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## Best Android launchers: Amazing ways to supercharge your phone

Android Google Now feature may be coming to Chrome browserAndroid Google Now feature may be coming to Chrome browserLiving with Google NowLiving with Google NowGoogle Now for the web spotted again in Chrome codeGoogle Now for the web spotted again in Chrome codeContrary to Schmidt's comments, Google Now not submitted to AppleContrary to Schmidt's comments, Google Now not submitted to Apple Spend more than three minutes with any Android fanboy, and you'll quickly learn that the real beauty of Google's operating system lies in the potential to customise it. Any problem can be solved by downloading enough apps. Nowhere is that more true than for Android's homescreen - so we've rounded up the best alternative Android launchers for your modding pleasure. On an Android phone, the launcher is the app responsible for the home screen, the app 'grid', and launching the aforementioned apps. Phones generally come with either the stock Google launcher, or more commonly, a launcher whacked on top by a hardware manufacturer like Samsung. But, if you don't get on with your phone's default launcher, installing a new one just takes a quick visit to the Google Play Store.



Google's very own stock Android launcher is now up for grabs - but just because it's the Android standard, doesn't mean it's boring. For your money (well, actually, it's free), you get easy access to Google Now, button-free voice controls, and enough transparent window-

bars to make you think you're back in Windows Vista. It's compatible straight out of the box with all Nexus and Google Play Edition devices, and two minutes with a computer will get it running on all Android 4.x handsets. Just be careful what you say around it - the Big G's always listening, probably.



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2. Nova Launcher

Nova and Apex (below) are the two standout Android launchers - both strike an excellent balance between having enough features to customise things, without bogging you down with unfeasibly long options lists and 17 levels of sub-menu hell. Nova's arguably the better of the two, with a few more options available in the free version (there is also a Prime version), and slightly better performance - but really, we're splitting tiny Android hairs trying to find a difference between the two.

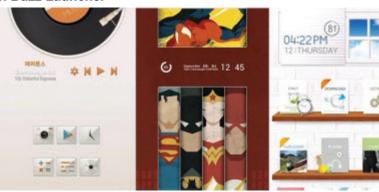
#### 3. Apex Launcher

Apex Launcher, just like Nova, blends smooth performance and ease-of-use with a good level of customisation to create a genuinely appealing alternative to most standard Android launchers. Standout features on Apex include a superb tablet mode (finally allowing Nexus 7 owners to rotate the home screen); and the Pro version has the fantastic Apex Notifier service, which pushes notifications to a widget on your home screen. (Although, Notifier requires running an extra app in the background, which is a small drain on battery life.) Once again, the Pro version does cost money, so it's worth downloading the free version first.

### 4. Launcher Pro

Launcher Pro is aimed at users with phones that are yet to taste the frozen goodness of Android 4.0, Ice Cream Sandwich, and are still stuck with Gingerbread. Although it lacks some of the bells and whistles of its more advanced stablemates, Launcher Pro is a solid upgrade from the stock launcher, with much faster scrolling and more customisation options, and even some sleek tricks like unlimited widget resizing in the full-fat, paid-for version.

#### 5. Buzz Launcher



Buzz Launcher packs the standard set of customisation options, but with a killer advantage: a user-created library of thousands of themes and widgets you can browse, download and tinker with. Whereas other launchers feel like masterpieces of efficiency - trying to find you the app you want, with minimum hassle - Buzz is all about the aesthetics. There are certainly more powerful launchers out there, but if you're all about matching the colour of your shoelaces to your cravat (and don't have an iPhone), then this is probably the launcher for you. free.

#### 6. Go Launcher

The Go Launcher is a particularly flashy launcher with a great range of screen transitions, including 3D ones. Launcher settings are available through a readily accessible drawer that's summoned with an upward swipe from the home screen. There's a dedicated theme storefront app that lets you cruise through available you can download many themes like windows mobile theme, IOS theme and many

## Will Govinda do a Rajasthani movie?



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move with theme Jal (water) is is,' says Manmohan Gupta.

ence, the people of Rajasthan face water scarcity. Govt is not paying attention. Water can be reached via dam, canals etc. I want to wake up the governing and will give it a thought ment with this film. I met Govinda for the purpose and "I wish to make a Rajasthani lets us see what the response

