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Give everyone in the district a COVID-19 vaccine: N P Vishwanath Shetty

Dhruv Aiyappa

Karnataka Lokayukta Naqvi N P Vishwanath Shetty has said that the epidemic should be brought under control with the vaccination of all eligible people in Udupi district said. He was speaking after presiding over the district covid vaccine progress review meeting held at the district panchayat auditorium today. With around 9.99 lakh people in the district identified for vaccination, 9.22 lakh people have already received the first dose of vaccine, with 93.5 percent progress.

Of the 6.29 lakh eligible patients for the second dose, 5.81 lakh people have been vaccinated, making up the total percentage



The meeting with the district collector.

(Source : Daijiworld)

of the district. 58.16 percent of the populous received a 2-dose vaccine. The report said eight per cent of those who have not been vaccinated have been found not to be vaccinated for mainly alien causes, urging local lawmakers, department officials and community leaders to encourage them to get the vaccine. Gram panchayats and local bodies have to work with 100 percent of the public to get the vaccine.

He said that the task should be completed as soon as possible, and that the public should make the mask a social gap and a part of their daily routine. Most of the pending workers who go fishing have been asked to take the vaccine by the community officials, who are responsible for vaccinating them.

All educational institutions in the district have already started and physical classes are being held but

some private institutions have not received the full vaccination of teachers who have been advised to take stringent measures, get vaccinated quickly, visit schools regularly and check for compliance with Covid guidelines.

In some rural areas, complaints have been made that mobile network connections are not working, and private companies, including the government, have filed applications for

the construction of mobile towers, saying that local agencies should be allowed to do so without delay. The meeting was attended by District Collector Kurmarao M, G.P. Chief Executive Officer Dr. Naveen Bhatt, SP Vishnuvardhan, Deputy Forest Conservator Ruthran, Lokayukta SP Kumaraswamy and all district level officials were present.

Source: Daijiworld, Times of India

DC addresses gathering on occasion of children's day

Bhavana Kurup

Udupi: DC Kurma Rao M on Monday said that it was the responsibility of a civilised society to create a healthy environment, provide good education and teach children how to be responsible citizens right from their childhood.

Rao inaugurated and spoke at the children's day celebration in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Auditorium in District Complex in the presence of various departments of District Administration such as the Panchayat, Women and Child

Development Department, District Health and Family Welfare Department, among others.

The official emphasized about how children these days should develop the knowledge and confidence to question injustices happening to and around them but also at the same time learn to carry out their duties promptly. With schools now slowly opening in the wake of the low incidence of Covid 19, transport authority officials have been instructed by the govern-

ment to facilitate the coming and going of students through their buses.

Dr, Naveen Bhatt, the District Panchayat Chief Operating Officer, spoke to the students about how they must keep the environment of their home and school well. He said that it results in good health and that local authorities should be informed about large amounts of trash, if found.

Children should protect one another when the other children are mistreated. All



Lighting of the lamp by DC Kurma Rao

(Source : Daijiworld)

they need to do is inform the helpline when they are in trouble. The students also released posters and made pledges about child safety and protection.

The students also inquired about deeper topics like school dropouts, begging, fishing

Sources : Info Department Udupi District, TOI

Vaccination to be provided at doorstep to eligible public: District Coordinator



Meeting held by District Collector in session

(Source : Times of India)

Dhruv Aiyappa

Udupi: A vaccine and anti-vaccine center for the control of Covid infection should be visited by everybody, said District Collector and Co-ordinating Committee Chairman of the vaccine, Kurmarao M. Speaking at a meeting of the Home Task Force on the implementation of the Covid Lasika Campaign today at his office hall. There are 2,95,375 households in the district, Health Department staff, Asha workers and Anganwadi workers visiting each home to find out who has not received the Covid vaccine and how they should be vaccinated.

The vaccination program will be held from November 16th to November 30th across the district, and the

public and community leaders should come together to support the Covid vaccination campaign.

At least 7 gram panchayats would be contacted 2 times a day in each taluk. These would be supervised by the Tahsildars, the Taluk Panchayat Administrator, and the Taluk Level Medical Officer.

The DC further it was appropriate for everyone in a household over the age of 18 to get information from the voter list and that the campaign should get the support of local association organizations, NGOs, and youth councils.

