

## DEMONETIZATION – AN UNREHEARSED DRAMA

### CUBA'S HERO - FIDEL CASTRO



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#### FEW WORDS OF CASTRO

Marxism taught me what society was. I was like a blindfolded man in a forest, who doesn't even know where north or south is. If you don't eventually come to truly understand the history of the class struggle, or at least have a clear idea that society is divided between the rich and the poor, and that some people subjugate and exploit other people, you're lost in a forest, not knowing anything.

— Fidel Castro on discovering Marxism, 2009

In a few hours you will be victorious or defeated, but regardless of the outcome – listen well, friends – this Movement will triumph. If you win tomorrow, the aspirations of Martí will be fulfilled sooner. If we fail, our action will nevertheless set an example for the Cuban people, and from the people will arise fresh new men willing to die for Cuba. They will pick up our banner and move forward... The people will back us in Oriente and in the whole island. As in '68 and '92, here in Oriente we will give the first cry of Liberty or Death!

— Fidel Castro's speech to the Movement just before the Moncada Attack, 1953



Courtesy: <http://nationalviews.com/indian-economy-demonetization-india-middle-class>

Interview with Mr. Vineesh , Economics teacher, Trins

1. What do you think about the move taken by our PM to curb black money?

It is a good move that he has taken, provided can find or curb black money. It may not be successful as we can see people who had black money can now convert it into white easily.

Demonetization has twice happened in independent India before.

4. Some people oppose this move? What may be the reasons?

Opposition party is not supporting as they have the habit of opposing. May be they cannot use the present money which they have in abundance to get their work done.

People oppose this because non availability of cash would be there. Business would be dull as cash flow will be less.

Normally change is not easily accepted by people.

2. Do you think this move can eradicate black money?

Have to wait and see. Demonetization has happened twice before. Even after that we were not able to curb black money. Technology has improved. Let's see how things materialise.

We have to wait to see the fruit of this seed.

5. How will the common man benefit out of this demonetization move?

Though common man is suffering now, things would get better once cash flow increases.

Cost of living will come down; Real estate/land may become more affordable.

3. Do you think PM has considered everyone in the country before taking this decisions?

No, he has not considered everyone in the economy, if he had he would not have declared it suddenly one fine evening.

He was not prepared enough, as we can see people suffering.

Those who have money in bank are not able to withdraw it. In rural areas there are people who have no bank account. They have to create an account and only then they can buy food.

6. Will business not be affected by demonetization?

Business is completely affected as there is no cash flow in the hands of common public. Domestic spending is affected adversely.

There are companies and businesses that have been shut down for a short period.



# All that's blue is not cool!!



What do we see in the sky at night? They are bright, shiny and plenty in number. They look like diamonds as mentioned in a nursery rhymes. We all have a desire to go up to the sky to have a look!!

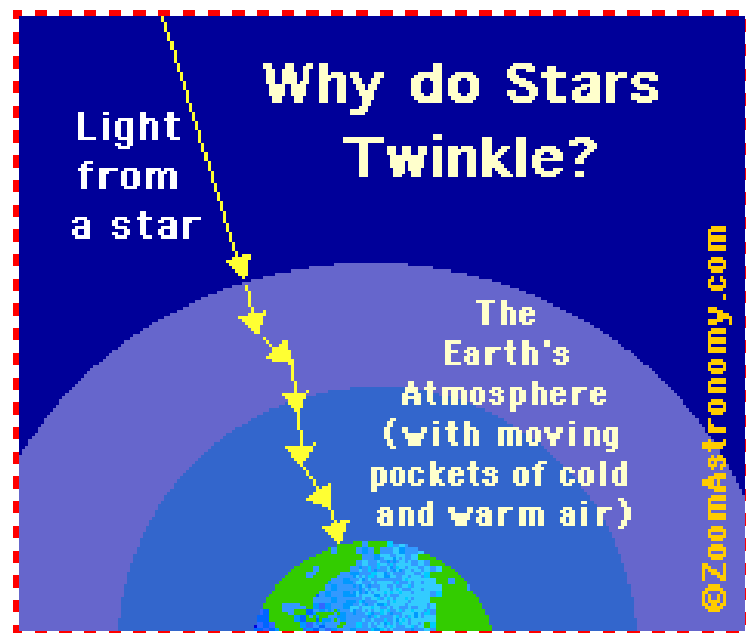
But it is not what you see from earth!!! They are huge fire balls like our sun.

A star is a luminous ball of gas, mostly hydrogen and helium, held together by its own gravity. They are huge, hot and dangerous.

