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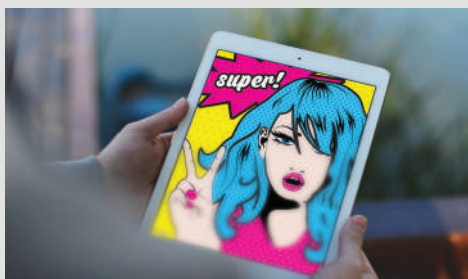
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Knowing MESC

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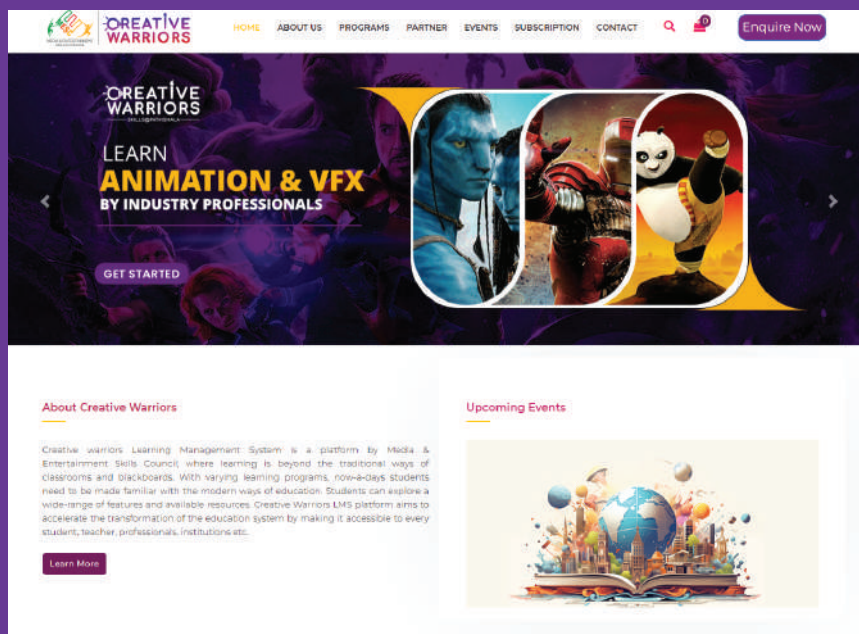
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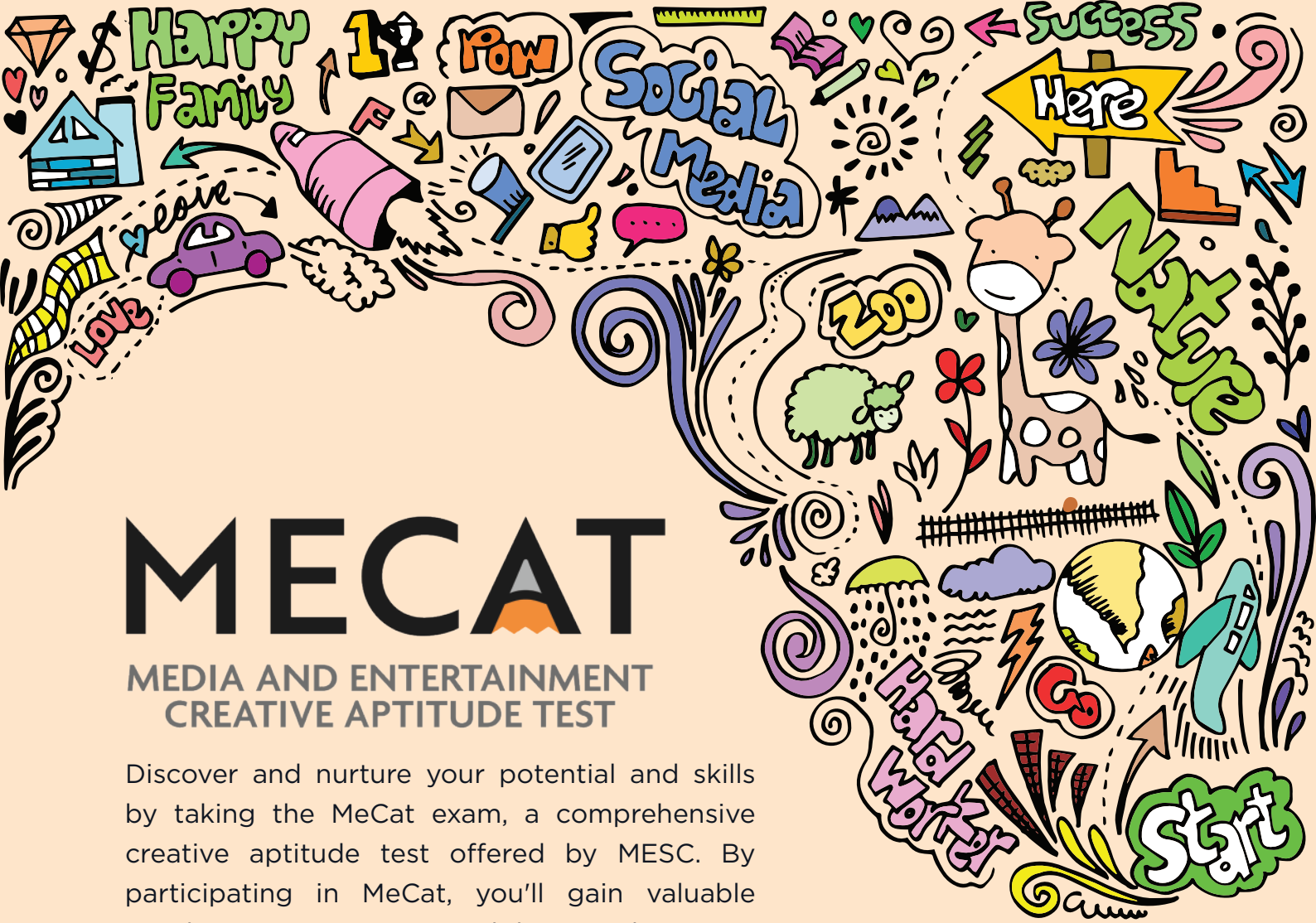
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am overjoyed and would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported the completion of "Canvas Conversation," the Media Talkback Magazine. At Canvas Conversation, we believe in the power of creativity to inspire, entertain, and provoke thought. With this in mind, we have curated an exciting lineup of content that showcases the vibrant world of comics, doodles, and illustrations.

Our aim is to shine a spotlight on the often-overlooked art forms of comics, doodles, and illustrations, and to celebrate the creativity and innovation of artists who push the boundaries of visual storytelling.

Shri Ramesh Sippy

**Chairman, MESC,
Renowned Indian Filmmaker, Director,
Producer & Educationist**



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I am incredibly thankful to all of those who supported and aided in the production of the 29th edition of Media Talkback magazine, "Canvas Conversation", a celebration of comic, doodle, and illustration culture.

We recognize the unique ability of comics, doodles, and illustrations to captivate audiences, convey powerful messages, and spark imaginations.

Through our magazine, we aim to provide a platform for artists to showcase their talents and share their stories with the world. From the playful whimsy of doodles to the intricate detail of illustrations, each piece of artwork featured in our pages is a testament to the boundless creativity of the human spirit.

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INTRODUCTION

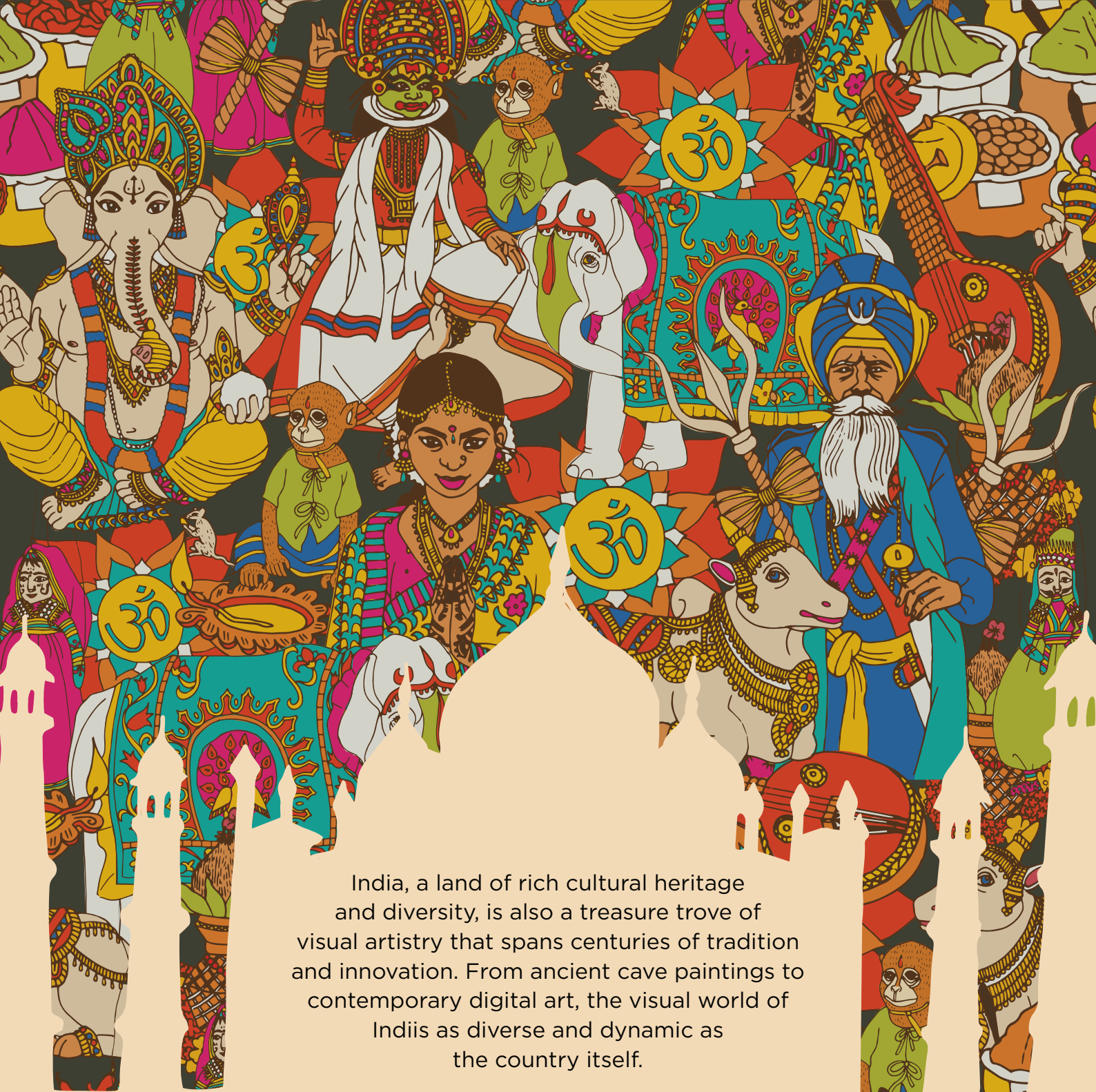
Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Canvas conversation" a magazine dedicated to celebrating the vibrant world of Comics, Doodle, and illustrations!

In the magazine, you'll embark on a colourful journey through the imaginations of talented artists who use their pens, pencils, and brushes to breathe life into their creations. From the timeless charm of comic panels to the avant-garde experiments pushing the boundaries of visual storytelling, whimsical doodles that dance across the margins to intricate illustrations that transport you to fantastical realms, "Creative Canvas" is your window into a universe where creativity knows no bounds.

In this issue, we're thrilled to showcase an array of talented artists whose work spans genres, styles, and mediums. You'll meet seasoned veterans whose names are synonymous with excellence in the world of Comics and illustrations, as well as emerging talents whose fresh perspectives and innovative approaches promise to shape the future of visual art.

Happy Doodling, illustrating and reading!
Regards





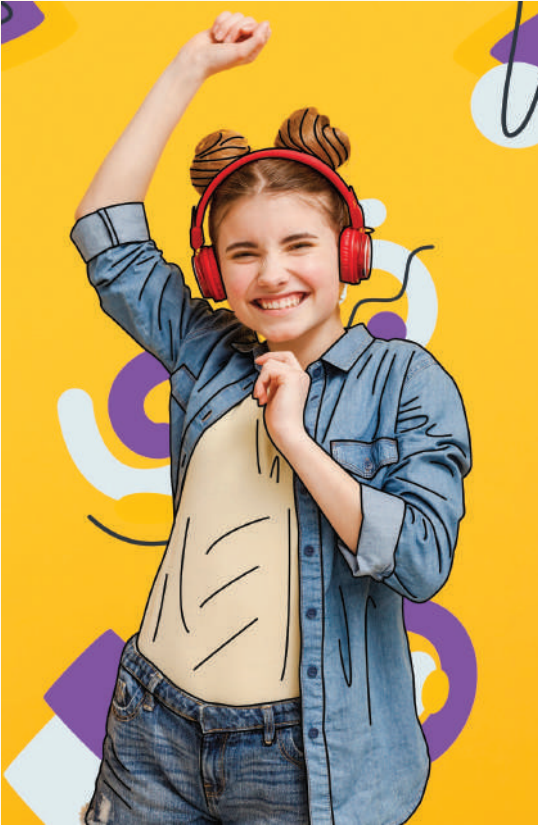
India, a land of rich cultural heritage and diversity, is also a treasure trove of visual artistry that spans centuries of tradition and innovation. From ancient cave paintings to contemporary digital art, the visual world of India is as diverse and dynamic as the country itself.

Let's get into the Enduring Appeal of Comics in India, Dynamic Realm of Doodles and the Enchanting Magic of Illustrations: Unveiling Their Ever-Evolving Landscape.

Comics, doodles & illustrations stand out as vibrant threads weaving narratives of imagination and expression that resonate deeply with audiences across the nation. These forms of visual storytelling, though diverse in their execution, share a common thread of captivating hearts and minds with their unique charm and artistic prowess.

COMICS

AN INSIGHTFUL LOOK



Comics are a form of visual storytelling that combines images and text to convey narratives, ideas, or humour. They typically consist of a sequence of panels, each containing a combination of illustrations and text, arranged in a specific order to tell a story or convey a message. Comics can encompass a wide range of genres and styles, from superhero adventures and fantasy epics to autobiographical narratives and political satire.

Comics have a rich history spanning decades and have evolved alongside advancements in printing technology, artistic styles, and storytelling techniques. They continue to be a popular form of entertainment and artistic expression, enjoyed by millions of readers around the world.



DYNAMICS OF COMICS WITHIN MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR...

Comics play a significant role in the Media & Entertainment Sector, contributing to various industries and mediums in numerous ways. Here's how comics are utilized within this sector:

FILM & TELEVISION ADAPTATIONS

In the dynamic landscape of film and television adaptations, comics stand as an abundant reservoir of inspiration, fueling a myriad of cinematic and small-screen productions within the Media & Entertainment sector. From the iconic exploits of superhero titans to the nuanced narratives of graphic novel masterpieces, the rich tapestry of comic book lore offers a treasure trove of source material ripe for adaptation.

Across theatres and streaming platforms alike, audiences are treated to a kaleidoscope of cinematic experiences, as popular comic book characters and storylines leap from the printed page to the silver screen with breathtaking fidelity. Whether it's the pulse-pounding action of a superhero blockbuster or the gripping drama of a graphic novel adaptation, these adaptations captivate both die-hard comic book enthusiasts and casual viewers alike, drawing them into immersive worlds brimming with intrigue, adventure, and emotion.

Indeed, the allure of comic book adaptations knows no bounds, transcending genre and demographic to captivate audiences of all ages and backgrounds. From sprawling cinematic universes to intimate character-driven dramas, comic book adaptations offer a diverse array of storytelling possibilities, each imbued with the unique voice and vision of its creators.



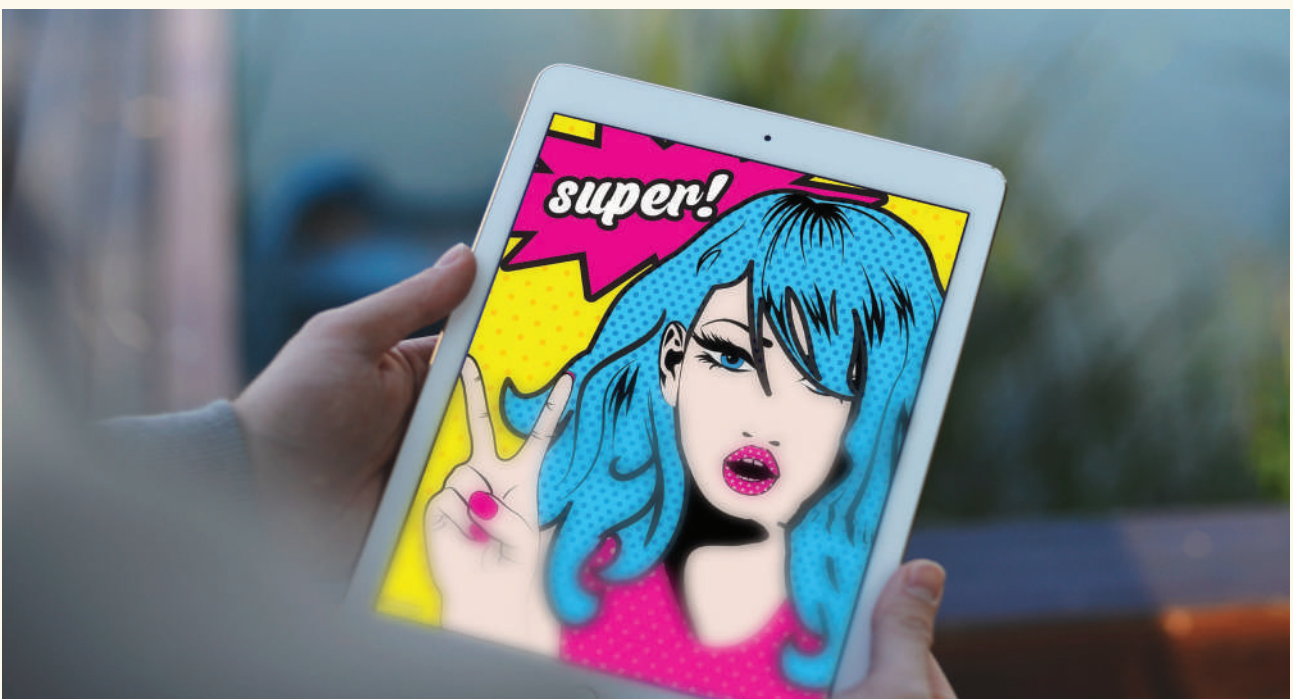
Yet, beyond mere entertainment, comic book adaptations serve as a testament to the enduring power of storytelling to inspire, provoke, and unite audiences around the world. Through their iconic characters, compelling narratives, and imaginative worlds, these adaptations not only entertain but also resonate deeply with viewers, sparking conversations, igniting imaginations, and leaving a lasting impact that extends far beyond the confines of the screen.

As the appetite for comic book adaptations continues to grow, fueled by advancements in technology and a hunger for compelling storytelling, one thing remains clear: the boundless creativity and storytelling prowess of comics will continue to shape the landscape of film and television for generations to come.

DIGITAL COMICS

In the wake of the digital revolution, comics have undergone a transformative journey, finding an exciting new avenue for distribution and consumption through the advent of digital platforms and e-readers. The emergence of digital comics has revolutionized the way audiences engage with their favourite titles, offering unparalleled convenience and accessibility that transcends geographical boundaries and time constraints.

The benefits of digital comics extend far beyond mere convenience. With features such as guided view technology, interactive panels, and multimedia enhancements, digital platforms offer an immersive reading experience that enhances storytelling and engages readers on a whole new level. From dynamic page transitions to sound effects and motion graphics, digital comics push the boundaries of visual storytelling, blurring the line between traditional comics and multimedia art forms.



CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

Comic book conventions and events stand as monumental gatherings within the Media & Entertainment sector, serving as vibrant epicentres where enthusiasts and industry professionals converge to celebrate the rich tapestry of comic book culture. Among these illustrious gatherings, flagship events like Comic-Con International in San Diego and New York Comic Con hold a prominent position, attracting legions of fans, creators, publishers, and industry insiders from around the globe.

At the heart of these conventions lie panels and workshops where luminaries of the comic book industry share insights, anecdotes, and behind-the-scenes glimpses into the creative process. From intimate Q&A sessions with beloved artists and writers to in-depth discussions on industry trends and innovations, these panels offer a rare opportunity for fans to engage directly with their favourite creators and gain invaluable knowledge about the craft of comic book storytelling.

Beyond their role as bastions of creativity and community, comic book conventions also serve as crucial marketing and promotional opportunities for publishers and creators. Exhibitors showcase their latest releases, merchandise, and projects, vying for the attention of attendees and generating buzz around their brands. From exclusive variant covers to limited-edition collectibles, conventions offer fans a chance to immerse themselves in the world of comics and take home a piece of their favourite stories.

In essence, comic book conventions are more than just gatherings; they are vibrant celebrations of creativity, imagination, and fandom culture. As they continue to evolve and expand in scope and scale, these events will remain indispensable fixtures within the Media & Entertainment sector, serving as beacons of inspiration and camaraderie for generations of comic book enthusiasts to come.



COMICS RESONANCE & DEMAND IN INDIA

As per the update in January 2022, the demand for comics in India has been steadily growing. India has a rich tradition of comic books, with a diverse range of content catering to various age groups and interests.

Indian comics has a long history, with iconic characters like **chacha Choudhary**, **Nagraj**, and **Super Commando Dhruva** enjoying widespread popularity. These comics have been a staple for several generations and continue to attract readers. Alongside indigenous comics, international comic books from publishers like **Marvel and DC Comics** have gained a significant following in India. The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and DC Extended Universe (DCEU) movies have further boosted interest in comic book characters.



