



The freshest finds for clever minds!!!

Hey Smart Scoopers We're back!

Hope your week's been wonderful!

Over here, we're soaking in a nice combo of rain and sunshine. Huge thanks for all your messages and emails – they really make our day! Some of you shared cool theme ideas, and guess what? You'll spot a few of them in this issue! Oh, and keep an eye out towards the end – we've added in a surprise challenge you may find interesting!

So grab your favourite treat, settle in, and get ready for your weekly dose of fun facts, quirky news, and global buzz—all in our signature bite-sized scoops!

Here are 5 fresh picks that everyone's been talking about:

Scoop 1: Identity crisis in the cosmos.

Scoop 2: Nature's noisy squad.

Scoop 3: The Velvet Sundown.

Scoop 4: Watt's up India? Tesla's here.

Scoop 5: From Desi Plates to Cola Cans.

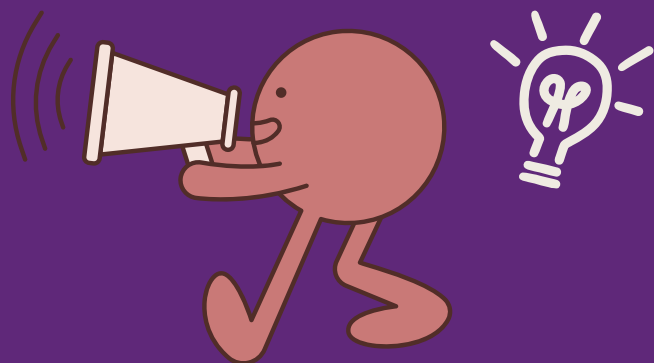
Can't wait for you to dig in—happy scooping!

Happy Reading,
The SmartScoop Team

Our mascot, Blurt will follow us along the way.

Blurt /blurt/
noun:

A loud, round, super-curious character who just can't keep a fact in.



Identity Crisis in the Cosmos

ROCK, PLANET OR DWARF PLANET?

In May 2025, astronomer Sihao Chieng and his out-of-this-world team made a stellar discovery — a brand-new dwarf planet candidate*, nicknamed **2017 OF201**. This icy rockball lives way out in the outer solar system and is the biggest dwarf planet find in over 10 years! What a planet-tastic discovery!

2017 OF201

**A dwarf planet is like a mini-planet. Think of it as a planet that didn't make the full team. Why? Read on, my friend! A 'candidate' goes through many reviews before it can be officially called a dwarf planet.*

Hold onto your helmets! Let's check out some fact fuel...

Our solar system is full of amazing stuff, not just planets! We've got moons, asteroids, comets, dwarf planets, and other mysterious space rocks floating around out there.

But what does it take for an ordinary space rock to earn the title of "planet"?

To join the 'planet club', an object has to pass **three golden rules**:

Rule 1



It must orbit the Sun

Easy enough! If it orbits another planet (like our Moon), then it's a moon, not a planet.

Rule 2



It has to be big enough for gravity to shape it into a round ball.

The object has to be massive enough that its gravity pulls it into a nice, round shape — no lumpy potato-shaped planets allowed!

Rule 3

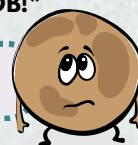


It has to "Clear its Neighborhood."

That means it has to be gravitationally strong enough to clear out or gobble up other space stuff (debris) in its path.

SOB!

So why was Pluto demoted from 9th planet to Dwarf planet?



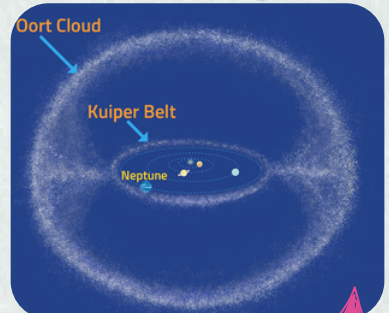
How rude! Poor Pluto...

Yes Blurt, poor Pluto! It used to be planet #9, but it didn't clear its orbit (**Rule #3**)— sharing space with icy neighbors in a region called the **Kuiper Belt**[^]. So, it got bumped down to **dwarf planet in 2006!**

Back to 2017 OF201 : What makes this discovery so out-of-this-world?

Discovering objects like 2017 OF201 helps scientists explore the far edges of our solar system — beyond the **Kuiper Belt** and even the **Oort Cloud**!**

The more dwarf planets we find, the better we understand how our solar system was built — and maybe even if there are secret planets hiding in the dark.

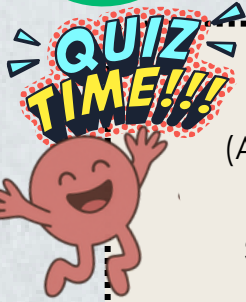


[^]The Kuiper Belt (say "KAH-per") is a big icy zone beyond Neptune, full of comets and dwarf planets.

**Farther out is the Oort Cloud — a giant icy shell that wraps around our whole solar system!

Nature's Noisy Squad

MEET THE WILD WORLD'S LOUDEST MOUTHS



Here's a pop quiz!

