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Divya KS

Bangalore is a city no less than any metropolitan, with a huge varied population. As the city is rapidly progressing with the changing lifestyles, changing food habits and changing seasons, the most least focused is the existence of the government health institutions. "The Government hospitals are seen something like an outpost but the staff here still strive hard to provide with facilities to all for free," said Mr. Dada Saheb, Health Inspector at K Narayanapura Primary Health Centre. Having a pep talk with the devoted staff, they open up saying "they work seven and half hours daily, earning only Sundays as a holiday as they tend to a handful of fifty to sixty patients in a day". Asking of their working atmosphere, Veena, Nurse at

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-Mr. Naresh Mangla

Narayanapura Primary Health Centre says, "I am supported and treated like a member of the family. Here all are equally encouraged". Walking to another Government hospital in Yelahanka, depicts a bigger scene of the dying Government hospitals.

Conversing with Assistant Administrative Officer, Yelahanka General Hospital, spoke of his staff which consists of 12 doctors, specialized with ENT, Ortho, Gynaecologist, Surgeons, General Physicians, Dermatologists, Pathologist with 20 qualified nurses and 15 male attendants.

He adds, "We open at 9.15 am and work to serve the public till 4.30 pm. It is a pleasure to see staff work even on Sundays dedicated for the public without differentiating the strata of the patient." Asking of the employees of the working ambience, they say, "we are satisfied with the salary we get, but we are more satisfied when we serve people. All the facilities are sanctioned at the apt time, which helps us to function properly." Mr. Naresh Mangla, a resident of Yelahanka who is being treated at Yelahanka General Hospital said, "I get free

medical treatment as I am a BPL card holder. Even the medicines prescribed are free".

Mrs. Sushma Latha, another resident of Yelahanka, who is expecting her first child this September, said, "she is taken care at the hospital, which includes scans, tests and other needed medical facilities all for free. I am also given services after I deliver".

Government hospitals still face the challenge of being underequipped, understaffed and undermined by private hospitals. Patients who are financially strong prefer services of the private hospitals, due to status issues, equipment dissatisfaction and gullible trust on the private hospitals. It makes the Government hospitals a foundation which lacks support.



All you need to survive in Bengaluru is just Rs. 25

Olevia K Sunny | Vivek Mathew

There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." This statement of our father of the nation is made possible to the Bangaloreans through Indra canteens. Indra canteens, a chain of fast food joint in Bengaluru, started subsidized food supply to the needy. It is run by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike since August, 16, 2017. The breakfast is served from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM and it costs just rupees five. Lunch is served from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and dinner is served from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at a cost of ten rupees. Thus Indra canteen enables an individual to survive in Bengaluru at a cost of Rs. 25 in a day.

This project which was initiated based on inspiration from similar projects of other states which is found to be appreciated and welcomed by the people. Customers are not given bills, but have to stand in queue to get a token. The number of tokens per meal are noted down by the canteen staff and handed over to BBMP for monthly reimbursement. Indra Canteens in Bengaluru are still struggling to iron out the initial problems. In the canteen in Horamavu (Ward 25), for instance, less than 200 people were served lunch despite BBMP's target of serving 300 lunches per day. The soon approaching elections are also raising questions of sincerity of present state government in the project. And the practicality of the inauguration of remaining canteens as promised and solving the existing issues in the long run are also great matters of concern. However, this understanding and willingness to serve the needy is highly appreciable as it is happening in a country where there are many dying out of hunger each day.



Gaze of Hope

Photo credit: Sruthi M

The city of garden now turned into city of stray dogs

Sruthi M | Subramani

"We are facing extreme problems due to troublesome stray dogs. Every night they are feeding on the garbage from the garbage cans and dirtying the full area"



Disorganized urban planning and over population leading to increase in the number of stray dogs in most Indian cities. Bangalore, the city of gardens has now turned into city of stray dogs. There is a stray dog for every 37 people in Bangalore according to a study by NGO Jnaagraha centre for citizenship and democracy. Over population of street dogs a menace to people on the road, especially children as well as the two-wheelers. Many accidents take place because of the street dog attacks and travellers are risking their life

because of them. "When I went to a nearby shop to buy milk in the morning three dogs tried to bite me somehow I escaped," Guruprasad, a local resident who is a recent victim of stray dog attack described his fearful experience.

