

The bizarre and the beautiful

Ahmedabad The Kite Museum

This museum displays rare and uniquely designed kites that showcase the history of kite-making in Gujarat. It is located inside the Sanskar Kendra in Ahmedabad, a museum designed by renowned architect Le Corbusier. The collection was donated by Bhanubhai Shah, a kite lover who had collected kites for over 50 years.



Bengaluru NIMHANS Brain Museum

Established in 2010 by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, this museum is home to 400 human brains collected over 35 years. Stored in plastic see-through jars, the museum exhibits brains affected by various injuries and diseases such as brain tumours, neurodegenerative disorders, and cerebrovascular diseases. The museum also has on display brains of a few species of animals. Guess what? Visitors are allowed to touch and feel the brains on request.



Going beyond the usual display of paintings, sculptures and artefacts, today's museums are redefining themselves with a quirky array of objects. This **International Museum Day**, we list some museums that showcase the human brain, brooms and well, even toilets!

Delhi Sulabh International Museum of Toilets

We know the Western or the Indian toilet today, but how did the toilet look centuries ago? This museum is home to a rare collection of facts, pictures and objects that chart the evolution of toilets from 2500 BC to date. The exhibits are organised chronologically, helping people witness and understand the development of toilets over the years. The museum was founded by Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, founder of Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, in 1992.



Delhi Shankar's International Dolls Museum

Set up in 1965 by K. Shankar Pillai, a political cartoonist, this museum has a large collection of dolls on display. Situated in the Children's Book Trust building in New Delhi, the museum is divided into two sections. One section is home to dolls from the western countries such as the U.K., the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand, and the other section houses dolls from Asian countries, the Middle East and Africa. The Indian exhibit alone contains over 500 dolls from all over the country, including characters from Kathakali, one of India's unique classical dances.



Jodhpur Arna Jhama – The Thar Desert Museum

This open-air museum, situated in Jodhpur, was envisioned by Komal Kothari, a renowned folklorist who established the Rupayan Sansthan. The museum, which was open to the public in 2000, exhibits a collection of folk musical instruments and brooms designed and used by the local community over the years. It is also dubbed "The Broom Museum" for the large number of brooms it has on display.



Hyderabad Sudha Cars Museum

This automobile museum located in Hyderabad was opened in 2010 by Kanyaboyina Sudhakar. The museum has crazy cars resembling everyday objects such as a handbag and a shoe. The cars are handmade by Sudhakar, who started this as a hobby in his school days. Sudhakar and the museum have been mentioned in the Limca Book of Records.



Guwahati The Mayong Central Museum and Emporium of Black Magic and Witchcraft

Mayong, a village in Assam, is known as the land of black magic. Families here practised black magic for centuries, though very few remain today. Opened in 2002, the Mayong Central Museum and Emporium of Black Magic and Witchcraft is a small museum which showcases relics related to black magic practised by the villagers for centuries. The relics were donated by the villagers to whom they were passed on by their ancestors.

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Mistakes were made

Catch the misadventures of detective Timmy Failure, in this eponymous film

Did you have an imaginary friend in your childhood? Well, the 11-year-old Timmy Failure has a 1,500-pound polar bear named Total as his fictional companion. Based on the books by Stephan Pastis, the newly released film, "Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made" explores how kids use their imagination to cope with difficult emotions while growing up.

What it's about: Timmy is convinced that he is the best detective in the city of Portland, if not the world. He is the founder, president and CEO of his own detective agency, which he runs with his best friend and unreliable business partner Total. Though the agency is named Total Failure Inc., Timmy's business card assures,



A still from "Timmy Failure". Photo Disney+/ Dale Robinette

"We won't fail despite what the name says." The duo set out to solve crimes and conspiracies that are largely inside Timmy's head.

Why you will love it: Staying true to his character, Timmy a deadpan detective, does not say "Yes," he says, "Affirmative." He does not say

"I'm sorry," he says, "Mistakes were made." And when his mom gives him a peck on the cheek, he is quick to reply, "That's unprofessional, do it again." "Timmy Failure" offers a refreshing break in these gloomy times. It's a must-watch for both adults and kids!

QUEST

This and that from the world of Science

Have you wondered how an ophthalmologist examines the interior of your eyes? Or whether sound and light waves are eternal? Read on...

Looking into the eye

What sort of an instrument is an ophthalmoscope? An ophthalmoscope is an instrument used by eye doctors to inspect the interior of the eye. It directs a fine beam of light into the eye through the pupil, the black hole in the middle of the eye. The beam lights up the blood vessels of the retina at the back of the eyeball and the optic nerve. The ophthalmoscope has a magnifying glass which enables the doctor to study the area that is lighted up. The eye is the only organ whose blood vessels and nerves can be looked at without cutting open the body. The ophthalmoscope was invented by German scientist Hermann von Helmholtz in 1851.



Eternal waves

Do sound waves die out or does a sound once made go on forever? What about light waves? Sound waves behave like ripples in a pond after a stone has been thrown into it. The ripples get weaker and weaker due to friction of water and finally they lose their energy altogether and fade out. Sound waves fade out for the same reason: they lose their energy due to friction of air.



Light waves are not affected by friction so they never die out. If we could travel fast enough to overtake light we would be able to see things that happened in the past, but of course travelling faster than light is impossible. Nothing in the Universe can travel as fast as light. (Content provided by Amrita Bharati)

REMEMBER THIS?

When Sindhu struck gold!

Here, we will sharpen our sports quotient by taking a look at one iconic moment from sporting history. We will revisit P V Sindhu's victory at the 2019 World Badminton Championships this time around...

The 2019 World Badminton Championships was held in Basel, Switzerland. After having come close on a number of occasions previously, P V Sindhu finally claimed the coveted gold medal in this edition of the competition.

After receiving a bye in the first round, Sindhu defeated Taiwan's Pai Yu-po and America's Zhanga Beiven in straight games in her first two matches. She took on second seed Tai Tzu-ying of Taiwan in the quarter-finals and even though she dropped the first game, she fought back to claim the next two and win the match.

She got rid of China's fourth seed Chen Yufei in the semi-final and blitzed through the final against Japan's third seed Nozomi Okuhara. The victory against Okuhara in the final was sweeter as it had been the same opponent who had defeated Sindhu in the final of the 2017 edition – an epic 110-minute battle at Glasgow.

DID YOU KNOW?

With her victory at the 2019 World Badminton Championships, Sindhu became the first Indian ever to win gold at the World Badminton Championships.

The gold Sindhu won in 2019 was her fifth World Badminton Championships medal. Before that, she had already won two bronze medals and two silver medals.

With five World Badminton Championships medals, Sindhu, along with China's Zhang Ning, has the most number of medals in the women's singles competition.



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