

Most people want to have a say in how their body will be treated after they pass away. The author too had an important realization about his end when he visited the mummy of Ramesses II, who despite being a powerful king in his time ended up in a museum with thousands of people gaping at his mummy every-day.

# I Have My Own Way To Be Remembered



Mummy kept in Jaipur museum.

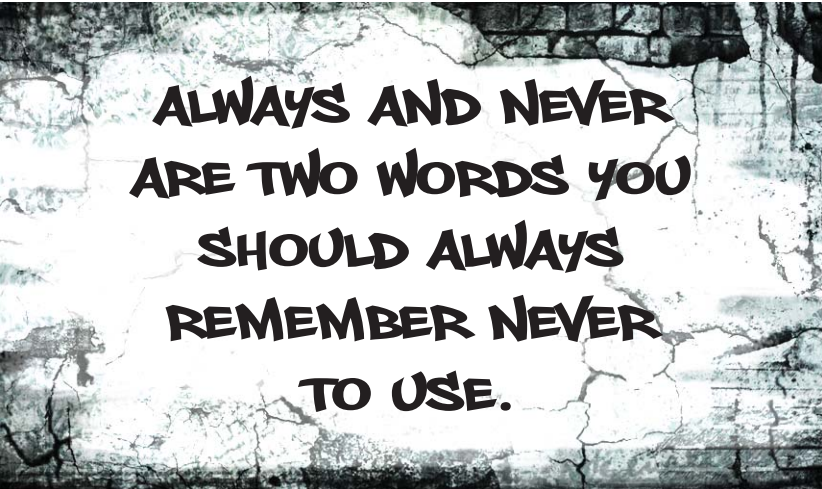
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Some years back, Jaipur's Albert Hall Museum was flooded in mid-August, requiring the evacuation of an Egyptian mummy that is among its prize exhibits. Important documents and artefacts were damaged but luckily, the 2,300-year-old mummy, one of six in a teenage girl belonging to the Ptolemaic dynasty, the last dynasty of ancient Egypt that lasted from early 300 BCE to 30 BCE. It is one of the six mummies in India. The others are in Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad.

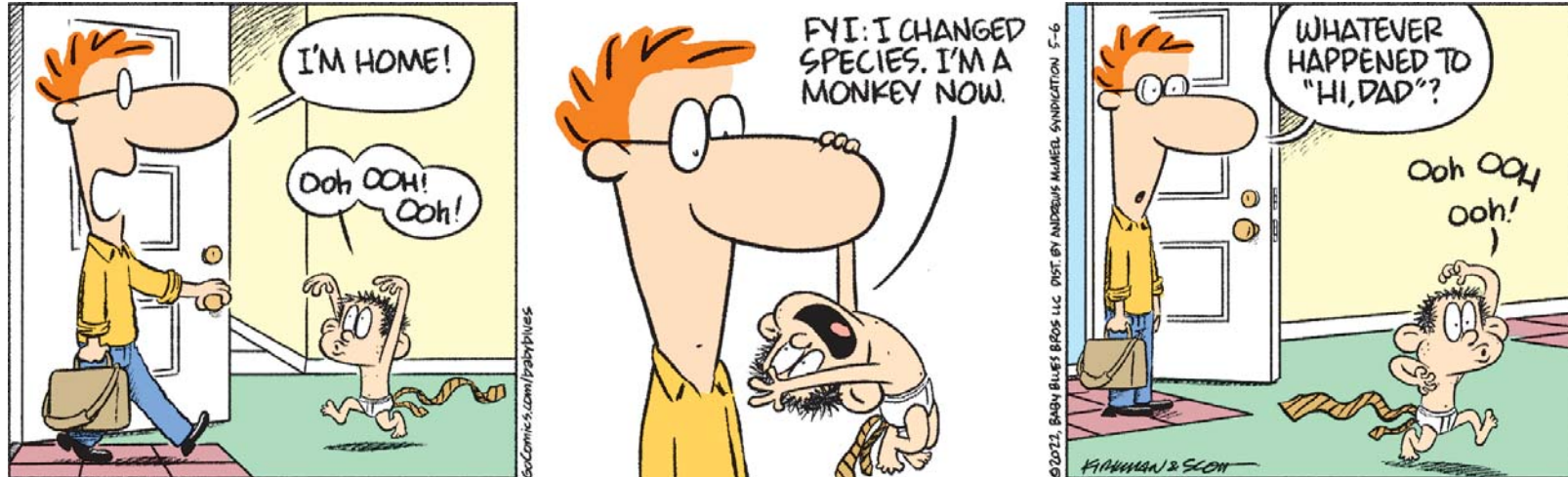
### Rain Rain Go Away!