The BMTC bus stands and railway station are becoming shelters of the stray dogs. Food items carried by the travellers and other garbage sustain them in these places.

Why does Bangalore have

stray dog problem?

The city encourages stray dog through the litter and trash on the streets, which provides the dogs with food on a daily basis. The government authorities have failed to initiate programs to reduce or control the number of stray dogs. BBMP provides helpline numbers for the people facing problem with stray dogs. But they are not fully succeeded in their attempts to control the problem.

"We are facing extreme problem due to troublesome stray dogs. Every night they are feeding on the garbage from the garbage cans and dirtying the full area", Said Santhosh, a local resident of Kalyan Nagar, who has complained BBMP about the stray dog menace in his area. It is very much clear from his words that the people are facing lots of problem because of the stray dogs. The dogs howls at night and this continuous barking

keeps the kids and the elderly awake throughout. When asked the officials regarding their perception on the increase of stray dogs, Mr. Satyanarayan, Counsellor of Malleswaram municipality said, "We are planning to have a meeting about the increasing number of stray dog attacks in the city. The decisions taken in the meeting will be discussed with the state government. As of now there is no funds for the animal

birth control but government is providing fund for medical facilities for those who attacked by dogs. We are also aware of recent incident that took place Ms.Ramaiah road on Monday."

The earlier methods of eliminating dogs are considered as inhumane by the animal welfare activists. A reasonable and cost-effective solution to control the over population of stray dogs are the need of the hour because the increasing number of stray dogs can lead to many problems.

Rabies a fatal disease causing acute inflammation in brain is caused by infected dogs. Although all warm-blooded animals can transmit rabies but dogs are the most common carriers. India has the highest number of human rabies deaths in the world estimated at 35,000 per annum.

We should realize that the root cause of any problem might be a simple mistake from our part. So, the key to solve the problem can also be found with ourselves.

A Journey from sinner to saint



Jomy Rajan

"What I do is God's work and I am just an instrument in his mission," says Auto Raja, who rescued over 15000 beggars and destitute from the street of Bengaluru in the past 20 years. There are millions of people all over the world who live a life of unfulfilled wants and utter poverty.

Mr. T.Raja, popularly known as Auto Raja is the founder of 'New Ark Mission of India (Home of Hope)' in 1997. He has dedicated his life to help the underprivileged people.

An organization dedicated to rescuing and rejuvenating the lives of the destitute and dying people on the street of Bangalore with the help of Christian missionaries.

The story of the sinner turned saint who has dedicated his life towards helping the needy started nearly three decades ago, when the man has been a juvenile delinquent. In the dark cells of the Central Prison in Chennai, this 16-year-old inmate underwent a transformation from a knave to a saint.

Raja's father was a telephone line operator. He never experienced parental love and affection which is a major reason of being lead to wrong direction in his life such as stealing, drinking, gambling, robbery, street fights and petty crimes.

He had run away from home and lived life in the street for around two years. "I was a trouble maker at home and outside. When I was imprisoned, I realized the miseries and problems of my fellow beings here. From then I became a follower of Jesus

Christ and I made deals with God that fourteen years ago you get me out of prison and I will lead an honest and good life. Till now I have kept the deal with God," recalls Raja.

Today 'Home of Hope' is a home of 400 residents with children and aged people have been rescued from the street of Bangalore. The home has become a place of solace and shelter for the poor people suffering from different diseases such as AIDS, cancer, kidney failure and mental instability.

Auto Raja, resides in

Kothanur with his family and spends his time with the inmates. It is the Bangalore Police who informs him on many occasions and sometimes even brings the needy here and leaves them in his care. Most of the time with the help of Dial 108 emergency ambulance services, he reaches the areas where such people have been spotted and picks them up and brings them to the Home of Hope mostly those residents who were once disowned by their families. However, there are challenges involved as most of them financially are incapable. A larger majority are the children in the home, going to school, whose fees are paid by NAM. Today Auto Raja manages on donation and no support from government.

