

# **QUIZ BUZZ**

Inquizitive- The Quiz Society, Maharaja Agrasen College, University Of Delhi

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## **About INQUIZITIVE!!**



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

A quiz society is generally considered as being a group comprising of intellectual nerds who flaunt their knowledge. However, Inquizitive is different. The literal meaning of Inquizitive is "showing an interest in learning things or being curious" as the name suggests itself. In-'QUIZ'-itive, 'QUIZ' in the name itself delineates zeal and enthusiasm to attain knowledge. Not only the name but the logo also delineates the hunger and keen interest to gain knowledge. Exclamation mark (!)in the logo instead of 'I' delineates the zest for quizzing, the stylised 'Q' depicts target, target to be a quizzer and the gear inside 'Q' delineates that the mind gear automatically starts working as soon as we hear a question.

Inquizitive is not simply confined to the rubric 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 that 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 enhancing their social and intellectual growth.

Along with individual development, we believe in the notion of synergy. Our brainstorming sessions and eclectic quizzes play a vital role in fulfilling this goal. Sessions are conducted every week with diverse questions ranging from History to Science and Technology. Although the society conducts weekly sessions, a session can take place anytime on the WhatsApp group if members are available, even at 2 AM. This displays the level of activeness and passion amongst the Inquizitive members.

Our flagship event is '**THE MAHARAJA QUIZ**', the first edition of which took place in the year 2017 saw the participation of more than 100+ teams from over 26 different colleges and universities. Since then, we have been successfully organising it every year and simultaneously, adding more achievements and memories to our album.

We not only organise our own events but also seek to capture every opportunity to learn and grow in quizzing and so we also organise quizzes for other societies in our College. For instance, organising quizzes for Women Development Cell or for the event of Freshers and more. This year we've published our first newsletter, that aims to allow every individual of the College to participate

in the journey towards acquisition of knowledge, be it Students or the Teaching faculty. The objective behind this initiative is to inculcate the notions of curiosity and general awareness among everyone that would kindle their quizzing spirit and eventually help them to explore and expand their knowledge.

Quiz Buzz, the child of the Inquizitive Society of Maharaja Agrasen College, Delhi, has been in the making for a few months now and finally we have got the opportunity to publish it. The objective of our monthly newsletter is to present essential information to our readers in the form of news, fun facts, cartoons, and more. We seek to procure and display the events of the month in a compressed and a fun way; to make what is boring; interesting, nay, highly interesting. With our first Edition of the newsletter here, we, the Inquizitive society, look forward to this wonderful and exciting journey.

#### Message by Principal

DR. SANJEEV KUMAR TIWARI

It gives me great pleasure to announce the inception of the First Issue of the Monthly Newsletter- 'Quiz Buzz,' of Inquizitive- The Quiz Society of Maharaja Agrasen College. This newsletter will allow the quizzing culture borne of curious minds and fascinating trivia to thrive and flourish in our College like never before. Frequently, the plethora of information surrounding our digital environments makes it very difficult to sift through and access the correct information. And here, I believe that Inquizitive's initiative of a newsletter shall enable us to procure accessible information and delve into newer ideas in a more streamlined manner. Simultaneously, in its compressed structure and organization of various sections, the newsletter shall empower us to be equipped with conceptual, philosophical, and cultural knowledge in a fun and interesting way. Inquizitive has always been at the integrating forefront of and juxtaposing heterogeneous ideas, to continually make us aware of intriguing facts and realities of various aspects of existence. Epitomizing resilience innovativeness of creative imagination in its journey towards acquiring knowledge, the Inquizitive Society with the Maharaja Quiz, their flagship event, and various other quizzing events happening all-round the year has paved the way in valuing diversities of ideas and taking pleasure in disseminating it. I convey my good wishes to the whole editorial team of Inquizitive, its Faculty Coordinator, and the ECA Convenor, all who have made knowledge both accessible and exciting. I wish the whole team grand success in making this possible and look forward to more such initiatives. Thank You.



Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari (Principal)

## Message by Convenor, ECA Committee

Greeting to the Readers,

It is clearly a proud moment for me to write this message for the Inquizitive newsletter, Quiz Buzz. This is their inaugural issue and is truly indicative of the hard work and dedication that the members of the Inquizitive Society have in them. The year, 2020, has been a difficult one for most of us, but it is the enthusiasm and never-say-die spirit in the young minds that has kept the wheel of ECA Committee rotating. Inquizitive Society, too, has played an important role in this regard. They have innovated and responded to the need of the hour and gone on to successfully organise online quizzing sessions and quiz competitions like "Let's be Diplomatic", "India Unplugged Quiz" on the occasion of Republic Day and the currently in progress "The Maharaja Quiz". Quiz Buzz is a 'crown' on Inquizitive's head: as it displays their talent not only as quizzers, but also as content developers, editors, graphic designers and so on. I congratulate Inquizitive for Quiz Buzz! Hope the readers enjoy the newsletter. Best Wishes



Dr. Debosmita Paul (Convenor, ECA Committee)

### Message by Faculty Coordinator, Inquizitive



(Faculty Coordinator, Inquizitive)

I feel privileged and honoured to announce the inception of the newsletter, 'QuizBuzz,' of Inquizitive- The Quiz Society of MAC-ECA. Inquizitive Society's newsletter represents a journey of intellectual adventures, of curious digressions, of strange queries, and pathbreaking answers that open out to a myriad of possibilities. I wish them all the very best as Inquizitive embarks on its journey of fun and knowledge, of grasping the light amidst the dark, of reflecting on the hues of our thought and engaging in endless reflections. I hope this newsletter will embody more than a momentary respite after a hard day's work, spreads a smile amidst the bitterness of life, allows us to savour a quiet moment in the hustle and bustle of our life; to pause and value our intellectual Ms. Indrani Das Gupta ruminations and to expand it further. This newsletter reflects the hard work and quiet intelligence of the student members of Inquizitive, and I hope their endeavour shall pave the way for more such intellectual exchanges and fun. Good luck Team Inquizitive! May you and your learning take you far!

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# Acknowledgement

Embarking on a new journey can be strange and challenging at times. Without proper counsel and motivation, it is impossible for one to go forward. Inquizitive would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have supported us all the way in our new endeavours despite the obstacles. Foremost, we would like to sincerely thank Dr Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, the Principal of Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, for his support and guidance throughout. We cannot express enough gratitude to the ECA Committee of Maharaja Agrasen College. This newsletter would have been impossible without the continued guidance and encouragement of our ECA Committee convenor, Dr Debosmita Paul, and our Faculty Coordinator, Ms Indrani Das Gupta. We also appreciate the efforts put in by each member of the society which has led to the fruition of this newsletter. Finally, a big thank you to our readers. We are eternally grateful to you.

# What's going on Around?

- Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2021 on February 1. The budget is the yearly financial report about the estimated incomes and expenditures of the government, that shapes the adoption of future policies accordingly for the country's economic growth and development. Some major announcements made in the budget are: no changes in personal income tax. 2.23 lakh crore to be spent on public health. FDI in insurance to be raised from 49% to 74% and LIC IPO would be introduced as well.
- Amazon founder and world's richest man Jeff Bezos has announced his resignation from the position of CEO of the company and will serve as its Executive Chairman. Bezos's position will be taken over by Andy Jassy, currently serving as the chief executive of Amazon Web Services.
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- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the 'Switch India' campaign on February 4 in order to promote the use of electric vehicles. Citizens are requested to buy electric vehicles to combat the rising air pollution in the city.

- The Rajya Sabha on February 10, 2021 passed the Major Port Authorities Bill 2020, giving greater autonomy to major ports in the country. The bill seeks to provide for regulation, operation, and planning of major ports in the country and provide greater autonomy to these ports. It also seeks to replace the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, and provides for the creation of a Board of Major Port Authority for each major port. These Boards will replace the existing Port Trusts.
- Nigerian Economist, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala will take charge as the new Chief of World Trade Organisation (WTO). The former Finance Minister of Nigeria will become the first woman and African to take up this position. The development comes after the administration of US President Joe Biden showed its support for the same on February 5, 2021.
- South Korea to build world's largest offshore wind farm by 2030. This 8.2GW offshore wind power complex will come up in Jeonnam province. The announcement regarding this was made on February 5, 2021 by the Moon Jae-In administration after signing the USD 43 billion deal. The development comes as the country seeks to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.
- India's first geothermal power project will be set up at Eastern Ladakh's Puga village. A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ONGC Energy, LAHDC, Leh and the Power Department of UT Ladakh on February 6, 2021 for the establishment and implementation of the first phase. The project, known as Geothermal Field Development Project, is planned to be commissioned by the end of 2022. In the first phase of the pilot project, one megawatt (MW) power generation capacity will be generated. It is planned to supply 24 hours free power to 10 neighbouring villages that are not connected with the northern grid for power supply.
- US President, Joe Biden, informed on February 7, 2021, that he will not lift sanctions on Iran to re-engage Tehran in negotiations over the 2015 nuclear deal. Biden said that he would only lift sanctions if Iran stops enriching uranium beyond the limits of the nuclear deal.

