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Rajyotsava preparations in Udupi are in full swing

Dylan Kaveriappa

Udupi, Oct 26 (K.W): Minister of State for Energy, Kannada, and Culture, V Sunil Kumar, has called on district officials to take necessary steps to perform songs like 'Kannadada shreshtate yannu saaruva baarisu', 'jogada siri belakinalli', and 'huttidare kannada naadalli huttabeku', from October 28th at 11 am.

The Minister had a video conference with all the state officials today and provided instructions. He said that the program must be organized at major tourist destinations in all districts. He instructed to organize this event not only as a government event, but with the participation of all public and association organizations as well. He suggested



A digital meeting was held on the upcoming Rajyotsava celebration

that the entire show must be filmed through drone and video cameras with a systematic recording of the entire non-participating population.

They were asked to not make any speech at the beginning of the program, and

to conclude at 10.45 pm. He added that along with these three songs, other songs portraying the importance and culture of Kannada and Kannadigas should also be sung. He also said, after singing, the program should end with an oath-taking re-

garding the usage of the language.

The Minister also said that special programs would be organized at the airport front, metro, auto rickshaw stands, KSRTC bus stands, malls, residential complexes, state border, border dis-

tricts and border areas.

Naveen Bhatt, chief administrative officer and district panchayat chief assured that major tourist attractions of Udupi district including the entrance of Sri Krishna Math, Malpe Sea Walk, Boat in Malpe Sea, Kapu Lighthouse, Padubidri Blue Flag Beach, Kollur Temple Front, Karkala Gommata Hill and all the panchayats, regional offices of the Rashtriya Banks in the district and all government offices have already taken steps to conduct the program.

Deputy Commissioner Sadashiva Prabhu, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Kumara Bekkeri, and various other officials were present.

Udupi district panchayat focuses on environmental cleanliness.

Prerna Priti

An initiative is taken up by the district panchayat Chief operating officer of Udupi for conserving our environment and keeping the ambiance hygienic. By taking forward this vision, Naveen Bhatt has inaugurated a nine km clean-up jatha program in Kodibettu Gram Panchayat of Udupi district.

On this occasion, Naveen Bhatt expressed his concern for the environment by emphasizing keeping it clean and becoming an example to others. He also highlighted the prominence of properly ensuring the disposal of solid and liquid wastes.

Indulging in a conversation with Kapu MLA Lalaji

R Mendon, he brought to light the fact and the importance of prioritizing waste disposal and incorporating the concept of clean India with the cooperation from the public.

The active target of the Clean-India mission is universal coverage on sanitation and hygiene and uplift all the practices which promise the same. It focuses on the eradication of harmful practices like open defecation all over the country. To lead a healthy, disease-free lifestyle these steps, will be advantageous in the long run. To dispose of wastes suitable for the environment, the government should use the

resources available and do it effectively. Citizens also need to contribute to the initiative and support it.

Sadashiva Prabhu, Additional District Collector, Srinivasa Rao, Chief Planning Officer of District Panchayat, Wilfred D'Souza, District Youth Officer of Nehru Youth Center, Dr. Ravindra Borkar, Kodibettu village panchayat president, vice president, PDO, panchayat members also attended the inauguration function.

It is essential to debunk myths and misconceptions associated with the practices that are damaging to society and spread awareness in this regard.

Bhramavara Sugar Factory to bring hope to the farmers near to them

Abhigyan Fanasia

About 150 villages in and around Bhramavara has been recognized, and plans are being made to distribute the seeding to plant sugarcane on approximately 2000 acres of fields this season, bringing hope to the farmers in the district as Bhramavara cooperative sugar factory is coming back to action after being shut down in 2004.

Baikady Suprasad Shetty stated that the revival plan will help the farmers of the region to increase their income prospects, and PM Modi's ambitious plan for 20 percent blending of petrol with ethanol (for clean

energy) by 2025.

Shetty said that he met Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje, recently and requested her for provisional approval to start producing 60 Kilo liters of ethanol per day. Growing sugarcane will be done in 10000 acres of land in the district. He also plans to open auxiliary units like warehouses for storing vegetables, fruits grown by farmers, coconut oil mill in 110 acres of land in BCSE.

Sources said that growing sugarcane on this vast area of 2000 acres would begin in the first week of November.

Udupi DC looking forward to emphasize tourism potential

Prerna Priti

To harness the potential of the tourism sector, the district administration of Udupi has planned to set up a virtual 3D venue to offer tourists major destinations without travelling.

Udupi DC M. Kurma Rao stated to a spokesperson that if there can be significant level of implementation of 3D tourism, it will be beneficial to those tourists

who get to visit only one or two places in Udupi during a short visit.

Rao has also asserted that a three-acre site of the port department near Kaup lighthouse might be modified into a tourism destination.

