

A journey through Alpine beauty

The Alps make Switzerland a very popular destination especially during Indian summers

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The best part of travelling in Switzerland is the Swiss ravel pass – it makes life easy! Just a one-time expense and you can travel on boat, train, tram and bus.

Zurich is convenient to land in as the airport offers great connectivity to the main station (Hauptbahnhof) from where there are superb rail connection to the all regions in the country. The main station connects Zurich with every part of Switzerland, either directly or through a change of trains.

INTERLAKEN

To reach Interlaken: Take a train from Zurich to Bern (approx an hour) and then change over to the train for Interlaken Ost. (an hour's journey). The thrill begins in the rail journey itself - the route is picturesque and enjoy the azure blue waters of Lake



Thun and Lake Brienz, hills and valleys.

Once you alight at Interlaken Ost, after checking in you can plan a day trip to Interlaken's home mountain - the Harder Klum - from where you can view the majestic Jungfrau. Take the funicular that reaches the top in precisely eight minutes. Have a meal at the Panorama restaurant (1322 metres above sea level), if you are seated outdoors, as you sip wine, look into the valleys below, spot the steamers on Lake Brienz and Lake Thun. Dig into Swiss food, and don't forget to take photos with the Swiss cow on the viewing gallery! An amazing spot to start the holiday - as Interlaken is away from the city and offers a lot for tourists who visit for days and city dwellers who may come over during the weekend.

You can also visit Lake Brienz and indulge in lunch at the Neuhaus, the hotel on

the waterfront that has an idyllic restaurant. Steamer boats glide by peacefully, as sun bathers enjoy the sun. Enjoy a meal of fish in the outdoor garden.

A half-day trip could be made to Schynge Platte. An open air cog wheel train is charming and older people look like little children as the train chugs up the hill. It is beautiful journey of 50 minutes and you get off at the Botanical Alpine Garden. If you want some action then visit Grindelwald and paragliding.

JUNGFRAU

A year round attraction is the snow clad Jungfrau. It takes about two hours to reach the peak. On the top, there are a number

LANDMARK FOUNTAIN

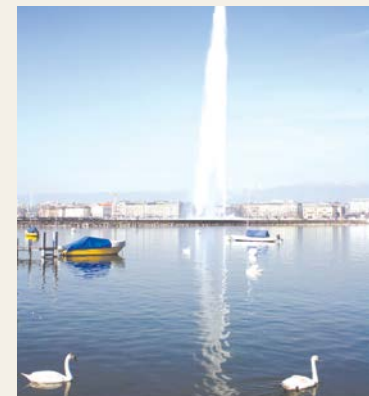
The action unfolds the minute you step outside the rail station right into the middle of a busy office square. Just 500 metres away you spot the lake and your eyes crave to get a closer look at the majestic fountain that soars into the sky. Called the Jet d'Eau fountain, it is the icon of Geneva. You spot it! Gushing high above into the sky at 140 metres with 500 litres of water being propelled into the sky at 200 kilometres per hour, the fountain has been a tourist attraction ever since it was moved to its present location way back in 1891. However, at that time its maximum height was only around 90 metres. Legend has it that the Swiss set their clocks by it. It spurts into the sky at sharp 10 am.

On a good day, if the weather permits and the sky is clear, you can also catch a glimpse of the peak of Mont Blanc (in France) in the backdrop of the fountain. Geneva is a city steeped in history. The huge white Reformation Wall stands in



of attractions. The Ice Palace showcases ice sculptures - Penguins, polar bears,

the Bastions Park, which also houses the University. The construction of the Reformation Wall in the Bastions Park began in 1909, the year which marked the 400th anniversary of the birth of Jean Calvin and the 350th year of the foundation of the Academy of Geneva. The monument is backed against the ancient defensive walls that surrounded the city until the middle of the 19th century.



and a Sherlock Holmes, and a lot more. Walk gingerly to avoid slipping as you are walking on ice. Once done with the palace, visit the viewing galleries to click photos. You could also walk out into the snow, or go skiing. A recent introduction is the 360-degree panorama show!

Don't forget to buy Lindt chocolates from the highest chocolate showroom in Europe, inaugurated by Roger Federer.

GENEVA

What happens when you see a city that you have heard so much about, read about in the news and in history books? It still leaves you stunned! Bustling with the well-heeled, being very close to France, Geneva is one stylish and vibrant city. Though famed for its Jet d'eau (the tall fountain) and the United Nations buildings, it has a rich history. Lake Geneva is the nucleus around which the city revolves.

The serene lake has its share of yatches, boats. Super luxurious cars and buses jostle with super bikes and bicycles, a variety of boats - all modes of transport abound in this Swiss city.