We generally have a tendency to relate red to hot and blue to cold. In stars it is the opposite. Red is for least hot and blue is for the hottest star.

## Do stars twinkle?

The scientific name for the twinkling of **stars** is stellar scintillation. We see starts twinkling, as we look at it from earth through many thick layers of air. So it appears to be twinkling.



## Is every star a sun?

A **star** is called a "**sun**" if it is the center of a planetary system. A large number of planets are found orbiting other **stars**. This makes these **stars** "suns."

## Constellations

The first thing you need to know is that **constellations are not real!**

The constellations are totally imaginary things that poets, farmers and astronomers have made up over the past 6,000 years (and probably even more!). The real purpose for the constellations is to help us tell which stars are which, nothing more. On a really dark night, you can see about 1000 to 1500 stars. Trying to tell which is which is hard. The constellations help by breaking up the sky into more manageable bits. They are used as **mnemonics**, or memory aids.

Around the world, farmers know that for most crops, you plant in the spring and harvest in the fall. But in some regions, there is not much differentiation between the seasons. Since different constellations are visible at different times of the year, you can use them to tell what month it is. In 1929, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) adopted official constellation boundaries that defined the 88 official constellations that exist today.

<http://www.astro.wisc.edu/~dolan/constellations/extra/constellations.html>

## Unconventional occupation

### PATHOECHOLOGIST

The study of Poop. According to insidejobs.com the salary of a pathoecologist can range from \$30,000 to around \$90,000 based on experience and having a master's degree or PhD.

### BIRD DETERRENT

In Rajasthan, India the exquisite 5-star Rambagh Palace in Jaipur, employs two people as flag wavers to keep the pigeons away from the hotel's courtyard fountain. Amusingly, the flags carry the image of a crossed out bird—presumably to inform the guests, not sure if it works for the pigeons.

### WHIPPING BOY

Yes, believe it or not this was a real thing. Originating in 16th century England, a young prince was often brought up alongside another young person who was assigned the role and title of royal whipping boy. Since only kings were allowed to punish princes, tutors enforced rules via the whipping boy, directing consequences for the prince's wrongdoings on him instead of on the royal lad. These days, the term whipping boy is used to express one person being punished for the actions of another.

### LECTOR (NO LONGER EXIST)

A lector is simply someone who reads. However, they were often hired with money pooled from workers to read to large rooms full of manual labourers to keep them entertained.

<http://www.theepochtimes.com>

<http://www.payscale.com/career-news/2016/01/4-weird-jobs-from-the-olde-days>



# The Christmas surprise

Written by Ajitha Nair

Annie Watson was in a hurry as it was Christmas Eve and she was yet to buy gifts and cakes. She wanted to finish all her work before her husband and children come. She could not find her coat as things were at sixes and seven. She took a taxi to Mom's Basket, the best cake shop in New York. When she got out of the taxi she was surprised to see the crowd. She searched for a vanilla cake which attracted her on T.V. suddenly, she smiled, and she got the cake which she wanted. She went to counter to pay the cash, then she carried it with her.

*It snowed heavily*

She went to the gift shop, which was very close by. When she got into the gift shop she saw a lot new arrivals. She couldn't decide which one to buy. She bought a huge Teddy for Thomas as his friend Peter always plays with his teddy. For Tania she bought a brooch that goes with her new frock. For Mr. Watson she bought a red jerkin, as he is always found wearing a red one which he refuses to remove.

At home, Mr. Watson, Thomas and Tania were decorating the house and they were planning to give a surprise to Annie.

After Annie finished her shopping, she couldn't find her way back home. All the main streets to her house were blocked. The taxi couldn't



Paint the house your favourite colour and enjoy

Take her through any of the streets. She got down and picked all the things she bought. Annie was disappointed with the way things were happening.

At home they decorated the Christmas tree, the front door Thomas went all the way up the roof and toward it with LED bulbs. They didn't want to light up the bulbs now, they waited till Annie came. Thomas and Tania were excited.

They waited in the attic peering through the window to signal Mr. Watson to light the bulbs as soon as she comes.

There came Annie like a Santa Clause carrying all the gifts and sweets.

Thomas and Tania saw Annie coming, they signalled their father and they all ran down the stairs, Tania and Thomas, Thomas hid behind the couch. Mr. Watson hid behind the curtains and Tania hid behind the closet. When she reached the door all the lights lit up. Slowly she opened the door "surprise", they all shouted. She was overjoyed to see them. The house and the tree were all decorated. They had a lovely Christmas

## WORLD SOIL DAY, 8 DECEMBER



The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), in 2002, made a resolution proposing the 5th of December as World Soil Day to celebrate the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system and as a vital contributor to human wellbeing.

