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BBMP takes DyGM on rounds to show off pothole-filling exercise, but only through the best roads, say citizens who have been awaiting a touch of tar for their area's roads too

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Deadlines come and go, only craters are here to stay

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have failed once again to meet the deadline to fill up potholes and craters on the city roads. The Deputy Chief Minister inspected the quality of the BBMP's pothole-filling work on Monday night on a few selected roads that are known as well-maintained roads in the city. The Deputy Chief Minister's inspection on just these select roads invited criticism from motorists and activists from other areas where potholes are yet to be filled up.

The residents of Kankanagar, especially those on KHB Main Road, insist that the Deputy Chief Minister visit the area to know about the apathy and negligence of BBMP engineers. They too were expecting the BBMP engineers to fix the roads as per the Deputy Chief Minister's deadline but nothing has been done till date.

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— Abdul Samad, activist on situation of KHB Road

LAST DROP

As tanker strike enters fifth day, residents of Mahadevapura, Whitefield, Nellurhalli struggle with severe water shortage



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DEADLY DRIVE

Traffic cops' efforts to cancel driving licences of those involved in drunk driving gets boost with CM seeking strict action



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When: September 28, 10 am to 11:30 am

02 Story time



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03 Ceramic art

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Silent chats: City police take up sign of goodwill

Plan is on to train two to four constables at every police station with sign language to ensure easy communication, help differently-abled individuals

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In a significant step towards inclusivity, the city police are being trained in basic Indian Sign Language (ISL) to enhance communication with the differently-abled community. As part of this initiative, a workshop was organised on Monday by v-shesh, a social enterprise, in collaboration with the police department on International Sign Language Day. The training focused on equipping Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs) from various divisions with essential sign language skills.

This initiative is aimed at ensuring that people with disabilities feel safe and confident when approaching police stations. The training is set to be extended to personnel at the station level, depending on their respective divisions, allowing for better interaction with the differently-abled community across the city.

A representative from the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Alliance emphasised that such programs build immense trust and confidence within the community. "Anyone might hesitate to visit a police station, and it is crucial that the differently-abled community feels equally comfortable," he said. "These



'This initiative is aimed at ensuring that people with disabilities feel safe and confident when approaching police stations'

training sessions on awareness, sensitivity, and communication go a long way in fostering an inclusive environment."

The sessions not only introduced the police to basic ISL but also highlighted the importance of using interpreters where necessary to ensure clear understanding. By integrating such practices, the police are making efforts to be more accessible and accommodating, creating a space where differently-abled individuals can interact with law enforcement without fear or hesitation.

Commissioner of Police B

Dayananda said that this press briefing is dedicated to the deaf and mute community. "The workshop provided valuable orientation on how to communicate with the differently-abled community, ensuring they feel safe and comfortable visiting police stations. We are also planning to train two to four constables at each station in sign language, making it easier for them to communicate and helping differently-abled individuals feel confident in approaching the police," he stated, adding that the police is planning to collaborate



City police at a sign language workshop on Monday

"This workshop provided valuable information on how to communicate with differently-abled community" - B Dayananda, Commissioner of Police

with various NGOs in the near future to train personnel and conduct more such inclusive workshops.

Joseph Romel, a Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) specialist from v-shesh, said, "We are working for persons with disabilities in assisting them in placement, pre- and post-recruitment services such as induction, sign language training, access audits, etc." He also emphasised the importance of equipping both individuals and organisations with the necessary tools to create a more inclusive workforce and environment.

Government circular on child rights panel draws flak

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Child rights activists and members of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) are strongly criticising the circular issued by the Department of Women and Child Development and Empowerment of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens. Considering the circular, issued on September 20, a gag order to create problems for the KSCPCR members, they are demanding the government to withdraw it immediately. "The government has received complaints and criticisms on the suggestions and oral instructions given by the KSCPCR members during their visits and meetings held at districts. To avoid this, it is sug-

gested that the members have to convene meetings in the presence of the KSCPCR Chairman and get his suggestions and instructions. Further, the presence of two KSCPCR members is required while visiting the districts. The members have to submit the report to the KSCPCR Chairman," the circular read.

The KSCPCR committee has five members, one secretary and a chairman. The child rights activists said that it would be too late to get instructions from the KSCPCR Chairman on issues related to students in rural areas and then act on them. They alleged that the government wants to harass the KSCPCR members who have been working for the welfare of children in rural areas. "There is a restriction on KSCPCR members undertaking tours of districts. Each member has to



tour the districts only for 10 days in a month. I am yet to get the allowance for touring the districts and attending the meetings for the last six months. It is going to be very hard for everyone if we have to come all the way to Bengaluru to get the KSCPCR Chairman's nod for every issue," said a KSCPCR member on the condition of anonymity.

Raghavendra, a former member of KSCPCR from Bellary, said the government has to revise the

travel allowance (TA) that was fixed when petrol was available at Rs 35/litre. "I had to incur a loss of Rs 1,20,000 while working as a KSCPCR member. The member gets the TA of Rs 3/km. I suspect the government does not want them to work for the welfare of children. The need of the hour is to amend the KSCPCR Act," he said. Shankarappa D, a former member of KSCPCR, said, "The government has no jurisdiction or power to interfere in the KSCPCR functions. Each member of the KSCPCR is allotted five to six districts. It is his/her duty to attend to children's problems in these districts."

Meanwhile, KSCPCR Chairman K Naganna Gowda said that he has not received the copy of the circular. "We will discuss it after receiving the circular," he added.



