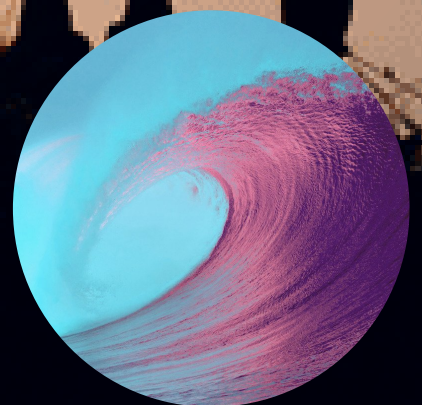




November 2021

NOVEMBER CHRONICLES



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The Union cabinet on Wednesday, the 24th of November, cleared the bill to scrap the three controversial farm laws.



Australia won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup for the first time on Sunday, the 14th of November.

35 dead after heavy rain batters southern India. Southern India has been facing heavy rain with floods being reported from several regions in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.



Pfizer on Tuesday announced that their anti-viral pill- Paxlovid, which is said to decrease the chance of hospitalisation or death in adults due to COVID-19 by 89%, will be made and sold inexpensively in 95 developing countries.

The Indian Navy inducted INS Visakhapatnam, India's first stealth guided-missile destroyer on Sunday, 21st November.



Sputnik V to be launched in India by December.

FIS NEWS

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

- *Practical Exams (Class 12) :
12 November - 23 November*
- *Formative Assessment II (Classes 6-9) :
23 November - 2 December*
- *Subject Enrichment (Classes 8-10) :
6 December - 10 December*
- *Practical Exams (Class 11) :
13 December - 17 December*
- *Christmas Party : 23 December*
- *Christmas Vacations :
24 December - 2 January*

NOVEMBER SPECIAL

November in Bengaluru generally reminds us of cool weather and sunny mornings - along with a few rainy evenings. However, the last three weeks this year have shown us different weather, with incessant rains almost everyday. Bengaluru received about 256 mm of rain between November 1st and November 18th, which is over 100 mm more than the average rainfall of November. The last time we received as much rainfall was six years ago (297mm). So, what caused so much rainfall in spite of it not being the rainy season in India?

Tropical cyclones form over the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea in low pressure areas around this time every year. These cyclones bring rainfall to the eastern parts of India, and sometimes affect the south-central regions too - the reason for winter rainfall in Bengaluru. These rains have affected several parts of the city, as they have caused floods. Many schools were closed by govt. orders on Friday, 19th November due to this as well.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a 'yellow alert' for Bengaluru, meaning that the weather may deteriorate, and that we should be alert about more rains. The average temperature in the city has dropped by 5°C, and it is not likely to rise until the clouds clear and the sun shines through as usual.



For those interested, this season also provides a good opportunity for creative photography, and you can try out various compositions using the views around you to take some unique photographs.

~ Sisir L.

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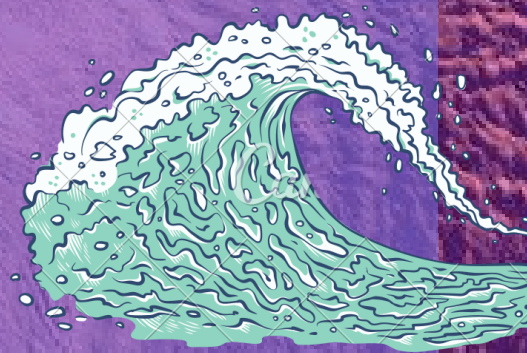
BE AWARE

World Tsunami Awareness Day

World Tsunami Awareness day is observed every year on November 5th to raise awareness about the dangers of tsunamis.

Firstly, what is a tsunami? The word tsunami has been derived from two Japanese words, "tsu" and "nami" with the meanings harbour and wave respectively.

On average, two tsunamis occur per year throughout the world which inflict damage near the source. Approximately every 15 years a destructive, ocean-wide tsunami occurs. Tsunamis cause nations inordinate amounts of loss in the forms of death, destruction and devastation.



