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As the temperatures go up, shirts come off in the city. Seen here is a youngster who has taken his shirt out to beat the heat. Only in Delhi!

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Hey Delhi Gals, I am a simple..smart..cute..and loyal boy from northwest delhi.. Best by nature...other than money. I'm more rich by heart & love...Looking for a simple, understanding friend or partner in my life.. If anyone have d same feeling and want me to join her life... Then she could reply thru dil se..w8ng 4 her reply anxiously -Mr. Perfect

Hi, yaar koi ho akeli ladki to mujhe frindship karo do kyunki im alon. -Sasa sunny

Hey Aryan, first of al thanx a lot fr ur msg.see aryan m vry emotional kind of a gil so i wan my partner to b honest nd loyal.i hate the word TIME PASS n i hope u'll nt do dat.baki toh vil com 2 knw each other after spending som tym together -Jiya

Hi Vishal, hiii i m supriya mai apki frnd banana chahti hu.....plz rply me through dilse -Supriya

Hello Nirvana, I am lookig frnd who can understand me..trust and share me and understandb my feelings.Please contact through dil se on 19th april column . I Dnt knw yeh print hoga ke nhe -Unknown Girl

Hi, This is for u.....A Ladkiya hame n pasand kare iska hame gum nahi .vo ladkiya hi badnasib hai jinke nasib me hum nahi.... -Vipul

Hi Nirvana, I read your message on Dil se and it a me jiten-der. I thanks we can be good friends as also in the same stage as you are and me to looking for a good and understanding girl who can be best friend of mine. I hope you will revert me back. -Hi Nirvana

Hello frnds, ye mgs n ldkiiy k liye h jo meri tarah akeli h or koi honest or simple frnd search kr rhi h. me kisi wajah se nervous h or me new frnds banana chahta hu me delhi me new aaya hu or 1st tym me dil se me mgs kr rha hu. me sbke mgs pdhta hu like radhi,kirti,radha negi,angel tyagi,ronak negi,sachin,jiya etc....koi mjhe apna frnd bana chahta h to plz dil se me mgs kro. from pikachu. -Mr Lonely

To only and only my angle (Riya sharma), happy birthday my angle.aap bahut acchi ho bahut jayada acchi jhoot nai sachi,you are my air,the sun in my day,the moon in my night,the spring in my step,you are the super star in my sky,you are the bird in my heart's tree,you are my rab ji aur sab ji.....aap kabhi dukhi mat hoya karo mujhe nai jachta ki meri angle kabhi dhuki ho.....aur jo hota hai na acche ke liye hota hai samjhi my angle....to phir jab sab accho hi hoga to rone kisliye haina my angle.....to be happy always and always keep a natural wali smile on your face....bcuz i love your smile, good luck

Hi Swati, mera naam Raj hai mein delhi mein rehta hoon. Please be mine forever!! Miss you so much!! -Raj



forever....god meri angle ka khayal aur hamesha rakhna..... i promise i will -Roshan

Hi swasti, i just want to say that i love u so much. Yaar please dont feel bad , dont b angry on me. i cant live without u , please b mine. m yours only. -Your rahul

DEDICATE 2 my friends, Aaj bhi wo din yaad aite hain aaj bhi hum wo pal soch soch muskurate hain yaad ka silsila to chalta hi jaega, par wo school k beete hue pal nahi aenge, ye soch kar bhi hum kahin kho jate hain.... Wo din b kya din hua krte the, jb doste se milne ko school roj rojjaya krte the.. Teachers ki daant hi kyun na khani pade, fir-bi home work pura na krne ke naye naye bahane banaya karte the.. Ye soch soch hum aaj bhi muskurate hain, un school ke dino me kahin kho se jate hain kahin kho se jate hain.... -Sanjay Kumar

Hi gurmuli, u r my really a gud friend nd u r so swt....or mjhe pta hai tumhe duniya ki har khushi milegi...bus thoda sa sabr karo...or kabhi roya mat karo..kyoki tmhari ankho me ansu ache nai lagte..ok...god bless u.. -Its me buddhu