He received the H. Honnaih Samaja Seva Prashasti Award 2001 and award from the Governor of Karnataka for his outstanding social work in 2002. He had been acknowledged with many Rotary Awards. The NAM of India has marked a turning point for the destitute people of India. He is known to bring hope to the homeless in Bangalore and has planned to carry on the service till his last breath.

K.Narayanapura often freezes due to traffic jam

Sruthi M | Meena R

"The traffic is definitely a mess here. It is better to walk than drive or ride especially during the peak hours," said an annoyed passenger on K Narayanapura Road. A suburban area relying mostly on public transportation suffers traffic jam because of the rapid - and unplanned - growth of the city. It is a developing area which consists of colleges, residential areas and many other institutions with the majority of the residents making use of public transportation for traveling. Mr. Ratnakaran, a local resident of the K Narayanapura said, "These traffic problems are more because of narrow roads and the poor parking facilities. Other problems like the poor condition of roads, over-number of passengers during a particular time period make the common man's travel cumbersome." The only solution to the problem is widening of roads, which unfortunately remains only in papers. Accidents are common and even the pedestrian face hit and run situations.

A teacher possess a different power to mould the nation

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."
Mark Van Doren, poet, professor

Students take teachers day as an opportunity to cascade their love and affection to their teachers by putting up plays, having a fancy fete, writing letters or making cards. Even the teachers yield it as an opportunity to exhibit their talents and entertain the students on this auspicious day. Teachers are the important members of the society who play an important role in shaping the life of individuals thus possess a different power to form the identity of the nation. Students all across the country observe teachers' day to pay respect to their teachers. It is truly said that teachers are back bone of the society. One of the biggest concerns of educators across the world, and especially in India, is making the present generation learners future-ready. India is relatively young as a nation with around 28 million youth population being added to the nation. Undoubtedly, the education sector is a very dynamic industry.

Teachers often make sacrifices to be part of a profession that for the truly gifted instructor is an avocation. Teachers' salaries still lag behind other occupations requiring a college degree. And teachers across the globe take a lot of work home each day or are required to return to the institutions for myriad extracurricular activities. In their time off, they sometimes spend long hours brushing up on the latest education standards or trends via classrooms, seminars or computers. Teachers are expected to be experts and multi talented.

They need to be communicators, leaders, nurturers, accountants, readers, writers, mathematicians, historians, scientists and disciplinarians. The team Campus Courier wishes all those who are engaged in this noble task of moulding the nation a Big Salute.

BMTC: The journey of discomfort still continues

Ravisha Issar



The give and take policy seems vanishing in the present day world. The one who gives respect deserves it back, but a contradictory situation was thrown in light right after a day of Independence where a passenger Arindam Dhar, a resident of Karnataka, under the sun was threatened, taken out by a lady bus conductor of BMTC. The only mistake done

by the passenger was to ask the change back. The usual tendency of the conductors to write the left over amount at the back of the ticket is seen by all but here the paying back arose to a different level. The passenger claims to have taken ticket of Rs. 15 by lending a Rs. 20 note to the conductor and expected the change at least before the last stop, on asking the change

back the conductor clearly refused to give instead of having the change. The conductor flashed the change in front of the passenger but did not give it. On being warned of launching a complaint against the same, conductor got angry, threatened and blocked the doors of the bus in order to refrain the passenger from dropping out.

The case registered is not the first one against the rational and rude behavior of the drivers and conductors running BMTC buses in Bangalore. In support of the statement a BMTC passenger comments, "He was very rude especially when I refused to talk in his language, why do people create distances based on language and call themselves as one?" Some

refuse to give the ticket while some come down to threatening. Accompanying the incident there are several other discomforts faced by the passengers of BMTC, like the overcrowding of the bus during peak hours which leads to people hanging out of the bus in turn risking their life, whereas inside the bus it gives motivation and proper chance to perverts for sexually exploiting the women and children. Huge amount of waiting in bus stops leads to improper stopping or no stopping of bus, overcrowding, pick pocketing, harassment, no ticket and in turn big disappointment.