Which animal do you think has the **loudest voice in the whole animal kingdom**?
(A) **A roaring lion** (B) **A trumpeting elephant** (C) **A screaming human** (D) **A shrimp**

Did you guess the roaring lion or the noisy elephant?

Surprise — it's actually the shrimp! Yep, this tiny creature is the ultimate loudmouth.

Ready to find out why?

Let's meet some of Earth's noisiest creatures on Earth!

But first, how do we measure sound ?

Sound is measured in decibels (dB). Scientists use a sound meter to measure it — this gadget turns sound waves into electrical signals and shows how loud the noise is in decibels.

Here's a quick idea of how different decibels feels like to human ears?

A whisper	30 dB	Normal conversation	60 dB	Rock concert	110 dB
Painful to human ears	120-130 dB	Jet engine at takeoff	140 dB		

Now, let's see how the animal kingdom compares!

Let's go underwater for this one!



The **sperm whale** takes the crown as the loudest animal! It makes super loud clicking sounds underwater — up to **236 decibels**, loud enough to travel for miles. These clicks help whales "see" with sound and chat with their friends far away.



Coming in next is a tiny but mighty surprise — the **snapping shrimp (also called the pistol shrimp)**! Even though it's only about **1 to 2 inches long**, it can snap its claw so fast that it makes a bubble that stuns its prey with a sound as loud as **210 decibels**!

Nature's loudest creatures aren't just noisy for fun.
They use their sounds to communicate, warn, and survive in their environments.

So, who's the loudest on land — the lion or the elephant? It's actually neither!



Bulldog bat 140db



Green Grocer Cicada 135db

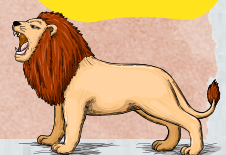


Kakapo 132db



Howler Monkey 128db

**The Lion?
just 114db**



Isn't it amazing how some of the tiniest creatures can make the biggest noise?



Maybe nature's saying: you don't have to be big to make a mark!

The Velvet Sundown

A BAND THAT SURPRISED SPOTIFY

Who's Your Fave **Music Star** Right Now?

Olivia Rodrigo? The Weeknd? Billie Eilish? Maybe Drake?

Cool picks — but have you heard of a band called **The Velvet Sundown**?

They just hit over **1 million monthly listeners on Spotify**, winning hearts with their dreamy vibes, poetic lyrics, and that effortlessly indie-cool feel.



But here's the big reveal...

The Velvet Sundown isn't real.

No band members.

No live shows.

No behind-the-scenes drama.

Just music created entirely by...

artificial intelligence

Erm, this pic is AI too, btw...

Don't know if I'm crying because of the feels or because my new favourite band has no tour dates?



The wild part? People actually liked the music.

The songs had real feeling, artsy lyrics, and chill vibes — just like your favourite indie playlist. Most folks didn't even realize it was made by AI! It wasn't just copying other songs — AI understood what connects and hit us in the feels.

The music felt real!

Some People Weren't Too Happy...

When fans discovered the band was actually all AI, some felt fooled — and honestly, that's understandable. People care about who creates the art they love.

But it also brings up a big question: If a song moves you, does it matter who (or what) made it?

One thing fans agreed on: AI-made music should be clearly labeled. No surprises, please!

The synthetic art business is just getting started, though...

AI music isn't just cool — it's packed with potential!

Game developers can create soundtracks that shift with the action.

Filmmakers can score music that adapt to the story.

Brands can get custom-made jingles (ad music) in a flash.

We're talking about a whole new level of the creator economy — and it's being powered by generative AI!

If The Velvet Sundown teaches us anything, it's this: creativity is now a team effort between humans and machines.

Cameras didn't end painting. Digital art didn't erase sketching. Video didn't stop theatre. AI music won't end songwriting — it's just another tool, giving artists new ways to create!

DRIVING CLEAN — OR ARE WE?



On July 15, 2025, Tesla zoomed into India with its **Model Y**, and people were super excited! The car went on display in Mumbai, showing off its cool shape, fancy lights, super-quiet windows, and a range of 622 km — that's like driving from Mumbai to Goa on just one charge! (Yes! Teslas need charging. Just like a phone!)

TESLA MODEL Y



So, what's the big deal with Tesla? Fancy tech, speedy drive, and a price that says "ouch". The fuss is because it's all about **clean energy**! Teslas run on electricity, not fuel, so there's no smoke from the tailpipe. But hold up... that's just the beginning!



Most cars you see zooming around run on **petrol** or **diesel** — fossil fuels that pollute the air and won't last forever (yep, that's part of why Earth's heating up).

The good news? Scientists are working on **alternative fuels** — cleaner, greener ways to power our rides. Let's break it down...

Are Alternative Fuels truly green?**Electricity**

These cars (like Teslas) run on batteries, not petrol. Just like your phone, you plug them in to charge! They're super quiet, don't puff out smoke, and can be better for the planet.

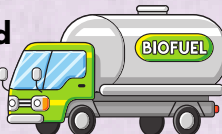
Are they always **green**? That depends! If the electricity comes from solar, wind, or water power — yep, very green! But if it comes from coal or gas, pollution still happens — **just not from the car itself**.

