



STUDENT AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

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EDITION**



IT'S ABOUT YOU

OF VIBE AND ZEST: HOSTEL REOPENING

The hostels of IIITD have once again come to life after being somewhat deserted for almost two years now. The vibrant the vibe is once again omnipresent in the



entire campus from hostels to the sports block to the canteen and to the academics and library. Be it 4 PM or 4 AM, one can always hear and feel the oddly loud laughter near the hostels, the hustle in the canteen, the ecstasy in the sports block, and of course, the peace in the library. IIITD is as alive as ever.

More than 1000 students have now been allocated rooms in hostels, and the inflow of students has not slowed by any means in recent weeks. Every student is now allowed to request a room in the hostel, which they are allotted not much later. Double occupancy in the rooms has also begun. Students are now recommended to either take a hostel or take residence in Delhi NCR by 1st April 2022, since offline activities will begin in the month of April, for which students might not be offered an online/hybrid alternative.

ZOOM OUT: HYBRID CLASSES

There were no accidental unmuting and no internet-connectivity issues in the first hybrid lectures conducted in IIITD (at least for the students attending offline!). After a couple of years of attending the lectures on Zoom and Google Meet students finally got to attend offline classes for some of the subjects. Students could interact with the faculty and took home great value from the in-person lectures. Professors are slowly adapting the hybrid/offline mode, and gradually more and more subjects will offer offline/hybrid lectures/activities. Note that some academic activities might only be available offline after 1st April 2022.



CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA? MOTHER DAIRY

The mother-dairy reopened in the college on 24th February 2022 after two years. It is a frequent stop for students for quick Ice cream or other dairy products. Naturally, it has thus become a social spot on the campus.



STUDENT-MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:


The freshers batches of 2021 of BTech and MTech were assigned their mentors under the Student Mentorship Program. The mentorship program has been designed to increase interaction between juniors and seniors and provide guidance to new students in academics and non-academic activities through regular meetups and discussions.

STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE MEET

The SA office conducted an offline meeting on 13th February 2022. Many important student-centric issues, concerns, and ideas were discussed in the meeting, upon which conclusions and solutions were drawn for many. The SA Office is working to get the logistical and other needs of the students catered to. Feel free to drop any issues/suggestions by the mail.

WELL BEING CELL


On the 15th of February the well-being cell conducted a webinar on the effects of substance abuse on youth. The talk, given by Dr. Ragini Duara, discussed the narrow and steep fall of students from across the globe into the world of drugs, and the steady difficult climb of recovery.

 INDRAPRASTHA INSTITUTE of
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DELHI

Well-being Cell presents a webinar:

**I DIDN'T KNOW
I WAS CHOOSING
TO BE SHACKLED**


Voice of young people
resisting & recovering
from Substance Addiction



Key Highlights:

- Animation- Pathways to Recovery
- Short film – Diary of a Recovering Drug Addict
- Stories told by young people through photo-led interviews
- Posters developed by young people

15 February 2022 **5pm - 6pm**



Speaker:
Dr. Ragini Duara
School of Psychology
University of Leeds, England

CLUB EVENTS

ÉVARISTE

Évariste, the Math Club of IIITD, hosted a session on Proof and Proving Methods. It was primarily aimed at the freshers, although anyone was free to attend. The first-semester course on Linear Algebra can be especially tough on the freshers, given that it relies heavily on proofs. Most of us aren't very well versed in writing abstract proofs during JEE. Hence, most of us commit a lot of mistakes and spend a lot of extra time on the same. We realize that this happens, having gone through the same. Hence, we conducted a session on Proof and Proving methods. We hope that it alleviated some of the issues most people would be facing (or would face in the future).



D4RKC0DE

D4rkc0de, the cyber security club, hosted 3 sessions and a movie night. The 3 sessions were about discussing the Web Exploitation, Cryptography, Forensics and Reverse Engineering based questions asked in the recruitment CTF 2022. And the movie the night was about Edward Snowden, Ex-NSA, Ex-CIA agent who leaked sensitive information from the NSA as they were collecting personal information from the normal citizens of the US, by tapping into various ISPs and other providers which was a clear violation of basic human rights.



