

"All who wander are not lost"



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A General Discussion with a difference

In one of the most intense discussions in the last few months with 10 members, at the meeting the pressure was on the governing board, with razor sharp questions about the long pending tasks of the financial reports, the promise made to National High School, and lots more.

Those responsible for all the above tasks, were left speechless without proper answers to any of the questions put forward. With a request of another week's time, they were finally let go of by a reluctant general body.

Another important issue addressed, was that of subscription dues. Almost all the Bens have to clear their subscriptions from January, and haven't done it despite an announcement being made by the

treasurer asking for dues to be cleared by the first Sunday of every month.

With the standard threat of doubling the dues going in vain, the general body came up with a new solution. Any member who hasn't cleared dues will have to give a ten minute speech on a topic that will be given to them as the meeting begins. Well, unusual, but we hope it works!



the general discussion.

"Let us do our part for the environment, as members of BFMC" said Ben Utkarsh.

With a proposal for a sapling plantation under the banner of BFMC, Ben Utkarsh stole the show.

The date for this event will most likely be August 4th. There are also chances that the event will be part of the Independence Day celebrations for this year. Ben Utkarsh and Bharat, we learn, are in the process of visiting the municipal of-



Independence Day

Six months after the new Governing Board has taken over, not much has been done. There is not quorum in most meetings, there haven't been any major events except for the Charter Nite and Intra-club- both of which had organizational flaws.

This Independence Day might be a chance for the team to do something interesting, rather than a simple flag hoisting ceremony.

We learn that a few plans for some kind of Social Service (like the Sapling Plantation) are being discussed, but nothing has been finalized yet, or is still under wraps.

To make things more difficult for the team, the venue that we have been using for all national festivals since revival is under renovation, and not usable at all. The team has to start from scratch, find

All Work and No Play

Also part of the intense discussion last week was a proposal to include sports as part of the regular meetings, once a month by Ben Bharat.

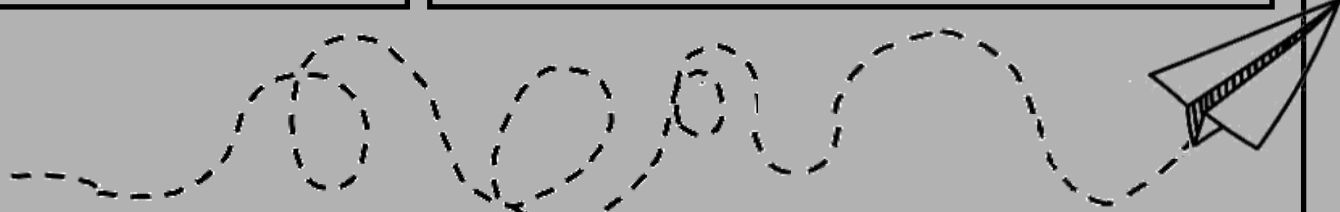
Initially it was an idea that most people seemed on board with, until the President vetoed the idea, and shot it down- drawing everyone's attention to the elephant in the room, that the frequency of meetings was worrying, which left little room for allowing any kind of changes to the existing

format.

"Can each one of us here pledge to attend at least three meetings per month?" questioned the chair.

After a murmur in the general body, and quiet stares, there was a sense of agreement in the room.

After this, the general body agreed that a trial run would be wise before implementing it, and Ben Bharat would be in charge of organizing the sports session. Further sessions of this kind, would be



My First Solo Travel Experience



Just like everyone does, we did too. We made The Plan. Gokarna, because Goa was banned at our houses. Nine friends, all excited at the prospect of our first group travel. "Let's leave early tomorrow morning and book our tickets" said one. "Yes", said everyone else.

9AM next morning, there is a message in the Whatsapp group- SOS. What was the emergency? Didn't matter. Soon, one after the other, everyone dropped out. Well, now what?

I decided I didn't need anyone else and I could go alone. Well not immediately, but after making calculations and getting disheartened I didn't have a budget, and then realizing that there are group tours, Yes. I could go alone. And I did.

When people brag about solo trips being difficult, but rewarding, I didn't really understand it. But the amount of courage it takes to travel with a group of unknown people to an unknown place in the midst of nowhere, is honestly scary.



There's nobody around you that you know, and you won't know whom you can trust to stand by you. Yet, I found the courage, and managed to get to the bus stop to board my bus.

A 4 day trip, inclusive of treks, sleeping by the beach, bonfires, and what not!