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Tanker owners' strike has left Mahadevapura thirsting

Ripples of power supply to borewells in Hoskote being cut off felt in East Bengaluru, where most residents depend on tankers for water; scarcity, steep prices pinch

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Several localities in Mahadevapura zone have been dealing with water shortage due to unavailability of water tankers supply for five days. Many others in the area complain that though they have been able to avail of a few water tankers, the prices charged are exorbitant.

The situation is due to an ongoing problem with the Hoskote tanker water supply being cut off. Hoskote tanker owners are on strike as the administration had started disconnecting power supply. There is pressure from the local villagers stating that there is rampant pumping of water from these borewells and Hoskote taluk will not have any more water.

Clement Jayakumar from Mahadevapura Task Force (MTF) said, "In East Bengaluru, water comes from Hoskote taluk. For the last five days there has been a strike by the tanker association because the power supply has been cut for some of the borewells that were pumping water into the tankers. The Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Rural has been under pressure from the residents that if all water is being pumped for commercial purposes and going to Bengaluru, then they will not have water."

Bengaluru Rural DC cut the power supply to these borewells. The tanker water cost has also doubled. In Mahadevapura, most of the people are relying on borewells or



File photo of citizens collecting water from a BWSSB tanker

tankers, and with less water this year, the demand is soaring. Only about 30 percent of people are getting Cauvery water once a week. The borewell water yield is very less. "The officials are having a meeting with the Hoskote authorities to resolve the issue. If this continues then it will be a major challenge," Jayakumar added.

Residents from several areas like Whitefield, Borewell road, Nallurhalli have been complaining of not getting water tanker supply since Friday. Prices are even going up till Rs 4,000- 5,000 for a 12,000 litre tanker.

Manohar Reddy, chairman of Jal Shakti, MTF stated that the is-

DC is under pressure that if all water is being pumped for commercial purposes and going to Bengaluru, then they won't have water

— Clement Jayakumar, MTF

sue might be resolved in a day or two. He said, "On Tuesday, we met with the MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) of Hosakote, Sharath Kumar Bachegowda, tanker owners and tahsildar to resolve the issue. The Mahadevapura MLA and Ho-

sakote MLA have asked the Bengaluru Rural DC to come up with a solution so that there is a win-win situation for villagers and even for Bengaluru. The villagers had complained that many borewells were being dug in the same boundary and that the adjacent landowners carrying out agriculture were not getting water. They stated that the water is going to the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) area. Hence DC asked to cut the connections." Tankers association president Babu said, "We have requested the authorities to come up with a solution at the earliest, so that services can be resumed."

Looking for potholes? Come here

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Deputy Chief Minister fixed a deadline and the Chief Minister extended it by five days but the potholes still remain," said Abdul Samad, a social activist.

State of Carmelaram Road

Sandhya Prakash, who commutes from Sarjapur to Kaadubeesanahalli during the weekdays, said that she expected the BBMP authorities to fill up potholes on Carmelaram Road and the road between Sarjapur and Dommasandra. "The condition of Carmelaram Road is the pits. It is tough for two-wheeler riders to commute on this road which is full of potholes. There are 18 potholes on the road between Sarjapur and Dommasandra. I am ready to accompany the Deputy Chief Minister if he wants to visit these roads to know the condition of the road," said Prakash.

Expressing concern over the condition of the road, Ashok Mruthyunjaya of Aam Aadmi Party, said the construction of the

rail-over-bridge (ROB) was stopped six months ago due to reasons only known to the authorities concerned. "Residents of Chikkabellandur, Carmelaram, Doddakannelli, and Gunjur were waiting for the ROB construction to be completed. Construction began a year ago but has stopped for the last six months," said Mruthyunjaya.

Old Airport Road

Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the potholes on Old Airport Road are yet to be filled up. "The condition of footpath-cum-drains is the worst. Some of the concrete slabs on the drain-cum-footpath are missing," he said.

Appealing to the BBMP authorities to fill up potholes, VK Srivatsa, Secretary, Change Makers of Kanakapura Road, said the BBMP seems to have washed off its hands off other roads by taking the Deputy Chief Minister on an inspection to see fixed potholes on JC Road and MG Road.

Neighbour's envy instigates arson

The Peenya police have arrested a man identified as Pulkith for allegedly setting three motorcycles on fire outside a paying guest (PG) accommodation last Thursday. Pulkith, a postgraduate and unemployed resident of Mahalakshmi Layout, had been harboring frustration over his inability to afford his dream bike due to financial difficulties. His envy intensified when he saw that Deepanshu Agarwal, a student staying at the PG, had purchased a pre-owned bike a few months ago.

Driven by jealousy, Pulkith walked to the PG accommodation, found Deepanshu's bike parked outside, and stole petrol from another bike parked nearby. He then doused Deepanshu's bike in petrol and set

it ablaze before fleeing the scene. The fire spread quickly, engulfing two other bikes parked beside it. Police identified Pulkith in the CCTV footage to arrest him.

Labourer found dead

A labourer identified as Ajith was killed at a construction site in Srinagar, on Tuesday afternoon. The incident occurred between 2 and 2.30 pm at an under-construction building on 11th Cross. Ajith, originally from Tamil Nadu, was fatally struck on the head with a stone, with police suspecting the involvement of a co-worker.

Ajith had relocated to the city six months ago and was a part time construction worker and a cobbler near the local bus stand. — BMB

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Unattended debris

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Construction debris near Kodigehalli railway station has remained uncleared for months, raising hygiene concerns.