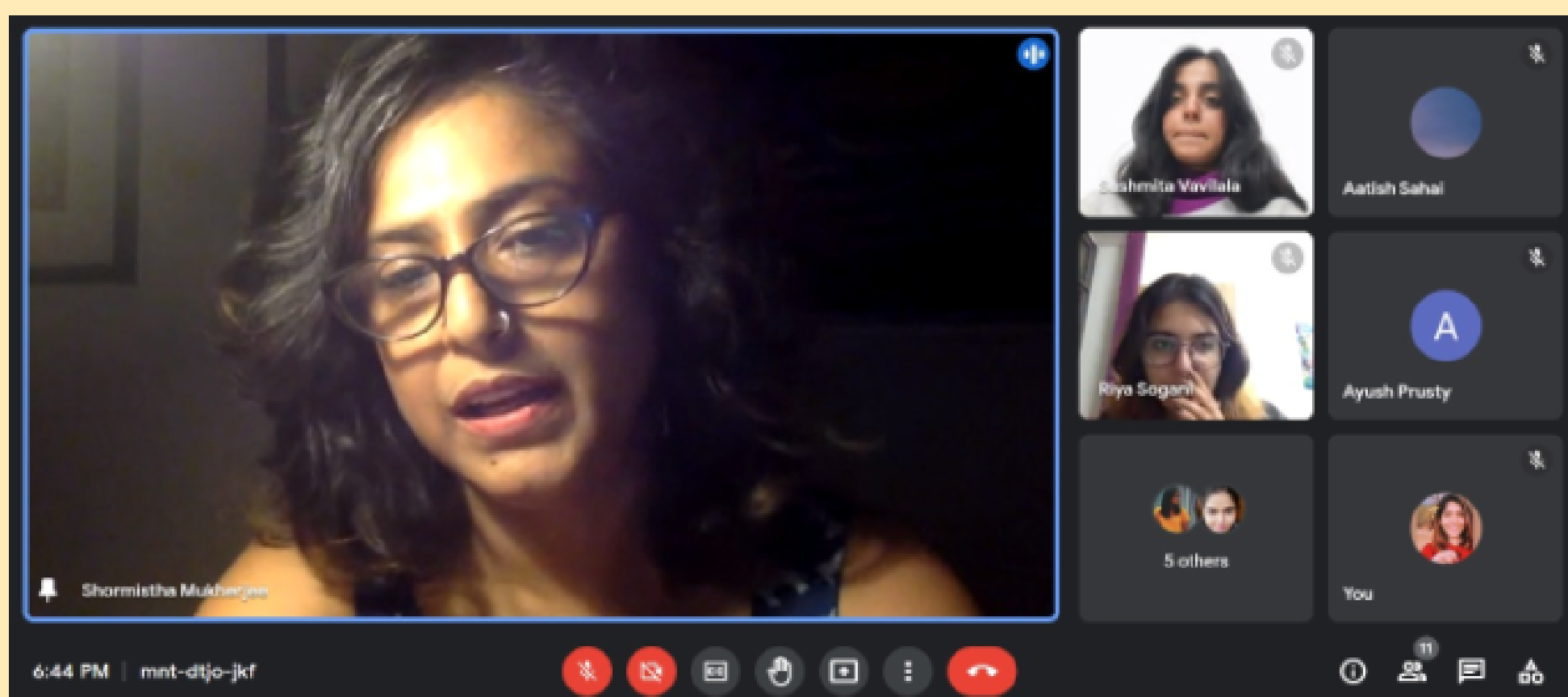
MADTOES

MadToes- The Western Dance society of IIITD conducted an offline Dance meetup in campus. The new members were welcomed and the entire team reunited to perform some steps and choreography. The team planned a bunch of amazing things for the upcoming offline semester.



GIRLUP UDAAN

GirlUp Udaan announced their first collaboration for their Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser with Mr. Shormishtha Mukherjee. She is an accomplished author, and has written the book 'Cancer, You Picked the Wrong Girl.' This collaboration was a virtual talk followed by a Q&A session regarding her journey and inspiring battle with breast cancer.



