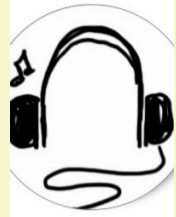
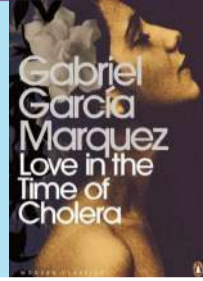


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As we are bidding farewell to 2018, we bring for you, the Bests of this year

# Top 5 Movies of the Year

Standing at 182 meters tall, the Statue of Unity is built near the Sardar Sarovar Dam in the Narmada district, around 200 kilometers from Ahmedabad.

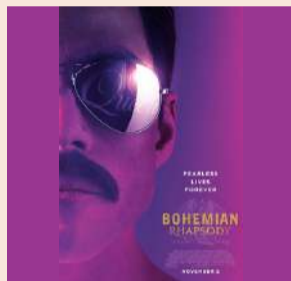
In a remarkable landmark verdict, the Supreme Court scrapped the controversial Section 377.

Mary Kom wins historic sixth gold in Women's World Boxing Championship by beating Ukraine's Hanna Okhota.

Ranveer weds Deepika on the 14th and 15th of November in Lake Como, Italy

### 1. Bohemian Rhapsody

A chronicle of the years leading up to Queen's legendary appearance at the Live Aid (1985) concert.  
Directors: Bryan Singer, Dexter Fletcher  
Writers: Anthony McCarten, Peter Morgan  
Stars: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee



Stars: Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper, Sam Elliott

### 3. The Favourite

In early 18th century England, a frail Queen Anne (Colman) occupies the throne and her close friend Lady Sarah (Weisz) governs the country in her stead. When a new servant Abigail (Stone) arrives, her charm endears her to Sarah.  
Director: Yorgos Lanthimos  
Writers: Deborah Davis, Tony McNamara  
Stars: Olivia Colman, Emma Stone, Rachel Weisz



Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

Directors: Anthony Russo, Joe Russo  
Writers: Christopher Markus, Stephen McFeely  
Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo



### 5. Creed II

Under the tutelage of Rocky Balboa, heavyweight contender Adonis Creed faces off against Viktor Drago, son of Ivan Drago.  
Director: Steven Caple Jr.  
Writers: Cheo Hodari Coker, Ryan Coogler  
Stars: Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone, Tessa Thompson

### 2. A star is born

A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral.  
Director: Bradley Cooper  
Writers: Eric Roth, Bradley Cooper



### 4. Avengers- Infinity War

The Avengers and their allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful



Atreyee Bandyopadhyay

# Top 5 Gadgets of 2018

Whether you're agonizing over your next handset, an upgrade to your television, or what smartwatch is going to help you keep fit, there are countless options and iterations available to you - and only so much time to sift through them. So if you're the sort of person who just wants to know what the best is welcome to your new shopping list.

### 1. Best phone 2018

#### Samsung Galaxy S9 Plus

Samsung's best phone with a big screen and superb camera  
Weight: 189g | Dimensions: 158.1 x 73.8 x 8.5 mm | OS: Android 8 | Screen size: 6.2-inch | Resolution: 1440 x 2960 | CPU: Snapdragon 845 / Exynos 9810 | RAM: 6GB | Storage: 64GB/128GB | Battery: 3,500mAh | Rear camera: Dual 12MP | Front camera: 8MP  
Price: Rs. 51,999  
Excellent low-light cameras  
Super premium build  
AR Emoji mode is overrated  
Not all that different to S8 Plus

### 2. Best laptop 2018

#### Huawei MateBook X Pro

CPU: 8th generation Intel Core i5 - i7 | Graphics: Intel UHD Graphics 620, Nvidia GeForce MX150 2GB GDDR5 | RAM: 8GB - 16GB | Screen: 13.9-inch 3K (3,000 x 2,080) | Storage: 512GB SSD  
Price: Rs. 1,99,999  
Beautiful design, Fantastic display  
No SD card slot, Webcam not great

### 3. Best TV 2018

#### Samsung Q9FN QLED (2018)

65-inch: Samsung QE65Q9FN  
Spectacular HDR picture quality  
Powerful, well-rounded sound  
Limited viewing angles  
Price: Rs. 4,45,610