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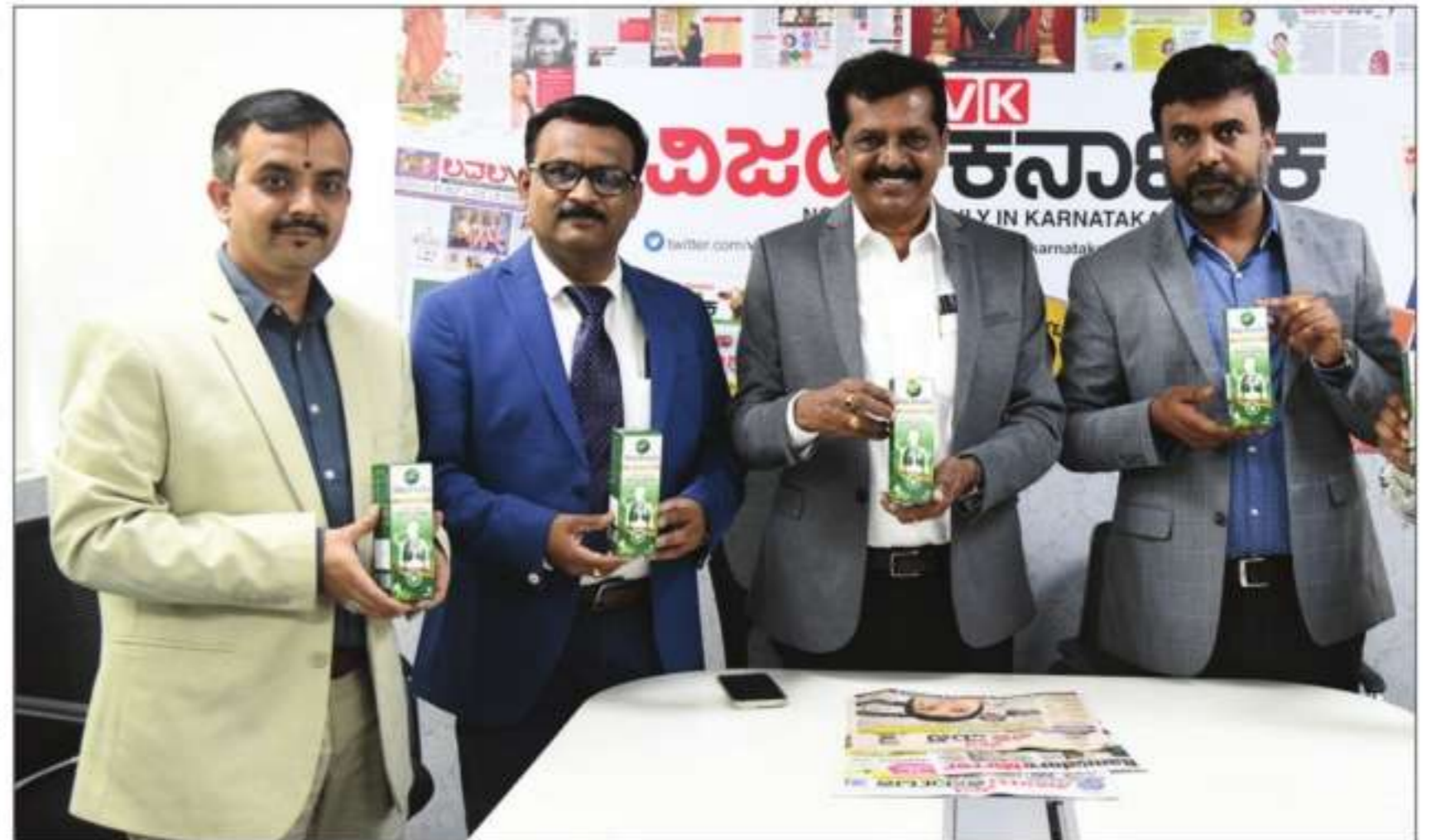
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CM to not cower and resign yet

Siddaramaiah rejects Oppn resignation demand after HC allows probe against him in MUDA case

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has firmly rejected the opposition's demand for his resignation after the High Court dismissed his petition challenging the Governor's approval for an investigation against him in a site allotment case involving the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). Speaking to reporters, the CM accused the Narendra Modi-led NDA government of engaging in "vendetta politics" against opposition-ruled states, including Karnataka, and called the opposition's demands 'a political conspiracy'. Despite the court's decision, Siddaramaiah maintained that he had done no wrong and vowed to continue the legal battle after consulting legal experts and party leaders. He reiterated his commitment to fighting the accusations politically, accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party and Janata Dal (Secular) of attempting to destabilise his government through false allegations and manipulation of constitutional offices.

Setback for Siddaramaiah as HC upholds Governor's approval

In a significant setback for the CM, the Karnataka High Court upheld Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's approval for a probe into allegations of irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites to Siddaramaiah's wife by MUDA. The court dismissed Siddaramaiah's plea challenging the legality of the Governor's decision, ruling that the gubernatorial order did not lack application of mind. The case stems from allegations that compensatory sites were allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, in an upscale area of Mysuru, with claims that the land had a higher property value than the location originally acquired by MUDA. The Governor's nod for investigation, given on August 16, was based on petitions from complainants who



HC skeptical of CM's plea

The Karnataka High Court has expressed skepticism regarding CM Siddaramaiah's alleged lack of involvement in a land transaction involving MUDA, which purportedly resulted in his family gaining approximately Rs 56 crores. The court made this observation while upholding the Governor's sanction for an investigation under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, presiding over the single judge bench, found it challenging to accept that the Chief Minister's family, who benefited substantially from the transaction, was not involved. The court emphasised the need to investigate how and why the rule was altered in favour of the CM's family.

alleged misuse of power in the land allocation process.