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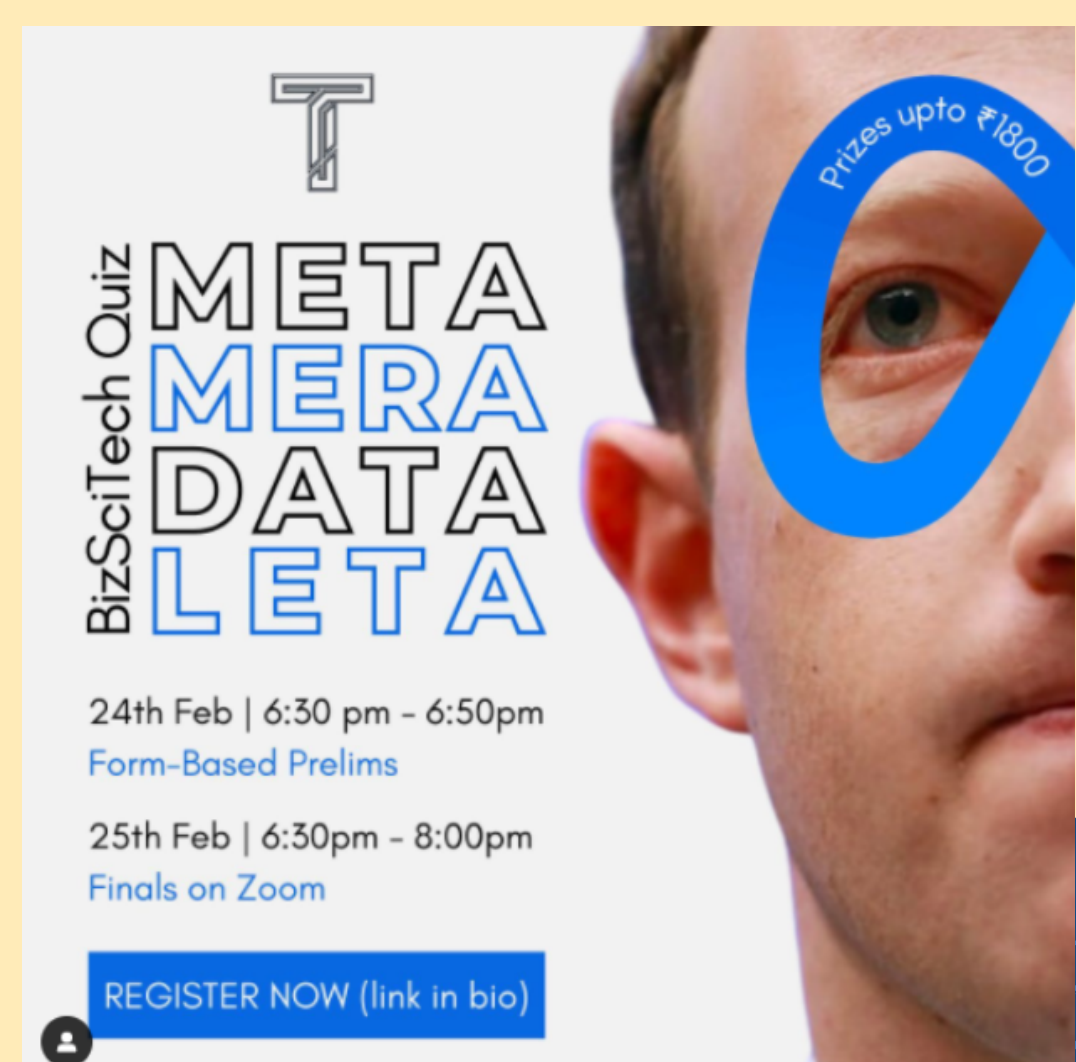
Biz Sci Tech Quiz (Business Science & Technology Quiz)

The members of Trivialis hosted META MERA DATA LETA, a quiz on Business, Science and Technology, which spanned across two days! Topics will vary from weird facts about companies like Apple to scientific terminologies used in pop culture. The event had a 20 minute prelims on the 24th of February followed by a final round on 25th February.

The title of the quiz, META MERA DATA LETA, is representative of the omnipresent Mark Zuckerberg's never ending shenanigans, but now in the Metaverse. The quiz was beginner friendly and each question's answer could be worked out by the clues given in the question.