# February in History

## <u>International Mother</u> <u>Language Day</u>

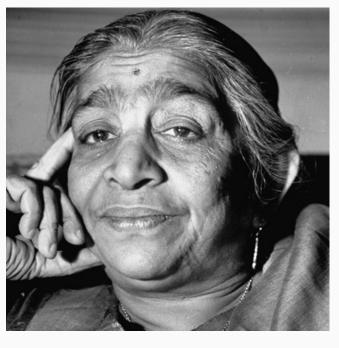
The international Mother Language Day is celebrated worldwide on 21st February. But did you know the history of this event came from our neighbour - Bangladesh? At the time of Partition, the population of West Pakistan was 25 million while East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) was 44 million. West Pakistanis predominately spoke Urdu while East Pakistanis spoke Bangla, both entirely different languages. At the Education Summit in 1947 in Karachi, the West Pakistan's dominating government decided that only Urdu would be taught in school and used as a medium. Bangla was removed from approved school subjects and from the currency and stamps. The Bengali leaders, students, and the entire community protested against the policies for the next 5 years, which eventually gave rise to the Bengali Language Movement, whose main motto was to fight linguistic discrimination. The first widespread protest was organised on 21st February 1952. The government made arrests, prohibited the gathering of over 3 people. Police brutality fuelled the movement even more. This was one of most important events in Bangladesh's history, which later proved to be a founding stone for the nationalist movement and independence movement for Bangladesh. At its roots, the Bangla movement's cultural and linguistic rights were respected and recognised. To honour this movement, UNESCO declared 21st February as the 'International Mother Language Day'.

## Launch of Facebook

Facebook, one of the biggest social networking services, was launched on February 4, 2004. It was founded by Mark Zuckerberg with his college roommates and fellow Harvard University students Eduardo Saverin, Andrew McCollum, Dustin Moskovitz, and Chris Hughes. It began at Harvard University as Face mash in 2003. The website was originally designed for only Harvard students, but was later expanded for colleges in Boston, the Ivy League, and gradually for most universities in US and Canada by September 2006 to everyone with a valid email address with the age requirement of 13 or older. It became the largest social networking site with one billion users by 2012. Currently Facebook has around over 2 billion users.

MADHUBALA (BORN ON 14 FEBRUARY 1933) WAS AN INDIAN ACTRESS, PRODUCER AND PLAYBACK SINGER WHO WORKED IN HINDI FILMS. ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AND THE HIGHEST-PAID ACTRESS DURING THE 1950S, SHE APPEARED IN 73 BOLLYWOOD FILMS IN A CAREER SPANNING OVER TWO DECADES. IN THE MEDIA, SHE IS REFERRED TO AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, GREATEST AND INFLUENTIAL PERSONALITIES INDIAN CINEMA.





SAROJINI NAIDU

SAROJINI NAIDU (BORN ON 13 FEBRUARY INDIAN POLITICAL WAS AN ACTIVIST AND POET. A PROPONENT OF RIGHTS. WOMEN'S CIVIL EMANCIPATION, AND ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC IDEAS, SHE WAS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN INDIA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL RULE. NAIDU'S WORK AS A POET EARNED HER THE SOBRIQUET 'THE NIGHTINGALE OF INDIA', OR 'BHARAT KOKILA' BY MAHATMA GANDHI BECAUSE OF COLOUR. IMAGERY AND LYRICAL QUALITY OF HER POETRY.