DC instructed to submit a Proposal of the agreement to allocate the land. He emphasized identifying and

recognizing all the important tourist destinations in the five assembly segments so that their development could be initiated. For this process, trained tourist guides are to be appointed.

To boost tourism in Kayaking, an activity involving moving through the water with the help of a double-bladed paddle, the department should look for

institutions that have expertise in them.

If the region falls under the coastal regulation zone (CRZ), the tourism department has to seek permission from the environment department.

While DC was announcing these measures to tap potential into the tourism section, Zilla panchayat chief executive officer

Y Naveen Bhat, additional deputy commissioner J Sadashiva Prabhu, and tourism department's Clifford Lobo attended the meeting.

Source: The Times of India, The Hindu

Udupi is all set to welcome class 1-5 students

Aakhash Bharathy

Udupi district has decided to resume offline classes for standard 1 to 5. The on-campus classes will be adhering to Covid-19 protocols. All classrooms have been sanitised, and the teachers are vaccinated. Schools have been instructed to strictly follow social distancing and teach students in small groups comprising 20 students at a time; masks have been made compulsory for students. Taluk-level meetings have been organised



Mask mandates implemented. Source: Firstpost

with all school heads and education department officials. They have been asked to prioritise students' safety.

The plan is to hold classes for half a day, till the end of the month and full-day classes will begin from 2nd

November. The district has eight schools in total with more than 500 students, of which two are primary and six are high school, and since space could be a constraint, the teachers have been directed to make use of corridors.

The officials will be visiting the schools to keep a check if every rule is being followed, and they have been asked to visit five schools a week. Reviewing of teaching methods in schools will

also take place to examine the performance of the students. Students who are lagging in their studies must be identified and given extra attention.

Attending offline classes is not compulsory, they can attend classes only with their parent's consent. The DDPI said online classes would continue.

Source: The Times of India, Indian Express

Child Labour survey to start from Nov 1: DC Kurma Rao

Akshara Acharya

Child labour survey to start from Nov 1, orders DC Kurma Rao.

On Oct 23, the DC's office passed the order to survey child labour in town.

In the meeting conducted on Friday, DC Kurma Rao took the initiative to state how labour laws need to be changed and this is a barrier to the growth and healthy development of children. He also pushed for the entire system to be discarded. Knowing the possibilities of



Children forced to earn during COVID. Source: UNICEF

child laborers in areas such as industries, hotels and restaurants, stone quarries and gravel crushers, DC or-

dered to run a survey in all these areas from Nov 1, in the district simultaneously, and to be hand-in the re-

ports before the month-end. He also mentioned that the officers in all the areas are supposed to lend a hand and co-operate with this survey.

In November, all the officers are supposed to present the gathered information regarding child labour in the child commission meeting. Officers are laced in charge of rescuing child labourers and sheltering them. On notice of child labour in any area, the officer in charge is supposed to take the or-

dered actions by the DC. No matter the dangerous or non-dangerous working-area, child labour must be completely banned, making the village child-labor-free. Officer Sadashiv Prabhu, deputy secretary of Zilla panchayat, Kiran Padnekar, village labour officer Kumar, and other officers were present in the meeting.

Source: Deccan Herald, Udayavani

Make the right choice- your guide to different clubs in Manipal

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Clubs have always played an essential part in your college life. As they helped us to learn things that we never knew that we could. They even helped us make a family far from home in this new independent world of ours. The memories you make in a club are something you will never forget.

So here is a list of clubs you guys can join.

(1) **MAFIA**- Music And Fine Arts club is one of the most significant cultural clubs under Manipal University. The club provides a platform for college kids to explore their talents within the fields of Music, Dance and Fine Arts. IG: @mafia.

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(2) **Manipal the talk network/ MTTN**- It is an independent media organization run entirely by students in Manipal with a passion for creating memories, sharing stories and showcasing our Manipal experience. It's the leading media organization in Manipal.IG: @manipal-thetalk

(3) **The Manipal Journal**- It was the first independent news agency to be formed in Manipal. They specialize in topics of current affairs, politics and therefore the activities of the school. IG: themanipaljournal_

(4) **Kalamanch**- The dramatics & performing arts

club of Manipal Institute of Communication. IG: @kalamanchkekalakar

(5) **HER Campus at Manipal**- The Manipal chapter of the first-ever online magazine dedicated to school women found its roots in Manipal very recently. It provides women with a chance to seek out an equal platform to explore their love for journalism IG: @hcm Manipal

There is a club for everyone in Manipal. The recruitments for the clubs are starting soon, and this guide should give you an idea of which club you might want to join.

