



Entertainment :

Travis Scott concert sees deaths of fans in mob rampage



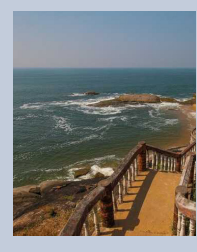
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Drone laden with explosives targets Iraq PM's house



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Large number of ZyCoV-d doses purchased



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Beach declared plastic free zone

Special amendments on the voter's list for new adults



District Collector Kumarao M. speaking at the press conference (Source: Information Department Udupi District)

Diya Manikpuri

On 1st January 2022, a special revision of the voter's list will be held to the mark, said District Collector Kurmarao M while speaking at a press conference in the courthouse of the sheriff's office in

the auspicious presence of Deputy Commissioner Sadashiva Prabhu. He also stated that the campaign would be held through all the colleges in the district to gain a large number of young voters to the electorate. The district's Sweepstakes

Committee is planning to add 27,000 young voters according to the district's current population and add 18-year-olds to the voter's list during the revision. Young people can make applications by visiting BLOs in the residence's

country or by making amendments to the voter list via the online web portal. The voter list draft has already been published on the 8th of November. From November 8 to December 8, claims and objections can be submitted to the voter's list draft along with a unique registration program which will be held on every seven days for four weeks starting from the 7th of November till the 28th of November, during which all BLOs will be eligible to attend the booth from 10 AM to 5 PM.

are 18 years and above, and those who have moved from one constituency assembly to another, are residents of foreign countries, and NRI's in Sampath to add their names to the electoral list and the electorate. One can apply for form-8 if any errors are related to the portrait and the change of residence within a constituency.

Kurmarao M mentioned how the disposal of claims and objections will be published on December 27th and the final voter list will be published on 13-1-2022 . Sampling: New voters who

The general public can visit the Taluk office in Udupi, Kapu, Karkala, Kundapur, Byndoor, Brahmavara, and Hebri. According to the voter's list draft, which was currently published, the district has a total number of 10,21,188 voters, including 4,92,400 males, 5,28,777 females, and 11 tertiary sexes.

Bharatiya Vikas Trust getting Ashden Award

Leah Thomas

Bharatiya Vikas Trust (BVT) procures the Ashden Award 2021 for the 'Energy Access Skills' category in Glasgow. It is a Manipal, Karnataka-based trust, founded by the late T.A Pai. The trust was registered in 1978, though it got down to business in May 1981. In the last 29 years, BVT executed countless projects for Central, State, and Local Governments.

Sudhir Kulkarni who is the Master Trainer of BVT and Sudeeptha Ghosh, the consultant of BVT took part in the ceremony, later The President of Costa Rica, Carlos Alvarado Quesada handed over the award to them in Glasgow. BVT functions mainly in Karnataka, which is a state



An ongoing class at Bharatiya Vikas Trust (Source: BVT Manipal)

in India Working mainly in the Indian state of Karnataka. It extends its full support for the local people, the trust explicitly helps belittled category which includes women, young people, and people with disabilities.

The trust gives training to people so that they could have a job and make a living, they educate people at all levels. In the case of bank staff, they educate people in the post

of field officers and branch managers besides the staff at cooperative institutions, micro-finance institutions, and government departments. Ordinary business people are also trained by BVT, wherein women receive immense support from the organization. They jointly work with Government officials and Non-Government organizations. A lot of people have received help from BVT, one among the

people who received training was Revathi Naik. She is from Udupi, Karnataka, she had enrolled in one of the courses offered by BVT. She applied for a loan from the bank to open a textile workshop and to buy sewing machines, that is when she put her leg forward for the business.

She mentions how happy she is to be providing a livelihood to four women and their families. She also stated how she carried out a training program for woman inmates from Udupi central prison and how proud of herself she is. Around 50,000 entrepreneurs and 15,000 financiers have received training from the organization. The instigating work put forward by the trust has aided the formation of six lakh solar energy systems in India, which in turn helped

raise incomes and improved the daily lives of people. The span of courses offered by the organizations was from a few days to a month. They have incorporated classroom workshops with practical sessions. Each course outline covers details about how different technologies and markets work, and the investment required and returns that can be generated.

Training for entrepreneurs also includes business planning information and an introduction to financial institutions. This helps them launch businesses centred on food processing, cold storage, textile work, and many other activities. Helping bankers support new enterprises.

Source: Deccan Herald, The Hindu Business Line

Udupi Beaches Declare Plastic-Free Zones



Someshwar Beach in Udupi (Source: Holidify)

Harshita Khound

After the urban local bodies of Someshwara and Ullal have witnessed an increase in the number of people visiting the places, they have declared the tourist destinations plastic-free. A beach cleanliness drive was held on 31st October and the tourist destinations were declared plastic-free zones. The Someshwara Town

Municipality and Ullal City Municipality have appointed officials to monitor the beaches in their respective regions.

