

WORLD RECORDS 2018

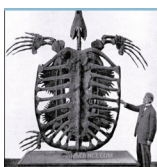
SMALLEST PARROT

The buff-faced pygmy parrot is the smallest parrot known to us. It is 8 cm long and weighs just 11.5 gm when fully grown. It is found in Papua and Papua New Guinea.



LARGEST SEA TURTLE EVER

Found living around 70-80 million years ago in the Cretaceous period, *Archelon ischyros* swam the seas around what is now North America. According to the largest specimen on record, this giant turtle weighed about 2200kg and measured more than 4m long and 4.9m wide flipper to flipper. A leathery or bony carapace supported its skeletal framework instead of a giant shell.



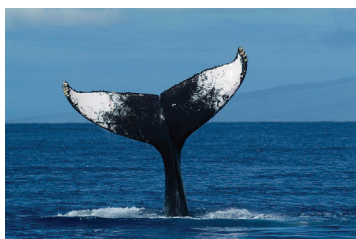
LARGEST SPECIES OF PANGOLIN

Pangolin gets its name from the Malay word *penggulung* which means 'roller'. The Giant Pangolin is the largest known species of pangolins. It measures 2 m in length and weighs 32 kg. It is found from Senegal to Angola in Africa. Due to its immense size it is entirely terrestrial but other species of pangolins are mostly partly arboreal.



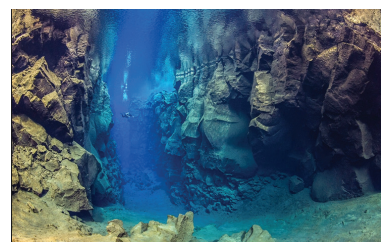
LARGEST TAIL

The tail of the humpback whale is the largest in the animal world. The tail comprises two lobes (also called 'flukes'). A fully grown humpback whale's tail has the same width as the height of a giraffe. The largest specimens of humpback whale tail measured was recorded to be 5.28 m wide.



LONGEST SUBMARINE MOUNTAIN RANGE

The longest submarine mountain range found on planet Earth is the Mid-Ocean Ridge. It is an underwater mountain range extending 65000 km. The mountain extends from the Arctic Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean, around Africa, Asia and Australia. And then further under the Pacific Ocean to the west coast of North America. The highest point of the Mid-Ocean Ridge is 4200 m high above the ocean depth.



This means that at its highest, the submarine mountain measures around half as tall as Mt Everest which is the highest mountain on Earth.

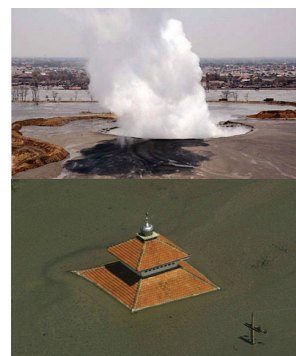
DEEPEST OBSERVED VOLCANIC ERUPTION

West Mata is a submarine volcano located 1208 m deep in the Pacific Ocean, 200 km south-west of Samoa. Its eruptions are currently the deepest ever observed. On 6-7 May, 2009, *Jason 2*, a robotic submersible belonging to American scientists recorded molten lava erupting from the West Mata volcano.



LARGEST MUD VOLCANO ERUPTION

The mud volcano known as Lusi, located in East Java, Indonesia began spewing mud in May 2006. This mudflow eruption has continued for more than a decade now. It has buried more than 6.5 sq.km area of the city of Sidoarjo, displacing about 40,000 residents so far. At its peak the volcano disgorged mudflow that submerged the city in 40 m of mud. In simpler terms it is mud equal to the volume of the Great Pyramid of Giza! The Lusi mud volcano is still active. According to scientists its eruptions will continue for another 25 to 30 years.



TALLEST MAN EVER

The year 2018 is the birth centenary of Robert Wadlow. Born on 22 February 1918, he was the tallest man ever. His growth in height was due to overactive pituitary gland. In his lifetime he was known as 'Alton Giant' and 'Giant of Illinois'. His feet were large and he also held the **record for the largest feet ever** too. His shoes measured 47 cm. At the age of 5 years Robert measured 5 ft 4 inches and when he breathed his last on 15 July 1940 he was 8 ft 11.1 inches tall! He was buried in a coffin that was 10 ft 9 inches long, 81 cm wide and 76 cm deep.