CM stands firm amid political pressure

Despite the legal blow, Siddaramaiah made it clear he has no intention of stepping down, comparing his situation to that of Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, who also faced legal issues but did not resign. He

Siddaramaiah addresses a press conference in B'uru on Tuesday

“If the beneficiary were to be a stranger, this Court would have shown complainants their door of exit, while it is not

—Justice M Nagaprasanna

dismissed the opposition's demands for his resignation, asserting that the inquiry is still in its preliminary stages and there is no reason to step aside at this point. The CM accused the opposition parties, particularly BJP and JD(S), of attempting to buy Congress MLAs and destabilise his government using "money power" and operations like 'Kamala.' He claimed that these parties have consistently tried to undermine his administration because they oppose the government's pro-poor initiatives and social justice schemes.

Legal and political battle to continue

Siddaramaiah emphasised that his legal and political fight will continue with the full support of his party and senior leaders. Deputy Chief

Minister DK Shivakumar echoed these sentiments, stating that there was no question of resignation, as the allegations are part of a larger conspiracy against the CM.

Origins of the MUDA case

The MUDA site allotment controversy dates back over three decades, involving land originally acquired in 1992. Siddaramaiah's wife, Parvathi, was allotted compensatory plots under a 50:50 ratio scheme in exchange for land in Mysuru. Allegations have surfaced that Parvathi had no legal title over the land in question, sparking the ongoing legal and political battle.

High Court verdict paves way for further investigations

The High Court, while dismissing Siddaramaiah's petition, clarified that the Governor acted within his constitutional powers in granting approval for the investigation. The court stated that the facts of the case warrant an investigation, particularly since the beneficiary of the alleged irregularities is the CM's family. The ruling has opened the door for further legal proceedings against Siddaramaiah.

Transfer Valimiki probe to CBI: Bank to HC

The Union Bank of India argued before the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday that transferring the investigation into the alleged scam involving the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the banking industry. The bank's petition seeks a direction from the court to the government to transfer the probe to the CBI.

Senior advocate BV Acharya, representing the State, questioned the maintainability of the plea, stating that the dispute is between the State and the Union Government. The high court, however, disagreed with this view. Acharya referred to a Supreme Court deci-



BY Vijayendra, other BJP leaders at a protest against the CM

sion in the case of State of West Bengal v. Union of India, suggesting that the jurisdiction of all other courts is barred when there is a dispute between the State and Central Government. Attorney General

(AG) R Venkataramani, appearing for the petitioner bank, argued that the petition does not rely on the Delhi Special Police (DSP) Act. He emphasised that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has the power to issue directions under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act to ensure the integrity of banks and that the RBI's master circular designates the CBI as the investigating agency for certain classes of offenses, without requiring the assistance of the Central government.

The AG stressed that the RBI's master circular is binding on the bank and that the scheme is outside the scope of the DSP Act. The AG emphasised the importance of maintaining the integrity of the banking industry and argued that the CBI should investigate the mat-

ter, even if it reaches the same conclusion as the state agency.

The high court noted the respondents' argument that the petitioner bank cannot choose the investigator. The AG countered that while this is a principle in the broader sense, the bank is not choosing but is bound by the RBI's directive. The AG pointed out that the chargesheet includes members of the corporation and outsiders, and that money had come into the bank and flown out, suggesting that the bank had been "used as a tool." He argued that the reasons behind the money's movement and the involvement of the accused require investigation. The high court has listed the matter for further hearing on September 30.

—BMB

IN BRIEF

Bank retirees protest for better pension

Around 1,000 bank retirees and pensioners under the guidance of the Coordination of Bank Pensioners and Retirees' Organisations staged a dharna at Freedom Park on Monday in support of their long-pending demands. They have demanded the government to revise their pension on par with the Central government pensioners.

"The Central government revises pension of its retired employees whenever it implements the Pay Commission for the employees. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) pensioners also have got their pension revised twice but the pension of bank retirees is not updated so far," said KV Acharya, president of All India Bank Pensioners & Retirees Confederation.

He said that the government has not done anything to revise the pension of bank retirees despite the apex court's judgment stating that wage & pension revision is inseparable.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, AN Krishnamurthy, convenor of Coordination of Bank Pensioners and Retirees' Organisations has said that many pensioners are not able to pay the premium of health insurance. "A bank retiree has to pay his three months' pension towards the premium of health insurance. The premium is Rs 1,07,000 and it is not easy for a retired person to pay such a big amount. Earlier, the premium of health insurance was only Rs 7,000," said Krishnamurthy.

He demanded the government to waive GST on health insurance policy for bank pensioners. "With no revision of pension commensurate with the present day cost of living and maintenance of senior citizens, a steep increase in health insurance premium, levy of GST at 18 percent will have an adverse impact on pensioners," he said.

He said that the organisation demands consultative status with the Indian Banks' Association, discussing the issues related to bank employees and retirees.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Graduation at BMS College of Engineering

BMS College of Engineering, affiliated to VTU, Bengaluru, marked a significant milestone on September 21 as 1,214 students graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree. The ceremony was presided over by Dr P Dayananda Pai, Life Trustee of BMSET & Chairman of the BOG at BMSCE. The event was also attended by Padma Bhushan Dr BN Suresh, Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. BMS Educational Trust officials were also present, along with several dignitaries.



HC puts stop to livestreaming of court videos without permission

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The High Court on Tuesday issued an order prohibiting media organisations and individuals from sharing videos of court proceedings without authorisation.

The order was issued in response to a petition filed by the Advocates' Association Bengaluru (AAB) that sought a direction to the central government to take appropriate measures to prevent individuals, video creators, and media agencies from illegally using court proceedings from live streamed videos.