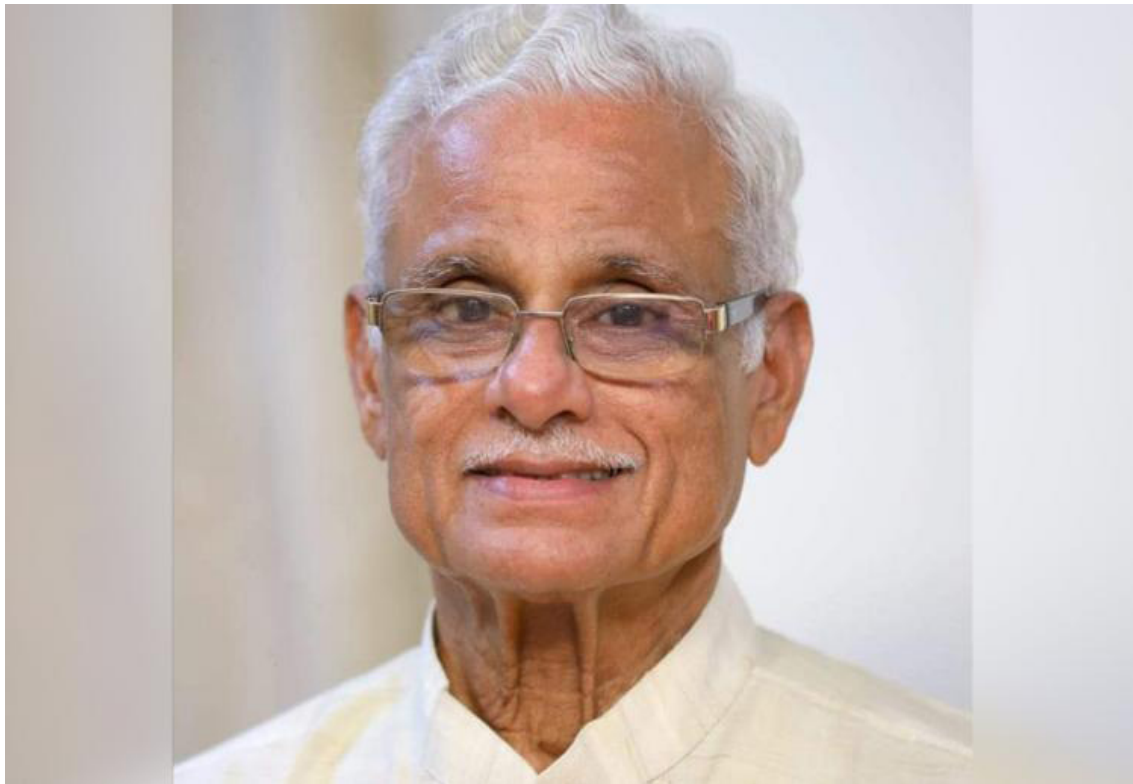
The officials of revenue from the Urban local bodies have been paying a visit to the beaches every day to implement the plastic ban. The Someshwara beach is close to the Sri Somanatha Temple, while the Ullal Syed Madani Darga is just 2 km from Ullal Beach.

An enormous number of tourists have filled the tourist beaches and religious shrines after the Covid cases have decreased.

The chief officer of the Someshwara town, Vani V Alva, had asked all the shops in the temple town to not use plastics and has also warned about the cancellation of trading licenses if they use or sell plastic bags. Signboards have been placed asking visitors and devotees to not use plastics bags. Ullal city municipality commissioner Rayappa stated in an interview how they have suggested stalls on the beach to not use plastic cups to serve tea and coffee. Moreover, the officials have been visiting the places often to enforce the plastic.

Source: Times of India, Dajjiworld

Death of Prabhakar Kamath; founder of Ideal Ice Cream



A picture of Prabhakar S Kamath (Source: The News Minute)

Shradha Menon

Fondly called 'Pabbal Maam', S. Prabhakar Kamath- the founder of Mangalore's Ideal Ice cream, best known for Pabba's Ice Cream parlor, passed away on Saturday of several accidental injuries at 79. Kamath was admitted to a hospital post scooter accident on October 28 in Mangalore.

He suffered from multiple serious injuries

resulting in his death. Ideal ice cream's first parlor was launched on Market Road, Mangalore, with 14 diverse flavors to choose from. Kamath put his all into learning the art of ice cream making and took a mere two-year span to flourish in the Mangalore market.

The ice cream franchise grew successfully. Its flavor range increased to over 40 different flavor varieties with a large number of combinations,

each with a taste unlike the one before. Ideal boasts of having over 1,500 retail dealers across multiple outlets in coastal Karnataka, South Goa, and North Kerala. Politicians like the MLA of Mangalore City South, State BJP president, have offered condolences to the family through Twitter.

