



Refugee Crisis- The Modern World Crisis

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Refugees, the people who have fled from their motherland to escape civil war, violence, drought or any other hostile conditions. As per reports over the refugee numbers are at a twenty-five year high. The current global refugee crisis didn't happen overnight. It's been slowly accelerating over the years. Almost 65 million people are displaced from their home by violence or by war each year. If that was a country, that would have been 21st largest country in the world. According to the United Nations High commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 69 per cent of refugees are from just five conflict ridden countries- Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Myanmar.

Syrians are the most displaced population around 6.8 million people. Millions of Syrians are attempting to escape the horrible terrorist groups located in Syria and thus seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Turkey alone hosted 3.8 million refugees-the largest population worldwide followed by Colombia and Uganda.

One out of every 10 refugees today has come from Afghanistan. The Taliban regained the control of the whole country in August, 2021 once the US army left the country. And this takeover saw a large population of the country being displaced within neighbouring countries like Iran and Pakistan as well as European countries like Germany and United Kingdom.

This year more than 4 million Ukrainian have been registered as refugees. Around 7.7 million border crossings have been recorded from Ukraine after Russia's invasion and turning it into worst humanitarian crisis since World War II.



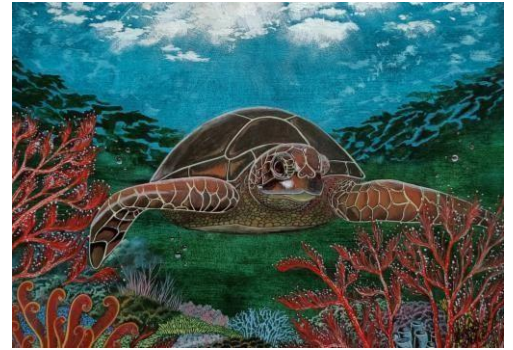
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Even India is home to over 2.44 lakh refugees and asylum seekers. Of these mostly are from Sri Lanka and Tibet.

Refugees flee to other countries due to fear of persecution and violence but those fears often do not dissipate in their new surrounding as displacement of large number of people results in creating havoc and chaos within hosting countries.

These refugees who seek refuge in different countries render challenge to European and other countries as providing the basic necessities to nearly 30 million refugees and ensuring protection of their right is challenging and it can take many years to find sustainable solutions to the challenges faced. For any solution to be considered sustainable, displaced communities must have access to the essential resource and service.

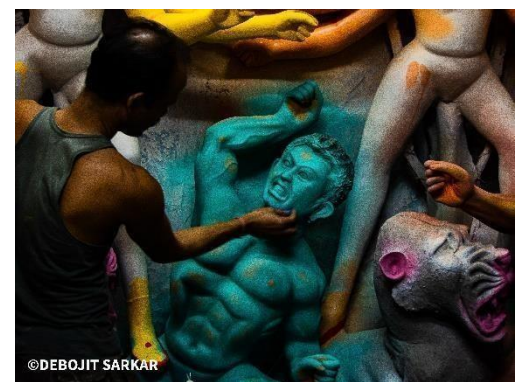
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Are We heading towards another Recession?

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In economics, a 'recession' is a business cycle contraction when there is a general decline in economic activity during which trade and industrial activity are temporarily reduced. It is generally identified by a fall in GDP in two successive quarters. The war between Russia and Ukraine, China's prioritization of political control over economic growth and the inflation-fighting efforts by central banks is deteriorating global economic outlook. At this rate, a global recession is likely, with at least slower economic growth virtually certain. Although the world economy has experienced four global recessions over the past seven Decades:

in 1975, 1982, 1991 and 2008, an interesting point to note is that there is literally no fixed way to predict when and how bad a future recession would be.

Among several methods, the one by which economies have come closest in predicting a recession is the 'Inverted Yield Curve' i.e., the yield rates of Government Bonds.

A government bond is a loan given to the government by the citizens of the country, and in return the government guarantees that after a fixed period of time it would repay the principal amount with fixed rate of interest. Generally, the longer we keep the money with government, the more interest we get.

The Science Behind Dreams

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We all must have gone through the experience of dreaming while being in a state of slumber. Dreams are the most fascinating aspects of our sleeping state. According to the researchers, an average person dreams four to six times per night but we tend to forget up to 90-95% of all dreams shortly after waking up. Several theories have been put forward to justify the reason behind dreaming but nothing has been confirmed so far.

