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1) The Most Connected Man in the World

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- The 45 year old American Software Developer Chris Dancy, the world's most connected human being, uses a range of sensors, devices, services and apps that gather real-time data about his activities and the environment around him.
- A total of 700 systems monitor his every mood and move, and being the most quantified human has helped him know himself better than ever before.
- He spent four years connecting all the devices to all the smart technology in his home and piping all that data through to a single online platform, so he can search his entire life.
- He calls it his "inner-net".
- By constantly monitoring his movements and eating habits, he has managed to lose 45 kgs.
- He carries two smartphones and a plethora of wearable technology on his person at all times.
- A Pebble smart watch on one wrist sends him updates from his phones.
- On the other wrist, he wears a Fitbit Flex that continuously tracks his movements and sleep patterns.
- He also has a Blue HR heart rate monitor strapped to his chest, a BodyMedia fitness tracker around his upper arm and a Lumoback posture sensor that vibrates when he slouches, beneath his waistband.

2) World's Most Visually stunning vegetable:



- Appreciate the intricacy of this rare vegetable. It is called the Romanesco Broccoli.
- The broccoli takes the form of a fractal – a complex geometrical shape that looks almost the same at every scale factor.

- So each broccoli is made up of smaller florets that mimic the fractal shape to perfection, which in turn are made of even smaller florets of similar shape...and this goes on to the tiniest florets.
- If you break off a floret from the main head, it looks like a mini-version of the broccoli with its own mini florets.
- No matter which part of the fractal you zoom into, it will look like an identical version of the bigger picture.
- It's fascinating to think that something like this naturally occurs in nature, let alone on a vegetable.
- A detailed pattern that goes on repeating itself is rare and certainly a thing of beauty.

3) Artist makes paintings from coffee cup stains

- Inspired by Jay Chou's music, Hong Yi an unconventional painter set out on this artistic journey to reflect the narrative of the singer's song "Secret".
- The first line of the song creates the imagery of lifting a coffee cup from its saucer.
- The lyrics then tell a story about a girl who travels to the future, where she meets and falls in love with Chou.
- By the end of the song, she has travelled back to her native time and sits sketching a portrait of him.
- The young artist begins her unusual creative process by taking a sip of coffee.
- Like most of us, she spills some of it in the small saucer and that apparently inspires her to use the dirty bottom of the cup to start a sepia tone masterpiece.
- At first the coffee cup stains look just like the ones you can spot on table cloths in cheap restaurants, but as she progresses, her work starts to take shape.
- First you can make out the outline of the head, then the nose and mouth, the eyes, and before you know it you're staring at a realistic portrait of Jay Chou made with coffee stains, and struggling to lift your jaw off the floor.

4) 5-Month Old is India's Youngest Swimmer

- Ronit Chetan Khanapure, a five-month-old boy from Nashik, has made the World Amazing Records Organization to take note of his record to be floating on water for maximum time.
- He has amazingly set a record to be floating on water surface for 10 minutes and 17 seconds.
- He demonstrated his skills at Swatantraveer Savarkar Swimming tank in Nashik on March 31st, 2014.
- Ronit, with the help of his coach Rajendra Nimbalte, demonstrated his skills in 16-foot deep water.
- While speaking about Ronit's training, Nimbalte noted that the response Ronit gave to his training has been amazingly positive.
- This could-make him a skilled swimmer in the next few years.

5) Elevator inside an aquarium:

The Aquadom in Berlin, Germany is a 82 feet tall cylindrical acrylic glass aquarium with built-in transparent elevator.

- Aquariums are fun activities for kids on vacation and now one hotel takes it to the extreme.
- The Radisson Blu Hotel in Berlin, Germany has a 100 crore litre aquarium tank that features a glass elevator inside, offering rides with 360-degree views of the 1,500 tropical fish.
- It is known to be the largest free-standing aquarium in the world.
- The elevator of Aquadom that operates at its centre, giving its passengers a unique experience of scaling the underwater paradise enclosed in the tank.
- The Aquadom has 56 species and miniature coral reefs at the base, all regularly taken care of by full-time scuba divers.
- Guests riding the elevator (maximum capacity: 48) can travel all the way up to a viewing platform just underneath the glass roof of the hotel, from which they can view the spectacular sea life as well as the luxurious hotel atrium from above.
- The aquarium also filters the light coming from above, projecting calm blue waves and ripples onto the hotel walls.
- Built only in 2004, the aquarium was made using four pieces of clear acrylic cylinders that were manufactured on-site and had to be individually crane-lifted into place as the rest of the hotel was gradually erected around it.
- The outermost cylinder measures 36feet in diameter, while the whole structure rests upon a 30 feet-tall foundation.
- Though its construction was definitely challenging, the result is indeed ground-breaking piece.