The order, passed by a single judge bench headed by Justice Hemant Chandangoudar, stated, "Till next date, respondent R6 to R8 [YouTube, Facebook, and X] are restrained from sharing live streamed videos and R9 to R13 [some media agencies] are restrained from displaying the videos on their channels. They (R6 to R8) are directed to delete the videos live streamed on channels posted in violation of rules."

During the hearing, the court noted that a rule prohibiting such videos is already in place. The HC Registry also informed the bench about displaying a disclaimer to discourage the use of the video.

The petition was filed shortly after two viral video clips of Justice V



Prishananda surfaced on social media, in which he was seen making objectionable remarks.

The petitioners argue that the actions of video makers and miscreants who misuse live broadcasting are highly arbitrary, illegal, perverse, and unsustainable in the eyes of the law.

Recently, the Supreme Court has

directed the Registrar General of the HC to submit a report on this case. The matter is scheduled for hearing on Wednesday.

Activists have deemed the order a blow to transparency from the constitutional court. The Campaign Against Hate Speech, Karnataka, initiated an open letter to the Chief Justice of India on Saturday demanding appropriate action be immediately taken against Justice V Prishananda for violating his oath. The letter further demanded that live coverage of all court halls should continue to ensure transparency and accountability of judicial actions.

"The AAB has baselessly demanded that the live streaming be stopped so as to not bring disrepute to the

institution of judiciary.

Instead of demanding accountability for his hateful remarks, they have alleged that the circulation of the video of the live stream will "totally damage the image in public of courts."

In fact, the CJI has noted that "social media plays an active role in monitoring and amplifying courtroom proceedings."

Despite the immunity offered by the Protection of Judges Act 1986, judges should not violate existing provisions of the law and the Constitution but in fact should be upholding them through conduct which is unimpeachable in its fidelity to constitutional morality," the letter stated.

DRINK & DRIVE MENACE: NO LICENCE TO KILL

**Traffic cops have urged RTO to cancel driving licences of offenders;
CM asks Transport Minister to push for harsher penalties**

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Amid the growing menace of drunk driving in the city, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has also called for stricter measures, suggesting that the driving licences of those who drive under the influence of alcohol or repeatedly violate traffic rules should be revoked.

Speaking at the launch of 65 new ambulances under the 'Chief Minister's Emergency Ambulance Service' to reduce road accident fatalities, he said that despite strict traffic regulations, many continue to flout them, leading to tragic consequences for innocent lives.

Siddaramaiah urged that harsher penalties, particularly for drunk driving and the use of mobile phones while driving, are necessary to curb accidents. He directed Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy to ensure that habitual violators face licence cancellations.

Transport minister Ramalinga Reddy told BM, "Drunk driving is one of the most common offences leading to violence on our roads, and stricter enforcement of driving

Some motorists and riders evade the system by paying fines while claiming they don't have their licences, or they present fake ones and continue reoffending. This poses a significant challenge, but we are pushing for stricter enforcement...



File photo of a traffic police initiative against drunk driving in the city

license cancellations for habitual offenders will be implemented."

Power to disqualify

According to the Indian Motor vehicle Act, the licencing authority holds the power to disqualify an individual from holding a driving license or revoke it if certain conditions are met.

After providing the licence holder with an opportunity to be heard, the authority may take this action if they are convinced that the person is a habitual criminal, habitual drunkard, or is habitually addicted to narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances as defined under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

This ensures that individuals who pose a risk to public safety due to such habits are barred from driving.

1,146 cases

During a recent special drive targeting drivers and riders operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol, conducted by all traffic police stations, a total of 1,146 cases were registered in just one week. The city has been seeing a surge in drunk and drive cases, and other violations related to it.

The Traffic Police have submitted a proposal to the Regional Transport Office (RTO), urging the full cancellation of licences for habitual drunk driving offenders.

This practice is not new, as the

Traffic Police have consistently submitted the driving licences of such offenders for cancellation, with enforcement efforts from their side remaining steadfast.

DCP North Traffic, Siri Gowri, highlighted the delay in licence cancellations by the RTO, stating, "Not all driving licences submitted for cancellation are processed on time."

Some motorists and riders evade the system by paying fines while claiming they don't have their licences, or they present fake ones and continue reoffending.

This poses a significant challenge, but we are pushing for stricter enforcement and ensuring that habitual offenders face 100% licence cancellation."

Love triangle turns deadly

A man murdered his friend after a heated argument near Sanjay Nagar in the early hours of Saturday. According to police reports, an argument broke out between childhood friends Divesha and Varun over a girl both had feelings for. The tension between the friends escalated during a party, which led to the confrontation at Bavi Road.

Witnesses reported seeing the two men in a heated argument before Divesha threw Varun to the ground and smashed bricks on his head, leading to Varun's demise on the spot. A murder case was registered, and the Sanjay Nagar arrested the accused near Soundarya Park on the same day. The accused, Divesha, is currently in police custody and awaiting legal action. **BMB**

Friends turn lethal foes

An attempted murder case was registered by the Banaswadi Police following a violent fight between two friends on Saturday in KG Halli. According to the police, Shoaib and Dawood had a dispute over Rs 1.7 lakh, which was owed to Dawood. During the confrontation, some of Dawood's relatives allegedly assaulted Shoaib with a machete when he refused to return the sum. Shoaib used the sum to settle a case in which a lady had filed against him in Amruthahalli Police station, police sources said. Based on the complaint filed by Shoaib's mother, the police arrested six men, Nafisa, Nisar Pasha, Mansoor, Firoz Pasha, Mehboob, and Razik. **BMB**

