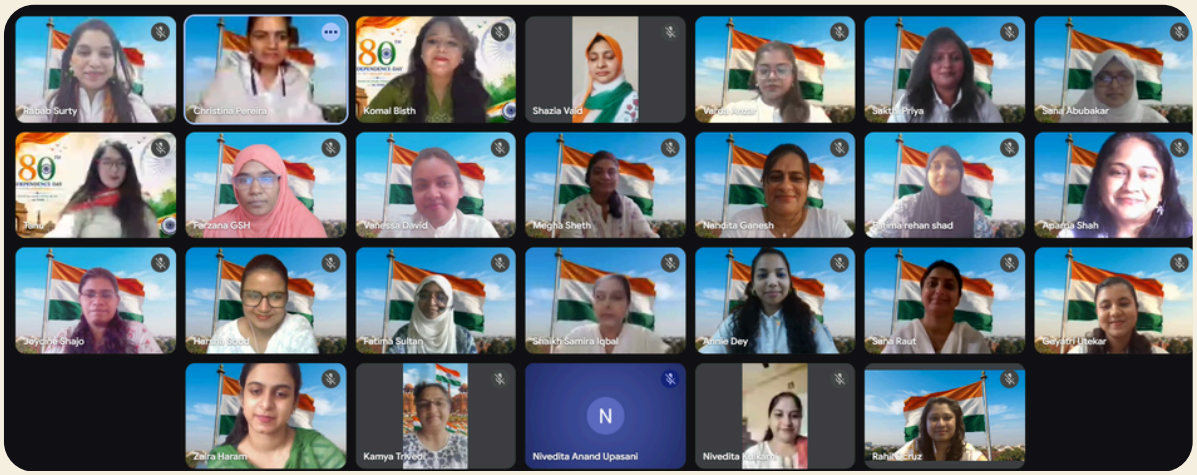
NASA says that engineers have finished important final preparations, including fueling the spacecraft. The ronncope launch on August 30, 2026.

-By Afraa Nasheethah

Virtual Independence Day Sparks Patriotism in Online Class



Aug 13th 2026 -
Freedom came alive on screen this past Independence Day as Grade 8 students celebrated together online. The special morning began with two standard academic lectures before transitioning into an inspiring, interactive community event.
The highlight of the celebration was a virtual visit from guest speaker Colonel Anuj Chaturvedi. Colonel Chaturvedi captivated the online audience by sharing firsthand aof his life and experiences in the Indian Army. Following his talk, he graciously answered questions from curious students, offering a rare glimpse into the dedication required to protect the nation. The event successfully brought the school spirit online, leaving students both educated and deeply inspired.



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WORDS THAT INSPIRED

**"Protect our nation
Be responsible citizens"**



WHAT STUDENTS GAINED

Real-Life Inspiration

Stronger sense of responsibility

PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN

Kid's Corner

RIDDLE TIME!

I have cities with no houses, mountains with no trees, and water with no fish. What am I?

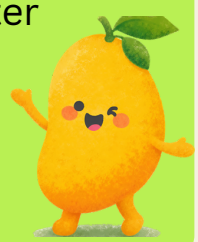
I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, yet I come alive with wind. What am I?

SPACE FACT -

A day on Venus is longer than its year. Venus rotates so slowly that it takes 243 Earth days to spin once on its axis, while it takes only 225 Earth days to complete a full orbit around the Sun.