Talking to District Panchayat Chief Operating Officer

Naveen Bhatt, rural women in general, pregnant women and other sufferers seem to have simply rejected the vaccine. He said the vaccination campaign should be done through a home visit campaign.

The letter campaign would hopefully encourage parents and family members to get vaccinated like students who come to schools. Deputy Commissioner Sadasiva Prabhu, District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Rama, the nodal officer of the Laksika Campaign, Dr. Tarakshi of various taluks of the district, and others were present.

Source: Info Dept Manipal

Bus conductor arrested for misbehaving with female passengers



A bus leaving Manipal

(Source : The Hindu)

Suriyaa M

Udupi: On Thursday, November 11, a private bus conductor was arrested for reportedly misbehaving with female passengers. The person apprehended has been identified as Upendra, also known as Uma Shankar.

According to reports, passengers beat him up on November 6 at Tenkanidiyur

for misbehaving with female students. According to reports, he used to misbehave with nursing college students.

Faculty members of the college, who were on the same bus as him, spotted his inappropriate behaviour with the girls and apprehended

him. The residents thrashed him.

Based on a complaint filed by the hostel management, he was arrested by Udupi town police. On Friday, November 12, the accused was brought before a district magistrate, who remanded him in judicial custody.

Sources : ETVBharath , Deccan Herald

Cleaning Machine of Malpe Beach lying idle

Gurnoor Kaur

A beach cleaning machine was brought to clean Malpe Beach but had caught fire on 1 April 2021. The machine worth ₹8 lakhs was moved with the help of a tractor. It has been seven months since the machine has been lying idle due to tractor parts being beyond repair and spare parts unavailable locally due to the current condition, the responsibility of the cleaning has gone

Sources: Daijiworld, Udayvani

back to physical labour.

With the lockdown being lifted and an increase in the number of visitors, the workload has increased. The tractor helped easily remove the waste embedded deep inside the sand.

This German-technology powered Beachtech- 2000 had been obtained using it would have solved problems such as additional garbage due to increased visitors.



The tractor lying in ruins by the beach (Source : Daijiworld)

18 new Covid 19 cases reported in DK, Udupi

Avani Sharma

On Saturday, Dakshina Kannada reported 12 new COVID-19 cases. The number of active cases went down to 131 after 14 patients were released. The test positive rate was estimated to be 0.24 percent.

There are 40 current cases in the district, with four patients discharged. As of Saturday, 4,503 persons were

vaccinated, bringing the total number of people vaccinated in Dakshina Kannada to 24,40,980

In Udupi, 2,007 persons were vaccinated, bringing the total to 14,97,496 people, with 9,22,182 receiving just the first dosage and 5,75,314 receiving both the doses.

Source: The Hindu , TOI



Man getting tested for coronavirus (Source : Business Standard)

Destination Manipal to come up with a MAHE promo video



Student and Production crew gathered at Student Plaza

There has been a never-ending buzz surrounding the university town amidst a crowd of students, camera crew, and cultural activities taking place across the Manipal Academy of Higher Education campus since September 2021.

Production for an upcoming promo video sanctioned by the MAHE administration is underway. The production is handled by a Mumbai-based boutique production

house called India Film Line Production Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.

MAHE releases its promo videos over a cycle of ten years to publicise the campus and constituent colleges under MAHE., serving as an introduction for prospective students and the general public.

The promo video is set to release via the social media handles of Destination Manipal, the official platform for information associated

with the universities and campuses of the Manipal Group. Destination Manipal has its presence across Facebook with over 1.84 lakh likes, 62.3 thousand subscribers on YouTube, and 2.6 thousand followers on Instagram.

During the production, MAHE students were actively involved in the process by organising various events showcasing the talent amongst the student community in Manipal. On

(Source : Swaroop Diddi)

Saturday, November 13
The replicated festival included notable performances by student members of MAFIA, Chords & Co., Blitzkrieg Dance Crew and AAINA Dramatics, to name a few. The Photography Club, Manipal (PCB) were also present to help Destination Manipal with their shoot.

Swaroop Diddi, a second-year MIT student, recalled the production crew set-up and lighting across

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Student Plaza akin to sets of a film shooting, with several professionals working in tandem with student clubs and organisations present during the shooting.

