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'get curious about' is a knowledge series, aimed at igniting curiosity in young minds and encouraging them to explore further in the world of knowledge. The book chronicles amazing facts, which we do not come across in our dayto-day lives.

This third volume of the 'FUN FACTS' edition of the book, contains very interesting facts that continue to bring a smile on your face or make you think "Wow, that's something I did not know". It will enrich your knowledge of the world, capturing the fun with colourful pictures. Don't miss out on 'FUNDA mental', a section which contains amazing mind-boggling facts!

Let's read. Let's 'get curious about FUN FACTS'.

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The **Mahadeva Temple** in Kerala distributes CDs, DVDs, writing material and textbooks as 'Prasad' (God's blessings).





Shani Shingnapur, a village in Maharashtra, has no doors for its houses and shops! The villagers believe that God protects them from thieves and punishes the guilty.

Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, which was built in 1972, is the largest planned township in the world!





The Swiss Government declared 26th May as Science Day, in honour of **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, who visited Switzerland in 2005, on this day.

The wettest place in the world is situated in India! It is **Mawsynram**, and is located in Meghalaya.



The Indian dish **'Sambhar'** gets its name from Sambhaji, the Maratha emperor.





We now use helicopters, ships and airplanes to transport rockets from one country to another. But did you know that **India's first rocket** was transported on a bicycle?



Did you know that we cannot dream and **snore** at the same time?



Our body can detect **taste** a few seconds faster than the blink of an eye!

If our **hair** remains uncut, it can grow up to 5 feet long, which is how tall some of us are!



Most of the information we gather from our surroundings is through our **eyesight**.





The only movable bone in our skull is the lower jaw bone.



Astronauts cannot cry in space! This is because there is no gravity in space and so, the tears cannot flow.





Did you know that we can always see our **nose**; our brain just chooses to ignore it!

NATURAL WONDERS

We have all heard about volcanic eruptions. Did you know that volcanic eruptions are sometimes accompanied by lightning and thunderstorms? This is called 'Volcanic Lightning' or 'Dirty Thunderstorm'.





Abraham Lake in Canada, displays a rare phenomenon, where, bubbles freeze right below the water surface! They are called 'Ice Bubbles' or 'Frozen Bubbles'.

While the colour of snow is white, at the **Taylor Glacier** in Antarctica, the snow also appears reddish-brown. This is due to the presence of microorganisms, trapped beneath the surface of the ice.





The Naica Mine in Mexico is made of crystals! It is popularly called the 'Giant Crystal Cave'.

Hawaii is famous for its eucalyptus trees which are **rainbow coloured**! These trees become purple, orange and green in colour, after the trees shed their barks.





Ine shores of the island 'Vaadhoo' in Maldives, glow blue at night!

This is due to the presence of microorganisms called 'phytoplankton', which come ashore at night.

Lake Kaindy in Kazakhstan has an **underwater forest**, with trees rising out of the lake! The lake has such clear mountain water, that one can see the underground trees!



FICTIONAL CHARACTERS

The voice for **Kaa** from 'The Jungle Book' and **Pooh** from 'Winnie the Pooh', were both given by the same person,

Sterling Holloway!





The famous cartoon character 'Noddy', was created by the author Enid Blyton.

A.A. Milne, the author of **Winnie the Pooh**, created all the characters based on the stuffed toys of his son, Christopher Robin.