# Valentine's Day

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance. The Catholic Church recognises at least three different saints named Valentine Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realising the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.



When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a Bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. In short, it's also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine. It originated as a Western Christian feast day honouring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and is recognised as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

# Is there a need to bring reforms in UNSC?

All the inventions that ever happened in this human world were catalysed by a 'need'. The need to communicate gave early human civilization the gestures, the need to travel gave us a wheel, the need to fight gave us weapons, and the list goes on. But it was not the need alone that took us where we are today. It was the 'change' that transformed humans. The change from a simple wheel to automatic vehicles, from weapons of wood to UAV's like IAI Harpy. It's safe to say that it is the relationship between the 'need' that birthed a concept and the 'change' which when incorporated enhances the concept that performs a seed to grow into a tree. The United Nations of Security Council (UNSC) is one of the principal organs of the United Nations (UN). Its main responsibility includes ensuring international peace and security, recommending new UN members to the General Assembly with powers like establishing peacekeeping operations, enacting international sanctions and authorizing military action. After Second World War's catastrophic destruction and massive changes, something like the UNSC coming forward was inevitable. The War had a great impact on its structure as well. The Security Council has five permanent members-China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States—collectively known as the P5. Any of them can veto a resolution. The council's ten elected members, who serve two-year, non-consecutive terms, are not afforded veto power. But this biased system was highly justifiable because the United States and Soviet Union were the outright victors of the Second World War, and, along with the United Kingdom, they shaped the post-war political order. As their plans for what would become the United Nations took shape, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt insisted on the inclusion of the Republic of China (Taiwan), envisioning international security presided over by "four global policemen". And these P5 nations had a great ethos on the rest of the world. And that is why despite no equitable representation of the world on a very significant UN body, and extra favours to some countries, the UNSC began.

However, we cannot deny the fact that a few efforts were indeed made. A committee was appointed by the UN secretary general in 2003 for recommending reforms in UNSC. The committee gave two models which suggested an increase in the number of permanent members to 10 [G4 inclusion] and addition of members from Asian, African, and European continents respectively but were never implemented. The G4 nations always presented a worthy case of their permanent membership, but yet again changes were never implemented. But the main dilemma here is what is the reason behind this? Why has a body like UNSC made way for P5 to be privileged and not really secure the world? Why are G4 left out? Why is UNSC losing its plot? The reason is simple - it's a flawed system. A system that was created keeping in mind that only the victors of the World War will ever be superior. A system designed to be resilient to changes. Whenever G4 nations demand a seat, they are opposed by the UN general assembly members. South Korea opposes Japan, Pakistan opposes India, Argentina opposes Brazil. And these countries along with 40 odd member states had informally formed a 'COFFEE CLUB', also known as Uniting for Consensus (UFC). This is a threat to multilateralism. However, the club is not against the idea of the Security Council reform itself. Most club members want non-permanent seats of the Council increased, as this will raise their own chances of sitting on the Council regularly. Italy has suggested that five or six new non-permanent members be added to the Council, mostly from the developing world, selected on the basis of a higher-than-average contribution to UN activities. India has been trying to gain a permanent seat in the UNSC for a long period. India has served seven times as the non-permanent member of the UNSC and has echoed about the expansion and reform in the Council. A permanent seat in UNSC would elevate India to the status of USA, UK, France, China and Russia in the diplomatic sphere and warrant India a critical say in all global matters that matter globally.

Why India deserves to be a permanent member of UNSC-

- India, being the world's largest democracy, has the second largest population in the world. It has a population of 1.28 billion people, and will become the most populous country by 2022. Such a large portion of the planet's population cannot be altogether ignored or kept at a distance from the decision-making table of UNSC, which brings with itself the "veto" power.
- It has, since its independence, become a leading contributor of troops to UN peacekeeping missions. India is the fourth largest contributor to UN Peacekeeping behind Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Pakistan. Though India has a large physical presence in UN Peacekeeping, it finances are a minuscule 0.13 percent of UN peacekeeping operations. Today, India has over 8000 peacekeepers, which is more than twice that of the P5 group.
- On the economic side, India has maintained the state of World's 7th largest economy. India happens to be the second fastest growing economy in the world, making it an ideal destination for foreign investment and future growth.
- Being the third largest active armed force, along with nuclear weapons, India's candidature is justified. India is ruled by a democratic, secular government which has never been upstaged by an army coup and can be labelled as a "responsible" nuclear power.
- ISRO's successful MOM and of placing of Indigenous as well as four of US's satellites is another landmark point for its candidature.
- India has consistently supported the purposes and principles of the UN and has made significant contributions to implementing the goals of the UN Charter