M.E.L.A Quiz (Music, Entertainment, Literature & Art Quiz)

The members of Trivialis organized another M.E.L.A (Music, Entertainment, Literature and Art) Quiz, which spanned across two days! Topics can vary from Tarantino, Tenet trivia, Doja Cat album art to Picasso and Titanic connects (and much much more, our list for M.E.L.A is never exhaustive). The event was held across 2 days with a 20 minute prelims on the 26th of February followed by a final round on 27th February.



AUDIOBYTES X TRIVIALIS

Never Gonna Quiz You Up

Never Gonna Quiz You Up presented fun and tricky questions to test how well you really know your favourite songs, and your music knowledge.



ELECTROHOLICS X ASTRONUTS

Space Race 2.0

Electroholics and Astronuts have come together to brought to us Space Race 2.0- The event kicked off with a small workshop on the basics of orbital mechanics, post which we got to exercise our newly acquired skills building our own rockets in the game SpaceFlight Simulator.



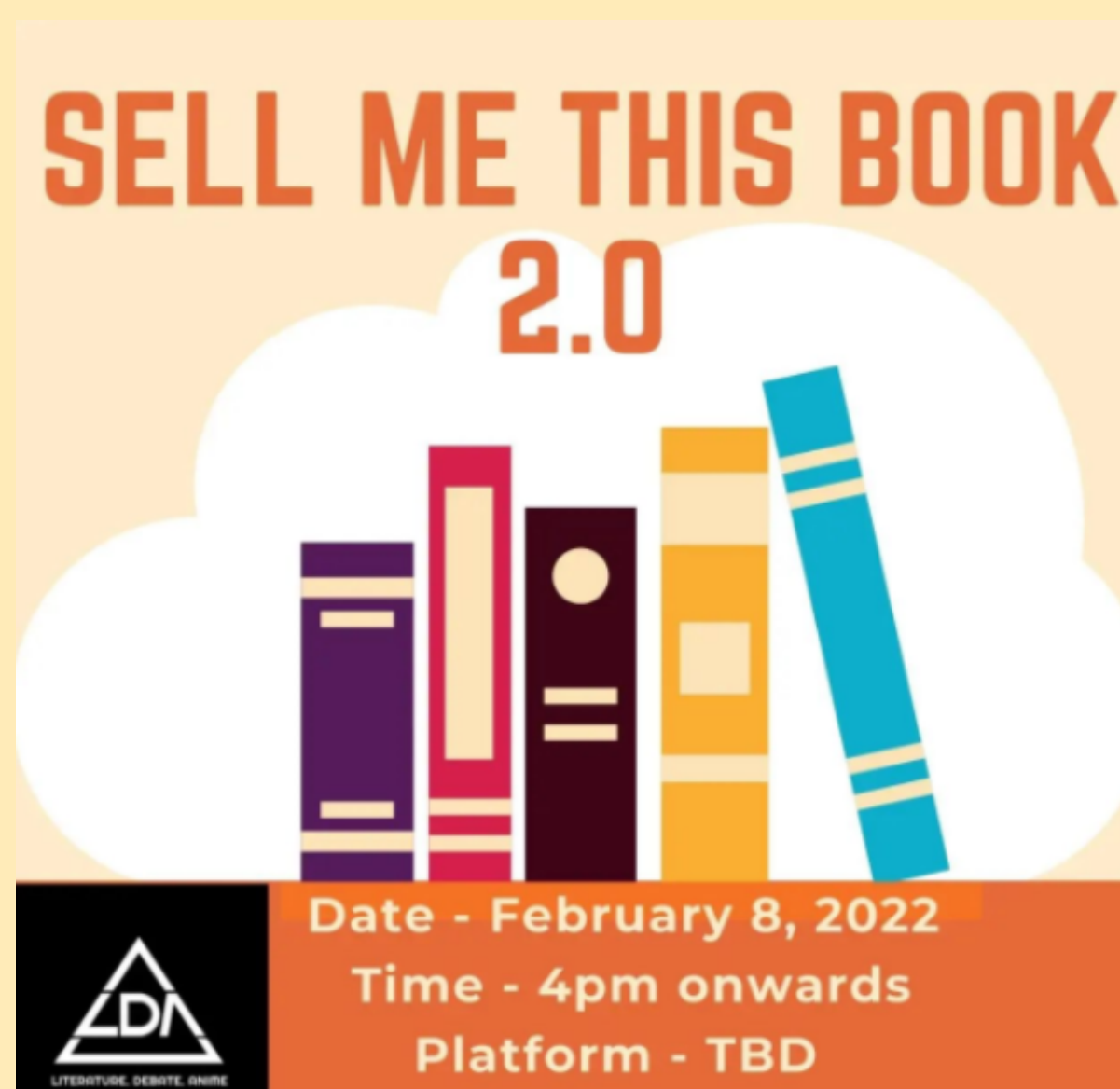
LDA

Sell me this book 2.0

Got a book you re-read constantly? Or a book that you're convinced everyone should read for the world to become a better place, overall? Or a new book, that you just found, but fell immediately in love with?