The rise of digital platforms has made comics more accessible to Indian readers. Platforms like **ComiXology**, **Kindle**, and various comic apps offer a wide selection of comics that can be easily downloaded and read on smartphones, tablets, and e-readers.

In addition, with rising disposable incomes, more Indian consumers have the means to purchase comics, either in print or digital formats. This has contributed to the growth of the comic book market in the country.



Ms. Stephy

Doodle Artist

Steph is in eighth grade at her Bronx Catholic school, which means she and her friends are applying to New York City high schools. Her strict Dominican mother wants her to continue at a Catholic school near home, but Steph is drawn to an arts school in Manhattan. Since the school of her dreams requires a portfolio, not an exam, Steph decides to secretly work with her art teacher and mentor, Ms. Santiago, on a portfolio and to purposely fail the high school entrance exam.

Question 1.

How did your journey lead you to the realization that the comic era is where you truly belong?

Growing up in a family that was appreciative of art, I was very inclined towards drawing. While I went on to do architecture, I realised that I was really drawn towards drawing and storytelling for a living. Stumbling into comics was a happy accident that happened during COVID, and it stayed on as I saw that it had the ability to resonate with people and make them laugh

Question 2.

Can you recall a particularly special or a memorable project that you've had the privilege to work on, one that holds a deeply personal significance or emotional attachment for you?

As a child, I used to love dressing up in my mom's clothes. So for Mother's Day last year, I decided to make an animation on the same! What I didn't expect was the number of people who all used to do the same thing as kids and really resonated with the animation. The comment section was filled with one happy memory after another, which was just the most wholesome thing ever, especially considering the occasion!

Question 3.

What experiences fueled your passion for comics, shaping the story behind your deep connection to this expressive art form?

The urge to create something that resonated with the audience and truly made them laugh - is something that fueled my passion for creating comics. More importantly, I believe that some people are blessed with a natural flair for being funny - something that doesn't come to me organically in real time conversations. So to be able to create something that has the ability to create a few laughs through my drawings is one of the most gratifying experiences I get to have.

Question 4.

What advice you would offer to the aspiring youth of today who are venturing down a similar path as yours, seeking to carve out their own creative niche in the world of comics and artistry?

If you're stepping out into the world of comics and artistry, the most important thing would be to work on your craft on a regular basis - the more you draw, the better you get at it. Most people start at level zero and build their way up, and no matter how slow your progress may seem - progress is still progress.

Question 5.

Can you share any insightful experiences from collaborating with a specific brand holding a special place in your heart or has left a lasting impact on your artistic journey?

Any brand that gives you the creative freedom to work on a project means a great deal to a content creator. It shows that they have trust in your craft and capabilities and that in turn gives you the boost you need to do your best work.

Apart from that, something that had an impact on my journey, right at the beginning, was the second brand collaboration I ever did - and that was with Netflix. When I got to do that collaboration was when I realised that this was a pivotal moment in my career and that I could actually do this for a living. When you step into this field, there surely is a lot of self-doubt attached with it, but this was essentially what cemented my decision to continue creating :)

Question 6.

In your opinion, what role do comics play in society, and why do you think they continue to resonate with readers across different generations?

Comics have long stood to convey certain emotions that are not limited by words. I believe that comics have the ability to resonate with an audience that spans over different generations because they can portray certain situations in a unique and engaging manner. From kids reading Archie's or Tinkle books to adults chuckling at news related comics, everyone is drawn towards pictorial representations of certain situations, and most of all - everyone loves a good laugh.



WORLD DEPLOYMENT OF COMIC

Comics are a versatile medium used in various ways around the world, catering to diverse audiences and serving multiple purposes. Here are some common uses of comics globally.

The comic book industry generates significant revenue worldwide. According to Statistics, the global comic book market was valued at approximately \$5.3 billion in 2020.



DO YOU KNOW?

The best-selling comics- Comic series such as **"Spider-Man," "Batman,"** and **"Superman"** consistently rank among the top-selling comics globally. For example, "Spider-Man: The Amazing Spider-Man #1" sold over 500,000 copies in 2020, according to Diamond Comic Distributors. Comics have had a profound impact on popular culture, influencing films, television shows, video games, and merchandise. Iconic characters like Superman and Batman have become cultural icons with widespread recognition and fan followings.

It attract readers of all ages and demographics. While superhero comics traditionally targeted a predominantly male audience, the industry has expanded to include diverse genres and themes, appealing to women, children, and adult readers alike. The rise of digital platforms has further expanded the reach of comics. Digital comic sales have seen steady growth in recent years, with platforms like ComiXology and Marvel Unlimited offering extensive libraries of comics for online reading and purchase.

Comic conventions, such as San Diego Comic-Con and New York Comic Con, attract tens of thousands of attendees annually. These events showcase the latest comic releases, host celebrity panels, and provide opportunities for fans to engage with creators and fellow enthusiasts. The success of comic book adaptations in film and television underscores the enduring popularity of comic book characters and stories. Blockbuster films like "The Avengers," "The Dark Knight," and "Black Panther" have achieved both critical acclaim and box office success, further fueling interest in comics.



Comics have become highly sought-after collectibles, with rare and vintage issues fetching high prices at auctions and conventions. For example, a near-mint copy of "Action Comics #1," featuring the first appearance of Superman, sold for over \$3 million in 2014.

COMICS IN EDUCATION

Studies have shown that incorporating comics into educational materials can increase student engagement and motivation. According to a study published in the *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, students who read comics demonstrated higher levels of engagement and comprehension compared to traditional texts. Comics leverage visual storytelling techniques, such as illustrations, speech bubbles, and panels, to convey information in a clear and concise manner. Research suggests that visual aids improve comprehension and retention of complex concepts. For example, a study published in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* found that students who read comics retained more information compared to those who read traditional textbooks.



Educational comics cover a wide range of subjects, making them versatile tools for teaching various topics. Comics can be used to teach history, science, mathematics, literature, and even social studies. For instance, graphic novels like "Maus" by Art Spiegelman have been used to teach about the Holocaust in history classes. Educational comics have received recognition and awards for their contributions to learning and literacy. For example, "Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi, a graphic memoir about growing up during the Iranian Revolution, won the Angoulême International Comics Festival Prize for Best Comic Book in 2001.

The internet offers a wealth of online resources for educators interested in incorporating comics into their teaching practices. Websites like Teachers Pay Teachers and Comics in Education provide lesson plans, teaching guides, and recommendations for using comics in the classroom.

COMICS AS A SOCIAL COMMENTARY

Comics have a long history of addressing social and political issues. Political cartoons, a precursor to modern comics, date back centuries and have been used to criticize authority, advocate for social change, and influence public opinion. Political cartoonists have been recognized for their contributions to journalism and commentary with prestigious awards such as the Pulitzer Prize. Cartoonists like Herblock (Herbert Block) and Garry Trudeau have received Pulitzer Prizes for their editorial cartoons, which often tackle pressing social and political issues.

Syndicated editorial cartoons appear in newspapers and online publications worldwide, reaching millions of readers daily. Organizations like **Cartoonists Rights Network International (CRNI)** advocate for the freedom of expression and protection of cartoonists facing censorship or persecution.

Comics addressing topical issues often go viral, sparking conversations and debates online. Memes, a form of internet humour often derived from comics, have become powerful tools for political commentary and cultural critique, spreading rapidly across social media platforms.

Cartoonists and journalists collaborate to produce comics journalism, a form of nonfiction storytelling that combines comics with investigative reporting. Organizations like **Cartoon Movement** and **Symbolia** publish comics journalism pieces on a range of social and political issues, from human rights abuses to environmental crises.

Comics addressing social and political themes are featured in exhibitions and museums dedicated to comic art and graphic storytelling. Institutions like the **Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum** and the **Cartoon Art Museum** showcase works that explore the intersection of comics and social commentary.



Research conducted by the University of Illinois found that incorporating comics into literacy instruction led to significant improvements in reading comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary development among elementary school students. Comics are particularly effective in engaging reluctant readers, including those with learning difficulties or English language learners. According to a study published in the *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, comics can help struggling readers overcome barriers to reading and build confidence in their abilities.

Comics are increasingly integrated into educational curricula as valuable literacy tools. According to a survey conducted by the Comic Book Legal Defence Fund, over 90% of teachers reported using comics in their classrooms to support literacy development and enhance student engagement.

Comics expose readers to a diverse range of vocabulary words and linguistic expressions. According to a study by the University of Oregon, children who read comics regularly demonstrate greater lexical diversity and linguistic fluency compared to non-comic readers.

Comics feature a wide range of characters and settings, reflecting diverse cultural backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. This diversity not only promotes inclusivity and empathy but also provides readers with opportunities to connect with characters who share similar backgrounds or experiences. Comics have a global appeal and are published in multiple languages, making them accessible to readers worldwide. Platforms like Webtoon and Tapas host multilingual comics, allowing readers to enjoy stories in their preferred language and explore diverse cultural narratives.



COMICS IN ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Comics leverage visually appealing artwork and storytelling techniques to capture the attention of consumers. According to a study by 3M Corporation, visuals are processed 60,000 times faster in the brain than text, making comics an ideal medium for conveying brand messages. Comics have been shown to increase engagement and interaction with advertising content. According to a study by Nielsen Catalina Solutions, ads containing comic illustrations had higher levels of viewer engagement and recall compared to traditional advertisements. Comics have been shown to increase engagement and interaction with advertising content. According to a study by Nielsen Catalina Solutions, ads containing comic illustrations had higher levels of viewer engagement and recall compared to traditional advertisements.

Comics allow brands to tailor their messaging to specific target audiences. By using characters, settings, and storylines that resonate with their target demographic, advertisers can create personalized and relevant content that connects with consumers on a deeper level.



Comics in advertising campaigns can be tracked and measured for effectiveness. Brands use metrics such as click-through rates, engagement levels, and conversion rates to evaluate the performance of comic-based advertisements and optimize future campaigns.

Comics provide advertisers with creative freedom to experiment with visual styles, humor, and storytelling techniques. Advertisers can collaborate with comic artists and illustrators to create custom comic strips, characters, and illustrations that align with their brand identity and message.



**LITERACY
DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH
COMICS**



VASU GUPTA

Publisher, Alpha Comics

He is a Passionate and driven individual with a deep-rooted connection to the world of comics, seeking to leverage expertise in creative production, marketing, and event management to contribute to the growth and success of the comics industry.

Question- 1

Could you please share with us a brief overview of your journey as a comic publisher? What sparked your initial interest in publishing comics, and what drives your continued passion for the medium?

Vasu Gupta is a dynamic individual with a profound connection to the world of comics. He hails from a family with a rich heritage in comics publishing, particularly through the well-known enterprise, Raj Comics. His journey in the comics industry is a testament to the enduring power of family tradition and the ability to adapt and innovate. His influence on Raj Comics and the comics industry at large is a tribute to his deep-rooted connection to the world of storytelling.

Alpha Comics is a visionary publishing house founded by Vasu Gupta, with a mission to revolutionize the Indian comic industry. Inheriting a rich legacy from his father, Sanjay Gupta, of Raj Comics, the creator of iconic Indian superheroes, Alpha Comics is set to offer a diverse range of comics and graphic novels that cater to audiences of all ages. Their debut title, “The Adventures of Chahal-Pahal” marks the start of an exciting journey that promises to redefine the comic book landscape in India.

Question-2

Can you walk us through your creative process when developing and publishing a new comic? Where do you draw inspiration from, and how do you translate ideas into visuals and narratives?

The comic creation process is a dynamic journey that begins with inspiration drawn from a myriad of sources, including personal experiences, literature, current events, and even dreams. Through collaborative brainstorming sessions with writers, artists, and editors, concepts are honed and refined, paving the way for the development of engaging stories. Once the concept takes shape, writers craft the script, meticulously outlining the plot, developing characters, and weaving dialogue to create a narrative blueprint for the comic. Artists then breathe life into the script, translating words into vibrant visuals through character designs, environments, and key scenes, guided by the writer’s vision and art direction. As the script and artwork are finalized, the comic moves into production, where all elements including script, artwork, lettering, and colors are meticulously assembled into a cohesive layout. Throughout every stage of this intricate process, creativity, collaboration, and meticulous attention to detail are paramount. Under the guiding hand of the publisher, the project navigates from conception to completion, ensuring that the final comic resonates with its intended audience while upholding artistic integrity and narrative coherence.



Question-3

Reflecting on your body of work, do you have a favorite project or series that holds a special place in your heart? What makes it stand out to you?

Chahal Pahal holds a cherished spot in my heart as my personal favorite. Its exploration of themes like resilience, friendship, and personal growth truly sets it apart. The profound bond shared between Chahal and Pahal strikes a chord with me, as it imparts invaluable moral lessons. The inclusion of a puppet as a beacon of solace and support adds layers of depth to the narrative, rendering it relatable and captivating. In its entirety, 'Chahal Pahal' stands as a touching and empowering tale.

Question-4

Team Work is often integral to the comic creation process. How do you manage meaningful collaboration with writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists?

Managing meaningful collaboration with a diverse team of writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists is a challenging yet essential task in the comic publishing process. It requires careful coordination and communication to navigate the complexities of each team member's role and the challenges they face. This involves engaging in extensive discussions to align everyone on the project's vision, goals, and creative direction, often requiring long hours of brainstorming sessions to generate innovative ideas and solutions. Effective coordination is key in managing schedules, deadlines, and workflows to ensure smooth progress throughout the production process. Additionally, providing prompt and continuous feedback is crucial for guiding the team's work and addressing any issues or concerns that may arise. Cultivating a culture of respect, appreciation, and trust among team members further enhances collaboration, recognizing and valuing each individual's contributions to the project. By prioritizing these aspects of collaboration, we foster a productive and harmonious working environment that enables the team to create high-quality comics that resonate with audiences.



Question-5

How do you believe comics can be utilized as a tool for enhancing educational content for children? Comics offer a rich and engaging medium for enhancing educational content for children in various ways:

1. **Storytelling and Teaching:** Every comic story inherently carries a message or lesson, whether it's about friendship, courage, empathy, or environmental conservation. By integrating educational themes into comic narratives, children can learn valuable lessons while enjoying entertaining stories.
2. **Motivation and Inspiration:** Comics have the power to motivate and inspire children to be curious, creative, and compassionate. Through relatable characters and exciting adventures, comics can instill a sense of wonder and a desire to explore the world around them.
3. **Moral Values:** Comics can serve as a platform for teaching moral values such as honesty, kindness, perseverance, and respect for others. By showcasing characters who exemplify these virtues, children can learn by example and internalize positive values.
4. **Visual Learning:** Comics combine visual and textual elements, making them highly accessible for visual learners. The combination of illustrations and text can aid in comprehension and retention of educational concepts, especially for children who may struggle with traditional text-based learning materials.
5. **Interactive Learning:** Interactive comics or educational comic activities can provide hands-on learning experiences that engage children actively in the learning process. This interactive approach fosters critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and creativity.

Overall, comics have the potential to enrich educational content for children by offering engaging storytelling, conveying important lessons and values, and providing a visually stimulating medium for learning.

Question-6

What advice would you give to aspiring comic publishers who are just starting their journey? Are there any lessons you've learned along the way that you wish you knew when you were starting out?

To aspiring comic publishers embarking on their journey, I offer the following advice: Maintain a fervent passion for comics, as it will be the driving force that sustains you through the challenges and triumphs of the publishing process. Trust your instincts and pursue your creative vision with unwavering determination, staying true to your unique voice and the stories you wish to share.



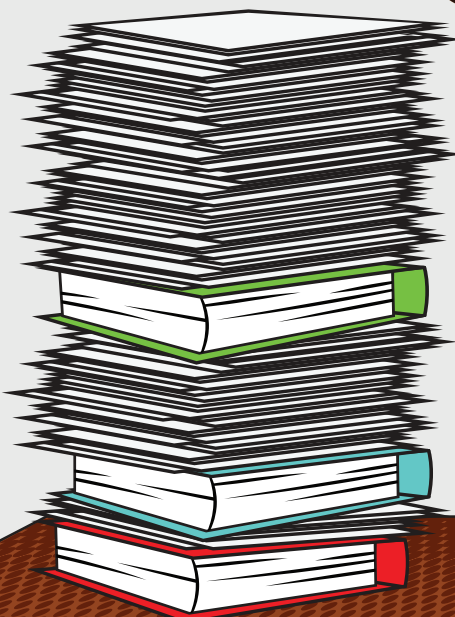
EMPLOYMENT RISE WITHIN COMIC SECTOR



GROWTH OF COMIC PUBLISHERS

Over the past decade, there has been a notable increase in the number of comic publishers in India. Established publishers like Amar Chitra Katha and Tinkle have been joined by new players such as Campfire Graphic Novels and Vimanika Comics, creating more avenues for employment for writers, artists, editors, and other professionals.

The proliferation of digital platforms and online marketplaces has facilitated the distribution and consumption of Indian comics. Platforms like **Readwhere**, **Kindle**, and **ComiXology** India offer opportunities for creators to publish and monetize their work digitally, leading to increased demand for digital content creators and marketers.



COMICS IN GRAPHIC DESIGNING & ILLUSTRATION

The burgeoning popularity of graphic novels, webcomics, and digital illustration has ignited a surge in demand for skilled graphic designers and illustrators within India's creative landscape. This demand stems from the evolving preferences of audiences, who increasingly gravitate towards visually compelling storytelling across various platforms.

In response to this demand, a vibrant ecosystem of graphic designers and illustrators has emerged, showcasing their talents across a diverse array of projects. From crafting captivating cover art for graphic novels to illustrating dynamic panels for webcomics, these professionals play a pivotal role in bringing stories to life through visually striking imagery.

Freelancers and independent artists, in particular, have seized upon the opportunities presented by this burgeoning industry. With the freedom to explore their creative visions and collaborate with a wide range of clients, they have carved out niches for themselves within the comic sector. Through collaborations with publishers, brands, and content creators, they contribute their unique artistic perspectives to produce engaging comic-related content that resonates with audiences.

Moreover, the advent of digital platforms has democratized the creation and distribution of comics, further fueling the demand for skilled graphic designers and illustrators. Whether it's designing characters for a new webcomic series or illustrating promotional materials for a digital comic release, these professionals are at the forefront of India's digital comic revolution.

Beyond traditional comic formats, graphic designers and illustrators are also exploring innovative ways to leverage their skills in emerging mediums such as augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR). By blending cutting-edge technology with captivating visuals, they are pushing the boundaries of storytelling and immersive experiences, opening up new frontiers for creative expression.



ANIMATION & FILM INDUSTRY

India's animation and film industry stands at the forefront of creative innovation, continually pushing boundaries and exploring new avenues for storytelling. With the country's rich tradition of comic book culture intersecting with the dynamic world of animation and film, there has been a remarkable surge in interest in adapting comic properties into animated series, films, and web series.

This convergence of mediums has sparked a wave of excitement within the industry, presenting a myriad of opportunities for professionals across various disciplines. Animation studios, renowned for their technical prowess and artistic ingenuity, have eagerly embraced the challenge of translating beloved comic characters and narratives into animated form. From character designers and animators to storyboard artists and visual effects specialists, these studios have assembled teams of talented individuals dedicated to bringing comic-inspired worlds to life on screen.

In parallel, production houses and streaming platforms have recognized the immense potential of comic adaptations in captivating audiences and expanding their content libraries. With a diverse array of comic properties ripe for adaptation, these entities have embarked on ambitious projects to develop animated series, feature films, and web series based on popular comic franchises. This surge in production activity has created a surge in demand for professionals involved in animation, storytelling, and content adaptation, driving employment opportunities across the industry.





At the heart of this creative renaissance lies the art of storytelling, a fundamental element that transcends mediums and resonates with audiences of all ages. Talented writers, directors, and producers are tasked with translating the essence of beloved comic stories into compelling narratives that capture the imagination and stir the emotions of viewers. Their visionary leadership and storytelling acumen are instrumental in shaping the creative direction of comic adaptations, ensuring that the integrity of the source material is preserved while also embracing the unique possibilities offered by animation and film.

Moreover, the collaborative nature of the animation and film industry fosters a spirit of innovation and experimentation, where professionals from diverse backgrounds come together to bring their creative visions to life. From sound designers and composers to voice actors and casting directors, each individual plays a vital role in the collaborative process, contributing their expertise to the collective endeavor of creating memorable and immersive experiences for audiences.



EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR COMIC CAREER

In India, the comic industry is rapidly growing, presenting numerous career opportunities for individuals passionate about storytelling, art, and visual communication. Here are some facts and figures highlighting the various career paths available within the comics industry in India.



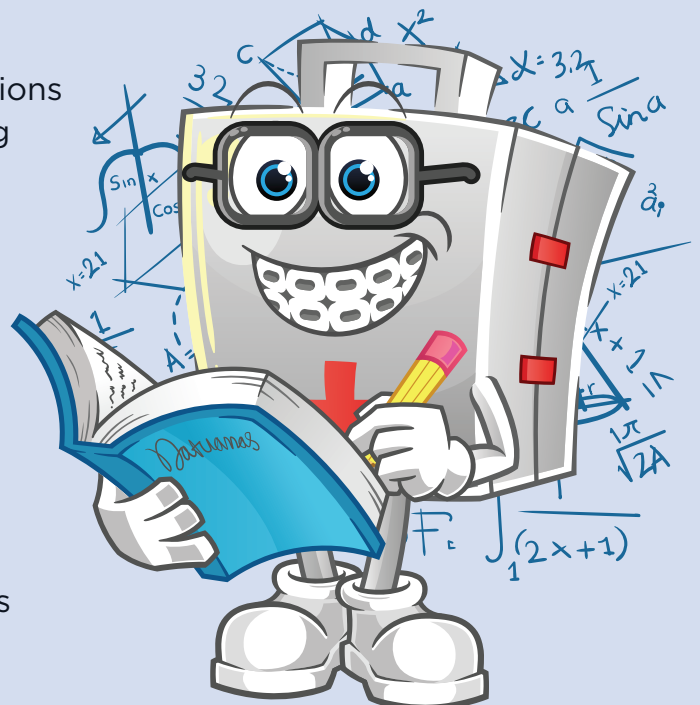
EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

The growing recognition of the educational value inherent in comics and graphic storytelling has catalyzed a wave of initiatives across educational institutions and organizations in India. This burgeoning trend reflects a fundamental shift in pedagogical approaches, as educators increasingly harness the power of visual narratives to engage learners and facilitate deeper understanding across a spectrum of subjects. In response to this paradigm shift, schools, colleges, and cultural centres have embarked on a journey to integrate comic-related courses, workshops, and initiatives into their curricula. These initiatives are designed to leverage the unique combination of visuals and text inherent in comics to stimulate critical thinking, foster creativity, and enhance comprehension among students of all ages and academic backgrounds.