**Hydrogen Fuel**

Hydrogen combines with air to make electricity, powering the car (like Toyota Mirai) and leaving only water as exhaust—no pollution at all! **Green?** Hmm, making "green hydrogen" is hard and expensive; most hydrogen today is still made from fossil fuels, which isn't truly clean!

Biofuels

Bio fuels are made from crops like corn, sugarcane, or even used cooking oil! Types: **Ethanol and biodiesel**. It's renewable — we can grow more plants every year! **Green?** Almost, but producing biofuels can cause deforestation or compete with food crops, which can hurt the environment.

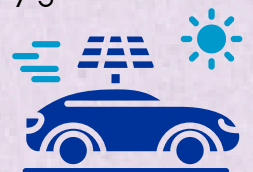
**Compressed Natural Gas(CNG)**

A cleaner version of natural gas found underground. Many buses, taxis, and cars already use it! **Green?** Cleaner, but not truly green. CNG pollutes less than petrol or diesel when burned. However, it's still a fossil fuel and releases carbon dioxide, so it's not totally green.

Solar Power

Energy from the sun turned into electricity. Solar-powered cars have solar panels on their roofs. Infinite power source. **Green?** Totally clean. Totally cool.

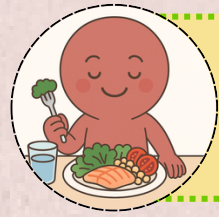
Here's the catch: It's still early stages for most solar-powered vehicles.



In short: How green a fuel is depends on its source — the cleanest ones come from renewables like wind or sunlight, not fossil fuels.

From Desi Plates to Cola Cans

THE HEALTH PLOT TWIST



In India, people are buzzing about new warning labels on their favorite snacks like **samosas** and **jalebis**. On the other side of the world, Donald Trump is asking **Coca-Cola to switch from high-fructose corn syrup to cane sugar** (cough, cough). Both stories are stirring up debates about "eating healthy." **But what's really cooking here? Let's bite into the facts!**

The Samosa Drama in India...

Chill - no, your favorite street snacks aren't getting scary warning labels (just a rumour). So, what's the real story?



India's Health Ministry plans to put up info boards in school canteens and office cafeterias. These boards will show how much oil or sugar is in popular snacks — like samosas, jalebis, burgers, and chocolate!

The goal? To help you know what's really on your plate!

Meanwhile, over in the U.S., the Coke Chaos begins...

Hey Coca-Cola, time to swap that High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) for good old Cane Sugar! HFCS isn't exactly health food, you know!

But Mr. President, experts say whether it's HFCS or cane sugar — both are sugar in disguise! Too much of either means a bigger risk of weight gain and diabetes.

Swapping one sweetener for another? That's just 'sugar-coating' the problem!

India and Trump want healthier eating, but real health comes from your daily choices — not just labels or sugar swaps. So, snack smart every day!

Blurt's Helpful Tips



Stick to natural foods

Say no to processed food



Exercise Regularly

Move more, sit less



Watch the sugar and fat in snacks

Read nutritional facts on labels



Watch your portion size

Healthy plate, strong you!

Balance is key!!!

Enjoy your samosa, jalebi, or a can of Coke every now and then — but keep these as special treats, not daily snacks!

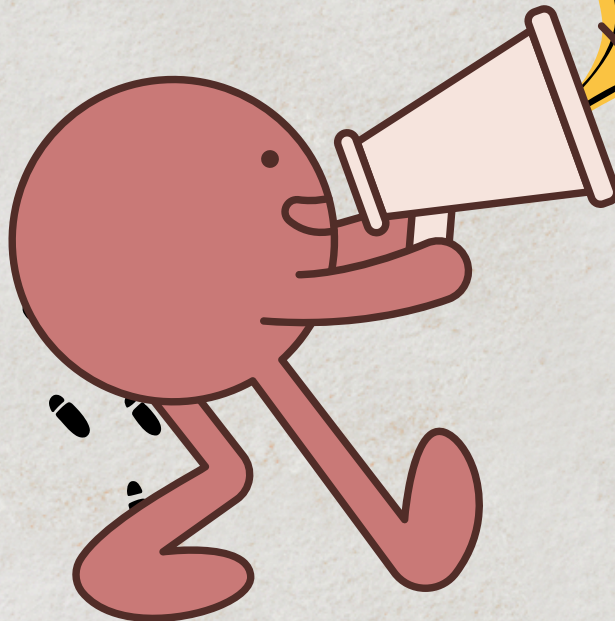
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Blurt's
Brain Tease of the week

Ready for a quick
brain workout?

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brain gears turning!

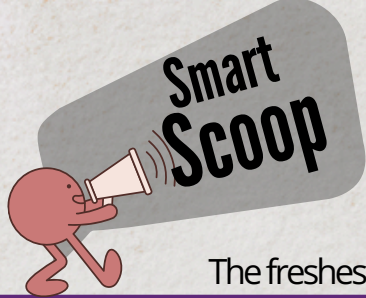


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