The Literature-Debate-Anime society of IIITD brought back a crowd-favourite event, "Sell Me This Book".

Eligibility criteria for the book -
The twinkle in your eyes when you talk about it;)



Poetic Devices- Limerick

People brought out the poet inside themselves in this fantastic opportunity called

'Poetic Devices- English Poetry' which was held on Instagram.

But a game without a twist could be no fun. So to spice up the competition, the participants had to write their poems using the poetic device 'LIMERICK'.



FOOBAR

FooBar()
{<insert code>}

Prosort 99

Prosort is a biweekly competitive programming contest organized for the students of IIITD to participate. The students are divided into two divisions based on their knowledge and CF ratings.

For Div1 participants - There will be cash prizes for the winners.

For Div2 participants - Top performers stand a chance of being offered FooBar membership.

Beginner CodeClass

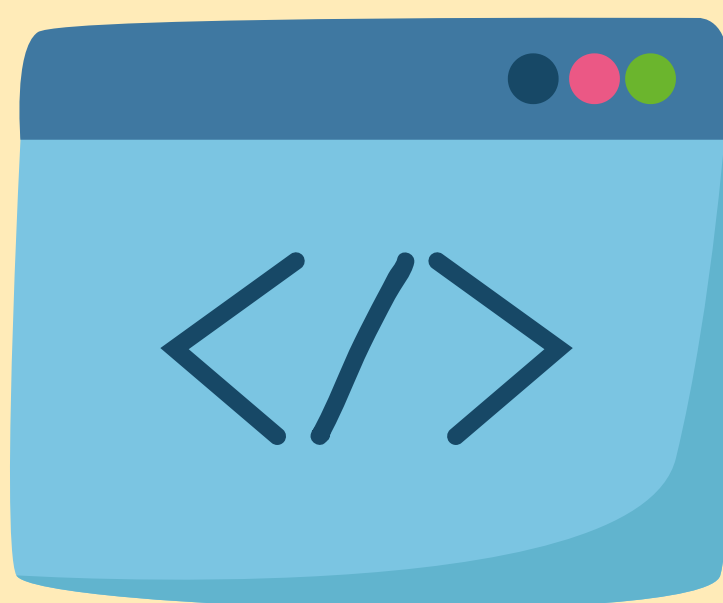
Topic: Time and Space Complexity

This CodeClass focused on analysing time and space complexities of programs, introduce Big-O notation, and provided basic tips on writing code adhering to time and memory limits.

Advanced Codeclass

Topic: Disjoint Set Union (DSU)

The CodeClass covered topics such as path, rank and size compression along with some problems.



CHAMPIONS OF IIITD

| EVENTS | Organised BY | Winners |
|---------------------|--------------|---|
| Mella Quiz | Trivalis | I Team Crow II Team Alpha Fight III Team Racoons |
| Poetic Device | LDA | I. Aabhas Chadhha II. Viviana Longjam III Sanya Madan IV Ayush Kumar Singh |
| Writing Competition | PhiloSoc | I Biswasmita Mishra II Rishabh Sharma III Chaitanya Arora IV Siddhant Rai Viksit V Yash Yadav |

SPORTS COUNCIL



Part of the Big 3 of tennis and currently the number 1 ranked singles player, Novak Djokovic is engulfed with wrong noises all around. Not new to controversies and debacles, he found himself in one of the worst handled fiascos in the sport's history. His deportation from the Australian Open last month following his inclination not to get vaccinated against COVID-19 has divided the tennis fraternity down the line. Much like the entirety of his professional career, the fans are not taking a liking to him.