Soil is capable of supporting plant life. It is vital to life on earth.

Since 2012, the FAO-GSP has been organizing celebration events of this important day.

(FAO- Food and Agriculture Organization 9; GSP- Global Soil Partnership)

<http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/world-soil-day/background/en>

"There can be no life without soil and no soil without life; they have evolved together."

Charles E. Kellogg  
(1902-1980)  
soil scientist

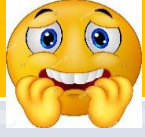


FAO  
#WorldSoilDay  
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# Young Minds

## SCRAMBLE-O



## PHOBIA

Unscramble and find word for phobias.

➤ Phobia of food

HIAOPCBBOI

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➤ Phobia of crowds

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➤ Phobia of wealth

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➤ Phobia of rain

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➤ Phobia of cats

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## FUN ZONE

### SUDOKU

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3		7				1	2	4
			1			7		6
	5			1			6	9
			2		9			
2	9			8			7	
9		2			3			
4	7	5				6		3
6		3	9				1	

<http://websudoku.com>



Can you spot the differences? There are 10 in all. Colour and enjoy

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/find-the-difference>

### KNOW THE ELEMENTS

Complete the given cross word using the Clues.

- Moderately hard, silvery metal which readily oxidizes in air and water. **Eu**
- This is a common element in the universe. Lightest of group 15. **N**
- A colourless, odourless, tasteless noble gas used in fluorescent lamps. **Kr**
- It is a brittle metal with a silvery white colour when freshly produced. Often confused with lead and tin. **Bi**
- One of the elements discovered by Marie Curie. **Po**
- Its boiling point is the lowest among all the elements. The first in the noble gas group. **He**

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1					5		
	4					6	
2							

5	2	1	7	4	6	9	3	8
3	6	7	5	9	8	1	2	4
8	4	9	1	3	2	7	5	6
7	5	8	3	1	4	2	6	9
1	3	6	2	7	9	8	4	5
2	9	4	6	8	5	3	7	1
9	1	2	4	6	3	5	8	7
4	7	5	8	2	1	6	9	3
6	8	3	9	5	7	4	1	2

#### Spot the difference

- Scarf
- Candle is lit
- Gift box ribbon missing
- Gift box wrapper different
- Tree-topper star
- Different wheel on Christmas tree
- Hanging plain ball
- Missing ball
- Light around the tree is missing (near the hat)
- Shell like hangers top part missing

Cross word answers: 1. Europium 2. Nitrogen 3. Krypton 4. Bismuth 5. Polonium 6. Helium

- Cibophobia
- Enochlophobia
- Plutophobia
- Ombrophobia
- Allurophobia

Scramble-O-phobia

Answers ©

# Wanderlust

## Queen of Hills, OOTY

Udhagamandalam and abbreviated as Udhagai and Ooty is a town and municipality in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is located 80 km north of Coimbatore and is the capital of the Nilgiris district.

Originally occupied by the Toda, the area came under the rule of the East India Company at the end of the 18th century. The economy is based on tourism and agriculture, along with the manufacture of medicines and photographic film. The town is connected by the Nilgiri ghat roads and Nilgiri Mountain Railway. Its natural beauty attracts tourists and it is a popular summer destination

Ooty generally features pleasantly mild conditions throughout the year. However, night time in the months of January and February is typically cold.

## CONNECTIVITY

### Road

Ooty is well connected by roads. It is 535 km (332 mi) from Chennai (via Salem, Erode, and Coimbatore), 80 km (50 mi) from Coimbatore and 155 km (96 mi) from Mysore.

Ooty is situated on NH 67 and is connected by road via the five main accepted Nilgiri Ghat Roads. Bus services operated by TNSTC connect major towns in the state and nearby towns in the district such as Coonoor, Kotagiri, and Gudalur.

### Rail

Udhagamandalam railway station is connected with Mettupalayam by NMR metre gauge service.

The Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) is one of the oldest mountain railways in India and was declared by the UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in July 2005.

### Air Travel

The nearest airport is Coimbatore, around 96 km (60 mi) away. Ooty has three helipads, one at Theettukal and two at Kodanad. The Theettukal helipad was approved by Airports Authority of India for defence and VIP services.