KMC Manipal facilitates IVF training to African doctors



Kasturba Medical College, Manipal

(Source : Manipal University)

Avani Sharma

Manipal: Infertile women face prejudice, shame, and ostracism in many societies. Their inability to bear children causes them to be isolated, disinherited, and assaulted.

Through the training of African doctors at KMC Manipal as part of the 'Merck more than a Mother' program launched by the Merck Foundation, a German charitable organization, there is a potential that women in remote Africa

may thank Manipal when they conquer infertility. Mrs. Vasanthi R Pai, Trustee, MAHE presented diplomas to African physicians who finished the 'MAHE-Merck Foundation' IVF Embryology training program yesterday. Infertility makes a woman feel inadequate, whether in India or Africa, and the people around her add to the anguish.

KMC intends to expand the Embryology training program to other countries to

solve the shortage of qualified and experienced health workers in this field.

So far, over seventy Embryologists and Gynecologists from twenty-one African nations have undergone training in Manipal and are presently assisting individuals in their respective countries.

Sources : Times of India, The Hindu

Kasturba Hospital Organises Cyclothon on World Diabetes Day

Raymon Sam

Every year worldwide Diabetes Day is celebrated on 14 November. Kasturba Medical College has observed this day by organizing Cyclothon from Kasturba Hospital Manipal to Ajjarakad stadium. The theme of the event was Access to Diabetes Care, if not now, When?

Dr H S Ballal, Pro-Chancellor, MAHE Manipal who was the chief guest of the event flagged off the Cyclothon event in front of the OPD at Kasturba Hospital Manipal which ended at Ajjarakad Stadium. With the cyclothon event, Zumba sessions were also organized at the stadium for the 500 participants that took part in the event.

The Guests of honor of the program were PLNG Rao, Pro-Vice-Chan-

cellor, MAHE, Dr Arun Maiya, Dean, Manipal College of Health Profession, and Dr. Roshan Shetty, Assistant Director Youth Empowerment. On this occasion, Dr Ballal said that Diabetes and High blood pressure are silent killers of life, the general public is not understanding the severity of the disease, because half of all diabetic patients are not diagnosed in the early stage, Diabetes will affect all parts of the body, which is why it is important to diagnose it in early-stage, especially in rural areas. Dr Roshan Shetty remarked that a lot of people come to this stadium to play different physical activities. Most of them are aged 40 years and above. But diabetes and Cardiac diseases are now found at very young ages because of lack of physical activities in youth days.

Source: Daiji World, TOI

Stop labelling food as junk

Ritaja Ganguly

Society has often attached food with morality. Most often society tends to be biased in labeling one group as good and one group of food as bad regardless of the requirement of an individual. These labels are often lacking scientific evidence.

Attachment of morality to food often leads to the rise of shame in individuals which leads them on a path of guilt in their life. No food is inherently good or bad, people can regulate the stuff they eat. They won't lose control as often suggested and eat it daily. Society should encourage intuitive eating, by putting calories on the front label

and advertising food as healthy it creates an unhealthy and toxic relationship with food.

According to multiple surveys conducted in our country results showed that an average of 34.54 respondents in India have fast food at least once a week. Other surveys also showed that around 12.7 percent of people in our country indulge in distress eating and other eating disorders. Ignoring statistics let's talk about what food is considered junk food.

As curious as I am to know why food is ever associated with the term junk. An exchange between my younger brother and my mother led me on the path of writ-

ing this editorial. It started with a simple question "Do you want to get some fried chicken?"

His question was met with a moment of silence followed by an extremely judgemental voice by my mother who called it 'Junk Food' Since when did we start calling fried chicken junk?

After reading through countless articles I have finally put together a brief definition of the term 'junk food' - Highly processed food that adds no particular nutritional value to one's diet, the definition has no reference, direct or indirect to the word junk!

Combining a word such as food with the term 'junk'



Junk Food vs Healthy Food

(Source : medicalnews)

is simply irrelevant and confusing. It is an outright oxymoron that has embedded itself deep into society. Rather than being taught to be grateful for the food in any form, young kids have their moral consciences twisted to believe that certain foods are healthy and

the rest are junk.