To give some context: Roger Federer(Switzerland), Rafael Nadal(Spain), and Novak Djokovic(Serbia) are fondly called the Big 3 of open-era tennis for their sheer dominance and consistent performances. They have won 61 of the last 76 Grand Slams, and at least one of them has been a part of 68 GS Finals since the 2003 Australian Open Final. The three have served the fans many epic matches like the 2007 Wimbledon Final, 2011 French Open Final, 2012 Australian Open Final, 2015 US Open Final, 2019 Wimbledon Final, and many more. Though not the fan's favourite, Novak Djokovic has edged ahead of his rivals in the Big 3 race in recent years.



| Name | Roger Federer | Rafael Nadal | Novak Djokovic |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Grand Slams | 20 | 21 | 20 |
| ATP 1000s | 28 | 36 | 37 |
| Olympics | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ATP Finals | 6 | 0 | 5 |
| Major Ttitles | 54 | 58 | 62 |
| Total Career Titles | 103 | 90 | 86 |
| Major Ttile Percentage | 52.42718447 | 64.44444444 | 72.09302326 |
| Most Weeks at #1 | 310 | 209 | 361 |
| Overall Win % | 82 | 83.2 | 83.2 |

However, every beginning also has an end. If the last two years are any indicator, the dawn of the Big 3 era is coming to an end. Roger Federer has waned owing to his knee surgeries, and the fans very well might have seen the last of him at the 2021 Wimbledon. Nadal showed commendable spirit and resilience at AO 2022 by winning his 21st Grand Slam and completing his double career slam. However, those who understand the game know that his body struggles

to effortlessly keep up the same intensity levels. Djokovic's unvaccinated status takes him out of contention for many.

.significant events, including the coming French Open, something he acknowledged in his explosive interview with BBC'S media editor Amol Rajan earlier this month.

"Because the principles of decision making on my body are more important than any title or anything else I'm trying to be in tune with my body as much as I possibly can."

Novak Djokovic

This decision speaks volumes of his courage, strength, and determination. It will hurt him professionally simultaneously, but the respect and admiration of fans will matter to him the most after finally earning it in the last few years. Furthermore, he is the only player on the ATP tour to have completed a non-calendar Grand Slam and career golden masters two times.



So what is the road ahead for the big three? Federer deserves to retire on his terms, but that looks improbable at the moment, which means the race to become the greatest of all times is now down to Nadal and Djokovic. Nadal remains the firm favourite at Roland Garros will hope to carry his form ahead in other tournaments in the former's absence. Djokovic has many records at stake and would hope that the COVID restrictions placed by tournament organizers end soon while he stages his comeback at the ATP 500 Dubai Tennis Championship. The next-gen players like Zverev, Tsitsipas, Medvedev, Rublev, and others have a golden chance to come out of the shadows of the big three and script their own legacies for which they need to start bringing their A-game and add some GS wins to their collection.

The coming two years will make it or break it for many players. Retirements of many high profile players are imminent, which only echoes the question more - Is Djokovic missing out on a golden chance to be the GOAT of tennis?



BACK TO SPORTS

With the opening of hostels for students, most of the activities in sports have resumed for hostellers. Trials for the following sports have been conducted:

1. Badminton
2. Football (boys + girls)
3. Kabaddi (boys)
4. Table tennis (girls)
5. Volleyball

- Training for badminton and tennis are being conducted regularly.
- Yoga sessions are conducted regularly in the morning offline (student centre) and online settings (google meet).
- The gym is open 24/7 in the sports block, with a trainer coming in for morning and afternoon sessions.



MONTHLY INTEREST BY FINNEXIA

PENNY STOCKS

In January this year, I read a news article about the penny stocks in 2021, which gave a return of more than 1000%. I read about 'Textile player Digjam,' which rose over 5935% in 2021. An investment of Rs 1 lakh in Digjam on the last day of the previous

calendar year would have become Rs 59.35 lakh today. This news completely blew me away. In Particular, This one piece of news made me want to explore penny stocks in detail.

Many investors are drawn to penny stocks because they find the upside compelling. They're intrigued by the idea of investing in a small company in its early stages and watching that money grow along with the company. After all, many companies that started as penny stocks have become household names, making their early investors very wealthy in the process. As those businesses grew in size, many of their shareholders grew in wealth along with the companies.



