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OUR VOICE

TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020

To the year which proved to be India's highest ranking in Olympics in over four decades and to the heroes behind the glory.

TRAVEL SOLO

The idea of solo travelling has been intimidating since time immemorial. We bring to for amazing solo travel destinations.

A TAKE ON FASHION

Everyday is a fashion show and the world is the runway. We bring to you our take on current fashion trends.

TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020



Neeraj Chopra
Gold Medal in
Men's Javelin Throw



Mirabai Chanu
Silver Medal in
Weight Lifting (Women's 49kg)



Ravi Kumar Dahiya
Silver Medal in
Men's 57 kg Wrestling



Bajrang Punia
Bronze Medal in
Men's Freestyle 65kg Wrestling



Lovlina Borgohain
Bronze Medal in
Women's Welterweight
Boxing



PV Sindhu
Bronze Medal in
Women's Single
Badminton



Indian Men's Hockey Team
Bronze Medal in
Men's Hockey
tournament

Our Other Heroes Of Tokyo '20



ADITI ASHOK
Golf



C. A. BHAVANI DEVI
Fencing



DEEPAK PUNIA
Wrestler



KAMALPREET KAUR
Discus Throw



INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM
Hockey

TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES



Avani Lekhara

Gold in 10m Air Rifle
Bronze in 50m Air Rifle



Krishna Nagar

Gold Medal in
Badminton (Men's Singles SH6)



Manish Narwal

Gold Medal in
Mixed P4 50 Metre Pistol



Pramod Bhagat

Gold Medal in
Badminton (Men's Singles SL3)



Sumit Antil

Gold Medal in
Men's javelin throw



Bhavinaben Patel

Silver Medal in
Table Tennis (Women's
Individual Class 4)



Devendra Jhajharia

Silver Medal in
Men's Javelin Throw



Mariyappan Thangavelu

Silver Medal in
Men's High Jump T63



Nishad Kumar
Silver Medal in
Men's High Jump T47



Praveen Kumar
Silver Medal in
Men's High Jump T64



Singhraj Adhana
Silver - Mixed P4 50 metre Pistol
Bronze - Men's P1 10 metre Air Pistol



Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj
Silver Medal in
Badminton (Men's singles SL4)



Yogesh Kathuniya
Silver Medal in
Men's Discus Throw



Harvinder Singh
Bronze Medal in
Archery (Men's Individual
Recurve Open)



Manoj Sarkar
Bronze Medal in
Badminton (Men's Singles SL3)



Sharad Kumar
Bronze Medal in
Men's High Jump T63



Sundar Singh Gurjar
Bronze Medal in
Men's Javelin Throw F46

CLUB ACTIVITIES

workshops, competitions and more...
(June '21-September '21)

Literary Club

Mr. Sambit Basu was the guest speaker in a workshop conducted by the Literary Club on June 2, 2021. Mr. Basu, a sub-editor at Sangbad Pratidin, shared his perspective on the journalistic industry. As a novelist himself, he instructed the students on the complexities of the creative writing process. He had shed light on the process of getting a book published, as well as the difficulties encountered along the way.



Cultural Club



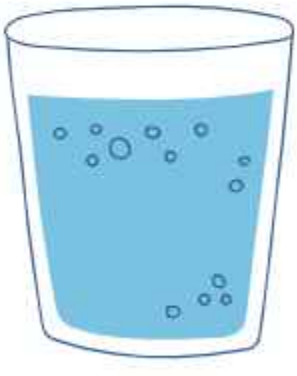
On 1st June, the Cultural Club and the Quiz and Debate Club, jointly organized an event remembering Raja Rammohan Roy. The event was titled "Phire Dekha: Raja Rammohan Roy". The programme started with a musical presentation, on one of his finest compositions, "Mone koro sesher sedin bhoyonkor', by a member of the Cultural Club. This was followed by a discussion by the members of the Quiz and Debate Club, highlighting the life events and the contributions of the great personality. The viewers could gather more knowledge about his works from the live quiz based on the theme, "Raja Rammohan Roy and his contemporary Bengal Renaissance". The members of the Quiz and Debate club participated in this quiz. After an enriching quiz session, the winner was declared. The announcement was followed by a closing musical presentation on Ram Mohan Roy's composition, "Nitya Niranjan", by a member of the Cultural Club. The audience applauded the efforts of the organizing team for conducting such a beautiful programme.

