

TOP PICKS

Moon Knight



Sophia Navagaonkar

“Moon Knight” is Marvel’s latest addition to its collection of TV series up for streaming on Disney + Hotstar. With a well paced plot and intriguing storyline, Moon Knight is simply one of the best series from Marvel till date. Oscar Isaac’s phenomenal performance makes him one of MCU’s finest actors, and every single frame in the series could be made into a wall-paper, it’s just that visually stunning. The music, the originality, the endearing characters and the brilliant performances make “Moon Knight” an incredible watch.

Runway 34



Rupashree Ravi

The Ajay Devgn - Amitabh Bachchan starrer is an absolute thriller that keeps both stakes and suspense high. Inspired by true events, the aviation drama takes off quickly and keeps you hooked till the very end. The film is directed by Devgn himself, who portrays Captain Vikrant Khanna, whose flight takes a turbulent course after take-off from an international destination. It is up to Narayan Vedant, played by Amitabh Bachchan to uncover the truth.

Encanto



Yukta Patwardhan

Encanto, directed by Byron Howard and Jared Bush, follows the life of Mirabel Madrigal, the black sheep of the Madrigal family - the only one without a gift among three generations of gifted individuals. The film is a beautiful exploration of the struggles of family life and finding a balance between being yourself and being who you are. Set to colourful visuals, stellar animation and a spellbinding soundtrack, Encanto is one of the most emotionally resonating films Disney has brought out.

Multiverse of Madness



Pranjal Nangare

They say fantasy is often the way people try to escape the reality. With its mind-bending visual effects, the fresh horror elements and STRANGE plot, Marvel’s “Dr. Strange and The Multiverse of Madness” transported the audience across multiverses. Sam Raimi’s direction coupled with the proficient acting by Benedict Cumberbatch, Xochitl Gomez and Elizabeth Olsen made it a masterpiece fit to the Phase 4 of the MCU. The astounding cameos and end credit scene typical of each Marvel movie were like the cherry on the top.

SLS students take legal aid to the needy

Pranjal Nangare

Symbiosis Law School (SLS) inaugurated its own Pro bono Club on 4th May 2022. This club has been formed under the “Nyaya Bandhu ” Scheme of the Department of Justice, Government of India. The club was sanctioned in 2020 but was finally endorsed by Pune District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) this year. It was inaugurated by Mr Sanjay Deshmukh, the Principal District Judge, Pune and Chairman, DLSA.

Like all other clubs in various Symbiosis colleges, this club also fosters learning opportunities for its students. However, what makes this club different is that it has provided its members with the added exposure to practice as paralegals while also benefiting the community. Adv. Sangramjit Chauhan of SLS, one of the faculty in charge of the club, said, “The club’s objective is to undertake pro bono public activities and promote social justice and raise the confidence of the underprivileged.”

Law students in the club said that this club would be an excellent opportunity to reach out to those who cannot afford legal fees or do not have much knowledge about their rights or legal literacy. The Pro Bono Club will be working with the Community Legal Care & Literacy Cell (CLCL). The students also said they have previously organized aid camps at the Daulat Rao Jadhav Prison Officer’s Training College and the Regional Mental Health Hospital, Yerwada, with the CLCL.

The club members have also seen successful assistance wherein they provided death certificates to a widow of a COVID-19 victim. The club will now also assist the State and DLSA in organising National Lok Adalats.

Adv. Chauhan said that these students have worked in and around Sus Gaon and Yerwada as a part of pro-bono activities. Despite being in its infant stage, the club is already deal-



A Legal Aid Camp set up along with the Community Legal Care Centre

ing with several cases wherein justice has been denied to the poor and the disregarded classes.

Through this club, the law students build a strong and reliable network of legal care leaders while also giving back to the community.

Wordle fever grips Symbiosis

Yukta Patwardhan

“It’s more than just a game,” SCMC third-year Yashvi Shah says about the much-admired game Wordle, “it’s a lifestyle.”

