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Experienced anti-Asian racism: K-pop band BTS

Anjitha Eldho

South Korean band BTS on Tuesday said its members have experienced anti-Asian racism. The band said this in a statement issued on Twitter against anti-Asian attacks in the United States.

"We recall moments when we faced discrimination as Asians. We have endured expletives without reason and were mocked for the way we looked," the group tweeted in Korean and English.

Using the #StopAsianHate and #StopAAIPHate hashtags, they condemned violence and racial discrimination.

They expressed deepest condolences to those who have lost their loved ones due to such violence.

They also said even though their experiences are inconsequential compared to the events that have occurred over the past few weeks in the US, these experiences were enough to make them feel powerless and chip away at their self esteem.

The US has seen a spate of cases of violence against Asians following statements by politicians, including former president Donald Trump, that called the novel coronavirus the Wuhan virus, naming it after its place of origin.

TN voters in city rue being stuck here

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BENGALURU: Tamil Nadu residents stuck in Bengaluru say they are distressed over the strict Covid-19 protocols in the city: The residents find the new guidelines difficult, as it limits them to go back to their state to vote.

B Dhanush Vignesh, a voter belonging to the South Vellore constituency in Tamil Nadu, told The Beacon this was his first time as a voter and he deeply regretted that he was not able to exercise his franchise.

"Every vote counts. Voting is a weapon to decide who has to come to power. It can shape the next five years and many years ahead of my state's growth. It's disheartening not being able



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to vote," said B Deepika Balasubramani who is currently stuck in Bengaluru. "In all these 10 years, I have

never missed voting. I travel from Bengaluru to Salem during every election to cast my vote. But this time, I'm

not going because of the new restrictions and the fear of another lockdown," said S Yasin Mohammad, an IT

professional from Bengaluru.

Like him, many eligible voters are in a fix over the new regulations.

"I came to Bengaluru to visit my daughter, but unfortunately I'm stuck here. I can't travel alone; my daughter has to accompany me. Because of the restrictions, I don't know if I will be able to go back to vote. It is an unfortune since I have never missed to cast my vote for the past 40 years," said B Malathi, a senior citizen

"Since voting is a right, I hope the government takes note of that and provides us an alternative way [to do it]," said J Reame Kumar, an undergraduate student from Bengaluru.

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Gujarat to get 60-MW solar project

Ahana Bagchi

Tata Power announced on Tuesday, March 30, that Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) last Friday awarded it a 60-MW solar project in Gujarat.

"With this award, the cumulative capacity under development in Gujarat would be 580 MW," said Tata Power CEO and MD Praveer Sinha in a statement.

He added, "We are delighted to contribute towards the realisation of our country's commitment towards clean



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and green energy through solar power generation."

The plant is expected to generate around 156 MUs of energy per year.

"The energy will be

supplied to GUVNL under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), valid for 25 years from scheduled commercial operation date," said the aforementioned statement.

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Manchester City announces Sergio Aguero departure

Aamir Sohail

Sergio Aguero will not renew his contract and will leave Manchester City in the summer of 2021 when his contract with the football club expires, announced Manchester City in a statement on Tuesday, March 30.

Aguero joined Manchester city in 2011 and hit the headlines for scoring the winning goal in a match that gave Manchester City their first Premier League title.

He is also noted for his contribution to Manchester City with 257 goals and 384 appearances. Recently his form has dipped and he has appeared only eight times and scored just one goal in the Premier League.

The chairman of City

Football Group, Khaldoon Al Mubarak, said, "Sergio's contribution to Manchester City over the last 10 years cannot be overstated. This is not yet the moment for farewell words and speeches. There is still much to achieve in the remainder of the time we have with Sergio, and we look forward to his contributions to the challenges which lay ahead." He also revealed that a statue of Aguero will be commissioned at the Etihad Stadium.

He said, "It gives me great pleasure to announce that we will be commissioning an artist to create a statue of Sergio to live at the Etihad Stadium alongside the ones under construction for Vincent (Kompany) and David (Silva)."



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Trump launches website post social media snub

Pranav Shriram

Former US President Donald Trump on Tuesday, March 30, launched a new website: 45office.com.

This comes after he was banned from social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram due to the allegedly instigative he remarks made in January, apparently encouraging his supporters to raid the US Capitol building.

He has millions of followers on Twitter before his handle was suspended by the social-media platform.

"Through civic engagement



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and public activism, the Office of Donald J Trump will strive to inform, educate, and inspire Americans," read a message in the home page of the new website.

It has a contact page that allows the visitor to share their thoughts, schedule an invitation and request a greeting with him and former First Lady Melania Trump.

The website's "About" page contains a whopping 877-word overview of the former president's 2016-2020 term.

His first website donaldjtrump.com now redirects the visitor to the new page.

That website mainly promotes the "Save America" message on all pages.

On the "About" page, "Save America" is defined to be about building on his administration's accomplishments and supporting the brave conservatives and ensuring that they "always keep America First," in their foreign and domestic policy.