Source: The Hindu, Indian Express, Tribune India

Harekala Hajabba, fruit seller awarded Padma Shri

Archita Lakhotia

68 year old, Harekala Hajabba, who saved money to build up a school in his village, received a Padma Shri award from the President, in the presence of Vice President Venkiah Naidu and others on the 9th of November. Harekala has been named as the in the honor of the country's fourth highest civilian for educating poor children of his village, Newpapdu. He has been selling fruits in a market in Mangalore and with the earnings, has been maintaining and



Harekala meets President Ram Nath Kovind (Source: IndiaTV News)

upkeeping the school. His constant efforts lead to a Dakshina Kannada Zila Panchayat Higher Primary school being built in Newpadupu in 2008. An organisation has also been set up by him to ensure proper facilities to the students and the teachers.

Source: The News Minute, India Today

Dakshina Kannada brings joy to Anganwadi kids

Aishani Sharma

On Monday, children returned to Mangaluru's Anganwadi centres after a one-and-a-half-year hiatus. To welcome the children, all 2,108 centres were sanitised. Furthermore, throughout the district, all workers and assistants have been vaccinated, and the Women and Children were asked to sit at a one-meter distance from one another. The Anganwadi centres stayed open until noon, and the children were provided with boxed meals. "We will take a 15-day look at the issue before deciding whether or not to serve nutritional meals," the officer stated.

The district's Anganwadi centres serve 1.80 lakh people, and there are 4,200 Anganwadi employees. There are a few Anganwadi centres; only three children made it to the Gandhinagar Government School's Anganwadi centre. According to Aruna, an Anganwadi worker at Beeriga, Puttur, there was 100% attendance. "Because there are 30 children registered at the centre, we requested each of the 12 youngsters below five

years of age should attend the Anganwadi centre daily.

On alternate days, the younger children will be required to attend the centre." Bharath Shetty, MLA for Mangalore North, greeted the youngsters at an Anganwadi centre in Kindergarten were even re-opened for the youngsters. The school was packed with pre-school students whom their parents accompanied.

To ensure that the learning process continued without interruption, the Anganwadi centres were closed due to Krishnanagara, Marakada. When the Anganwadi centres were shuttered because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the youngsters studied online to keep the learning process moving forward. Anganwadi employees set up a WhatsApp group and registered moms of children who had been accepted to each Anganwadi jurisdiction. Every week, Anganwadi personnel will post a new topic to the group. Makkala Jagruthi Samsthe had implemented the concept of homeschooling for children with special needs.

Source: The Times of India

Manipal Digest has their first offline event: Symphony

Om Khandeparkar

Symphony was a music event organized by Manipal Digest, one of Manipal's many student bodies. Students from many different branches gathered at Hakuna Matata on the 3rd of November to indulge in an evening of music, delicious food and dancing all at the cost of just 75 rupees.

The stage at Hakuna Matata was decorated beautifully, with the venue sporting gorgeous lights that were strung along a bunch of letters that spelled the name of the event out. A number of talented musicians took to the stand with their instruments in tow to put



The stage set up at Hakuna Matata (Source: Arpith Kamath)

on their performances. The lineup featured an impressive list of skilled performers Swastik Das,

Aishwarya Anand, Tanya Sreyash, Agastya, Enakshi, Kevin Parakh, Abhay Rajeev, Deepan, Saumit, Sreyash,

Tejas and Jahnvi, Quad music, Harsh Sandesh. The event organized by the club turned out to be a massive

success, with a large turnout of students who could all stretch out and enjoy the electric vibes of the evening.

MIC Students Return To Campus



Students returning to MIC Campus (Source: Archita Lakhotia)

Harshita Khound

The wait is finally over, and the students have arrived at the campus. Manipal Institute of Communication, along with all of MAHE's other colleges, is ready for physical/offline classes with all of the necessary safety and security.

The college was better prepared for a smooth transition from online to classroom mode thanks to the vaccination drive for all students. According to the declaration made by the Government of Karnataka for students of higher education and professional institutes to return to campus, MIC

has made this transition as smooth as possible for all of its students. Coping with the college, students have followed all the rules and regulations and are all set to enjoy in-person classes. Face-to-face interactions between teachers and students have sparked a strong desire among students to learn more about their university of choice. The pleasant environment of the campus has become a wonderful platform for friendships and knowledge sharing, and Manipal is finally back on track with its students, staff, and other members of the college community.

The students will be accommodated on the campus in 50% occupancy, with practical classes being held in 4 different batches in order to minimalise contact between students on campus. With examinations looming closer, the 3rd semester students must buckle down this month and enjoy as much of the on-campus experience as they can.

The beauty of Manipal during Diwali, Student Plaza lit up



Student Plaza looking beautiful during Diwali (Source: Jaspreet Setia)

Archita Lakhotia

As the festival of lights brings up the triumphant occasion of Lord Krishna's victory over the demon Narkasura or alternatively if you're from the North; the return of Lord Rama from his victory over Ravana.

Celebrations started in full swing across Manipal, from the 1st of November. The occasion

was celebrated with pomp and show. The students strolled across the campus wearing traditional attire like kurtas, salwars, sarees, and lehengas celebrating the day with their friends. The curfew timings were changed from 9 p.m. to 9:45 p.m, for the students to venture out. Student Plaza was adorned with beautiful lights, bathing the entire area in an ethereal glow. Across the campus of

Manipal University, students were greeted with streets that had lamps and spotlights hanging from every tree and wall.