Within schools, educators are incorporating comic-related content into lesson plans and classroom activities, recognizing the potential of comics to appeal to diverse learning styles and cater to the needs of visual learners. From using graphic novels as supplementary reading materials to designing comic-based assignments that encourage students to create their own narratives, educators are harnessing the transformative power of comics to enrich the learning experience and promote literacy across disciplines.

Similarly, colleges and universities are offering specialized courses and workshops focused on the art and craft of comic creation, providing aspiring artists and writers with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the industry. These courses cover a wide range of topics, including comic book illustration, sequential art, storytelling techniques, and the business of comics, offering students a comprehensive understanding of the medium and its potential applications in various professional contexts.

Cultural centres and community organizations are also playing a pivotal role in promoting comics as a tool for education and social change. Through outreach programs, exhibitions, and public events, these organizations are raising awareness about the educational value of comics and fostering a culture of creativity and expression within their communities. By providing access to resources, mentorship opportunities, and collaborative platforms, they empower aspiring comic creators to hone their skills and pursue their passion for storytelling.



For Artists & Illustrators:

The demand for skilled artists and illustrators in India's comic industry is on the rise. According to Glassdoor, the average salary for graphic designers in India ranges from ₹250,000 to ₹600,000 per year, depending on factors such as experience and specialization. Additionally, freelance artists and illustrators have the flexibility to set their rates and negotiate fees based on project requirements.

For Writers & Scriptwriters:

Writers play a vital role in crafting engaging narratives and dialogue for Indian comics. While specific salary data for comic writers in India may vary, writers can earn income through freelance assignments, royalties from published works, and commissioned projects from publishers and studios.

For Editors & Publishers:

Editors and publishers are essential for overseeing the production and distribution of comics in India. While salary data for editors and publishers in the Indian comic industry may not be readily available, individuals in these roles can earn income through salaries, commissions, and revenue shares from successful comic publications.

Companies specializing in merchandising and licensing, such as Hasbro, Funko, and Hot Topic, often require creative professionals to design and develop comic-themed products, merchandise, and collectibles.

For Storyboard Artists:

Storyboard artists play a crucial role in visualizing and planning the narrative flow of Indian comics. While specific salary data for storyboard artists in India may not be available, individuals in this role can earn income through freelance assignments, project-based rates, and collaborations with animation studios, filmmakers, and comic publishers.

For Animation & Film Adaptions:

Indian comics often serve as source material for animated series, films, and television shows. Animation professionals, including animators, directors, and producers, are in demand in India's animation and film industry. According to Pay scale, the average salary for animators in India ranges from ₹ **172,000 to ₹ 903,000 per year**, depending on factors such as experience, skill level, and location.

For Educators & Illustrators:

Comics educators teach courses and workshops on various aspects of comic creation in India. While salary data for educators in the Indian comic industry may vary, individuals in these roles can earn income through salaries, honorariums, and fees from educational institutions, cultural organizations, and workshops.

Comic book retailers, independent comic shops, and organizations like **Comic-Con International** often have job openings for retail associates, event coordinators, marketing specialists, and social media managers who are passionate about comics and fandom culture.

For Freelancers & Independent Creators:

Many comic professionals in India work as freelancers or independent creators, taking on projects on a contract basis or self-publishing their own work. Freelancers and independent creators can earn income through project-based rates, royalties from self-published works, commissions, and collaborations with clients and collaborators. Many comic creators pursue freelance or self-employment opportunities, working as independent artists, writers, or creators. Platforms like **Patreon, Kickstarter**, and **Webtoon** provide avenues for independent creators to share their work, gain visibility, and monetize their content directly from fans

Production companies and entertainment studios such as **Netflix, Amazon Studios, HBO, and Sony Pictures Entertainment** may offer opportunities for comic creators to develop original content, pitch ideas, or work on adaptations for film, television, or streaming platforms.



GET TO KNOW THE UNCOMMON ADVANTAGES OF COMICS

Promotion of Literacy- Comics have been shown to improve literacy skills, particularly among struggling or reluctant readers. According to a study published in the Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy, integrating comics into literacy instruction can enhance reading comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and overall literacy development.

Visual Learning- Comics engage readers through a combination of visual imagery and text, making complex concepts more accessible and easier to understand. Research published in the Journal of Educational Psychology suggests that visual learning aids, such as comics, can improve students' understanding and retention of information

Cultural representation- Comics provide a platform for diverse voices and perspectives, promoting cultural representation and inclusivity. According to a survey conducted by the Cooperative Children's Book Centre, the percentage of diverse characters in comics has increased in recent years, reflecting a growing awareness of the importance of representation in media.

Social & Emotional Learning- Comics address a wide range of social and emotional themes, such as friendship, empathy, and resilience, promoting social and emotional learning (SEL) skills. According to the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), SEL skills are essential for academic success, positive relationships, and overall well-being.

Cognitive Development- Reading comics engages multiple cognitive processes, including visual processing, critical thinking, and inferential reasoning. A meta-analysis published in the Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics found that reading comics can improve cognitive skills such as inference-making, perspective-taking, and problem-solving.

Health Education- Comics are used to educate readers about various health topics, from mental health awareness to disease prevention. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), comics and graphic storytelling are effective tools for health education, as they can convey complex health information in a visually engaging and accessible format.

Community Building- Comics foster a sense of community and belonging among readers and creators. Comic conventions, fan gatherings, and online communities provide platforms for enthusiasts to connect, share their passion for comics, and celebrate diverse storytelling traditions.

Stimulating Creativity- Reading and creating comics stimulate creativity and imagination. According to a study published in the Creativity Research Journal, engaging with comics can enhance cognitive flexibility, originality, and problem-solving skills, fostering creativity in readers of all ages.

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These companies frequently hire concept artists, writers, game designers, and animators for creating comic book-based video games or incorporating comic-inspired elements into their games.

LEVERAGING BILLBOARD FOR PROMOTION

Comics are known for their vibrant and captivating visual style, making them highly effective for billboard advertising. According to a study by the Outdoor Advertising Association of America (OAAA), billboards with visually engaging graphics, such as comic-inspired illustrations, are more likely to attract attention and leave a lasting impression on viewers.

Comics can enhance brand recall and recognition due to their memorable characters and storytelling elements. Research conducted by Nielsen found that ads featuring characters from comic strips or graphic novels have a higher likelihood of being remembered by consumers compared to traditional advertising formats.

Comics allow advertisers to convey their message in a visually engaging and narrative-driven format, making it easier to connect with specific target audiences. According to a survey by the Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB), 72% of consumers prefer ads that tell a story, indicating the effectiveness of narrative-based advertising strategies, such as comic-inspired billboards.

Comic-inspired billboards have the potential to generate buzz and social media engagement. According to a report by Social Media Examiner, visual content, including comics and illustrations, receives significantly higher engagement on social media platforms compared to text-based posts. Advertisers can leverage this trend by creating shareable and visually appealing comic-inspired billboards that resonate with audiences online.

Comics offer a cost-effective advertising solution for brands looking to make a big impact with limited resources. According to the Outdoor Advertising Association of America (OAAA), billboard advertising has one of the lowest costs per impression compared to other forms of media, making it an attractive option for advertisers seeking to maximize their advertising budget.

Comics allow brands to convey their personality and brand story in a unique and engaging way. According to a study by Kantar Millward Brown, ads that tell a story and evoke emotions are more likely to build brand affinity and loyalty among consumers. Comic-inspired billboards provide an opportunity for brands to create memorable and emotionally resonant advertising campaigns that forge deeper connections with their target audience.

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Comics can be used as part of an integrated marketing strategy to promote products or services across multiple channels. According to a report by Statista, 74% of marketers believe that integrating multiple channels, such as billboards, social media, and digital advertising, is essential for a successful marketing campaign. Comic-inspired billboards can serve as the centerpiece of a cross-media promotion strategy, driving traffic to online platforms and enhancing brand visibility across various channels.



Ajitesh Sharma
Publisher of Cinemics

Apart from the Post Graduate Program from ISB, Ajitesh holds a post-graduation in Technology and worked as an Aerospace Scientist at ISRO, after which he started his entrepreneurial journey in diverse fields. He is an internationally accredited fire auditor and has consulted multiple multinational clients. He has served many international events as a curator, committee member, and jury and has shot internationally acclaimed films across the globe over the years, fetching more than 350 international official selections & awards at various international events in more than 55 countries. He is also an internationally accredited life & business coach and an accomplished game designer, having made an award-winning Board Game, which is a combination of Ludo & Chess. He is the brain behind the Indian comics publishing house Cinemics. He is also the founding president of the Indian Comics Association

Question-1

Please share a brief overview of your journey as a comic publisher. What sparked your interest in publishing comics and drives your continued passion for the medium?

‘Cinemics’ was started with the initial launch at Bengaluru Comic Con in November 2022, though the work on comics was started in 2021. The first set comprised comics for young kids, teenagers, and mature readers. ‘The Thug’ was officially the first comics of Cinemics. The interest in comics publishing was derived from earlier comics reading. In fact, the Cinemics office has a separate section named Cinemics Museum, which holds more than 5000 old, antique, and rare comics. We are passionate about telling original, exciting stories to our readers, and that’s our main driving force.

Question-2

Every publisher has a unique & distinctive story to tell. How would you describe yours, and what elements or techniques do you believe define your work?

Cinemics word is an amalgam of Cinema and Comics. The sister concern of Cinemics, ‘Keep Rolling Films’ was started in 2009 and deals in the Production of Films. Most projects have been shot extensively in India and many Asian and European countries and have fetched over 350 International Film Festival Selections & Awards in 57 countries in the last 15 years.

Question-3

Reflecting on your work, do you have a favorite project or series that holds a special place in your heart? What makes it stand out to you?

Reva and Billy are our flagship series, which are unique to us. While Reva is a full-fledged action-based female character for teenagers and young adults, Billy is a teenage detective character for young kids. Reva is a Mexican girl who finds herself in India and makes her way out amongst unique challenges. Billy is a high school lad tackling fascinating small mysteries with his gang. Readers of different age groups have given a lot of love to these characters, and we ensure that each adventure in the series exceeds their expectations.

Question-4

What strategies do you think are effective in capturing the interest of younger audiences and getting them excited about comics?

Today is a different world than the 80s or 90s when comics were one of the primary means of entertainment. That space is taken by electronic means now, a stiff competitor for comics and other mediums. In such a tight space, replacing another medium is not a solution; coexistence is the only possibility of surviving any medium. To coexist in today's information-heavy world is only possible by making the existence of comics known to all kinds of readers. While it may feel rudimentary, the truth is that most of the readers today don't even know that Indian comics exist. The first and foremost job is to make most people aware of the existence of comics as a medium. Once that is achieved, the next part of the job will involve engaging the readers through gripping, original storytelling, as the audience of today's age is averse to the high-quality original content in different mediums.

Question-5

How do you perceive the demand for writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists within the Comics industry?

Currently, the demand for jobs in the comics industry is not high as there are limited comics publishers. However, different artists use digital mediums to self-publish and distribute their content. This has ensured that a steady flow of such talent is maintained. As comics publishers work towards protecting and expanding the comics business in India, sooner or later, the comics business will also evolve as an industry that is recognized by the government and allied industries. At that state, the demand for such professionals will be multi-fold from what it is today.

Question-6

What advice would you give aspiring comic publishers just starting their journey? Are there any lessons you've learned that you wish you had known when you started?

The upcoming comics publishers should enter this business with a definite plan and investment in mind. This is a cost-heavy business with breakevens ranging from 4 to 5 years. Currently, it is highly advisable for a new entrant that the comics business is not their sole business as it's not self-sustainable in the initial years. Though all these sounds discouraging, I would say it is actually challenging, and planning will take you a long way in this business.



Mohd Shahbaz

Publisher of Cosmics

Under the moniker Raj Comics Universe, Shahbaz's channel became a hub for comic enthusiasts, showcasing not only his deep love for the medium but also laying the foundation for a broader vision. Fueled by a desire to create opportunities for fresh talent and those who, like him, lacked exposure in established companies, Shahbaz ventured into founding Cosmics Entertainment. As the owner of Cosmics Entertainment, Shahbaz is on a mission to not only tell captivating stories but also to redefine the narrative of the industry.

Question-1

Every publisher has a unique & distinctive story to tell. How would you describe yours and what elements or techniques do you believe define your work?

Our journey is a unique one, aiming to bring something fresh and special to readers through Indian Manga. At Cosmics Entertainment, we're committed to transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary, weaving stories filled with the flavors of India and the sweetness of Japanese-style Manga. Our goal is to create tales that touch the soul. What sets our work apart is our attention to art, character development, and plot intricacies. We take pride in not just making comics but building worlds where readers can truly immerse themselves.

Our distinct touch lies in a mix of traditional and modern storytelling methods. We use visuals and words to stir emotions, ensuring that each panel opens a door to another dimension. Our commitment goes beyond the pages with timely offers and features to enhance the overall experience. At Cosmics Entertainment, we begin by discussing concepts with our writers. Our team then works together to bring these stories to life. After the writer pens down the story, our team checks it thoroughly, and our next step is scripting.

We believe in a collaborative approach, where the entire team works on the writer's idea, making our stories unique and priceless. When it comes to pleasing our readers, we trust that if our product brings joy, readers themselves will recommend our manga to others. Our joy lies in knowing that our stories bring happiness to you.

Question-2

How do you see digital platforms impacting the distribution and consumption of comics in the coming years?

The evolution of digital platforms is poised to revolutionize the distribution and consumption of comics in the coming years, presenting a myriad of positive opportunities for both creators and readers. Digital platforms provide an expansive and accessible space, breaking down geographical barriers and reaching a global audience.

The ease of access offered by digital platforms allows readers to discover and enjoy a diverse range of comics from the comfort of their devices, fostering inclusivity and expanding the overall readership base. Furthermore, these platforms empower creators to experiment with various formats, styles, and storytelling techniques, pushing the boundaries of traditional comic creation.

The interactive nature of digital platforms enhances reader engagement, offering features like zooming, tapping, and multimedia elements that elevate the overall reading experience. Social sharing options also amplify the reach of comics, creating a community around the art form.

Moreover, the digital landscape facilitates real-time analytics, providing valuable insights into reader preferences and behaviors. This data can inform creators and publishers, enabling them to tailor content to meet evolving tastes and trends. In essence, the digital era opens up a new chapter for comics, promoting accessibility, creativity, and community building. The positive impact of digital platforms on the distribution and consumption of comics is a testament to the exciting future that awaits this vibrant medium.

Question-3

What strategies do you think are effective in capturing the interest of younger audiences and getting them excited about comics?

In capturing the interest of younger audiences and igniting their excitement for comics, it is imperative to align strategies with the preferences and expectations of today's dynamic youth. Recognizing that contemporary readers seek instant gratification and are drawn to swift, engaging content, catering to their desires becomes paramount.

1. **Embrace Digital Platforms:** Younger audiences are heavily invested in the digital realm. Leveraging digital platforms for comic distribution allows for easy accessibility and aligns with their preferences for consuming content on smartphones and tablets.
2. **Interactive and Multimedia Elements:** Incorporating interactive features such as animations, sound effects, and multimedia elements within digital comics enhances the overall experience. This aligns with the multimedia-rich environment that younger audiences are accustomed to, making the storytelling more dynamic and engaging.

3. **Diversity in Representation:** Young readers today appreciate diversity and inclusivity. Creating characters from various backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives helps them relate to the stories on a personal level. Representation that mirrors the real world resonates well with today's youth.
4. **Timely and Relevant Themes:** Staying abreast of current trends and addressing relevant social issues in comic narratives attracts the attention of young readers. Tackling themes that resonate with their experiences fosters a sense of connection and relevance.
5. **Engage through Social Media:** Utilizing social media platforms for promotional activities, sneak peeks, and interactive content enhances visibility and engages younger audiences directly. This allows for a more personalized connection and encourages them to share their enthusiasm within their networks.
6. **Collaborations and Crossovers:** Collaborating with influencers, artists, or creators who are popular among the younger demographic can introduce your comics to new audiences. Cross overs with other media, such as video games or animated series, can also expand reach.
7. **Accessible Pricing and Exclusive Offers:** Offering affordable pricing, especially for digital versions, and exclusive pre-order deals or limited-time discounts appeals to the cost-conscious nature of young consumers. Bundled packages or subscription models can provide added value.
8. **Feedback Loops and Community Building:** Creating spaces for reader feedback, be it through social media, forums, or dedicated platforms, establishes a sense of community.

Actively listening to their opinions and involving them in the creative process fosters a sense of ownership and loyalty.

In essence, adapting to the preferences of today's youth involves a combination of technological integration, diverse storytelling, social engagement, and a commitment to providing content that resonates with their values and interests. By aligning with their desires, comics can remain a vibrant and relevant form of entertainment for the younger generation.

GROWING COMIC CON CULTURE OF INDIA

The growing Comic Con culture in India has become a pivotal factor in bolstering the demand for comics in the country. Events like **Comic Con India**, which are held in major cities, serve as vibrant hubs where comic book enthusiasts, creators, publishers, and fans converge, creating a dynamic ecosystem for the promotion of comics and related merchandise.

These conventions offer a unique platform for creators to showcase their work, interact directly with fans, and gain valuable feedback. For aspiring comic book artists and writers, Comic Con events provide networking opportunities and exposure to industry professionals, fostering growth and innovation within the comic book community.

Moreover, Comic Con India and similar conventions have become highly anticipated annual gatherings, attracting attendees from diverse backgrounds and age groups. Beyond just comics, these events also feature panels, workshops, and exhibitions exploring various aspects of pop culture, including movies, television, gaming, and cosplay.



Through engaging activities and immersive experiences, Comic Con events ignite passion and enthusiasm for comics, inspiring attendees to explore new titles and series. This heightened interest translates into increased sales of comics and related merchandise, contributing significantly to the overall demand in the market.

Furthermore, the impact of Comic Con extends beyond the event itself, as the excitement and buzz generated during these conventions ripple throughout the year. Social media, press coverage, and word-of-mouth recommendations further amplify the visibility of comics, generating sustained interest and driving sales both online and offline.

COMIC CON INDIA: THE ULTIMATE POP CULTURE EXTRAVAGANZA

Comic Con India was founded in 2011 by Jatin Varma, who wanted to bring the global phenomenon of comic conventions to India. The first Comic Con India event took place in New Delhi in 2011, and since then, it has grown in scale and popularity. Comic Con India hosts annual events in major cities across the country, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad. These events typically span multiple days and feature a wide range of activities and attractions for attendees.

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COSPLAY

Cosplay is an integral part of Comic Con India, with attendees dressing up as their favourite characters from comics, movies, television shows, video games, and anime. Comic Con India hosts cosplay competitions, where participants showcase their costumes and craftsmanship in front of a panel of judges and fellow attendees.

Comic Con India features panel discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions covering various aspects of pop culture, entertainment, and comics. These panels often feature industry professionals sharing their insights, experiences, and expertise with attendees.

Artist Alley is a dedicated space at Comic Con India where independent artists and creators showcase their work and interact with fans. Attendees can meet artists, purchase artwork, commission custom pieces, and learn about the creative process behind comics and illustration. Comic Con India provides a platform for fans to come together, connect with like-minded individuals, and celebrate their shared love for comics and pop culture. Attendees can bond over their favourite fandoms, participate in fan meetups, and join fan clubs and communities.

ALL TIME FAMOUS CHARACTERS OF COMIC CON

Super Man- The iconic superhero from DC Comics, Superman is known for his superhuman abilities such as flight, super strength, and heat vision. He fights for truth, justice, and the American way.

Batman- Another DC Comics superhero, Batman is a vigilante crime-fighter who prowls the streets of Gotham City. With his intellect, detective skills, and arsenal of gadgets, he battles against the criminal underworld.

Spiderman- A Marvel Comics character, Spider-Man is the alter ego of high school student Peter Parker. After being bitten by a radioactive spider, he gains spider-like abilities and fights crime while dealing with the challenges of everyday life.

Iron Man- Tony Stark, also known as Iron Man, is a billionaire inventor and industrialist who fights crime using his powered exoskeleton armour. He is a founding member of the Avengers in Marvel Comics.

Wonder woman- A DC Comics superheroine, Wonder Woman is an Amazonian warrior princess with superhuman strength, agility, and combat skills. She fights for peace, justice, and equality.



Captain America- Steve Rogers, also known as Captain America, is a Marvel Comics superhero who fought in World War II after undergoing an experimental procedure that enhanced his physical abilities. He wields a shield made of vibranium and is a symbol of patriotism and heroism.

The Joker- Batman's arch-nemesis, the Joker is a DC Comics supervillain known for his chaotic and unpredictable nature. He is a criminal mastermind who delights in causing mayhem and tormenting Batman.