“Rakt Dana, Maha Dana” says VC, MAHE

Aadya Arora

The inauguration of the digital platform ‘Sociio Ichor’ was launched by HS Ballal, Pro-Chancellor of MAHE, which took place in Manipal on 23rd October 2021. An association of students from Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), in alliance with students at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), came up with the aim to connect donors to the patients in need of blood.

Patients who need blood and plasma can also display live requests on this platform. The idea was to connect to the patients in need. Potential donors can register themselves. Donors’ and receivers’ digital privacy are well kept in mind. The team envisages to start from Manipal and spread across the nation and implement blood delivery system in its



Inauguration of the ceremony-
Source: PRO, MAHE

future.

During the launch of the platform, Lt. General MD Venkatesh, Vice-Chancellor, MAHE, expressed, “There is a saying in Kannada that goes “Rakt Dana, Maha Dana”, which translates to “There is nothing greater than donating blood. It is heartening to see the students of MIT of the Team Sociio Ichor has conceptualized and has already put this platform in action. I am sure this will be looked up to and adopted by many other students and social groups,

becoming a movement that revolutionizes blood donation and makes a huge difference in the entire nation.”

The event was also graced by Registrar, MAHE - Narayana Sabhahit, Director of MIT - Commander Dr Anil Rana, Medical Superintendent, KMC - Dr Avinash Shetty, Associate Dean of KMC - Dr Anil Bhat, HoD of Immunohematology, KMC - Shamee Shastry, Director of Student Affairs, MAHE - Geetha Maiya, Director of PR & Media Cell - SP Kar, Chief Innovation Officer - Arun Shanbhag, Joint Director, MIT - Somashankara Bhat, Faculty Advisor - Alapati Vittaleswar, along with other notables.

Sources: Directorate of PR, Media & Social Media Cell of Manipal

KMC organises International Infection Prevention Week

Abhigyan Fanasia



Honorary attendees of IIPW. Source: PRO, MAHE

In association with nursing services, the Hospital Infection Control Committee (HICC) organized IIPW from 18th to 23rd October 2021 to spread knowledge about Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) among healthcare workers.

International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW) started to give importance to health and prevent the transmission of infection we move forward towards it. Many speakers highlighted the fact that infection control is not a one-man show; instead, it is a team effort.

A webinar was conducted, where speakers from different countries, including the USA, Malaysia, and India, participated and shared their views on infection control. As a part of IIPW, various events were organized like roleplay for patients and their relatives, Quiz competitions for the housekeeping staff, case presentations for nurses and technicians on Infection Control. Awards and certificates were provided to the winners and participants of various events.

More than 100 participants from various departments, including the doctors, nurses, and other health care providers, were present at the venue.

The Chief Guest of the event was Lt General M D Venkatesh, Vice-Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education. He inaugurated IPC PRIMER, a PG certification course, and appreciated the multi-faceted approach by HICC.

Dr Anil K Bhat, Associate Dean of Kasturba Medical College also appreciated the efforts and initiatives taken by HICC and the Department of Nursing Services.

Dr Muralidhar Varma, Chairperson of HICC, summarized IIPW and the journey of HICC at Kasturba Hospital, Manipal. Padma Rani, Director and Professor at MIC collaborated with HICC to make an educational video about infection prevention and control.

Dr Avinash Shetty, Medical Superintendent of Kasturba Hospital, welcomed and addressed the gathering. Dr P Suba Sooria, Head of Nursing Services, KMC Manipal delivered the vote of thanks.

KMC was the first university hospital in India to introduce HICC in 2002. And take immense pride in successfully organizing these events on the occasion of IIPW.

The Real Culprit Behind Gender Based Wage Gap in Sports

Arjun Arun

A crucial issue that gets addressed while talking about sports globally is the massive difference between the salaries of men and women in the sporting world. This problem has plagued every major sporting association since the inception of professional women's teams in sports. While people would have you believe that it's unequal pay for equal work, the problem runs deeper than that.

Taking basketball, for example, The NBA's lowest-paid athlete makes four times the salary of the highest-paid WNBA athlete. Basketball is one of the worst sports when it comes to the issue of a wage gap between men and women. Several analysts and fans attribute this to being purely an issue of skill and the male basketball players being better than their female counterparts. But the sport of football is proof of why this



US women's football team. Source : ESPN.com

thought process might be wrong. Historically, the US Women's Football team has been more successful than the Men's Football team, yet the players face a drastic difference in the final paycheck.

To look at the real culprit, we need to focus on who pays these players. The teams that have signed them pay a contractually agreed amount to each player for

the duration of the contract. This makes it so that each team must pay a total amount every year as contracts. Additionally, team owners need to pay for the stadium/arena that their team calls home. Therefore, to pay for all of this, the team needs to make money from somewhere.