"All the streets were really lit up, there were a lot of lights and there were people bursting a lot of crackers," said Mannat Khanna, 2nd year DOC student. During moments like these we are reminded of how beautiful Manipal and its culture truly is.

Dealing with problems of sedentary lifestyle

Archita Lakhota

Ever wondered why we humans are so prone to the innumerable health issues? The reason being we spend most of our time is living a sedentary lifestyle- the lifestyle where a person spends most of his time lying down or being engaged in socializing, being a couch potato or sitting and wasting time. The prolonged sitting time increases the all morality risk. Global reports present that 47% of the global adult population spends an approximate of 4.7 hours a day in front of a screen or just sitting without indulging in any physical activity.

Today's generation, we address sedentary lifestyle in such a manner that we often end up focusing on the unhealthy lifestyle of rich fellows, without understanding that the lifestyles of our generation



Sedentary lifestyle of a man (Source: Medical News Today)

are far more sedentary than the previous generations. Accepting the fact that modern societies and modern humans are incited to spend a longer period of seating, the lack of a good lifestyle has increased the associated health problems. The risk of health problems and unhealthy habits go

hand in hand with the lifestyle. The youth, we, are so carried away under the influence of technology that we have started avoiding physicality. Overlooking the disadvantages and our inclination towards technology has made our lives go downhill. As a future citizen, we really

need to understand that we need to be active and healthy. We need to be fit in the era. Adopting to take a step out of this trap of the epidemic, there are a myriad of ways. An effort, to be careful of our body and lifestyle is the very need of the hour. The first step being, reducing the high level of sugar intake in

the daily diet. The human body has a reflex, the same of a person, if not given or taken enough care of, the chances of becoming sick are greater. To avoid this, a small yet not so strenuous workout session can be a step. To follow the law of self motivation, being the third, to care for your body and to treat it well. As the country, takes over a digital work space, we need to open an eye, to this unhealthy lifestyle, the need of the hour. Following models, as an inspiration needs to come as a real life motivation to the youth. As a society, we need to understand the importance of a good lifestyle. The youth, needs to be educated about good health, something which is currently lacking in our system. The more we stay healthy, the better we work and the more we grow and glow. Now, is the time to take the step.

Does the production industry need to change?

Om Khandeparkar

The death of Halyna Hutchins; the cinematographer fatally shot on the set of Alec Baldwin's feature titled 'Rust', has sent shockwaves through the filmmaking community. Making movies is often seen as a risk-conductive initiative. Producers and investors are forced to reckon with the potential loss of income that arises from a production going over the budget. But one question that the filmmaking community has to ask themselves is if losing some money outweighs the loss of a human being's life? Film sets of thriller and action movies are notoriously dangerous due to the extensive use of pyrotechnics, explosives, arms, and other weaponry that is used as a means to make the movie as entertaining and eye-catching as possible. Stuntmen have some of the most dangerous jobs in



Production of a stunt in a movie (Source: Filmsourcing)

the industry. However due to America's loose ended safety standards on film sets, combined with the issue of gun control that has been flaring up in the country due to increased frequency of violent events; the production industry may have to rethink their priorities.

Data shows that there have been about 47 fatal incidents that have taken either a member of the cast or crew's life on a total of 250 film productions in Hollywood. There have been multiple incidents across the murky past of filmmaking that

have resulted in either the cast or the crew losing their lives. Some of the most tragic accidents include a helicopter crash on the set of the movie 'The Twilight Zone' which caused the death of 3 people; 2 of which were children. Another incident was a massive fire that took place on the set of the tele-serial 'The Sword of Tipu Sultan'. The blaze ended the lives of 62 people on the set. The responsibility for the inferno was mostly placed on inadequate firefighting equipment and lack of safety standards surrounding fires. The late Brandon Lee, son of the legendary martial artist

and actor Bruce Lee, whose untimely death on the set of 'The Crow' due to the misfiring of a prop gun that was supposedly loaded with blanks was another mishap that occurred way back in March of 1993. This incident, much like what happened with Alec Baldwin's production, is a testament to the negligent practices adopted by the industry.

Perhaps part of the problem is that there isn't a codified list that productions involving the use of firearms must follow, merely a list of suggested rules by the industry-Wide Labour Management Safety Committee whose guiding hand advises to treat all firearms as though they are loaded and to avoid pointing a firearm at others. It also suggests that anyone involved in the use of a firearm must be briefed at a safety orientation. But since these rules aren't regulated by an overseeing authority;

there is no proof as to whether or not Hollywood productions adhere to it at all. But there is a beacon of hope in the form of Dwayne the Rock Johnson whose production company Seven Bucks Productions has decided to cease the use of any and all firearms in their movies. Technology has advanced far enough that skilled artists and editors can replicate any firearm that they want, digitally, completely negating the need for firearms to be present on set.