Auto driver found dead

An autorickshaw driver was found dead on Tuesday morning inside his parked vehicle near a garbage dumpyard at Kalasipalya. He was discovered dead by the municipal workers, who approached him, requesting him to move the vehicle. Authorities were immediately alerted. Preliminary reports of the investigation suggested the driver may have suffered a medical emergency. **BMB**

₹2 lakh cash, ganja seized during Lokayukta's raid on Excise offices

The Lokayukta conducted a confidential investigation targeting malpractices in the Excise Department. Inspections

were carried out simultaneously at 62 Excise Offices in the Bengaluru City Excise District. The operation, led by Lokayukta

Justice BS Patil and Sub-Divisional Commissioner Justice Beerappa, began at 3 pm. They visited the Yeshwantpur

and Byatarayanapura Excise Offices, uncovering numerous deficiencies. During the raid, approximately ₹2 lakh in unauthorised cash, along with ganja and 16 bottles of alcohol bottles, were seized.

An investigation into these findings has been ordered. So far, over 132 cases related to these irregularities have already been registered and are at various stages of investigation. **BMB**

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It's a wrap
Kamal Haasan has wrapped up shooting for upcoming Mani Ratnam's directorial 'Thug Life'



STARS ON RED CARPET

Aishwarya and Alia take Paris Fashion Week ramp by storm

Bollywood stars Alia Bhatt and Aishwarya Rai made heads turn at the Paris Fashion Week. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan proved once again why she is called 'Queen of Ramps' in a balloon hem red dress, while Alia made a cracking debut at this show.

Aishwarya walked the runway with utmost confidence and grace, representing L'Oreal Paris.

Her walk became more special when she greeted the French audience with 'namaste' (a gesture, deeply ingrained in the rich tapestry of Indian culture).

As it is said, trendsetters may change every season but icons last a lifetime. And Aishwarya is definitely proof of that fact.

Meanwhile Alia sauntered on the runway along with American star Andie MacDowell during the show "Walk Your Worth" at Palais Garnier. The Indian actress wore a metal-cast silver breastplate paired with black velvet flared pants from the designer's 2024 couture collection Arunodaya.

Gupta, who has styled renowned global head-turners, took to Instagram, to share pictures.

"She wears a metal-cast silver breastplate adorned with intertwining snakes and birds, paired with black sharara trousers.."

Gupta's list of celebrities, who have sported his creations include names such as Beyonce, Paris Hilton, Mindy Kaling, Angela Bassett, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Kriti Sanon, Janhvi Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Shakira, Jenna Ortega, Jr Ntr. Bebe Rexha, Sharon Stone, Jeena Ortega, Sharon Stone, Ashanti, Luis Fonsi, Lizzo, Kylie Minogue, Megan Thee Stallion and Sawetie. — ANI



Fight for survival

The trailer of the upcoming Hollywood film 'Gladiator II' was unveiled on Monday, and it promises to take the audience to Ancient Rome, where power, revenge, and honour reign supreme.

The trailer opens with visuals of Ancient Rome, ruled by tyrannical emperors. It soon throws the viewers into action with battle scenes unfolding.

Roman soldiers led by General Marcus Acacius invaded and forced Lucius into slavery. Lucius (portrayed by Paul Mescal) is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the emperors who rule Rome with an iron fist. Inspired by the story of Maximus, as depicted in the first part of the film, Lucius resolves to fight as a gladiator under the tutelage of Macrinus, a power broker who opposes the rule of the young emperors Caracalla and Geta. Lucius is in a fight for survival, and to settle the scores, he forms an alliance with Denzel Washington's Macrinus, who is a Roman power player. In one of the dialogues, he says, "I will never be your instrument, but I will have my vengeance". — IANS



Triptii's inspiration

Actress Triptii Dimri, who is gearing up for her upcoming movie 'Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video', has shared that she took inspiration from Raveena Tandon's and Katrina Kaif's versions of the popular track 'Tip Tip Barsa Pani' for her dance number 'Mere Mehboob' from the film.

In the song, Triptii dances with impeccable grace as she dons a blue indo-western outfit. The song also features a visually striking rain sequence where she performs alongside Rajkummar Rao. Talking about the song, she said, "This song is really special for me; this is my dancing number. When your first-ever song is composed by Sachin-Jigar, sung by Shilpa Rao and Sachet Tandon, and choreographed by Ganesh Acharya then what else do you need? I'm very, very thankful, happy, and excited".

When asked if she took inspiration from iconic 90s Bollywood songs like Raveena Tandon's and Katrina Kaif's versions of the popular track 'Tip Tip Barsa Pani', she said, "Yes, I had thought of it and watched them while rehearsing. I can't compare myself to them—they are just too, too good. It was great fun to shoot this song. Ganesh sir and his team were brilliant. I was very nervous because it was my first dance number, but he made it so easy for me". — IANS



New movie

Aditya, the son of veteran hero Shashikumar, is set to play the lead in Raashi, his third movie as a hero. The title of Raashi was unveiled on the occasion of Aditya's birthday at Panchamukhi Ganesha Temple. Prominent personalities, including actor Shashikumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police Siddaraju, and Rajya Sabha Member GS Chandrasekhar, graced the event and wished the cast and crew good luck.

The movie is bankrolled under the Dhuvan Films banner by Akhilesh. Aditya said he was very happy to play the lead in this movie. "The script is very interesting. I have changed my name - from Akshith to Aditya. I request you all to call me Aditya," he said.

Thanking producer Akhilesh, director Vijay Palegar said he was returning from Mantralaya when Akhilesh called him and asked him to helm this movie.



