Meet Indian Physicists

Homi Jehangir Bhabha: Visionary and Pioneer (1909 – 1966)

Homi Jehangir Bhabha was one of India's most eminent nuclear physicists. Bhabha was born and did his schooling in Mumbai. Mathematics and theoretical physics intrigued him and the pursuit of his passion led him to a doctorate in nuclear physics in 1933. In recognition of his significant contributions to the field of quantum mechanics, cosmic rays and elementary particles, Homi Bhabha was elected Fellow of the Royal Society (London) in 1941.

He was instrumental in setting up prestigious research centres in India like the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), and Cosmic Ray Research Unit at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. Colloquially known as "Father of the Indian Nuclear Programme", Bhabha was appointed Chairman of the International Atomic Energy Commission in 1948 and also represented India in IAEA conferences, and served as President of the United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva, Switzerland (1955). Being the multi-faceted personality he was, he also dabbled in art and music; was a painter and a classical music and opera enthusiast, besides being an amateur botanist!

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Today's Attraction (Leaders)

Tour of South Mumbai

You will be visiting the southern most precinct of Mumbai city today. South Mumbai hosts the main business headquarters of numerous multinational companies as also the Reserve Bank of India and the Bombay Stock Exchange. A striking feature of South Mumbai is its architecture. Some of the finest heritage buildings of the colonial era influenced by the Victorian-Gothic style of architecture can be seen here. During the tour, you will also see the "Gateway of India", a monument located at the sea front, which historically and symbolically served as an entrance to India.

You will notice that South Mumbai has no auto-rickshaws, unlike the rest of the city. Only black and yellow taxis/cabs and private cabs are permitted in this region.

The *Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya* is a premier art and history museum in Mumbai. The museum building itself is an example of the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture. This heritage building has a world-class art collection, rotating exhibits, outreach and educational programmes, and one can endlessly wander through the galleries of the museum!

South Mumbai is a paradise for street shoppers. The Colaba causeway officially known as Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, has numerous street vendors who sell scarves, clothes, shoes, sandals, sarongs, silver jewellery and ornaments. But be warned, unless you are a great bargainer, it is advisable to shop from government Emporia or Fixed Price shops to ensure quality and reasonable prices. Do be careful when street shopping, since you can be conned with fake goods. For those who love food, this place also has a plethora of multi-cuisine restaurants!

Enjoy a day of walking, sight-seeing, shopping and eating!

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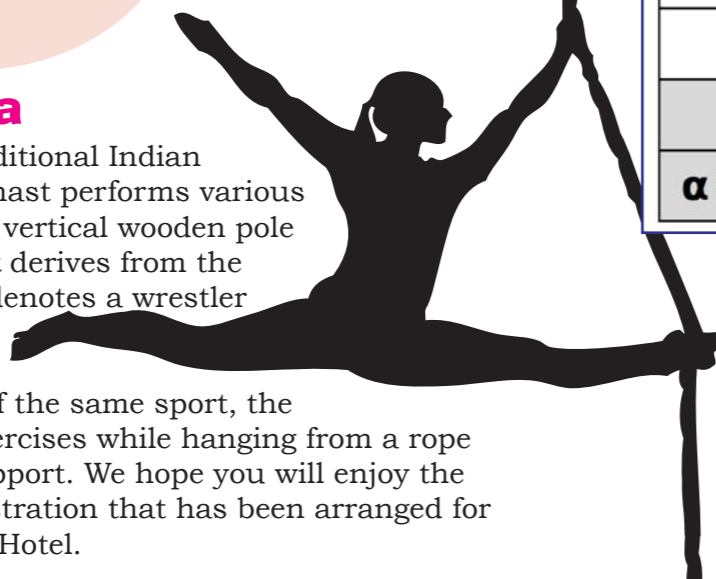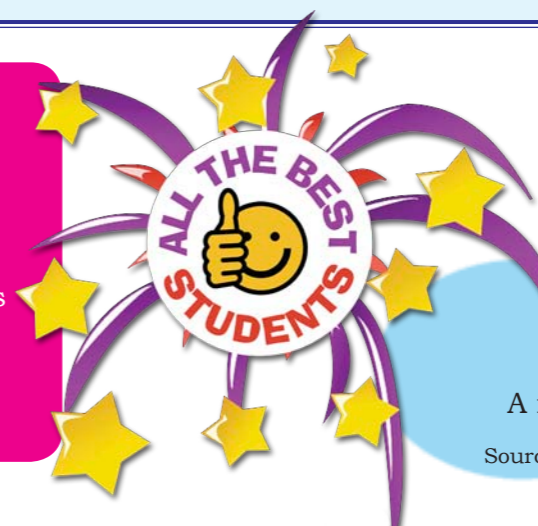
Soriya Theang
Cambodia

