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Traffic woes continues in Kothanur

Aileen Sara Jacob

KOTHANUR: With heavy vehicles entering during peak hours, the roads in Kothanur has become more dangerous than ever. Negligence to proper vehicle management and lack of sufficient traffic signals lead to this mishap.

"The number of vehicles surpasses road capacity. Heavy traffic increases the difficulty of the journey and also takes long duration to cover shorter distances.

Though Bengaluru Traffic Police banned the entry of trucks into the city from 6 a.m. to 10 P.M, the rule could not be enforced properly. There should be proper overview of this issue and more feasible and strict rules should be made and properly implemented" said Madhav Taneja, an Entrepreneur and a regular traveller.

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"There is no proper footpath which becomes dangerous for pedestrians. Many people do not even consider people walking along the sidewalks. Barricades are necessary for the safety of pedestrians which mostly include

complicated", tells Chungailiu, a student who uses the Kothanur road on a daily basis. Reshma Parveen, a locale stated that, "there is an increasing need of more public transportation measures in the area, mostly towards the college.



students. Moreover, vehicles parked aside the footpath adds to the problem. During festivals and functions, the roads become more blocked than ever and vehicles nearly touch each other making the situation more

The government should take initiatives to allot more buses during the peak hours along with encouraging students to rely more in the public transportation rather than two wheelers. This can reduce the heavy traffic to an extent."

Hennur road in need of traffic signals

Erica D'costa

Traffic these days on the Hennur road has become a huge difficulty for people traveling to and fro on the road, for roadside vendors as well as pedestrians, as many vehicles travel on the footpath in order to avoid traffic making

considered as a three lane road, the traffic in that area is quite heavy during the day as well as during the evenings. As there is a junction in this area you find vehicles coming in from all sides and it makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road as there is no stop to the

whole day to control the movement of traffic here", said Mr. Shekhar, a traffic policeman. The traffic cops in the area are present there from morning as they try their level best to control the movement of traffic as they play the role of a signal but that isn't of any help as they are not able to stand there for the whole day and it is not possible for them to control such heavy traffic.

An initiative to set up traffic signals in the area should be brought to the attention of the Road Minister, so that there can be a smooth movement of vehicles and chances of heavy and rash movement of vehicles can be reduced. Mr. John, an entrepreneur who passes uses this road on a daily basis said, "Putting up signals in this locality will slow down the movement of traffic and could possibly stop accidents from happening, people could be able to cross the roads as well without the fear of being hit by a speeding vehicle".

it uncomfortable and unsafe for people to walk, and this is where the use of signals could be set up to avoid such things.

Though the roads near Vadarplya are broad enough which can be

movement of traffic and speeding vehicles on that road.

"The requirement of traffic signals on the road would be of great help to the traffic police as we alone are not able to stand there the

Street food might be hazardous to our health

Saranyamol C

Kothanur: If you are unable to fight the urge to dig into spicy water filled crispy golgappas, jilebi, panipuri, or steaming momos, here's a very strong and shocking reason to say no. Contamination of food

is equally dangerous. As far as samosas concerned, potatoes and spices get contaminated due to unhygienic food handling practices. Bacterial and fungus contamination depend on whether too. Kothanur areas where the street food are mostly criticised and

seen as a threat for health are that places where they are produced and sold are open to dirt and contamination and that hygiene, attitude, and applications adopted by the sellers during the preparation and storage of the food are insufficient. According to Dr.Fathima

dietician of St.johns hospital, food borne



bacterial pathogens commonly detected in street vended food. People, who patronize street food, have been reported to suffer from food borne diseases like diarrhoea, cholera, typhoid fever and food poisoning. She recommended that always stick

with freshly cooked hot food, sauce may cause of many peoples stomach disturbances because restaurants often their sauce for the entire day at room temperature., before buying street food, take the time to check out the sanitary conditions of vending site.

The Lungs of the World on Fire

Erica D'costa

The devastation caused by the wildfires is still ranging in the Amazon rainforest which is difficult to comprehend. The Amazon is one of the largest forests of its kind as it contributes one-fifth of the world's oxygen and is also home to a wide variety of rare flora and fauna.