Incidents like this plague the industry and tarnish the good standing of all involved. Producers must be vigilant enough to ensure that all necessary precautions must be taken. Prioritising the budget over adequate safety standards is irresponsible and cannot be allowed without allowing the cast and crew who give their all to make the movie a success, their due respect.

Malala gets married to husband Asser



The wedding photo of the happy couple (Source: Instagram)

Archita Lakhota

Campaigner for girls' education and the Nobel Prize winner, 24 year old Malala Yousafzai, got married on the 9th of November to Asser Malik. Living in Britain with her husband, she got wedlocked in Birmingham and celebrated the occasion with their respective families. As she adds a caption on Twitter, adding 4 photos "Asser and I are tied as partners for life." Giving out no other information, apart from her husband's first name, Malala has left the world in suspense. The Internet, after several attempts, has made a successful attempt on identifying Asser as the General Manager of Pakistan's Cricket Board's Higher Performance Centre. She mentioned in Vogue magazine about why do you have to sign marriage and why can it not be a partnership which left the audience confused.

Source: NDTV, Hindustan Times

Iraqi PM survives drone attack



Prime Minister of Iraq Mustafa al-Kadhimi (Source: Daily Express)

Shannon Fernandes

On 7th November 2021, Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi survived a drone attack on his home in the Green Zone, a heavily fortified region in Baghdad. The Prime Minister managed to escape the premises unharmed. Due to the chaos that has ensued, Iraqi officials have raised fears of broader instability after Iraq's parliamentary elections. The Prime Minister, Mustafa al-Kadhimi, took to Twitter about his safety for the concerned citizens. The military called the strike an "assassination attempt" and said security personnel is taking all necessary precautions in response to the "failed effort" in an official statement released shortly later. This assassination attempt, however, did injure

six of the prime minister's bodyguards. According to an Iraqi military statement, the attack on the prime minister's residence was carried out by an armed drone carrying explosives. The residents of Baghdad have reported no injuries. The residents of the city did hear an explosion followed by gunfire from the direction of the green zone, which also houses government buildings and foreign embassies shortly before the drone strike took place.

Maj. Gen. Saad Maan, a senior official in the Iraqi Interior Ministry, had stated that there were three drones used in the attack against the prime minister which was launched near Republic Bridge on the River Tigris; two out of the three drones were shot down, and security forces collected the remains

of the explosive-laden drone for examination. Till now, no one has claimed they were the one behind the attack, nor has any group claimed responsibility. "It is too early to distinguish who carried out the attack at this point. We are retrospectively examining our intelligence reports and expecting the outcomes of the preliminary inquiry before blaming the offender," said an official. India strongly denounced the assassination on Sunday after the attack, saying that terrorism and violence have no place in any civilized society. Likewise, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson had called Mustafa al-Kadhimi, Prime Minister of Iraq, condemning the attack. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged Iraq to reject all forms of violence as well as an attempt to destabilize the country.

Moqtada al-Sadr Shia Muslim cleric called it "an act of terrorism" and further stated, "The terrorist attack that targeted the country's highest levels is a clear and unambiguous target of Iraq and its people, aimed at destroying its security and stability and bringing disorder to the country." On the other hand, the drone strike came during a standoff between security troops and Iran-aligned Shia militias. In the past weeks, these pro-Iran groups have overdone demonstrations near the Green Zone, protesting against the results of a general election last month, which dealt a severe blow to their parliamentary power. On Friday, one of these protests turned fatal when demonstrators marched toward the Green Zone and exchanged fire with police forces stationed there, having already rejected the results of the elections in which they were the greatest losers. According to news reports, one of the demonstrators was killed in the ensuing crossfire, and hundreds of security personnel were also hurt. After the conflicts, al-Kadhimi ordered an investigation to find out who started the fight and disobeyed orders not to fire.

Sources: Hindustan Times, NDTV

Bitcoin: Cryptocurrency market cap tops 3 trillion

Aishani Sharma

On Monday, Bitcoin and Ethereum, the world's largest and second-largest cryptocurrency, reached a fresh high of \$67,700 and \$4800, respectively. In the case of, Bitcoin the new high comes nearly three weeks after the digital currency reached a new high of just under \$ 67,000 on October 20. Binance Coin and Solana, the third and fourth-biggest tokens, have

added more than 20% in the past seven days; since over the last week, all of the seven most significant coins are up. Miners Marathon Digital Holding Inc. and Riot Blockchain Inc. are a few crypto companies that rallied more than 10% on Monday.

The largest U.S. exchange, Coinbase Global Inc., gained around 3.6% one day before reporting the third-quarter results.

The debut of the pro shares Bitcoin Strategy ETF, the first Bitcoin-linked exchange-traded fund for U.S. investors, fueled the rally in October. Funds that Global Advisors speculated that the recent gain, which saw Bitcoin soar by as much as 7%, might herald the beginnings of a 'last push-up'. This breakout could indicate the beginnings of a final push-up for the fourth quarter before the crypto market shows more strong

consolidation into next year ". Cryptocurrency, particularly Bitcoin, is expected to gain strength in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Ethereum gained 4%, breaking beyond the \$4800 barrier for the first time. It has been this way since early October.

