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LIFE ISN'T ABOUT FINDING YOURSELF. LIFE IS ABOUT CREATING YOURSELF.  
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

## Bharat bandh

Indian farmers' protests against the centre's three farm laws. The protests have been going on for many months. Yesterday, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) called for a Bharat bandh from 6 am to 4 pm. The SKM is an umbrella body of over 40 farm unions. Farmers union leader Rakesh Tikait said that the bandh was successful. In both Punjab and Haryana (where the protests are concentrated), the bandh led to blocked highways, road and railway tracks, bringing road and rail traffic

## Farmers' Bharat bandh blocks highways, railway tracks

to a halt. In Punjab, the ruling Congress government said that it stands by the farm unions' Bharat bandh call. The state came to an almost full stop as shops remained closed. And farmers protested at over 350 places.

In Haryana too, they blocked highways in many places. There were also massive jams at the Delhi-Haryana border as protesting farmers blocked the road.

### Protests in other states

In Jharkhand, supporters of the Bharat bandh blocked roads and highways. In the capital Ranchi, shops were shut but government offices and banks were open.

In Maharashtra, the bandh did not affect normal life but farmers and political parties held demonstrations and bike rallies.

Jammu also saw demonstrations and rallies in favour of the bandh. There were also rallies in



Rajasthan. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu.

The Indian Railways said that about 25 trains were affected by the Bharat bandh.

## Social Democratic Party claims victory in German national election

German national election

On 26 September 2021, Germany held national elections to elect the members of the 20th Bundestag. Results show that the Social Democratic Party (SPD) has come out on top.

What is the Bundestag? The Bundestag or Federal Diet is the German federal parliament. The German people elect its members. And it is similar to the lower houses of legislatures in other countries such as the UK's House of Commons and India's Lok Sabha. In the recent German national election, the Social Democrats have narrowly come out

on top, over the CDU/CSU conservative bloc. Current Chancellor Angela Merkel is from the CDU/CSU (Christian Democratic Union of Germany and the Christian Social Union). However, Merkel chose not to run in the election this time.

The two sides above actually were part of the coalition government for many years. But now the SPD says it's time for a different coalition.

This result spells the end of 16 years of conservative-led rule under Angela Merkel. Results of the German national election. Out of 735 seats in the Bundestag, SPD has claimed 208 seats

while CDU/CSU party has won 196 seats. Another party, The Greens, has won 118 seats.

The head of the SPD is Olaf Scholz. He could head the new coalition and become the next Chancellor of Germany. The Chancellor is the head of government and chief executive of Germany.



**Olaf Scholz**

**Angela Merkel**



## DID YOU KNOW ?

- Angela Merkel, who was elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, 2013 and 2018, is the first woman to be elected chancellor of Germany.
- India is the 2nd largest agricultural producer in the world.
- An average F1 car can go from 0 to 100 miles per hour and go back to zero in just four seconds



## TENSES IN ENGLISH

	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Past	I learned	I was learning	I had learned	I had been learning
Present	I learn	I am learning	I have learned	I have been learning
Future	I will learn	I will be learning	I will have learned	I will have been learning

## George Bernard Shaw

George Bernard Shaw, known at his insistence simply as Bernard Shaw, was an Anglo-Irish playwright, critic, polemicist and political activist. His influence on Western theatre, culture and politics extended from the 1880s to his death and beyond.



George Bernard Shaw is famous for his role in revolutionizing comedic drama. He was also a literary critic and a prominent British socialist. Shaw's most financially successful work, *Pygmalion*, was adapted into the popular Broadway musical *My Fair Lady*. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925.

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## Lewis Hamilton is the first to reach 100 Formula One wins

On Sunday, Lewis Hamilton became the first F1 (Formula One) driver to win his 100th race. What is Formula One or F1? Formula One (also known as Formula 1 or F1) is the highest class of international single-seater auto racing approved by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA). The FIA is the world governing body for racing events.

Who is Lewis Hamilton? Sir Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton is a British racing driver. He currently competes in Formula One for Mercedes. In Formula One, Hamilton has won a joint-record seven World Drivers' Championship titles (tied with Michael Schumacher).



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## WORD OF THE DAY

Today's Word of the Day is "pin-na-cle" and its adjective meaning lacking distinctive or interesting features or characteristics.

**Pronunciation** 'nɒndɪskrɪpt/

**Usage:** "she lived in a nondescript suburban apartment block"

**Antonyms**  
distinctive, extraordinary

### Origin

Late 17th century (in the sense 'not previously described or identified scientifically'): from non- + obsolete descript 'described, engraved' (from Latin descriptus).

### Synonyms :

undistinguished, featureless, characterless, unremarkable, unexceptional, unmemorable, blending into the background ordinary, commonplace, average, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, mundane uninteresting, boring, uninspiring, dull, colourless, grey, anaemic, insipid, bland informal bog-standard

### Hindi Meaning

NONDESCRIP= साधारण, मामूली  
[pr.{sadharaN, mamuli} ]  
(Adjective)

## ENGLISH CLUB

### Phrasal Verb-come across

**Meaning:** If somebody comes across as being a certain type of person, they appear that way to other people

**Usage:** When you first meet Chris he comes across as being a bit stupid, but he's actually a very smart guy.

## Today's Idiom


### deep pockets

**Meaning:** You can say a person or an organisation has deep pockets if they have lots of money.

**Usage:** Let's make a list of everyone we know with deep pockets, and see if any of them want to invest in our company.

## RAINDROP

This leaf, so complete in itself,  
Is only part of a tree.  
And this tree, so complete in itself,  
Is only part of the mountain.  
And the mountain runs down to the sea.  
And the sea, so complete in itself,  
Rests like a raindrop  
On the hand of God.



Believe in God  
- Ruskin Bond