The Amazon basin has been home to generations of indigenous people who are times attacked by poachers and loggers who illegally invade their territories. The rights of these people have been overridden in the face of greed by powerful wants of economic interests which are corrupting and looting the natural resources, the rainforest has to offer.

Brazil has seen more than 76,000 fires ravage the Amazon in 2019, of which around 10,000 have been started in the past few weeks, mainly by farmers seeking, as they do during the summer months, to clear vast tracts for agricultural or industrial use. However, this annual exercise of planned deforestation appears to have crossed a tipping point this year. There has been an increase of at least 80% in the number of recorded fires compared to the same period in 2018, according to Brazil's National Institute for Space Research. The number and intensity of the fires are closely linked to the rate of deforestation. Some reports estimate that in July 2019, the Amazon shrunk by 1,345 sq. km, up 39% from the same month last year, and a historical record

President Jair Bolsonaro has insisted that the Brazilian areas of the Amazon rainforest are sovereign territory. Conservationists blame Mr. Bolsonaro and his government for turning a blind eye to farmers and loggers clearing land in the Amazon, hastening deforestation. But in an address at the United Nations in New York, he struck a defiant note. He said it was a "fallacy" to describe the Amazon as the heritage of humanity and a "misconception" that its forests were the lungs of the world. His statements regarding the blaze in the Amazon forest shook the people of Brazil where they later protested against him.

Bolsonaro should stop illegal activities from happening in the Amazon region. As humans are entirely to be blamed for the forest wildfires in Brazil as cattle ranchers and loggers set fire to the lands to clear and utilize the land. The vast majority of these fires are all human lit. The government of Brazil has to buck up and stop such things from happening as this fire could cause a huge impact on climate change. The wildfires raging in the Amazon are a visible metaphor for the effect of our unrestrained passion for limitless economic growth. And it also has a lot to do with deforestation. The acquisitiveness that causes the radical damage we see dehumanizes us as well as ruining our environment.

The beauty of belonging in a world that nurtures us is the solidarity we can enjoy with living matters as well as with each other as humans. Therefore, the entire globe has to put away with the want of access greed from what nature has to offer and protect it instead of ruining it.

Parenthood requires love, not DNA!

Mayank Kabtiyal

Adoption happens when biological parents give away all their rights to another couples who wants to adopt the child. In India, adoption is a legal process where court agrees with the points notified by both the parties.

The rights as well as obligations of a registered domestic life partners with respect to a child are the same as those of husband and wife. Thus, the legal parentage of children born to registered domestic partners will be determined by applying the same rules and presumptions that are applied to determine the legal parentage of children born to married couples. There are many laws not only in India but in all over world.

When we talk about adoption, the provisions or the acts which can assure adoption and can give the procedure of adoption is the Hindu adoption and

maintenance act 1956 .it deals specifically with the legal process of adopting children by a Hindu adult, and with the legal obligations of a Hindu to provide "maintenance" to various family



members including their wife or wives, parents, and in-laws.

Men can adopt if they have the consent of their wife. The only way of getting around obtaining the permission of the wife or of the wives is if she or if they are unsound, if they have died, if they have completely and finally renounced the world, and if they have ceased to be a Hindu. Men who are unmarried can adopt as well as long as they are not a minor. However, if a man were

to adopt a daughter, the man must be twenty-one years of age or older.

Only unmarried Hindu women can legally adopt a child. A married woman can only give her

consent to adoption by her husband. A married woman whose husband adopts a child is to be considered the mother. If the child is adopted and there are more than one wife living in the household, then the senior wife is classified as the legal mother of the adopted child.

When a child is adopted there are certain legal implication which are applied in the child. From the date of the adoption, the child

is under the legal guardianship of the new adopted parents and thus should enjoy all the benefits from those family ties. This also means that this child, therefore, is cut off from all the legal benefits from the family who had given him or her up for adoption.

Adoption is a noble cause, which brings happiness to kids, who were abandoned, or orphaned. This gives a chance for the humane side of civilization to shine through. It's a beneficial program where the child is treated as the natural born child and given all the love, care and attention. At the same time, it fills the void in the parents who yearned for kids, their laughter and mischief echoing off the walls of a home.

Although a few changes could be made to make all the laws regarding adoption a little, uniform 'Adopting one child won't change the world: but for that child, the world will change.'