In a recent speech, the Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in UN, discussed the idea of Reform - Perform - Transform. He said that India firmly believes that the path to achieve sustainable peace and prosperity is through multilateralism. When we talk about cooperation and multilateralism, we talk about it as a whole. It's not an individualistic approach, but covers a wider sphere. However, no matter if we talk about an individual or a nation, change is a must for growth and development. It's safe to say that it is the relationship between the 'need' that birthed a concept and the 'change' which, when incorporated, enhances the concept itself. Hence, for a better world and a better future it's very important to bring reforms in the UNSC.

# Want to buzz your mind?

Q. Word X was introduced by evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in 'The Selfish Gene', in 1976. It is used to describe 'an idea, behaviour or style that spreads from person to person within a culture'. What is the word?

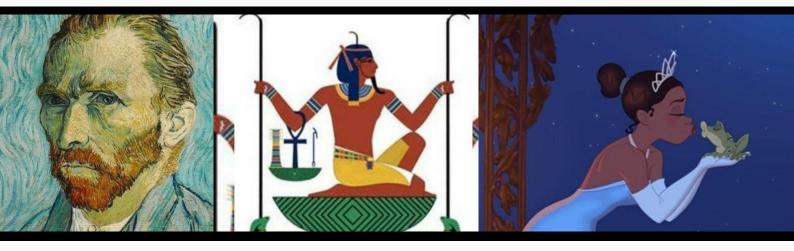
Q. The word X was first used as a noun and it dates from around 1275. It was first found in Layamon's medieval epic poem 'Brut'. It is nowadays very popular in the context of social media culture. One can find people using it in their day-to-day life. Another word Y was also first used in the same poem, which is used by the novelist J.K.Rowling in her works. Identify X and Y.

Q. In 1852, the British pharmacist James Crossley \_\_\_\_\_ started selling such a fruit salt mixture from his pharmacy in the port city of Newcastle upon Tyne. \_\_\_\_\_ gave away his mixture to seafarers at the port, and in this way the name \_\_\_\_\_ became associated with fruit salts around the world. Fill in the blank.

Q. After the Dutch Ship Arnheim was shipwrecked on the Saint Brandon Rocks in February 1662. Volkert Evertsz and his crew washed ashore on the islet of Ile d'Ambre. The meal that they did live on was sumptuous enough to last them until the rescue ships arrived. What meal did they have that marked this fairly obscure incident as an important event in the history of biodiversity?

# Fun Trivia!

- 1. Lamborghini was originally a tractor company.
- 2. Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia is the fear of long words.
- 3. When Disney released "Princess and the Frog" in 2009, 50 children were hospitalised with Salmonella from kissing frogs.
- 4. Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.
- 5. King Ludwig the Mad built many weird impractical castles all over Bavaria, which later inspired the Fairy-tale castles at Walt Disney parks.
- 6. Vincent Van Gogh didn't paint until the age of 28 and only started drawing at the age of 26. In the 9 years, until his death at 37, he painted over 800 paintings.
- 7. Ancient Egyptian sky god of infinity, eternity, and endlessness is called "Huh".
- 8. "Aegilops" is the longest word with its letters arranged in alphabetical order.
- 9. Most massive star R136A1 is only about 30 times the radius of the sun but has 265 times the mass of the sun.
- 10. The sketch that Jack drew of Rose wearing the famous necklace in the blockbuster movie 'Titanic' was originally drawn by director James Cameron.



# LETTER TO THE READERS

DEAR READERS,

WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED READING THROUGH THE MONTHLY EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER QUIZ BUZZ FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. YOUR SUGGESTION AND FEEDBACK ARE MOST WELCOME. PLEASE DO LET US KNOW ABOUT THE SAME BY SENDING A MAIL ON OUR OFFICIAL EMAIL ID-

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