

## THE FACT CORNER

*Did you know?*



Volvo invented the **three-point seat belt** and then gave free licenses to all other auto manufacturers to use it

*Did you know?*




Out of 46,000 discovered species of spider, only a single one has been found to be a **herbivore**

*Did you know?*



The average adult human has two to nine pounds of **bacteria** in his or her body

*Did you know?*



Within three days of death, the **enzymes** that once digested your food begins to **eat** you

## BRAIN TEASERS

1 Q. A merchant can place 8 large boxes or 10 small boxes into a carton for shipping. In one shipment, he sent a total of 96 boxes. If there are more large boxes than small boxes, how many cartons did he ship?

2 Q. If  $9999 = 4$ ,  $8888 = 8$ ,  $1816 = 6$ ,  $1212 = 0$ , then  $1919 = ?$

3 Q. A grandfather, two fathers and two sons went to the movie theater together and everyone bought one movie ticket each. How many tickets did they buy in total?

4 Q. If the zookeeper had 100 pairs of animals in

her zoo and if two pairs of babies are born for each and every one of the original animals, and then sadly 23 animal don't survive, how many animals do you have left in total?

5 Q. A little boy goes shopping and purchases 12 tomatoes. On the way home, all but 9 get mushed and ruined. How many tomatoes are left in a good condition?

6 Q. In an alien land far away, half of 10 is 6. If the same proportion holds true, then what is 1/6th of 30 in this alien land?

**SOLUTION:**  
1. 11 cartons total  
2. 4  
3. 3 (the grandfather is also also a son)  
4. 977 animal ( $100 \times 2 = 200$ ,  $200 + 800 = 1000$ ,  $1000 + 1000 = 2000$ )  
5. Nine  
6. 6  
a father and the father is  $-23 = 977$

## English Proverbs and Meanings

\* **Every man for himself.**  
You must think of your own interests before the interests of others.

\* **He who hesitates is lost.**  
If you delay your decision too long, you may miss a good opportunity.

\* **He who plays with fire gets burnt.**  
If you behave in a risky way, you are likely to have problems.

\* **He who wills the end wills the means.**  
If you are determined to do

something you will find away.

\* **If you chase two rabbits, you will not catch either one.**  
If you try to do two things at the same time, you won't succeed in doing either of them.

\* **Lightning never strikes in the same place twice.**  
An unusual event is not likely to occur again in exactly the same circumstances.

\* **Many hands make light work.**  
Sharing work makes work easier.

## Omelette in a Mug



**Ingredients:**  
1 egg  
2 egg whites  
2 tbsp of shredded cheddar cheese  
1 tbsp of diced green bell pepper  
Salt and ground black pepper (to taste)  
Chopped ham or bacon (optional)  
Cooking spray

**Method:**  
Combine egg, egg whites, cheddar cheese, bell pepper, salt, ground pepper in a microwave-safe mug coated with non-stick spray. Microwave on high for 1 minute and give the contents a stir. Return to the microwave and cook until the eggs are completely set, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes longer. (Note: Time differs from one microwave to the next). Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top if desired and dig in!

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## Strawberry Jam Shortbread Biscuit



**Ingredients:**  
1/2 Cup Sugar  
1 Cup Butter  
2 Cup Flour  
1 Egg  
Heart shape moulds  
200 Gram Strawberries  
50 Gram Sugar  
5 Gram Gelatine

**How to Proceed:**  
First make short bread by slowly mixing together sugar, butter and flour. Also add an egg once it all come together to make a dough, dust some more flour and roll it flat like a chapatti. Cut it with a heart shape ring mould then take another bigger cutter to make a layer of shortbread to form boundaries. Bake it for 180 degree for about 9 minutes.

**To prepare strawberry jam:**  
Blend strawberries and sugar together and add gelatine. Boil it until thick. Chill the jam down and fill between heart moulds along with some generous icing of sugar on it before serving.