The monsoon is conservation's scourge. Describing India's weather in his memoirs, the Mughal emperor Babur wrote: "During the rainy season, the weather is unusually good when the rain ceases.... The one drawback is that the air is too humid.... Bows cannot be used to shoot or they are ruined. Armour, books, bedding and textiles are also

### THE WALL

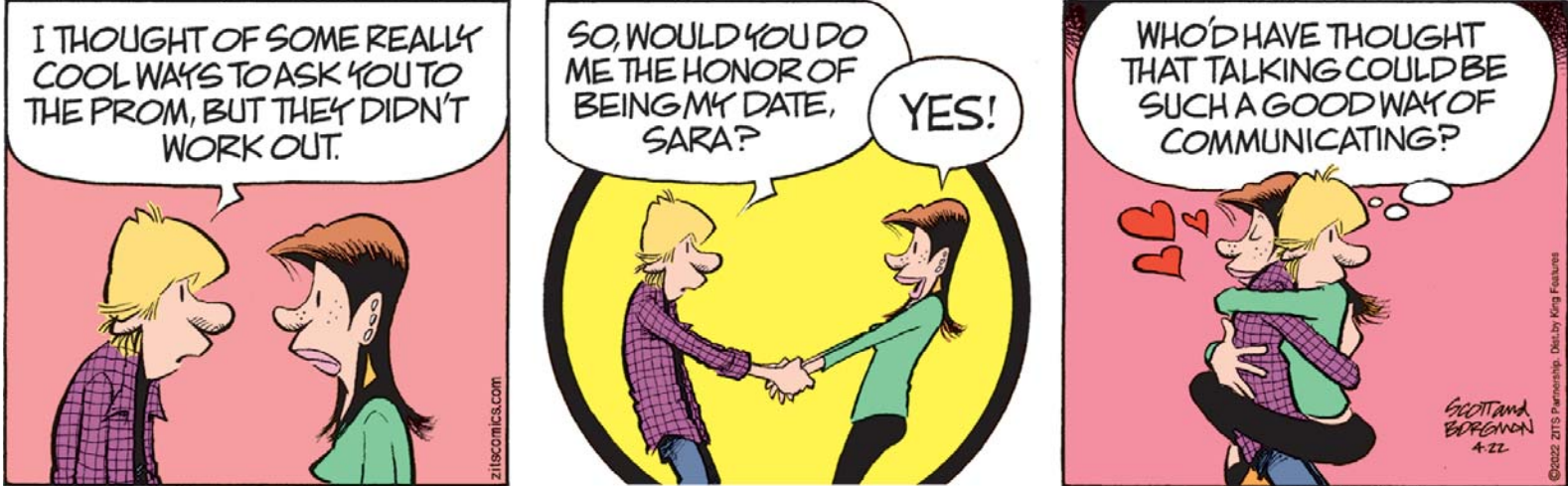


### BABY BLUES



By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

### ZITS



By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

### But you didn't know....

- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- The 'sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick' is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- If you sneeze too hard, you could fracture a rib.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.
- The longest one-syllable words in the English language are 'scrunched' and 'strengthened'.
- 'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.
- Almonds are the member of the peach family.

### World Turtle Day

We hear about them in parables of being slow and plodding, steady and methodical. We are, of course, talking about Turtles! Turtles are a type of reptile that exists in many environments throughout the world and have found their way into literature, poetry, and parable down the timeline. World Turtle Day celebrates these noble reptiles and encourages people to take action to help protect both the common pet turtle and the ever endangered sea turtle.



### #GUINNESS-ALERT

## World's Largest Scotch Egg

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A UK chef has registered a Guinness World Record for creating the world's largest Scotch egg with a vegetarian outer layer. Can you guess the size? According to the records site, it weighs a whopping 8.341 kg (18 lb 5 oz). For the unversed, the Scotch egg is known to be a British snack which consists of a hard-boiled egg enclosed in sausage meat, rolled in breadcrumbs, and fried. The chef Leigh Evans who works for the egg supplier Clarence Court based in Lacock, Wiltshire, took it upon himself to 'demonstrate the versatility of their eggs, creating his own recipe of a pea, mint and cheddar Scotch egg'. Notably, the dish saw Leigh use the largest egg from their collection, a 1.7 kg ostrich egg, along with vegetarian outer ingredients like peas, cheddar cheese, sage, onion, breadcrumbs as well as various seasonings. The ingredients were all premixed and made into a paste using a food processor.

## "After being an agent for two decades, now I am also training my daughter to become one": Hukam Singh



It was then wrapped around the ostrich egg. Then the whole piece was wrapped in cling film and placed in a blast-chiller, to assist in making it robust enough to be safely handled without falling apart, the website reported. After 30 minutes, it was rolled in semolina and liquid egg, and rolled in panko breadcrumbs. It was then placed in a tray of pre-heated sunflower oil, basted and placed into the oven for 26 minutes. Next, it was weighed by an independent qualified surveyor. To check that the thickness of the vegetarian outer layer did not exceed the width of the egg as per the Guinness guidelines, the egg was cut in half.

