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## KIA authorities to construct roads with plastic waste

Linga Bhavani

Plastic which is an integral part of human requirements, has become the greatest challenge and pollutant today. In a study by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) stated that India generates 26,000 tonnes of plastic every day. To impact this issue, Bengaluru International Airport which KK plastic Waste Management, the agency bought sustainable measures, as it began to use plastics as an additive while laying roads to the airport. Bengaluru is the first city to carry out commercial experiment with building plastic roads. The unique initiative aims at raising awareness about waste segregation at source to create a cleaner, greener and more sustainable environment. Plastic turns into road at Kempegowda

International Airport which KK Plastic Waste Management, the agency that has the technology to mix waste plastic with bitumen, will carry out the collection. Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) on 26 September, 2019 launched its ambitious



'Plastic Beku' (want plastic) campaign with radio channel Big FM and FMCG giant, ITC's food division. BIAL aims to construct 50 km of road on its premises using plastic waste that is not degradable or reusable. The airport authorities

have already taken measure and installed specially designed dustbins at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to dispose plastic garbage which will be used to build roads. While speaking to The Logical Indian, the man behind the initiative,

Tom Shimmin, Chief Project Officer, BIAL, said that the Plastic Beku campaign could bring a massive change to the world. "Eliminating the irresponsible use of plastic is one among BIAL's many sustainable initiatives. Building durable roads with plastic is an easier and ecologically efficient way to dispose of plastic waste," he said. KK Plastic Waste Management, the agency that has the technology to mix waste plastic with bitumen, will carry out the collection. Explaining the process, BIAL officials said that this would be carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Indian Road Congress. "The aggregate and bitumen will be heated and is transferred to the mixing chamber then, 6% to 8 % of the plastic will be blended with mix."

## One doctor for 60 patients



Shibin T. Varghese

The Primary Health Centre located in K. Narayanapuram is struggling to function effectively due to shortage of staffs. The health center where more than one lakh people rely on has just one doctor, five nurses and a helper. Established more than three decades ago, this health center does not provide any specialised treatment or test for its patients. The health center has only got in-patient and out-patient facilities. At a time only six patients can avail the in-patient facility from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The hospital authorities say that 60-70 patients use the facility every day. The Government health center plays a vital role in carrying out the Government's plan to eradicate malaria by 2020. One the major challenge for them is the lack of doctor. "We gave petition to the government to fill the vacancy and lack of facilities. There is

no response from the government and there is no enough medicine for the treatment. We visit the patients at least once in a month," said the hospital staff. There are about 32 National Programs initiated in order to prevent various diseases such as dengue, cancer, diabetes etc. The health center also provides free HIV test. "This prevents the virus from spreading, precautions can be taken for the virus" commented one of the staff. One of the major issue health center facing is the lack of staff and doctors. The hospital authorities said that they had informed the government regarding the issue. The staff members hope that relevant action will be taken, and the lack of staff will be solved by the government for the better serving of the public.

## "Municipal negligence leading to illness", comments residents

Akhil T. Mijesh

The improper disposal of water has resulted in creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes, affecting people in K. Narayanapura. Due to the improper flow of rain water and garbage disposal many people are suffering with the dengue fever. As dengue is seen in this rainy season in Bangalore it is hard for people to survive in such conditions. More than the 200 cases are

recorded in Bangalore in 2019 monsoon season studies. The local residents blame the lack of proper drainage system, to the major outbreak of diseases. When this case was enquired



with students, they mentioned the improper flow of water which gets trapped in potholes and creating issue for the people. Along with this inappropriate disposal of garbage is another major issue faced by the people in Kothanur. Food and solid waste dumped in nearby area even hindering beauty of the locality. This creates major health issues and illness among people. Proper

waste management is vital for maintaining the beauty of an area and to have a healthy community. Food stalls function in the locality where, it is breeding grounds for mosquitoes causing illness for the consumers. "It is the municipal negligence that promotes food stalls to function in these areas, which could cause illness", commented one of the resident.



## Social Harmony Triumphs in Ayodhya Verdict

**Shibin T. Varghese**

The heart of our constitution demands equality among its citizens and thus enforced it with law. According to our constitution every religious practice is given equal importance and respect. Every judge in the court is entitled to follow these values and uphold the constitutional demands. The Ayodhya verdict is an example of this social harmony, a sensitive case handled according to our constitutional values.