### 4. Best games console 2018

#### PS4 Pro

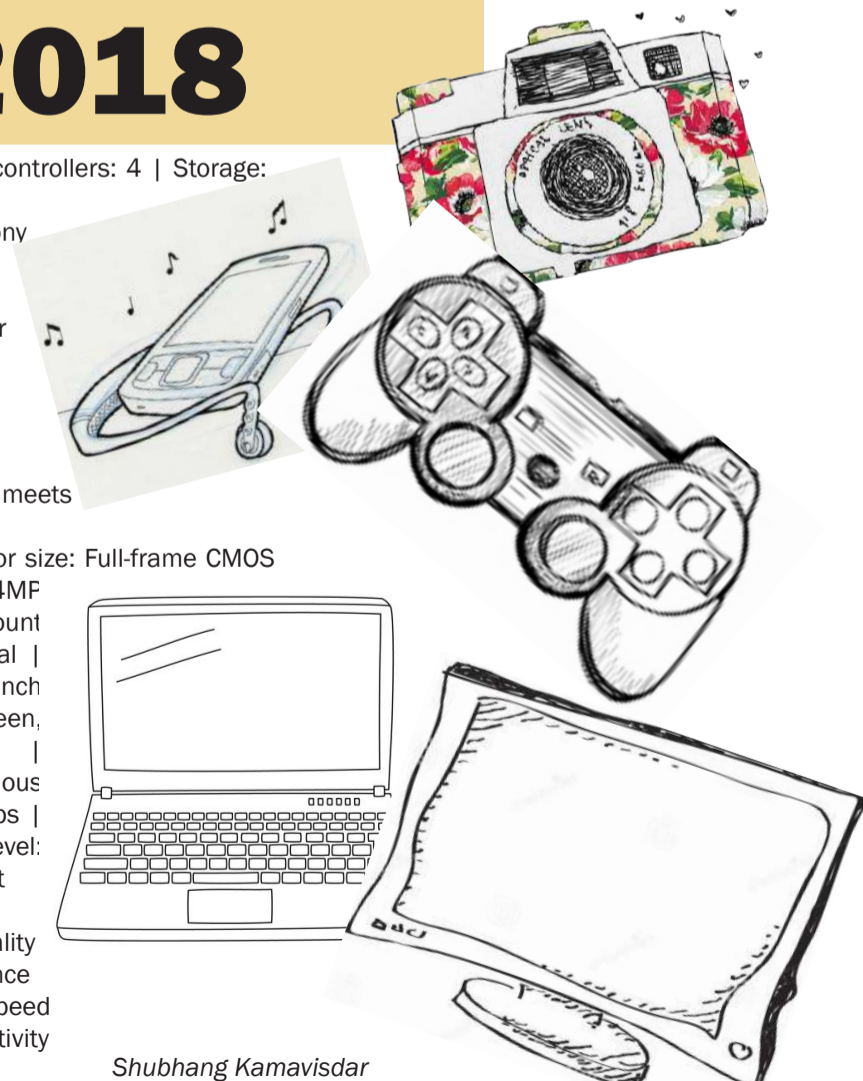
Sony's souped-up PS4 Pro is amazing for 4K TV owners  
Dimensions: 29.5 x 32.7 x 5.5 cm (W x L x H) | GPU: 4.20 TFLOPS, AMD Radeon™ based graphics engine | RAM: 8 GB of GDDR5, 1 GB DDR3 | Communication: USB 3.1, HDMI 2.0a, Ethernet, Optical Audio and PlayStation Camera ports, Dual-band 802.11ac wireless, Bluetooth 4.0 | Max Resolution: 3840 x

2160 | Maximum controllers: 4 | Storage: 1TB  
First 4K HDR Sony console  
1TB hard drive  
No 4K Blu-ray player

### 5. Best camera 2018

#### Nikon D850

High resolution meets high speed  
Type: DSLR | Sensor size: Full-frame CMOS | Resolution: 45.4MP | Lens: Nikon F mount | Viewfinder: Optical | Screen type: 3.2-inch tilting touchscreen, 2,359,000 dots | Maximum continuous shooting speed: 7fps | Movies: 4K | User level: Intermediate/expert 251702  
Stunning image quality  
Excellent performance  
Slow Live View AF speed  
SnapBridge connectivity  
Price: Rs. 3,53,000