However, the two largest Cryptocurrencies were not the only ones to gain ground, with Binance coin and Solana, each gaining 20% in the last

seven days. Over the last week, all seven of the most popular tokens have increased in value. For the first time, the total market capitalisation of cryptocurrency surpassed \$3 trillion. However, it should be emphasised that this digital currency is famously volatile, reaching peak prices only to plummet by thousands of dollars.

Source: Hindustan Times, Fortune, The Economic Times

1 Crore doses of ZyCoV-d purchased by Indian Government



Doctor holding a vial of ZyCoV-d (Source: The Economic Times)

Leah Thomas

ZyCoV-d is a DNA-based needle-free vaccine. The Centre has already placed a purchase order with Zydus Cadila to supply one crore doses of ZyCoV-D for the general population. It was approved by the Drugs Controller General of India on August 20, 2021. The three-dose vaccine was developed by Zydus Cadila, one of the leading pharmaceutical companies in the country. The vaccine costs 256 rupees per dose and it has a needle-free jet applicator that goes by the name PharmaJet; it is disposable and will cost 93 rupees per dose. ZyCoV-D was 67% effective against symptomatic

infections. This was put into action by partnering with India's Department of Biotechnology run by the Ministry of Science and Technology. ZyCoV-D is the first vaccine to be cleared by India's drug regulator to be administered to children aged 12 and above.

The vaccine calls for administration first on day zero, then on the 28th day, and then on the 56th day and the doses are injected 28 days apart. In the future, there is a huge chance of this vaccine being administered to adults under the vaccination drive. The pharmaceutical company Zydus had put forward 1900 rupees as the cost of the three-dose vaccine;

however, they agreed to reduce the price due to the continuous parleying by the government. The two-dosed vaccines, Covishield and covaxin were sold at 205 rupees and 215 rupees per dose respectively. From the 28,000 who volunteered, there were no deaths observed for the vaccinated people after the second dose and no moderate cases after the third dose during the drive. The government is waiting for recommendations on immunization from the National Technical Advisory Group to provide ZyCoV-D for adults and children who simultaneously have more than one disease.

Source: NDTV, The Print,

Chhattisgarh; CRPF jawans fired at by fellow officer



Jawans in Sukma Camp (Source: The Hindu)

Harshita Khound

Four Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were shot dead by a colleague at the paramilitary force's camp in Maraiguda Linglapalli early on Monday leaving four spot dead and three others injured. However, the accused personnel has been arrested. On inquiry, it came to light that Constable Reetesh Ranjan was undergoing some emotional stress resulting in the sudden psychological trigger of rage thereby having an open fire on his colleagues says the CRPF. The same shot his colleagues using his service weapon -AK47 rifle. The deceased were identified as constables Rajmani Kumar Yadav, Rajib Mondal, Dhanji, and Dharmendra KumarM, who was declared dead on arrival at the hospital. The seven injured personnel were immediately rushed to the Government Area Hospital in Bhadrachalam of Telangana for first aid.

R. Maharana, a 25-year-old constable, is still recovering at the Government Area Hospital. Two other constables; Dhananjay Kumar Singh and Dharmatma Kumar, were airlifted to Chhattisgarh for specialised treatment.

The Chhattisgarh police have been looking further for leads and enquiring on the matter thoroughly. On Tuesday, CRPF Director-General Kuldeep Singh is expected to visit Sukma along with other senior officials to seek information on the situation. As per paramilitary forces, the incident took place around 3:25 am when Constable Ranjan Kumar Yadav of C-Company 50th Battalion was shot dead. According to the CRPF's statement, the Deputy Inspector-General and the Commanding Officer of the Unit soon reach the spot, followed by senior officers from Raipur.

Source: Indian Express, The Hindu

Red alert in Tamil Nadu: state hit with heavy rain

Diya Manikpuri

Heavy rains take over several parts of Tamil Nadu on Wednesday. The Bay of Bengal has concentrated into a depression predicted by experts to cross the coast by Thursday evening.

The death of about 14 people has been confirmed as of Thursday because of the incessant rains. A red alert has been declared in many parts of Tamil Nadu



People sheltering from rain under umbrellas (Source: Zee News)

which indicates heavy and extremely heavy rains by The India Meteorological Department (IMD). It was informed by the IMD that the weather

was moving at 14KMPH towards the northwest. They also said that it might continue going towards the northwest, crossing Tamil Nadu connected to Andhra Pradesh.

Due to this, people living near the Arani River were issued flood warnings since 11,000 cusecs of water from the Pichatur dam to the river of Andhra Pradesh, tweeted the State Disaster

Management Authority of Tamil Nadu. Until recently, Tamil Nadu has released 10,500 cusecs of water. Several roads were inundated on Thursday in Chennai. A few suburban trains were put on hold while the others were delayed because of waterlogging on rail tracks.