"This was a first for me, having not created anything so large in my cooking career! I always enjoy a challenge, and this was one that I really did enjoy doing. I am delighted to have broken a Guinness World Record (title) and have had enormous fun creating this much-loved picnic staple but glad I got lot of practice in it before the judging day!" Chef Leigh told the records site. After measurement and the certificate presentation, the Scotch egg was taken to the onsite staff restaurant where it was consumed by Clarence Court employees.



Tusharika Singh  
Freelancer writer and city blogger

Be your own boss, work for as many hours as you want and make as much money as you can dream of! Doesn't it sound too utopian? Well, it is not that hard to achieve if you are an LIC Agent. Even though this profession might seem 'so yesterday' to some but for those who have

been in this trade for over a period of time swear by it as the best line of work there can ever be. As of 31 March 2021, LIC had a whopping 1.33 million individuals in its agent network compared with 1.1 million individuals for the entire private life insurance industry. However, there is no denying that the number of LIC Agents is now significantly going down. Arbit spoke to some LIC Agents from the city to find out what led them to be in this field, the challenges they face the impact of sale of insurance policies online, the reasons for high attrition in the industry and their tips for new entrants.



acquaints the agents with innovative ways of expanding their business, he adds. Sharing his views on how LIC can work on retaining its agents, he says: "Trainings and seminars at regular intervals might help. The private insurance companies also give perks to the agents who help in keeping them motivated."



## "People have the perception that LIC agents are Chipkoo" : Gaurav Garg

"My father is an LIC Agent and once in his office I witnessed an incident where a bereaved family member expressed his immense gratitude to my father for helping them with the right policy and its claim. That's when I realized being an LIC agent is not just about commissions but it also serves a huge purpose in the society," shares Gaurav Garg (34). However, he believes that the biggest shortcoming of this profession is the negative perception people



ple have in their minds about LIC agents being 'chipkoo'. Throwing light on the growing trend of LIC agents moving towards other professions, he says: "Once a customer is made, it is imperative to provide them good service after sale. For instance, if an address change in policy is needed, the client should not have to go to the LIC office. But the present generation refrains from putting in hard work and personalized service, which helps in expanding the work."

### #INSIGHTS

LIC has been charting the business headlines owing to its latest IPO. Take a little breather from the wearisome numbers, as Arbit brings to you insights straight from the unsung heroes of LIC.

## "LIC carved my path to an audi from a bicycle": Vimal Saxena



"I have 7 other siblings and unlike them I was not good in studies. My family was always concerned about what I would do in life. My objective was to create an identity for myself and carve a career path that would let me buy whatever I wanted. Being a LIC agent has not only given me financial freedom but it also earned me immense respect," says Vimal Saxena (66), an LIC agent who primarily deals with NRIs and bureaucrats. When Saxena started this profession back in 1986 he used to commute on a bicycle. Today he has a chauffeur driven Audi and has travelled across the globe to attend LIC meetings and has no qualms in sharing this success

story with people around him. Ask him what made him choose this profession and he says: "There is absolutely no investment and the customer is available everywhere – right from a paan shop to a corporate office. Even during Covid-19 pandemic when people were facing huge losses in their business, my work was only expanding."

A target-led career plan, honesty in work and refraining from over-promising when making new clients are the ideals which Saxena suggests for new entrants in this field. "If the LIC agents are given the same regard and honour as is meted out in the private sector, it would be hugely motivating," he adds.

## "After 20 years of being an accountant, I decided to become an LIC agent": Ranjeet Jha



A senior accountant by profession who has an experience of working with clients with annual businesses of over INR 500 crores, Ranjeet Jha decided to become an LIC agent at the age of 43. "In addition to earning some extra bucks, being an LIC agent enables me to help people around me to choose the right policy for them and secure their future. Even though at times people do not treat us appropriately and try to avoid us but the merits of this profession far outweigh the disadvantages," says Jha.

Commenting on the high attrition rate of LIC agents, Jha adds: "The reason for the high attrition is that in the first year, the commission earned by the agents is high. At that time the profession appears to be lucrative but with time one needs to keep expanding their customer base to grow in this sector. This is a difficult task which requires strong communication skills and good understanding of the product and at this point, instead of being patient, people often leave."

## "LIC agents are treated like gods in rural areas": Gaurav Khandelwal



"People do not take up the profession of LIC agents only for money, but also because it is considered a noble profession. In rural areas, they are not treated less than Gods," shares Gaurav Khandelwal, Development Officer in LIC Jaipur. Highlighting the training module of LIC Agents, Khandelwal informed that they are first and foremost given information about the product, followed by joint calls to teach how to convince clients, giving them good and honest advice and also checking whether the party is insurable or not.