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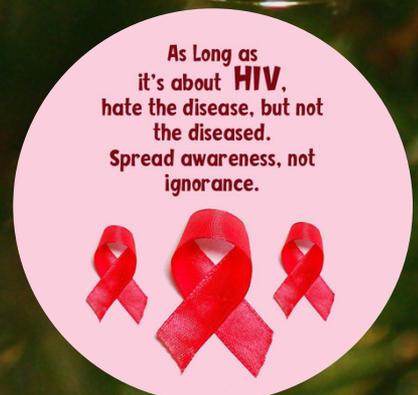
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Omicron cases have risen during the wedding and festival season, prompting authorities to reinstate curbs that were eased after case counts had dropped. States such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand along with Delhi have imposed night curfews as of 27th December, 2021.

Max Verstappen edged out Lewis Hamilton on the final lap of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Sunday, 12th December, to win his first Formula One world championship.

In an address to the nation on Saturday, 25th December, the Prime Minister announced that India will start giving booster shots to health and frontline workers and those above 60 from January 10th. He also announced that vaccinations will begin for children between 15 and 18 years from January 3rd.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, 23rd December, inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 27 development projects worth Rs 2,095 crore in his Varanasi parliamentary constituency ahead of the Uttar Pradesh assembly elections.

On Monday 6th December, India and Russia signed 28 agreements to further broad-base their partnership and vowed to expand cooperation and coordination in dealing with major challenges like the threat of terrorism and the unfolding situation in Afghanistan, during the Modi-Putin Summit.

~ Harshit Awasthi
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FIS NEWS

Important dates in January 2022:

- *Pre-finals (Classes 8-9) :*
  17th Jan - 27th Jan

- *Periodic Assessment - 2 (Classes 6-7) :*
  17th Jan - 24th Jan

- *Sankranthi Celebrations : 13th Jan*

- *Sankranthi Holiday : 14th Jan*

- *Republic Day Holiday : 26th Jan*

~ Archita Agrawal
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DECEMBER SPECIAL
World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1st to educate people and honour those who have lost their lives due to this deadly disease. This day is celebrated not only to spread awareness about the disease, but also to remind the people and governments that HIV has not gone away.

Many organisations raise life changing funds for scientific research that can help in finding a cure for the disease and save countless lives. This year, the theme is "End Inequalities, End AIDS", highlighting the fact that as much as the virus itself, the social stigma attached with it also greatly affects people. According to WHO, "Division, disparity and disregard for human rights are among the failures that allowed HIV to become and remain a global health crisis. Now, COVID-19 is exacerbating inequities and disruptions to services, making the lives of many people living with HIV more challenging."

As Long as it's about **HIV,** hate the disease, but not the diseased. Spread awareness, not ignorance.

With the continuous efforts of various governments and health organisations across the globe, this day has become the most prominent healthcare day around the world. Slowly but steadily, people are becoming aware of its cause and prevention. However, we need to go a long way before those who are battling with the condition can truly come out and live with dignity in society.

~Shatakshi Ray

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STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Walt Disney: The Man whose success began with a mouse

"I only hope that we never lose sight of one thing – that it all started with a mouse."   ~Walt Disney
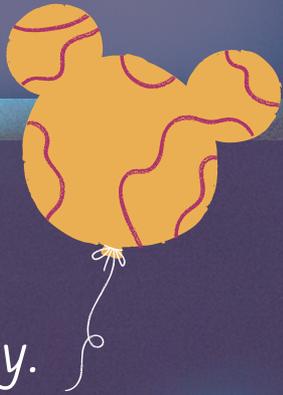
Ever heard of Mickey Mouse? I am sure the mouse is a part of all our childhood memories. Mickey mouse was the inception of the world's greatest animation production house: 'Disney', created by Walt Disney.