A minimum of 7 roads, 11 subways were closed by the traffic police of Chennai, and diversions

were created across the city for commuters. Due to extremely bad weather conditions, The Airport Authority of India informed that flight operations were normal and made special arrangements. Whereas the departures were on time, the arrivals were restricted on Thursday from 1:15 pm to 6 pm at the Chennai Airport.

Source: Deccan Herald, News 18

NCERT forced to remove LGBTQ new manual

Shannon Fernandes

National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) initially published a training manual in the inclusion of transgender children in schools on its official website but had it removed due to the excessive backlash received from social media and an official complaint from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). The manual that was published contained stories of people from the LGBTQ+ community that battled societal oppression and went on to become successful.

The manual mentioned that the use of toilets is an infrastructure facility that is used to condition children into binary gender. It claimed children who face gender dysphoria, feel conflict/dilemma while choosing the toilet that they feel comfortable with. This is primarily due to a misalignment of their self-concept and social expectations of their bodies. It went on to point out that tasks

don't have gender and cooking, and cleaning shouldn't have a woman's photo and outdoor activities don't have to contain a man's photo. Mr. Agarwal mentioned the inclusion of all children is part of our duty as an institution, it is believed that with such gradual developments, queerphobia will be eradicated one day.

NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo wrote to NCERT in a letter that a gender-neutral teacher training handbook will deny equal rights to children with varying biological needs. The guidebook also offers a gender-neutral infrastructure for children that does not correspond to their gender reality and basic needs, according to the report. Second, due to conflicting surroundings at home and at school, this strategy will expose children to unneeded psychological trauma. The manual's recommendation to instructors that they highlight the availability of puberty blockers or hormone therapy for teenagers with gender dysphoria was also criticized. Furthermore, the



Cover of the LGBTQ manual that was removed and logo of NCPCR (Source: OpIndia)

members of the drafting committee's backgrounds and qualifications were not verified. NCERT was briefly trending on Twitter on Monday after the right-wing website OpIndia published a piece about the guidebook, accusing the council of becoming "woke."

It also objected to an introductory section in the manual, which referenced the acceptance of gender diversity blamed caste patriarchy for the stigmatization of transgender people.

One of the members who planned the manual, VQueeram Aditya Sahai, is being exposed to online provocation, transphobia, body disgracing, stalking, moral policing, and doxing by conservative advanced media associations.

Past remarks made by VQueeram about Hindus and men have gone viral after the NCERT reference booklet was distributed. Moreover, there is no doubt of 'doxing' as all information about

VQueeram is accessible in an open space. The individual is being criticized for their disputable positions has been taken out in the open, available on public platforms. However, LGBT activists are labeling valid criticism of a public figure as 'transphobia' in order to shut down genuine criticism of the individual.

Source: News18, OpIndia

People of Glasgow take to the streets during COP26 Summit

Leah Thomas

Nearly 25,000 people marched on the streets of Glasgow on the day of the COP26 summit. The motion was stimulated by the teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg, there were protests and events taking place in other countries like Australia, Kenya, Brazil, Turkey, Canada, and France. The protestors gushed in demanding measures to be taken by leaders.

Twenty-one protestors were arrested because they had chained themselves together on the King George V Bridge in Glasgow. The police in Scotland had to close the bridge for vehicles due to the following action. The young protestors were

into what they were doing, in spite of the stern weather. Seeing the number of people who participated in the protests, the police said that this was one of the largest protests for the climate summit that has happened to date. The goals of COP26 were to reach global net-zero emissions by 2050, to protect human and natural habitats, to mobilize finance for environmental causes and to work together in harmony to deliver results.

The protestors wanted these goals to not just remain as goals, they made it clear about not wanting to listen to the leader's sweet talk, instead they wanted them to take action.

Source: BBC, NPR, Al Jazeera

Delhi, Bengaluru see worst pollution levels since a year

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The air quality in Delhi and Bangalore deteriorated during Diwali, the air quality index (AQI) decreased by 42% in Bangalore, whereas in Delhi the pollution was hazardous and experts mentioned it to be a bigger threat than COVID. Bangalore recorded the second worst polluted state in India due to dust from road, this data was released by The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Bangalore beat the all time polluted Delhi. Pune was the highest in the record. Hospitals in Bangalore have been reporting more number of patients suffering from lung disorders because of the aggravated air quality. A drop in pollution

happened in Delhi due to the infrequent rains and winds last month, due to these rains the inhabitants of Delhi got a chance to breathe the cleanest air in the last four years.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) of 0 to 50 is considered to be good, 51 to 100 is understood to be satisfactory, 101 to 200 is moderate, 201 to 300 falls under the 'poor' ranking, 301 to 400 is very poor and 401 to 500 as severe and is a threat to the lives of living beings in the vicinity. The AQI in Delhi reduced to 372 which falls in the very poor category, AQI was in the severe category before and came down due to the rains.