Anton Igorevich Talkachov
Belarus

Why didn't the Dog Star laugh at the joke?

It was too Sirius

Mallakhamba

Mallakhamba is a traditional Indian sport in which a gymnast performs various acrobatic feats with a vertical wooden pole or rope. *Mallakhamba* derives from the terms "*malla*" which denotes a wrestler and "*khamba*" which means a pole. In a different variation of the same sport, the gymnast performs exercises while hanging from a rope suspended from a support. We hope you will enjoy the *Mallakhamba* demonstration that has been arranged for students at the Leela Hotel.

SYMBOL SU-DO-KU

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ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLES

GUESS WHO: ANU

WORDS UNSCRAMBLED:
ANGSTROM, AVOGADRO, CYCLOTRON, GRAVITY, FRICTION, QUANTA

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Leaders: Sightseeing at South Mumbai
Departure at 0830 hrs

Students: Experimental Exams at the Bombay Convention & Exhibition Centre, Goregaon
Departure at 0800 hrs

ALL THE BEST STUDENTS

Weather Forecast

Temperature

Max: **33°C / 91.4°F**

Min: **27°C / 80.6°F**

A few spells of rain could occur

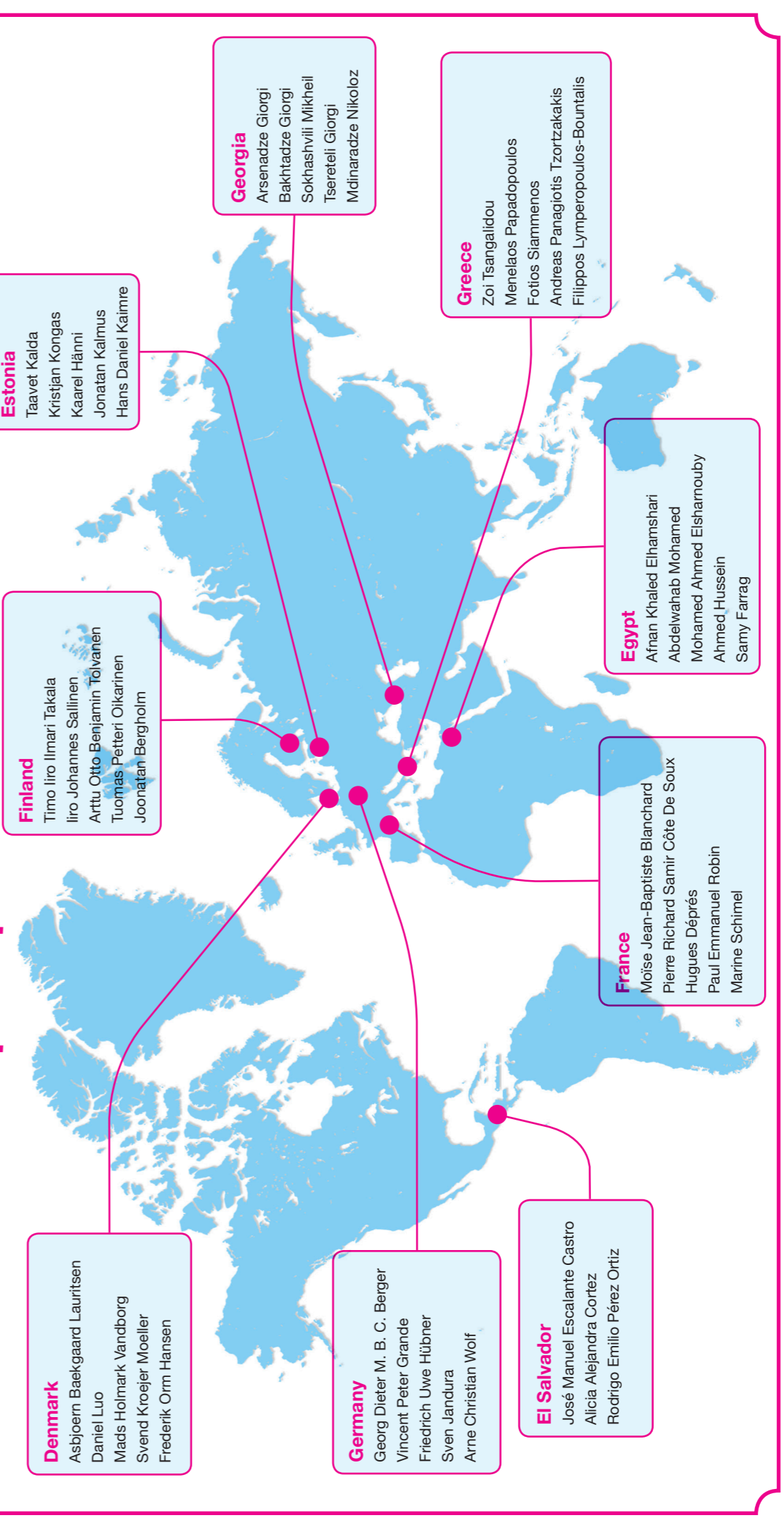Source: Regional Meteorological Centre, Mumbai

