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## B'lore students home-bound amid surge

Pranav Shriram

**BENGALURU:** Students in Bengaluru have decided to return to their domicile following the surge in cases seen this month.

Most colleges have shifted back to online procedures in terms of classes and lessons. It has become a primary concern for the outstation students to either put on hold or to discontinue the respective accommodation services that they had initially taken.

Litty Chacko, an MBA student from Christ Deemed to be University, told The Beacon, "I decided to go back home because my classes were held online. The WiFi signal in my paying guest accommodation is



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weak."

The Beacon also spoke to Devyani Todi, a final year Post Graduate student from

Mount Carmel College (MCC) whose final semester examinations were postponed. Devyani

expressed her concerns over the circumstances of her rental contract which was terminated due to its expiry

date, forcing her to return home. "The increasing number of cases has made it difficult for herself and roommates to manage here alone," she said.

Another MCC student, Irene Mariam Thomas expressed her concerns about her parent's questioning the lockdown in the city. Explaining the current status of her Bengaluru accommodation she said, "I thought about vacating but then coming back and searching for a place is a hassle. So right now I'm paying half of the rent just excluding the food amount."

Further, Vinaya, another Christite, expressed similar reasons to leave Bengaluru temporarily onl academic session.

## Curfew imposed in the capital

Ahana Bagchi

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced a lockdown in the capital from 10 pm, Monday, April 19 to 6 am, Monday, April 26 in a press conference addressing the current COVID-19 situation in the capital.

"We will soon take out a detailed order on what will be allowed and what won't be" he further added. The Chief Minister further advised Delhi residents not to leave the city for the next six days.

"I've always been against lockdown. I've believed that lockdown will not stop COVID-19, but it will decrease the speed of COVID-19" he said. "However it is important to impose the lockdown so that the number of patients decreases" he further added.

"We have conducted 1 lakh tests, we have not decreased the testing, in fact we have increased it" he said. He further said that if a state or a union territory reaches its limits lockdown should be imposed in such an area so that the spread can be curbed. Kejriwal assured the residents that the situation will be handled soon. He referred to the famous Bollywood movie, Main Hoon Na and reassured people their safety.

## Euro SUPER LEAGUE announced

Aamir Sohail

**O**n Sunday, April 18, A group of Europe's 12 leading football clubs announced that they have agreed to establish a new competition called European Super League.

In the statement, they said, "AC Milan, Arsenal FC, Atlético de Madrid, Chelsea FC, FC Barcelona, FC Internazionale Milano, Juventus FC, Liverpool FC, Manchester City, Manchester United, Real Madrid CF, and Tottenham Hotspur have all joined as Founding Clubs."

The President of Real Madrid, Florentino Perez has been announced as the first Chairman of the Super League. Florentino Perez said, "We will help football at every level and take it to its rightful place in the world. Football is the only global sport in the world with more than four billion fans and our responsibility as big clubs is to respond to their desires."

The proposed league's format was also revealed in the statement which would consist of 20 clubs divided into two groups of 10, which would follow a league format and then a knockout format.

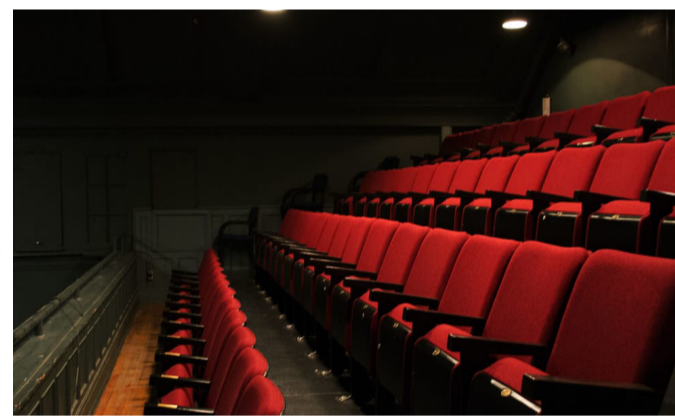
## TN theaters dissent 50% occupancy

Iswarya Lakshmi B

**SALEM:** Despite the Tamil Nadu government's order to allow only 50% occupancy in the theatres, many theaters from Salem are still allowing 100% occupancy, said S.Murugan, a theatre operator from Salem.

Amid the increase in COVID-19 cases, The state government ordered to allow only 50% occupancy in theaters from April 10.

"Concerning Dhanush's Karnan Release, the movie tickets are in high demand,



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and many theatres are allowing 100% occupancy for two shows." said another

theatre operator from North Salem who does not wish to be named.

He further added that they received pressure from the fan clubs to allow 100% occupancy for at least one show.

R.Vijay Ram who went to the theatre recently told The Beacon that there no protocol was followed in the theatre, and there was so much rush in the ticket counter. S.Murugan, a theatre operator from Salem told The Beacon that most of the small theatres are running under loss and the 50% occupancy regulation will make their situation worse.

## Kerala tourism, hotels in distress as lockdown looms

Niranjan Damodaran

**KERALA:** The tourism industry is running on fumes as the second wave of COVID-19 infections hits India. Many establishments are already going into the red.

"People needed to go out after the lockdown, and we had some bookings. But right when we started recuperating, we were hit again." said Manoharan Thampi, owner of a hotel.

Tourist operator Dileep Vasudevan said that the tourism sector is running on

losses. "We have a resort in Mararikkulam. We haven't had business in nearly a year, and we need to do maintenance work and pay salaries," he added.

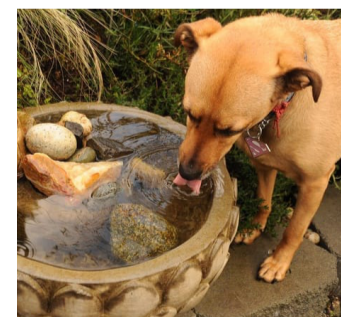
Mr. Roy, Administrator of Federation of Kerala Hotel and Restaurant Association told The Beacon, "Hotels haven't still recovered from the impact the lockdown had made. Customers are reluctant to stay in hotels. They need to feel it's safe. The government had done its part, relaxing the measures. But that's not going to ensure good business."

## Summer heat affect pets lives

Anjali Ram

**T**he temperature rise has affected pet animals to an extent where infections and loss of appetite are common diseases, says many of the pet owners and Veterinarians.

Government veterinary hospitals and doctors come across cases of Canine Parvovirus and other infections, especially during summer. "Since Canine Parvovirus and other infections are common and seasonal now, it's better to take care of your pet from those during summer by not



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exposing them to the sun. Keep them in their cage cool, all day" said Ramesh Kumar, a government veterinary doctor from Akathethara, Palakkad. "Deworming, removing ticks from the

body, and proper vaccination is also needed", he added.

"Summer is the time of dehydration and common infections, so I frequently bathe 'Pax' and make sure he drinks lots of water. I also take him to the veterinary if I notice the lack of food intake and imbalance in body temperature in him," says Arjun Raghu, a dog owner from Palakkad.

Shilpa Suresh, a pet owner from Palakkad told The Beacon, "Bruno, our dog was vomiting frequently due to the rise in temperature, and proper medication was given during this time and brushed his hair frequently."