Sponsorships and advertisements are the primary sources of income for most

teams, along with ticket sales. In football, a bigger market team like Manchester City draws in more money via sponsors and tickets compared to a team like Southampton. This is almost universally how it goes in all team sports. The advertisers care more about how many people watch a particular team than how successful the said team is. Case in point, Manchester United. Although way past its glory days, United, a now top of the midfield team, makes more money than West Ham, who finished higher than them last season. To prove that this is the primary cause, we can look at individual sports like badminton or tennis, where the wage gap is lower, or in most cases, non-existent. PV Sindhu, one of India's elite badminton players, is the highest-paid Indian badminton player. While Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying, the

highest-ranked women's badminton player, is the third highest-paid badminton player globally.

These statistics show that how talent has very little to do with how much a star gets paid. The total amount of viewers that see these games directly correlates with the amount each team makes. If the WNBA or the Women's FIFA world cup brings in more viewership one day, the scale will tip towards their side. From the perspective of the advertisers, it does not matter who plays in a particular sport; all that matters is how many viewers that player or team can bring in. If you feel like a particular sport needs to have gender parity in pay, the best place to start is by watching that team play on television or in person.

India creates a significant milestone on 100 crore COVID vaccine doses

Snigdha Manimoolle

India scripted history last Thursday by carrying out 100 crores COVID 19 vaccination doses- accomplished in just nine months after the COVID 19 vaccination program rollout began on the 19th of January. India became the fastest country to reach the 100 crore milestone and the second country to achieve this feat.

For a country with a population of 138 crores, this is a significant achievement. An outstanding factor of this vaccination program is that it targeted adults. Many vaccination programs have happened in India, but the target for those vaccines was children or infants. This vaccination drive was the first massive universal adult vaccination program

by India. But doing the vaccination drive amid April and May during the second wave is something remarkable.

The immunization drive only became possible by vaccine manufacturers, the Serum of India and Bharat Biotech. There were a few problems with the vaccine at the beginning because there was a shortage of vaccination, but now they are excessively available. If Serum Institute did not start manufacturing the vaccines beforehand and the Bharat Biotech did not produce the native vaccine with IC-MAR, India would have to wait for the vaccine supply from other countries. Also, the outcome of the second wave would have been more

disastrous.

The grand milestone would not have been achieved without the hard-working health care workers. If the health care workers, who were the first to get vaccinated, were hesitant, the adult group would not have been confident about the vaccine.

So while this huge milestone should be celebrated, we should not lose sight of the bigger goal. By the end of this year, India plans to vaccinate 70-80% of the adult population. 75% of the eligible adults are vaccinated with one dose, while only 30% are fully vaccinated. Vaccination with two doses is a must to increase the protection. Efforts are being made right now to increase

the pace of the second dose of vaccine.

There have been discussions on booster doses to fight the COVID 19. We need to vaccinate ourselves with a booster dose every year. And it is also essential that people and the government know that this is one of the weapons to defeat COVID 19. If the other weapons like wearing masks and social distancing ourselves are not followed along with vaccination, the cases might start again.

The current situation is going to be a new normal, and we as a country need to get used to it as COVID 19 won't be going away anytime soon.

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Protests Throughout Pakistan to Force Government to Release Rizvi

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The TLP (Tehreek-e-Labbaik) workers, across the nation have been holding protests against the current government. This has been due to Prime Minister Imran Khan refusing to release party chief Saad Hussain Rizvi. The TLP is a far-right Islamic extremist political party in Pakistan, founded by Khadim Hussain Rizvi in August 2016.

The current protests in Pakistan resulted from Khadim Hussain Rizvi's son, Saad Hussain Rizvi's, arrest. At least two policemen were killed during these clashes between protesters and riot police in Lahore, and several protesters were injured.

Since April, Saad Hussain Rizvi has been held in custody when he led protests calling for the expulsion of the French ambassador to Pakistan over comments by French President Emmanuel Macron defending the right of the press to publish cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad. Such depictions are considered

blasphemous by some Muslims.

More than 10,000 Islamists camped between Muridke and Gujranwala along the GT Road, a 35km to 80km stretch from Lahore. They handed the Pakistan Government Tehreek-e-Insaf, a two-day ultimatum to release their party chief Rizvi and expel the French ambassador or face sit-in in Islamabad.

A day after successful negotiations between the government and banned outfit Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), 350 TLP activists were released from various jails in Punjab. The Opposition parties and the proscribed outfit had staged separate protests in multiple cities of the country, resulting in a partial shutdown of Islamabad, Lahore, and Rawalpindi.

