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Despite toilets in place rural population stuck to open defecation



Mid day meal: Initiative to increase literacy level and enrollment in schools

"Film is dish that should be served with soul"



## Bengaluru: A Home to numerous exquisite stretches of water now calling for attention

Joyce Joyson

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Bengaluru city, built by Kempogowda, was an abode to 210 lakes and exuberant wetlands. But today, the plight remains that, Cauvery River is only the major source of water for the ever-swelling population of 1.2 crores city dwellers. The pressing priority of the health of the city is to revive the lakes that are at the risk of disappearing due to manifold reasons. Agriculture, reclamation, habitation and litigation activities are being carried out at the cost of encroachment of the lake area. The constructions carried near the lake peripheral has a lot of ramifications on the

aquatic environment and breeding activity of the bird. Another cause for lake deterioration is dumping of heaps of untreated industrial and domestic waste, which makes the water contaminated. Many freshwater lakes have turned into sewerage water bodies emitting high toxic fumes. The brick-making and mud lifting industries, grazing are increasingly responsible for disturbing the lake ecosystem. Conservation and rejuvenation of lakes and tanks are imperative for recharging the groundwater level and ensuring drinking water supply to the population. The water surfaces help in maintaining optimum temperature. It reduces the temperature and prevents the formation of hot zones in the urban setting. The supply of clean air is easier on the water bed. Fish, other aquatic animals and birds fertilization need larger water surfaces. Lake restoration



means the revival of the lake nearly close to the condition before its degeneration. Kaikondrahalli lake is a classic example of how citizens can save lake by collaborative efforts. Further, Chinnapanahalli Lake in Mahadevpura is also a success story of revivifying a lake that

had almost vanished. According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP), around 75 lakes in and around the city have been revived and retained. Some exemplary examples of lakes transformed by BBMP into serene water bodies are - Kalkere lake, Yelahanka lake, Munnekolala

lake, Haralur lake and many more. Effective restoration can be achieved through collaboration with scientists, economists, managers, policy-makers and the locals. Other means to conserve the water bodies are rainwater harvesting, reinstating interconnectivity

among lakes, de-silting and pumping out the contaminated water, improvement of pathways around water bodies, planting of trees around the lake, developing it into a tourist spot etc. "We never know the worth of water till the well is dry" Thomas Fuller.



### Extend the ambit of labour law: Delivery executive

Kalashree Kochumon

With National and International food apps competing with each

other in Metro cities like Bangalore, those with basic knowledge of handling smartphone and familiarity with locations are people are

keenly opting for hassle-free earnings which turn out being a race against time.

Cutting through traffic, violating traffic signals, and waiting for hours to get orders and struggling to reach on time at peak hours, and also maintaining their account status and ratings at best to get maximum orders. With changing climatic conditions they have the sincerity to deliver the food at doorstep even at heavy rains and times

of flood. They have to face lots of inhuman behaviour as they have to deliver the parcel safely and they have to put forth themselves to deal with recipients expectations and reactions but as they are taught they have to stay cool, calm and composed and defray themselves from unnecessary chat and fights. Instead of facing all these the only thing they demand is good pay, and according to workers, the pay scale

has been changed without any intimation from management to the workers and food delivery executives have raised and protested against continuous wage issues. The workers have raised and voiced their demand from the government to extend the ambit of labour law. As the pay scale of delivery boys has been changed without prior information and their incentives and commission have been taken away without

discussion translating into a disorganized representation of rights of delivery boys.

"The company has sought a week to complete the office formalities to restore our benefits" as the management functions in a way they please without giving a thought about workers. The primary demand here is to consider the executives as "employees" and should be given a fixed pay, and also incentives also.



# Is India open defecation free in reality?

Joyce Joyson

India was declared open defecation free on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of our beloved Bappu. The mission Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan is dear to our PM Narendra Modi, who proudly announced that 99% of India is open defecation free on October 2, 2019. During the time Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan was launched, India had 450 million people defecating in open. Which accounts for almost 59% of 1.1 billion people in the world who practice open defecation. But the question remains, Is India really open defecation free? Where around 1.77 million people are homeless, in accordance with 2011 census. A nation where excess grain is eaten by rodents, India is an abode to the largest number of malnourished children by a study conducted by EY. Where a fight against shelter and hunger is not over, how can one even think that millions out there can build and use toilet for themselves. Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, one crore toilets are built. But the mission failed to bring in change in the behavioral attitude and mindset of the people.