The history takes us back to 1992, where a mob of Hindus demolished the Babri Masjid stating that it was built in the birthplace of Lord Rama. The century long conflict regarding the ownership of the land escalated with this incident. Land dispute case was filed in the court, where the first verdict was given by the Allahabad High Court. The Allahabad High Court pronounces its verdict on four title suits relating to the Ayodhya dispute on 30 September 2010. Ayodhya land to be divided into three parts. One third goes to Ram Lalla represented by Hindu Maha Sabha, Sunni Wakf Board and Nirmohi Akhara.

The biggest political trigger of the contemporary times, the Babri Masjid demolition and Ramjanmabhoomi dispute has been sorted out unanimously by five judges from various backgrounds and stature. The apex court decided to solve this sensitive issue that to give the disputed 2.77 acres to build Ram Temple and asked the government to find five acres in a prominent place in Ayodhya for a masjid to be built up.

Both the verdict reflects the diplomatic stand taken by the judiciary in a religious dispute. The Allahabad High Court tried to end the clash by dividing the land among the three plaintiffs.

On the other hand, the Supreme Court went through the evidence and accomplished a genuine approach towards the case.

Even though demolition of the Babri Mosque stays

as a case in the court, issue regarding the ownership was cleared by the Supreme Court according to the evidence put forth by both the groups. The court gave the verdict not just by handing over the land, but only for construction of the temple which was a wise step taken by the judiciary.

Compared to the Allahabad High Court, the SC verdict makes sure that the land is only used for religious purpose and not for any other use in future.

The only demand put forth by the Sunni Waqaf Board is that, they require the land in Ayodhya itself as, the land has many graveyards and Dargaah including that of 18th century Sufi saint Qazi Qudwah. By asking the Central government to provide five-acre land in the city, the Supreme Court fulfilled the demand of both religious group on a rational ground.

The peaceful situation in the nation after the Supreme Court verdict regarding the case shows the unity and strength among the citizens in the nation even though having diverse culture and religion.



## A new wave of climatic change activism

**Dixith Suma S**

When the world leaders who experienced calamities, worst flood, cyclones and draughts decided to remain blind side, a sixteen-year old from Sweden left her class to protest policies that destroyed the Mother Earth. She went to the streets to make the world a better place.

Teenage climate change activist, Greta Thunberg

question the policy makers and urged the citizens to come together to save nature. Thunberg remarks that pollution has burdened her and her generation with the extreme impacts of climate change.

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet, you all come

they would have to offer action plans to qualify to speak at the summit, which is aimed at boosting the 2015 Paris Agreement to combat global warming. In his opening remarks, he tried to capture the urgency of climate change and called out the fossil fuel industry.

"There is a cost to everything. But the biggest cost is doing nothing. The biggest cost is subsidising a dying fossil fuel industry, building more and more coal plants, and denying what is plain as day: that we are in a deep climate hole, and to get out we must first stop digging," he said.

"There are few times in human history where voices are amplified at such pivotal moments and in such transformational ways, commented DiCaprio. U.S. President Donald Trump, a climate change denier who has undone every major U.S. regulation aimed at combating climate change, did not give remarks during the Summit. The world has heard from its leaders who can reverse or at least slow down the damage rate. The world has heard from its younger generation, who must live in the highly polluted and toxic cities in future. Now the world is looking at what actions can make it a better place for tomorrow.



opened the United Nations Climate Action Summit with an angry condemnation of world leaders for failing to take strong measures to combat climate change - "How dare you," she said. Her voice resonated with millions of other who wanted to do good for our environment.

Days after worldwide millions of young people took to the streets to demand emergency action on climate change. Leaders gathered for the annual United Nations General Assembly focused to inject fresh momentum into stalling efforts to curb carbon emissions.

Her speech dared to

to us young people for hope. How dare you," demanded the Swedish teenager, her voice quivering.

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words," Thunberg said, adding that the plans that leaders will unveil will not be enough to respond to the rate of the planet's warming. Thunberg has galvanized a new wave of climate change activism through her weekly Fridays for Future school strikes, a solitary protest outside of the Swedish parliament. UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres had warned governments ahead of the event that

## Plants from the walls

**Linga Bhavani**

Now a days, cities around the world are suffering from serious effects of pollution. As cities are increasingly urbanized, it is important to make efforts to preserve and expand the greenery.