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# Top 5 Best-Selling Books of 2018

## 1. The Woman in the Window

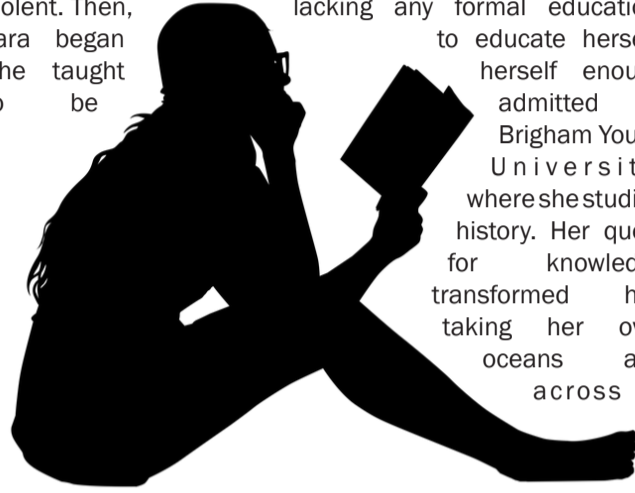
A.J. Finn  
Rating- 3.97  
Anna Fox lives alone—a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her day drinking wine (maybe too much), watching old movies, recalling happier times and spying on her neighbors. Then the Russells move into the house across the way. But when Anna, gazing out her window one night, sees something she shouldn't, her world begins to crumble. Its shocking secrets are laid bare. In this diabolically gripping thriller nothing is what it seems.

## 2. The Great Alone

Kristin Hannah  
Rating -4.33 •  
Ernt Allbright, a former prisoner of war, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers. In a wild, remote corner of the state, they find a fiercely independent community of strong men and even stronger women. As winter approaches, Ernt's fragile mental state deteriorates and the family begins to fracture. In their small cabin, Leni and her mother learn the terrible truth. In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska.

## 3. Educated

Tara Westover  
Rating -4.47  
Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. Then, lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents,



to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. "Educated" is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties. Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is.

## 4. Beneath a Scarlet Sky

Mark T. Sullivan  
Rating -4.42  
Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience. Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior. In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers. With the opportunity to spy for the Allies, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.

## 5. An American Marriage

Tayari Jones  
Rating -4.01  
Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. In this deft exploration of love, loyalty, race, justice, and both Black masculinity and Black womanhood in 21st century America, Jones achieves that most-illusive of all literary goals: the Great American Novel.

Nisha Mukherjee

## Top 5 Best Web Series of the Year

### 1. Sacred Games

A principled cop investigates a vague threat to Mumbai after receiving a long message recorded by an underworld kingpin.

### 2. Impulse

This YouTube original, produced by Doug Liman is about a high-school girl whose latent psionic abilities come out in full force when she is assaulted by a classmate, and the drama that ensues when his father (played by Billy Campbell) turns out to be not just a local car salesman but also a drug runner. The larger story is about who her real dad is and how she received her powers in the first place. Random, but well-placed, cameos by Key and Peele's Keegan-Michael Key and Community's Danny Pudi add extra flavor to this sci-fi show.

### 3. Glow

The Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling is the only show about women's wrestling in the 1980s that stars Alison Brie.