It is often seen that in rural areas people deny to give up their old stale habit of open defecation. Although the general health status of Indians has enhanced and there is a surge reported in life expectancy as well. Still, countless sanitation problems and health complexities exists due to poor sanitation. UNICEF tags women in India as 'double victimized'. The women in villages go out at night to defecate in open. Due to which they face problems such as sexual harassment, snake bites. According to UNICEF, around 50% of rapes



happen when women go out to defecate or urinate. In many rural houses 'toilets' are considered to be polluting and ritually impure. Even rich rural households are also of the same ideology and give toilet facilities minimal preference. Many girls after reaching the menstrual age stop attending schools as there are no toilets. The unavailability of toilets act as a barrier in education and empowerment of the young minds.

On the other hand, open defecation trigger diseases such as diarrhea, dysentery, intestinal worm infection, typhoid, cholera and hepatitis etc. informs the World Health Organization

Open defecation carried near water surfaces contaminates the water and makes it unfit for drinking and cooking. It is seen that the flies sit on the human feces transmits germs and diseases when they land on food and drink. The places where there are heaps of human dung invite swarms, which makes it an ugly spot and the stinking smell also pollutes the environment. In order to curb the menace NGO's and government should work hand-in-hand. This will help in comprehending the problems faced by people in a better way and come up with smatter solutions. The citizens are to be educated and regular awareness camps should be should be setup. People should shed- off their cultural norms and beliefs that prevents them from making you of the toilet.

## BMTC to phase out Volvo Buses

Kalashree Kochumon

BMTC decided to scrap 1,089 non-AC buses this year. "We'll induct 357 new non-AC diesel buses by January 2020.

It's not feasible to immediately scrap as it'll yield only some lakhs of rupees in the scrap market," the official said. The BMTC officials scrapped ordinary buses which were either more than 11 years and

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# How safe are the bottled water?

Abu Saji Samuel

Multiple cases of cholera, typhoid and dysentery are reported in hospitals around Kothanur and Hennur due to the presence of numerous contaminants in drinking water. An average of five cases are reported every month in K. Narayanapura Primary Health Centre and Falcon Health care in Kothanur to unsafe drinking water. Cratis and Fortis Hospital had recorded about 15-20 minor cases regarding the same in month of September. The figures are small compared to the population rate in these

of people around the city, including students depend on gallon bottles as sources of drinking water without knowing it's the side effects. Many student residents and hostilities near K. Narayanapura trust the suppliers without enquiring the quality of water.

"The gallon water received by residents is not in accordance with the Indian standards. Many are unaware about the drinking water supply they receive. There should be thorough check by the municipality department about the cleanliness of the water supplied. The local water suppliers

Dr. Jacob Daniel, physician at Falcon hospital said that "buyers should make sure that the water plants follow the standards set by the government. Also, the gallon water bottle should be used before 30 days of the production date. They should check whether it is sealed and well packed before purchasing. The municipality department should check the quality of water at least once a month from each water plant."

The government must keep the water suppliers under check and fix responsibility on a person or team for unsafe drinking



areas but the potential risk cannot be neglected. The quality of the drinking water received in many parts of the city is a major concern for the health of the people. A large number

are negligent of the certification of drinking water that should be followed by the plant as well as the suppliers," said Richard George, a retired military officer shared his worries.

water. The municipality should ensure that the drinking water plants take adequate steps for processing and storing the water in an enclosed and hygiene environment.

10 lakh km as now they are coming with new scraping policy to reduce the age upto 8 years and distance upto 5.4 lakh km. Government made statements to transfer the fuel-guzzling Volvo buses to other transport corporations in the state. As most of these air-conditioned services have been running on loss ever since they were introduced. Only long distance buses had made

profit. But, considering spike in pollution and traffic congestion the commuters on the other side says that "the authorities should not stop a service that connects every part of the city with such comfort and ease." Their concern is if the Volvo buses will be removed 1000s of cars will be back on road making traffic situations serious.



## Heart wrenching tale of Joker

Gopinath K.M

The original story of the most iconic villain of all time the movie "JOKER" is the first live action movie that focuses on the transformation of Arthur

It is totally focused on the protagonist who works as a part time clown and the problems that he had to face from the society which leads to his ultimate mental breakdown and transformation into the Joker. The joker

mask of innocence that he was trying to hold onto. The iconic laugh of Joker has got great impact on the viewers because of its intensity. As compared to the other DC movies this movie contains so many intense and violent scenes that



fleck into the Joker. Todd Philips has done a fantastic job in directing the movie and the actor Joaquin Phoenix has done his career best performance as he was living as the Joker. So many actors over the years have portrayed the Joker in different ways and have won both the heart and criticism of the audience. But Joaquin Phoenix left his signature with his unique acting skills and will be remembered forever for this performance. The movie is set in the Gotham city in 1980s.

has given a different perspective in the movie. Director Todd Philips tells the story through the eyes of the joker that makes the audience empathize the character. Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix) is an aspiring stand-up comedian who suffers from a medical condition that makes him to laugh uncontrollably in serious situations which makes him get beaten up many times. The movie also focuses on the social injustice and cruelty that has done to him which makes him to slowly get rid of the

may not be acceptable to all the audiences yet the movie has won both the audience and critic appreciation and is successfully collected close to 1 Billion dollars. This is the most profitable comic book movie of all time with only 64 million as the budget. The movie got an eight minute long standing ovation on the Venice film festival. This movie will give you a different theatre experience and it has got all the elements that hold you into the seat till the end of the movie.

