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The shortest people in the world

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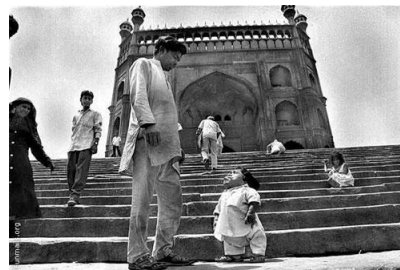
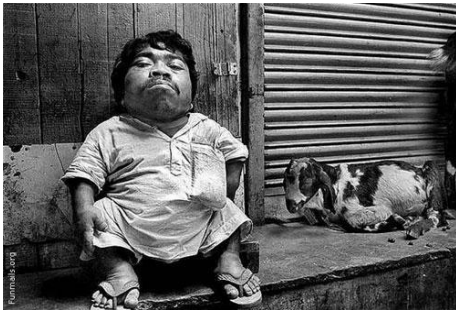
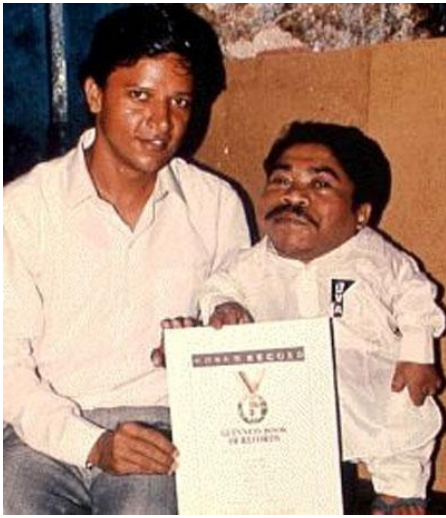
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The shortest people in the world. Why have I chosen this theme? One day when I was working in the Internet I saw a very short man. He was a young man but he looked like a small child. He was very unusual for me. This short man was very funny and interesting. I was surprised and decided to find the shortest man in the world. I have found some of them and now I'd like to tell you about them.



Gul Mohammed



The world's shortest man, Gul Mohammed, was born in the capital of India, Delhi, in 1957. Mohammed entered the Guinness Book of World Records in 1992 for being the shortest man at 57.15 cms. He weighed 17 kgs.

A bachelor, he is survived by a brother and two sisters. His parents died a few years ago.

His height prevented Mohammed from working at the family business of bangle manufacturing. He acted in a few TV serials and lived in a small house in Jazarag Seelampur in Old Delhi.

He died of lung disease linked to his smoking when he was 40 (in 1997). The Press Trust of India said Mohammed died without realizing his fondest wish - marrying a tall woman.

He Pingping

He Pingping (July 13, 1988 – March 13, 2010) was, according to the Guinness World Records, the world's shortest man who was able to walk.

He measured 74 cm tall, and was the third child of a family in Huade county, in the city of

Ulanqab in northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

He had two sisters, both of whom developed at normal rates. According to his father, He Yun, at birth He Pingping was small enough to fit in the palm of his parents' hands. When it became apparent the child was growing very slowly. In the childhood parents have been compelled to feed with its milk through a thin straw as his mouth was too small for food acceptance.

In January 2007, He was invited to take part on a television program in Tokyo, Japan, and became an Internet icon. His home of Inner Mongolia is also home to Bao Xishun, who at 2.36 meters tall was recognized by Guinness as the world's tallest man until September 2009. Their televised meeting in July 2007 attracted global media attention. In May 2008 he appeared in the British Channel 4 documentary called *The World's Smallest Man and Me* hosted by Mark Dolan. In September 2008 he appeared with the world's longest-legged woman, Svetlana Pankratova, in London's Trafalgar Square, to publicize the release of the 2009 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records.

He was admitted to a hospital on 3 March 2010 in Rome, Italy, after complaining of chest pains. He had been filming *Lo show dei record*. He died on March 13, 2010, at the age of twenty-one of heart complications. The Guinness World Records editor-in-chief, Craig Glenday, said that he was "an inspiration to anyone considered different or unusual."



Edward Nino Hernandez

A 70cm (27-inch) tall Colombian has been named the world's shortest living man by Guinness World Records.

Edward Nino Hernandez, 24, weighs only 10kg (22lbs). His mother said he had not grown since he was two years old.

Mr Hernandez, who works part-time as a dancer, told the Associated Press: "I feel happy because I'm unique."

The previous record holder was He Pingping of China, who was 4cm (1.5in) taller and died in March - before Mr Hernandez was discovered.

Mr Hernandez is not expected to keep the title for long, however, as Khagendra Thapa Magar of Nepal is expected to take the title when he turns 18 in October.