While it is understandable that continuous consumption of certain types of foods is injurious to health; the way society labels it as 'junk' needs to be changed. It's 2021 and it's time we started making sense.

Is Bitcoin the future of currency ?

Ayush Raj Singh

The human race has evolved a lot since the dawn of time, and so has the world of finance and currencies. And, the new talk of the town, is cryptocurrency, the new, blockchain-based currency, that promised to take the world into a whole new era of transactions, which would be monitored for the good. But has it been able to deliver, and will it be the currency of the future?

It all started in the year 1983, when the American cryptographer, David Chaum started a system, which he called ecash, when he implemented it in the year 1995 in the form of DigiCash, the world saw the crudest form of this new currency come to life.

His system necessitated the usage of user software to take cash from a bank and specify certain encryp-

tion keys before sending it to a receiver. Now, cut to 2021, the currency whose foundations were laid in the 80s, which is now about 4 decades ago, according to the numbers, is leading the world into the better place that it had promised to.

Between November 2011, and November 2021, as per the statistics published by Raynor de Best, there were 78.85 million blockchain wallet users worldwide. To add to this is the fact that starting from January 2009 up to October 2021, the size of the Bitcoin blockchain has grown from 0 to 360.02 gigabytes. All of this, when put together with numbers of other cryptocurrencies and the impact that they have had, really puts into perspective the impact that this so-called 'fad' of the 80s has brought the world to.

Right now, there are over seven and a half thousand



An Illustrative representation of a bitcoin

(Source : Forbes)

cryptocurrencies in circulation, which only shows the way in which these currencies have been rising.

So far, El Salvador stands to be the only country where cryptocurrencies are a legal tender. In India too, the currency remains in a grey area, of being barely legal to be traded freely, but in

enough shade, to not become a full-fledged means of transactions. As far as the recent developments go, things stay pretty unclear, but given the situation is developing, shows that the government is also taking note of their presence. The rise of Dogecoin, and its subsequent growth into a pop culture phenomenon, as proven by the num-

bers from Google, showing that the peak popularity of the coin was in cities like Ghaziabad and Mira Bhayandar, instead of the metropolitan hubs in India, is proof enough that cryptocurrency has come to stay in our lives for a long time.

Europe's border crisis escalates



Migrants shifted to Belarus workhouse. (Source: Reuters)

Bhavana Kurup

The migrant crisis at the Belarus – Poland border has intensified as political play overpowers human rights. The European Union, US, UK and the UN have called for immediate action to ensure safety and to prevent violation of human rights of the migrants.

The EU has accused Alexander Lukashenko, President of Belarus, of instigating a flow of migrants from the Middle East towards the Poland border and believes he is violating migrant rights by denying them safe passage at the border. More than two thousand migrants from Iraq, Syria,

Afghanistan and Africa are believed to be detained at the border. There is a lack of food, proper shelter and security for the stranded migrants as they struggle to get past the border. The ordeal began after The EU opposed authoritarian president Lukashenko's sixth term in office, stating that the elections were rigged.

The EU's attempts at repressing Lukashenko's reign pushed him to encourage migrants from the Middle East to enter EU countries using Belarusian tourist visas. An estimated 41,000 migrants have already entered Lithuania illegally via Belarus as of this year.

In response to the massive flow of migrants, Lithuania and Poland have tightened border security and have set up tent camps. Earlier this week, more migrant groups gathered at the Poland border and were stopped by the Warsaw riot police.

The situation escalated and eventually led to a crackdown which left many migrants injured. Journalists and reporters on duty have also reported acts of aggression against them by Polish security. Aljazeera photo reporter Maciej Moskwa stated that security forces at the border interrogated and handcuffed him after he was detained for 3 hours.

The EU has announced plans to impose another round of sanctions against Belarus and aims to solve the migrant crisis at the border immediately.

Sources: News.UN.Org, Indian Express

Australia aims to vaccinate children under 12 against COVID-19 from January



Photo of a Vaccine Center (Source : Reuters)

Sanchita Mukherjee

After becoming one of the most vaccinated nations across the globe, Australia now aims at vaccinating children under the age of 12. As informed by the health minister, medical regulators are reviewing the health and safety data for the vaccinations for children between the ages of five and 11.