Although the aim for most companies is to get bigger and bigger, Unfortunately, the number of low-quality companies outweighs the good ones. Many investors are afraid of penny stocks because of their risk, the low quality of the companies, and the potential for fraud and price manipulation. Others point out that penny stock trading is one of the few channels in which a small amount of money has the potential to turn into significant wealth so quickly.

Multibillion-dollar corporations might encounter issues that they barely even notice, while those same events could derail or dramatically impact any micro-cap company. While small events don't tend to affect the prospects or direction of a blue-chip stock, everything matters when a company is new, tiny, or more vulnerable.

Penny stocks are also the focus of many scams, for there is an opportunity to make money by manipulating the prices of the shares. Dishonest promoters try to push up the costs of the penny stocks they own by tricking unsuspecting investors through free newsletters and message boards.



The key is to avoid those lackluster stocks and instead find the top 5 percent that will be highly profitable.

Penny stocks are volatile, but that's part of their appeal. Although such volatility isn't appropriate for everyone, low-priced shares can move quickly and significantly, generating profit potential that isn't available elsewhere.

The saying "The higher the risk, the higher the reward." is especially apt for penny stocks.

But good investing isn't necessarily about earning the highest returns because the highest returns tend to be one-off hits that can't be repeated. It's about earning pretty good returns that you can stick with and which can be repeated for the longest period of time.

-Sidhhant



PELOTON'S ROLLERCOASTER RIDE

Once the darling of the VC and hedge fund crowd during the pandemic, Peloton has had a rough 12 months. After soaring more than 700% from the March 2020 lows due to the surge in demand for stay-at-home gym alternatives, the stock cratered back below its IPO price as rising input costs, coupled with slowing subscriber growth, spooked investors. As if it couldn't get worse, the company announced that it is temporarily shutting down the production of its connected fitness bike in an effort to minimize costs amid dwindling demand.

However, to the relief of bagholders, the stock is once again picking up some steam, leaping 31% on Monday after reports that the company is exploring takeover options. Valued at just \$8 billion at the end of last week, with nearly 6 million members on the platform, the company could be a valuable-yet-affordable addition to any sporting or technology company's portfolio of assets. Potential acquirers are rumoured to include sporting apparel giant Nike and e-commerce heavyweight Amazon.

In my view, since Peloton is just an iPad strapped to an exercise bike, the most logical acquirer would be Apple. The synergies would be immense. That said, I can't wait for Jeff Bezos to strap a Kindle tablet to the bike and force consumers to order goods from Amazon every time they exercise

--Daksh Sammi



COUPLE WHO STOLE \$4.5 BILLION IN BITCOIN

You've heard of the Wolf of Wall Street... well meet "Raunchy Rapper " Razzlekhan. Heather R. Morgan, the founder and CEO of End pass, an AI fraud detection company (ironic), was arrested along with her husband Ilya Lichtenstein in Manhattan on Tuesday on account of the conspiracy to launder ~120,000 bitcoins — or \$4.5 billion stolen during a 2016 hack of the Bitfinex currency exchange. The couple funnelled some of the money through AlphaBay Marketplace to hide their transactions, cashed some out at Bitcoin ATMs, purchased some NFTs, gold, and even Walmart gift cards.

In her Forbes contributor bio (which has now been updated to "former contributor"), Morgan describes herself as "an international economist, serial entrepreneur, and investor in B2B software companies." In another ironic twist, the bio also says, "When she's not reverse-engineering black markets to think of better ways to combat fraud and cybercrime, she enjoys rapping and designing streetwear fashion."



Arguably, the most interesting bit is that last line — her raunchy rap career. Going by the name “Razzlekhan,” with the implication that she has “more pizzazz than Genghis Khan,” Morgan has posted an extensive catalogue of rap and other videos on TikTok and YouTube, calling herself the “Turkish Martha Stewart” or the “Waffle Queen of Korea.”

You can watch one of her more popular music videos. Viewer discretion is advised. Not because it’s majorly NSFW, but because it is cringing AF. I’m not sure what’s more surprising: That this couple was able to launder \$4.5 billion worth of crypto, or that one of them is a tech entrepreneur / Forbes journalist / cringe rapper. The characters in the crypto world keep getting crazier...

-Daksh Sammi



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