Harley Quinn- Originally introduced as the Joker's sidekick and love interest, Harley Quinn has since become a popular DC Comics character in her own right. She is known for her acrobatic skills, colourful personality, and chaotic antics.

Thor- A Marvel Comics character based on the Norse god of thunder, Thor is a powerful superhero who wields a magical hammer called Mjolnir. He is a member of the Avengers and often battles against cosmic threats.

Hulk- Bruce Banner, also known as the Hulk, is a Marvel Comics superhero with the ability to transform into a giant, green-skinned monster when he becomes angry or stressed. He possesses immense strength and durability, making him one of the most powerful beings in the Marvel Universe.



Over a decade ago, on a notably overcast February weekend in Delhi, an event unfolded that would ignite the passions of countless fans across the nation, forever altering the landscape of pop culture in India. What began as a single weekend has since blossomed into a vibrant community of millions of enthusiasts spanning the length and breadth of the country. As comic con reflect on their journey, Join it in commemorating the rich tapestry of all things pop culture. **Visit- www.comicconindia.com** celebrate the diverse and enduring legacies that have shaped our collective imagination and continue to inspire us even today.

CARTOON CHRONICLES THROUGH AGES



Indian comics have a rich history dating back to the early 20th century. The first Indian comic book, "Comic and Fun," was published in the 1930s by A.G. Fantasia. The 1960s and 1970s saw the emergence of iconic Indian comic book characters such as **Chacha Chaudhary**, **Nagraj**, **Super Commando Dhruva**, and Tinkle's characters like **Suppandi** and **Shikari Shambu**.

MAJOR PUBLISHERS

Amar Chitra Katha- Founded in 1967 by Anant Pai, Amar Chitra Katha (ACK) is one of the most renowned Indian comic book publishers. It specializes in retelling Indian mythology, history, and folktales in comic book format.

Raj Comics-Established in the late 1980s, Raj Comics is famous for its superhero universe featuring characters like Nagraj, Super Commando Dhruva, Doga, and others.

Tinkle Comics- Launched in 1980 by the India Book House, Tinkle Comics is a popular children's magazine featuring a variety of characters and stories, including Suppandi, Shikari Shambu, and Tantri the Mantri.

DIGITAL CONVERSION

With the advent of digital platforms and online publishing, Indian comics have expanded their reach beyond print media. Many publishers now offer digital versions of their comics, making them accessible to readers worldwide.

Webcomics and digital-first series have also gained traction, providing opportunities for new and independent creators to showcase their work.

CULTURAL IMPACT OF COMICS

Indian comics have played a significant role in shaping popular culture and fostering a sense of national identity. Characters like Chacha Chaudhary, Suppandi, and Nagraj are widely recognized and beloved by readers across generations. Comics have also been utilized as educational tools, helping to promote literacy, cultural awareness, and moral values among children and young adults.

MARKET SIZE OF COMICS

While exact figures for the Indian comic book market size may vary, it is estimated to be a multi-million-dollar industry. Amar Chitra Katha alone has sold over 100 million copies of its comics since its inception.

THE EVOLUTION OF INDIAN COMICS

Comics have long been an essential component of media culture, with their presence dating back to newspapers and magazines as early as the 1800s. During this time, political satire was effectively conveyed through cartoons, highlighting societal issues and critiquing political figures and institutions.

How and why did comics gain immense popularity?

Comics have been there since the end of 19th Century. However, cartoons were there and expanded into a major industry only after great depression. During the second world war, comics demand increased as they were cheap, portable and narrated stories of good triumphing over evil. When superman (1938) and Batman (1939) were published, it was during that time.

In India, prototypes of comic books existed in the form of cartoons and strips, founded in Delhi Sketch Book and Awadh Punch, which started its publication in 1850 and 1877.

India Book House, a Bombay-based publisher was keen on the idea and Amar Chitra Katha, meaning immortal picture stories were then born. In 1969, Pai produced the first issue of Krishna, along with the stories such as Shakuntla and Pandava princes. In the initial years, ACK sold 20,000 copies and by the late 1970s, sales of Amar Chitra Katha comics increased to half of a copies a year.





“Creating comics is not a singular skill. It’s an amalgamation of numerous skill sets which include research, scripting, inking, colours, layout, editing, and proofing, among others. The creation of comics fuels the imagination and creativity of youth, and also nurtures vital skills such as critical thinking, visual storytelling, problem-solving, and communication. It empowers them to create and share their unique perspectives, fostering personal growth and self-expression. We take pride in nurturing talents for generations by helping our team members learn on the job and also upskill through courses and workshops. Media & Entertainment Skills Council skill gap report is helping unlock the huge potential in the comics industry, both from a perspective of livelihood and also creative satisfaction.”

- **By Ms. Preeti Vyas**, President of Amar Chitra Katha Private Limited, publishers of the iconic Amar Chitra Katha comics and Tinkle magazine, Founder Director, FunOKPlease

Anadi Abhilash

Publisher of Chitragaatha Comics

Anadi Abhilash, the publisher of Chitragaatha Comics - is a software professional and an avid comic book reader since childhood.

In the year 2022, he along with Pratik Bhattacharya joined hands to launch "Chitragaatha". Bringing stories on unconventional themes became USP of Chitragaatha comics in short span of time and widely praised by the readers. The publication is aiming to bring stories on diverse topics in the coming years.



Question-1

Could you please share with us a brief overview of your journey as a comic publisher? What sparked your initial interest in publishing comics, and what drives your continued passion for the medium?

Chitragaatha Comics published two comic books in two years, WW3: A Philosophical Conflict and Ad Infinitum: Sisyphus, based on philosophy and science fiction, respectively. It was a great journey collaborating with artists and creatives, and being in the initial phase of our publication was more of a learning experience as well. Being an avid comic book reader since childhood and being associated with other media of storytelling, like theater and filmmaking, I developed a strong zeal to present ideas, which I believe in, among the readers in the form of my favorite medium, i.e., comic books. The hunger for telling stories, exploring various genres, the mindset of contributing to the artistic medium, and, of course, appreciation by the readers for good work, drives me to continue making comic books in the future.

Question-2

Can you walk us through your creative process when developing and publishing a new comic? Where do you draw inspiration from, and how do you translate ideas into visuals and narratives?

Well, it always starts with an idea. Inspiration for an idea can come from anywhere—anything you observe in your surroundings, anything you feel, anything you already know about. Firstly, the idea is presented in front of the writer. In order to develop a story, the writer works on elements like timeline, characters, plot, and style of storytelling as per theme and mood. Once the story is ready, the publisher and writer discuss it with line artists in order to deliver it visually as a comic book page. Coloring makes the line art visually appealing, and, of course, it is really necessary to discuss the color scheme and mood of the story with the colorist. After that, lettering is done, followed by work like cover design, credit page design, and formatting the page to make it print-ready prior to sending it for final printing.

Question-3

Reflecting on your body of work, do you have a favorite project or series that holds a special place in your heart? What makes it stand out to you?

Well, this is a bit difficult to answer as we don't have much in our library. Both of our published projects hold a special place in my heart.

Our first book, WW3: A Philosophical Conflict, is based on a genre that is usually not seen in a comic book—a thought-provoking, unconventional script—and it received a very good response among readers. We tried something different in a comic book, and it was liked by readers—it's always very special for us.

For our second project, we decided to make something complex and explore the science fiction genre, and this is how Ad Infinitum came into the picture. The brave execution of the space-time concept made it interesting to read and remained a best seller at comic book festivals and events.

Question-4

Team Work is often integral to the comic creation process. How do you manage meaningful collaboration with writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists?

It's very important to work as a team during the creation of a comic book. The perfect balance between the writer's vision and the line artist's vision is much needed. Constructive brainstorming among writers and artists makes the output even better. The same goes with the colorist. The color scheme should be as per the theme and mood of the script. Good lettering makes the reading experience better. In the entire process, I used to arrange collaborative meetings among creatives via conference calls in order to make sure that the entire team was on the same page with regard to the end vision.

Question-5

How do you believe comics can be utilized as a tool for enhancing educational content for children?

Comics have always been a tool for learning among children. Since its inception in India, publishers have made content in history, mythology, and science. Of course, these topics are already in our school curriculum, but reading them in textbook and comic book format makes a huge difference. A picture is worth a thousand words. Reading them as a comic book in the form of pictures enhances imagination skills, and it remains in the memory for a longer duration. Being an interesting medium, it can also serve as a tool to enhance language learning at a faster pace. Comic books made in different genres are an added advantage because they give insights into specific areas of learning.

Question-6

What advice would you give to aspiring comic publishers who are just starting their journey? Are there any lessons you've learned along the way that you wish you knew when you were starting out?

Set your vision first; make it clear what you want to present to the readers. It's very important to plan on the finance part, it might take some time to make your business profitable. Build your best possible creative team as per the theme of your project. Most importantly, don't hesitate to take suggestions from established publishers.

During my short tenure as a comic book publisher, I learned that it's really necessary to plan at least a 3-year roadmap for comic book publishing. We must be well-prepared for ideas and work on them phase-wise, as unpredictable delays are expected in the current scenario. Hopefully, we as a comic book community will get better with time.



GLOBAL MARKET ANALYSIS OF COMICS

- The global comic book market was valued at USD 16.24 billion in the current year. It is expected to reach USD 21.10 billion by the end of the forecasted year, registering a CAGR of 5.37% during the forecast period.
- The rising production of comics featuring captivating narratives and engaging artwork is fueling their global popularity. These publications not only entertain but also serve as tools for enriching vocabulary, fostering creativity, and instilling positive values. Available across diverse genres like fantasy, romance, and science fiction, comics offer readers a wide array of immersive storytelling experiences.
- The comic book industry experienced a substantial upheaval due to the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to the closure of Diamond Comic Distributors, which had previously dominated comic book distribution in North America. This move, instigated by the CEO, was driven by a multitude of pandemic-related challenges, including difficulties faced by retailers in meeting consumer demands, disruptions in the supply chain for printing partners, and delays in shipping. As a result of this unprecedented action, the distribution and production of new comic books came to a halt, marking the first interruption of "New Comics Day" in over eight decades.



E-COMICS

The comic book industry is undergoing a significant transformation with the widespread availability and increasing popularity of e-comic books. However, the nature and scope of e-comics vary significantly from company to company and genre to genre. The introduction of interactive and animated e-books by e-publishing businesses has accelerated the market entry for many publishers and authors, offering advanced ways to reach audiences.

Moreover, the proliferation of digital media devices and the expanding internet access have empowered consumers to enjoy their preferred media content, whether for information, entertainment, or social engagement, from anywhere. According to statistics from the National Publishing Association and the Publishing Science Institute, the combined sales revenue from electronic and print manga reached approximately JPY 677 billion (USD 5.05 billion) in 2022. This growth trajectory is propelled by the introduction of various new titles, catering to the fluctuating demands of the audience. For instance, in the same year, Yen Press unveiled four new titles, including **"Josee, Heroine No More,"** **"Gahi-chan!,"** and **"Unnamed Memory, the Tiger, and the Fish."** (Source: Mordor Intelligence).





Saahil S Sharma

Publisher, Cheese Burger Comics

Saahil S Sharma, a professional screenplay/story writer hailing from Himachal Pradesh and currently based in Mumbai, began his journey as a comic writer in 2021 with the acclaimed Professor Ashwatthama series. Presently, Saahil is deeply engaged in developing a feature film scheduled to start production by mid-2024. Furthermore, he lends his writing prowess to Alpha Comics, founded by the esteemed Father of Indian Superheroes, Mr. Sanjay Gupta. Stories on unconventional themes became USP of Chitragaatha comics in short span of time and widely praised by the readers. The publication is aiming to bring stories on diverse topics in the coming years.

Question-1

Every publisher has a unique & distinctive story to tell. How would you describe yours and what elements or techniques do you believe define your work?

ANS: At Cheese Burger Comics, our story is as unique as the characters we bring to life on the page. We're not just another run-of-the-mill publisher – we're storytellers with a passion for crafting narratives that captivate and inspire. What sets us apart is our approach to marketing. We understand that it's not just about selling comics; it's about building a community of readers who are as enthusiastic about our stories as we are. That's why our marketing efforts are as creative and engaging as the content itself. From interactive social media campaigns to immersive fan events, we go above and beyond to connect with our audience in meaningful ways.

Question-2

How do you see digital platforms impacting the distribution and consumption of comics in the coming years?

ANS: In the coming years, digital platforms will continue to revolutionize the distribution and consumption of comics in profound ways. With the rise of smartphones, tablets, and other digital devices, comics are more accessible than ever before. No longer confined to physical print, readers can now enjoy their favorite stories anytime, anywhere, with just the tap of a screen. One of the most significant impacts of digital platforms is the democratization of content. Independent creators now have the opportunity to publish their work online, reaching a global audience without the need for traditional publishing channels. This has led to a renaissance of diverse voices and stories, enriching the comic book landscape in exciting new ways. Moreover, digital platforms offer unparalleled convenience for readers. With digital comics, there's no need to wait for a trip to the comic book store or worry about limited print runs. Instead, readers can instantly access a vast library of titles from the comfort of their own homes. Overall, digital platforms are poised to shape the future of comics in exciting and transformative ways. By embracing innovation and adapting to changing consumer preferences, the industry can continue to thrive in the digital age while bringing captivating stories to audiences around the world.

Question-3

What strategies do you think are effective in capturing the interest of younger audiences and getting them excited about comics?

ANS: It's time to shift focus to visual mediums! We should explore innovative formats like web series, anime, or live-action adaptations to attract younger audiences to comics. Engaging storytelling is crucial - incorporate diverse characters, relatable themes, and vibrant artwork to capture their interest. Make the most of digital platforms for seamless access and interactive experiences. Connect with the community through events, workshops, and school visits. Leverage social media to spark enthusiasm and interact with younger readers where they're most active.

Question-4

What initiatives or programs do you think are essential for making comics more accessible to children from diverse backgrounds and communities?

ANS: To make comics more accessible to children from diverse backgrounds and communities, several key initiatives are essential: **Diverse Representation:** Ensure that comics feature characters from various cultural, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds, allowing children to see themselves reflected in the stories.

Multilingual Publishing: Offer comics in multiple languages to cater to children from different linguistic backgrounds, fostering inclusivity and accessibility.

Community Outreach: Collaborate with local organizations, schools, and libraries to distribute comics and host events that reach underserved communities.

Question-5

How long have you been involved in the comic industry, and what changes have you observed in terms of the demand for comics over the years?

ANS: I've been involved in the comic book publishing industry for two and a half years now. During this time, I've noticed a significant shift in demand towards both Western and Eastern comic books. The rise of visual mediums, such as animated series and web shows, has contributed to this trend. To adapt to this changing landscape, I believe it's crucial for us to establish a dedicated body of comics capable of producing at least two animated/web shows or action series per year. This shift is necessary to ensure that today's children can connect with characters beyond just comic books alone.

Question-6

How do you perceive the demand for writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists within the Comics industry?

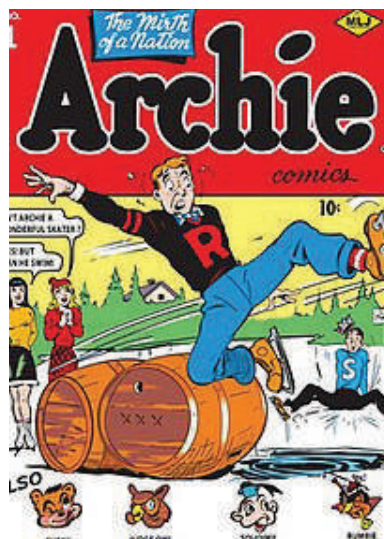
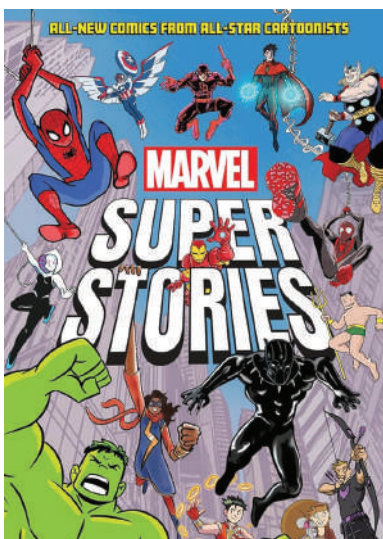
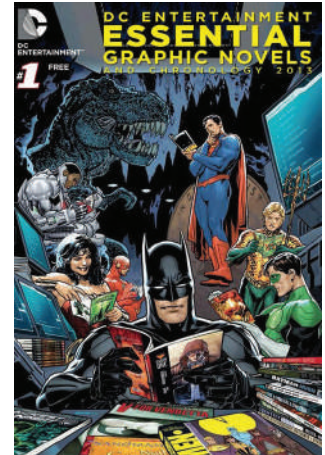
ANS: Well, let me tell you, it's like trying to find a unicorn in a field of horses! In India, the demand for writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other comic artists is a bit like searching for a needle in a haystack. Why? Because, unfortunately, these jobs aren't exactly making it rain rupees. Most Indian artists end up juggling multiple projects just to keep their heads above water. It's a bit like being a superhero with a day job - except instead of fighting crime, you're fighting off debt collectors. Of course, there's always the dream of being picked up by DC or Marvel, where the paychecks are as big as Thanos' ego. But until then, it's all about hustling, honing those skills, and hoping for a lucky break. Who said the life of a comic artist/writer/editor/letterer wasn't an adventure, eh?



COMIC COSMOGRAPHY: A WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE

The global comic book market is moderately consolidated, with key players including Marvel Entertainment, Dark Horse Media, Image Comics, DC Entertainment, and Archie Comics. These companies actively pursue strategic partnerships and product developments to expand their market presence. Recent market developments include: In October 2022, DoorDash partnered with Marvel Entertainment to produce a custom comic book celebrating the company's employees, known as 'Dashers.' Unveiled at the New York Comic Con, the collaboration introduced the fictional city of Dashville. The 26-page comic portrays Dashers as everyday heroes, undertaking a mission to rescue Dashville. Alongside the comic book, Marvel launched a five-part motion comic series, with the first chapter debuting in October 2022.

In September 2022, Dark Horse Comics announced an exclusive worldwide multi-year agreement with the Penguin Random House publishing group. This agreement focuses on Penguin Random House's sales and distribution of Dark Horse's newly published and backlist single-issue comic book periodicals, graphic novels, and manga to direct market comic shops. The direct market primarily consists of comic book stores that receive their inventories from specific distributors, distinct from most other bookstores or mass-market retailers. This extends the existing partnership between the two companies, wherein Penguin Random House already sells and distributes Dark Horse's trade books and graphic novels to bookstores.





Dr. Himanshu Singhal
Publisher of Radiant Comics



Dr. Himanshu Singhal, the CEO & Studio head of Radiant Comics, holds his graduation, post-graduation and doctorate all in engineering; having pursued and completed his post-graduation (M.Tech) in Software Engineering from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. He is a renowned educationist serving as Vice President of JMS Education Group that comprise of six higher education colleges and one secondary school under its umbrella. His tenure abroad has shaped his vision into guiding young minds into thinking in a much broader, worldlier way and to approach studies in a collaborative and more practical way. He is also a socialist and serves as the secretary of Rotary Club of Ghaziabad City. He is the founding member and the Marketing & PR Head of the Indian Comics Association. He aims to take the Indian Comics Industry to new heights by the combined, committed and concentrated efforts of all stakeholders involved.

Question-1

Every publisher has a unique & distinctive story to tell. How would you describe yours and what elements or techniques do you believe define your work?

At Radiant Comics we are focused on building a shared universe of Indian Super Heroes. Our characters are rooted in Indian Culture. Our books blend Hindu mythology with modern world; which is really cool for an Indian reader who has been demanding something like western comics take on Greek or Egyptian myths...!!
Apart from mythology we are also bringing books in Fantasy and Science Fiction genre. In the past two years we have consistently released high quality books; both in terms of story and artwork. Our story telling technique is such that we deliver complex scenarios in such simple narrative that even an average reader can enjoy our books and that I believe is our defining quality. You can blindly pick any book released by Radiant Comics and I can assure you it will entertain you...!!

Question-2

How do you see digital platforms impacting the distribution and consumption of comics in the coming years?

Online sales have enabled us to reach pan India within a short span. You can easily order books from the comfort of your home and get them delivered in mint condition anywhere in India. Also Social media platforms are a great channel to market our products and get readers involved.

Question-3

What strategies do you think are effective in capturing the interest of younger audiences and getting them excited about comics?

The current generation is focused on doing things that is cool and trending. Recently manga has become increasingly popular among Indian youth due to same reason. We are focusing on this with our branding team.

Question-4

What initiatives or programs do you think are essential for making comics more accessible to children from diverse backgrounds and communities?

It is important to engage young readers and encourage them to read comics. Art Competition, Meme contest, Cosplays are some of the means to encourage their participation.

Question-5

How long have you been involved in the comic industry, and what changes have you observed in terms of the demand for comics over the years?

I have been an avid reader since childhood but ventured into publication as recent as 2022. It is needless to say that the industry has seen better days. There was a peek in the interest around 2020-2022 but since last year the industry has been witnessing a dip. But we expect this year to be better.

Question-6

How do you perceive the demand for writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists within the Comics industry?

There is a good demand of creatives in the Industry right now. I have myself groomed three artists in the last two years itself. With the launch of new publishers and an increase in the interest in the medium this demand will increase with time. There are very few letterers right now and it is a domain that the young creatives must focus on.