The country has successfully vaccinated

about 57.7% of children aged between 12-15. The country's high vaccination rates have led to the reopening of its international borders this month despite the outbreak of the Delta variant. The two largest cities- Sydney and Melbourne had a total of 1,100 infections reported. Yet, the numbers are far lower than those of many other developed nations.

The army lieutenant informed the media that the nation has successfully secured the required supplies and expect vaccinating children below the age of 12 by early January next year. The drug recommended by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention for use on children aged between 11-15 is Pfizer Inc (PFE.N)/BioNTech SE.

Sources: Global Times, Reuters

The fate of Sudan: What lies in store for the African nation amidst a military coup and rising tensions in the continent



People gather in the streets to protest the recent military takeover. (Source : CNN)

Dhruv Aiyappa

Ever since the Sudanese military overthrew the transitional government late into October, the country has been slowly crumbling into nothing but a state of chaos, violence and struggle. The coup in October brought down the government that was set up to monitor the delicate

transition into democratic rule after former autocrat Omar al-Bashir was ousted by popular public favour. Mass protests were being organized in the capital, Khartoum, and other places throughout the country. Thousands of pro-democracy protestors were rallying to oppose action taken by the Sovereign Council, Sudan's interim

governing body.

The protests broke out after coup leader General Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan reappointed himself as the head of the Sovereign Council. The protests were met with oppressive action by the police and the military. Claims that live ammunition and tear gas were used to disperse

after the most recent protests. Although the police deny such action was taken, tightening the neighbourhoods in and around Khartoum by paramilitary forces and statements from doctors suggest otherwise.

The headquarters was a key area where thousands of demonstrators camped in 2019 to pressure the military to remove Bashir.

The violence and chaos that has erupted ever since the military takeover have left the country in a state of turmoil. The United States, among other countries, has suspended military aid to Sudan while condemning the violence and demanding that the army reverse the coup. The

Sudanese Professionals Association and the Rebel Committees were the main organizers of the protests.

The Sudan Doctors Committee also backed the two groups responsible for the removal of Omar al-Bashir. Reports show living conditions deteriorating and people facing severe supply shortages amidst an almost full-scale economic crisis. With a supposed autocrat in charge, the economy in shambles, the country plunged into oppressive violence, and hope for democracy almost nowhere to be found, the fate of Sudan is indeed a pressing issue.

Source: Aljazeera, Reuters, BBC

Army colonel, along with family and four jawans killed in Manipur terror ambush

M Suriyaa

Manipur: On Saturday the banned People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) carried out the deadliest ambush in the northeast in six years, killing Col. Viplav Tripathi who was serving as the commanding officer of the 46 Assam Rifles, his wife, and their six-year-old son, as well as four paramilitary force personnel near the India-Myanmar border in Churachandpur district.

Around 10.30 a.m The convoy passed through Sehken village in Singngat sub-division when an IED exploded, setting up a torrent of indiscriminate fire from the forested hillside that killed the commanding officer, as well as his wife Anuja and son Abir. Suman Swargiari, Khatnei Kon-

yak, RP Meena, and Shyamal Das were the four additional members of the Assam Rifles killed in the ambush.

According to a defence source, the blast was aimed at the CO's car, and then the shooting began. Late in the evening, the PLA and MNPF published a joint statement claiming responsibility for the killings. In the militancy-ravaged region, the last such ambush on security troops took place in 2015, when 18 soldiers were killed in the Chandel district.

According to sources, Col Tripathi's convoy was targeted because he had lately increased monitoring in the area, making it more difficult for terrorists based in Myanmar to trav-

el in and out of the state. Another theory is that the state government's effort to build the Imphal-Behiang road, the state's link to Southeast Asia, in preparation for a second border trading point like Moreh, has alarmed the Manipur groups.

According to a defence source, Army Chief Gen M M Naravane was briefed on the attack and the operations are undertaken in the area to track down the perpetrators. To prevent them from fleeing into Myanmar, a tight eye is kept on the Myanmar border.