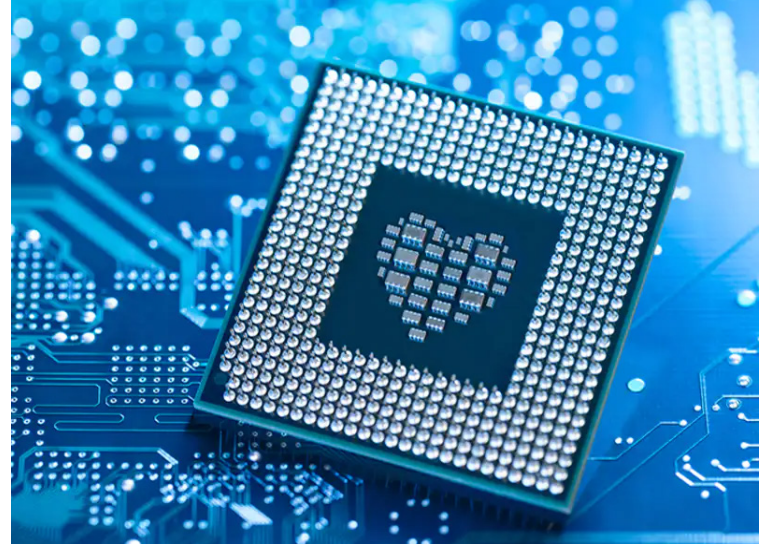
Sources: Indian Express, Times Now, The Hindu and The South Asian Times

The Chips are Down: A Snowballing Global Crisis

Kabir Dweit

Amidst a global pandemic, the world has been hit by a new crisis- a shortage of semiconductors or computer chips. This shortage has led to a massive supply crunch globally, impacting most major industries that rely on electronics, from motors to gaming. To quote some examples- General Motors (GM) recently announced its decision to discontinue the production of their EV, Chevy Bolt, and Renault has also cut its output by 500,000 cars.

There are various reasons why the ongoing shortage has become a crisis. The pandemic is the simplest answer to give but is only the tip of the iceberg. While demand for electronics has risen due to a lockdown-induced change in lifestyles, the supply of semiconductors has not matched the surge. This has also driven the price of electronics up. The production of these chips is a time-consuming and water-intensive process, usually taking months, and orders are placed well in



Shortage expected to last till 2022. Source : Marketplace

advance. With most companies expecting a slump in demand and canceling their orders, this has led to a backlog of orders once demand rose.

To make matters worse, Taiwan, the world's leading manufacturer of computer chips, is experiencing the worst drought in its history, leading to a paucity of water for production. Compounding the issue is the slowdown of freight-based transportation, the backbone of economic logistics, and the shipping industry's labor shortage.

With both the production being delayed and the supply chain breakdown, this chip shortage is expected to continue until late 2022, leading to massive global losses for industries. Some auto manufacturers are looking into reducing their dependency on chips in their vehicles. In the long run, reliance on computer chips across the board cannot be eliminated entirely, which is why this shortage has evolved into an unprecedented catastrophe.

Sources: Marketplace, BBC

Tensions Growing In Sudan as New Government is Set to Take Over

Dylan Kaveriappa



Abdel Fattah al-Burhan Source : Al Jazeera

Amidst the growing tensions between the generals and the pro-democracy movement, Sudanese pro-military protesters backed up major roads and bridges in the capital, Khartoum, on

24th October 2021. Security forces were required to fire tear gas to disperse the protesters. The pro-democracy movement in question fuelled the uprising against the former president and

military officer, Omar al-Bashir.

In December 2018, street protests began in Sudan and were subsequently followed by civil disobedience for the better part of a year. In 2019, President Omar al-Bashir was deposed in the Sudanese coup d'état after thirty years in power. Until August 2019, Sudan was under the Transitional Military Council (TMC) leadership, which replaced al-Bashir. The TMC then transferred executive power to a mixed military-civilian collective head of state, the Sovereignty Council of Sudan, a civilian prime minister, Abdalla Hamdok, and a primarily

civilian cabinet.

Last month, the mostly civilian leadership of Sudan faced a military coup attempt. Al-Bashir's loyalists were blamed for the move. However, the generals turned to the civilian part of the government and accused politicians of seeking government posts rather than helping ease people's economic suffering. Pro-democracy protesters took to the streets across the country last Thursday to reject the proposal of General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan to dissolve Hamdok's government. General al-Burhan believes that the ongoing political conflict could be

resolved by doing so.

In a meeting with his cabinet earlier this month, PM Hamdok was met by rallying pro-military protesters attempting to storm the cabinet headquarters. They came voicing the demands of Burhan. They were dispersed by Sudanese security with tear gas.

The tensions arose just weeks before a scheduled change of the leadership on the ruling sovereign council from the military to civilians, according to the constitutional declaration that established the joint government in August 2019.

Sources: Al Jazeera, Reuters

NDPS- THE LAW AND THE FLAW

Kabir Dweit

With the case of Aryan Khan, the NDPS Act (Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985) has shot to prominence in the news. In accordance with the Act, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has accused Khan of 'conscious possession,' and he has been denied bail, pending a court hearing.