COMPANIES TAKING LEAD IN THE COMICS INDUSTRY

Amar Chitra Katha

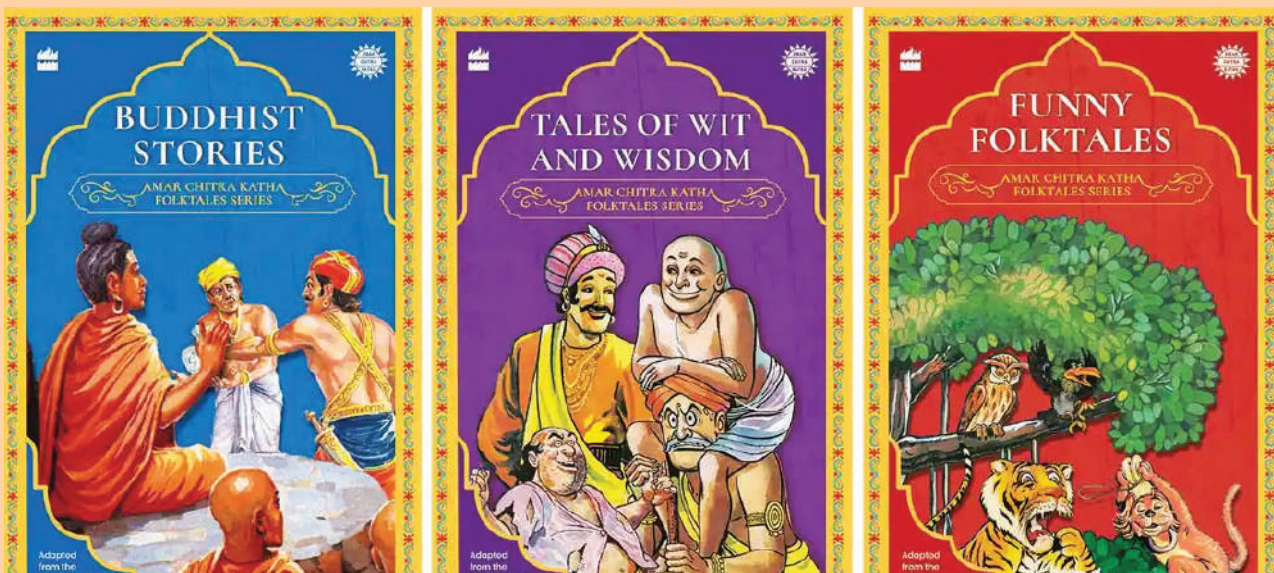
Amar Chitra Katha, founded in 1967 by Anant Pai, is one of India's most iconic and beloved comic book publishers. The name translates to "Immortal Illustrated Stories" in English. The company is renowned for its vast collection of comics that retell mythological tales, historical events, and biographies of eminent personalities in an engaging and accessible format.

Amar Chitra Katha's comics have played a significant role in preserving and popularizing Indian folklore, legends, and cultural heritage among readers of all ages. Through vivid illustrations and compelling storytelling, they have brought to life the rich tapestry of India's diverse traditions and mythology.

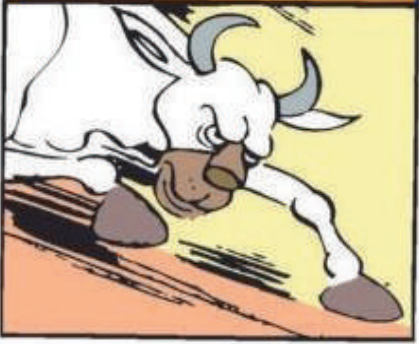
With over 400 titles published in multiple languages, including English, Hindi, and regional languages, Amar Chitra Katha has reached millions of readers worldwide. Their comics are not only cherished by Indian audiences but also appreciated by international readers interested in Indian culture and history.

In addition to their flagship comic series, Amar Chitra Katha has expanded its offerings to include educational material, animated adaptations, and digital content, catering to the evolving preferences of modern audiences. They have also diversified their portfolio to cover a wide range of genres, including epics like the **Mahabharata and Ramayana**, historical figures like **Shivaji and Ashoka**, and folk tales from different regions of India.

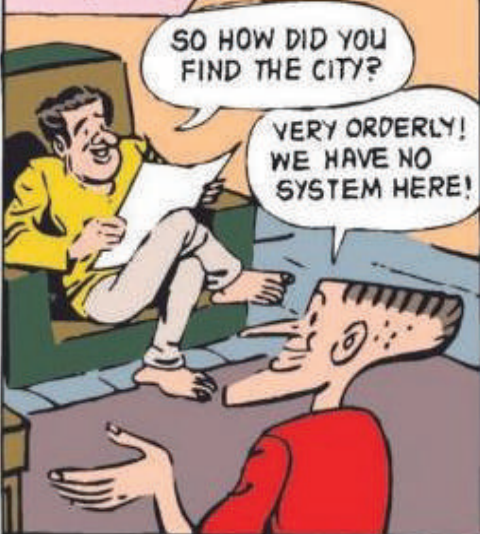
Amar Chitra Katha remains a cultural institution in India, with its comics serving as an integral part of many people's childhoods and continuing to inspire generations with timeless stories that celebrate the richness of Indian heritage.



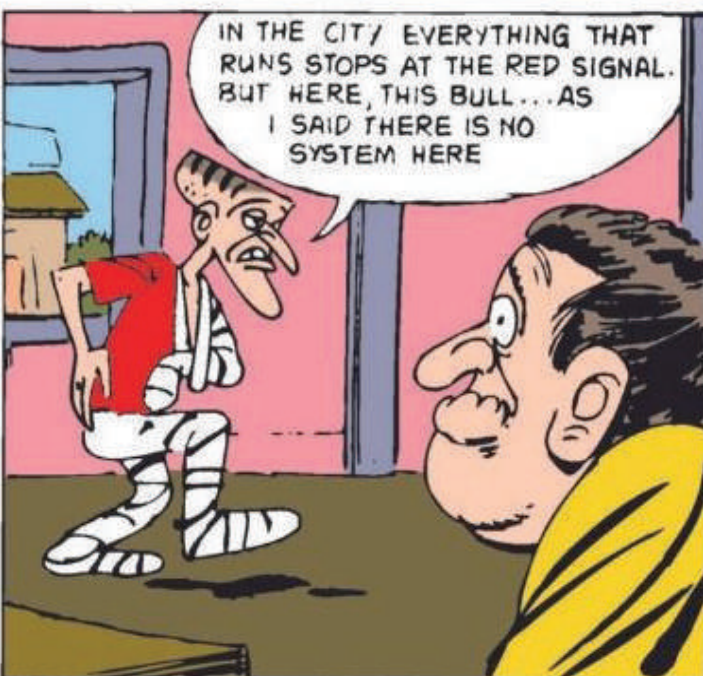
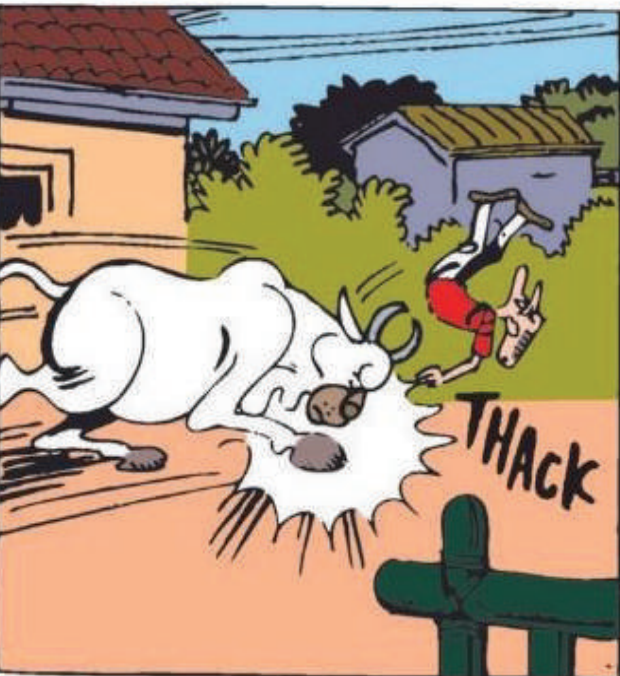
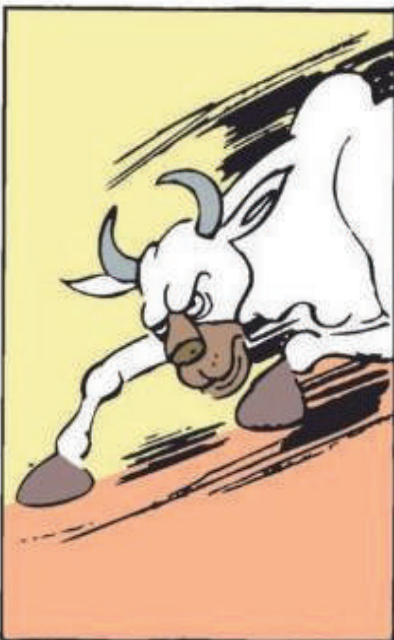
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SUPPANDI HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A LONG VACATION IN THE CITY.



WELL... NOW PLEASE GO TO THE MARKET AND BRING RICE AND SUGAR.



Tinkle Comics

Tinkle Comics, launched in 1980 by ACK Media, is a cornerstone of the Indian comic book industry, particularly known for its enduring popularity among children. The brainchild of the legendary Indian comic creator Anant Pai, Tinkle has become synonymous with fun, humour, and adventure for generations of Indian readers.

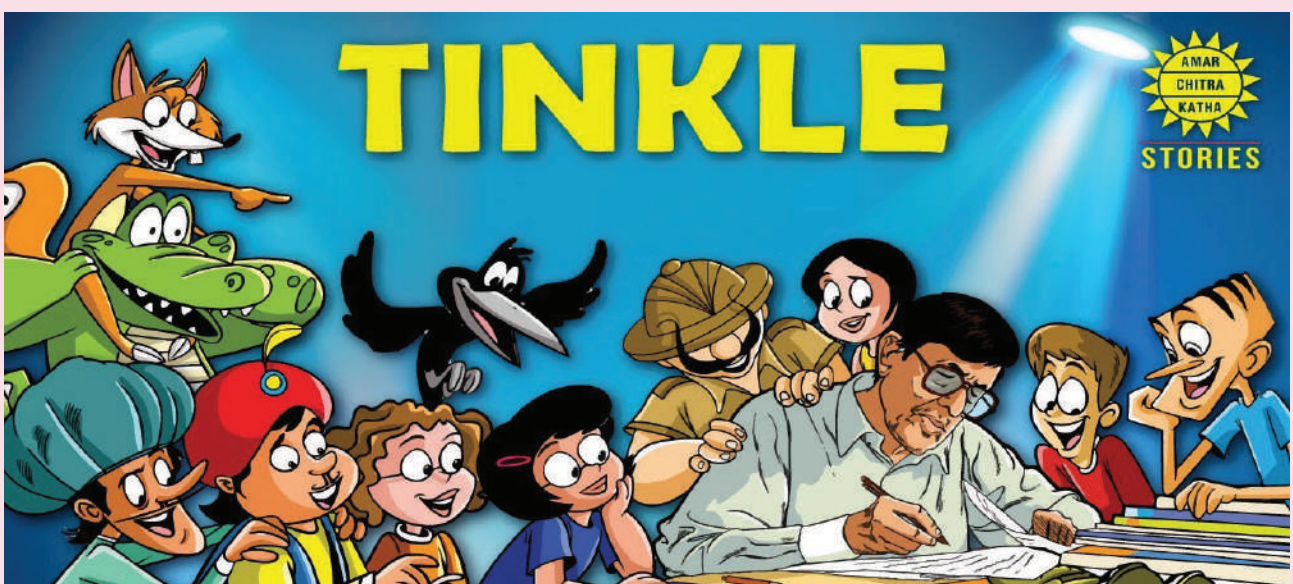
One of the key factors contributing to Tinkle's success is its roster of iconic characters, each with their own distinct personalities and quirks. Characters like **Suppandi**, the lovable but hapless village simpleton; **Shikari Shambu**, the bumbling wildlife enthusiast; and **Tantri the Mantri**, the conniving minister with grand schemes and perpetual failures, have become household names across India.

Tinkle Comics is published as a monthly magazine, featuring a mix of comic strips, short stories, puzzles, and activities designed to entertain and educate young readers. The magazine covers a wide range of genres, from humour and adventure to science fiction and fantasy, ensuring there's something for every reader's taste.

What sets Tinkle apart is its ability to strike a balance between entertainment and education. Alongside entertaining stories, Tinkle Comics often incorporates moral lessons, values, and educational tidbits, making it not just a source of amusement but also a tool for learning and development.

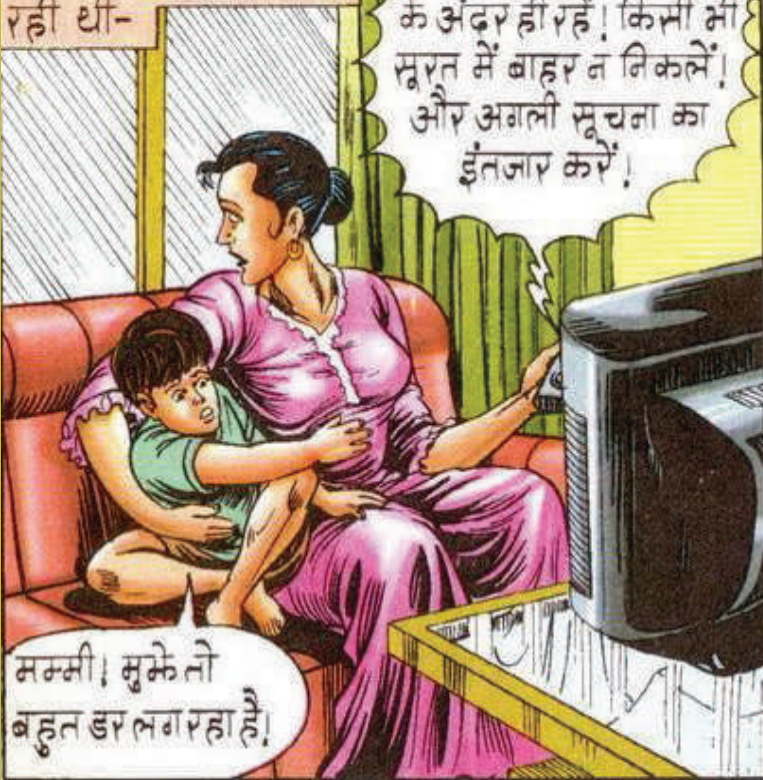
Over the years, Tinkle Comics has evolved to keep pace with changing times and reader preferences. While staying true to its roots, it has embraced digital platforms, offering digital subscriptions and interactive content to engage tech-savvy audiences.

Tinkle Comics has left an indelible mark on Indian popular culture, with its characters and stories becoming cultural icons. Its enduring appeal lies in its ability to capture the imagination of children and adults alike, fostering a love for reading and storytelling that transcends generations.



इस आतंक का मुकाबला करने की योजना भी बन रही थी-

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Raj Comics

Raj Comics is a pioneering Indian comic book publisher renowned for its extensive catalogue of superhero comics. Established in the late 1980s, Raj Comics has played a significant role in shaping the landscape of Indian comics, particularly with its focus on indigenous superhero characters.

One of the hallmarks of Raj Comics is its creation of iconic superheroes that resonate with Indian audiences. Characters like Nagraj, the serpent-themed superhero; Super Commando Dhruva, the acrobatic **crime-fighter**; and **Doga**, the vigilante with a troubled past, have captured the imagination of readers across the country. These characters are not only superheroes but also symbols of Indian culture and ethos, often confronting social issues and moral dilemmas in their adventures.

Raj Comics' storytelling often draws inspiration from Indian mythology, folklore, and societal issues, infusing its comics with a distinct Indian flavour. While the themes and narratives are rooted in Indian culture, Raj Comics also incorporates elements of action, suspense, and drama that appeal to readers of all ages.

With a vast and diverse lineup of characters and titles, Raj Comics caters to a wide audience, from children to adults. Its comics are available in multiple languages, including Hindi and English, ensuring accessibility to readers across the country.

Over the years, Raj Comics has adapted to the changing dynamics of the comic book industry, embracing digital platforms to reach a broader audience. While print remains a significant part of its distribution, Raj Comics has expanded its presence online, offering digital comics and webcomics to cater to tech-savvy readers.

Raj Comics' contribution to Indian pop culture goes beyond entertainment, as its characters have become cultural icons and symbols of national pride. The publisher's commitment to creating compelling stories with diverse characters and rich narratives continues to resonate with fans, ensuring that Raj Comics remains a powerhouse in the Indian comic book industry.





NAGRAJ: AN ICONIC CHARACTER OF ITS BY RAJ COMICS

Nagraj, whose name translates to "King of Snakes" in Hindi, is a superhero with snake-like abilities. His origin story revolves around Professor Nagmani, a scientist who injects himself with a serum made from the venom of a cobra to gain immortality. However, instead of becoming immortal, he turns into a snake-man. Professor Nagmani eventually becomes Nagraj and dedicates his life to fighting crime and evil.

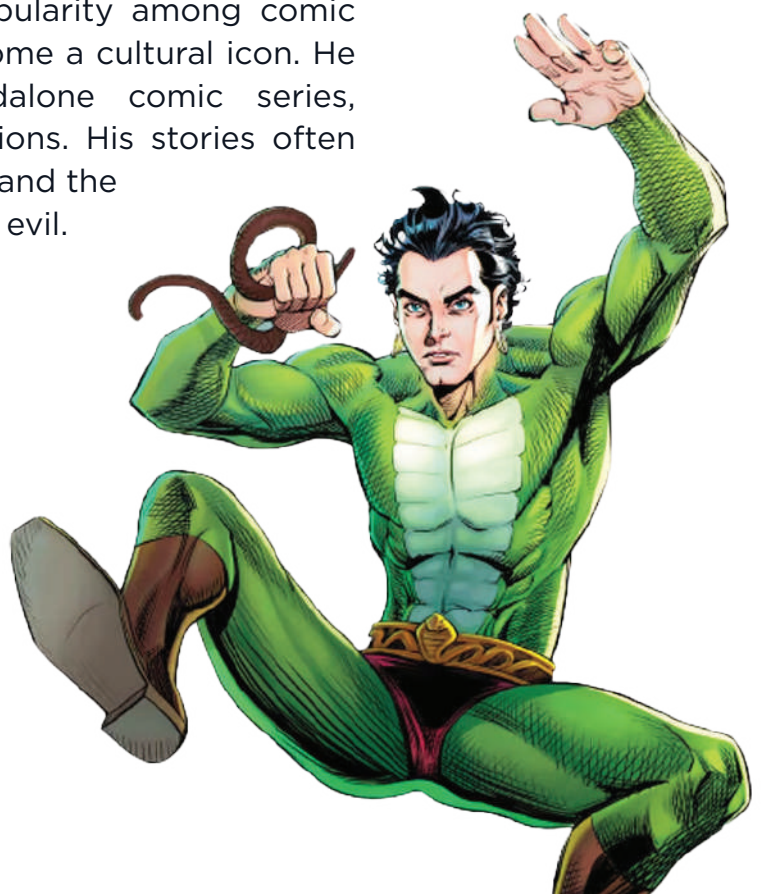
Nagraj possesses a wide range of superhuman abilities, most of which are derived from his serpent-like physiology. These include-

- » Superhuman strength, agility, and reflexes
- » Enhanced senses, particularly heightened vision and the ability to detect pheromones.
- » The ability to produce and manipulate venom, which he can use for offensive and defensive purposes.
- » Hypnosis, allowing him to control the minds of others.
- » Shape-shifting abilities, enabling him to transform into a giant snake or take on human form.

Nagraj is typically depicted wearing a green costume adorned with snake motifs, including a hood resembling a cobra's head. He often carries a trident, which he uses as a weapon in combat. His appearance as Nagraj is characterized by his green skin and snake-like eyes.

Nagraj has achieved immense popularity among comic book readers in India and has become a cultural icon. He has starred in numerous standalone comic series, crossover events, and special editions. His stories often explore themes of justice, morality, and the eternal struggle between good and evil.

Nagraj's enduring appeal lies in his unique powers, compelling backstory, and the vibrant world of characters and creatures that populate his universe.



Diamond Comics

Diamond Comics, established in 1948, holds the distinction of being one of the oldest and most influential comic book publishers in India. Throughout its long history, Diamond Comics has been instrumental in shaping the Indian comic book industry and fostering a love for comics among readers of all ages.

The publisher's extensive catalogue encompasses a diverse range of genres, including superheroes, fantasy, mythological tales, and humour. Diamond Comics is particularly renowned for its superhero comics, featuring iconic characters that have captivated generations of readers.

One of the notable aspects of Diamond Comics is its commitment to producing high-quality content that appeals to a broad audience. The publisher has cultivated a roster of beloved characters and series, each with its own unique charm and appeal. From action-packed adventures to light-hearted humour, Diamond Comics offers something for everyone.

In addition to print publications, Diamond Comics has embraced digital platforms to expand its reach and cater to modern readers' preferences. The publisher offers digital versions of its comics, making them accessible to a wider audience through online platforms and mobile apps.