Sources: NDTV, TOI

Uttarakhand orders vigilance inquiry in Corbett case



Jim Corbett National Park

(Source: Indian Express)

Sanchita Mukherjee

After the illegal construction and felling of trees at the Corbett Tiger Reserve, the government of Uttarakhand has decided to conduct a vigilant investigation. The department investigates and submits the reports to ensure the officials responsible for the act are held accountable. Felling trees between Pakhrau Forest Rest House and Ka-

lagarh FRH led to a writ petition being filed in the Delhi High Court. The petition was filed by a committee of the National Tiger Conservation Authority on September 8th. Along with Indian Forest Officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi appointed as investigating officer, BK Gangte (Additional Principal Conserva-

tor of Forests) was appointed as the IO. On the grounds of Chaturvedi being nominated to head the probe.

Officer Gangte had denied conducting any enquiry. Citing the statements made by senior officials last week, Chaturvedi quit the probe.

Source: Indian Express, TOI

Startup saves the day during Chennai Rains



A water logged street in chennai.

(Source : Indian Express)

Rajasik Mukherjee

On Saturday, Chennai was spared rain for the first time in a week. However, the previous three days of severe rains reduced Kanyakumari district to its knees;

There are those who prepare meals, those who crunch data, and those who offer comfort to the bereaved. In a crisis, a city requires a wide range of assistance. Chennai's online and on-ground volunteers are back in action as the city experiences severe rains, armed with the knowledge gained from their relief work during the pandemic.

Paddle boats have been utilised by a fruit and vegetable delivery startup in Chennai to reach out to consumers in low-lying regions that have been flooded as a result of heavy rains this week.

The delivery astonished Anjali George, an engineering-turned-marketing professional in the Velacherry neighbourhood. She stated that she had no idea the delivery would take place despite the heavy rains.

According to the startup, there are no additional fees.

Sources : TOI, India Today

Communal parties can be compared to Islamic states

Yatika Choudhary

Mehbooba Mufti, the People's Democratic Party (PDP)'s president, made a dig at Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday, saying that any community groups that want to separate Hindus and Muslims may be equated to organisations like the Islamic State (IS). "Communal political parties are on par with the Islamic State in terms of murdering people in the name of religion and communalism," the former Chief Minister stated in Jammu. After remarking on former union minister Salman Khurshid's analogy in his latest book, Congress leader Azad called

such parallels "factually false and an exaggeration." Ms Mufti further said that The BJP and RSS had hijacked Hinduism and Hindutva. "I think it's not about Hindutva or Hinduism. The real Sanatan Dharma doesn't teach communalism. It's the RSS, the Jan Sangh and the BJP who are communalising the situation by making people fight all over the country." The true meaning of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is that the whole world is one family. "Hinduism and Hindutva teach us that and not what the BJP and the RSS profess."

Source: The Hindu, TOI

The Women's Forum of New York honours Celanese for attaining complete gender parity on corporate board



Official logo of Women's forum of New York

(Source : WFNy)

Asmi Sundru

Celanese was honoured by The Women's Forum of New York in its sixth biennial Breakfast of Corporate Champions Event (BCC) for accomplishing 55 per cent female representation on its board of directors. In 2021, 43 companies were independently honoured by the Women's Forum, ranging from the Standard & Poor's 500 and Fortune 1000 indexes that have achieved or surpassed 50 percent or more female representation on their respective corporate boards.

As a result, they earned special onstage recognition at the event.

It indicates the Forum's belief that change occurs faster when it is propelled from the top.

The initiative concentrates on company leadership, including CEOs, Directors, and Nominating and Governing Chairs, working to elevate the appointment of women with the extensive goal of fulfilling gender parity on corporate boards.

Chairman, President, and CEO of Celanese, Lori Ryerkerk, said that Celanese through the power of not only their chemistry and innovation but also their employees is distinctively placed to improve the world.

He also stated that The Women's Forum award was a testament to the effort Celanese has put forward over several years to enhance the diversity of their team.

Concluding his statement, Ryerkerk said that they were honoured by The Women's Forum's recognition of the vital role of Celanese leadership in expediting change to help make gender equity a business priority. Founded in 1974,

It is a network of women leaders representing the highest professional accomplishments across all business and industry sectors throughout New York City.