Hefty fines for Traffic Violation

Erica D'costa

The Amendment of The Motor Vehicle Bill, 2019 was passed by the Lok Sabha which came into force on the 1st of September 2019 to impose high penalties on the people that violate traffic rules in the country. Along with the bill came a long list of violations with amount of fine that is to be paid if caught violating any of these rules.

The Act has been much needed in the country due to the observed lax behaviour of citizens towards road safety and traffic rules. According to the act, the penalties for all traffic violators will be stricter than before and

the fines more costly. The government expects the higher amounts of the fines to be a strong deterrent for people breaking the traffic rules. The amendments include many new rules in addition to the existing penalties.

An important part of this new Act is the Motor Vehicle Accident fund, which will be used to insure all the road users in the country. The funds will be used for the treatment of the victims of road accidents, and for the compensation of people injured in hit and run or any other road disaster and compensation to the family of the victim in case of their demise in such an accident.

India is known to be

among the world's most unsafe places to drive in, with the drivers' complete lack of education and regard of the traffic laws and rules and most importantly the bad roads. The new set of rules are meant to address any such shortcomings in traffic control and management our country in the years to come.

This Bill that has been put forth by the government is indeed a good take on lessening accidents in the country as now people will be a little more cautious and conscious about their actions as no one would want to shell out money from their pockets for unnecessarily violating the rules.

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Stripping of the power of J & K

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Kashmir is arguably the worst legacy of the fratricidal partition of British India in 1947. One of more than 500 princely states in the subcontinent at the time, where the Hindu ruler cast his lot with India after a tribal group from Pakistan attempted to capture the territory. The two nations have since fought three wars over the Muslim territory and are in conflict with each other ever since. Due to the dispute between both the countries since India’s Independence, Jammu and Kashmir had been given special legislative rights and a special status. Earlier this year Prime Minister Modi passed a shocking verdict where Article 370 was abolished and Jammu and Kashmir’s special status was taken away and became two separate union territories. This not only came in as a surprise to the Indians but also stunned the world. At that heat of the moment PM Modi and the BJP Government felt that it was the right thing to do but it definitely was not as the lives of thousands of people living in the state of Jammu and Kashmir is threatened. Changing Kashmir’s status won’t do anything to ease tensions with Pakistan. To the contrary, it will further empower the Pakistani military, along the main roadblock to peace on the subcontinent. India desperately needs a real strategy to engage with Pakistan, commercially as well as diplomatically. Instead Modi’s government seems convinced it can continue to ignore, isolate and deter its rival. One result is that trade between the two countries has now broken down entirely.

The Best Place To Read Comics For Free

Mayank Kabtiyal

Comics is a platform that is used to deliver ideas through images, text and visual illustrations. It’s a collection of strips where the story is presented in a series format for a period of time. The arrangement of panels are chronological and create narrative spacing. Comics are mass mediums and reach out to the audience through comic books, magazines, and newspapers. It is often termed as a sequential art form. The story is often original in this form and the dialogues are written in a balloon and placed near the images. Recent days marvel fans are increasing

an alarming rate due to their amazing cinematographic presence. It gave a huge hike in the comic book industry as crave for comic books and visiting local shops can be expensive and thus there are certain sites like Marvel Unlimited where one can read and find more than one comic. Initially, they get the free issue and also the trial version is available. They provide around 25,000 comics and one can get those even for a monthly and annual subscription. Another site where one can read comics online is DC Kids. It is often get criticized for the lack of humor in the content it provides in comparison to Marvel. It gives an exposure

and entry point to the youngsters into comics. The animations texhibits are quite expressive and heralded. It doesn’t provide huge array of offers but it’s a perfect place to read



comics online. ComiXology is a place that is often referred to as the online comic shop and no one can beat the content it provides. It is popular for its digital comics and charges for certain issues. The large and frequently updated

issues are provided for free to the readers and make it available for a longer period of time. There are online sites that act like shop and provide free issues of several collections of comics.

helps in exploring. It is one of the best places where the individual can read comics online for free. The most popular and craved is Amazon Best Seller where they provide 100 top free comics. It has got high demand among the children and also the youngsters who are the great followers of comics. Along with comics they also provide graphic novels which is another similar thing of a comic. Comic book plus is a platform where an individual can read comics of silver age and which are in the public domain. They categorized the different sections of comics available. Once they start exploring it will give them a wider perspective and greater level of satisfaction.