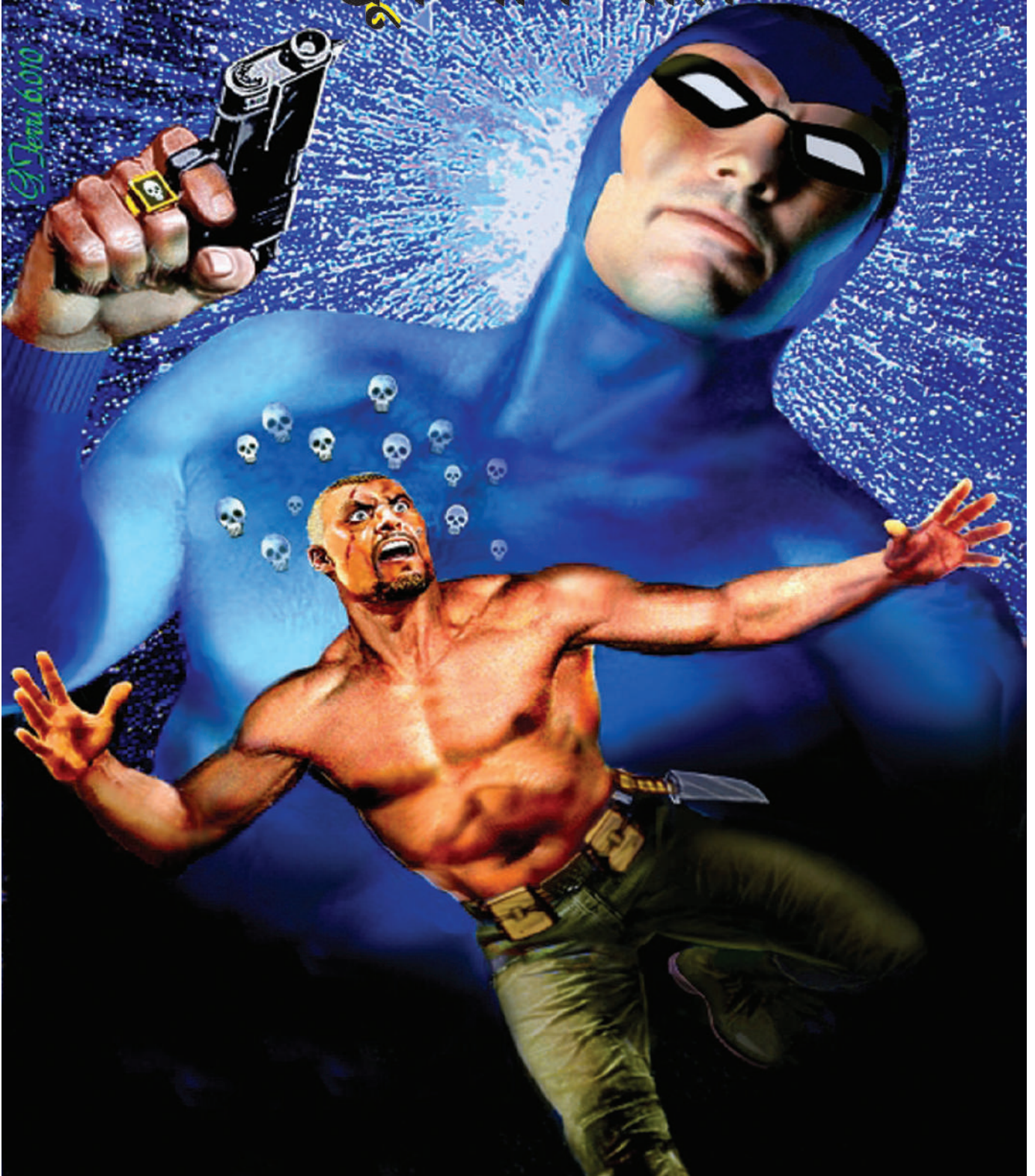
Diamond Comics' impact extends beyond entertainment, as its comics have become an integral part of Indian pop culture. The publisher's characters and stories have left an indelible mark on the collective imagination of readers, inspiring countless fans and influencing other forms of media.

With a legacy spanning over seven decades, Diamond Comics continues to play a vital role in promoting literacy, creativity, and imagination through the power of comics. Its dedication to storytelling excellence and commitment to engaging readers ensure that Diamond Comics remains a cherished institution in the Indian comic book landscape.





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Sanjay Gupta
Publisher of Raj Comics

Question-1

Could you please share with us a brief overview of your journey as a comic publisher? What sparked your initial interest in publishing comics, and what drives your continued passion for the medium?

Mr. Sanjay Gupta known as “The Father of Indian Superheroes” started creating comics in 1986 to expand the scope of superhero comic book universe in India which was not prevalent at that time. His aim was to entertain, motivate and augment the imagination of Indians across generations.

Mr. Sanjay Gupta was a huge fan of superheroes since childhood and always wanted to give India a homegrown superhero universe. After finishing his studies in 1984, he joined his father Late Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta (Founder, Raja Pocket Books). This is where he developed the legendary Raj Comics Superhero Universe, as his passion led him to create the greatest and most-loved Indian superheroes like Nagraj, Doga, Bhokal, Parmanu, Tiranga, Anthony, Ashwaraj, Inspector Steel and several others.

He pioneered superhero comic culture in India, and is credited as the creator of over a 1000 characters, writer of more than 600 comics and the editor of more than 2200 comics and counting. Possibly the man with the longest and the most diverse experience in the industry, Sanjay Gupta has inspired, helped and enabled three generations of comic book creators, writers and artists to reach terrific heights in Indian Comics.

His inspiring mantra "Catch Your Dreams," embodies the spirit of ambition and determination. Embracing the ethos of his craft, he identifies himself as "Main Comics Hoon" or "I am Comics," symbolizing his deep connection to the world of storytelling and his role within it.

Question-2

Can you walk us through your creative process when developing and publishing a new comic? Where do you draw inspiration from, and how do you translate ideas into visuals and narratives?

The comic creation process is a dynamic journey that begins with inspiration drawn from a myriad of sources, including personal experiences, literature, current events, and even dreams. Through collaborative brainstorming sessions with writers, artists, and editors, concepts are honed and refined, paving the way for the development of engaging stories. Once the concept takes shape, writers craft the script, meticulously outlining the plot, developing characters, and weaving dialogue to create a narrative blueprint for the comic. Artists then breathe life into the script, translating words into vibrant visuals through character designs, environments, and key scenes, guided by the writer's vision and art direction. As the script and artwork are finalized, the comic moves into production, where all elements including script, artwork, lettering, and colors are meticulously assembled into a cohesive layout. Throughout every stage of this intricate process, creativity, collaboration, and meticulous attention to detail are paramount. Under the guiding hand of the publisher, the project navigates from conception to completion, ensuring that the final comic resonates with its intended audience while upholding artistic integrity and narrative coherence.

Question-3

Reflecting on your body of work, do you have a favorite project or series that holds a special place in your heart? What makes it stand out to you?

Doga holds a special place in my heart as my personal favourite. Crafting his intricate backstory, shaped by a traumatic childhood that profoundly influences his journey as a vigilante, was both challenging and exhilarating. Furthermore, his gritty and dark portrayal, intertwined with an unwavering commitment to combat corruption and injustice, captivates me completely.

Question-4

Team Work is often integral to the comic creation process. How do you manage meaningful collaboration with writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists?

Managing meaningful collaboration with a diverse team of writers, editors, line art artists, inkers, colorists, letterers, and other artists is a challenging yet essential task in the comic publishing process. It requires careful coordination and communication to navigate the complexities of each team member's role and the challenges they face.

This involves engaging in extensive discussions to align everyone on the project's vision, goals, and creative direction, often requiring long hours of brainstorming sessions to generate innovative ideas and solutions. Effective coordination is key in managing schedules, deadlines, and workflows to ensure smooth progress throughout the production process. Additionally, providing prompt and continuous feedback is crucial for guiding the team's work and addressing any issues or concerns that may arise. Cultivating a culture of respect, appreciation, and trust among team members further enhances collaboration, recognizing and valuing each individual's contributions to the project. By prioritizing these aspects of collaboration, we foster a productive and harmonious working environment that enables the team to create high-quality comics that resonate with audiences.

Question-5

How do you believe comics can be utilized as a tool for enhancing educational content for children?

Comics offer a rich and engaging medium for enhancing educational content for children in various ways:

1. **Storytelling and Teaching:** Every comic story inherently carries a message or lesson, whether it's about friendship, courage, empathy, or environmental conservation. By integrating educational themes into comic narratives, children can learn valuable lessons while enjoying entertaining stories.
2. **Motivation and Inspiration:** Comics have the power to motivate and inspire children to be curious, creative, and compassionate. Through relatable characters and exciting adventures, comics can instill a sense of wonder and a desire to explore the world around them.
3. **Moral Values:** Comics can serve as a platform for teaching moral values such as honesty, kindness, perseverance, and respect for others. By showcasing characters who exemplify these virtues, children can learn by example and internalize positive values.
4. **Visual Learning:** Comics combine visual and textual elements, making them highly accessible for visual learners. The combination of illustrations and text can aid in comprehension and retention of educational concepts, especially for children who may struggle with traditional text-based learning materials.
5. **Interactive Learning:** Interactive comics or educational comic activities can provide hands-on learning experiences that engage children actively in the learning process. This interactive approach fosters critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and creativity. Overall, comics have the potential to enrich educational content for children by offering engaging storytelling, conveying important lessons and values, and providing a visually stimulating medium for learning.

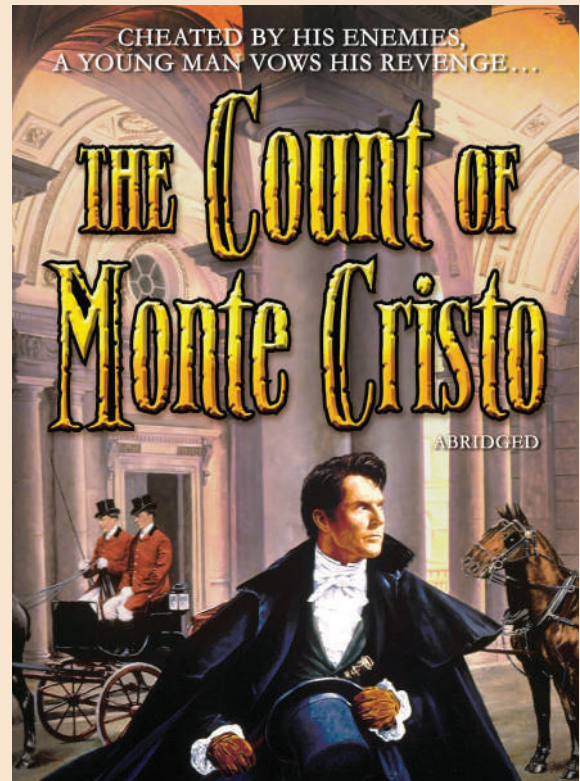
Question-6

What advice would you give to aspiring comic publishers who are just starting their journey? Are there any lessons you've learned along the way that you wish you knew when you were starting out?

To aspiring comic publishers embarking on their journey, I offer the following advice: Maintain a fervent passion for comics, as it will be the driving force that sustains you through the challenges and triumphs of the publishing process. Trust your instincts and pursue your creative vision with unwavering determination, staying true to your unique voice and the stories you wish to share.

COMPFIRE GRAPHIC NOVELS

Campfire Graphic Novels is a notable player in the Indian comic book industry, specializing in the adaptation of classic literature, mythology, and biographies into graphic novel format. Founded in 2008, Campfire has made significant strides in the world of comics with its unique approach to storytelling and captivating artwork. One of the distinguishing features of Campfire Graphic Novels is its emphasis on adapting timeless literary works and historical narratives into visually engaging graphic novels. By combining compelling storytelling with vibrant illustrations, Campfire brings these classic tales to life in a format that appeals to readers of all ages.



Campfire's catalogue includes a diverse range of titles, spanning various genres and themes. From literary classics like "**The Count of Monte Cristo**" and "**Dracula**" to mythological epics such as the "Ramayana" and "Mahabharata," Campfire Graphic Novels offers a rich tapestry of stories that cater to different interests and tastes.

The publisher's commitment to high-quality artwork and storytelling has earned it critical acclaim and a dedicated fan base both in India and internationally. Campfire's graphic novels are available in multiple languages, making them accessible to readers across the globe.

In addition to its adaptations of classic literature and mythology, Campfire Graphic Novels also produces biographical graphic novels that explore the lives of notable figures from history and contemporary times. Through these biographies, Campfire provides readers with insights into the achievements and contributions of inspiring individuals from diverse backgrounds.

Campfire Graphic Novels' dedication to preserving and retelling timeless stories in a visually captivating format has cemented its position as a prominent publisher in the Indian comic book industry. With its focus on quality, diversity, and innovation, Campfire continues to enthrall readers and enrich the world of comics with its compelling graphic novels.

COMIC BOOK CROSSOVERS: HARNESSING CINEMA, MUSIC & MORE FOR DYNAMIC PROMOTION



Television

Animated series: Developing animated TV shows based on comic book properties allows for longer-form storytelling and appeals to both children and adults. Shows like "Batman: The Animated Series" and "Spider-Man: The Animated Series" have garnered critical acclaim and expanded the fanbase of their respective comic book franchises.

Securing appearances on popular TV talk shows or news programs to discuss comic book releases, upcoming projects, or industry trends can raise awareness and generate excitement among viewers.

Music Area

Soundtracks: Collaborating with musicians to create original soundtracks or songs inspired by comic book characters or storylines can add another dimension to the comics experience. These soundtracks can be released alongside comic books or promoted through digital platforms and streaming services.

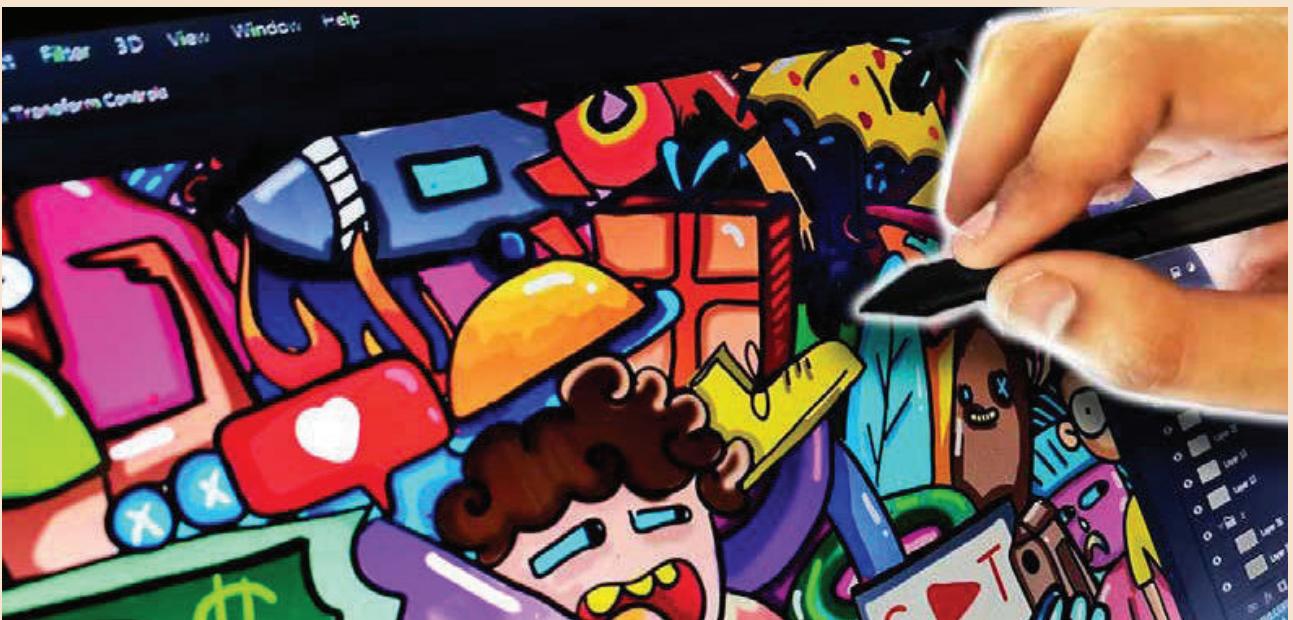
Music videos: Producing music videos featuring comic book-inspired visuals or themes can attract music fans who may not be familiar with the comics medium. These videos can be shared on social media platforms and YouTube to reach a broader audience.

Across Social Media

Online platforms: Leveraging social media platforms, websites, and digital marketing campaigns to promote comic books, share behind-the-scenes content, and engage with fans in real-time. This can include live Q&A sessions with creators, exclusive digital content, and interactive experiences.

Web series and podcasts: Creating web series or podcasts that explore comic book lore, review new releases, or feature interviews with creators can provide additional avenues for promotion and audience engagement. These platforms allow for in-depth discussions and analysis, catering to passionate comic book enthusiasts.

By leveraging the reach and influence of cinema, television, music, and digital media, comic book publishers can effectively promote their properties to diverse audiences and foster greater appreciation for the comics medium. Through strategic partnerships, creative collaborations, and innovative marketing tactics, comics promotion can transcend traditional boundaries and captivate audiences across different entertainment platforms.





GET INTO THE DOODLES

Doodles are spontaneous and often abstract drawings or sketches that are typically created absentmindedly or during idle moments. They are characterized by their simplicity, quick execution, and lack of premeditated planning. Doodles can take various forms, ranging from simple geometric shapes and patterns to more elaborate designs, characters, or scenes.

While doodles are often created unconsciously, they can also be intentional expressions of creativity and imagination. Many people use doodling as a means of relaxation, stress relief, or brainstorming, allowing their minds to wander freely and explore different ideas without the pressure of producing polished artwork.

Doodles occupy a unique and cherished place in the world of art and creativity. Whether scribbled absentmindedly in the margins of a notebook or meticulously crafted as part of a larger composition, doodles celebrate the spontaneity, imagination, and boundless creativity of the human spirit. They remind us that art can be found in the most unexpected places and that even the simplest of drawings can carry profound meaning and significance.

DOODLE: THE NEW ELEMENT WITHIN COMIC WORLD

Doodle art, characterized by its spontaneous and whimsical style, has gained popularity as a new element within the comic world. According to Google Trends data, searches for "doodle art" have steadily increased over the past decade, reflecting growing interest and engagement with this artistic form.

Doodles have become a prevalent form of expression on social media platforms such as Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok. According to a report by Pew Research Centre, 63% of users on social media platforms share content related to art or creativity, indicating the widespread appeal of doodle art as a means of self-expression and communication.

Doodles offer versatility in comics, allowing artists to add personality and spontaneity to their illustrations. According to a survey by Comic Book Resources, 82% of comic readers appreciate the inclusion of doodle elements, such as sketches, marginalia, and hand-drawn annotations, in comic strips and graphic novels.

Doodles engage audiences by providing a glimpse into the artist's creative process and thought patterns. According to a study by Adobe, social media posts with doodles or hand-drawn illustrations receive 2.5 times more engagement than posts with stock images or text-only content, highlighting the effectiveness of doodles in capturing audience attention and fostering interaction.

Doodling has been shown to have therapeutic benefits, including stress reduction and enhanced creativity. According to research published in the Journal of Applied Cognitive Psychology, doodling can improve cognitive performance and concentration by allowing individuals to relax and focus their attention.

Doodles are increasingly being used in educational settings to enhance learning and retention. According to a study published in the Journal of Educational Psychology, students who incorporate doodling into note-taking activities demonstrate better recall of information compared to those who rely solely on written notes.

Doodle art has been embraced by digital platforms and technology, with the rise of digital doodling apps and software. According to Statista, the global market for digital drawing tablets and styluses is projected to reach \$2.3 billion by 2025, driven by increased demand from artists, designers, and hobbyists seeking to create digital doodles and illustrations.

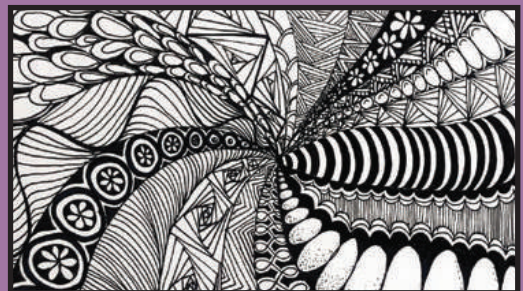
Doodles facilitate creative collaboration and community-building among artists and enthusiasts. According to a survey by Doodle Art Magazine, 78% of respondents participate in online doodle challenges and collaborative projects, fostering a sense of camaraderie and inspiration within the doodle art community.

FORMS OF DOODLES

Traditional Doodles: Traditional doodles are characterized by simple, abstract drawings created using basic lines, shapes, and patterns. These doodles often feature repetitive motifs such as swirls, dots, and squiggles and are typically created spontaneously without much premeditation.



Zentangle: Zentangle is a structured form of doodling that involves creating intricate patterns within defined spaces. Zentangle patterns are usually drawn using pen and ink and are known for their repetitive and meditative qualities. This form of doodling is often used as a form of relaxation and stress relief.



Mandalas: Mandalas are circular designs that originated in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. In doodle art, mandalas are often created using geometric shapes, intricate patterns, and symmetrical designs. Mandalas are believed to represent the universe and are used as a tool for meditation and spiritual exploration.



Illustrative doodles: involve creating detailed drawings or sketches that depict specific objects, characters, or scenes. Unlike traditional doodles, which are often abstract, illustrative doodles tend to be more representational and may tell a story or convey a message.



Environmental Doodles: Environmental doodles are inspired by nature and the environment, featuring motifs such as plants, animals, landscapes, and natural elements. These doodles may reflect the artist's connection to the natural world and convey themes of environmentalism and conservation.



Typography Doodles: Typography doodles involve incorporating words, letters, and typography into doodle art. These doodles may feature hand-drawn lettering, calligraphy, or typographic designs integrated with illustrations or decorative elements.

Surrealistic Doodles: Surrealistic doodles explore dreamlike or fantastical imagery, often incorporating elements of fantasy, whimsy, or the subconscious mind. Surrealistic doodles may include bizarre creatures, distorted perspectives, and imaginative landscapes.