Film & Drama Club

On June 3rd, the Film and Drama Club hosted 'Through the Looking Glass: Guide to Watch Movies.' Dr. Piyali Gupta, Assistant professor, Department of English, Bethune College, walked the students through the intricacies of making, watching and reviewing a film. Madam spoke about the importance of the proper use of camera and editing techniques required to shoot a film. A major takeaway for the audience was the list of beautiful movie recommendations she provided towards the end of the session.



Science & Environment Club



On 4th June, Science and Environment Club, organized a workshop, titled 'The Water', conducted by Dr. Sukriti Pal, Assistant Professor, Bethune College. The speaker focused on various uses of water and government projects related to water.

During the session, the audience remained engaged, as she depicted the significant properties of water with scientific demonstrations. Madam also shed some light on how we can overcome the problem of water shortage. The workshop ended with an interactive session, where the speaker motivated the audience to celebrate World Water Day on 22nd of March.

Debate & Quiz Club

Debates have always been a fascinating and interesting activity which is both spontaneous and learnt. Debate competitions are a frequent scene these days, but workshops on Debate competition are not frequently seen and experienced. It was with this motive, the Debate workshop was arranged by the club on 11th June. The session was conducted by Smt. Sanjukta Roy, Assistant Professor, Bethune College. Madam Roy started conversing with the audience in a spontaneous way, which is one of the fundamental criteria of debating. She shared her experiences of debating while she was in school and told how to keep patience while participating in a debate, mostly when being questioned by opponents. Being rational, logical and holding patience - are the three basic criterias of being a good debater. Madam also mentioned that above all these three, stands the idea of being self confident and positive. During the interactive session, the chat box was flooded with questions as well as suggestions from both students and teachers. As the speaker answered all the queries efficiently, the audience stayed up till the very end with extreme enthusiasm. After such an engaging session, the audience remarked that the event did not feel like a virtual one, and was almost like one being held at the college classroom with all participating with an unexpected zeal.





On 15th June, the club organised an open house Quiz competition, with a qualifying round being held two days before the main event. Both the events were conducted by Ms. Srijoni Moitra, Assistant Professor, Bethune College. She is also one of the teachers-in-charge of the club. Nearly 24 students participated in the qualifying round where the quiz was held over Google forms. Out of them, the first 8 people who submitted their responses correctly, qualified for the main event held on 15th. The quiz on the main day was fascinating and interesting which made both the participants and the audience curious. The entire session had pictorial questions, audio questions and written questions which included topics like contemporary politics, movies, music, literature, history, science and technology. The results were declared towards the end. The session ended with encouraging feedback from the audience.

REVIVE & SURVIVE:

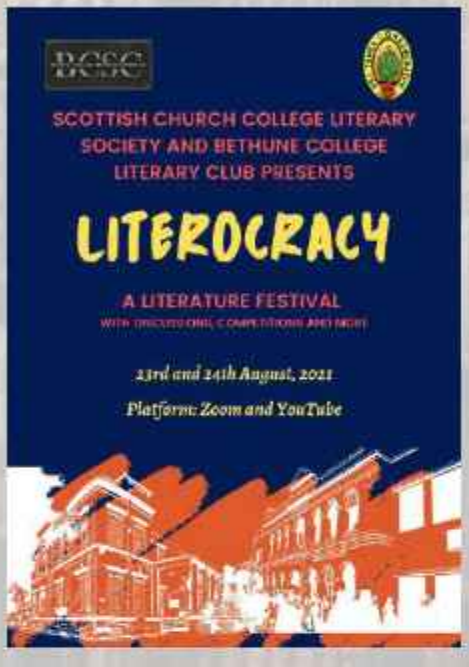
CONVERSATIONS ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



On June 5th, several clubs gathered together to celebrate World Environment Day. Throughout the session, creativity collided with the imperative of conservation. All the clubs took active participation in the events. Members of the Science and Environment club and Art and Craft club organized an 'Upcycling' competition, where young minds showcased their creativity. The Literary club hosted an elocution event, discussing on the theme of 'Mother Nature', initiated by the head of the club and followed by some other members of the club. The Film and Drama club presented the horrifying reality of today's world through a video compilation. The Photography Club organized an intra-college event, based on the theme 'Majestic Diversity', where the participants showcased their talents, following which, the results of this event was declared. The Quiz and Debate Club conducted an enlightening quiz competition which enthralled the audience. The members of the Cultural Club depicted their talents through a musical presentation and a dance performance. The event was a great success.