UDAGAMANDALAM

OOTY

NICK NAME: QUEEN OF HILL  
STATION

**Country** : India  
**State** : Tamil Nadu  
**District** : The Nilgiris  
**Population** : 88,430

**UNESCO heritage site:** Nilgiri Mountain  
Railways

## PLACES TO VISIT:

- ✓ Thunder World Amusement Park
- ✓ Botanical Garden
- ✓ Ooty Lake
- ✓ Mukurthi National Park
- ✓ Pykara Lake
- ✓ Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Fernhills palace
- ✓ Tea Museum
- ✓ Doddabetta Peak



**Doddabetta Peak**

Doddabetta is the highest mountain in the Nilgiri Hills at 2,637 metres. There is a reserved forest area around the peak. It is 9 km from Ooty, on the Ooty-Kotagiri Road in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu, South India.



**Pykara Waterfall**

Pykara is the name of a village and river located 19 km from Ooty in the Indian State of Tamil Nadu. A boat house on the Pykara reservoir is an added attraction for tourists. Pykara boats of well protected fenced shoals. There is a restaurant and motor boats(20 minutes ride) and speed boats(10 minutes ride) are available. Pykara waterfalls flows through Murkurti, Pykara and Glen



**Tea Museum**

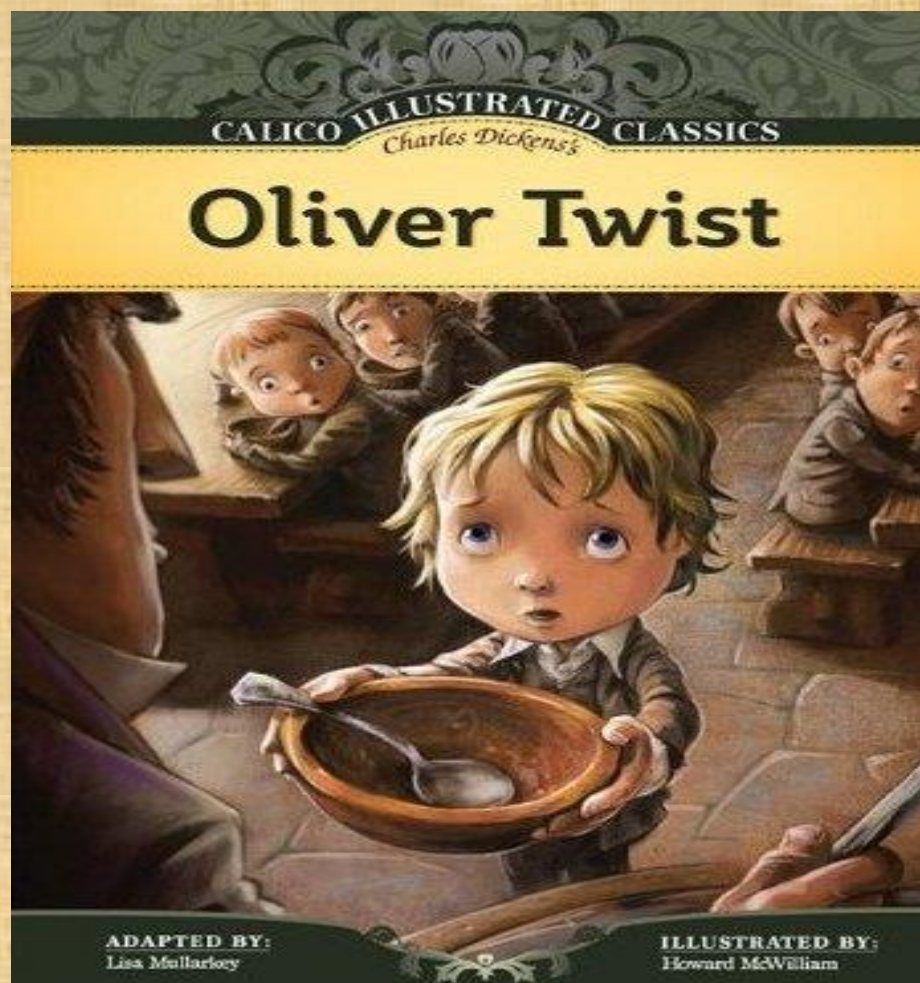
The Tea Factory is for the experience seeker in you, for the is more of a museum. It lets you take a walk in the factory, with CTC machines processing tea. A two storey building, it has tea leaves driers on the second floor, while the walls are splattered with the history of tea and the art of tea making via paintings and more.