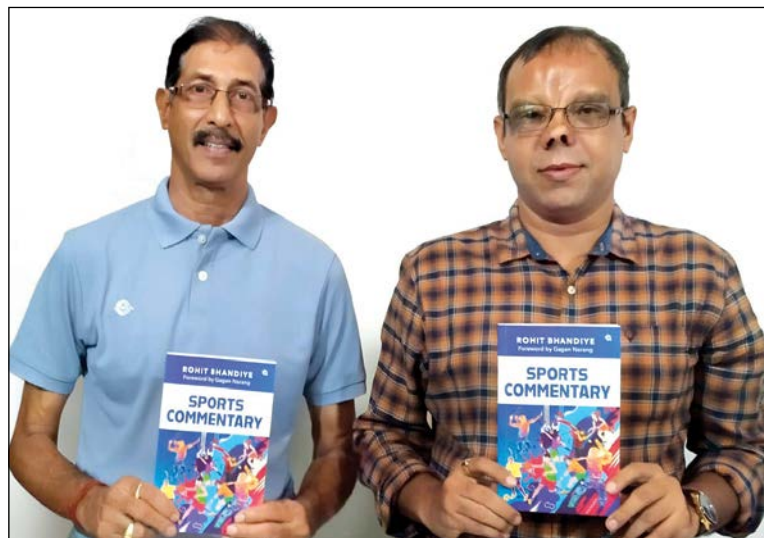
UNITED THEY STAND

Geneva is known for its UN buildings and a drive around would take about an hour. This area which is not too far from the city, first housed the League of Nations that was constructed between 1929 and 1936. It became the headquarters of the United Nations in 1946 when the former organisation was dissolved. The vast wooded park that houses it was donated by the City of Geneva. Today, and after the completion of a new wing in 1973, it is the second most important centre of the United Nations after New York. Over 25,000 delegates meet here annually to negotiate for world peace.

Each building in this area is impressive. Having read all about the UNESCO, Labour and Red Cross in history books, it was just amazing to see these buildings up close.

The 'Broken Chair' sculpture in front of the UN Buildings is actually a work of art - to fight the use of land mines. The Red Cross Museum on the same precincts depicts a short yet crisp account of how war and disease destroys lives.

Brahmanand Shankhwalkar releases Rohit Bhandiye's new book 'Sports Commentary'



by Olympic medallist shooter Gagan Narang. Sports Commentary is an anthology of articles that ventures beyond mainstream coverage, shedding light on disciplines such as hockey, table tennis, athletics, badminton, chess, lawn tennis, swimming, and squash—

offering readers a rich and comprehensive look at India's diverse sporting landscape.

While football and cricket—pillars of Goa's sports culture—are thoroughly explored, the book also provides engaging insights into broader national sports narratives, including the Olympic Games, National Games, and the emergence of women in Indian sports, making it a compelling read for anyone passionate about Indian athletics.

Veteran Goan footballer Brahmanand Shankhwalkar recently released Sports Commentary, a new book by sports writer Rohit Bhandiye. Congratulating the author, Brahmanand praised the book for its thoughtful compilation and in-depth analysis of a wide range of sports, expressing hope that it would be a valuable read for sports lovers, athletes, and parents alike.

The foreword for the book has been penned

Feast of Mary Help of Christians celebrated at Sulcorna

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The Feast of Mary Help of Christians was solemnly celebrated at Sulcorna. The main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration was Fr Laurence Monteiro, joined by concelebrants Fr Kimrold D'Mello and Fr Joaquim Lobo. The occasion drew the faithful together in prayer and devotion, honouring the patroness with reverence and joy.



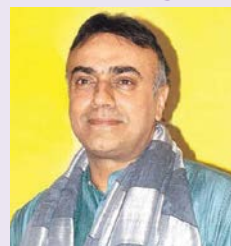
Shyam Benegal Film Festival to be held at Margao

Ravindra Bhavan Film Club, Margao, will organise a three-day Shyam Benegal Film Festival in memory of the legendary filmmaker, the late Shyam Benegal. Eminent film personalities associated with the featured films have been invited to attend the screenings, followed by interactive sessions with the audience. To promote cinema and related activities, Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, has formed a film club that screens various films in its Conference Hall on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. These screenings are open to film club members and their guests. The festival begins on May 30 with the screening of 'Trikaal', which won the National Film Award for Best Direction. Actress Neena Gupta, who starred in the film, will be present. On May

31, 'Sardari Begum', recipient of the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Urdu, will be showcased

in the presence of Hindustani classical vocalist Arti Ankalikar, who sang several songs for the film, and music composer Ashok Patki. The festival concludes on June 1 with 'Mammo', which won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi. Rajit Kapur, actor and director, will attend the screening.

Venue: Ravindra Bhavan, Margao
Date: May 30 to June 1
Time: 6 pm sharp



Film screening

Cinephile Film Club will be screening the Spanish film, 'Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown' directed by Pedro Almodovar. The first film to put the acclaimed filmmaker Pedro Almodovar in the international limelight, 'Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown' was nominated for the Oscar in the Best Foreign Film category in 1988. The film

is primarily about a television actress whose boyfriend has left her, there are a bunch of people surrounding her, all of them have complex relationships resulting in one comic and farcical situation leading to another. The film also made Antonio Banderas popular, it was one of his earlier films.