The hearing has led to sections of the Act coming under strong scrutiny. Irrespective of whether the person possessed the drug or not, their direct involvement in the matter or motives, this Act treats an alleged coconspirator as a perpetrator, and pun-

ishment is meted out accordingly. This part justifies 'conscious possession'- as Khan was with a friend who was in possession of the drug, Khan himself is considered an involved party. Thus, he is one of the accused meant to stand trial without the NCB assessing his intent or motives.

However, this on its own does not suffice for the denial of bail. Section 37 only considers an offense non-bailable if it involves offenses such as financial drug trafficking explicitly or if there is a 'commercial quantity of drugs involved. In Aryan Khan's case, where his friend only had a 'small

quantity' (as defined by the Act), one of the other accused, referred to as Accused No.9, was found in possession of a 'commercial quantity' of a synthetic drug. Consequently, Khan has been drawn under the umbrella of a trafficking conspiracy and denied bail.

At the time of writing this report, the bail hearing is ongoing and pending.

The murky nature of this Act and the potential misuse has sparked intense debate, with the Aryan Khan case being the spark that has lit the powder keg.

Source: The Hindu, The Quint

Sea Trials of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier VIKRANT

Aakash Bharathy

The second sea trial began with the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC)- VIKRANT, designed by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design (DND), getting built

'Atma Nirbhar Bharat,' with more than 76% indigenous content. This is the main attempt of the Indian navy and Cochin shipyard to design and build an airport carrier indigenously.

machinery operation, ship navigation, and survivability. It has a top speed of around 28 knots and a cruising speed of 18 knots. A fixed-wing and rotary aircraft can be lodged in the



INS Vikrant. Source: Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

at the Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), it is a Public sector Shipyard under The Ministry of Shipping.

According to the Defence Ministry, this is a noteworthy milestone and a historical event. Reaching this turning point is significant as they have managed to achieve it by defeating the current pandemic challenges.

IAC is a leading example of the national quest for

The aircraft carrier is 262m long, the widest part is 62m, and has a height of 59m, including the superstructure. There are fourteen decks in total, including five in the superstructure. It has over 2300 compartments designed for a crew of around 1700, including distinctive cabins to accommodate woman officers.

The design of Vikrant focused on a very high standard of automation for

ship.

The INS Vikrant has been tested in the harbour before the sea trials phase in November 2020. Though the commencement of first sea travels was delayed due to the 2nd wave of Covid, they successfully made the first trial in August 2021. And now, in October 2021, they began their second trial in Cochin, Kerala.

Source: Mathrubhumi, The Hindu

Why do we celebrate Kittur Utsava?



Statue of Chennamma outside Bangalore Town Hall

Source: Flickr

Dylan Kaveriappa

Kittur Chennamma was born on the 23rd of October, 1778. She ruled as the Queen of a princely state in Karnataka called Kittur. She was a member of the Lingayat community and received combat training from a young age. She was a skilled archer and could also easily hold her own with a blade. She was one of the first female rulers to fight against British rule.

At the age of 15, Chennamma married Raja Mallasarja of the Desai family. In 1824, tragedy struck as her husband died, leaving her with a son and a volatile state to rule. Later that same year, her son also passed. She was left with the nearly impossible task of maintaining the independence of Kittur from the British.

In 1824, Chennamma adopted Shivalingappa and made him heir to the throne. This caused problems with the East India Company on the pretext of the Doctrine of Lapse. This doctrine was based on the idea that if the ruler of an independent state died childless, the right of ruling the State reverted or 'lapsed' to the sovereign.