Hey lonelygal, this message is for u. I m also lonely in delhi. Need a partner. Should we good frnd. -Lambu

Hi, Wen U R Lonely, M Sad..Wen U R Happy, M Glad.. Remeber Dat Wat Ever U Feel I Feel It Twice.. So If U Miss Me Ice, I Miss U 2ce:)... only for u mew.... -frm yur pillla

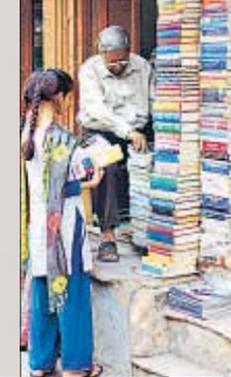
Hi Indian girl, i m shubh m not s.indian boy i m also searching for a girl to hv longterm reltn & i m also of 17 yrs so if u r intrstd then reply me through this column -Shubham Jha

Hello delhi, m here to tell u tht m all alone..... everything in my life goes wrong.. feeling very bad...nobody loves me..no one is here to care abt me.. i wnt a tru frnd who understand me...my feelings...nd what my dil say...plz.. universe ji help me..m waiting 4 some one who really change my life.. -priya J

Hey Chote mote .how r u....i love u a lot....b wd forever nalayak...i cant live wdout u..i dnt knw..either it will print or not..u rolways -Nalayak

Hi, this msg for that girl who is searching a good and decent friend for long time good friendship, i m so lonly boy from burari, i don't know will it publish or not, if any girl interested please contact me throw dil c -B.K

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REVISITING OLD BOOK BAZAARS

Nai Sarak

Mostly frequented by college students, this market is popular for second-hand school and college books that are available at half the original price. Visit Divya Prakashan Book store for second-hand fashion magazines here. Where: Near Town Hall, Chandni Chowk; Timings: 9am to 6pm; Nearest Metro station: Chandni Chowk on the Yellow Line

Bungalow Road, Kamla Nagar

Despite the limited collection here, you can easily find books by popular authors such as Danielle Steel, Sydney Sheldon or Paulo Coelho for ₹80 to ₹150. This market also offers a great option to get a good return on old books you've wanted to sell off since long. Where: Kamla Nagar Timings: 10.30am to 9pm Nearest Metro station: Vishvidyalaya on the Yellow Line

Sunday Bazaar, Daryaganj

Over 200 booksellers put up their stalls on the streets of the Old Delhi market every Sunday. From rare titles to encyclopedias and regional literature to historical chronicles, you name it and you will find it here at throwaway prices (₹10-₹200). Where: Main Daryaganj Market; Timings: 9am to 5pm; Nearest Metro station: Chawri Bazar on the Yellow Line

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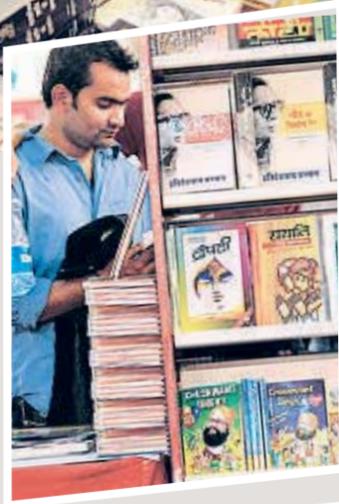


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GET BOOKED IN THE CITY

On the World Book and Copyright Day (April 23), go on a book shopping spree

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World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated worldwide on April 23 every year since 1995. UNESCO's General Conference in 1995 chose this date to pay tribute to books, authors and promote reading, publishing and protect intellectual property through copyright. As books face a threat from e-books, social networking and micro-blogging sites, television and movies, we ask prominent authors in the city to tell us what needs to be done to revive youngsters' interest in reading. We also take you on a journey through the bylanes of Old Delhi that sell second hand books, which are basically rare books, at throwaway prices. If you find it tiring to go all the way to 'Purani Dilli', then visit the ongoing book fairs in the city. So, step out and lose yourself in the world of books.