## Outcomes of my Singapore visit are encouraging: CM

The recent visit of state CM Vasundhra Raje to singapore has turned out to be a great success as a Grant Agreement was signed between Government of Rajasthan and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) for building knowledge capabilities on the governance of sustainable water

management in the state. The signing ceremony was held at SMS convention centre on Wednesday in the presence of Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje and Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs Shri K. Shan-

Principal Secretary PHED Shri Dinesh Kumar signed the agreement on behalf of the state government while CEO of Singapore Cooperation Enterprises Shri



Kong Wy Mun signed on behalf of the SCE. According to the Agreement Singapore Cooperation Foundation will provide assistance in advisory and capacity building programme for the water management and recycle of waste water. A series of workshops will be conducted to build capacity of 100 officials from PHED and other relevant departments of Rajasthan Government with the help of Temasek Foundation. Singapore Cooperation Enterprise will be the lead agency to aggregate a team of experts from Singapore. The few initial areas which will be covered during this 18 month programme are urban water on building capacities and knowlmanagement, governance of edge in sustainable water manwaste water treatment and water management. The first such workshop started on Wednesday in Jaipur. The Chief Minister on this occasion said she was happy that the process which started during her Singapore visit in October last year had resulted in the form of Agreement. She said, visit of a big delegation of industrialists from Singapore shows that we have succeeded in our mission. During my Singa-

pore visit discussion were made on important issues like water management, skill development, urban planning and now the results appearing during this short span of time are very encouraging, she said. This Agreement with Singapore will focus mainly agement and waste water reuse, she added. Smt. Raje said lots of discussion has been made regarding cooperation from ITE Education Services and 'Gardens by the Bay' and we will see better outcomes in the future. Now we have signed agreement on water management. She said joint ventures are expected in sectors like Automobiles, Engineering and PPP model also in the future.

## Kokuyo Camlin honour winners of 'Camel Art Contest'

Udaipur, 28th February 2015: At a glittering ceremony, Kokuyo Camlin Limited (formerly Camlin Limited), the pioneering and leading stationery company of the country, announced the results of the world's largest art contest -'Camel Art Contest 2014', (earlier known as 'All India Camel Color Contest' -AICCC). Renowned film actor and theatre personality Mr. Om Puri handed away the awards to the children at the function held at The Orchid Hotel, Mumbai.

The contest in its 41st year running received an overwhelming response from the schoolstudents fraternity with more than 75 lakh participants. This edition of the contest was conceptualized to traverse across borders to new geographies thereby including schools from countries like USA, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal with the help of digital media. With a focus on inclusive participation the contest evoked response from the untapped student base of standards 11th and 12th from the schools, non-school institutions like art schools and students from non-participating schools as well. Taking a step ahead, Kokuyo Camlin tied up with Big Bazaar across the country thereby offering locations for conducting the contest at their outlets.

In the year 2011, with 4,850,271 participants,



the contest has been already certified by Guinness World Records as the largest art competition in the world.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Saumitra

Prasad, Chief Marketing Officer, Kokuyo Camlin Limited said, 'We are extremely elated at the response generated by the Camel Art Contest and congratulate all the winners and also

extend our thanks to those schools, parents, faculties who supported this initiative. This year apart from seeking entries from countries other than India we focused on inclusive participation thereby generating responses from those schools / students who couldn't have otherwise participated. This is our small way of encouraging the hidden talents of kids and giving them a platform to exhibit their artistic skills."

Entries for 'Camel Art Contest' were judged on Primary, Zonal and Grand Finale levels across six categories - Group A (Pre Primary), Group B (Class 1 and 2), Group C (Class 3 and 4), Group D (Class 5, 6), Group E (Class 7, 8, 9) and Group F (Class 10,11,12).

## The six first prize winners are

Group A - Ziya Patel, Hiramani School, Ahmedabad

Group B - R.A.D.Y.P Sumanasekera, Trinity College, Kandy, Srilanka

Group C - Soha D .Parikh, Zydus School for

Excellence, Ahmedabad Group D - Venya Aggarwal, Delhi Public

School, Gurgaon Group E – Pallavi Sethi, DPS, Rourkela

Group F – Harshil Khodpia, St. Anthony's Sr Secondary School, Udaipur