After a silent beginning and introductions, we began our journey. Travelled through small crevices between two hills, got chased by dogs, bitten by mosquitoes, and camped under the stars. At the end of day 4, I don't think anyone could have differentiated them, and the original set of people I was supposed to go with! Fun, joking around, laughing, and loud. Everything a group of young people should be.

Well, yes. Solo trips are difficult at first, and rewarding. The kind of confidence and satisfaction you get, is unmatched. They say you discover yourself, when you travel alone. Well, they're not wrong. But who am I to tell you that? Go out there, travel, and you'll know for yourself!

-A Wandering Ghost

Life is a journey

Google defines travel as, "make a journey, typically of some length." How bland is it compared to all the things that travel encompasses. I am not talking about the daily commute we make to work or college, I am talking about the long journeys we take to explore a different place with our loved ones. It is magical.



Editorial- Ben Praharsha

There is a quote I came across recently, "We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us." How very apt it is. Going on any sort of journey whisks us away from the monotony of everyday routine to an adventurous undertaking. Travel nourishes souls. Meeting new people, trying out new things are how we grow as people. The beauty of it is, there is no necessity to go to a happening destination to experience all this. A simple road journey to nowhere opens up endless avenues of escapades. With 195 countries in the world and millions of places to be and things to do, there is no dearth of destinations. Right from the pristine blue waters of Hawaii to the historically significant Rome. Where you go, what you do and how you do it, does not matter as long as it gives you satisfaction.

There are different journeys you take throughout your life, enjoy them- big or small. Because at the end of the day, these are the memories, you will think back on and cherish. The lessons learnt along the way helping you understand yourself and the world around, a little bit better. After all, is that not what we are all in? A journey to understand who we are.

Travel Quiz

1. Where is the longest continuous wine route in the world located?
2. Where is Ben Dr Gita Sharma currently travelling?
3. What is the fear of road travel called?
4. On his most recent tour how many countries did Madana Mohan visit?
5. Which is the busiest airport in the world?



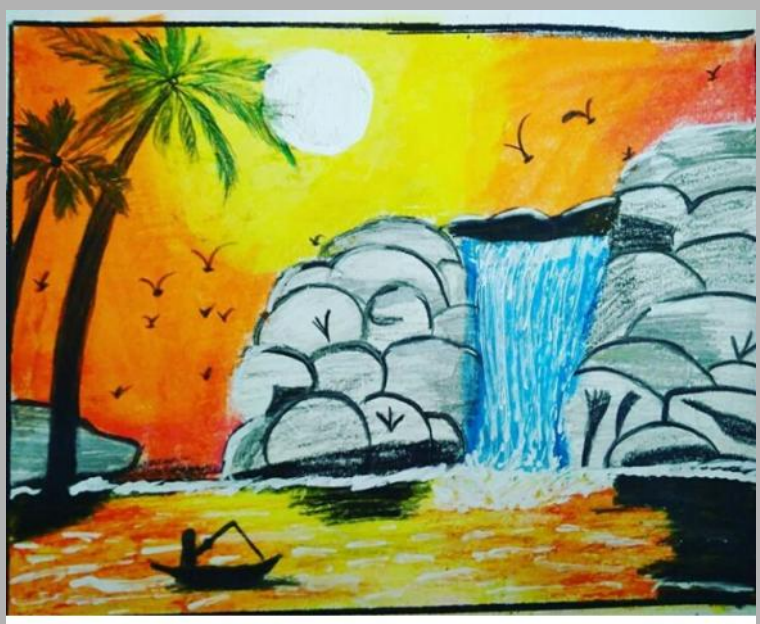
Answer to the last Who Did It:

The housekeeper told Mr. Clark that something terrible had happened to his wife was in the Intensive Care Unit. But Mr. Clark said to the detective "Someone shot my wife"



Magic Hands

The beauty of nature is all encompassing. It requires a rare breed of talent to capture the essence of what is around us and capture on a piece of paper. Work in Progress, presents, for the first time the very artistic Ben Srujana



Two Birds for One Shot

Have you ever felt like being in two places at the same time ? Well, these are some mind-boggling destinations to help you live your dream !

THE LOTUS BRIDGE

Located in Hengqin Island in China, this bridge looks like a sort of clover to help people in Macau and China to travel from one country to the other. Since the Chinese drive on the right side and the



latter in left, the citizens have to go over the bridge to change sides with the help of the bridge.