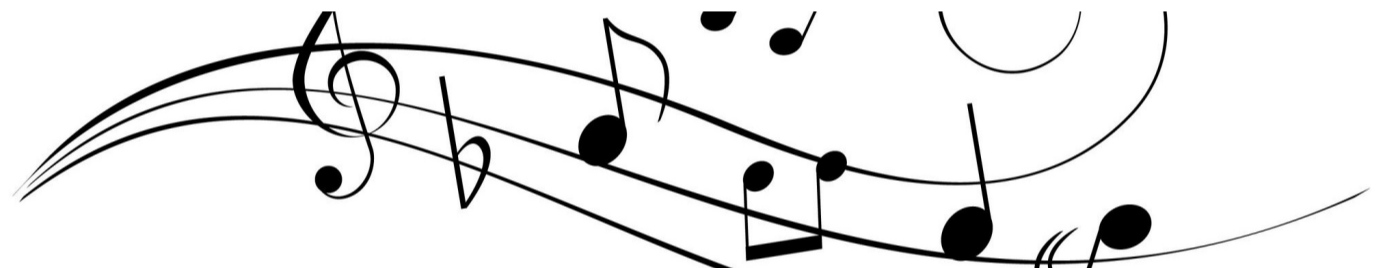
### 4. The Haunting of Hill House

The Haunting of Hill House is not only super scary, but this family drama is also fantastically well made. One could argue that the scariest part of the series is how eerily spot-on the casting is between the children, the parents and their grown-up counterparts.

### 5. Big Mouth

Oh hello, Big Mouth. Take a walk down memory lane into Nick Kroll's childhood, and prepare to laugh. This adult animated series is stacked with many all-time comedians, including John Mulaney, Jenny Slate, Jason Mantzoukas and Maya Rudolph. Maurice the Hormone Monster is voiced not by Will Arnett, but Nick Kroll.

Nisha Mukherjee



## Top Songs of the Year

### 1. Thank You, Next by Ariana Grande

If there's a song that defines a summer of tabloids, it's Ariana Grande's "thank u, next." The pop star has had a rough few years, which culminated in the doomed whirlwind romance with Pete Davidson and the tragic death of her ex-boyfriend Mac Miller. After the gossip sites went nuts with her sudden engagement to Davidson after a few weeks of dating in June, the relationship became the biggest entertainment news story of the summer. But, as abruptly as it started, the engagement was called off in mid-October about a month after Miller's death. While Grande kept to herself after the break-up, Davidson used it as comedy material at appearances and on Saturday Night Live. In response, Grande released this empowering break-up anthem, which is at once a mature response to the tabloid drama and an affirmation of her own strength.

### 2. Wanted By Sheck Wes

Sheck Wes raps on "Wanted," a song about growing up in New York City. The Harlem rapper explains how he grew up too quickly, living a life in which the only options left for him were being involved with drugs and violence and robbery. It's like a tour of the city from his perspective, name dropping all the major areas where shoppers and tourists and families didn't want him around. It's a song that wholly translates an experience and point of view of Sheck Wes, complete with an ominous,

doom-ified beat like it's being played from a crummy speaker in the back of a train or from the trunk of a nearby car.

### 3. Stargazing by Travis Scott

Since the death of Lil Peep late last year, hip-hop has become an open place for artists to discuss their fears and struggles with substance abuse. Travis Scott's "Stargazing" comes as a declaration of love and sobriety. In this woozy trap ballad he sings, "I was always high up on the lean / Then this girl came here to save my life." It's a reference to Kylie Jenner, with whom he recently had a kid, and who inspired him to quit codeine. The second act of the song tracks his rise to stardom to its peak, which in his mind is a relationship with Jenner, who's both his saving grace and one of the biggest celebrities in the world.

### 4. Shallow by Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper

A squad of some of the best songwriters in the business lent a hand to the creation of the A Star Is Born soundtrack. And it shows, too. Even long before the movie was released, "Shallow" had become something of a cultural phenomenon. The song is more or less just three hooks and a brief bridge. No wonder the album immediately skyrocketed to Number One on the charts. This is a song that reaches the full spectrum of music fans—a crossover between country, Americana, and pop that is a perfect musical recipe.

Nisha & Atreyee

## Book Review

### 5 Famous Quotations from the book

"He allowed himself to be swayed by his conviction that human beings are not born once and for all on the day their mothers give birth to them, but that life obliges them over and over again to give birth to themselves."

"Tell him yes. Even if you are dying of fear, even if you are sorry later, because whatever you do, you will be sorry all the rest of your life if you say no."

"The only regret I will have in dying is if it is not for love."

"Amputees suffer pains, cramps, itches in the leg that is no longer there. That is how she felt without him, feeling his presence where he no longer was."

"She knew that he loved her above all else, more than anything in the world, but only for his own sake."

## Movie Review

The Boston Globe's Ty Burr (who gave the film 2.5 stars out of 4 in his review), said that the film delivers for any die-hard Marvel fans, which he admits includes a "planet-sized chunk" of moviegoers. But he also wondered if filmmakers let "fan service get in the way of making a better movie," and said that combining so many characters into one film was a bit much.