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"The first principle is that you must not fool yourself and you are the easiest person to fool"
Richard P. Feynman

Glimpses

Slovenian team rediscovering their physics during the excursion!

Star Struck!

While the Leaders & Observers were busy in the IB-Meeting, Students were having fun!

Astronaut Seou Choi

Rendezvous with IPhO participants

Estonia
Taavet Kalda
Kristjan Kongas
Kaarel Hänni
Jonatan Kalmus
Hans Daniel Kaimre

Georgia
Arsenadze Giorgi
Bakhtadze Giorgi
Sokhashvili Mikheil
Tsereteli Giorgi
Mdinaradze Nikoloz

Greece
Zoi Tsangalidou
Menelaos Papadopoulos
Fotios Siammenos
Andreas Panagiotis Tzortzakakis
Filippos Lymperopoulos-Bountalis

Egypt
Afnan Khaled Elhamshari
Abdelwahab Mohamed
Mohamed Ahmed Elshamouby
Ahmed Hussein
Samy Farrag

Finland
Timo Iiro Ilmari Takala
Iiro Johannes Sallinen
Arttu Otto Benjamin Tolvanen
Tuomas Petteri Oikarinen
Joonatan Bergholm

France
Moïse Jean-Baptiste Blanchard
Pierre Richard Samir Côte De Soux
Hugues Déprés
Paul Emmanuel Robin
Marine Schimel

Denmark
Asbjoern Baekgaard Lauritsen
Daniel Luo
Mads Holmark Vandborg
Svend Kroejer Moeller
Frederik Orm Hansen

Germany
Georg Dieter M. B. C. Berger
Vincent Peter Grande
Friedrich Uwe Hübner
Sven Jandura
Arne Christian Wolf

El Salvador
José Manuel Escalante Castro
Alicia Alejandra Cortez
Rodrigo Emilio Pérez Ortiz

YOU SPEAK!