LITEROCRACY

A Literature Festival



The Literary Club of Bethune College in association with Literary Club of Scottish Church College hosted Literocracy, a 2-day Literature Festival on the 23rd and 24th of August, 2021. It was an inter-college online programme held through the video conferencing platform, Zoom and shared live on YouTube.

The festival witnessed neck-to-neck competitions, lively discussions and crisp talks. The events were fun and much brainstormed- Nano tales writing (short story within 250 words), Book charades (dumb charades but they had to guess the book's name instead of the film), Open mic (participants presented original compositions), Mockingbird (where the participant had to deliver a monologue as a fictional character), Book club discussion and a meme contest. Students across the city and beyond came together to revel in the rich intellectual reading culture of Bengal. With our audience being in the region of 300, our goal of bringing like-minded individuals from the local community together to give them inspiration and a platform to showcase their inner bookworms was thoroughly fulfilled. We wanted to provoke discussion, raise awareness on the current humanitarian crisis and also give relief from the heaviness of the present times.

Esteemed guest personalities interacted with the students to share their work and enlightened us with their ideas about literature and culture.

Being sensitive and Persistence is the key are the two big takeaways from the talk of Agnijit Sen a.k.a RJ Mirchi Agni held on the 1st day of Literocracy. With quips on Satyajit Ray films and real-life experiences of various greats and himself, we were left with lingering ideas to think about.

Literocracy Day 2 witnessed a conversation between 2 poets. The subject in discussion: Literature and its adaptation in the times of a Pandemic. Yashodhara Roy Choudhury and Ballari Sen took us along on a journey on the boom of literature in the recent times because of a lack of any scrutineer and the role and portrayal of women in the same, over the period of time.

All of the viewers and participants got to relive the classics, blush through the YA books, investigate along the spy thrillers, envision the science-fictions or reminisce a memoir, once again.

Positive News From Around The World

Dear reader, we understand that there is a lot going on around and repeated lockdowns are taking a toll on everyone's mental health. Hence, we return with some positive news to cheer you up a little bit.

15-year-old Soumya, from Phulbani town, saves the Liberian Financial department's official website using his hacking skills.

11-year-old, American-Indian girl Natasha Peri was declared one of the world's brightest students for exceptional performance on SAT. ACT and similar assessments.

Texas boy Jean on a 'race to kindness', collected 120,000 books for kids across the state.

17-year-old Indian-origin player Samir Banerjee wins the Wimbledon boys' singles title.

An amateur astronomer, Kai Ly, spotted a new moon orbiting Jupiter.

Sanitation workers find and return $25,000 that was accidentally thrown away. A crew of 10 people was immediately employed to start digging through the garbage.

12-year-old climate activist Ridhima wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over air pollution in Delhi and other states. She urges the government to take steps to ensure clean air for all.

Hyderabad maths prodigy Neelakantha wins gold in the mental calculation world championship in London.

Balls & Strikes

UEFA Euro Cup 2020



- Champions: Italy
- Runners-Up: England
- Top scorer: Patrik Schick
  Cristiano Ronaldo
- Best Player: Gianluigi Donnarumma
- Best young player: Pedri

2021 Copa América



- Champions: Argentina
- Runners-Up: Brazil
- Third: Columbia
- Fourth: Peru
- Top scorer: Leonel Messi
  Luis Díaz
- Best Player: Leonel Messi
- Best Goalkeeper: Emiliano Martínez
- Fair play award: Brazil

Football at the 2020 Summer Olympics



Brazil won their second consecutive Olympic men's football gold



Canada's women won their nation's first Olympic soccer gold since 1904


2021 Wimbledon Championships
2021 French Open
2021 Australian Open




Jan-Krzysztof Duda
Champion
Sergey Karjakin
Runner-up
MEN'S TOURNAMENT
CHESS WORLD CUP 2021
WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
Alexandra Kosteniuk
Champion
Aleksandra Goryachkina
Runner-up