Due to the growth of urban populations at the cost of cutting down trees and levelling water resources, environmental problems are at rise. With the increasing phase of development, man began to disconnect from the nature.

In today's era of urbanization, it is very important to bring nature back in our lifestyle. With more high-rise constructions in cities and less landscape for greenery in urban landscapes. Many urban landscape designers turn to vertical gardening as a solution. It is a method of growing plants on walls. Though a new term in India, many think vertical gardening is only for beautification. To make this concept popular in India, Government could ask municipalities and urban authorities to take measures to implement this the city landscape.

Bengaluru city experiementd its first vertical garden on a pillar of the Hosur Road flyover. It had more than 3500 saplings from 10 species.

## Government control over RTI

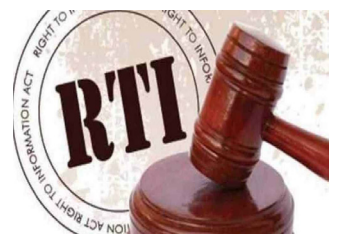
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The Right to Information is considered to be one of the salient features in our constitution. The Right to Information forms an important component when it comes to the proper governance of a democratic government. RTI Act is a vital step towards attainment of good governance. The essence of these

initiatives is aimed at accountability and citizen-centric approach of the Government. The Lok Sabha had passed the Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019 on 22nd July, where bill changes the terms and conditions of service of the CIC and Information Commissioners at the centre and in states.

The main key differences in the RTI Amendment 2019 bill was Centre will notify the tenure of all information commissioners (ICs) at state and central level, salaries and allowances of these officers will be determined by the Central government. The officials who receive pension or other

retirement benefits, their salaries will be reduced by an amount equal to the pension- these provisions have been removed in the Amendment.





## Beach football moulded me: Soosairaj



**Dixith Suma S**

Michael Soosairaj is ATK FC's mid fielder and one of the most remarkable player in the Indian football team. Soosairaj passion for football is evident in his words. He started playing the game from the age of five, inspired by his two elder brothers. "Playing football on beach was the main entertainment for youngsters. This helped me to develop an interest to play the game professionally," recollects Soosairaj. He attained his Political Science degree from Madras Christian College, Chennai. "I was in the university team and to participate for inter university matches representing my college during that time. I was also a part of the local

football club Arrows, at the time, he said.

After his graduation, Michael completely focused on his passion. It was not an easy journey at the beginning. "It was very hard time for me. I got rejected in many selection," he said. In 2016, Soosairaj made his professional debut mention the year in the I-League for Chennai City FC. "My fingers were crossed for the offside flag." Joy was visible while he mentioned about his first professional goal in the league against Punjab. Soosairaj signed for Jamshedpur FC in 2018 which was a great breakthrough in his football career. "If it was not football, I would have gone for cricket,"

said Soosairaj which shows that he is a sports man. Michael says that his favourite player is Ronaldo and team, Real Madrid.

Soosairaj finds it fortunate to have a supportive family which helped him a lot to achieve much in his career. "I had many friends who supported and believed in me. My best friends, Edwin and Antony Xavier who helped me a lot and cheered me up in my difficult times. The had motivated me to move forward and face the challenges." He claims that hard work should be the token that one should bear in order to face challenges and to achieve in life.

## Technological boom is affecting the function of our brain

**Akhil T. Mijesh**

Technological boom made 'human work' more easy. From doing simple calculations to complex design of buildings, human race depend on electronic components. "I tend to use my calculator even for simple calculations, it has become like a necessity" said Pranitha Menon, a college student.

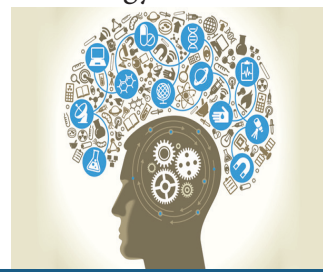
People are losing their ability and are lazy to explore their hidden talents as they are not pushed off to their limits because of the electronic

gadgets surrounding them. They are exploring the various tools within technologies but not their own skills.

It's affecting 'attention span', a person using an electronic gadget is completely involved in the virtual world than he is in the real world. "Its like entering into another world, I completely get engaged when I watch a movie or listen to a music" commented, James Jude, a musician.

