



Observed every year on February 4, World Cancer Day aims to unite the world in the fight against cancer. The day highlights the importance of prevention, early detection, treatment, and support for patients and families affected by this disease. Health experts emphasize regular screenings, healthy lifestyles, and awareness campaigns to reduce cancer risks. Beyond medical interventions, World Cancer Day inspires communities to support survivors, fund research, and challenge stigma surrounding cancer. It serves as a reminder that collective action, education, and empathy can make a real difference in combating one of the world's leading health challenges.

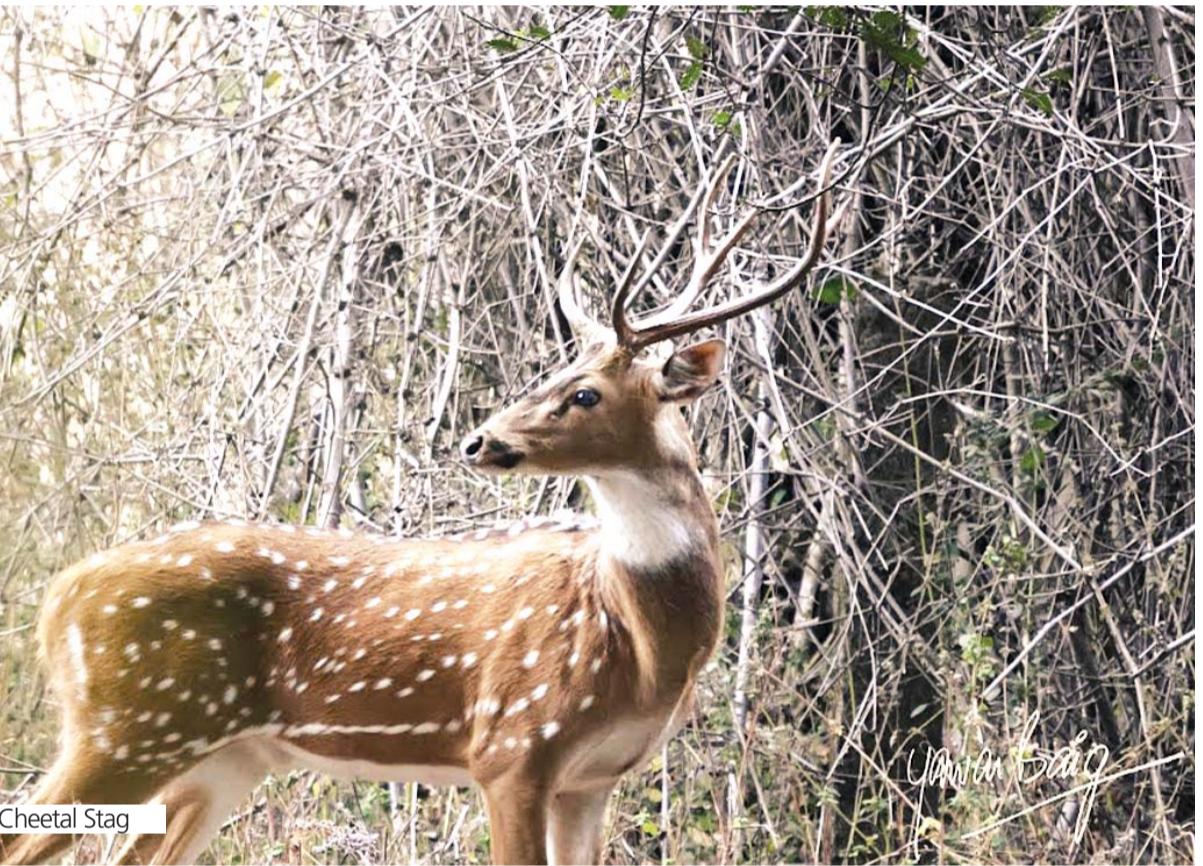
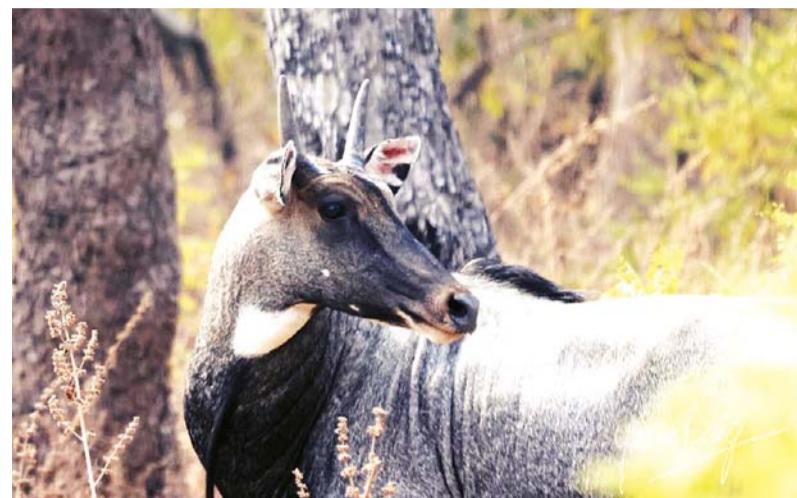


Tyger Tyger, Burning Bright, In The Forests Of The Night



Then, we proceeded into the park. Umred, and for that matter, Tadoba, has lateritic soil. The result of Gypsy vehicles racing up and down its roads is that the roads have a layer of very fine powdery red dust that rises in a huge cloud, which follows you like a nemesis. As you brake, it races up and lovingly envelopes you completely, so that for a few seconds, you become invisible to everyone but your conscience. Then, when the dust settled, we saw a beautiful Blue Bull (Nilgai) male, the largest Asian antelope, looking at us curiously.