Venue: Cinephile Film Club, Panjim
Date: May 29
Time: 6.30 pm



Herald Gaming Console

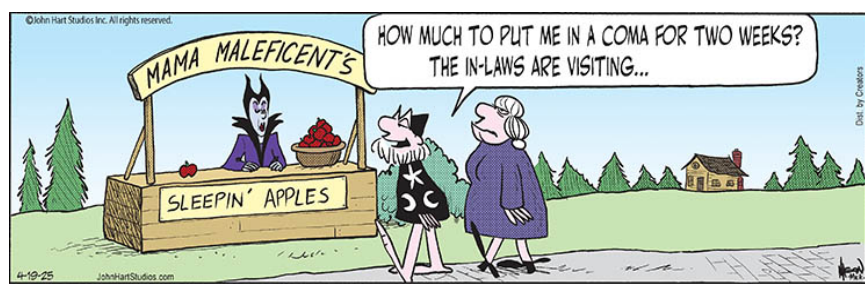
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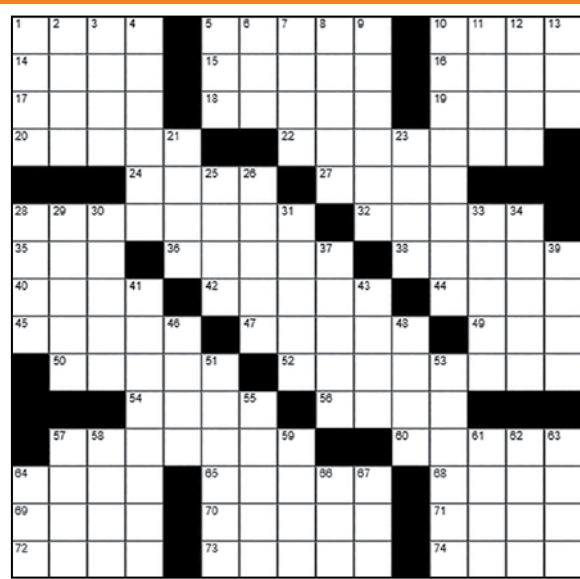
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ACROSS

1- Thick piece; 5- French beans; 10- Gin flavored; 14- South American monkey; 15- Teheran native; 16- Longings; 17- Vichyssoise ingredient; 18- Brother of Moses; 19- Encounter; 20- ___ a million; 22- Branch of mathematics; 24- 'Hud' star Patricia; 27- Dynamic beginning; 28- Speculative; 32- Actor's parts; 35- Barcelona bear; 36- Gymnast Comaneci; 38- Begat; 40- 'Saint Joan' playwright; 42- Lure; 44- Scoop holder; 45- Affirmatives; 47- Dressed to the ___; 49- Female deer; 50- Pong maker; 52- Tutors; 54- Talk wildly; 56- Caesar's wings; 57- Squirrels away; 60- Twangy, as a voice; 64- Swift steed; 65- Shake like ___; 68- Costa ___; 69- ___ never work; 70- Camel's cousin; 71- Very, in Versailles; 72- Clublike weapon; 73- Blue book filler; 74- Word on a towel;

DOWN

1-Normandy battle site; 2- Property claim; 3- Suit to ___; 4- Two-piece bathing suit; 5- Acapulco aunt; 6- Time to remember; 7- Scarlett's home; 8- ___ Gay; 9- Vocalist; 10- Emblematic; 11- Lustful look; 12- Draft rating; 13- Body shop fig.; 21- Light gas; 23- Cupid's counterpart; 25- Med. school subj.; 26- Burdened; 28-



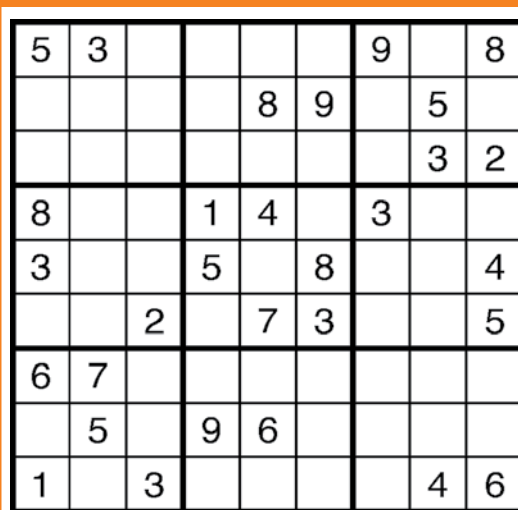
Meddlesome; 29- Actor Milo;

30- Browned sliced bread; 31- Boundary; 33- Chip away at; 34- Spanish Mister; 37- Sleep problem; 39- Poor grades; 41- Suitable for wearing; 43- Greenish blue; 46- Ladies of Spain; Abbr.; 48- Scrutinize; 51- Breathe in; 53- Fireside; 55- Inform; 57- Mex. miss; 58- Baby powder; 59- Oceans; 61- Beget; 62- Super server; 63- Glasgow gal; 64- Direct a gun; 66- Drs. group; 67- Wray of 'King Kong';

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Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

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