Tony Schwartz, an American journalist

and CEO of The Energy Project, compares brain to a full glass of water "When you pour more water in the glass, or add new information, the water just fills in, yet the water that was previously there pours out". He is Refresh your mind; try using your brain and ability more than the technology.



## Government Institutes Lacks Employees

**Shibin T. Varghese**

Shortage of employees is the major issue faced by the government institutes in K. Narayanapura, Bengaluru.

The government school as well as the government health centre in this locality are having the similar problem because of shortage of staff.

There are no enough faculties for the students in the government school. Approximately 130 students are studying in the school, in which a class has an average of 35 students. The school runs class I to V with just four teachers. This will affect the quality of the work for teachers and students. One of the faculty member mentioned that they had informed the government regarding this issue but follow up was not seen. They

expect that the problem will be solved within a year.

The Health Centre near the school is another example. The primary health centre has got just one doctor. According the staff more than one lakh people relay on this primary health centre. "Government is only interested in constructing institutes to please the residents of the area, but not concerned about its proper functioning. It is clearly visible that the government institutes have got poor recruitment process and this lack of concern takes away the quality of these organizations which forces citizens to rely on private institutes," commented a government employee, who wished to remain

unnamed.

The major reason why people rely on private organization is due to the negligence shown by the government in the proper functioning of its own institutes. Government institutes are meant to be asset for the citizens and not to be a tool for the government to exhibit it as their achievement where half the requirement is not fulfilled.



## Slums in Bangalore

**Akhil T. Mijesh**

The word "slum" is often used to describe vernacular settlements within cities that have inadequate housing and grim, miserable living conditions. Slums are overcrowded providing comparatively less space for living.

These settlements lack the basic municipal requirements such as water, street light and even roads for emergency situations. Easy access to schools, hospitals and spot for community gathering is also limited in most places. Many slums are not recognized while some are not even known for the government, separating them to a different community.

There are about 387 slums in which 4.5 million people live. All these informal settlements are on the land which the occupants do not own and causes issues when future plans arise from government for construction. Slum dwellers are considered to be homogenous people. They are not old fashioned, but a diverse group of people with their own approach and ideas. Slums are also an element of economy. In many cities, as much as 60 percent of employment is in the informal sector of the urban population.

Today, more than one billion people in the world live in slums. In

the developing world, one out of every three people living in cities lives in a slum, though the majority call it as an underdeveloped part of the city.

The fundamental right to live with basic dignity and in decent condition in our constitution enforces the government to upgrade slums at least with basic necessities

It is also the city's necessity to upgrade slums as it affects the city dwellers too. If slums are left to dwell in the present condition, it will become an area where the government loses control, embedded with crime and poverty which can affect the whole state.





Peaky Blinders Fifth Season Strikes the Audience

Shibin T. Varghese

The fifth season was one among the most awaited season of Peaky Blinders by the viewers. Murphy, the protagonist exhibited his artistic skills as a well talented actor from the first episode of the season itself. Season 5 made it's Netflix debut on October fourth after it's first premiers on BBC



One. As viewers mostly rely on Netflix for every series, the days were counted for its debut. "The world thrown into turmoil by the financial crash of 1929", this was the official synopsis revealed. Being a charismatic politician Shelby realizes that his bold vision not only affects his family but also the nation. Several new cast is involved in the fifth season. The fifth season hooked the audience to watch each and every episode as it had an element of suspense as it ended. Just like every season of the series, the last released season consisted of six episodes. The fifth episode ended with an element of suspense, which hooks the viewers to await for the next season, just like every other season. Social media was showered with comments and opinions about the fifth season of the series. Fortunately, the film crew and cast recieved positive feedbacks for their hardwork and determintation. Peaky Blinders is a British crime drama television series created

by Steven Knight, which premiered on BBC Two on 12 September 2013. The story is set in Birmingham, after the World War I, where the Shelby family starts off with their crimes influencing the whole Birmingham. The fictional drama is inspired by a youth gang