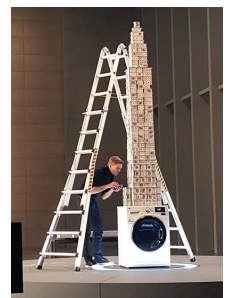
MOST PEOPLE SKIPPING ON THE SAME ROPE

On 11 January 2016, 300 students from Wat Lam Nao School in Thailand set a new world record. They jumped the same rope together and none of the students who took part in the jump touched the rope which could have led to disqualification. In fact they performed more than twice the minimum number of jumps.



TALLEST HOUSE OF CARDS BUILT IN 12 HOURS

Bryan Berg from USA is a professional card stacker. On 15-16 March 2016, Bryan created a world record by building a 48 level house of cards shaped like the Empire State Building. This house of cards was built on top of a running washing machine. Bryan created this record in Seoul, Korea in order to advertise the stability of LG Electronics latest product. The house of cards measured 3.3 m high and was made up of 10,800 cards from 200 decks.



LARGEST COLLECTION OF TEDDY BEARS

Jackie Miley from Hill City, Dakota in USA holds the *Guinness World Record* for the largest collection of stuffed teddy bears. As on 31 December 2012, she smiled as she posed with her vast collection of a total of 8026 teddy bears. It is said she once disclosed she grew up in foster homes and never had a teddy bear of her own. Many people started sending her stuffed teddy bears. Soon she received some as gifts and others donated their loved teddy bears to her and now her house that has her collection is often referred to as 'Teddy Bear Town'. Now she has been gifted with stuffed teddy bears from every state in the USA and from over 29 other countries! It is amazing that each teddy bear is a unique one.



MOST POPULAR EMOJI

The most popular emoji is a 'Face with Tears of Joy' aka 'LOL Emoji' or 'Laughing Emoji'. This fact was concluded after a study was conducted by the University of Michigan (USA) and the University of Peking (China). This study was published in the *International Journal of UbiCom* in September 2016. For the study, a total of 427 million messages from 212 countries or regions were examined. The LOL emoji was used in 15.4 % of the messages selected by the *Kika Emoji Keyboard* app.



LONGEST KHADI GOWN

Amaresh Kumar Singh of Ajmer, Rajasthan in India made the longest *khadi* gown to set Limca Record. The gown made in white *khadi* was 200 m long. It was decorated with 2000 *khadi* flowers pearls at every 20 m. Amaresh Kumar Singh had created this gown at the Ensemble Fashion Campus in Ajmer in a span of 35 hours from 15 December 2016 to 21 December 2016 and had employed the Japanese origami style to make it. The gown was put on display on 30 January 2017 at the Khasa Kothi, Jaipur.



LARGEST COLLECTION OF SNOW GLOBES

Wendy Suen from Shanghai, China has the largest collection of snow globes. As recorded on 27 November 2016, she had 4059 individual snow globes. She started her collection in 2000 and created a record when she had 904 snow globes in 2005. She soon surpassed her own record to achieve the new goal in 2016.



OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY USED NATIONAL FLAG

The national flag of Denmark is called 'Dannebrog' or 'Danish Cloth'. It has a white Scandinavian cross on a red background. This flag is the oldest national flag that has been continuously used since its adoption. The flag became the official state flag of Denmark in 1625. Its correct proportions were declared in 1748.



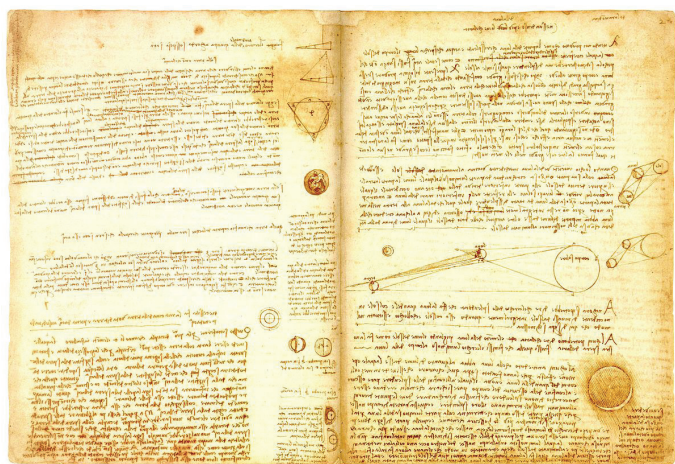
LARGEST WEARABLE TURBAN

The record of the largest wearable turban belongs to Major Singh from India. He is a Nihang Sikh who wears a turban made with a 400m long cloth. After wearing it with the help of 100 hairpins and adorning it with 51 religious metal symbols it weighs upto 35 kg. Nihang Sikhs wear this style of turban called a *dumaala*. Nihang Sikhs always are in competition to see who wears the largest *dumaala* of all.



