

lanes tended to the...  
horn; times had changed since the sad winn...  
smile of the first Charles had rested on gallant c...  
liers, marshalling to the... foot-and-s...  
but the halo of old roman...  
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## WORLD NEWS

### THE SILENT RESOURCE WAR OF THE 21ST CENTURY

~ KRISHNA KUMAR XI A



**How critical minerals used in modern technology are shaping international alliances, economic strategies, and global power dynamics.**

Rare earth metals have quietly become one of the most important resources in the modern technological world. These minerals are essential for producing advanced technologies such as smartphones, electric vehicles, wind turbines, satellites, and even military defense systems.

Although rare earth elements exist in many parts of the world, their extraction and processing are complex and expensive. Currently, China dominates the global rare earth market, producing a large share of the world's supply and controlling most of the refining capacity. This has raised concerns among several major economies that rely heavily on these materials for their industries.

In response, countries like the United States, Australia, Japan, and members of the European Union are investing in new mining projects and developing alternative supply chains.

#### CONCLUSION:

The growing demand for renewable energy technologies and digital devices means that the importance of these minerals will continue to rise. As a result, competition over rare earth resources is increasingly becoming a major geopolitical issue. Nations that secure access to these materials may gain technological and economic advantages in the future global economy.

#### DID YOU KNOW ?

- A single electric vehicle requires nearly six times more minerals than a conventional car.
- Rare earth metals are used in smartphones, wind turbines, missiles, and space technology.
- China currently controls over half of the world's rare earth production and much of the refining process.



*debate* & **OPINIONS**

# CANCEL CULTURE



## OPINIONS AND VIEWS

### IS CANCEL CULTURE HARMFUL TO FREE SPEECH?

BY AKSHITA TANWAR XI-A

In the digital age, social media has given individuals an unprecedented platform to express their opinions and hold others accountable for their actions. One phenomenon that has emerged from this environment is “cancel culture.” Cancel culture refers to the practice of publicly criticizing, boycotting, or withdrawing support from individuals—often celebrities, influencers, or public figures—because of statements or actions considered offensive or problematic.

Supporters of cancel culture argue that it is a powerful tool for social accountability. In many cases, it allows marginalized communities to challenge discrimination, racism, sexism, and other harmful behaviors that may otherwise go unaddressed. Through collective action on social media, people can demand apologies, encourage change, and bring attention to important social issues.

However, critics believe that cancel culture can sometimes harm free speech and open dialogue. They argue that people may become afraid to share their opinions publicly for fear of being judged, misunderstood, or “cancelled.”

The debate around cancel culture ultimately reflects a broader challenge in modern society: how to balance accountability with freedom of expression. While it is important to address harmful behavior and promote respectful discourse, it is equally essential to create spaces where people can learn from mistakes and engage in constructive conversation.



## VERSUS BATTLE

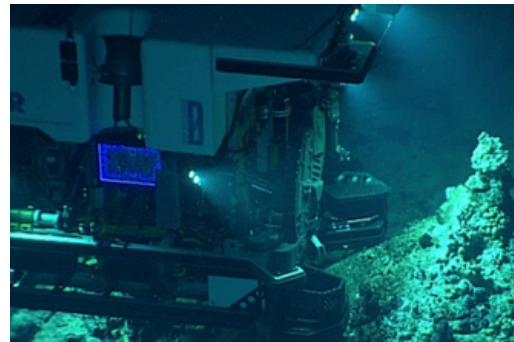
# Space Exploration vs Solving Problems on Earth



## FOR THE MOTION

Supporters of space exploration argue that investing in space research benefits humanity in many ways. Scientific missions have led to numerous technological advancements that we use in everyday life, including satellite communication, GPS navigation, weather forecasting, and improved medical technologies. These innovations were developed as part of space programs and later adapted for public use.

Some scientists argue that space exploration could help humanity discover new resources or habitable planets, essential for long-term survival as Earth's population grows. Thus, investing in space exploration is crucial for scientific progress and our future.



## AGAINST THE MOTION

Critics argue that the enormous financial resources spent on space missions could be better used to address urgent problems on Earth. Issues such as poverty, hunger, climate change, lack of healthcare, and inequality affect billions of people worldwide. Instead of spending billions on rockets and space stations, governments could invest these resources in improving education, healthcare systems, and environmental protection.

Some argue that space exploration primarily benefits a select few, like scientists and private companies, while many people face pressing issues like lack of clean water and infrastructure. Critics suggest that existing solutions for Earth's problems need more political support and funding. They believe we should focus on addressing these global challenges before investing heavily in outer space exploration.

**-Tisha Jain XI B**

# KNOW THE WORLD



## **Asia – Rapid Technological Expansion:**

Asian countries continue to lead in innovation and manufacturing. Investments in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and renewable energy technologies are strengthening the region's influence in the global economy.

## **Europe – Climate Leadership:**

Several European nations are accelerating their transition to renewable energy. Governments are implementing strict environmental policies and promoting sustainable industries to achieve long-term climate goals.

## **Africa – Youth and Innovation:**

Africa has one of the youngest populations in the world. Increasing numbers of young entrepreneurs are launching startups in fields such as fintech, agriculture technology, and digital services.

## **Americas – Economic Adjustments:**

Countries in the Americas are focusing on economic reforms and technological development to strengthen competitiveness in the global market.