in the city of London from 1980s to early 2000s. Cillian Murphy stars as Tommy Shelby, the gang's leader, with Helen McCrory as Tommy's aunt Elizabeth "Polly" Gray and Paul Anderson as his older brother Arthur Shelby respectively, who serve as the gang's second-most senior members. The actors do their best to depict themselves as Old English characters with the usage of Old English linguistic skills. The dialogue delivery and actions are featured like duals which used to take place when a chaos takes place between two groups in that era. The actors along with the director have done their best to impress the audience just like in other four seasons. In May 2018, after the series won at the BAFTA TV Awards, Knight confirmed his "ambition of making it a story of a family between two wars, and by ending it with the first air raid siren in Birmingham." He expected to end the series by the first air raid siren marking the sign of the Word War II. The series feature the after

effects of soldiers who suffered in the trenches at the time of the World War I. It was a real breakthrough for Cillian Murphy as he came to be known by a nick name Tommy. Peaky Blinders is a real success for the actor as the series benefited him than his films. The first season has got more of conversations and dialogues introducing every character of the series to the audience. Following seasons have got elements of razor gang life, led by the family. They earn the name Peaky Blinders as they use the razors attached to the peak of their caps to blind their foes. The creator of the story claims that this act didn't take place when compared with the real life character of Birmingham, but it is a matter of exaggeration to hook the audience. At present there are 5 seasons with each season elevating the protagonist Tommy Shelby and his family. Most of the criminal activities held during the period is featured in the story.

The series also represent discrimination faced by the Shelby's as they bear the tag gypsies. Even though the protagonist performs negative acts, Knight made it sure that the Shelby family will be applauded by the viewers. This shows the real potential of a director. The fifth season ended with a real suspense which made viewer eagerly wait for the next season. Each episode begins with the theme song 'Red Right Hand' with the title which creates an explicit feel among the audience. The production for season six is expected to begin by January, 2020. It is rumoured that season 6 will open doors for some celebrity actors for cameo roles.

Kulu Manali: Pursuit of Happiness

Akhil T. Mijesh

With mountain adventures beckoning from all directions, Manali is a year-round magnet that attracts tourists and adventure seekers around the world. Manali is a collection of three adjacent hills with a village and old temple. Manali is one the favourite place for backpackers looking for an adrenaline-rush vacation with trekking, mountain climbing, rafting, or skiing. Along with the natural beauty, the place has activity for every season.

For domestic travellers, Manali is the first taste of snow in the tropical weather. Distance hill peaks will be covered with snow The snow-capped mountains, crystal water, snow bed valleys Manali looks like a Christmas card picture during winter months. For the same reason, the place remains jam-packed during the season. Because of its cool weather in summer, many travellers choose the place to

beat the summer heat. Adventurous activities such can river rafting, mountain climbing is possible during this time. Kullu is known for its panoramic view of pine tree valley. The place is a paradise for nature lovers. Thick luscious green, pristine streams and cool pleasant



climate make Kullu a popular destination for travellers. The place has many temples such as Raghunath Temple, Jagannathi Devi Temple etc, making it a valley of God. Kullu Manali preserves its culture and traditions even with the encroachment of

urbanisation. The place has many historical sites rooted in vast tradition of the locality. Hidimba, much-revered wood-and-stone temple, constructed in 1553 is a must visit place. The setting, amid towering deodar cedar trees around 2km northwest of central Manali, would be magical were it not for

hordes of selfie-takers. Along with these popular sites, Buddhist monastery, Great Himalayan National Park, Vashist Temple are some of the popular areas to explore. There are many places in the city which serves authentic traditional cusines.

Charming City to be Protected

Dixith Suma S

Bengaluru is mainly known for two things. one for the IT industry and the other hand its known for its moderate climate with its geography and altitude give the city a pleasant weather. The IT industry has developed into a massive sector but what about the climate? There are many reasons for the change which increasing the pollution improper waste management and newly added to the list are water borne diseases and dengue and so on. All these have an impact on climate changes takes place in the city. All these have an impact on climate changes that takes place in the city. "The pleasant weather of Bengaluru has changed and the city has

become humid and heavy rainfalls. In monsoons the weather to such a that extend that its freezing and horrible heat in summer" said Nikhil Thomas, a resident in Kormangala. These climatic changes and variations in the temperature levels should be a cause of concern to all. "The pleasant weather of Bengaluru has changed and the city has become hotter and heavy rainfalls. In monsoons the weather to such a that extend that its freezing and horrible heat in summer" said Nikhil Thomas, a resident in Kormangala.

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