

# Happy News



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## SUPER SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY

We all have heard of the famous playwright, poet and actor William Shakespeare who has given us multiple famous literary pieces such as 'Romeo and Juliet', 'The Merchant Of Venice', 'Julius Caesar' and many more. He was born on 23rd April, 1564 and it is still celebrated with great pomp and grandeur. This year, his 457th birthday could not be celebrated with the traditional festivities at Stratford-upon-Avon due to the pandemic, but it was still celebrated with great fervour through virtual programmes!

## RAILWAYS POINTSMAN MAYUR SHELKE DONATES HALF OF REWARD MONEY TO CHILD HE SAVED

Mayur Shelke, a hero who saved a child seconds before a train arrived at a Mumbai station recently won an award worth Rs 50, 000. He decided to share his award money with the child he saved by donating half of it.

Source: [indianexpress.com](http://indianexpress.com)

## RECYCLING AND SWIMMING IN SAFE AND HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS

Each year hundred million tyres are thrown away. No one has ever given a second thought to what we can use them for until now. Pooja Rai has taken the initiative and so far, built 283 playgrounds for children using only harmless, discarded tyres. The tyres are painted and put together into sea-saws, swings, slides etc.

Children who didn't have any facilities to play now have these playgrounds that were put together by just putting a creative mind to work.



## MARS: NASA HELICOPTER 'INGENUITY' FLIGHT A SUCCESS

Ingenuity, a 1.8kg helicopter took its test flight on Monday, 19th April and was a huge success.

This is the helicopter that travelled to Mars, inside NASA's Perseverance rover which landed in February 2021.

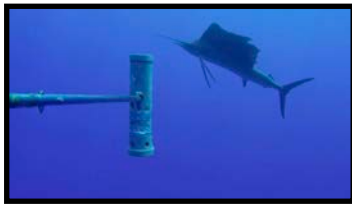


Source: [goodnewsnetwork.org](http://goodnewsnetwork.org)

## FUNDING BY THE UK FOR AN UNDERWATER CAMERA NETWORK TO MONITOR OCEAN LIFE

In the month of April, the UK announced funding for an underwater camera system to monitor deep ocean wildlife. This will help in getting to know which aquatic populations are under threat. The plan for this project is to install camera's in 4 oceans along with the Caribbean near the UK's oversea's territories. These camera's will then notice anything that swims near it.

Source: [www.huffpost.com](http://www.huffpost.com)



## ECO-FRIENDLY FASHION

A Russian fashion brand, '99Recycle', has come up with an innovative and fashionable way to deal with St. Petersburg's heaps of garbage. Workers are collecting all the recyclable materials from the mountains of trash and are transforming them into school products and recycled accessories. They have collected over 70 tons of plastic while working alongside local non-profits and have also won an award for their commendable work!

Source: [goodnewsnetwork.org](http://goodnewsnetwork.org)



## COOKIE RECORD

Lilly Bumpus, an 8 year old cancer survivor in California has broken the Girl Scouts national record of most cookies ever sold in a single season! She sold 32,484 boxes, which included 5,000 boxes for other childhood cancer warriors, the homeless and deployed troops. Lilly celebrated 7 years of overcoming cancer in July, 2020 and is an inspiration to all!

Source: [msn.com](http://msn.com)



## COATINGS WITH THIS PAINT MIGHT COOL PEOPLE DOWN TO REDUCE THEIR NEED FOR AIR CONDITIONING

Researchers at Purdue University have created the "whitest paint" yet which is said to reflect about 98.1% of sunlight, thus reducing the need of air conditioners. In October last year, the same team had created an "ultra white paint" which could reflect about 95% of the sunlight but this time, they have beaten their very own record. Commercial paints present in the market right can only reflect about 80-90% of the sunlight and are incapable of making surfaces cooler than their surroundings.

Source: [goodnewsnetwork.com](http://goodnewsnetwork.com)

## BACK TO SCHOOL

As students start returning back to school after a long while in USA due to the ongoing pandemic, teachers have come up with exciting and creative ways to welcome students in order boost their morale. A Memphis teacher, David Jamieson for the past few weeks has been greeting his children everyday in the morning with a set of elaborate hand gestures. In these trying times, it is for utmost importance to have your spirits high and we should do our level best to try and bring a smile on the faces of others.

**Source:** [today.com](http://today.com)

## DOCTORS THOUGHT HE WOULD NEVER WALK OR TALK, WATCH HIS REACTION ON GETTING INTO COLLEGE.

When Kevin Mager was born, the doctors looked at him and declared that Kevin would never be able to walk or talk due to the 'disability' he has. Kevin never believed that and worked hard. Today, at the age of 18, Kevin is a star singer, he reads, runs, plays sports and has made his disability his strength. Even though he is still battling memory loss and hyper activeness, Kevin got accepted into the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Source:** [goodnewsnetwork.org](http://goodnewsnetwork.org)

## COPS TURN DUMP-YARD INTO PLAY FIELD FOR GIRLS

The High Court praised the efforts of cops from Rajouri Garden, New Delhi who took it upon themselves to transform a filthy garbage dump area in a beautiful play zone for girls by getting rid of local garbage. The idea was pioneered by Hem Raj, Rahul, and their Head Constable Amar Singh. CCTV cameras have been placed in the playground to ensure safety. Recently Sports and Badminton championships were organised for girls

**Source:** [timeofindia.com](http://timeofindia.com)

## EARTH DAY 2021

Founded in 1970, Earth Day is celebrated on 22nd April every year. Its main aim is to unite the world to work towards the cause of protecting the environment by having various themes each year. This year, the theme was 'Restore Our Earth' which is something that has become a necessity for survival. So, let us all work towards restoring our Earth and making it a better place to live - not just on one day, but rather every day!



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