The main motto of serving the people is fading away at a very fast pace and the only intention left in the heart of humans is the monetary gain which may even cost a single or thousand lives!

"A regular BMTC passenger said, "Why cannot they be sweet to the people or at least treat them like a HUMAN!" A minute mistake committed by a civilian makes it big on the news channels and newspapers but why the detachment from responsibilities of the government towards public is protected like a new born?"

We live in a democratic sub-continent which is 'Of the People, By the People and For the People' but present scenario completely contradicts the above statement.

Getting candid with the budding Kannada Director



Ravisha Issar

A little boy lost in his creative world of painting, sketching and sports being his main inclinations, found hard to understand the puzzled world of Mathematics. Equipped with love of joint family enjoyed every bit of growing up.

Smart, humble, humane, sweet and understanding are the common words used to describe him. His hunger of learning never ends. It takes hard work and self confidence to accomplish your dreams proved correct by once a commoner, now an actor, director of super hit Kannada movie LIFE 360, Mr. Arjun Kishore Chandra speaks his heart out.

How was the journey from 'Lakshaya' to 'Life 360'? Initially we planned for a tele movie with the title 'Lakshya', but later we got producer who helped us release movie on silver screen through main

stream. So due to some legal problem with the title registration of Lakshya we changed the title to 'Life 360' which opted very well. Journey was challenging, film making is not an easy job until and unless you give your 100% commitment. Life 360 changed my life a lot. It taught me to work very hard and stay humble.

The location filmed looks exotic but risky as well. What were the challenges you faced?

Yes we have filmed in nice locations. Though it was risky our young team took it as a challenge and it was thrilling too. We encouraged and motivated each other to be comfortable with whatever we do. There were lots of challenges at every level from the start of pre production to release date. We divided the work among ourselves which made my work easier.

Every film leaves you with something. What did your own film leave you with?

Fire! Fire to do better films, burning desire to achieve more. Guilt, anger, frustration, good memories, great experience and everything. Yes definitely! I have chosen film making over everything and now lost in my imagination. **"Take risk", clearly evident from the shots, but were the risk factors off camera?** Everyone in the team from technicians to actors was new for a feature length movie. It was a challenge to achieve the goal but we researched on many things before execution. Sometimes we were successful and sometimes we failed but we were very much

stubborn to move ahead. Good teammates are always a priority. Man power management, budget management were the biggest challenges apart from team coordination. According to Mr. Arjun Kishore love, desire and dream are they key factors that drive his life and as a budding director he is on a constant strive to achieve patience, persistence and perseverance. His advice to the readers is a request to chase your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. There is no short cut, but never give up!

Are women travelling safe in Bengaluru trains?



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Meena R

There are innumerable and untold crimes occurring to women in trains and railway stations and yet the authorities fail to retain safety measures in all the rail terminals and trains.

In a conversation with Senior Sub Inspector (RPF) Cantonment Railway Station, Bangalore said, "Powerful escorts are assigned in all compartments, special women escorts are assigned in ladies

compartments, high standard CCTV's and helpline numbers assure security for women in trains and platforms." He also adds, "I hear complaints from lady passengers being harassed and I make sure with the officials that the accused are punished. Besides all these securities, still women face all kinds of harassment." Some incidents which bring to limelight the condition of

women travelling are 'Sowmya Rape Case', who was brutally raped by a beggar while travelling in Eranakulam-Shoranur passenger in the year 2011 and another incident is within seven years, when a victim from Chennai, 'Swathi' was murdered at Nungambakkam Railway Station. The scene is no different in any city railway station. There are few sub-

Police Officials, "the passengers are exploited and disturbed by beggars. Some criminals dress up like beggars and harass women and other passengers, thus they don't encourage beggars inside the train and terminals. Still the condition is fully not curbed. We are trying our best." The Senior Sub Inspector (RPF) Cantonment Railway Station, Bangalore, opined, "Soon Bangalore will be a safe destination for women. We are working the best for it".

Mobile Games: An application making way to imbalance in

Divya KS

Things change gradually in a span of 40 years but when it comes to technology, 40 years is no miracle and every decade comes up with something advanced.