Trailer unveiled

The team of Gopilola unveiled the movie's trailer at MMB Legacy on Sunday in the presence of well-known directors and actors such as directors SV Rajendra Singh Babu, Joe Simon, and PC Sekhar, actors Doddanna, Srinagar Kitty, producers K Manju, MG Ramamurthy, Krishne Gowda. The movie is expected to arrive in theatres on October 4 across the state. Producer SR Sanath Kumar said Gopilola would become a huge success at the box office. "Movie-goers will encourage the film as it has good elements. I have written its script. I hail from a family that embraced organic farming. Gopilola promotes and supports organic farming," said Kumar.

He said that Mithun Ashokan has scored music for six songs and the movie has come out well with the cooperation of all technicians and artistes. Director R Ravindra said that the producer gave details about the movie that revolves around organic farming. "It is a beautiful love story that conveys a good message to society," the director said. Manjunath Aras debuts as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie. "Sanath Kumar has written a good script and Ravindra has handled the megaphone with aplomb," said Aras.



Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.

Quick

- ACROSS**
- 7 Magnificent (6)
 - 8 Reveal or make known (3,3)
 - 9 Make a cardigan (4)
 - 10 Portable (8)
 - 11 Offensive (7)
 - 13 Imprint (5)
 - 15 Sulphuric and hydrochloric (5)
 - 17 Pinches, pockets or swipes (7)
 - 20 Absconded or took oneself off? (8)
 - 21 Widespread (4)
 - 23 12 constellations (6)
 - 24 Bided one's time? (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Destroy by fire (4)
 - 2 Frenzied (6)
 - 3 Acquires (7)
 - 4 Homer work (5)
 - 5 Road (6)
 - 6 More heavenly (8)
 - 12 Unmarried man (8)
 - 14 Computer operating system (7)
 - 16 One of the best cricketers ever from Karnataka (6)
 - 18 Fairground wheel (6)
 - 19 Tiny spot of gold (5)
 - 22 Get away (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G
 CXVLV NLV HVR DPBM CP
 FPWENLV RSCX CXV CVGGSYT
 PH N RVGG-CPGZ CNGV.



Linemaro

If I had to choose between loving and breathing, I would use my last breath to say 'I love you'



Mindchow

The mirror is my best friend because when I cry, it never laughs



Joke of the day

A man went to a bank to open an account. After seeing the form, he went to Delhi for filling it up. You know why? Form said: "Fill Up In Capital".

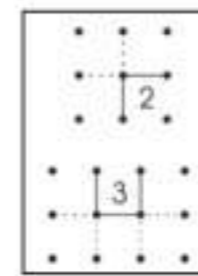
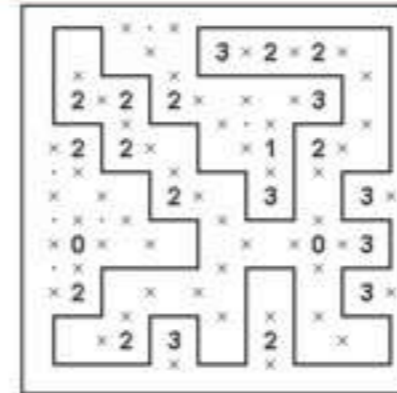
Loop

Rules
 » Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? On your marks, get set...

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shuls; 6 To Pin;
 - 7 E nerd; 8 As Aug;
 - 9 Or bel
- DOWN**
- 1 Spare; 2 Log in;
 - 3 Bundu; 4 Least;
 - 5 Shore

Mensapuzzle

Below is a scrambled 15-letter word known to all. See how long it takes to arrange the letters correctly.

Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

= 13

Medium

= 28

Hard

= 10

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Skirt is shorter. 4. Mountain is different. 5. Hair band is missing. 6. Mouth is different.

Riddler

I am a solitary word, 5 letters long. Behead me, and I am still the same. Behead me again, and I am still the same. What word am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Roentgen
- 2 Again, prefix
- 3 Wrath
- 4 Stir to anger
- 5 Internal organ
- 6 Nonsense
- 7 Hand over

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be

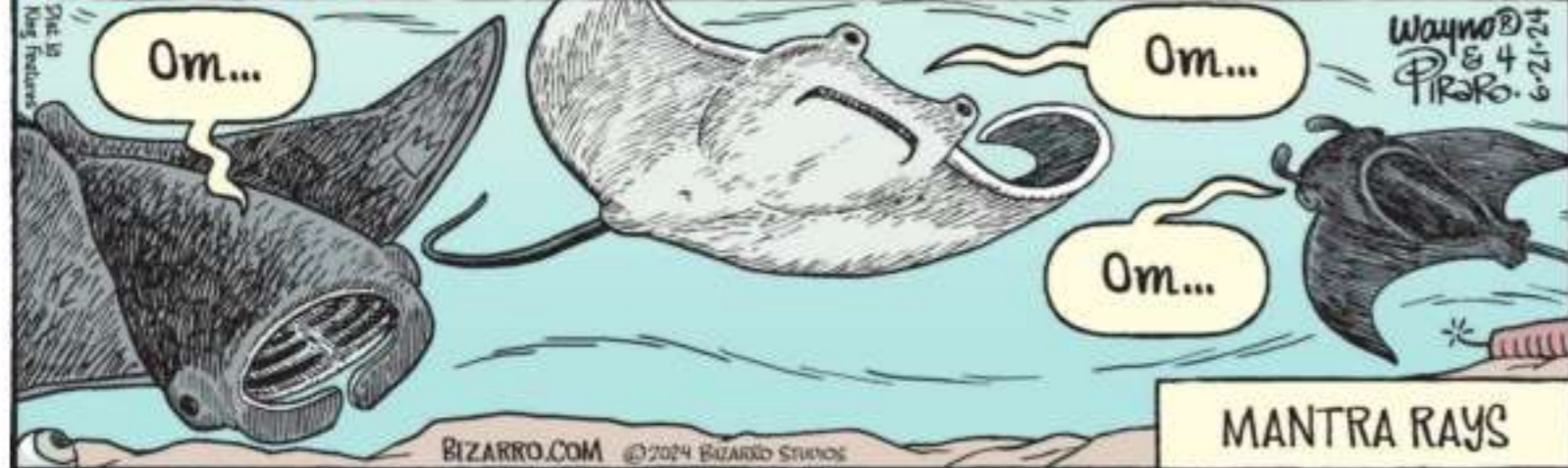
made at each step answering to the clue given.