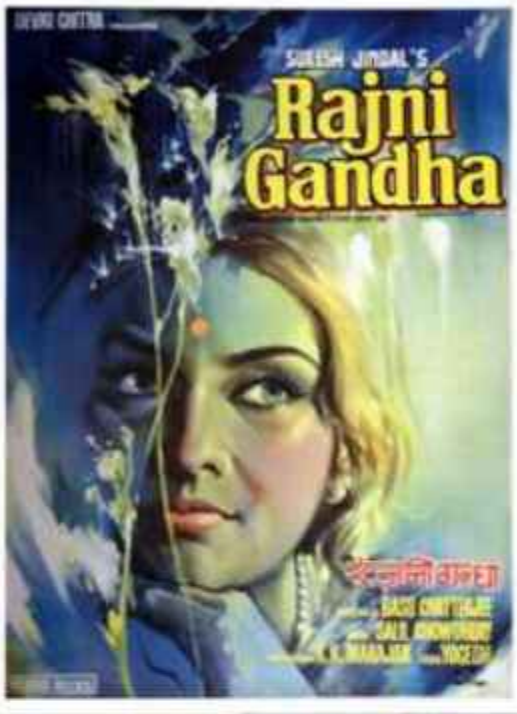



2019-2021
ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP
New Zealand
Champion
India
Runners-up
Marnus Labuschagne
Most runs
Ravichandran Ashwin
Most wickets



OUR BEST ENTRIES

रजनीगंधा (1974)





रजनीगंधा - कॉमन लोगों की कॉमन कहानी और एक अनकॉमन मवी ज़ि न्दगी बोलेतो एक फि ल्म फि ल्म बोलेतो एक हीरो, एक हीरोइन. और हीरो बोलेतो...? Angry Young Man जो एक थप्पड़ में villain को 6 फीट दरू फेंक दे, right? पर हीरो के नाम पर एक 5.5 का सीधा सादा 'common man' सामने है जो ना गंडो से superman की तरह लड़ता है, ना prince charming की तरह heroine को प्रपोज़ करता है। वो कभी अपनेऑफि स की पॉलि टि क्स सेपरेशान है, कभी प्रमोट होकर ट्रांसफर लेनेकी कोशिश में। और हीरोइन? हीरोईन की शिफॉन साड़ी का आचंल बर्फी ली पहाड़ी पर नहींउड़ता है। वो बिज़ी है अपने PhD और जॉब इंटरव्यूको लेकर।और हैएक लव ट्रैंगल जिसका फैसला हीरोइन लेती हैबि ना टि पि कल सती-सावि त्री त्याग की मर्तिूर्ति बने। एक refreshing प्लॉट, realistic अभि नय, और, in brief, मन मेंकई सवाल-जवाब छोड़नेवाली एक मूवी । येहै Basu Chatterjee की निर्देशित मूवी 'रजनीगधां' जो मन्नूभण्डारी की कहानी 'यह सच है' पर आधारि त है। तो अगर आपने'यह सच है' कहानी पढ़ी हैतो 'रजनीगधां' देखना बनता है। अगर मूवी already देखी हैतो मलू कहानी पढ़ना ज़रूर चाहेंगे। और अगर आप अभी तक दोनों सेअंजान हैंतो, well, आप इंतज़ार कि सका कर रहे हैं? Go for it!

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MUSIC THERAPY

Music therapy is an established form of therapy to help individuals address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs. It promotes mental health being and wellness

Scientific evidence suggests that music can have a profound effect on individuals such as :

- it can improve the recovery of motor and cognitive function in stroke patients
- reduce symptoms of depression in patients suffering from dementia
- help patients undergo surgery to experience less pain and heal faster.
- It helps reduce heart rate, lower blood pressure and cortisol in the body.
- It eases anxiety and can help improve mood

So, sing your favourite song with all your heart and soul , in return it will take care of your physical and mental goal

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RAASLEELA:

In Raasleela, the love of Radha- Krishna is portrayed through the dance performance.
The dress, "Poloi" was conceptualized by Raja Bhagyachandra.

Raasleela is broadly divided into 2 types with further subdivisions:

I. Balyaleela (Performed in the temple courtyard)
A. Udukhol Raas
B. Gope Raas
II. Pranayleela (Performed inside the temple for a stretch of 8-10 hours)
A. Maha Raas
B. Basant Raas
C. Kunja Raas
D. Nitya Raas
E. Diba Raas

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ROBOTICS

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Robotics: Interesting right!! First, let's start with what robotics is?? Robotics is an inter-disciplinary field that integrates computer science and engineering, it involves design, construction, operation and use of robots. The goal of robotics is to design machines that can help and assist human. There's a lot to discuss because it has a long history and it's really hard to name a certain robot to be the first one but I would like to highlight the history of the first ever industrial robot and the first robot to get a citizenship.