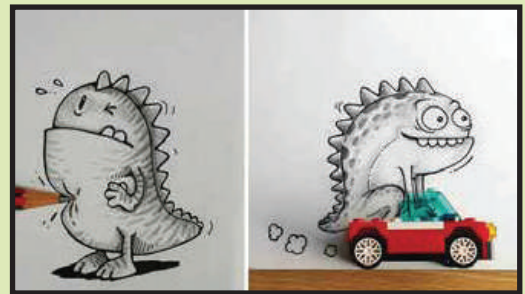


Interactive Doodles: Interactive doodles engage the viewer in an interactive or participatory experience. These doodles may include elements such as hidden messages, puzzles, or prompts that encourage viewers to interact with the artwork in creative ways.



Digital Doodles: With advancements in technology, doodle art has expanded into the digital realm. Digital doodles are created using digital drawing software or apps and may incorporate digital effects, layers, and animations to enhance the artwork.

Collaborative Doodles: Collaborative doodles involve multiple artists working together to create a single artwork. These doodles may be created in person or collaboratively online, with each artist adding their unique style and contributions to the overall piece.



DOODLE: MARKET ANALYSIS

Amidst the bustling energy of NFT NYC (June 20–23, 2022), Doodles made waves by transcending the digital realm and bringing their imaginative world to life with the Genesis Factory. Here, within the vibrant convergence of art and technology, attendees were treated to an immersive experience that unveiled the captivating origins of Doodles 2 through a series of whimsical interactions.

As visitors stepped into the Genesis Factory, they were enveloped by a kaleidoscope of colors and creativity, where every corner teemed with the playful essence of Doodles. From larger-than-life murals adorned with hand-drawn cats, aliens, apes, and mascots to interactive installations that invited guests to become part of the Doodle universe, the atmosphere was brimming with excitement and wonder.

At the heart of the experience lay the genesis of Doodles 2, where attendees had the opportunity to witness the birth of these unique NFTs firsthand. Through a blend of digital storytelling and physical engagement, the journey of Doodles 2 unfolded before their eyes, revealing the intricate process behind their creation and the stories woven into each piece.

The fusion of virtual and real-world elements was seamless, blurring the lines between the digital and physical realms as Doodles brought URL to IRL (In Real Life) in a dazzling display of innovation. As attendees explored the Genesis Factory and immersed themselves in the world of Doodles, they couldn't help but be captivated by the boundless creativity and imaginative spirit that permeated every aspect of the experience.

The impact of the Genesis Factory extended far beyond the event itself, resonating with audiences around the world and igniting a wave of excitement across social media platforms. With a remarkable increase of approximately 15,000 followers on Twitter, Doodles solidified their status as trailblazers within the NFT community, captivating the hearts and imaginations of enthusiasts worldwide.



MARKET GAP & VOLUME

The market capitalization of Doodles witnessed a remarkable surge, skyrocketing by approximately ninefold from \$26 million in October 2021 to its peak of \$228 million in May 2022.

However, following its zenith in May 2022, there was a slight downturn as it decreased to \$216 million in June 2022, marking a 5% decline from its peak.



Volume

- In June 2022, the trading volume experienced a significant contraction, plummeting by an astounding 84%. The average trading volume dwindled to \$3.42 million, a stark contrast to the robust average of \$22 million observed in May 2022.
- Concurrently, there was a notable decline in the number of listed tokens, with a 21% drop from 707 in May 2022 to 567 in June 2022.
- Additionally, the average price underwent a 25% reduction during the same period, suggesting a reluctance among holders to sell or list their Doodles at lower prices, indicating a resistance to downward market pressure.
- The most expensive Doodles NFT to date is Doodle #6914 (Rank 9), which was purchased by pranksy.eth for a staggering 297 ETH. As of now, pranksy.eth holds the second-largest collection of Doodles, with a total of 108 pieces in their possession.
- This significant acquisition by pranksy.eth underscores the growing value and appeal of Doodles within the NFT community, solidifying their position as a prominent collector within the space.

DEMAND OF DOODLE ART IN MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR

In the Media & Entertainment Sector in India, the demand for Doodles in India has seen a significant rise in recent years, Driven by Various factors that reflect changing consumer preferences and industry trends.

VISUAL STORY TELLING

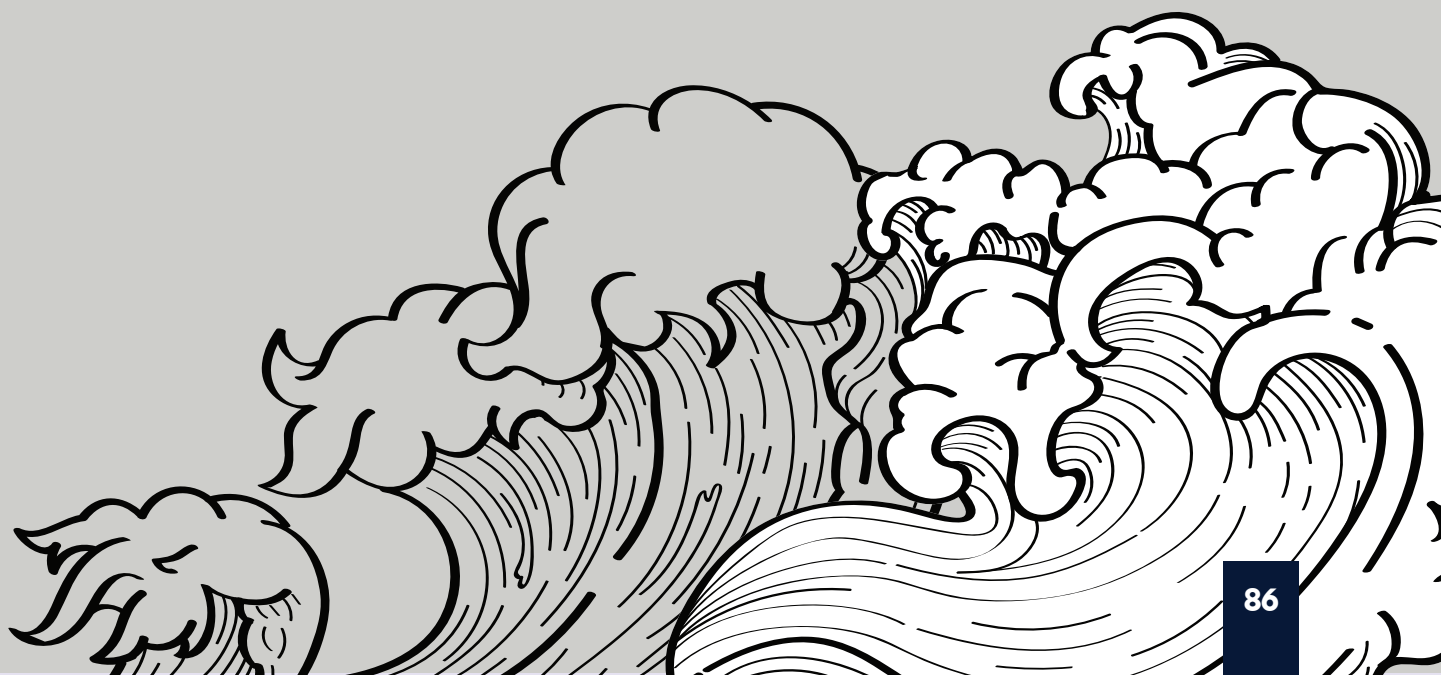
Doodles are increasingly being used as a medium for visual storytelling in the media and entertainment industry. From animated shorts and web series to graphic novels and comic strips, doodle art offers a unique and engaging way to convey narratives and captivate audiences. Doodles add a touch of whimsy and personality to content, making it more memorable and shareable in an increasingly crowded media landscape.

CONTENT MARKETING

In the digital age, content marketing has become an essential tool for brands and businesses to connect with their target audience. Doodles are often used in content marketing campaigns to create visually appealing and engaging content that resonates with consumers. Whether it's doodle animations, infographics, or social media posts, doodle art helps brands communicate their message in a creative and memorable way, driving greater engagement and brand awareness.

BRANDING AND IDENTITY

Doodles play a crucial role in shaping the branding and identity of media and entertainment companies. From logo designs and promotional materials to website graphics and merchandise, doodle art helps companies establish a unique visual identity that sets them apart from competitors. Doodles can convey the personality and values of a brand in a playful and expressive manner, helping to build stronger connections with audiences and foster brand loyalty.





EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Doodles are also being used to create educational content in the media and entertainment sector. Educational videos, tutorials, and explainer animations often incorporate doodle art to simplify complex concepts and make learning more accessible and engaging. Doodles appeal to learners of all ages, making them an effective tool for educational content creators to convey information in a visually stimulating way.

USER ENGAGEMENT & INTERACTION

In the digital realm, user engagement is key to the success of Media and Entertainment platforms. Doodles are often used to enhance user experience and encourage interaction with content. Whether it's interactive doodle games, animated storytelling experiences, or doodle-based social media challenges, doodle art adds an element of fun and interactivity that keeps users coming back for more.



Neha Sharma

Doodles Artist

@nehadoodles

Neha Sharma, aka Neha Doodles, who is breaking stereotypes by making a career out of doodling and illustrations. From being a CA aspirant to a full-time doodler/illustrator and a social media star, Neha has made a career out of the most unusual of hobbies, 'doodling'. Neha is popularly known for her rants on social issues and issues that concern the common class, slapstick humor on dank TV serials, hilarious punchlines on Sarojini Nagar, the good old Janpath, and her so-called 'sanskari' dog Minty.

Question 1.

While recounting your journey as a creator you previously mentioned your pursuit of Chartered Accountancy, could you share the story behind your transition from that field to becoming a doodle artist?

I think we can start with that I was academically smart throughout my school life but I was also one of those people who used to study at the absolute end and would still manage to get really good marks and that lead to an overconfidence that I can do and excel at Chartered Accountancy without really understanding how difficult the result pattern is once I got into it I realized umm..that even though I was able to study the material, I was not enjoying the process and even though I did realize that I did not want to do that for the rest of my life, I did not have a Plan B because I didn't really know what my passion was. That is when simultaneously I was also doodling throughout my life since childhood so I used to do the back of my notebooks and while I was doing CA I used to post these doodles online, on my Twitter account and on my Facebook page and a few of my doodles went really viral and that is that is when I got my first commission project and that is when I realize that this could be something that I could earn money out of also. So it also pushed me into the rabbit hole of discovering what digital art and illustration was so I decided that I'm going to be a Self-taught Artist and once I found my passion, there was no looking back.

Question 2.

How do you convert ordinary experiences into an extraordinary doodles?

I feel I don't really convert them into extraordinary doodles. I think the beauty here lies in the fact that there are so many small ordinary experiences that we don't romanticize enough or we just ignore because they're happening to everybody but I think illustrating them brings a very makes them and makes them extraordinary because it makes me romanticize the beauty of the ordinary experiences.

Question 3.

Can you share your insights into valuable lessons you have learnt as a doodle artist that you believe would be beneficial for emerging talents?

I think the biggest lesson as a content creator artist or a content creator illustrative designer is the importance of consistency. Like artists generally have a really hard time in sharing that their work in progress and behind the scenes or they are very protective about their art, unless it's finished and they feel that it's perfect. I feel my biggest insight into this industry would be to share our mistakes, share behind the scenes, share the work in progress because it helps the audience to connect with us much more, and the second would be to value your art correctly. I see a lot of artists, not believing in themselves enough and not quoting the right pricing. I feel as artists we need to value our arts ourselves first so that the world can also value it enough.

Question 4.

How do you suggest young artists to stay motivated in the creative journey, particularly in the realm of art?

I think the biggest learning for me here is and I know that it would not apply to all artists but for me I feel that having multiple interests like even in art being interested in various art forms and various medias helps me stay consistent and stay motivated. Even if I don't feel like doing one certain art form or one certain media I would do the other one. I would like, for example if I am not feeling like doing an animation then I would probably do a comic so having a bigger skillset helps me stay motivated.

Question 5.

Could you share some specific projects that stand out to you particularly as memorable or significant in your artistic journey?

I think my favorite project that I've ever done is for Google. So Google was the official sponsor for Koffee with Karan and together we customized Google home boxes for each celebrity and this included my favorite celebrity Shahrukh Khan. So just, for my art piece to reach him was a really big deal for me. Other than that, I also particularly love my collaboration with Costa Coffee, we designed cups for them which were available pan India for Diwali and a few months after in 2021.

Question 6.

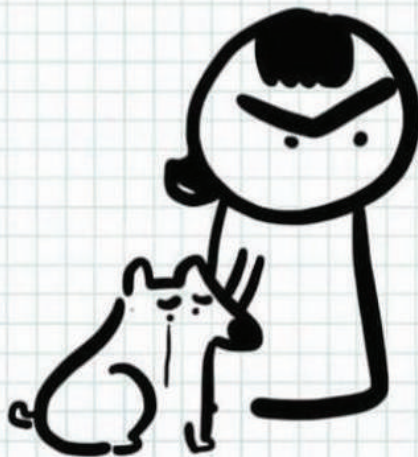
In creative freedom and expression, How is your collaboration with Costa Coffee different from other projects you have undertaken?

I think the best part about this project was the creative liberty we were given by their international team. The fact that they trusted us our vision and had absolutely minimal feedback and design wise we had the hundred percent liberty to do as we please and I think that's the most beautiful part of the collaboration because as artists if there is like a lot of feedback that is not in sync with our vision it just derails the entire collaboration so I think this in the backend also the Costa Coffee collaboration was great.



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Other people: ↘



**HOW DARE YOU
CALL MY DOG A
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HOW CAFES

EMBRACING OUTING

VIBES

Cafés and other outing places have increasingly embraced doodle art as a way to enhance their ambiance, engage customers, and create memorable experiences. Here's how they incorporate doodle art into their infrastructure and activities to make trends.

THEME DÉCOR

Many cafés and outing places use doodle art as part of their interior décor theme. Walls, ceilings, and even furniture may feature doodle murals or graffiti-style artwork, creating a visually stimulating environment that reflects the establishment's personality and style. Doodles can range from whimsical designs to intricate patterns, adding a touch of creativity and charm to the space.

INTERACTIVE ART STATIONS

Some cafés and outing places offer interactive art stations where customers can unleash their creativity through doodling. These stations may provide doodle boards, markers, and other art supplies, inviting patrons to leave their mark and contribute to the ever-evolving artwork. This hands-on approach encourages social interaction and fosters a sense of community among visitors.

CUSTOMIZED MENUS & MERCHANDISE

Doodle art can also be integrated into menus, signage, and merchandise items such as mugs, coasters, and tote bags, adding a personal touch to the café or outing place's branding. Customized doodle designs that reflect the establishment's theme or highlight signature dishes and drinks can enhance the overall dining or leisure experience and serve as conversation starters for guests.

DOODLE WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

To further engage customers, cafés and outing places often host doodle workshops, events, or themed nights where guests can learn doodle techniques from professional artists or participate in doodle contests and challenges. These events provide an opportunity for patrons to explore their artistic side, connect with like-minded individuals, and take home their own doodle creations as souvenirs.

COLLABORATION WITH ARTISTS

To stay current with doodle art trends and inject fresh creativity into their spaces, cafés and outing places may collaborate with local artists or art collectives to curate rotating exhibitions or art installations. These collaborations not only support emerging talent but also provide patrons with an ever-changing visual feast that keeps them coming back for more.

Mr. Pradeep Das Doodle Artist

@thebombaydoodler



Pradeep Das, aka The Bombay Doodler, is a well-known doodle artist on Instagram. Expressing love through doodles and delving into the depths of life through sketches. It's about aligning his artistic vision with what he believes the world needs to experience. His inspirations are majorly drawn from that part of his life. Not to forget the daily hustle which he always looks out for and the belief that the game is strong and you have to earn his way at the top.



Question 1.

As a doodle creator, you've come a long way. Can you share insights into your journey as a doodle artist and elaborate on the experiences that shaped your path?

I would rather say, I have just started, and I have no intention of stopping anytime soon. I have always loved doodling and expressing myself through art. This is an art form that allows me to unleash and validate my creativity, my imagination, and look at the world from my perspective. The seeds for this journey were planted at a very young age. When I chose doodling as my career, little did I know that only doodling and expressing myself would not help me sustain myself as a professional. There is a need to learn and adapt more than just my skills. To be a professional doodler, I also needed to be an expert in public speaking, marketing, sales, video editing, and much more. So, just surviving on your forte and skills is not enough, you need to be more flexible and open to learn anything that comes your way.

Question 2.

In the process of creating doodles, what sources of inspiration drive your artistic vision and how you channel those influences into the unique and vibrant expressions that define your doodle artistry?

My journey as a doodle artist has been shaped by the experiences I had along the way. The artwork and the doodle you could find are nothing but a mere interpretation of my imagination. This inspiration and motivation come from the simplest things, like a vegetable vendor and her kid fighting for their living, a stray dog searching for hope in everyone passing him, or even an old couple sitting in a park living in the moment. All you need to do is not look but observe.

I try to make my doodle more unique and more relatable. I try to put in an extra effort so that people would stay and look at the artwork for an extra couple of seconds. The more they look, the more interpretations would follow. And the interpretation of my artwork would depend on the individual perception, mood, and experience.

Question 3.

Could you share your current experience and insights working with Google?

Google is one of the big 4 and everyone has the dream to be a part of their organization. I had too when I started doodling and that dream did come true. Working with them and the team has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me. The best part of working with them is that they give me a lot of creative freedom and support. When we are brainstorming on a topic or discussing an idea, we all are in the same creative space, and that makes our work much easier and more interesting. At Google, it's just not about delivering the artwork and meeting the requirements, it's also about learning and gathering new experiences. There is always something new to learn and something new to share. The journey and the experiences with such a big organization are diamonds, hard to come and you want to save it for life.

Question 4.

Reflecting on your unique journey, what valuable lessons of advice you would you offer to aspiring young artists who are eager to make their mark in the world of art?

As an artist, I have learned many valuable lessons that have helped me grow and succeed in my journey. The most important of them would be to never stop hustling. Focusing on the fundamentals and always thriving for more would help in the long run. The very important lesson that I have learned and would want every artist must follow is to be original. Find your voice and style as an artist, copying or imitating other's work or style won't help you to grow. It would only limit your thoughts and creativity. You can't shine on a borrowed light, make your own light.



Question 5.

your favourite project, is there any special project of yours that you would like to share with us?

In my opinion, it would be very unethical to choose a favorite project. All projects that I have been a part of had something to offer me. Some have given me experience, whereas others have given me exposure. Some have given me contacts while others have made me stronger. I must work on different art forms like live doodling, murals, commissioned work, and a few others. I must be on my toes and attentive to entertain all my client's requirements and also make an extra effort to deliver more than asked for so that it leaves a mark of me in their mind.

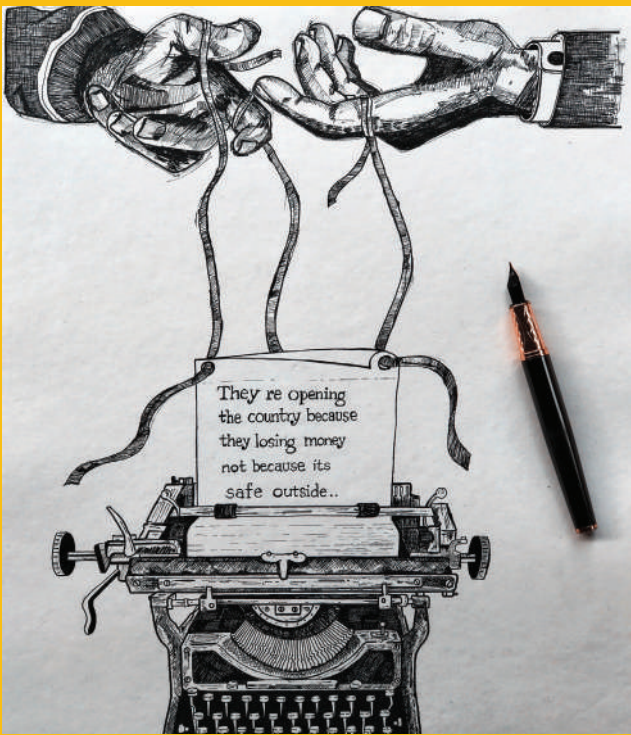
Working for bigger brands gives the recognition and validation that motivates me further and it's a triumph of your skills, your hard work. The kid in me feels proud of me for pursuing doodling as a career and not giving up on it. And, while working for not-so-popular brands, allows me to grow together along with them, and I try my best to make an impact.

Question 6.

As you mentioned, your collaboration with Aditya Birla Group, could you share some of insights or distinctive aspects of your experience working with them?

I wish I could speak more specifically about this brand but my apologies, I am not authorised to give any details about it. I would love to speak about such popular brands in general. The process that is used to gain attention from big brands is a big challenge. You need to really work hard, showcase your skills, and make your portfolio vivid. Never lose hope and keep trying, you never know the next thing that you will remember is sitting in a brand's office and signing the contract. Sometimes, it feels surreal to be associated with big names and work for them. I always try to understand the requirements, communicate my plans, and my thoughts, and share the possible challenges that I might face. Not to forget to ask questions as much as I can to understand the needs better and to be on the same page as the clients. A constant communication regarding the updates and the process makes the project smoother.