Other ongoing book fairs

The on-going Gurgaon book fair at Fortis Memorial Research Institute includes a host of reading sessions, author interactions and a wide array of books at special discounts. Organised by the National Book Trust, the fair has stalls put up by 50 leading Indian and international publishing houses. While the NBT stall sells interesting biographies and folklore in English and Hindi for ₹15 onwards, you can also go for the Hachette 'Learn series', which has books on how to speak different languages like German and Spanish, or playing the guitar, priced between ₹250 to ₹700. The popular

vampire series, Kathputlee Chitrakatha, gives classic fairytales a new dimension with its 3D books and glasses for ₹299. There are also interesting mind games like Jai Bharat and World Safari for ₹300 to ₹500 by Creative Educational Aids. Most stalls will have special discounts on the World Book Day tomorrow. The National Book Trust (NBT), on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day, is holding a book fair and national seminar on children's literature in collaboration with Lekhika Sangh at National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi from April 20-23. CHETNA DUA

Authors speak

READING IS COOLER THAN WATCHING MOVIES



ANUJA CHAUHAN

Make reading 'cool'. People who have actually read the Harry Potter books are so much cooler than the drones who have only seen the movies based on the books. Youngsters should visit bookstores. There are lovely bookstores nowadays in the city, and covers have become really yummy as well. But, books are losing out to television shows and video games. Maybe the answer is to go camping without the internet. I say, take a book to read on the flight - you will be able to read it right through.



Anuradha Roy

YOUNGSTERS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE

We should surround youngsters with books. We should read to them when they are young and make them read when they are grown up. They should also be encouraged to write and this will brainwash them into thinking that they cannot do without books. Look around in trains, the Metro and airplanes - how many people do you actually see reading any book at all? Printed books are not losing out to e-books. They are losing out to phones and the internet.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO INSTILL READING HABITS IN KIDS



Madhulika Liddle

The biggest influence are parents. If parents spend all their time in front of the TV or surfing the internet, children are likely to think that is the way to go. It's important for parents to encourage their kids to explore books. e-books are books. They're pretty useful for everybody in many ways and helping save paper (and trees!). Internet is a different story. That, and TV, are a major threat to books. What is important is that we should teach children to like books, and chances are that they'll continue to like them despite other attractions.



SV Divvaakar

E BOOKS ARE INEVITABLE AND EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN

I think youngsters are naturally interested in reading. But in recent times, they haven't been reading much, because of a lot of visual media being consumed, with short attention spans. Books are transforming with technology, not losing out. The net, kindle and e-books are inevitable, and, if you ask me, more effective and environment friendly in the long run. Digital media will bring costs down, take content faster to people and do away with the old format retail of the mom and pop store. AAKRITI SAWHNEY

When heritage came calling

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It was a one of a kind event that the city of Gwalior witnessed from April 17-19. Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya (SKV) organised the Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Dharohar, a festival to preserve and propagate India's rich heritage. Around eight girls schools from India and abroad were a part of this festival that had a series of competitive activities. "A culture as rich, diverse and ancient as ours is a matter of pride. But we tend to take this legacy for granted. The fest aims to revive interest in the dying out art forms," said Nishsi Sharma, principal, SKV.

The first day of the festival had competitions such as heritage concern & action, which showcased the heritage portfolio of the participating schools through a film, Dastarkhwan (heritage cuisine), a cooking contest, and, Sher-O-Shayari (self-composed poetry). The second leg of the festival began with a sketching competition at the historical site of Bateshwar, followed by a heritage quiz and a brochure making contest. However, the best was saved for the concluding day. While the period dress creation contest saw students displaying their creative skills in altering and representing dresses from the Mughal era, the Qawwali competition was



Girls of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya perform a qawwali

won by SKV. The event concluded with Rajmata Madhavi Raje Scindia handing over trophies to the winners. While SKV bagged the first 'Dharohar' trophy, Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur, and Mayo College Girl's School, Ajmer, bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

Students sketch at the historical Bateshwar site



Students of Indian High School, Dubai, at the Dastangoi competition

Chief Guest Rajmata Madhavi Raje Scindia being welcomed by a school girl