Peter Travers of Rolling Stone lauded Brolin's performance as well, writing that he builds a character "worthy of pity and terror." However, Travers said the film suffers from where it falls in the MCU anthology.

The headline of A.A. Dowd's review for the AV Club perfectly captures his sentiments: "Infinity War" is just way too much movie for one Avengers movie."

A.O. Scott of The New York Times used the first half of his review to pen a mini-diatribes on how films like "Avengers: Infinity War" have changed the critical profession, but eventually got around to panning the film for boring action scenes and repetitive pacing.

USA Today critic Brian Truitt gave the film 3.5 stars out of 4, and said that the film told a story unlike any other in the MCU canon.

# Love In The Time of Cholera

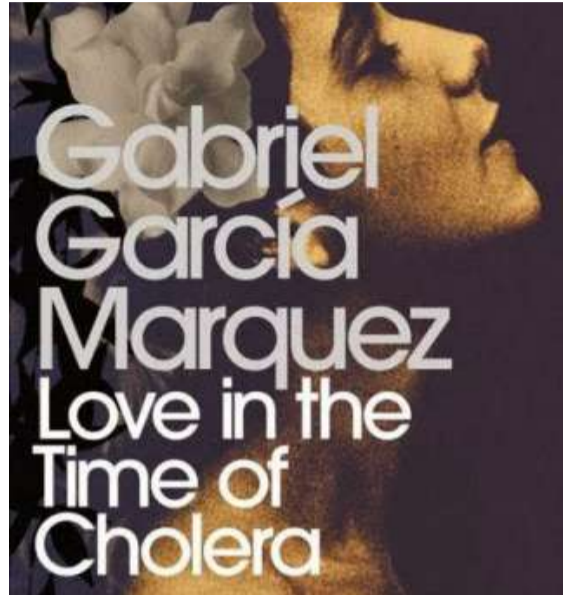
**Author: Gabriel García Márquez**

**Genre: Romance, Fiction, Magic Realism**

**Rating: 7/10**

There are no fantastic happenings in "Love in the Time of Cholera." But a man called Florentino Ariza does love a woman named Fermina Daza unrequitedly for more than 50 years, waiting until she is widowed to declare himself, when he is 76 and she 72. Florentino first sets eyes on Fermina when she is still a schoolgirl. An aspiring poet, he woos her in the courtliest fashion: with letters, serenades, verses inscribed on the petals of flowers. Fermina responds, more coolly and guardedly, but when her coarse, ambitious father tries to end the romance, she and Florentino circumvent his plans. Love seems just about to triumph when all of a sudden Fermina has a kind of negative epiphany in which she realizes that this great love was merely an illusion. Later, this time to her father's delight, she is wooed by the town's most distinguished citizen, Dr. Juvenal Urbino: handsome, aristocratic, a pious Roman Catholic, a patron of the arts, and a respected physician whose single-handed fight to improve sanitary conditions helps wipe out the dreaded cholera epidemics that have been ravaging the country. Observing the symptoms her son exhibits at the onset of his infatuation, Florentino's mother concludes that "the symptoms of love are the

same as those of cholera." But the feverish love that swings from elation to frustration is only one of the many forms of love that take shape in this richly variegated novel, which follows the lives of its three main characters from the last decades of the 19th century to the first decades of the 20th, from the coastal Caribbean town where they live, across the ocean to Europe, along rough mountain



roads to Andean villages, and along the Magdalena River route traveled by boats of the company in which Florentino eventually makes his fortune. There is the deepening, sometimes strained, but ultimately solid conjugal love that grows between Fermina and her husband, Juvenal Urbino. They do