## Banquet halls under the radar of BBMP

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B B M P ( B r u h a t Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) has made it imperative that all the marriage halls in the city ought to keep a stack of steel plates as a means to curb the menace caused by single-use plastics. Not only plates but even spoons, cups, straws and Reverse Osmosis water purifiers should be set up in every convention hall in the city. The measure will help reduce the usage of plastic bottles for drinking purposes. Besides, separate bins to collect wet, dry and sanitary wastes should be made installed near premises with different color codes.

The order passed by BBMP on Monday, made it clear that the waste should be disposed off in an eco-friendly manner. Reportedly, the order also lays down instructions to ensure the safety of waste workers. By making it mandatory that gloves, aprons, footwear, and other tools

are to be provided by the proprietor, during collecting, storing and processing of the waste. The chief health officers are expected to keep a check and cancel



licenses if the violation of the rules is reported. However, the steel, ceramic and glass plates often carry food stains from the previous usage, provided if they are not properly washed off.

Many have started using banana leaves as they are easy to use and dispose off. They are also biodegradable. On the other hand, BBMP has issued an advisory on non-usage of plantation leaves. Above that many marriage hall owners are unaware and clueless about any such development and ordinance. said a manager of a wedding hall in Varthur.

## Life in dark: Lost childhood

Kalashree Kochumon

There are many children who live the life of a rag-picker in the city. They are constantly in contact with toxic and harmful waste. The hazardous waste has a negative impact on kids. The toxic, reactive, corrosive and flammable waste could lead to physical disabilities and disorders.

Waste including plastic cans, bottles, cart



bags, e-waste, mobile batteries, medicines and pharmaceuticals lying around releasing toxic gases. There are no stringent laws in the country to prevent children from these exploitation.

The vicious cycle of hunger, poverty often prevents parents from sending their children to schools. The lack of awareness among caretakers about the hazards of these waste aggravate the situation,

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Mid day meal program is government of India's flagship program for achievement of universalization of Elementary Education and is being implemented in partnership with state Government to cover the entire state. All the primary schools in Karnataka state is providing midday meal to the students without fail on all working days. The schools in Karnataka provides potato and milk every day except on Saturdays. To ensure adequate levels of

## Free education along with nutritious diet for children

protein is included in the diet for growing children. According to the norms by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the midday meal should have at least 450 calories and 12 grams protein for students from classes 1 to 5, while students from classes 6 to 10 should have 700 calories and 20 gm of protein. A typical menu for this scheme include rice and sambar, along with rasam. Through this programme



government intends to improve the child health by providing them nutritious balanced diet.

It also aims to increase the level of attendance of the students in general. The principal

of the Government Primary School in K Narayanapura, Mrs Hemalatha said that the ultimate aim of this programme is to improve child health and thus improving the learning ability of the students. She said that "Every day the attendance of the students is provided to the head cook. We also have the responsibility to make sure that the midday meal is provided to all the students." Along with it the management ensures that the quality of the food kept and the cleanliness of the kitchen is maintained. The Principal affirms

that the food is tasted by at least one of the teachers to ensure the taste and safety of the meal. Many schools like the Government Primary School in K Narayanapura has a committee by mothers, which will observe the preparation and serving of the meal. This ascertains that good quality food is being provided. Basavaraju, a teacher working, at the Kothanur Government High School said that the programme is going really well and the quality of the food is quite good.

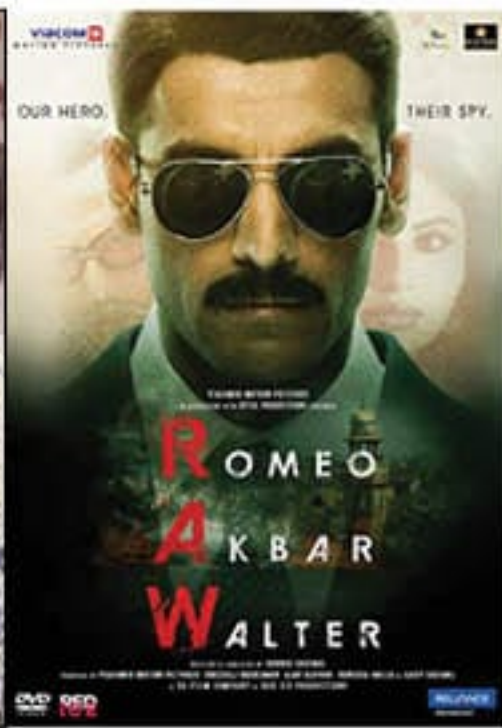


## Interview with Madhur

# “One of the challenges in the field is to be creative and get the work on time”

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**Madhur Madhavan** is a Production designer known for *Romeo Akbar Walter*(2019), *Simmba*(2018) and *Golmaal Again*(2017). His first independent film *Romeo Akbar Walter* got more than ten national award and he also won 2 International award for “3 or adha” film which is streaming on Netflix.