UNIMATE

The first commercial, digital and programable robot was built by George C. Devol in 1954. It was sold to General Motors in 1961 where it was used to lift pieces of hot metal from die casting machines at the Inland Fisher Guide Plant in the West Trenton section of Ewing Township, New Jersey. Thus the practical use of industrial commenced.



Technology has taken a high fly in all these years. Starting from an industrial robot, we have now a fellow citizen in the guise of robot.



SOPHIA

In October 2017, Sophia became a Saudi Arabian citizen, the first robot to receive citizenship of any country. In November 2017, Sophia was named the United Nations Development Programme's first ever innovation Champion, and is the first non-human to be given any United Nation title. It was developed by Hanson Robotics and activated on February 14, 2016

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ART GALLERY

At end of this street



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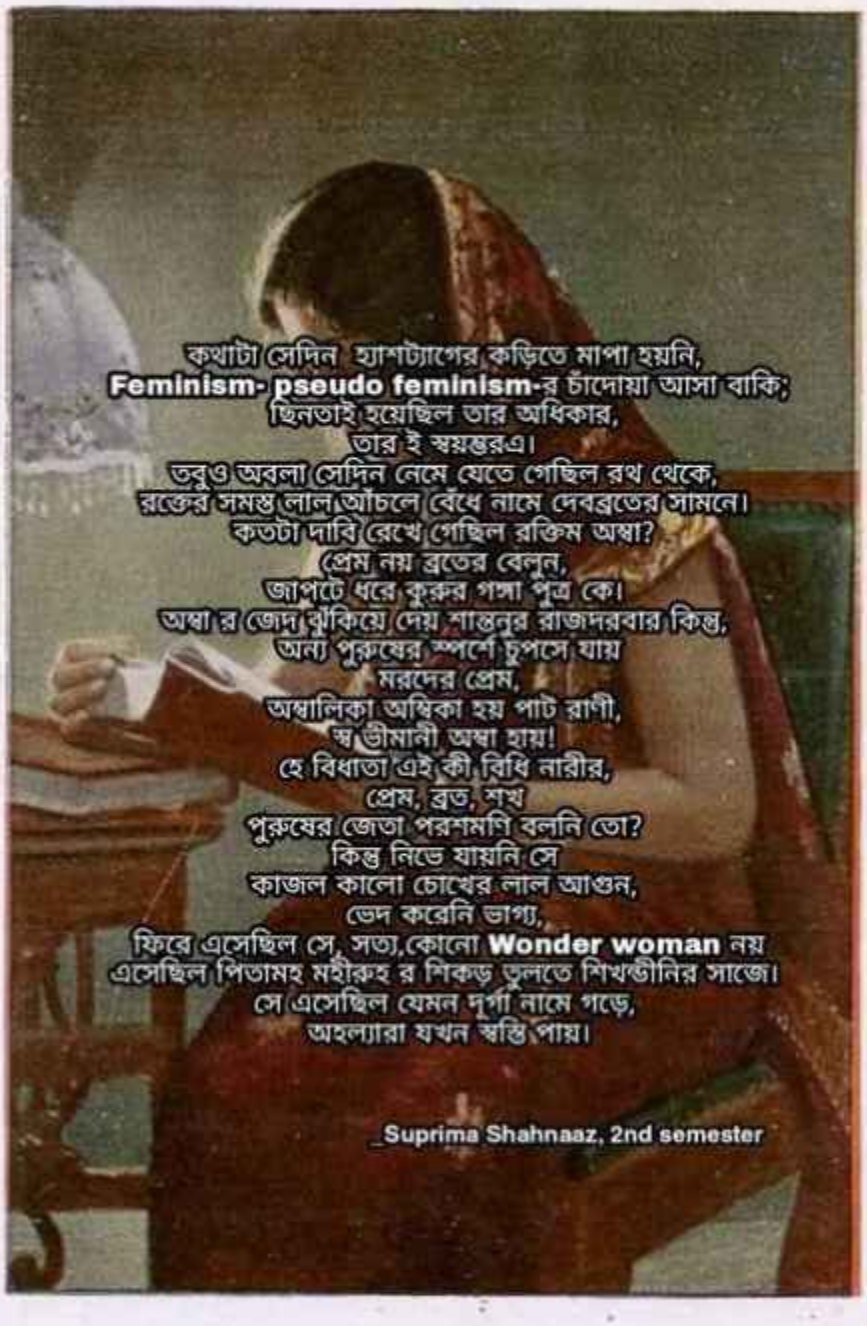


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Literary Pieces



Esthétique

Dear reader, we understand that there is a lot going on around and there is a dire need for some freshness and positivity. Hence, we are here with some fashion moodboards to please your aesthetic senses and divert your mind from all the negativity Prevailing around.