MOST EXPENSIVE BOOK

The hand drawn book called the *Codex Leicester* is believed to be the most expensive books of all. It is actually a collection of notes, theories, observations and illustrations hand drawn in a notebook by Renaissance artist Leonard da Vinci. He began his writings in 1508 on separate sheets which were later bound together as a book. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates of USA bought the book in 1994 after paying an amount of \$30,802,500 which is the highest amount of money ever paid for any book in any form.



TALLEST DANDIYA STICKS

The tallest *dandiya* sticks were built by a company called All About Ads (A Cube group) from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The *dandiya* sticks erected by them at the *garba* ceremony near Sabarmati river front stood at 45 ft in height 9 ft in diameter and weighed 7 tonne. Colourful flex with LED lights adorned them. It took six persons three days to create the *dandiya* sticks. The *dandiya* sticks were on display from 1 October to 10 October 2016 and more than six lakh people came especially to see it.



WORLD'S OLDEST AMUSEMENT PARK

The Bakken in Copenhagen, Denmark is an amusement park. This amusement park is more than 400 years old. It was opened in 1583 and is the world's oldest operating amusement park. It sports a roller-coaster made of wood which was built back in 1932. It claims to have more than 150 attractions.



WORLD'S OLDEST SURVIVING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

James Wallace Black from USA was the photographer who took this shot of Boston on 13 October 1860. He was in the tethered *Queen of the Air* hot-air balloon at a height of 609 m when he took the photograph.



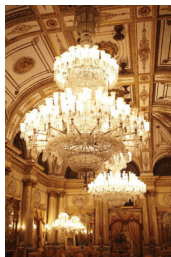
WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE CHOCOLATE BAR

The most expensive and valuable Cadbury's chocolate bar in the world is the one that accompanied Captain Robert Scott on his *Discovery* expedition. This 100 year old chocolate bar was bought for \$470 at an auction on 25 September 2001. The chocolate bar was on the expedition to Antarctica in 1901-04. It had been kept wrapped inside a cigarette case.



PALACE WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST CHANDELIERS

A pair of chandeliers hanging in the Durbar Hall of Jai Vilas Palace of Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh in India are the world's largest chandeliers. Each chandelier is 45 ft high and weighs 3.5 tonnes. A story goes that before the chandeliers were hung three (or others claim eight) elephants were hoisted on to the roof to check if the roof was strong enough to bear the weight of the large and heavy chandeliers.



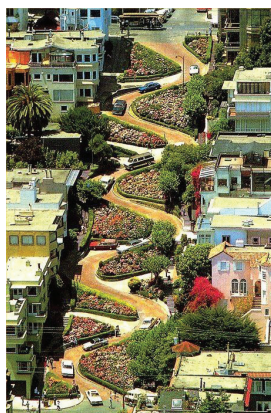
WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE GOLD-PLATED CAR

The value of the world most valuable gold-plated car is \$ 14,000,000. This Rolls-Royce Silver Spur limousine is custom made for the Sultan of Brunei. It is having 24 carat gold plating and also has a rear coach seat cloths canopy, gold coats of arms and faux – oak bumper bars.



WORLD'S MOST CROOKED ROAD

The world's most crooked road is the Lombard Street in San Francisco in California. Constructed in 1922 the street is a 400 m stretch between Hyde Street and Leavenworth Street in Russian Hill. The road made of red bricks follows 8 hairpin turns. Traffic is allowed only in one way at a speed of 5 miles per hour.



SMALLEST COMIC BOOK

The smallest comic book ever made measured 2.58×3.7 cm in size. Martin Lodewijk from New Zealand, first published it in June 1999



as a special edition of *Agent 327* with the title 'Dossier Minimum Bug'. The comic had just 16 pages and only 2000 copies of this comic were published. Each comic was sold with a free magnifying glass.