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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be enthusiastic; you may be more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you start a new project, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of jobs.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, blessings from elders may make you happy, your investments may give you profits. Losses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest for the kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may be busy at work, your network may be increased and with the help of your network, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you may be busy with family issues. You may take some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments in personal life matters. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you are blessed by elders. Your patience becomes very good, your focus towards your work may be very good. Your parent's health is now good. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person, who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments which may increase harmony in the domestic life.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may find yourself in a self analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear, you may get success to achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour and real life objects. At the end of the day, you may feel some satisfaction related to your life. Your opponents are likely to be under control now.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today your inner strength may help you start some new innovations on the work front. You may likely get a big order in your parental business, which will increase growth in the business. New responsibilities in your job may make you busy. Jobseekers might get a good job. Understanding with the spouse may be improved, which can maintain harmony in the family life.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be spiritual, you may help needy people around you. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity or religious places. Your good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you, it may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying in depth.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking may tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid fantasy in their studies, they are advised to study with focus and dedication.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may feel dull, your health may not be good. You may be nervous. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in the business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travelling also. You are advised to do some meditation, it will be helpful in controlling a messy situation.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may feel dull, you may be a victim of hidden fear, which may make you scared. You are not in the situation to trust anyone. It is advised to do meditation, chant some prayers, which may help you to come out from this hypothetical situation. With the help of an elder's blessings around late evening, you may come out from this messy situation.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

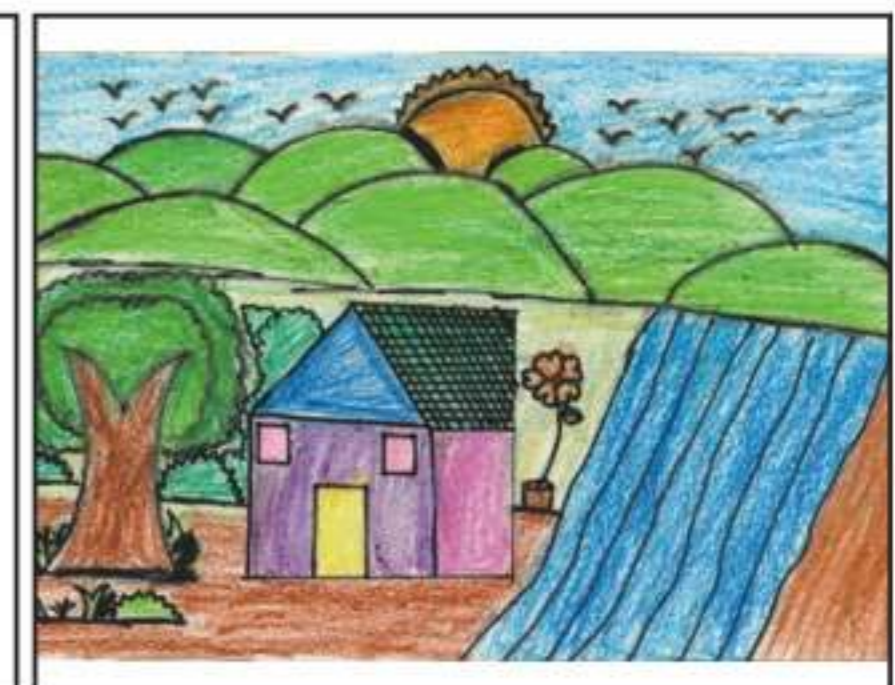
Today you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooperate with you, you are advised to keep patience. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless stuff may be a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.



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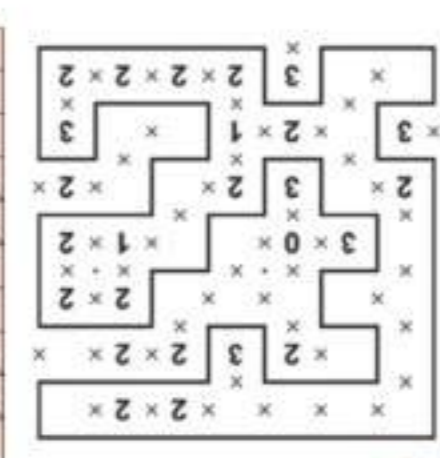
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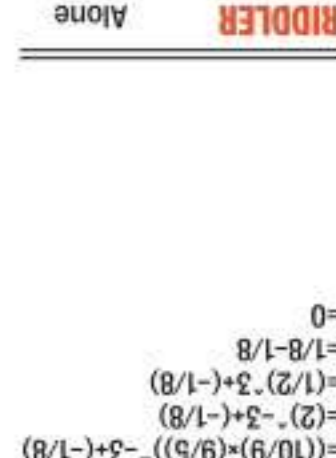
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