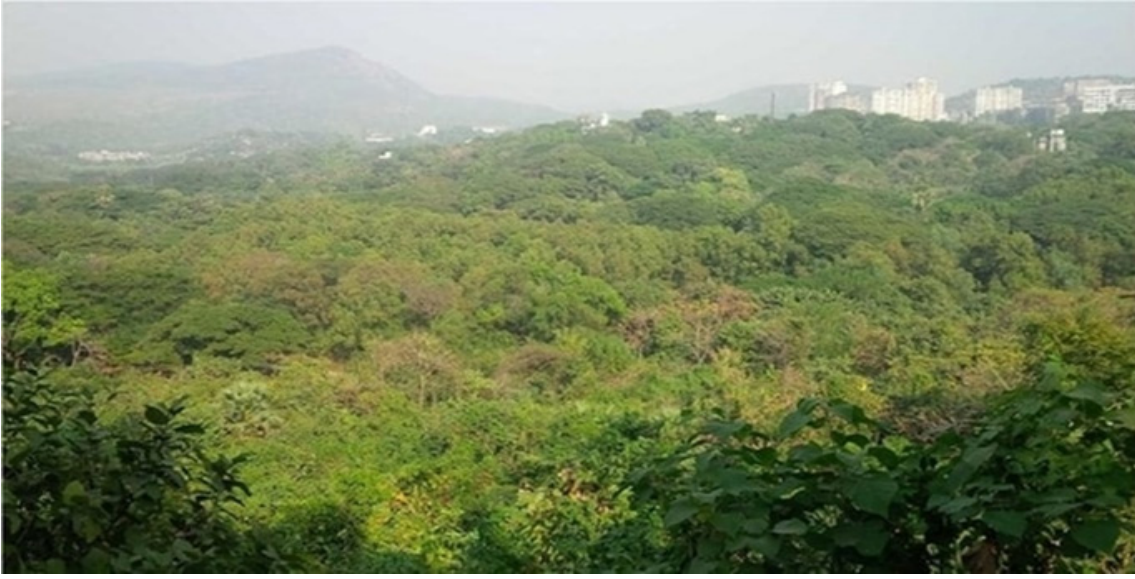
When the British first came for Kittur, they suffered a heavy loss. Hoping to end the war, Chennamma released two British officers in the spirit of goodwill. However, the British only retaliated with greater force. Chennamma fought bravely but was eventually captured and imprisoned at Balihonagal Fort.



Chennamma died in prison on February 2nd, 1829. Kittur was lost to the British, but the story of Rani Chennamma, as she was called by the locals, is still commemorated in Kittur from the 22nd to the 24th of October during Kittur Utsava.

Sources: Asiatic Journal, The Hindu

The Centre to Root 400 city forests across India



Two million hectares of trees cut down in the last year. Source: Hindustan Times

Stacey Lilian

The Centre had devised a plan to establish 400 city forests throughout the country to improve vegetation cover in urban cities, the union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey said on Friday.

Choubey further added that a 'Nagar van' (city forest) would also be developed in the Ramban district of Jammu & Kashmir, which would be a part of the development initiatives in the district. The minister also said that it would be his honor to dedicate these development projects as a

birthday present to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Choubey stated that the Centre is also working to inculcate an ecologically sustainable attitude in children, and to aid the process, it is planning to establish nurseries in educational structures.

Choubey also said that the residents who live in and around forest regions are the true guardians of the forest. The Centre is deliberating framing a more liberalized Forest Rights Act to ensure the growth and con-

servation of the forests.

Choubey made the comments while talking with the Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) and the public. The minister further elucidated that the primary goal of the public outreach program is to visit citizens at their doorsteps to meet their developmental requirements and that the Centre is eager to attend to the holistic development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sources: Hindustan Times and Indian Express

Biden Administration's National Strategy to achieve Gender Equity

Aadya Arora

The Biden Administration presented the country's first-ever national gender equity and equality strategy on Friday. By tackling the fundamental barriers to women's development in the United States and overseas, the plan stated ambitious targets to assist women in attaining parity with men in the United States and beyond.

The President's formation of the White House Gender Policy Council resulted in the current strategy. "On International Women's Day, President Obama signed an Executive Order creating the White House Gender Policy Council to guarantee that gender justice and equality remain at the forefront of America's domestic and global policy."

In a letter unveiling the plan, the President and Vice-President noted, "That Executive Order also ordered the formulation of this first-ever national strategy to guide our efforts on gender equity and equality as a govern-

ment and as a nation." The national strategy's lofty aims demonstrate that the administration is serious about achieving gender equality. Many efforts are included in the 42-page study. A few of those initiatives are: -

- 1) Eliminate Gender-Based Violence
- 2) Protect Abortion Rights, Expand Access to Healthcare and Create National Paid Family Leave
- 3) Improve Educational Opportunities for Women and Increase Access to STEM Fields
- 4) Help Achieve Global Equality for Women
- 5) Recruit More Women in Military
- 6) Involve More Women in Fighting Climate Change
- 7) Close the gender pay gap.

The strategy ideates that equity is still a far-gone dream, it's achievable, but it asks for both efforts and actions on all sides.

Source : Forbes, White House

Radisson makes all meeting and events carbon negative to work towards sustainability goals

Aadya Arora

The Radisson Hotel Group is proud to be the first hotel group in the world whose 400+ hotels in the EMEA region can make all meetings and events carbon negative. For every event held in its participating hotels, Radisson Hotel Group will offset double the carbon footprint generated, ensuring every meeting has a positive aspect on the environment.

From 18 October 2021 to 31 January 2022 and until 31 March 2022, Carbon Negative. Planet Positive will be the new benchmark for sustainability in the global hospitality industry. Clients in

the program can sustainably host meetings, as they can offset double of the CO2 emissions from meetings and events at no cost, making meetings held at participating hotels carbon-neutral during this period.