Source: The Times of India, India Today

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ETERNALS

Chloe Zhao's Eternals met a lukewarm response at its premiere with a meagre score on Rotten Tomatoes. However the stellar cast combined with a formula that challenges conventional Marvel Pictures filmmaking methods leaves Eternals with a tender chance to be considered an underrated



Image Source: IMDb

COWBOY BEBOP

Fans of the original 2001 anime are anxious to see what will await them when the live action adaptation of Shinichirō Watanabe's Cowboy Bebop drops on Netflix on the 19th of November. Will the jazzy fast-paced nature of the original anime be preserved in the newer version or will it

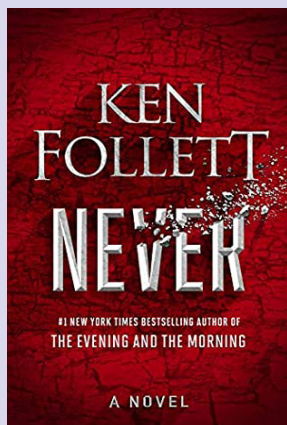


Image Source: Goodreads

NEVER BY KEN FOLLETT

Never is the first contemporary novel that Ken Follett has published in over a decade, stepping past his usual historical plots and unfurls a story incorporating elements of a dystopian war that threatens to swallow the entire world. Readers have had mixed reviews for the novel so far with some finding it to be an exciting, spy thriller whereas, others thought it was rather slow and boring.

Lives lost at Travis Scott's Astroworld



Travis Scott at the Astroworld concert (Source: Texas Monthly)

Shannon Ferdandes

On 5 November 2021, A tragedy unfolds in Houston in Travis Scott's Astroworld music festival where 8 people around the age of 14-27 were killed and several people were injured due to crowd surges. Witnesses were shouting for help and trying to stop the show, to no avail.

The people that lost their lives were young fans ranging from John Hilgert, a baseball enthusiast to Franco Patino a college student, and Danish Bai, an AT&T employee who died trying to save his wife. The young rapper says in a video on Instagram about how grief-stricken he was and could not imagine anything

like this happening. Travis Scott has taken it upon himself to pay for the funerals of the bereaved families in addition to cancelling his Saturday Day N Vegas festival promising the eager fans to refund back their money to them, stating he was "too distraught to play".

According to Houston Police Chief, Troy Finner stated that stopping the show abruptly would wreak major havoc more than what was already going on but also noted that the officers present would have been to manage crowd control. Despite the copious amount of hate Travis Scott and the event organizers have been receiving, TikTok influencer Tess Krauser who had also been present during

the Astroworld music festival brought it to public's eye using an alt account stating that Travis wasn't to blame and that he did end the show early, but not early enough. Tess blamed the situation on overcrowding, poor planning and general crowd behavior. She further stated that there wasn't enough security and the medics on board weren't ready.

The events conspired due to these issues as well as a crowd that was "just too rough" Kylie Jenner who had attended the show with three-year-old daughter, Stormi and sister Kendall Jenner, stated that she and Travis are both devastated by the deaths at the Astroworld music festival.

Source: Rolling Stone, Insider

New Zealand trumps India: T20 World Cup

Aishani Sharma

On Sunday, the Indian side, led by Virat Kohli, was defeated by New Zealand by eight wickets in an ICC T20 World Cup encounter here, symbolically seeking to go to the semi-finals. Kane Williamson knocked India out of the 2021 T20 World Cup. Williamson had previously stopped India in the 2019 ODI World Cup semi-finals and the 2021 World Test Championship final. Pakistan and New Zealand qualified for the semi-finals from Group 2 with a small squad.

India was relegated to third place, India has been repeatedly fragile in ICC competitions, and Virat Kohli will leave his captaincy with no titles to show for his efforts.

In their crucial encounter, India could only manage a below-par 110 for seven, as New Zealand chased down the goal of 111 with 32 balls to spare. After India's dramatic triumph over Namibia, which closed off a disappointing campaign for Virat Kohli and his teammates, coach Ravi Shastri

confirmed Rohit Sharma as the new T20 captain.

Shastri commended Rohit for his leadership abilities while also encouraging players to spend time with their families. According to great all-rounder Kapil Dev, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should take responsibility for improving the cricketing calendar so that previous world champions can avoid the "mistakes" committed in the ICC World T20 in 2021. Kapil also emphasized the importance of players prioritizing International Cricket

above the Indian Premier League, the world's richest T20 cricket event IPL. Virat Kohli's team failed to make it to the finals of the T20 World Cup in 2021, despite starting as overwhelming favorites to win the prestigious trophy.

In response to India's disappointing performance in the ICC World T20 2021, The Indian coach said that players should be proud of representing Asian powers at the highest level, what can we say when players put IPL ahead of playing

for their country, he said. The second leg of IPL 2021 was rescheduled following the devastation caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The 14th season of the cash-rich league came to an end just two days before the start of the ICC event. Kapil Dev stated how he believe that the national team should come first followed by the franchise and said that there should have been some sort of break between the IPL and the World Cup.

Source: India.com, Times Now