It is time to think about child safety

Aileen Sara Jacob

India is a vast country with diverse cultures, classes and traditions. Our country ranks second in terms of population but unfortunately, we are still negligent to the rights of children and their safety. The automobile sector is of biggest sectors in the country. Motor vehicle crashes contribute greatly to infant death and injury. It is time for the Indian vehicle safety guidelines to be aligned with international standards. It will result in slight escalation of cost but the safety aspects are far more important. The people in India are less aware about the advantages of child safety seats. Most people in India have cars, but they only know how to drive it. Indians cater to status quotient greatly. They invest on big cars, expensive clothes and things, live in big houses but will not go for the child safety seats. Dr. Leona Raju stated

that, “there are also no stringent laws by the government regarding this concern. The government proposed the child safety law in 2015, but it was not



implemented. According to this plan, children less than 13 years of age has to be restrained in the child restraint systems. Also, the government, from October 2014 made it mandatory for every car maker in India to equip its cars with provision for installing

child seats. Our Indian community is known for embracing novelty. If proper guidance is provided, this system can be successfully imbibed.

In India, the child safety seats are not manufactured but are sold online through Amazon, Flipkart and other online markets. This presents a huge opportunity for Indian manufacturers and the dawn of a new market sector.

Water Crisis: Bore well is aggravating

Saranyamol C

Bengaluru: Bengaluru has been experiencing its worst summers in the last five years and the demand for water is at an all-time high. Successive governments have promised the citizens piped water but have failed to deliver their promise. People are facing a severe shortage of water because their bore wells are either dry or provide little water. Private suppliers charge about ₹500 per tanker load in offseason in the city. With demand for tanker water going up, private agencies have collected about ₹1,000 per load in 2019 summer. Many residents fear it could touch ₹1,500 as temperature picks up further. Residents near Madiwala say indiscriminate digging, excessive drawing of water from existing wells and total disregard to rainwater harvesting

are wreaking havoc he also added his complaints to the water utility, BWSSB and the civic body BBMP have gone in vain. There are about 3.65 lakh legal bore wells, but there is little or no policing on sinking of unlawful bore wells. Many bore wells dug up for domestic use are exploited for commercial supplies. Resident near Madiwala said that a well-connected man in the area has dug 13 bore wells in the last two years. “It yields water for 24 hours, which he supplies to corporate for a hefty price.” “The rate at which groundwater is reducing indicates that there are thousands of bore wells being drilled without permissions” said by vishvam. The BWSSB has already started supplying water to 41 villages; the remaining areas are expected to Cauvery connection in three years.

In conversation with Sanjana Dipu, the boy from *Moothon*

Aileen Sara Jacob

Sanjana Dipu, a student of Kristu Jayanti College Bengaluru and an upcoming actress of Malayalam film industry sharing her experiences with Campus Courier on her debut film *Moothon*, which was premiered at Toronto International Film Festival 2019.



What is *Moothon* for you?

Muthoon is very close to my heart as it is my first film. The people I got to work with and the kind of art I got to do and the exposure I got is really beautiful. It has helped me as a person and as an artist.

How was your entry to the film?

My entry to the movie was unexpected. I went for a movie where me

and my father happened to meet Geethu

Mohandas and ended up in a conversation with her. The next day I got an audition call and the journey of *Moothon* began.

How supportive was Nivin Pauly as a co-star?

Nivin Pauly was really fun to work with. He has always been an amazing co-star and moreover a good friend. We always had a good chemistry during the shoot and we used to improvise our dialogues and actions.

We all know about Geethu Mohandas as an actress. How do you see her as your director?

Geethu Mohandas is the wind behind my wings. She is the one who gifted and saw Mulla in me when I didn't look anything like Mulla. It was a wonderful experience working

with her as she always had that tough love for me. She molded me as an artist, to be a better person with regard to putting myself out there and showing my talents off. She is a wonderful human being and an amazing Director.

How was your journey from Sanjana to Mulla?

I started working in *Moothon* before joining Kristu Jayanti College. I got selected when I was in 11th grade and completed all the dubbing and extra work during my first year of degree in college.

How close is Mulla to you as a character?