In addition to the Group's Hybrid Meetings solutions, Carbon Negative and Planet Positive meetings will provide owners and guests with the flexibility and space optimization they need to adapt to the fast-paced lifestyle changes of today's travelers.

In EMEA, Hybrid Meetings are available in more

than 100 hotels, resulting in a lighter footprint for scope three clients.

Inge Huijbrechts, Global Senior Vice President Sustainability, Security and Corporate Communications said that carbon Negative, Planet Positive allows you to make your meetings carbon negative and your impact planet positive. With the return of business travel, now is the time to have a positive impact. Radisson Hotel Group must offset carbon emissions according to the highest quality standards and in line with the UN Sustainable Develop-

ment Goals (SDGs). Therefore, we select offsetting projects that are not only good for the environment, but also socially relevant. This initiative plays a key role in helping them achieve their Responsible Business Targets to protect people, planet, and community.

The carbon footprint of each meeting is calculated using the HCMI methodology and then offset through projects recognized by Gold Standard or Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). The projects combat climate change and contribute to sustainable development in keep-

ing with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN, including projects to produce green electricity in Turkey, India, and the US, a forest protection program in Peru to reduce deforestation sustainably, and a biogas project in rural China. Moreover, Radisson Rewards members can use the points they have earned as a credit to offset their stay.

Sources: Travel Daily Media, Hotelier Middle East, EasyFlyr, Hospitality Net.

Flawless Pakistan break India's unbeaten record



Captains Virat Kohli and Babar Azam shake hands at the toss. Source: Financial Times

Dylan Kaveriappa, Kabir Dweit

India's domination of Pakistan on the world cricketing stage for the better part of three decades was suddenly halted, as they suffered a disappointing loss to close the opening weekend of the T20 World Cup off.

The Indian openers fell cheaply to some good bowling in the powerplay after being invited to bat first. Rohit Sharma fell to a gold-

en duck in the first over by Shaheen Afridi. Afridi then took the wicket of KL Rahul as well in the third over for just 3 runs. Following this, India's third wicket fell in the sixth over to Hasan Ali; who took out Suryakumar Yadav (11 runs off 8 balls).

Rishabh Pant then came in to up the ante with a battling 39 off 30 balls. Together with captain Virat Kohli (57 runs), who scored his 29th T20i half-century, they stitched together a sol-

id 51 run partnership. The tail then saw India to a score of 151-7.

The Pakistani openers then put on a sublime performance and the Indian bowlers had no answer at all. It was a struggle to contain skipper Babar Azam and his opening partner, Mohammad Rizwan. Azam smashed 50, as Pakistan reached 101/0 after 13 overs. Eventually Rizwan also brought up his fifty and remained unbeaten on 79, alongside Babar's 68 not-out. The men in green then convincingly closed out the match, managing to chase down 152 in just under 18 overs.

In the other two games of the opening weekend, England crushed West Indies (55 all out) and cruised to a six wicket win in just 8.2 overs. Australia, chasing a total of 118, edged past South Africa with two balls to spare.

Sources: The Hindu and the Guardian

Cinematographer Halyna Hutchins killed, director Joel Souza injured on set of Alec Baldwin starring Rust

Abhigyan Fanasia



Alec Baldwin Source: CNN

Alec Baldwin is at the centre of a police investigation after shooting and killing a cinematographer performing on the film "Rust."

According to the affidavit, which was made as a part of an inquiry warrant

application, it states that an assistant director grabbed one of the three prop guns the film's armorer had found out outside on a grey cart and handed it to Mr. Baldwin.

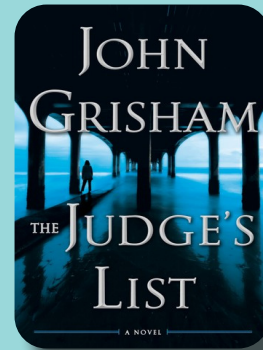
When the actor fired the gun, a live round hit Hutchins, 42, in the chest and wounded Souza, 48, who was nearby. The affidavit did not specify what kind of ammunition was in the gun.

Baldwin's shirt, filled with bloodstains, was brought in for evidence.

Sources: Los Angeles Times and CNN

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WHAT'S NEW



This new book is written by #1 New York Times bestselling author John Grisham. This is the second book and it is after the Whistler. Now the crimes are even worse. The man hiding behind the black robe is not taking bribes, but he may be taking lives.

The Judge's List

The recent instillation of the psychological-thriller will keep you at the edge of the seat. This 10 episodes season features the continuation of Joe Goldberg's fraught relationship with Love, who is pregnant with his child in a new suburban home. But his old habits come to haunt him. Only On Netflix!



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Dune

This is the most anticipated movie of 2021 starring Timothee Chalamet and Zendaya in lead roles. This Denis Villeneuve movie tells the story of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people.

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