LONGEST CONVENTIONAL SANDWICH

The Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) in Dehradun contributed to celebrating International Food Day by making the largest conventional sandwich. A total of seven faculty members and 10 students were guided by the Principal Jagdeep Khanna to make a sandwich that was 31.3 ft long with side dimensions of 22.3 ft and a thickness of 6 inches. The huge sandwich took 29 hours, 12 per working day from 14-15 October 2016 and 5 hrs on the last day of 16 October 2016.



TALLEST CRICKET BAT

The tallest cricket bat was made by Shoppers Stop and measured 160 ft high and 8 ft wide. It was put on display at Home Stop Garuda store in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 29, April 2017 till 21 May 2017. It took 10 days and efforts by 60 people to build this tall bat.



SMALLEST MOUSE TRAP

A small wood piece and a steel spring was used by Sai Talabuthala of Peddapuram, Andhra Pradesh in India to create the smallest functional mouse trap.



It is tinier than the thumb nail of a hand. The mouse trap measures a mere 0.31 inches in length and 0.15 in width. It was made on 13 November 2016 and took just 1 hr 21 min and 33 sec to make it.

LARGEST LIBRARY

The largest library in the world is the US Library of Congress located in Washington, DC. The library covers an area of 1348 km and contains 162 million items across its numerous bookshelves. These include 38 million books, 3.5 million recordings, 14 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 7.1 million pieces of sheet music and 70 million manuscripts.



LARGEST DISH RADIO TELESCOPE

FAST is the acronym for the 'Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical radio Telescope' located in Pingtang County, Guizhou Province, China.



This largest dish radio telescope became operational on 25 September 2016. The telescope has a diameter of 500 m and has 4450 triangular panels each 11 m long. Costing about \$180 million, FAST was built in 5 years. It will help the astronomers to search for signals from stars and galaxies and receive interstellar communication signals that may indicate signs of intelligent life beyond the vast space.

LONGEST-REIGNING LIVING MONARCH

Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne of Great Britain on 6 Feb 1962 and had reigned uninterrupted for 65 years 57 days as of 4 April 2017. Alongside the UK, more than 139 million in 15 Commonwealth states, including Australia and Canada recognise, the Queen as their monarch.



FIRST 3D-PRINTED CAR

Designer Michele Anoe's design was printed in five days at the International Manufacturing Technology show in Chicago.



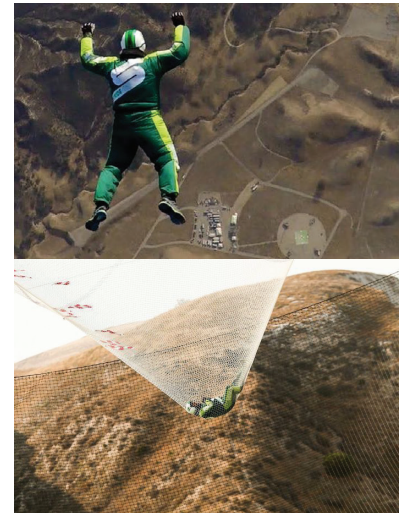
LARGEST REPTILE ZOO

Reptile Gardens located outside Rapid City in South Dakota is a home to more than 225 different reptilian species and subspecies.



HIGHEST SKYDIVE WITHOUT A PARACHUTE

Luke Aikins (USA) leapt 25,000 ft from a plane without a parachute or wingsuit in a stunt he named "Heaven Sent". He landed safely in 100-sq-foot net in Simi Valley in southern California, USA. He used a GPS unit to guide him to the net and the stunt was broadcasted live by Fox television.



FIRST ANIMAL TO NAVIGATE VIA THE MILKY WAY

The African dung beetle *Scarabaeus satyrus* orients itself by using the glow from the Milky Way. Scientist discovered that these scarabs use the light from the Milky Way on cloudless, moonless nights to ensure that they keep rolling their balls of dung in a straight line.



WORLD'S TALLEST SANDCASTLE

It took two weeks for Ted Siebert and his team to build the world's tallest sandcastle. Erected on Virginia Key Beach in Miami, Florida, USA, it measured 45 ft 10.25 in tall.