Mulla is not similar to Sanjana as a person. But the factor that connects Sanjana and Mulla is hope. Mulla has a lot of hope in her as well as in the world around her and so do I. Mulla being the first role I ever



played in big screen, has taught me a lot. It made me to understand the importance of perseverance and determination in life.

What was the response from your teachers, family and friends on this first attempt?

My family, teachers, and friends loved the movie and supported me immensely as they knew I always wanted to act. I feel it is one of my greatest blessings to have such wonderful

people around me. I owe my success to all of them.

***Moothon* is conquering all the major screens today How do you feel about it?**

I feel happy about my movie doing wonders in the big screen. At the same time, I also started enjoying the fact that people began watching movies that deal with such sensitive topics as discussed in *Moothon*, especially in Malayalam film industry.

The Lion King: The circle of life

Saranyamol C

"The Lion King" Disney's in its quest to remake many of its animated classics. This particular "Circle of Life" has taken 25 years to complete



its rotation, and now Simba, Mufasa and the once-ubiquitous songs of Elton John and Tim Rice are back again.

2019's *Lion King* is a visual extravaganza to savour. Everything you see on screen is etched out with spellbinding detailing and the visual finesse gives way to near perfection. Some

scenes especially ones with the fire flies in the night, open starlit skies and expansive views of the forest look stunning. Where the visual appeal falls short is in the expressions and emotions on the faces, especially the eyes of the animals which the animated version had got so right.

The story should be familiar to anyone over the age of 8, especially anyone who had both a young child and a VCR back in the 1990s. Young cub Simba (Donald Glover) is cast out of his homeland after his power-hungry uncle (Chiwetel Ejiofor) has Simba's father, Mufasa (James Earl Jones, reprising his role from the 1994 film), killed. What is new is this film's striking CGI animation style. Viewers who show up late will be forgiven for thinking they've wandered into a showing

of mutual of "omaha's wild kingdom". Each hair and whisker on a mandrill's face is defined. Every creature moves with seeming weight and realism, every landscape looks straight off a postcard. And maybe the visuals alone are enough to justify the remake. Because although this version is some 30 minutes longer than its predecessor, anyone looking for new story twists or, say, an inspiring backstory for the antelope that gets eaten will probably leave disappointed.

Unless you've memorized the original, it will likely be difficult to spot what was added to fill out those extra minutes. If anything, more could have been cut, as "The Lion King" drags a bit early on, when it's all sober lesson-imparting and ceremony. Things pick up when Simba joins up with Pumbaa

(Seth Rogen), a gassy warthog, and Timon (Billy Eichner), a quippy meerkat. Eichner earns the most laughs by far (he also sings a bit), and his caffeinated, over-the-top delivery is perfectly suited for voice work. "I like what you've done with the place," he tells Simba when arriving at barren wasteland, "but a bit heavy on the carcass. Beyoncé also shows up as Nala, Simba's betrothed. Her contribution to the soundtrack, including a brand new song for this update, will probably put butts in seats, but her acting is a bit flat. If only she had something else to fall back on.

For those who haven't seen the original, 'The Lion King' (2019) is certainly worth a watch for its gorgeous visuals and technical genius and one's catching it in Hindi will have Shah Rukh Khan and Aryan Khan adding their spark.

Bengaluru Bounce becomes world's fastest growing bike

Saranyamol C

Bounce has reached a significant milestone of about 60000 rides per day in Bengaluru, making it the fastest-growing bike-sharing start-up in the world.

Bounce bikes are available within a five minutes' walk across most of Bengaluru, the service is being used by people from all walks of life, including IT professionals, students and self-employed. Bounce has helped to reduce congestion. Roughly five per cent of all metro commuters use Bounce as their preferred mode of commute for first and last-mile connectivity. It has also empowered women, who constitute more than 25 percent of its users. Mehra, bounce

consumer said that "the experience with Bounce was good so far with easy booking with minimal documentation." Bikes and scooters, which allow people to easily move shorter distances, can help commuters access public transport hubs several miles away. Apart from that, Bounce competes with Vogo, a similar service provider which has raised its usage up to 100 million. People find Bounce more reliable as they don't have any particular hub, and a scooter can be spotted within a 5 minutes' walk. The organization is concerned about private parking lots, instructing the users to park their vehicle in the legal parking zone.