ART FOR EVERYONE

Delhi Turns
into a Canvas for
Street Artists



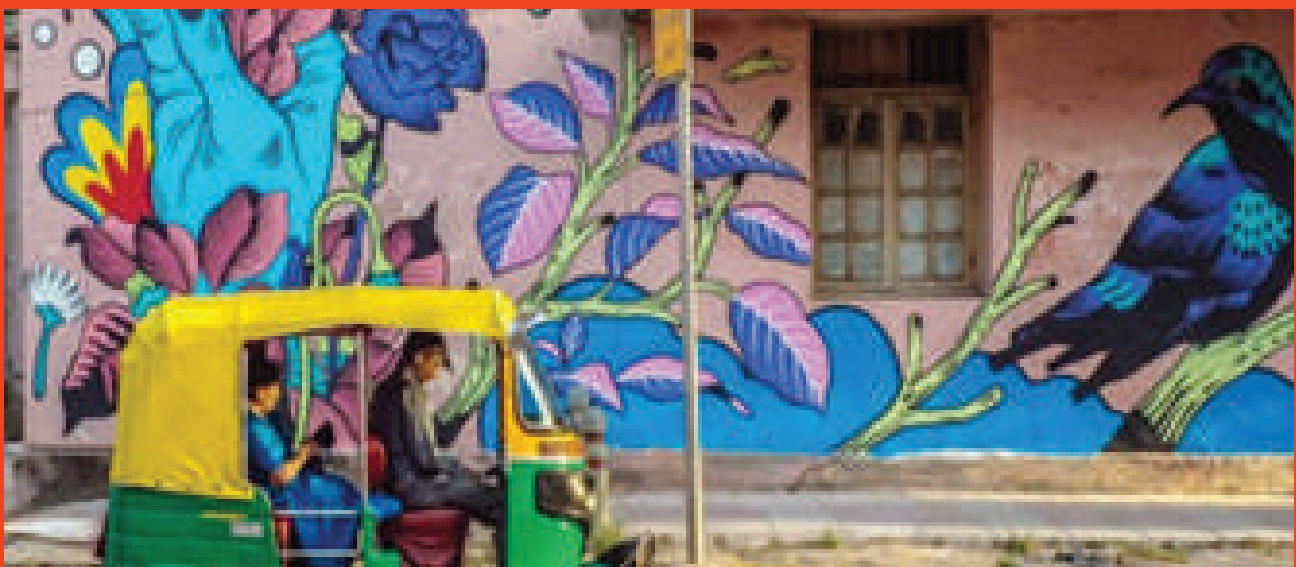


Source- Hindustan Times

Street Artists Utilize Spray Cans to Transform Public Spaces, Initiating a Movement to Reclaim Urban Areas. What started as an underground graffiti culture a few years back has evolved into a vibrant street art movement with an array of street artists transforming the city’s public spaces with paints, stencils and spray cans.

Like **New York City**, a mecca for street artists whose iconic murals attract tourists from all over the world, Delhi too now boasts of its street art hotspots. New colourful paintings emerge on Delhi’s walls in the streets, marketplaces and residential areas.

Lodhi Colony, for example, became the country’s first public art district earlier this year; the walls of **Shankar Market** in central Delhi too adorn colourful depictions focusing on music, dance and drama. And after the **Govindpuri** Metro station, where murals were painted recently on the walls as part of the street art festival, Indian Railways commissioned street artists to give a facelift to its long-neglected station **Narela** in north-west Delhi.





Lodhi Colony, which Hanif Kureshi, director of ST+ART festival, calls an open air public art gallery flaunts several massive murals created by artists from all across the world. “The common man cannot relate to art. We believe that art should be more popular and the best way to make that happen is to bring it to streets, where there is no class division,” says Kureshi, one of the pioneers of street art in the city. The murals in Lodhi Colony represent diverse and complex themes such as nature in its various manifestations, origin of the world, migratory birds, space, life and death, among others.

Street art has become a medium for conveying messages on social, environmental and gender issues. Artists such as Ashwani Aggarwal, 25, a graduate of College of Art, Delhi have created a whole range of signages to dissuade people from open urination. “Generally, people use messages to shame people and images of gods which cannot be seen in the night. I have created glow stickers that shine at night, conveying this is not a place to urinate,”



Mounica Tata
Doodle Artist
@Mounicatata

She is a freelance illustrator and writer, a small business owner, and an art educator. I started her brand, Doodleodrama in 2016 to start telling her stories through art. Since then, She've worked with a myriad of clients and brands like Reebok, Himalaya, Google India, Royal Enfield, Intel, Netflix, Amazon to name a few. She has also featured in Your Story under 100 emerging women leaders and he work has been featured in all leading publications and newspapers, Times, Deccan Herald, Indian Express, The Hindu, etc. When she was not telling my stories through comics, illustrations, and her writing, she found cuddling her two dogs. I survive on caffeine and am forever covered in dog hair.

Question 1.

Evolving your evolution as a cartoonist, are there pivotal moments or experiences that stand out as transformation in shaping your unique artistic style?

I am a self taught artist and hence a lot of the moments in this journey have been key teaching moments and have influenced my style and storytelling. One of them being, realising quite early on that comics and cartoons needn't always be funny or feel good but it's a powerful art form that can be used to tell some very important stories trio, be it taboo topics, or observations on culture and politics.

Question 2.

How do partnerships with brands and organizations shape the direction of your artistic endeavors?

Working with brands or a commissioned project is largely influenced by the voice of the brand and what they wish to convey via your work hence there's usually less creative freedom but with experience, I've learnt to push for a more collaborative approach where I give my inputs too, not only when it comes to the art but on the narration too; voice, tonality, approach, etc. It's about staying true to your art but also working to meet the client in the middle.

Question 3.

Every artist has their unique set of influences. Can you pinpoint some specific artists, styles, or even-non artistic elements that consistently inspire and influence your comics?

My work can be categorised under the 'slice of life' genre, hence my work is heavily inspired from real life, people, situations, and my observation and commentary on society and culture. I also love to read, a lot of literary fiction and memoirs. Books also influence my world view and storytelling approach.



Question 4.

Reflecting on your own experiences, what advice you would give to the young artist in the realm of comic making?

To find their voice. Comics and illustrations are just mere tools or medium through which I tell my stories but finding what you are passionate about and your stories is important. That's what sets your work apart from the rest, in my opinion. Style of drawing is forever evolving because as an artist, you're constantly learning. So finding your voice and your stories is the crux.

Question 5.

Comics can convey powerful messages. Are there specific social or cultural issues that inspire you to create art with a purpose?

Absolutely. Comics can be very powerful because they're bite sized chunks that are accessible and easily digestible. People are more likely to consume a four panel comic on a theme than read an 800 word essay hence I use this medium of storytelling and art to talk about issues that are relevant and need to be talked about. Art cannot be apolitical and as humans we cannot be indifferent to things around us. I use my comics to raise my voice, question authority, demand accountability, acknowledge and call out privilege, and strive to use my gift and platform to have some influence, albeit small but significant.

Question 6.

As an artist, how do you balance the desire for artistic freedom with meeting the expectations or requirements of a specific project or client?

Adopting a collaborative approach is key! I always insist on being part of the brainstorming process so I can pitch in my ideas for the overall theme and approach. Bringing my expertise and skillset to the table and to the brand's brief allows me to have more of a say in the process.

VISUAL DISTRACTION OF DOODLES @ WORKPLACE



The visual distraction of doodles in the workplace refers to the phenomenon where doodle art, typically displayed on walls or other surfaces, captures individuals' attention and serves as a diversion from work-related tasks or stressors.

Doodle art often features intricate and captivating designs that draw the eye and stimulate visual interest. Whether it's colourful patterns, whimsical characters, or intricate illustrations, the visual complexity of doodles can capture attention and hold it, providing a welcome break from the monotony of work tasks.

When employees encounter doodle art in the workplace, they may find themselves naturally drawn to examine the details and intricacies of the artwork. This mindful engagement with the doodles can momentarily shift their focus away from work-related concerns, allowing them to immerse themselves in the present moment and experience a sense of relaxation and escape.

Doodle art can spark creative inspiration in individuals by exposing them to new ideas, styles, and artistic techniques. As employees interact with the doodles in their environment, they may feel inspired to explore their own creativity or approach their work tasks with renewed enthusiasm and imagination.

It often serves as a conversation starter and catalyst for social interaction among colleagues. When employees gather around to admire the doodles or discuss their interpretations, it fosters a sense of camaraderie and connection, creating opportunities for spontaneous collaboration and relationship-building.

Overall, the visual distraction of doodles contributes to a more visually stimulating and dynamic work environment. The presence of doodle art adds personality and character to the workplace, making it a more enjoyable and inspiring place to be. This enhanced environment can have positive effects on employee morale, motivation, and overall well-being.



DOODLE ART AMONG THE YOUTH OF INDIA

In today's world, Doodling serves as a creative outlet for many young people in India. It allows them to express their thoughts, emotions and imagination in a visual manner. As doodling requires minimal resources and can be done anywhere, it makes it highly accessible to youth across different socio-economic background in India. They use various social media platforms like Instagram, Tik-tok (Now known as Mitron & others), snapchat to showcase the doodle art.

Online art challenges and competitions encourage Indian youth to explore their creativity and improve their doodle art skills. Platforms like Doodle wash and Doodle Addicts host regular challenges that inspire young artists to push their boundaries.

Doodle art has also opened up career opportunities for Indian youth in various fields such as graphic design, illustration, advertising, and animation. Many young artists have successfully turned their passion for doodling into a lucrative profession. Doodling is known to have therapeutic effects on mental health by reducing stress, anxiety, and improving focus and concentration. Indian youth often turn to doodling as a means of self-care and relaxation amidst the pressures of academic and social life.



A stylized illustration of a person standing on a rocky cliff overlooking a vast, colorful mountain range under a sunset sky. The person is wearing a blue jacket and a red scarf, looking out over the landscape. The mountains are rendered in vibrant colors like orange, yellow, and blue, with a soft, painterly texture. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

UNRAVELING ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrations are visual representations or interpretations of a concept, idea, narrative, or subject matter, typically created by artists using various techniques and mediums such as drawing, painting, digital art, or mixed media. They serve to enhance or complement written or spoken content, conveying meaning, emotion, and information in a visual form.

Illustrations can take many forms and styles, ranging from simple line drawings and sketches to intricate paintings and digital renderings. They are often used in a wide range of contexts, including books, magazines, newspapers, advertisements, websites, packaging, and multimedia presentations.

Illustrations play a crucial role in conveying information, evoking emotions, and engaging audiences across a wide range of media and industries. They combine artistic skill with storytelling prowess to create impactful visuals that captivate and inspire viewers.



ROLE OF ILLUSTRATIONS IN WEBSITES & DIGITAL APPLICATIONS

Visual Appeal

Illustrations serve as a cornerstone in the quest to enhance the visual allure of websites and applications. By integrating vibrant and eye-catching illustrations strategically throughout the platform, designers create a magnetic environment that beckons users to immerse themselves deeper into the digital realm. These visual delights act as visual signposts, guiding users on an enchanting journey of exploration and discovery. Whether it's whimsical characters, captivating scenes, or intricate details, illustrations captivate the viewer's gaze, evoking curiosity and fostering a sense of intrigue. This visual engagement doesn't merely capture fleeting attention; it captivates it, encouraging users to linger longer, delve deeper, and forge a meaningful connection with the platform. Thus, the strategic incorporation of illustrations stands as a potent tool in the arsenal of designers, transforming mundane interfaces into captivating experiences that leave an indelible mark on the user's psyche.



Information Visualization

In the dynamic digital landscape of websites and applications, illustrations play a pivotal role in the realm of information visualization, transforming raw data and abstract concepts into visually comprehensible forms. Through the strategic use of infographics, charts, diagrams, and other visual aids, designers harness the power of illustrations to distill complex information into digestible nuggets of knowledge. These visual representations serve as beacons of clarity amidst the sea of data, guiding users through intricate datasets, statistics, and concepts with ease and precision. By weaving together colours, shapes, and symbols, illustrations breathe life into numbers and narratives, fostering deeper understanding and insight. Moreover, they transcend language barriers, offering a universal language of visual communication that resonates with users across diverse backgrounds and abilities. Thus, the role of illustrations in information visualization extends beyond mere decoration; they are indispensable tools for empowering users to make informed decisions, unravel intricate patterns, and unlock the hidden stories buried within the data-rich landscape of the digital world.

Brand Identity

In the intricate dance of digital branding, illustrations take centre stage, acting as masterful storytellers that convey the essence of a brand's identity on websites and apps. Far from being mere embellishments, custom illustrations are the brushstrokes that paint a vivid portrait of the brand's personality, values, and aesthetic, infusing every pixel with meaning and intention. From whimsical doodles to sophisticated designs, each illustration serves as a visual manifestation of the brand's ethos, evoking emotions, sparking connections, and etching lasting impressions in the minds of users. By weaving together elements of colour, composition, and symbolism, illustrators craft a visual narrative that resonates with the target audience, forging an unbreakable bond that transcends the digital realm. These bespoke illustrations not only serve to captivate and engage users but also to unify and strengthen the brand's identity across diverse touchpoints. Whether it's a charming character that embodies the brand's values or a striking scene that encapsulates its mission, custom illustrations breathe life into the brand, transforming it from a mere logo into a living, breathing entity that users can connect with on a profound level. Thus, through their artistry and ingenuity, illustrations become the cornerstone of a cohesive and memorable brand experience that leaves an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of users.

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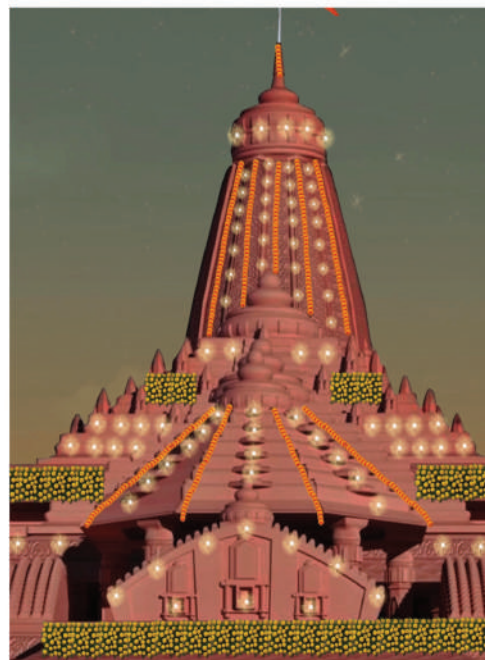
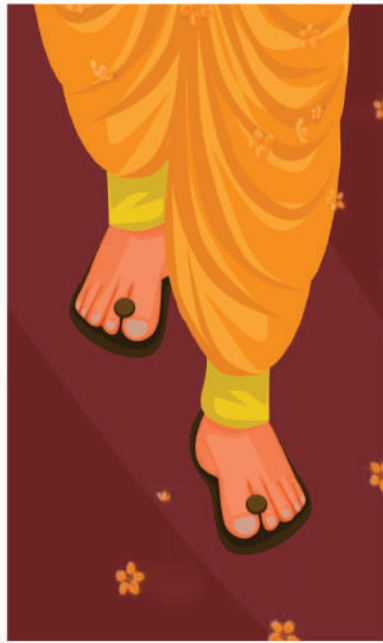
AYODHYA TIMES

Ram Temple 'pran prathishtha'

The 'pran prathishtha' ceremony for the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is scheduled for January 22.



After centuries of anticipation, the time has come when millions of devoted followers of Lord Rama worldwide will be able to behold their revered deity in the grand Rama Temple. Following the inauguration ceremony on January 22, the temple will be open to the public.



Hrishiraj Sugre

illustrator



Question 1.

Can you share some insights about your journey as an artist?

My journey as an artist has been quite the adventure. It all began innocently enough during my college days when I started experimenting with graphic design to jazz up my presentations. That's when I realized I had a knack for it. Then, with the support of some childhood friends, we decided to take our passion a step further and started a small venture specializing in logo designs. But it wasn't until the lockdown hit that I truly found my stride. With the world at a standstill, I turned to animation as a way to escape the monotony and bring a little joy into people's lives. Little did I know that one of my creations would catch the attention of none other than Hrithik Roshan and Farhan Akhtar! Their recognition was a game-changer, propelling me to refine my skills and build Pixoury into the thriving community it is today, with over 1.4 million followers.

Question 2.

Are there any projects or collaborations that stand out to you as particularly memorable or significant?

Collaborations have been the highlight of my artistic journey. One that stands out vividly is when I teamed up with T-Series for original music videos like "Pyaar Hona Na Tha" and "Taare." Working alongside talented musicians like Jubin Nautiyal and Tanishk Bagchi was an unforgettable experience. It wasn't just about creating animations; it was about immersing myself in the music and adding my own creative flair to the storytelling. And then there was the surreal moment when I got the chance to mingle with Martin Garrix at Sunburn - a dream come true for any EDM enthusiast! These collaborations have not only pushed me to grow as an artist but also allowed me to connect with diverse audiences in ways I never imagined.

Question 3.

What do you find most fulfilling about creating artworks, compared to other forms of artistic expression?

For me, the most fulfilling part of creating artworks, especially through animation, is the profound connection it fosters with my audience. There's something incredibly satisfying about bringing visuals to life and seeing people's reactions. Whether it's a heartfelt laugh or a moment of nostalgia, knowing that I've struck a chord with someone is incredibly rewarding. Animation also gives me the freedom to unleash my imagination in ways that other art forms might not allow.

Whether I'm recreating iconic Bollywood scenes or dreaming up whimsical characters, animation lets me push the boundaries of storytelling and visual expression, sparking conversations and igniting imaginations along the way.

Question 4.

What are your goals and aspirations for your art in the future?

Well, I've got big dreams and aspirations for the future of my art. First and foremost, I want to continue pushing the boundaries of creativity by exploring new software and technologies to enhance the quality and scope of my animations. I'm also excited to dive into long-form content creation for my YouTube channel – think animated short stories that captivate and inspire. Collaborating with music labels to breathe new life into old classic songs is another goal of mine. And finally, I'm ready to step out from behind the scenes and share more of myself with my audience. Whether it's giving them a glimpse into my creative process or sharing personal anecdotes, I want to foster a deeper connection with my followers and take them along on this journey with me





**DEMAND OF
ILLUSTRATIONS IN
MEDIA &
ENTERTAINMENT
INDUSTRY**

Content Creation

Illustrations are now being highly demanded in creating content across various Media formats like such as films, TV shows, animation, and digital media. From concept art to character design, illustrations are instrumental in bringing stories to life and captivating audiences.

DIGITAL MARKETING

With the rise of digital marketing, there's an increased demand for illustrations for promotional materials, social media content, and advertising campaigns. Illustrations help brands and content creators stand out in crowded digital spaces and communicate their messages effectively.

GAMING INDUSTRY

The gaming industry relies heavily on illustrations for character design, world-building, and in-game assets. As the gaming market continues to expand, so does the demand for skilled illustrators who can bring game concepts and virtual worlds to life.

STREAMING PLATFORMS

Illustrations are used extensively on streaming platforms for cover art, thumbnail images, and promotional graphics. With the proliferation of streaming services, there's a growing demand for illustrators to create eye-catching visuals that attract viewers and drive engagement.

MERCHANDISING & LICENSING

Illustrations are used on merchandise such as toys, apparel, and collectibles, as well as in licensing agreements for branding and promotional purposes. The demand for illustrators who can create appealing artwork for merchandise and licensing deals continues to grow.

VIRTUAL REALITY & AUGMENTED REALITY [AR/VR]

Illustrations are integral to the development of immersive experiences in VR and AR applications. Whether it's designing virtual environments, creating 3D models, or developing interactive interfaces, illustrators are in demand to create compelling visual content for these emerging technologies.





THE IMPACT OF ILLUSTRATIONS ON DELHI'S CULTURAL CANVAS



Illustrations are often used in newspapers, magazines, and online publications to accompany articles, opinion pieces, or news stories. In Delhi, editorial illustrations can cover a wide range of topics, including politics, culture, entertainment, and local events.

Illustrations also play a crucial role in advertising campaigns and marketing materials across various industries in Delhi. From print ads to digital banners, illustrations help companies convey their brand identity, promote products or services, and engage with their target audience in a visually appealing way.

Illustrations are essential components of children's books, helping to bring stories to life and capture the imagination of young readers. In Delhi, there is a growing market for children's literature, and illustrators play a vital role in creating visually appealing books that entertain and educate children.

Delhi, like other cities, has a vibrant community of comic book enthusiasts and graphic novel readers. Illustrators in Delhi contribute to this industry by creating engaging visuals for comics, graphic novels, and webcomics, covering genres ranging from superhero stories to slice-of-life narratives.

With the rise of social media platforms and digital content creation, illustrations have become increasingly popular for conveying messages, storytelling, and building an online presence. In Delhi, illustrators use platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook to share their work, connect with audiences, and collaborate with brands and influencers.





MESC at FICCI FRAMES 2024



MESC team recently had a fruitful meeting with Dr. Sumit Narula, Director of Amity School of Communication, Gurugram, and his esteemed team at Amity University.



MESC Team with Ms. Nidhi Chaudhari, IAS, commissionerate of skills, employment, entrepreneurship and innovation, MSSDS. (MSDSD)



MESC Team at Peruvanam International Village Festival 2024



Inauguration of Sambalpur center



MESC participated in the International Conference on Global Innovations: Sustainable Practices and Emerging Trends at ISBR Business School, Bangalore.

ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS



MESC Team with the Esteemed Film Actor, Director Mr. Prakash Belawadi



MESC Team with Dr. Georges Kachaamy, Director of the Centre for Research, Innovation and Design (CRID) in Dubai



MESC Team at SAE Institute Dubai



MESC at CII Telangana Conference on Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurial .



MESC at FICCI FRAMES 2024



MESC Team with Mrs. Kerron Reddy, CEO, AIMS Institute, Bengaluru

Media Talk Back

MESC Monthly Magazine

MESC formulated Media Talk Back (Monthly Magazine) in August 2017 and have covered various sub-sectors of the Media & Entertainment Industry. Media Talk Back is the Showcase of Industry's Expertise, Opportunities, Possibilities and Real Life Stories. Its goal is not only to capture the influential insights/advices from Industry experts/their achievements or success stories of exceptional talents but also to break new ground in the M & E Industry to help future aspirants who are looking forward to do something extraordinary.

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