FUN FACT -

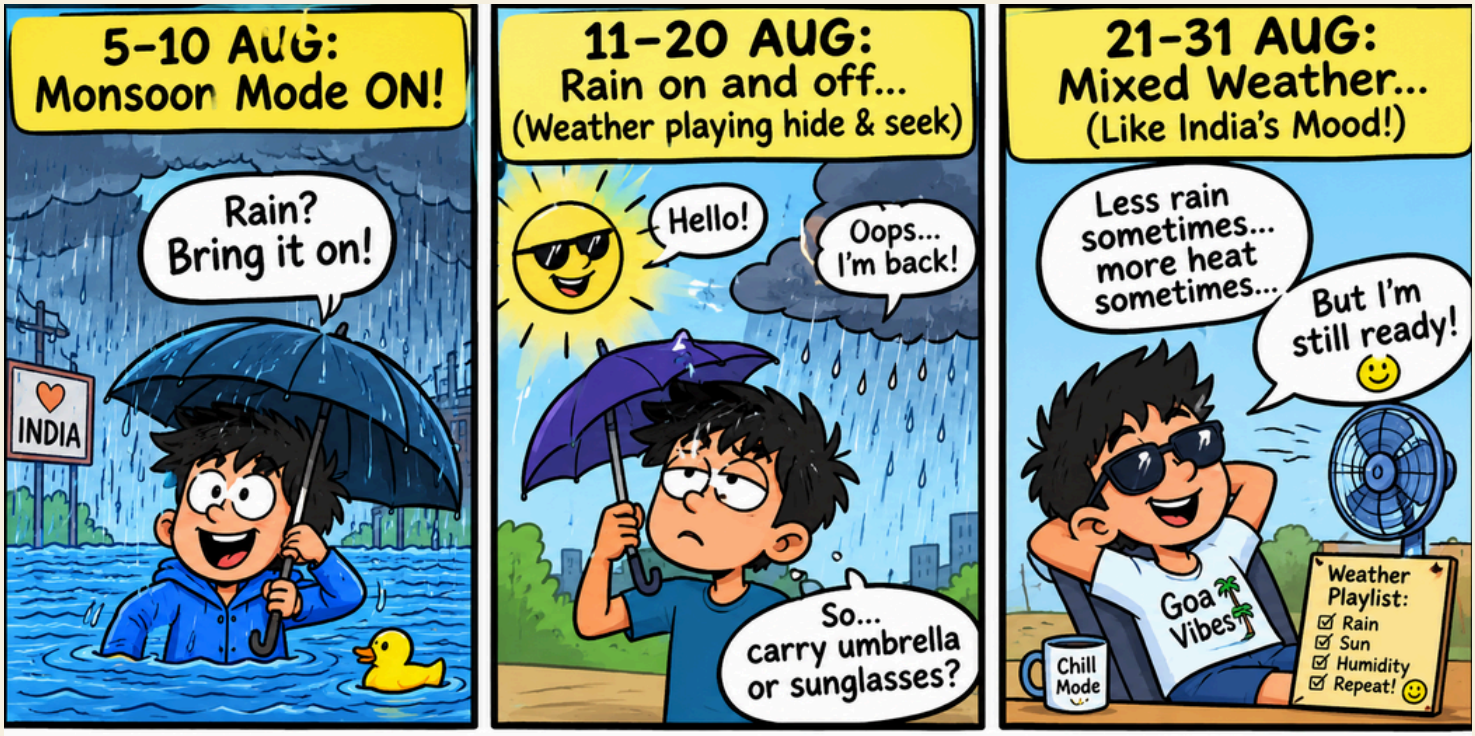
Alphonso mangoes were named after Afonso de Albuquerque, a 16th-century Portuguese general who colonized Goa.





Comic by - Fatimah Sijin

Riddle answer - dɐɯ ɐ ‘oʎɔǝ uɐ



Comic by - Rayner



The Boy Who Shared His Umbrella

Rayyan Farhan - Gr 8 Vortex



One rainy day, Rauhaan was walking home from school with his umbrella. On the way, he saw his his friend Ali standing in the rain without an umbrella. Ali was getting completely wet.

Rauhaan smiled and said, “Come, let’s share my umbrella.”

The two friends walked home together, laughing and talking. Although Rauhaan’s shoulder got a little wet, he was happy because he had helped his friend.

The next day, Ali thanked Rauhaan and said, “A small act of kindness can make someone’s day.”

Moral: Sharing and kindness make the world a better place.

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Word Puzzle

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Word Bank:

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