**What are the challenges that you face as a production designer?**

Challenges are those things which gives thrill in life. One of the challenges in the field is to be creative and get the work on time. Every film, every set, every budget and set time is a challenge. Since, it is not fixed schedule, holidays cannot be planned. We don't know where we

will be next day. Commitment is very crucial, there is no room for mistake in this profession.

**How your journey towards production designing started?**

After high school from Jaipur, I went to NIFT Ahmedabad and completed a course of space designing. I did an internship assisting

a production designer and gradually my interest towards the field motivated me to get into film industry. I did a film with Akshay Kumar and Rohit Shetty “Khiladi 786” and then “Chennai Express”. After two three

for next year.

**You were fortunate enough to work with many well known directors. What is your experience with Rohit Shetty?**

I have professional terms with him. He is a person who considers professionalism as a key element. He can make a film hit through his name and brand. He started his career as an action director. His first movie “Zameen” starring Ajay Devgan, Aishwarya Rai, Amitabh Bachhan flopped in theatre. Today, he can communicate through films and after understanding audience demand. He pioneered in “action humour” genre film with *Golmaal* series, Commercial Masala films having lots of cars, actions and drama. As the Taste of audience changes and more concentration is on good content instead of Action he is focusing on storyline and trying to do something extraordinary with his upcoming films.

years, I was able to create a small company as an independent production designer.

**What are your upcoming projects?**

I am working on a film *Suryavanshi* directed by Rohit Shetty, Starring Katrina Kaif, Akshay Kumar, Ranveer Singh. There is another movie *Haseen Dilruba* starring Tapsi Pannu these two films are listed

## Tabacco sale unchecked near educational institutions

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app is used by around 60,000 riders daily in Bengaluru. Bounce has created a revolutionary change in the way that urban India commute.



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start-up has made the daily commute reliable, time saving and has been widely accepted by the youth especially the college students because it is cheaper when compared to other online taxi services. Bounce allows anyone who has a two -Wheeler driving licence to use the keyless scooters by registering their details and licence in the respective Android/ IOS applications. Accordingly, this the application shows the

nearest scooter available to the user and gives the access to the scooter by an OTP that is generated via the Bounce app. The user can start the keyless scooters by this one- time password and ride to their destination and drop it off at any location. The rent is calculated by the time and kilometres that the user travelled. This is one of the most affordable mode of commuting as it charges the rider only Rs 5 per km.

## Book review- wake up life is calling

Joyce Joyson

The mental strain one endures has a potential to make life a living hell. It rips you off the joy, beauty and charm of living. ‘Mental Health’ in India is still considered an issue not worth talking about and how it adds to the complexity.



This is exactly what the renowned author Preeti Shenoy in her book essays by beautifully giving details about the daily struggles the protagonist Ankita goes through , who is fighting with depression. The frequent visits to hospitals, the intake of a dozen medicines that numb her senses. All that she feels is void. Where sleep just isn't sleep anymore, its a means of escape.

On an unfateful day her life takes a drastic turn. Its changes the way she looks at her life, its no more a bed of roses, reality struck her hard. It transforms her forever, to an extent that she had to be admitted to a mental hospital. After coming out of the hospital she still carries

within her the scars of past . Pain, anguish and a feeling of deep distress is buried within in her. What began with love ended with a heartache, a tragedy that had cast her down deep in dump. It is a journey of self-discovery. Picking up the shattered pieces of life and let the heart beat ones again.

In an attempt to make life better and not succumb under the pressure of trials and tribulations that life throws at her ,she enrolls herself into a creative writing course. it was something she always dreamt of doing. She find solace in words. the rest of the book deals with how she overcomes the challenges that life posses at her. How she is hell bent to release her mind of the pain she is enduring for years.

Shenoy has narrated the heart breaking moments in great detail and not missing out the minute details that adds to the plot. Your heart goes out for the lead character. There are some tear jerking moments that fills you with a feeling of sympathy for the character.

The author hopes to give out the message that ‘We all have two lives. The second one starts when we realize we have only one.’ So Live , Laugh and Love.

## The rising trend of bike rental start-ups

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