not fall in love, they "invent" it. By looking for it, they find it. If love can be an illusion, like a dream - involuntary, irrational, fleeting - so too can it be a deliberately crafted and sustained illusion, like a work of art - complex, enduring a rational invocation of something greater than rationality. When Florentino once more sets about wooing Fermina, 50 years later, he takes a fresh tack. Instead of the passionate, handwritten love letters of his youth, he sends mature, meditative, typewritten philosophical disquisitions on life and love. At last Fermina is convinced: This love is no illusion. And what does she say to him, this septuagenarian widow? "Let time pass and we will see what it brings." What it brings is the fruition of a love that has unfolded over half a century. As Fermina and Florentino set sail along the Magdalena River in a boat called the New Fidelity, their late love blossoms amid a landscape made desolate by time and exploitation: The river's once-forested shores have been decimated, the water has receded, the riparian wildlife has dwindled or disappeared. Yet amid the ruins of nature, they find happiness. Time has proved both enemy and friend. This is a novel about people who choose hope over despair, self-knowledge over self-dramatization, in the belief that loves can transform age and time. "Love in the Time of Cholera" is a boldly romantic, profoundly imaginative, fully imagined work of fiction that expands our sense of life's infinite possibilities.

Nisha Mukherjee

## Avengers- Infinity War

**Directors - Anthony Russo & Joe Russo**

**Cast - Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Josh Brolin, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Tom Hiddleston, Chris Pratt, Scarlett Johansson, Chadwick Boseman, Benedict Cumberbatch, Tom Holland, Zoe Saldana**

**Rating: 8.5/10**

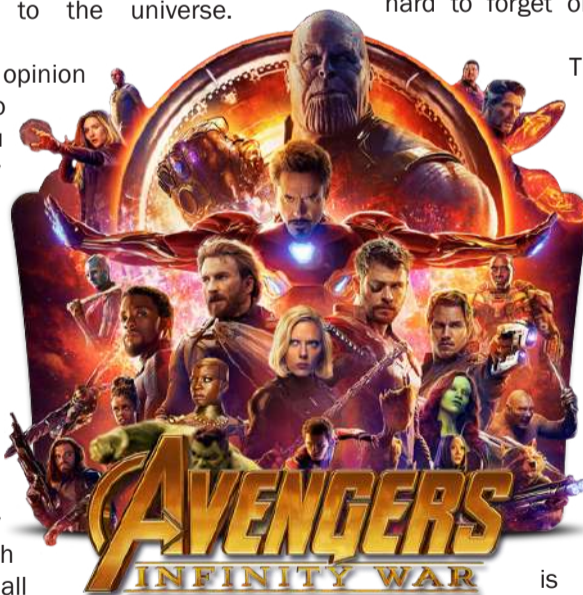
10 years in the making, the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) comes together to take on the mighty Thanos who threatens to put an end to the universe.

Irrespective of your opinion on the superhero film genre, you cannot deny that 'Avengers: Infinity War' is an ambitious undertaking - the biggest of its kind, making it a significant event in film history. Marvel Studios took a decade to meticulously plan this mammoth showdown of all their fictional heroes

together for the first time on screen. To say that the MCU has a lot riding on this would be a gross understatement, evident by their massive marketing campaign visible everywhere. But the billion-dollar question is - does it live up to the hype.

Quick answer? Oh yes, it does! All the superheroes get their moments to shine, and while some naturally take predominance over the others, no role feels minor at any point. Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely's efforts need special mention for putting together the most crucial and challenging

element in a film of this magnitude - the screenplay. From the film's opening moments, their goal to create a clear and coherent narrative is evident. The Russo Brothers take this material and enhance it to bring out some fantastic performances, along with the large-scale action one has come to expect from the MCU. Keeping this balance is not only tricky but also essential to maintain audience interest over a period of two and a half hours. There's barely a dull scene; in fact, MCU's trademark humour is intact and paired with several gut-wrenching moments that will be hard to forget once the credits roll.



justify all his screen time. Facing him are the superheroes who will take you by surprise on multiple occasions. It's a big team effort with every actor swinging for the fences. The only drawback? All the blistering action, relentless humor and plot intersections might get overwhelming to the casual viewer. But it's all part of the plan - there's so much to digest it warrants a second viewing. If you've felt we're nearing superhero exhaustion, Marvel just went and changed the rules leaving you begging for more - proving yet again that they are the real masters of this game.