# REVIEWS

## Book Review



Book name: Oliver Twist

Author: Charles Dickens

The book is about an orphan boy named Oliver Twist who is treated badly in the orphanage. This makes him runaway to London. In London he meets Artful Dodger. He takes Oliver to Fagin, the leader of thieves.

Luckily he meets Mr. Brownlow, whose rescues him from the gang and Oliver finally reaches safe hands.

Favourite part: I was happy when Mr. Brownlow took Oliver home

Favourite character: Mr. Brownlow, who was kind and caring

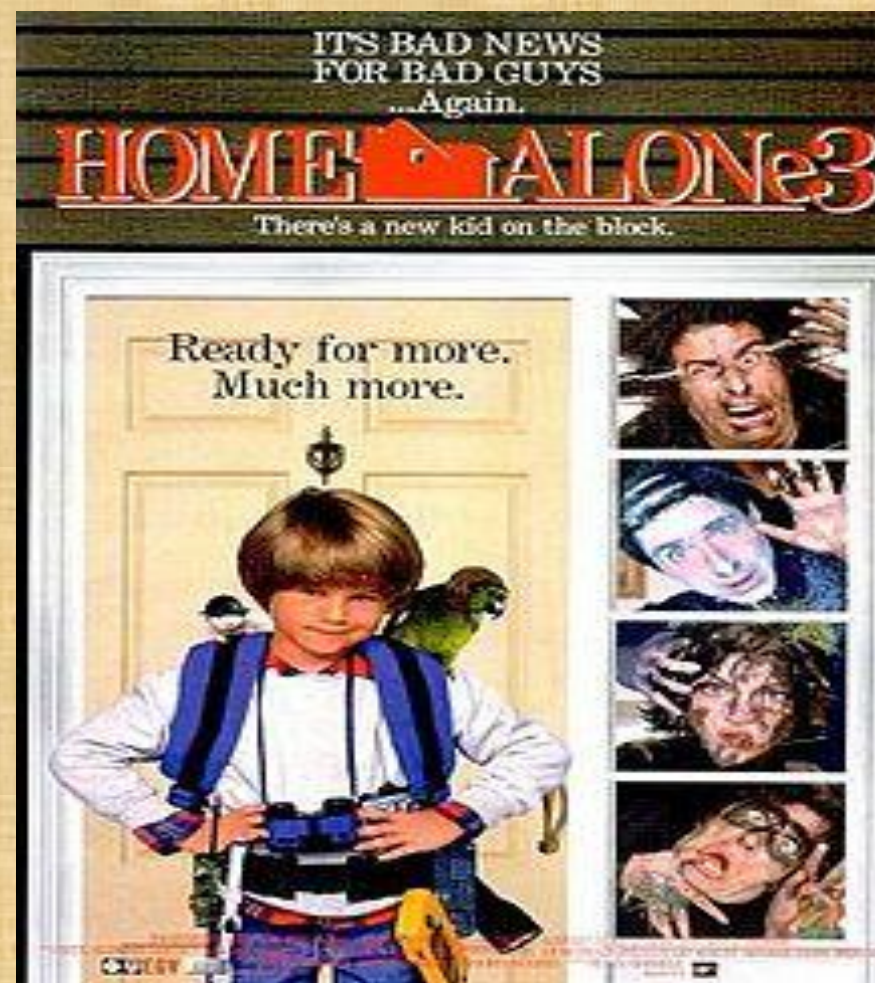
Part that felt sad: When Oliver asked for some more

When Nancy was killed

Do you wish to change anything: Nancy could have been saved.

Mr. Bumble could have given Oliver enough gruel.

## Movie Review



Movie: Home Alone 3

Director: Raja Gosnell

It is about a boy named Alex, who gets a car as a gift from a neighbour. That car has a chip in it. This chip belongs to the US government which a group of criminals steal. They find that the chip is with Alex and tries to hurt him. Alex also finds the chip in the car and understands that it belongs to US government. Due to measles he stays at home alone. The lawbreakers come to catch him and at the end they end up in jail.

Alex looks very cute in the movie. The way he says 'please' was very nice. He uses his remote car to monitor the movement of the criminals.

Like the first 2 home alones this was also very entertaining. This I liked even better because of Alex.

## Laugh out Loud

**PATIENT:** THE PROBLEM IS THAT OBESITY RUNS IN OUR FAMILY.

**DOCTOR:** NO, THE PROBLEM IS THAT NO ONE RUNS IN YOUR FAMILY.



**Man 1:** Why is prime minister not seen in morning.

**Man 2:** Because he is pm not am.

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