## Vani Kola — The Mother of Venture Capitalism in India

Women have been trying to make a huge impact on the startup circuit. With names like Sheryl Sandberg, and Vandana Luthra making a huge impact on the daily lives of people, women from different sections of the society have been coming up with ideas and are trying to revolutionize the startup sector. Among the women entrepreneurs, Vani Kola is a big name. Vani is an Indian venture capitalist and has been listed as one of the most powerful women in Indian Business by Fortune India. Vani is the founder and Managing director of Kalaari Capital, which is one of India's leading venture capital firms. Read this article to know about the success story of Vani Kola.

The Vani Kola biography starts with the fact that she is a successful entrepreneur. She was successful during her time at Silicon Valley and she enjoys working with first-time entrepreneurs. Hence, her main aim is to help the budding entrepreneurs grow as mature businessmen and individuals. Vani has a high success ratio in the field of venturing and investing in startups. Therefore, she has built a solid reputation for picking the best young minds and guiding them to build successful companies.

Vani aims at the technology companies in India. Her company Kalaari Capital has funded more than 50 companies across the subcontinent and in the e-commerce category. Some of the most popular investments include Myntra, Snapdeal, VIA, Urban Ladder, and Power2SME.

Vani was born and brought up in Hyderabad. After completing her Electrical Engineering from Osmania University, she moved to the United States to pursue her Master's degree. After completing her studies, she began working in the technological sector and went on to work with some big names like Enpro, Control Data Corporation, and Consilium Inc.

Vani, after working as an employee for 12 years, took a giant leap in her career and founded her first venture which is an e-procurement company. The company was founded in 1996 and was named RightWorks. After successfully controlling the company for more than four years, she sold 53% of the share of RightWorks for \$657 million to the Internet Capital Group. After that, Vani decided to start entrepreneurship in the face and started with another company named NthOrbit in 2001. During



her four year stint with the company, the company went on to become a leader in the financial compliance market with a global customer base of 70.

In 2005, the organization announced that PepsiCo had purchased its Certus international controls and assurance software and in the next few days, Vani moved to India. This started a new chapter in Vani's life!

Vani Kola - Becoming a Venture Capitalist

After a successful stint in Silicon Valley, Vani started her journey as a Venture Capitalist in 2006. In India, instead of taking up the entrepreneur job, she decided to start a new course by becoming a Venture Capitalist. After returning from the United States, Vani spent all of her time researching, traveling, meeting people, visiting malls, and understanding the Indian market. As Vani was preparing to start the firm, a variety of questions plagued her mind. Some of the questions were tricky and were more of an obstacle in her path such as whether there would be enough entrepreneurs in the startup ecosystem? And was the Indian start-up market-ready?

But, after wandering across the market sector in the country, Vani had noticed a lot of signals hinting at a change in the startup ecosystem in the country. As per Vani, a huge transformation was on its way to India.

Vani moved ahead on her path with positivity. And to make a big mark in the ecosystem, she in collaboration with Silicon Valley-based entrepreneur Vinod Dham and Kumar Shiralagi launched a \$189 million India fund. This fund was backed by NEA and was named NEA Indo-US Venture Partners. During those days, NEA was one of Silicon Valley's most influential capital firms. This partnership ran for around four years, after which the latter organization decided to move out of the joint venture and directly enter the Indian startup market.

One of the reasons behind the collaboration was that NEA did not have a big presence in the Indian market and therefore, they agreed to back the NEA Indo-US Venture Partners, but, when the organization decided to have a direct presence, Vani seemed that a big confusion was coming up on its way! Therefore, NEA Indo-US Ventures became Indo-US Ventures in 2010. And this was more of an identity evolution than a strategy evolution of the company.

Vani Kola is the epitome of women entrepreneurship in India. The ideology to serve the startup ecosystem after becoming successful in a big stage has enabled Vani to become an inspiration for many entrepreneurs in the country. Her sheer determination and willingness to help the smart brains of the country has inspired millions of people to come up with ideas that may bring on a revolutionary change in the way we live. Hence, Vani Kola is an inspiration for many aspiring entrepreneurs.