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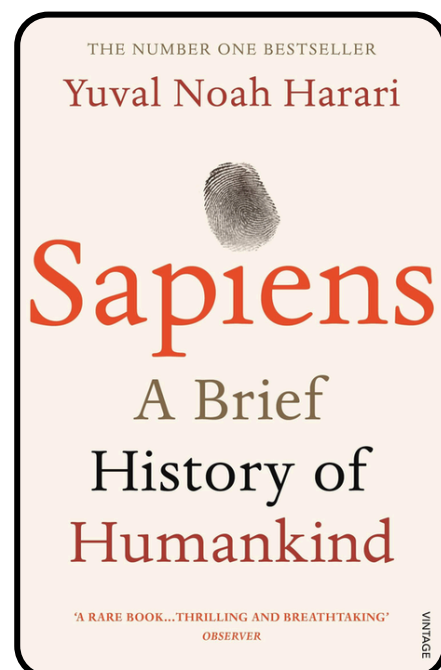
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## BOOKS REVIEW

### Book buzz

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind explores the story of human evolution from early ancestors to modern civilization. Yuval Noah Harari explains how major turning points in history shaped the way humans live today. The book highlights three important revolutions: the Cognitive Revolution, which allowed humans to develop language and imagination; the Agricultural Revolution, when people began farming and building settlements; and the Scientific Revolution, which led to rapid technological and scientific progress.

Through these ideas, Sapiens encourages readers to reflect on how human societies developed and what the future of our species might look like. It is an engaging and insightful read for anyone interested in history and human civilization.



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# SPORTS

INSPIRING EVENTS AND PERSONALITIES OF THE  
SPORTS FIELD

## NEERAJ CHOPRA

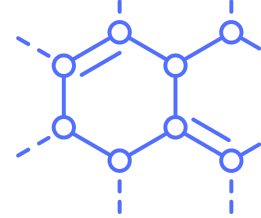
Neeraj Chopra is one of India's most celebrated athletes and a global icon in track and field. He made history by winning the gold medal in javelin throw at the 2020 Summer Olympics, becoming the first Indian athlete to achieve this feat in athletics.

Coming from a small town in Haryana, Neeraj's journey to success is a story of determination, discipline, and hard work. Through consistent training and dedication, he rose to become one of the best javelin throwers in the world.

Apart from his Olympic victory, he has also achieved success in several international competitions, including the World Athletics Championships and the Asian Games.

Neeraj Chopra's achievements have inspired countless young athletes across India. His story proves that with passion, perseverance, and belief in oneself, extraordinary goals can be achieved.

• KRISHNA KUMAR XI A



## Solar-Powered Water Purification

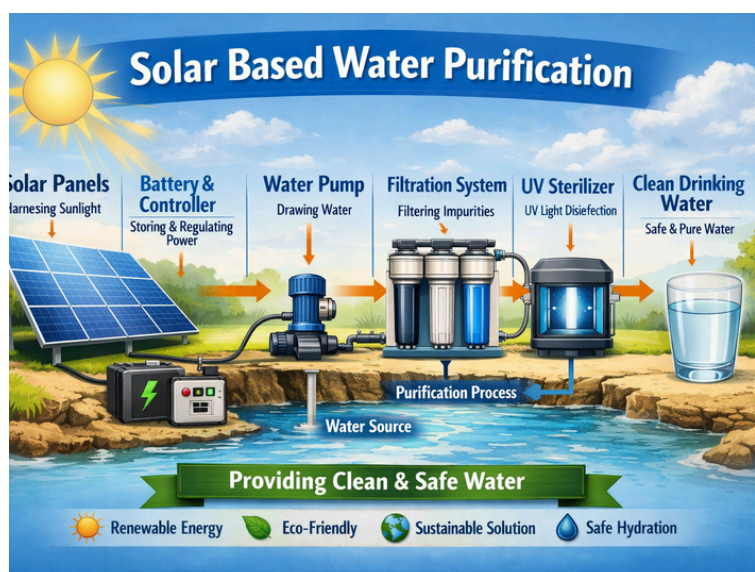
Access to safe drinking water is still a major challenge for many communities around the world, especially in rural and remote regions. A solar-powered water purification system provides an innovative and sustainable solution by using sunlight to convert contaminated water into clean and safe drinking water. With continued improvements in technology and design, solar-powered water purification has the potential to play a significant role in addressing the global challenge of clean water access. It represents an important step toward sustainable development, improved public health, and environmental conservation.

The system typically uses solar panels to capture energy from the sun, which powers a purification unit. This unit may include processes such as filtration, ultraviolet (UV) purification, or solar distillation. These methods help remove harmful bacteria, viruses, dirt, and other impurities from the water, making it suitable for human consumption.



One of the greatest advantages of this technology is that it does not depend on conventional electricity or fuel, which makes it highly useful in areas where power supply is limited. Solar energy is renewable, environmentally friendly, and widely available, allowing the system to operate efficiently with minimal environmental impact. In addition to being eco-friendly, solar-powered purification systems are relatively low-cost and easy to maintain. Once installed, they require very little operational expense, making them a practical option for villages, disaster-affected regions, and communities facing water scarcity.

The system uses sunlight, which is a renewable and clean source of energy. This helps reduce environmental pollution and dependence on fossil fuels. Once installed, solar-powered systems require very little operational cost because sunlight is free and widely available. These systems are ideal for rural or remote regions where electricity supply is limited or unavailable.



- Kashish Prakash XI A

# POESIC

I love everything about the rain,  
especially how one second you're there  
and everything is normal  
but you look away and its starts to drip  
knowing it was going to rain  
you run off to play  
and it goes away  
leaving you to stare at the wet  
roadway  
though I realise  
there might not be much to love about  
it.

I love the onset of rain,  
the smell it brings,  
the moisture that fills my room,  
the relief from the heat,  
and the flood of affection  
that always loses way,  
though I realise there is nothing to love  
about it.

though I realise,  
there is nothing to love about it,  
I still do.

I love the way it is romanticised in my  
head,

I love the way that when it leaves  
the sun shines brighter

I love the way the thunder feels like  
rays of hope

when everything's dark  
more importantly,

I love the way it makes me feel

# PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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