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Khagendra, currently recognised as the world's shortest living teenager, is only 56cm (22in) tall. The shortest man on record was Gul Mohammed of India, who measured just 57cm - 1cm taller than Khagendra.

Mr Hernandez's mother, Noemi, said doctors in the Colombian capital, Bogota, never explained why he had grown only 40cm since birth.

She said doctors at the National University studied him until he was three and then lost interest. Her youngest child, 11-year-old Miguel Angel, is himself only 93cm (37in) tall.

Mr Hernandez left school in the eighth grade and now earns some money dancing at department stores. He is also currently playing the role of a drug dealer in a film.

Although he liked the attention, he said there were some drawbacks.

"It bothers me that people are always touching me and picking me up."



Khagendra Thapa Magar

POKHARA, Nepal — A Nepalese teenager whose tiny stature has made him a celebrity in his homeland entered the record books as the world's shortest man on Thursday as he celebrated his 18th birthday.

Khagendra Thapa Magar stands just 26.4 inches (67.08 centimetres) tall, according to final measurements taken by Guinness World Records on Thursday morning, making him the shortest adult male in the world.

He snatched the record from 24-year-old Edward "Nino" Hernandez from Colombia, who was included in the Guinness Book of Records for the first time just five weeks ago.

"Khagendra Thapa Magar is now officially the shortest man in the world," said head of global records Marco Frigatti at a ceremony in the picturesque Himalayan town of Pokhara in central Nepal, near where Magar grew up.

"We want to congratulate Khagendra Thapa Magar and his family for this feat. This is a big day for Nepal," he added.

Magar's family looked on proudly and a big cheer went up as he was awarded the Guinness World Records certificate. The country's caretaker prime minister Madhav Kumar Nepal said he was "the pride of our nation."

Magar, the son of a fruit seller from rural Nepal, is the size of a toddler and weighs just 6.5 kilograms (14 pounds).

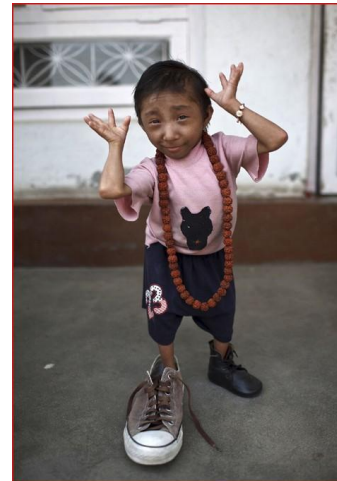
He says he dreams of marrying and travelling the world in his wife's handbag, and has already been named a tourism ambassador for Nepal.

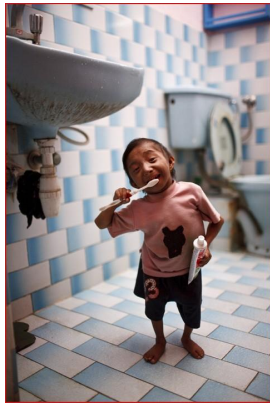
His family had previously laid claim to the record, but the teenager needed to reach his 18th birthday before being officially recognised because of the possibility he might grow further.

His height was earlier calculated to be 25.8 inches, but was revised by Guinness World Records because he had a slight hunch when standing and measured slightly more lying down.

In Pokhara, a lakeside town popular with tourists, shouts of recognition greeted the teenager wherever he went this week, and Magar's father said his son was enjoying the attention.

"Khagendra may be small, but his size has earned him a big name," Rup Bahadur Thapa Magar told AFP.





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The world's smallest man

Nepalese teenager, Khagendra Thapa Magar, is destined to enter the record books when he celebrates his 18th birthday in October.



"People are always so nice to him. They come up and ask to have their photograph taken with him. It makes us feel that he is loved, and he likes it too. Khagendra is a true blessing from God."

Magar senior, who runs a fruit shop in the family's village in central Nepal, said he did not know what caused his son to stop growing.

But reports say that the teenager suffers from primordial dwarfism, a condition that typically reduces life expectancy to as little as 20 years.

"He was so tiny when he was born that he could fit in the palm of your hand, and it was very hard to bathe him because he was so small," said his father.

"Sometimes it made us sad when he was growing up because we thought he would never be able to do normal things like ride a bike or drive a car, but now he is so popular, and that has made us happy."

Magar rarely speaks publicly himself, but in a conversation with journalists in Pokhara this week, the teenager said he wanted a remote-controlled car for his birthday -- and that he would rely on his future wife for transport.

"I'm hoping to marry in two years' time, when I am 20," he said. "I'll sit in my wife's handbag and travel the world with her."

Last month, Magar travelled to New York as part of a publicity trip organised by Ripley's Believe It or Not curiosity museum, where he posed alongside a life-sized figure of the tallest man in history -- the 8-foot-11-inch American Robert Wadlow.