Atreyee Bandyopadhyay



### Recipe for Winter

What do you think of when someone mentions winter? Heavy, itchy woolen clothes? Chapped lips and cracked heels? Sure winter is all of this, but did you also know that winter is the best season to improve immunity? During this time, people feel hungrier. Amazingly, the body engine works better in the winter and foods are better digested. So this winter lets treat our body with **Methi Matar Malai** which is a famous Punjabi recipe. It is usually served with hot naan.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup cream or malai
- 1 Bunch methi leaves, chopped
- 1 Cup boiled green peas
- Salt to taste
- 3 tbsp Ghee or butter
- 1/2 tsp Cumin seeds
- 1 Pinch asafoetida

Powder together:

- 1 Cardamom
- 1/2 Inch stick cinnamon
- 2-3 Cloves

Grind to paste:

- 1 Onion

- 1 tbsp poppy seeds
  - 1 tsp Sugar
  - 1-1/2 tbsp Cashew nuts
  - 1 tbsp Curds
  - 2-3 Green chilies
  - 1/2 Inch piece ginger
- How to Make It
- Take salted hot water.
  - Immerse methi in this water for 5 minutes.
  - Wash properly under running water.
  - Remove excess water with the help of a colander.
  - Take a bowl and beat malai until it becomes smooth.
  - Heat ghee in a utensil
  - Add cumin seeds and asafoetida.
  - Mix the paste properly and fry for 2-3 minutes.
  - Add powdered spice and salt to taste.
  - Now add peas, methi leaves, malai and all other ingredients.
  - Boil it until gravy thickens.
  - Sprinkle a dash of flour to make gravy thick. Mix it well.
  - Small amount of milk can be used, in case gravy is too thick.
  - Malai Methi Matar is ready to serve.

Mugdha Mitra

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Christmas - The Festival of Joy

The festival of Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and conveys his message of love, tolerance and brotherhood. It is a celebration of humanity and mankind. Though Christmas is a primary festival of the Christian calendar, it still has a special significance in everyone's life. It is celebrated as a universal festival throughout the nation. The first mention of 25th December as the birth date of Jesus occurred in 336 AD in an early Roman calendar. That day onwards, this date is celebrated as the birth date of Jesus. In India, this festival has a special significance since India is known for its unity in diversity worldwide. The celebration of Christmas shows that even people from different religions can take part in Christmas celebration. Christmas Celebrations and Merriment

It is on the occasion of Christmas that shops get decked up to do brisk business and offer mega discounts and sales. Markets are packed with huge crowd. People buy new clothes, gifts (exchanging gifts is an age-old Christmas practice and people choose gifts for their loved ones with great thought and affection), a variety of things to cook, Christmas decorations, among other things.

Folks send Christmas greetings to their friends and families in faraway places. People decorate their homes to the hilt with Christmas trees, wreaths with bright red decorative bulbs, bells and other small trinkets. People hang beautiful star-shaped paper lamps of various colours and sizes outside their homes.

Nearly a week before Christmas, the church, club and school choirs start doing the rounds of their neighbourhood and are greeted by people with cakes and other eatables. Christmas carols are sung in the praise of Lord Jesus Christ.

We do the same things every year: down copious amounts of eggnog; send fruitcake, cards and cookies to our loved ones; kiss under a leafy branch; hang colorful socks over the fireplace and sing off-key demands for figgy pudding at the top of our lungs. Yes, these are our Christmas traditions. Much of what we today consider holiday perennials have been around for about two centuries. The Christmas tree is the most obvious, the centerpiece of many a home. While tree worship was common in pagan Europe, the modern Christmas tree originated with German Lutherans in the 17th century and spread to Pennsylvania in the 1820s. When Germany's Prince Albert came to England in 1840 to marry Queen Victoria, he brought the Christmas tree with him. The royal family decorated it with small gifts, toys, candles, candies and fancy cakes, giving rise to the modern ornament. Eight years later, a photograph of the royal tree appeared in a London newspaper, and ownership of the green item became the height of holiday fashion in Europe and America. Here are a few ways one can decorate their own christmas tree.

### HOW TO DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE

#### 1. The Traditional Christmas tree

If a person is a minimalist who likes to go for simple and elegant things,

then the traditional Christmas tree is just the right choice for him/her. With such an ultra- minimalist decor, there is no need of extravagant decoration materials and ornaments. Going for ready-made decorations, twinkling lights, and golden ribbons with a star on top is enough to style this Christmas tree. So, this Christmas, let the arboreal elegance of the tree speak for itself.