THE TRIPLE FRONTIER

This place doesn't make you be in two places at once but three ! This is the intersection of The Iguazu River and The Parana river which connects three cities in Paraguay, Puerto Iguazú Argentina and Brazil.



THE DIOMEDE ISLANDS

These islands are located in Bering Strait. Even though the Bigger Diomedede (Russia) and The Little Diocese (USA) are separated with just 2.5 miles between them, the Bigger Diomedede is ahead of The Little Diomedede by 21hours

due to the presence of the International Date Line passing straight through them.



VAALSERBERG

Also called Drielandenpunt in Dutch, Dreiländereck in German and Trois Frontières in French, this hill in the province of Limburg , the Netherlands is a tripoint of Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium. Located at 1058ft above the sea

level, this is one of the highest tri-points in the world.



TRERIKSRÖSET

Treriksröset or three-country cairn is yet another tripoint between the countries of Finland , Norway and Sweden. This is a marker built in the lake Goldajärvi by the soldiers at the end of World War II. You can go

there by hiking along the national reserve during the cold seasons and go using a ferry boat during summer.

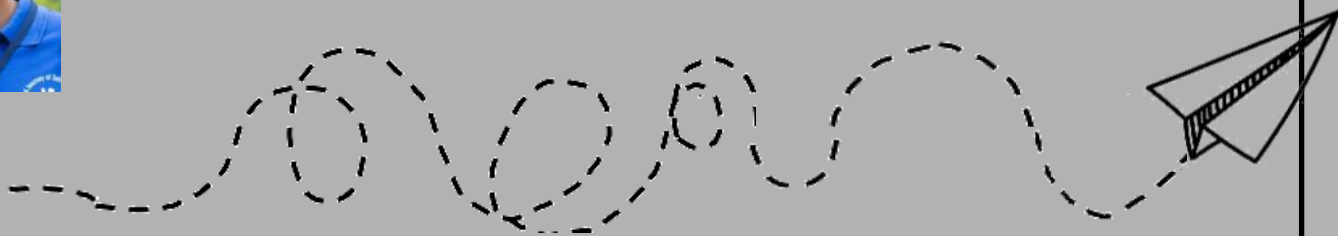


SCHENGEN

This place exists to be the tripoint of the countries of Germany, France and Luxembourg. The Schengen Agreement was signed on a boat in the river since the tripoint is marked in it.



Ben Sudha's Travel Bucket List



Some Deep Quote for a Title



A walk along the beach. An evening in lush green nature. A bonfire under the starry night sky. A stroll in the morning dew surrounded by majestic mountains. They give a sense of calm, don't they?

Exploring places is something I genuinely love. (Yes yes, it became a fad. Everyone seems to be doing it these days and I am pretty sure it is the most popular hobby listed in most resumes). I do love it. There is something about going to a whole new place for a few days and experiencing everything (Well, obviously not literally everything. There is time and budget and weather and a whole lot



of other things to consider, but you can, is my point) it has to offer is enticing. The different vibe of a place, the differences in culture, nature all round looking

straight out of a picture, is alluring (A bit over the top? I know. But go on top of a snow-clad mountain, and tell me I am wrong).

The past year, one of the things that changed in my life, was the frequency of me exploring places. Right from weekend gateways to major trips to Pondicherry and Goa.



Each one was drastically different from the other. Both of them are essentially beaches but the experiences were contrasting. (I will explain. It is like if you compare pasta and biryani, both great food but you cannot really compare them, same same but different).

How, you ask? I will elaborate. First of all, the places were different (Duh!).

Pondicherry was a quaint seashore with pretty French houses and petite streets (Petite=small, French, because why not), all calm and away from the hustle bustle of the city. Goa, on the other hand, was grand. Spread out with the party atmosphere oozing out.

Secondly, the people I went to these places with two separate groups. The company you keep plays a major role in how you experience the trip (Primarily, what stupid jokes you make and laugh at). Most of all, there is an unspoken bond you create with people you travel with. Thirdly (Just adding it because three is a nice number for a list), one is the Bay of Bengal and the other is the Arabian ocean (What? You knew? Okay).

What am I trying to say? Well, there is no point to this really. Because sometimes you have to travel for the fun of it.

-Ben Praharsa

From "Let's Go" to "How about No"



I love to visit new places. I mean, who doesn't? But my life consists of more "Let's go" and then "I can't come" than the actual number of plans.

