

UAE businessman Saeed Khouri bought the most lavish license plate ever sold for 14.2 million USD which consists of a single digit '1'.



It's expensive!

A million queries

Addressing Various Doubts The General Public Have When It Comes To Vaccines

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The gruelling fight against COVID-19 continues on as we dream of getting our old normal back. All this while, the only sliver of hope we've had is the development of effective vaccines by different scientists of the world. In December 2020, UK became the first nation to give a nod to the Pfizer vaccine. Soon, other countries followed suit and allowed the inoculation drive to begin in a phased manner, but as different countries in the world are in a race of creating their own vaccines, the general public have a few doubts.

What is vaccine efficacy?

Many people, whilst comparing, confuse vaccine efficacy with vaccine effectiveness, which leads them to harbour incorrect opinions and to spread them amongst their contacts. While vaccine efficacy refers only to the degree to which a vaccine can prevent the disease during its clinical trials, vaccine effectiveness means the ability of a vaccine to give desired results in the real world. An efficacious vaccine is expected to be highly effective. However, its impact cannot be predicted as it may

vary from person to person.

Do these quickly produced vaccines work?

Every time a comparison is done, timing is always taken into consideration. People wonder if these quickly-made vaccines are effective or not. Well, even after the human trials, many have argued that a 'safe' vaccine can't be developed in such a short period of time. In response, experts have clarified that a vaccine with minimum efficacy rate of 50% is enough to reduce global transmission of the virus. Therefore, the vaccines available in the market are effective and simply rule out the doubt of being produced quickly. Besides, it's better to have something in hand than nothing.

Are the numbers lying?

Scientists suggest that statistics can't be

fairly compared, especially when they get different COVID vaccines created by different nations, for each trial involves different people living in different parts of the world. And a true comparison can only be done when two or more vaccines go head-to-head in the same trial. But such a comparison is a challenge to be performed, especially in such tough times when the prime focus is to save as many human lives as possible rather than making comparisons and delaying the whole process of vaccination altogether.

Which COVID vaccine is the best?

Like all other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines are not 100% effective. Thus, the most important thing to look out for is how well a vaccine keeps hospitalisations and severe infections at bay. Health officials say that the best vaccine is the one currently available in your particular country and is offered on the day of the appointment, so don't be picky and get yourself vaccinated ASAP!

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Poetic Expression

Let us all pray!

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The shelter is all warm and nice
To stay at home is only much wise
Though I can't be in for so long
But going out will only be wrong

Spending these days in anticipation
Till when, there is no explanation
Exploring the world virtually
Be it through smartphone or the TV

Be it north, east, west and south
For now, there is simply no way out
But I wake and hear the bird's chirp
The only good thing in this massive curb

Wash your hands a hundred times a day
This is the time to keep COVID at bay
This maybe a sign to be considerate
So, let us all pray and not go astray. 🇮🇳



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The Almighty

The ocean we drown in
Is made up of our tears
The fire we are burning in
Is made up of all our fears

Melancholy is everywhere
Gloomy is the atmosphere
We are all losing patience
Is the end here and near?

Wake up from your slumber
This, too, shall pass away
Let Almighty be the charioteer
And keep misery at bay! 🇮🇳



Beating the blue

Art Is Certainly The Only Way To Do It

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It's been more than a year since the virus and as an inevitable result, the lockdown dawned on us. A species that used to thrive in socialisation, was now forced to survive in isolation; and all of us experienced the feeling of nothingness, almost giving up on everything that made us feel good. True, at first, it seemed temporary, but these fleeting moments soon became the reality, and here we are, ushering in a new normal. Now, while we all must have thought that there is nothing to

do, it was indeed a challenge for us to overcome in our own ways. Without many choices at hand, it was a tad frustrating and torturous at first, but it wasn't long before each one of us discovered a new potential, a new desire, or maybe a new talent. I did, too! Although at a point like this, the willingness to do something productive also goes away, but it was at this very point that art came to my rescue. Personally speaking, sometimes just doodling or picking up the brush to paint your emotions is the most refreshing thing.

I truly believe in the power of art as it stimulates an individual's

thoughts, emotions, or ideas through the senses. You may not realise it but sometimes sitting by the window and painting in bright daylight with some music in the background might turn out to be the best experience in times like these. It does not have to be perfect, it just needs to be something that you love to do! Now, everyone has their own definition of art. For me, it is doodling and painting, for you it might be cooking, dancing or even singing; but whatever it is, it will give you a reason to get through each day with a lot more strength and meaning. So, let your art define you! 🇮🇳