Source: BusinessWire, WFNy

Delhi pollution at an all-time high after Diwali festivities and stubble burning

Asmi Sundru

According to authorities, Delhi's air quality deteriorated negligibly on November 15, and no improvement is forecasted over the next three days. Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index was positioned at 353 at 4:00 pm on Monday. The stake of stubble burning in Delhi's pollution stood at 10 per cent on November 8, the lowest since Diwali.

A significant reduction in farm fires emissions had caused the Capital's 24-hour average AQI to go down from 437 on November 13 to 330 on November 14. On

November 13, a bench led by Chief Justice N V Ramana designated the increase in air pollution in the Delhi-NCR area an "emergency" situation and had asked the Centre and the Delhi government to take emergency actions to raise the air quality. The bench also said pollution is so atrocious that people are wearing masks inside their homes.

In the Supreme Court, the central government notified that the primary cause of pollution in Delhi was not stubble burning. It contributes to only 10 per cent of the Capital's dirty air.

The Supreme Court on Monday during the hearing asked the concerning states and centre to make some decisions

On Monday, November 15, the Delhi Government informed the SC that it was prepared to impose a total lockdown in Delhi to curb pollution. The Delhi government also suggested to the apex court that it would be essential if lockdown were implemented not just in Delhi but across NCR.

Sources: The Indian Express, Mint, News18

U.N. climate agreement clinched after late drama over coal

Raymon Sam

GLASGOW, Nov 14 - Even after last-minute objections by coal-reliant countries, the U.N climate talks ended on Saturday with a deal that targets fossil fuel for the first time as the key driver of global warming, John Kerry said. If it's a good negotiation, all the parties are uncomfortable, U.S. climate envoy said in the final meeting to approve the Glasgow Climate Pact. And this has been a good negotiation.

It was observed that commitments were still inadequate on the nations because they had to set more rigid standards for reducing climate-warming emissions. The Glasgow Deal allows nations to take a step forward to meet their climate targets

by buying offset credits that stand for emission cuts by others, potentially acquiring trillions of dollars for protecting forests, widening renewable energy and other projects to combat this environmental disaster.

Next year a U.N. Committee report will display the progress towards delivering \$100 billion in the promised climate funding. This is done after the rich nations failed to deliver on a 2020 deadline. The financial aspect of this will be further discussed in 2024 and 2026. While the Glasgow agreement laid out a pathway for addressing the issue by establishing a new secretariat dedicated to the case, vulnerable countries said that represented a bare minimum of acceptability.

Source: Reuters

Women Left Behind in the Entertainment World

Bhavana Kurup

Women are among the largest consumers of the entertainment industry around the world. According to recent studies women spend a significant chunk of their time (27 hours a week) consuming media and indulging in digital entertainment. Despite this, why are women still deprived of opportunities and safe spaces in the entertainment industry?

Gender issues have always existed in the world of entertainment. In recent times these gender issues have been addressed and brought into light after many years of concealment. From the "Me Too" movement to Inclusion rider, various events sprung across the world and started the conversations, yet not enough change has happened internally. Recent research has shown that women are able to find occupations and

create stable environments for themselves within the entertainment industry. But many of them still experience hostile workplaces and remain under the grip of gender inequality. Factors such as gender discrimination, stereotypes against women and gender pay disparity hinder the chances of women occupying senior positions in the industry. Furthermore, the day to day experiences of women in the entertainment industry are worse than men. Many of them face unwanted advances, judgments by different standards than men and a lack of faith in their abilities.

As society and media progresses, entertainment industries must also work on reformation and creation of better opportunities for women.

Sources: Business Line, Economic Times

Australia lifts their first WT20 title



Team Australia after their win in Dubai (Source : ICC)

Rajasik Mukherjee

Coming to the tournament on the back of five straight T20 bilateral series defeats, Australia rose from the ruins to lift their maiden T20 World Cup.

Mitch Marsh's heroic helped Australia comfortably chase down a total of 172, termed "above par" by pundits from all around. The pair of Marsh and Warner stitched a 92 partnership which gave Australia total control. When Boult removed Warner, there were hopes in the Kiwi dressing room but Glenn Maxwell with his quickfire 28 put cold water on a Blackcaps comeback.