Blue drops



Orange crush





Lavenders and lilacs



Forest greens



EVADERE...

Solo travel has always been in the bucket list of many, irrespective of their gender. But in a country like India, where the independence and self sufficiency of women have been fretted since the beginning of civilisation, women going on a solo trip is still quite a taboo. However, safety is a top priority when it comes to travelling alone, and there are a few locations in India itself, that satisfies the wanderlust keeping in mind one's safety.



Few Important Tips:

- In order to make your solo travel pocket friendly, planning a budget is of utmost importance. One can stay in homestays, as they are comparatively cheaper and safer.
- Another very important part of planning any trip is not just packing but smart packing. Always pack according to the place you are going - if it is a mountainous region take winter wears like jackets and sweaters, whereas if it is a beach side or plain land pack sunscreens and light apparels. Note : Never forget to carry your sunshades, these not only add to your style quotient but also protect your eyes no matter where you go.
- Eating local food and not dining in some fancy cafes or restaurants, will also help you soothe your pocket.
- Carrying a first aid kit is a must in case of any emergency.
- Always carry a sufficient amount of dry food like biscuits, cupcakes, chips, instant noodles, etc., because train cancellations and bus delays are so very common in India.
- A woman solo traveller should always carry things like pepper spray and swiss knife to ensure one's safety.

TOP 4 SOLO TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

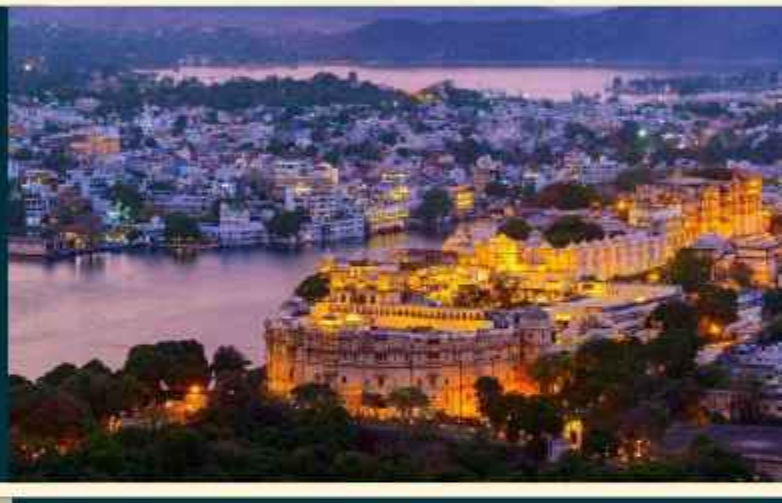


LADAKH

Ladakh is that place which one must travel solo at least once in their life. But the moment we picture Ladakh in our minds, we see a gang of male bikers. So just Smash the Patriarchy, Girls! Let the serene mountain valley of Ladakh weave it's magic onto you.

UDAIPUR

Udaipur, in Rajasthan is a place where most of the stalls are owned and managed by women, who exude nothing but warmth. From buying jwelleries (read: just being happy for being able to look at those extra pricey heritage pieces) to munching onto the delicious 'gatte ki sabzi' and mouth-watering 'laal maans', Udaipur definitely becomes a must visit destination for a female solo traveller.





PUDUCHERRY

Puducherry, bounded by the southeastern Tamil Nadu, is not only safe but offers the peace of mind that a woman desires for, probably since the time she is born. Home to quaint French colonial villas, aesthetically beautiful cafes and white sandy beaches - Puducherry is a tranquil gateway from the hustle of life.

NAINITAL

Nainital, enveloped within mountains and deriving its name from the 'Naini' lake is yet another 'must go' solo travel destination for women. Settled in the serene valleys of Uttarakhand and home to the Kumaoni Folk, who are literally the ambassadors of smile, Nainital offers a warm(not literally though) and safe travel experience for every solo traveller.



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