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Government budge after students protest, earlier order on PU board exam revoked

Subadra Sarath

The Karnataka government has revoked its decision to conduct the board-level mid-term exam for the second batch of PU students after protests broke out simultaneously in many parts of the state. The Beacon had reported earlier on the resentment of the parents, as well as the PU students, about the decision of the government to convert the mid-term examination into a board examination. Hundreds of PU students across the state hit the streets on Wednesday, led by the All India Democratic Students Organisation, at Mysore Bank Circle against what they termed as the ill-conceived idea of the PU Board. Prerana, a PU student, said,



Mysore Bank Circle

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"It has just been two weeks since they announced that they have mid-term exams. At first, the authorities said it would be on November 20th, and then, after some time, they said it would be conducted on November 29th. The main concern is that we have 70 percent of our syllabus for the exam, which is practically impossible to finish in one

and a half months. Students and teachers are worried about finishing the portions from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. when we usually had classes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Having classes until 8 p.m. makes it difficult for us to study for the exams." Keerthi, another PU student, said, "Seventy percent of attendance is mandatory, which makes it more difficult

for us to prepare for exams. The authorities are stressing the teachers to finish the one-year syllabus within one month and also this exam will be considered as the board exams due to the current covid situation." Chandu, another PU student said, "This is our future and these marks will decide everything for us for which

we are not given time to prepare, they either should postpone the exam or they should reduce the portions and also the four-hour syllabus they are rushing it to one hour which makes it impossible for us to understand. The papers are not from our college, it's from the boards so we have to prepare for them when we are ready." Apoorva, vice president of the Bangalore district AIDS unit, said, "The move by the government to consider the midterm exam marks for the final evaluation is unilateral and affects the students' future. The move doesn't give enough time for the students to prepare well." AIDS strongly condemns the move and supports the student's protest.

Actor Suriya slapped with a legal notice on Jai Bhim

Vandana KP

Actor Suriya and the makers of the movie Jai Bhim were served with a legal notice on Monday for allegedly showing the Vanniyar community of Tamil Nadu in poor light. Suriya's film Jai Bhim has elicited conflicting reactions from society and political circles. The Vanniyar Sangam sent a legal notice to actor Suriya, his wife and co-producer Jyotika, director T.J. Gnanavel, and Amazon Prime, demanding an apology and the removal of sequences that purportedly portray the Tamil Nadu Vanniyar group in a negative light. They also wanted Rs. 5 crores in compensation "within seven days of the time and date of receipt of this notification". Right after the Vanniyar Sangam state president filed a legal notice to the Jai Bhim team, netizens took to Twitter to support Suriya. Tamil actor Santhanam on Tuesday opened up about this controversy. When questioned about his opinion on the current conflict, he responded, "It is not right to show a group of people in a bad light to glorify others". Twitterati registered their support to Suriya. When asked about the support garnered in social media Santhanam replied that he was oblivious of the current trends since he was busy with work.

Instagram asks users for video selfie verification, influencers elated

Adarsh S Babu

Social media influencers came out in support of the latest update role on Instagram, where users must provide a video selfie of their face to validate their account. They believe that this will eradicate the problem of fake accounts. "I believe it is a positive move by Instagram to ensure an individual's identification, as this would protect them from cyberbullying," said Karthik Surya, a YouTuber from Kerala. He feels that fake account holders will not be able to use their names and misrepresent them. He further stated that if a problem arises, the fake accounts will escalate the situation, resulting in a negative image for the influencers. Akshay Vlogger, a social influencer from Kerala, told the Beacon that a lot of his content is being posted on fake accounts and often comes out as unverified and unpleasant to his followers and viewers. "A follower of mine called me and questioned the false content that was shared on my fake accounts. Everyone assumed it was shared by me," he said. By implementing this tool, Meta wants to limit the number of spam accounts on the platform.

Remembering the pioneer of modern Indian education

Niharika Bajaj

At a time when the educational milieu of the nation is getting hyper-commercialized and privatized, we could take a leaf out of Lala Lajpat Rai's life as the nation pays its tribute to India's renowned freedom fighter, also fondly referred to as "Lalaji," who died on November 17.

The Lion of Punjab was known as a strong advocate of education for all. He had journalistic writing that connected to the youth and inspired them to join the freedom movement.

The Indian Constitution



Lala Lajpat Rai

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declares education as a fundamental right, yet due to the disparity of resources, at least 35 million children aged 6-14 years are out of school. In the early 1920s, Lalaji stated, "If I had the power to influence Indian journals,

I would have the following headlines printed in bold letters on the first page: Milk for the infants, Food for the adults, and Education for all." Today, after 93 years since his death and 76 years of independence, his ideas are still

relevant in a country that has failed to provide equal access to necessities for all its citizens.

It is important that the government implements the coveted social reforms to establish an equitable society that provides quality, free and universal education. However, the lukewarm progress on this front has so far stood in the way of social reform and progress.

Lalaji's thought of social reform was rooted in universal free education, which unfortunately has remained a distant dream in modern India.

Vir Das' video faces backlash

Saishyam Srikanth

A YouTube video featuring stand-up comedian Vir Das has stirred controversy on social media, with many users resenting the way Das has portrayed India. The video, "I come from Two Indias," was released on Monday and has garnered over 750,000 views so far.

BJP leader Prithi Gandhi tweeted, "You come from an India, VirDas, where you make a living by insulting your nation!! You come from an India that allows your disgusting, derogative nonsense to pass off as

freedom of speech!!" Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi also took offence at the video. He opined that Das had "generalized the offence of a few individuals and vilified the entire nation." in front of the world".

However, many others have spoken in favour of Vir Das. Former journalist Nidhi Razdan said a strong and vibrant democracy cannot be shaken by dissent and criticism. Over 60,000 tweets have been made related to the issue.

Fans react to the release of the trailer of Spider-Man: No Way Home

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Marvel's long-awaited Spider-Man: No Way Home trailer was released on Wednesday, giving fans a glimpse of what to expect from the plot exploring the multiverse.

The teaser of Spider-Man: No Way Home had a view count of 355.5 million views in the first 24 hours of its release, beating the 289 million views of the Avengers Endgame trailer. In the first six hours of the trailer's release, it received 18 million views, and



A screenshot from the trailer

Twitter/@SpiderManMovie

it's still early to say if it would become the most-watched trailer globally. Dennis Mathew, a Marvel fan, said, "I watched the trailer and it was a nostalgic hit with the Green Goblin and all the older Spider-Man characters. The movie is surely go-

ing to be exciting, and I can't wait for its release." Tharun Chandrashekar, an all-time film lover, responded, "I didn't like the trailer much because it had a lot of unwanted VFX, but it does have some exciting elements to look out for."