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Football turf owners face economic hurdle

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BENGALURU:

Football turfs in Kerala are facing huge economic losses due to the pandemic and the resulting restrictions. As nighttime is usually the peak time for slot bookings, the state government's restriction on working hours and implementation of night curfews has badly affected the business of football turfs in Kerala.

Raize Kalathil, the owner of three turfs in Thrissur said, "Before the pandemic, we were working for 24 hours. The working people and students book their slots after 6.00 pm.

It makes a peak time for us from 6.00 pm to 12. pm per day. Now due to the

lockdown and night curfew imposed by the state government, we have to close the turf at 8.00 pm. It had badly affected our business,"

He added, "I have three turfs in different regions in the district. The rent amount of all these places ranges from 20k to 50k for per month. In the current scenario, my turfs only work for 2 to 3 hours per day. Now the income that I receive from the turf is not sufficient for me to pay the rent and settle the salary of my staff."

Sidharth, another turf owner from Thrissur said that the curfew and restrictions have affected his turfs. Due to the restrictions, he can only open turf for two to three hours per day.



Source: Twitter

He said, "When compared to the past, the number of daily slot bookings had reduced to less than half of the number.

Either I receive profit or loss from the turf, it should

undergo proper maintenance within a fixed interval of time. In the current situation, the maintenance cost is being a financial burden over me."

He added, "Most of the turf

owners have started their turfs by taking bank loans. In a situation where turf owners can't make enough income from their turfs, it is really difficult for them to pay the amount in the bank."

Seven dead in road accident at Kormangala

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BENGALURU:

Seven youngsters including Hosur MLA's son killed in a road accident at Kormangala 80ft road, when the driver lost control and collided the vehicle to the wall of a nearby building. Three women and Four men inside the vehicle were said to be critically injured and in an unconscious state when brought to the St. Johns hospital nearby and were declared dead after the medical examination.

A CCTV nearby captured the accident where the vehicle Audi Q3 model losing control and ramming the wall.

The press release signed by Joint Commissioner of Police Dr. B.R.Ravikanthe Gowda stated that rash driving and carelessness of the driver is seen to be the reason for the accident.

A case has been filed for rash driving and causing death by negligence by the audogodi Traffic Police under section 274-304(a) of Indian Penal Code.

"The investigation is underway. Whether the driver was intoxicated, where they were headed during that time and other things are being investigated," further stated the press release. The investigation is headed by the Assit.Commsiner of Police South-east division,

Zomato cuts down plastic cutlery

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NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Zomato is doing its own bit to cut down plastic consumption in the environment by discouraging plastic cutlery use provided by restaurants. Zomato is moving on from an opt-out option of cutlery to an opt-in option for the same.

"On the @zomato app, customers could always skip cutlery with their orders. We are now changing this from an opt-out to an opt-in. Customers will now have to explicitly request for cutlery, tissues, and straws, if they need it" stated Deepinder Goyal, CEO of Zomato in a tweet.

Earlier the company conducted a survey with thousands of their customers and arrived at the conclusion that 90%+ did not really require plastic cutlery with their food, they would generally opt for it because they weren't making an active choice.

"Before this, I've never really consciously opted out of the cutlery option, but with this step, I think plastic consumption will be lesser because people will have to consciously choose to ask for the cutlery," said Pranjali

Kerala, students allege over quarantine injustice

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Students from Kerala expressed mixed responses to the Karnataka Government's decision on providing exemptions from seven-day institutional quarantine for students from the field of engineering, medical, nursing, and paramedical entering the state, but not to the other students.

The Karnataka Government changed its earlier direction roled out on Monday evening which had made it mandatory

for all the students entering the state from Kerala to undergo institutional quarantine for seven days.

Irene Mariam Thomas, a literature student at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru said, "I think it is really unfair of the government for not considering the outstation students from Kerala equally since it is the same sort of circumstance that all are facing currently.

There should be common ground that applies to all no

matter which educational discipline the students belong to."

Geo Paul, a medical student from Father Muller Homoeopathic Medical College, Mangalore said he is unable to discern the logic behind imposing quarantine upon a particular set of students only.

"There is no bar among viruses for students based on what they study. Once it spreads, it will be among all, whether they are quarantined or not, also in curret scenario

regardless they are vaccinated or not.

However, Santa Maria Fernandez, another medical student from the same college said that quarantine is very necessary and must be imposed on everyone without relaxation. "We have already witnessed situations all over the country where the number of cases gradually reduced because people were quarantined properly. So, in my opinion, it is the duty and responsibility of every person to co-operate."

F.C clubs rush to finish player transfers as deadline approaches

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BENGALURU:

As the football transfer window shut in Europe on August 31 or transfer deadline day, football clubs rushed to finalize all player signings that they could in time.

The biggest transfer to be announced at the time of writing was that of Cristiano Ronaldo who moved from Juventus to his old club Manchester United, reportedly for 15 million euros plus 8 million euros in

other fees on a 2-year contract with an option to extend for another year.

Tajammul Ahmed, a fan of Manchester United said, "It's great to have the legend back at the place where he became a superstar. I hope to see him win something with us."

Daniel James signed for Leeds United from Manchester United for 28 million euros. Willian Borges moved from Arsenal to Corinthians on a free transfer after an agreement was struck with Arsenal to terminate his contract.

A holiday to binge-watch on Netflix

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BENGALURU:It's not a big deal to receive perks in the way of bonuses and hikes for employees; but how about receiving a paid holiday to binge-watch the last and fifth season of Money Heist? Yes! you heard it right.

Over the weekend a Jaipur firm, Verve Logic put up an official announcement on their Instagram account announcing a "Netflix and Chill holiday" for their employees on Friday, September 3. The holiday was announced for their staff to binge-watch the Spanish show, the day of its release on OTT platform.



Representational Image

"I wish our company did this. This is one of the coolest things I've seen. And I think those employees are really lucky, they get a long weekend because of this holiday," said Patricia Paul an employee in Chennai-based company. The company shared a streaming schedule along with the announcement post. The

Source: Pixabay

schedule begins at 10am with employees logging into Netflix, with the streaming party ending at 9pm. Netflix India also noticed Verve Logic's marketing strategy and called it a fantastic move on their part.

The Spanish show, La Casa De Papel aka Money Heist began in 2017, with the first volume of the final season