Australia started well in the first innings, with Hazlewood drawing first blood for the Kangaroos and removing Daryl Mitchell in the process. Just when it looked like it

would get all too easy for the yellows, Williamson hit back scoring fastest fifty in a WT20 final (recorded broken by Mitch Marsh later in the game). Williamson's elegance combined with supporting knocks of his fellow Blackcaps powered New Zealand to a respectable total of 172. The Australians, with their attacking approach proved finals are not played but are won.

David Warner, questioned by everyone coming into the tournament received the player of tournament award, while Mitch Marsh was announced Man of the Match. Babar Azam and Wanindu Hasaranga finished with most runs and wickets respectively in the tournament.

Sources : ICC, ESPN

F1 TITLE RACE AT BRAZIL



Max Verstappen driving his Red Bull in Brazil

(Source : Autosport)

Dhruv Aiyappa

São Paulo: Lewis Hamilton made up for an overall 25 place grid penalty that included a penalty for a new power unit plus a disqualification based on technical infringement to go on and win the Brazilian Grand Prix. The British driver remains 14 points behind championship rival Max Verstappen. Ending the rather dramatic race week on a high, Mercedes lay adrift of challengers Red Bull by a mere eleven points in the constructors' championship.

The Red Bull duo of Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez looked on point to claim

a 1-2 win at the Interlagos but had to see their plans hindered by the efforts of Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas. Hamilton's resurgent charge from P10 on the grid soon saw him behind race leader Verstappen. As the battle for P1 ensued, the fans present there certainly got what they came for with both drivers showing their mettle and why either one of them deserved to be world champion.

The Mercedes driver drove on and managed to retain his position at P1 till the end, thus claiming his 101st Formula 1 victory. His partner at Mercedes, Valtteri

Bottas also had a good run and managed to stay ahead of Red Bull's Sergio Perez, who was running in P4. The Mercedes 1-3 result gave the team the advantage in the constructors' championship going into Qatar.

With just three races left on the calendar and the top contenders vying for the constructors and drivers championships separated by a marginal difference, the stakes have never been higher. The next three races will prove to be the deciding point in one of the closest championship battles for driver and team in the turbo-hybrid era.

Source : Autosport , Sky F1

Rise of alcoholism in teens

Yatika Choudhary

The most common substance consumed by teenagers is alcohol. They drink more than they consume marijuana or smoke cigarettes. Just like adults, teenagers can get addicted to alcohol. Teenagers, on the other hand, consume alcohol in a very different way than adults. Adolescents don't drink nearly as much as adults, but binge drinking accounts for a significant portion of their consumption.

Binge drinking affects the still-developing teenage brain. Teens that binge drink may suffer from

cognitive impairment, concentration problems, and memory problems in the long run. Teenagers and adults have varied drinking habits, and their motives for drinking are also diverse. Consuming alcohol throughout adolescence increases the risk of adult or teen alcoholism.

To begin with, youths may drink as a result of peer pressure and a desire to blend in with the crowd. Second, emotional discomfort or undetected mental problems combined with a lack of coping tools might lead to drinking for reasons such as loneliness, despair,

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Alcohol addiction can cause problems with speech or coordination, a decline in academic achievement, changing your social circles, low amounts of energy, interest in activities waning. While these indications do not necessarily imply an alcohol issue, they are red signals to look out for.

Source : India Today, TOI

movie reviews



(Source: WB)

Denis Villeneuve has established himself as one of our generation's most admired filmmakers thanks to a succession of excellent films over the last decade. Villeneuve enjoys working on a grand scale, but with a miniaturist's attention to tiny detail, he brings the vast world of Frank Herbert to screen beautifully.

The audience was taken to another planet by these real, huge landscapes. The cameras made the deserts not only appear boundless but also feel infinite. The incomprehensibly vast and awe-inspiring environment/camera work made this a monumental film. This is only the beginning of Villeneuve's groundbreaking piece.

Despite taking far too many cinematic liberties, the picture almost managed to stay true to its roots, the non-linear storytelling however fails to draw the audience's sympathy towards the characters.

The stunning body language and crazy mannerisms pulled out by Chacko is genuinely a treat to watch among all the other poorly written characters.

The detailed sets of Madras and Bombay in the 70s were finely crafted.

Kurup has more style over substance. The movie is filled with swag moments for the fanboys to cherish. It is definitely a visual treat to witness but only on big screens.



(Source: IMDb)