As it is a natural disaster, we cannot control it. Numerous unsuccessful efforts have been made in that direction, for example tsunami barriers, wave re-directors and detection devices.



What can we do to protect ourselves? The answer is rather simple. Have an emergency preparedness kit ready. This kit will serve its purpose during other natural disasters as well. It should consist of 2 weeks' worth of food and water, important documents, medications, a working radio and some money. When you receive a notification that a tsunami is underway, make sure to head towards higher ground. To avoid last minute confusion (which may cost you your life), keep a few escape routes from your office, home or school planned.

A natural disaster doesn't announce its arrival, and so it is imperative to be prepared and to be aware of such disasters so that you can save your own life, and if possible, others' as well.

~ **Anushri Sharma**

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

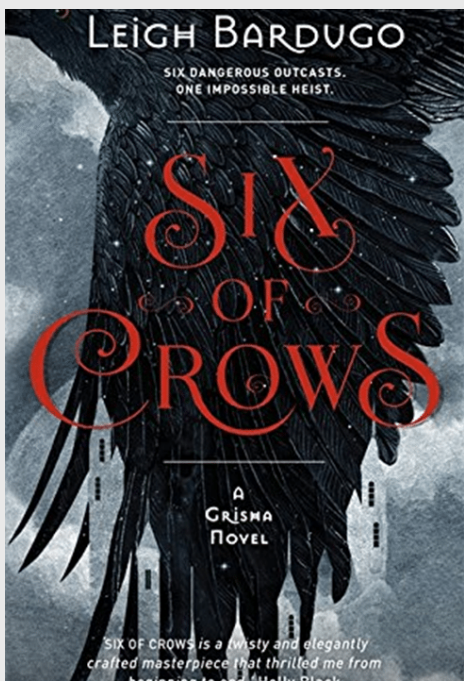
BOOK : SIX OF CROWS by LEIGH BARDUGO

RATING : 4.5/5

AGE RATING : 13+



This fantasy-drama novel that took the worlds of "book-tok" & "book-tube" by storm is part-one of the bestselling duology written by Leigh Bardugo. It revolves around the trials faced by six teenagers in the game of thrones/money heist-esque world of 'Ketterdam'.



The protagonist of the book-Kaz Brekker is, to plainly say, a criminal- and a rather shrewd one at that, who was forced to grow up far too quickly due to his present circumstances, quite like his 5 other companions.

He is presented with an offer to abscond an extremely valuable person from the Ice Court- the most heavily guarded place in the world. To succeed means wealth beyond his wildest dreams and a chance for him to break out of the abominable land of Ketterdam. And so he assembles a squad of 6 to pull off the most dangerous heist ever.

The book is an absolute joy to read. The characters and the bonds they share are outrageously hilarious and heart-wrenching at the same time.

There is Kaz, who we mentioned before. Then we have Inej, a.k.a. the Wraith. We have Wylan, who is a part of the heist for an "undisclosed" reason. We have Jesper who is literally the life and soul of the group. (Who knew one could enjoy such well-written humor in a dark fantasy novel?) Finally there are Nina and Matthias - a witch and a witch hunter.

The book has been widely praised for its diversity of characters and its well-written protagonists who don't fall under their predictable clichés. It has also wonderfully and realistically depicted sensitive issues such as PTSD, trauma, neglect and abuse.

Its subsequent book Crooked Kingdom is truly a masterpiece. I can't recommend this book enough. To sum it up, no greater group of misfits could form such an amazing team.

~Anjali Sreekrishnan

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UNWIND

Can you unscramble the countries hosting these vivid festivals in the month of November?

1) Monkey Buffet Festival
ATHAIDNL



2) That Luang Festival
TNVEMAI

3) Pushkar Camel Fair
IAIDN



4) St Andrew's Day
ACOTDNLS

5) Bom om Tuk
CIAMDBIAO



Answers:
Thailand ; Vietnam ; India ; Scotland ; Cambodia

~Archita Agrawal
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