First of all, I am one of the two people in my group who does the entire planning. And I don't mind it, because I'm intrigued by what each place has to offer. One month, 3 days, and 7 hours. That's how long we spent in planning, researching and finally making a plan that suited everyone's needs.

In fact, there have been times when I spoke to travel agents, got them to make just about a hundred changes in our plan.

The time had come for us to approve the plan, and someone realizes that they have other plans for just that weekend.

Okay, let's get the agent to change the

date. Some other date happens to be someone's girlfriend's birthday. Great. Just perfect. Finally, we find one weekend which everyone is okay with.

Meanwhile, the travel agent who I ignored for 4 days after her not understanding that we are finalizing a few details, sends me an email. "We haven't received a response from you regarding your booking ID *some number* and we are closing this, assuming you have cancelled your trip." As if I needed any more discouragement. In the end, that trip did get cancelled. Meh, I let it go.

But was that all? No way. I wouldn't be ranting like I am if that was it. So what's next? Let's move on to trip number 2.

This time, we found a weekend first,

decided that it will be a small trip- somewhere not too far away from Hyderabad, took permissions from home, and then began planning. Should work, right?

Well, it did. We booked tickets too. And then, as it should, tragedy hugged us before we could hold our tickets and rejoice. Someone's girlfriend broke up with him. And we went back to the same guy who booked the tickets, and got them cancelled.

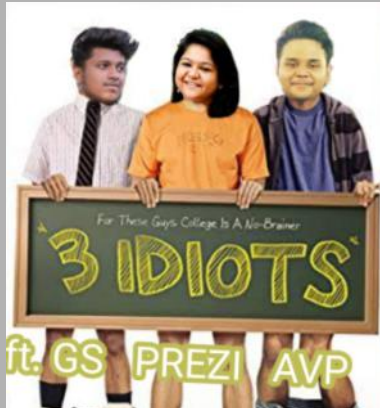
So what now? What am I doing? Well, fantasizing, making plans for trips that I know won't happen, and deleting the documents. :)

-Ben Krishnaveni



JUST B ENT THINGS

MEME OF THE MONTH



BRS as on 27.07.2019

Rank	Name	Points
1	Ben Krishnaveni	15
2	Ben Utkarsh	10
3	Ben Raj	9
4	Ben Adithi	7
5	Ben Srikanth	7
6	Ben Praneeth	5
7	Ben Sathwika	3
8	Ben Srujana	2

Ben Krishnaveni on top

At the end of this month's BRS, Ben Krishnaveni is still on top, with the same lead, owing to a Ben of the Day and consistently being in the top 3 of each session!



Consolidated Meeting Report

On 7th July, 2019 the members of the club met at NHS at 4 :45 pm with a quorum of 10 began the first meeting of the month. The invocation was given by Ben Adithi followed by the noble thought by Ben Krishnaveni who also welcomed the members to the meeting with an address and an insight into the theme "Identity."

After quite some months, we had an induction, that of Ben Dillesh.



The main session was conducted by Ben Sathwika. It was her first time conducting a session. The way she had command

over such a session, Mock PC, being a Yuvtal-level event, was very impressive.

Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the session and participated energetically.

The Evaluator of the day was Ben Adithi.

For the general discussion, the members discussed about the updates regarding membership drive and other issues like financial reports and subscriptions. The Ben of the day was shared by Ben Sathwika and Ben Raj. The vote of thanks was given by Ben Dillesh.

On 21st July, 2019 the club met at NHS for the second time in the month. The invocation was given by Ben Dillesh and the noble thought by Ben Bharath. The president gave the welcome address and introduced to theme for the day- "Mystery."

Yet again, Ben Sathwika came forward and conducted her second literary session, i.e., Block and tackle. She tactfully conducted it and made the ses-

sion lively. Ben Utkarsh played the Evaluator for the day. He also conducted the light session titled Unethical Discussions. It was an amazing session that dealt with diplomacy and sharpness.

In the general discussion that followed, the members disused about various things like membership drive, subscriptions, the NHS plan and regarding the next session. The club came up with a clever idea to make the members pay their subscriptions if they procrastinate. They have to speak for 10 mins for a topic given on the spot!

The process would continue the next week if they do not pay the fee. Ben Bharath put forth his idea of having an outdoor activity as a part of the next session (More details on front page). Ben Utkarsh also shared his ideas regarding contributing something to the environment. Hence, he put forth his program of sapling plantation. The tentative date was discussed and the other logistics would be taken care by Ben Utkarsh himself.