The most recent and history determining technology is the rise of mobile internet communications, social networks and super-fast gaming portals. Time changed and by the end of the previous decade, smartphones emerged giving life to an application 'Play Store'- an access giver to a variety of apps, especially games.

"The biggest health hazard of mobile phones is the cell phone radiation", says Dr John Love Joy, Dept. of Psychology, St. Joseph's College. He adds "Radiation passes through the brain which makes the main job of the brain that is to 'think' come to a standstill. It's a direct hit to the addicted individual's thin tissues, skin and bones."

It's so virtually realistic and pleasure to the

eyes." On the long run, the younger generations fail to understand the ill effects of it on eyes, which is continuously strained without proper rest and sleep.

Games are played of different types, like Subway, Surfers which give an aim to the player, while Talking Tom, an interaction and Tic Tac Toe compels to think and decide before moves and then go.

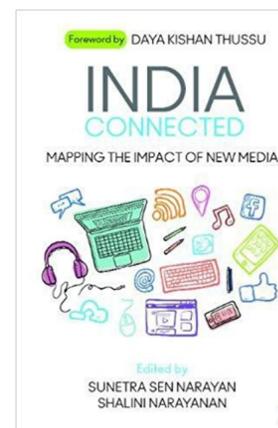
Another game started in Russia, in 2013 with 'f57' (name of adeath gang) by Philipp Budleikin is a trending game now in India, known as the 'Blue Whale Challenge', which basically is a fifty day challenge, inclusive of physical torture and mental exertion, ending up only at suicide.

"This game has changed not just the mind-set of the youngsters but also of the youth, motivating to die thinking of it as the only way to overcome problems," says Nikita Krishna Sahay, I.M.Se Psychology and she also adds, "sleep, mental balance and appetite are severely lost." Smartphone games were launched as a huge revolution but they have made us more isolated than being social.

Book Review

India connected: Mapping the impact of new media

Olevia K Sunny



India connected: Mapping the impact of New Media is a book edited by Sunetra Sen Narayan and Shalini Narayan, which focuses on the growth of new media in India from a broader communication and interdisciplinary perspective. The book looks on how New Media can be theorized in the

Indian context especially when the country is focusing on Digital India. India connected plays a vital role and brings account on the opportunities and challenges that new media poses to governance, development and business as well as in social marketing efforts.

Moreover, India connected, creatively drives the readers into various aspects such of digitization and convergence which are affect Indian media landscape. The book also answers to certain questions like; can New Media help in bringing about development or contribute to social movement? Who is left out of the new media equation? How is public sphere affected by it? How will it be regulated? It is a clear guide for all who aspires to excel in New Media, having a clear understanding of all the aspects of it.

Schooling or Safety: Which is preferable?

Ravisha Issar

The importance of basic education seems overpowering the daily movement of public. The congestion caused around schools every morning and noon takes the movement to halt for minimum of an hour. The increasing number of private motors leads to lesser usage of public transport in turn leading to more blockages around the campus. Cluster of school buses, two wheelers, autos, mini doors, cars and cycles leaves no space for the pedestrians to keep a foot on

ground. Increased traffic has raised eyebrows of not only the police and the educational department, but of the public as well. Minors, everyday put their lives at risk and travel in and around the boundaries of school. On the other hand, the parents reluctant to send the ward off alone take them to school again contributing to blockage of roads. The proposal of Zebra crossing in front of every school still remains unattended and the appointment of one traffic police each in every school during peak hours (proposed

in 2015) does not seem to be prevailing. Being situated on the main road and opposite to the divider itself adds more blocking of vehicles with continuous honking that increases noise pollution. The number of accidents encountered by the students shoots up every year. Reckless driving pattern with no safety measures leads everyone's life at stake. According to the parents, "the administration of the schools does not take the issue seriously and sheds it off every time the issue is brought into notice."

"We have to start two hours early every day for work only because of the obvious blockage caused by the several school transports in the morning, it disturbs our personal and work life!" says a resident of Frazer Town near St. Clare's School. The never ending problem of traffic bifurcating into several major and minute issues leaves people unconvinced. The traffic police, educational institutions and the educational departments are looked upon for bringing possible solutions for the passive problem.