#### 2. The Tiny Christmas tree for small spaces

The tiny Christmas tree is an incredible solution for homes which are short on space. The unusual miniature Christmas trees helps people in not compromising the joy of decorating a Christmas tree on an auspicious occasion of Christmas. This tress can be dolled up with tiny ornaments, candles, toys, candies, cookies, and decorative balls

#### 3. Monochrome christmas trees

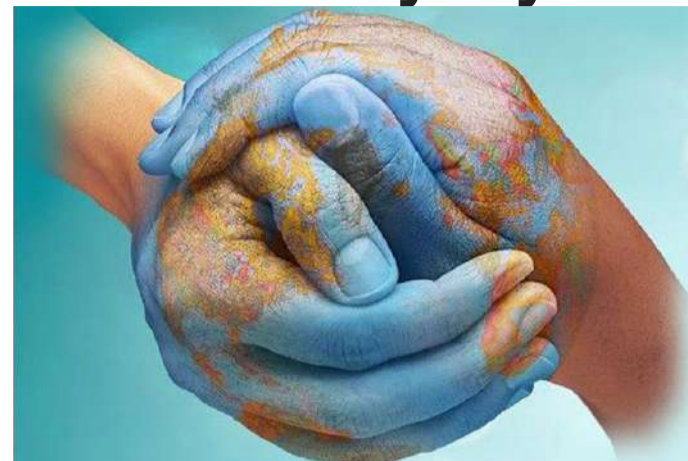
Red and green may be the colors of the season, but they are not the ones taking center stage this Christmas season a monochromatic palette is. A simple white and black palette paired with metallic shades is the perfect revamp for the traditional Christmas colors.

#### 4. Winter Wonderland

Sparkly silver and white ornaments with bold white ribbons will create the perfect winter wonderland feel right in your home. The key is finding the perfect blend of ornaments and ribbons that will give the elegant look.

*Aneesh Abraham*

## International Human Solidarity Day



International Human Solidarity Day is a day to celebrate our unity in diversity; a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements; a day to raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity; a day to encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals including poverty eradication; a day of action to encourage new initiatives for poverty eradication.

Solidarity is identified in the Millennium Declaration as one of the fundamental values of international relations in the 21st Century, wherein those who either suffer or benefit least deserve help from those who benefit most. Consequently, in the context of globalization and the challenge of growing inequality, strengthening of international solidarity is indispensable.

Therefore, the UN General Assembly, convinced that the promotion of the culture of solidarity and the spirit of sharing is important for combating poverty, proclaimed 20 of December as International Human Solidarity Day. Through initiatives such as the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund to eradicate poverty and the proclamation of International Human Solidarity Day, the concept of solidarity was promoted as crucial in the fight against poverty and in the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda is centred on people & planet, underpinned by human rights and supported by a global partnership determined to lift people out of poverty, hunger and disease. It will be thus be built on a foundation of global cooperation and solidarity.

*Animesh Paul*

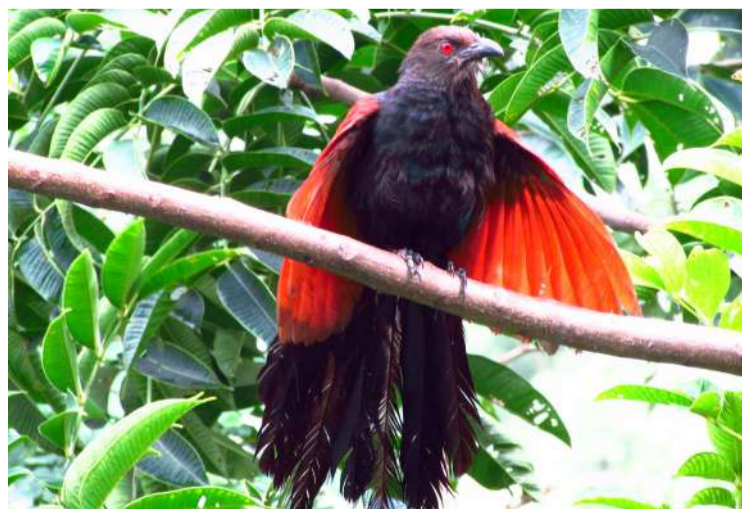
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