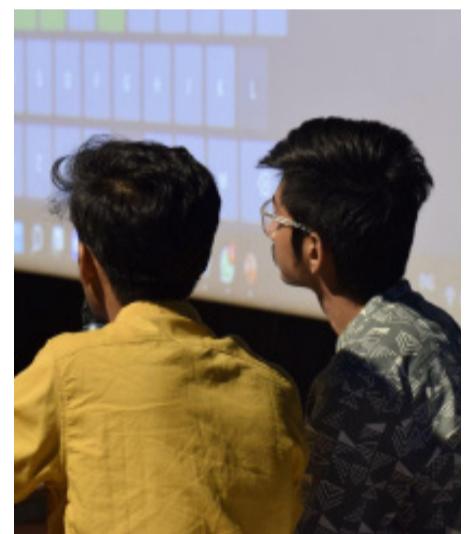
The game, created by software engineer Josh Wardle in 2021 took the world by storm in the following months. The rules are uncomplicated; a player must guess a five-letter word within six tries. Each guess reveals whether any of the letters are either a part of the word and if they are, then whether they are in the correct place. There’s only one word you can guess in a day, and the word changes at midnight.

It’s unsurprising then, that when something gains popularity on the internet, it becomes all the rage at SCMC. For a game that takes hardly a few minutes to complete, the words “today’s Wordle” resounds through the SCMC halls more than a few times. Students can be seen sharing their Wordle scores - which is es-

entially how many tries it took them to guess the day’s word - on social media every day. Whether this is just a means to keep track of scores or possibly a means for some friendly competition, is something that remains a mystery. Some of the more ambitious students can be found solving different versions of the game, like Quordle or Octurdle, which let them guess four and eight words simultaneously.

The game has skyrocketed in terms of popularity to the extent that it found its way into one of the events for Maadhyaam, SCMC’s inter-batch literary and debate festival. Wall of Words, the Wordle event, presented the popular word game with a literary twist of its own. It isn’t every day that a word game makes it this big, and the Wordle craze doesn’t seem to be dying down anytime soon.

“It’s the reason I’ve been sleeping past midnight every day,” third-year Deepta



Students of SCMC playing Maadhyaam’s Wordle event, Word of Walls

Jairaj says with a laugh, recounting how the game has wormed its way into their life.

This VN couple is a messiah for strays



Keerthana Unni

When the once-bustling streets of Viman Nagar became barren, Nitasha and Vikas Shivaramani started to look out for the street animals. When the pandemic struck, the street dogs who depended on humans for food suffered too. Worried about how they would survive without help, the couple decided to feed them on a daily basis.

What started in the March of 2020 with a handful of dogs in their society, has now grown to over 140 stomachs they are filling today on a daily basis. “During the pandemic, we started to see more of dogs and less of humans. Every day we thought just a little further, this street also. Before we knew

it we started to provide food for most dogs in our area.”, said Nitasha Shivaramani. They cover a vast area from the airport road, the entirety of Sakore Nagar all the way to the street beyond the Phoenix mall. With the help of other animal lovers and those wishing to help through volunteering and donations, they give out food including 600-700 kgs of rice and 100-110 kg of chicken every month. The chicken and rice are cooked in chicken broth with turmeric, which is the only animal-safe spice. These ingredients are often donated by well-wishers, volunteers, and even owners of shops who are animal lovers. Often a dog walker or feeder is hired to cook the food and distribute it among these street dogs once every day.



Vikas and Nitasha Shivaramani

Despite facing backlash from the people of their society and sometimes even the police, they still continue to do this because of their love for these social animals. Nitasha Shivaramani mentioned, “ I would request them to not harm these innocent animals if they are not willing to help them. They have protected us and our properties since the start of the evolution of the human race. I wish people would understand how important these animals are to us.” Further, she said, “Street dogs have a right to food and as humans, it is also within our constitutional rights to provide them with it.”