PART:1



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Tyger, burning bright, In the forests of the night" is the opening couplet of the famous 1794 poem "The Tyger" by English poet William Blake.

William Blake certainly never saw a tiger in the wild, as he never left



Little Egret



Asian Open-billed Stork

The story goes like this. Last weekend, I went to Tadoba and Umred in Maharashtra. The road from Hyderabad to Tadoba is an excellent four lane highway. I am in the pleasant doze that I always fall into when being driven by my dear friend Saad Jameel Khan, an excellent driver on the smooth surface of the road, until we hit a small trench, a leftover from some afterthought cable laying, and I was

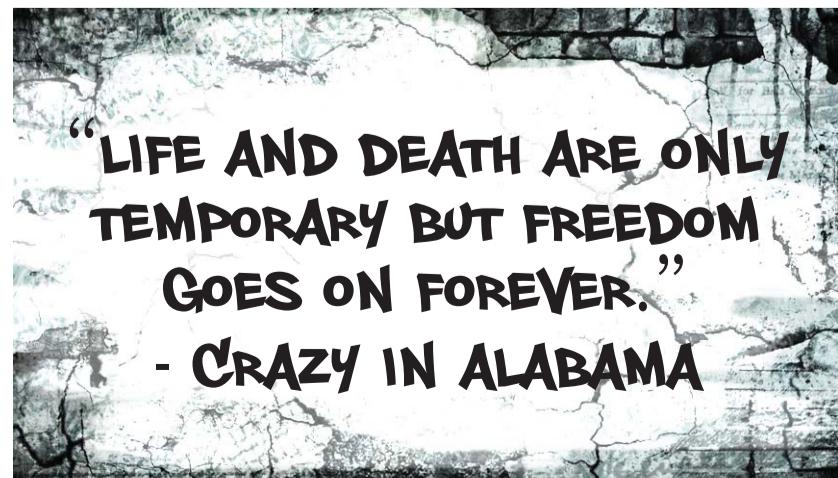
rudely awakened as my head hit the car's ceiling. Then, I go back to sleep until the next trench. Mercifully, that happened only twice. The road as I mentioned, is excellent by any standard, but people driving on it have no idea how to drive on such a road.

For example, I suddenly saw someone coming in the opposite direction on a divided highway. Before I could react, he flashed past.



Sambar getting in the soup.

THE WALL



BABY BLUES



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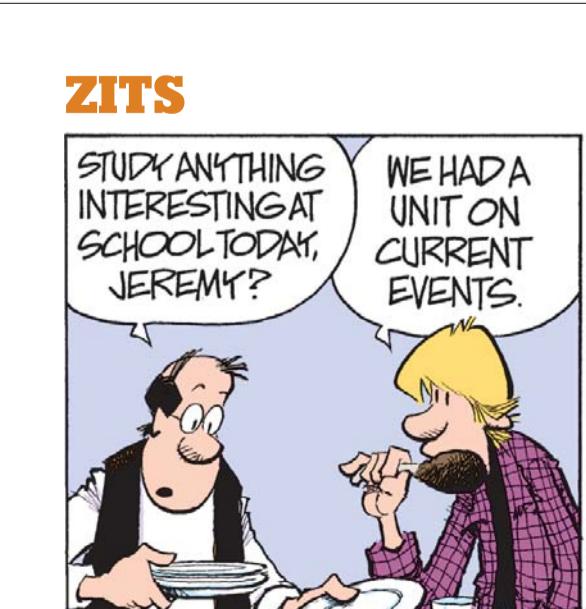
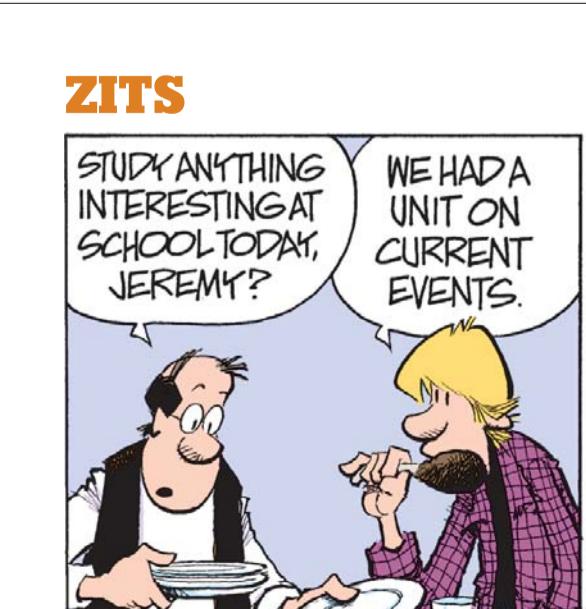
ZITS



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Sambar in the soup



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