According to the recent researches, our sleep cycle consists of 4 prominent stages. The first two stages involve relaxation, the third one is when we are in deep sleep and the fourth step (the most important one) is the stage of dreaming. This stage is also known as the Rapid Eye Movement (REM) stage of sleep. Brain activity found during REM is very high and corresponds to EEGs recorded while awake. During this stage, signals from the pons travel to the thalamus, which transmits them to the cerebral cortex, which in turn results in dreams to occur. The hippocampus also plays an important role in dreaming. It can restore some events or characters in our dreams with which we deal while being awake. Thus, many people find their dreams in connection with the events in which they were a part of.

Studies have proved that dreams play a key role in storing important memories and getting rid of the unimportant ones, it boosts our creative thinking and it also help in emotional healing. Thus, dreaming is quite beneficial for our physical, mental and emotional health.

A Hope for Humanity

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The year is 2034 and the world is a very different place. Global warming has made the Earth a very hostile place and the human race is on the brink of extinction. In a last ditch effort to save the human race, the government has decided to send a group of scientists and engineers to Mars in an effort to colonize the planet.

The team of scientists and engineers are the best of the best and they have been working tirelessly for the past year to get the colony on Mars up and running. They have finally succeeded and the first group of colonists are about to arrive. The team is excited to finally have some company, but they know that the challenges they face are far from over. They must now work to ensure that the colony is self-sustaining and that the inhabitants are able to survive on Mars. It won't be easy, but the team is determined to succeed. They know that the future of the human race depends on it.

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Deep Feelings

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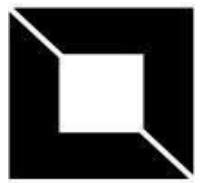


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As long as you can feel,
You can win heaven on earth,
Feelings Count a great deal,
Nothing is impossible,
If love and feel!
Feelings have wings,
they enable you,
To do so many things,
But above all,
Love is key,
Love gets you feeling,
Those special things,
Therefore, you must,
Love Beauty,
Love Art,
Respect, the Heart, of all
created
of which you, yourself are
part,
Oh, the Ineffable joy,
that Love and feelings bring,
Oh, what a Magical, world,
You're finally living in!



The Kisaragi Station – Japanese Urban Legend

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This story is based on the true recount of the Japanese urban legend. In 2004, Hasumi boarded a train at Shin-Hamamatsu Station at 23:40 on January 8 and returned home using a private railway in Shizuoka. Hasumi, at midnight, posts in the middle of a thread called “Post About Strange Occurrences Around You: Thread 26.” on 2chan (japanese text board). She shared her frightful situation during the ride.

Hasumi, on the text board, asks the users in the thread if she can post her situation right now as she is confused and has no idea whether it is her imagination or something else.

The users showed interest in helping her figure out what was going on. Hasumi posts: “I have been riding a certain train for a while, but something seems off. I always take this train to work. But it hasn’t stopped at any stations for the past twenty minutes or so. It usually takes only five minutes, seven or eight at worst. Oh, and there are five other passengers, but they’re all sleeping.” One of the user suggest her to try going to the end of the carriage to see the conductor.

The train shows no signs of stopping, and as the users suggest, she decides to take a look at the driver’s carriage. She finds out blinds are covering the window, and she is unable to see the conductor or the driver. She also lets the users know that the route is a private railway in Shizuoka. She

knocked on the window, but nobody answered.

A user then asks if she can see out the window and let them know the names of the stations she is passing by.

To which she replies, “We came out of a tunnel, so we’re dropping speed slightly.

There usually aren’t any tunnels, though...

It’s a train from Shin-Hamamatsu.” Moments later the train stopped and Hasumi got off at a station named Kisaragi Station.

After getting of the train she trying to search about the station, but strangely the station is not existing according to her search result. She immediately updates the users and called 110 (the number for police) ask for help. But Hasumi get disappointed when police do not believe her and scolding her for messing around with them.

A user suggests her to wait until daylight before she does anything.

There is no one there, looking around, there are only mountains and hills, public phones or taxis are not reachable. Suddenly, Hasumi starts hearing some weird noises from a distance and she posts: “I hear what sounds like a beating drum mixed with some kind of bell way off in the distance.

Honestly, I have no idea what to do at this point.”

Most of the user insist her to go back to the station. All of sudden, a voice saying, “Walking on the track is dangerous.” Hasumi with immense panic posts: “...

I looked around expecting to see an attendant, and saw a one-legged old man, but he vanished. I think I’m too scared to move.”