He also travelled to Italy earlier this year where he met He Pingping of China, who was the world's shortest man until his death in March. The pair appeared together in a television show.

Guinness World Records says the shortest man ever is thought to be Gul Mohammed from India, who was said to have measured just 22.5 inches, although this was never independently verified.

As his big day approached, Magar's father said the family intended to mark the occasion by sharing a birthday cake with relatives and the dozens of journalists who have gathered in Pokhara.

"It will be the biggest and happiest day of our lives," he said. "We are simple people and this is a huge responsibility for us, but it also makes us very happy. We are glad that we are able to make Nepal proud."

Konstantin Morozov



Konstantin Morozov of the Ulyanovsk region had a rare disease - chondrodystrophy. But this did not prevent him to live 73 years. Kostya was born 300-gram. Doctors did not assume that the child would survive. Kostya grown only up to 63 inches, weighed 24 kilos. However, no complexes, was an optimist.

The smallest person of Russia – 73-year-old Konstantin Morozov. It had a rare illness instead of firm bones were only soft as at the newborn. Was born, by the way, it with weight only in 300 gram and doctors and didn't assume that the child will survive.

In a family of Morozov were three more sons, younger now lives in Murmansk, and seniors have died for a long time already. All children of high growth also are well developed. In 21 year it has left the house not to be a burden for relatives, and has lodged in the house-boarding school. There the smallest person has got acquainted with Lida and has secretly fallen in love with her. Konstantin of frosts has lived 73 years. At o'clock in the morning on March, 9th its heart has ceased to fight for ever.





Hatice Kocaman



Miss Kocaman is the second shortest person in world behind Nepalese man Khagendra Thapa Magar, who is 67cm (26.3in) and weighs 6.5kg (12lb). Hatice Kocaman is the smallest woman in the world.

She is just 28 inches tall and weighs only 15lbs, about the same as an eight-month-old baby.

The 21-year-old lives with her parents in Kadirli, Osmaniye, Turkey.

“I always hoped that one day the world would recognize me,” says Hatice. “It was hard when I was a child because all my classmates used to tease me for being small. But now I am famous because of my size. So it makes me feel like I am much taller.”

Hatice, who weighs just 15 lbs and has never been able to find work, stays at home with her parents and likes to help her mom by doing small jobs. It has been a long journey for a woman who didn’t have her dwarfism diagnosed until a few years ago.

She lives with her parents, Ibrahim and Hatun, who said she was born naturally and seemed to develop normally until she was a year old.

‘Then we noticed she seemed to be growing more slowly than other babies,’ said Hatun. She continued to develop and learned to walk and talk but hardly grew at all.

‘We asked the doctors to help but they couldn’t tell us what the problem was,’ said her mother. The family did not have a car and could not afford to travel to seek help. They were eventually told her condition may be due to a bone disorder caused by faulty genes carried by both parents.



Jyoti Amge



The world's smallest girl isn't taller than an average two year old kid. She lives in India in a town called Nagpur and her name is Jyoti Amge.

Jyoti Amge is so small because of a form of dwarfism called "Achondroplasia" and because of this she won't get any taller than she is right now. She is a very happy girl she said and loves to get all the attention from people who are amazed about her size. However being small is hard, because all kinds of things need to be made to fit her tiny size. She has her own made bed, chair, jewelry, clothes and so on.

She is different, but only in size because she shares the same interest likes any other teenager of her age like listening to music, watching DVDs and movies.

In her town she is a real celebrity and sometimes they even treat her like a real goddess. She is happy, enjoys to go to school and study new things every day.

A girl with a dream, she wants to become a Bollywood actress later she said and who knows maybe she will ever make it as one of the tiniest actresses and all of that because of her tiny size. "When Jyoti was born, she seemed quite normal," her mother, Ranjana, 45, told the Sunday Mirror.

"We came to know about her disorder when she was five. We consulted a specialist and he said she will be this size all of her life. Jyoti is small, yet cute, and we love her very much."

As for the future — it's wide open.

For the most part, people with this form of dwarfism have normal intelligence and lifespan — and this very ambitious teenager intends to take full advantage of all her talents.

"I would like to work in a big city like Mumbai, act in films and travel to London and America," she said.



Conclusion

So I arrived at the conclusion that there were few short people in the world. I have just spoken about some of them. Nowadays the shortest man in the world is the Nepalese teenager Khagendra Thapa Magar. He is 67.08 centimetres tall and weighs just 6.5 kilograms. The 21-year-old Hatice Kocaman from Turkey is the second shortest person in world behind Khagendra Thapa Magar, who is 67cm and weighs 6.5kg. But a teenager from India who is 58cm tall is the smallest girl in the world. Jyoti Amge is shorter than the average two-year-old child and only weighs 5kg.