Walter Elias Disney was born on December 5, 1901. He was an American entrepreneur, animator, writer, voice actor, and film producer. He introduced several developments in the production of cartoons. As a film producer, he holds the records for the most Academy Awards earned by an individual, having won 22 Oscars from 59 nominations.
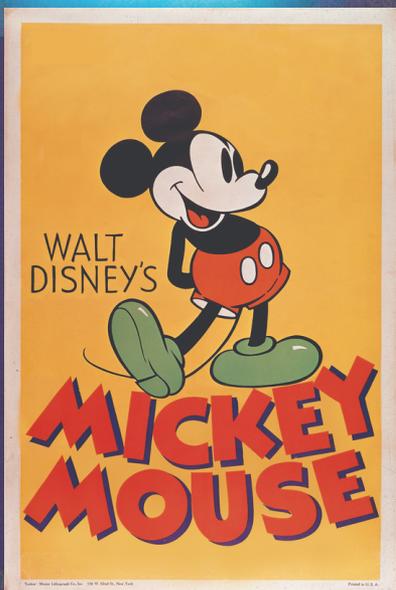
Disney developed an early interest in drawing. He took art classes as a boy and got a job as a commercial illustrator at the age of 18. He moved to California in the early 1920s and set up the 'Disney Brothers Studio' with his brother, Roy. With Ub Iwerks, he developed the character 'Mickey Mouse' in 1928 — his first highly popular success. He also provided the voice for his creation in the early years.

Most of his creations — including Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy — are instantly recognisable global icons and his movies are blockbusters in the film industry. Walt Disney has truly given us the inspiration to use our imagination and escape from reality.

~Harshadha E.

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MOVIE OF THE MONTH

MOVIE: THE GRINCH
RATING: 4.5/5
AGE RATING: 7+

This movie is for the child in all our hearts. Inspired by the 1957 Dr. Seuss book, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", this movie revolves around a cantankerous, green-furred Grinch, who has a heart "two sizes too small".

THE PLOT

This story kicks off with an antisocial Grinch living in a cave up a snowy mountain with his canine companion, Max. This mountain overlooks the cheerful town of Whoville, which is gearing up for the Christmas season. The Grinch loathes all form of celebration; a feeling that emerged from his disjointed childhood, where he spent his days in an orphanage spending all his Christmases alone. To inflict the same feeling of isolation, the Grinch devises a plan to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville. Parallel to the story-line of the green-furred creature, runs the story of 6 year old Cindy Lou, who notices that her mother is over-worked and wishes to relieve her of her burdens. With this motive in mind, she decides to trap Santa.

Incidentally, the Grinch gets trapped instead and is forced to spend a night with the Lous. The joy and mirth he feels elates him and makes him rethink his plan of stealing the gifts and decorations, but he forges on. He scours the snowy plains to find a reindeer who he names Fred in order to successfully dispose of all the presents and decorations off a cliff.

REVIEWS and TIPS

This movie's animation is impeccable. The colour scheme and Benedict Cumberbatch's voice-over really capture the spirit of Christmas. This movie is a real tear-jerker. Although it is meant for a younger audience, people of all age groups can relate to its underlying themes and the universal pain of loneliness.

If you are watching it alone, I recommend watching it with headphones on, to do justice to the carol singing and acapella in the background.

I would also recommend having a few extra seating arrangements, because by the end of the movie, you are sure to call your family and friends and watch it together. I mean, you wouldn't want to be a Grinch would you?

~Anushri Sharma

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Did you Know?

About : Christmas

The tallest Christmas tree ever displayed was in Seattle, Washington. It measured 221 feet tall.

When the Candy Cane was invented in Germany, it was made into a J for Jesus. The red stripes symbolize his blood.

Christmas trees usually grow for around 15 years before they can be sold.

Christmas lights were so expensive that they used to be rented rather than sold. An electrically lit tree was a status symbol in the early 1900s.

The word 'Christmas' came from 'Cristes Maesse', meaning "mass of Christ".

~Likith.R.V

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