Hasumi couldn’t help but walk over an hour to the previous station along the track to the tunnel Pass through. As she leaves the tunnel, she notices there is someone up ahead. She was pleased to find a human in this ghostly town and thanked the users for their help and advice. She asked the man for help and he take her to the car. She is very thankful to the

driver until she realizes that the driver is taking her back to the creepy station while she notices the same grasses and mountains she had crossed a few minutes ago. Most of the users constrain her to get rid of the car as soon as possible. Hasumi in intense distress posts: “My battery’s almost run out. Things are getting strange, so I think I’m going to make a run for it. He’s been talking to himself about bizarre things for a while now. To prepare for just the right time, I’m going to make this my last post for now. Hasumi’s post after that is cut off. It was around 3 o’clock on the January 9.

Hasumi leaves everyone on this thread in monumental anxiety. Hasumi’s tragedy ends up being ‘A Real Japanese Legend.’

As the story ends with Hasumi loss of contact, the identity of this station has not been revealed at all, but netizens speculate that it is the midpoint between this and the afterlife.





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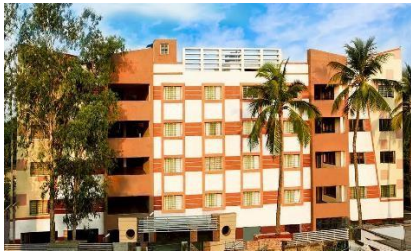
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Am I Ugly?

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There was once a girl named Vini . She was leading a quite happy and simple life until an incident happened which kind of changed some aspects of her life. When she was in class eleven she used to take tuitions where she met many new girls and boys. She made some female friends but she never got along with boys. To be honest the boys never seemed to be interested in her. However, she had a crush on a boy and she expressed her feelings to him. But he rejected her. She told her friends about it but they didn't take it seriously rather made fun of her.

One day a boy from her tuition who was quite popular sent her a friend request in Facebook which she accepted. Next day when she opened her profile , she saw that boy along with his 159 friends had tagged her in his selfies. She was surprised. She noticed that guy had a weird habit of tagging his close friends as well as those whom he hardly knows. He did this only to get more likes and views. She was very angry. So to stop him from tagging her she commented that she wasn't interested to be tagged in his photos so he should stop tagging her. Next time when she checked her profile she saw that boy had unfriend her and replied. His exact words were," I wonder where this attitude comes from! Have you seen yourself in the mirror ever? You are so ugly and you are showing this much of attitude? Just shut your mouth."

His words hit her heart like a bullet. She was so hurt but she was surprised also. She wondered what that boy meant. Did he mean that only a beautiful girl can have attitude but not an ugly girl, right? Though he openly said those things nobody protested. Some even supported him. She cried, saw herself in the mirror and realized she wasn't 'beautiful'. She had many flaws. Suddenly everything was so clear to her. She understood why she never got proposals from boys and why she was rejected by her crush. She was ugly. She felt devastated. At that moment she felt worthless, her life was shattered. She felt like committing suicide. But later she realized it's her life. She couldn't end it because of somebody else. But some views of life surely changed her. She deleted her Facebook account.

She started to believe in that Marilyn Monroe quote, "Boys think girls are like books. If the cover doesn't catch their eyes they won't bother to see what's inside." She also started to avoid boys as much as possible. After completing school she got admitted in girl's college. Though in tuition there were many boys but she maintained distance from them. She was scared. She thought again a boy would insult her and call her ugly. She couldn't afford to bear another insult. So she kept herself kind of hidden. But at heart she was just another girl who wanted to be loved.

Now after five years of that incident she is graduating from her college. She had made some good friends. But she is still single and she believes it's because of her looks. Her life isn't a fairytale where a 'prince charming' will come and take her away from this place where boys openly label girls and nobody comes in defense of them. Not even other girls rather they indirectly supporting the boys. She knows she didn't need a man to live her life. But she sometimes wishes if she could go back in time and undo that comment maybe things would have been different today. But again, she thought that whatever happens, happens for good. Otherwise, she wouldn't know what most boys think of her.

Vini has forgotten many incidents of her life but this one, she will never forget it. Maybe that boy has forgotten his words but Vini will remember every word of his. There are hundreds of girls like Vini who has experienced such insults yet they didn't care and lived their lives in their own way. But these kind of incidents leaves a deep scar and only the bearer knows how much pain that scar caused. No one else will ever know that.