

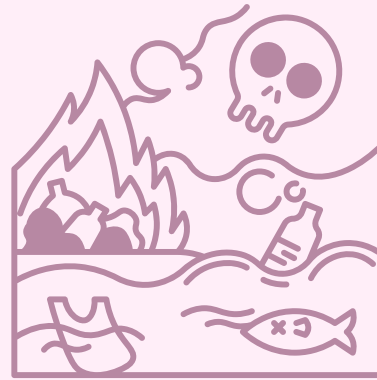


Xavier's Daily

➔ Challenge yourself!

What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?

Answer
A road



➔ Spectrum's Corner

Thought of the Day

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. -Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Word of the Day

Vociferous :- something or someone who is offensively/ conspicuously loud.

Example: He was a vociferous opponent of the takeover.

WHAT THE HECK ARE NURDLES ?

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When the X-Press Pearl container ship sank in the Indian Ocean in May 2021, Sri Lanka was terrified the vessel's 350 tonnes of heavy fuel oil would cause an environmental disaster for the country's pristine coral reefs and fishing industry. But the biggest impact was not caused by the oil or the hazardous chemicals on board- the worst came from spillage of 87 containers full of plastic pellets.

The informal term for these 'pre-production plastic pellets' is nurdles. They are little-known building blocks for all our plastic products. Since the incident, classified by the UN as Sri Lanka's 'worst maritime disaster', nurdles have been washing up in their billions along the coastline.

They have been found in the bodies of dead dolphins and the mouths of fish.

Now environmentalists are working with the Sri Lankan government in an attempt to turn the X-Press Pearl disaster into a catalyst for change.

"I've seen some of the dolphins and they had particles inside. There are 20,000 families who had to stop fishing."



DID YOU KNOW ?

The 1939 novel *Gatsby* is the longest book ever published that doesn't contain the letter 'e.'