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RNFF all set to begin today after a gap of two years

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CAMPUS: The Institute of Communication and Media Studies (ICMS) is back with the 4th edition of the Rushes National Film Festival 2022 (RNFF 2022), organised by the students of B.Voc (Film making). The event promises an exciting amalgamation of learning and expression for aspiring filmmakers.

RNFF 2022 will be held on 22 June in the main auditorium of St. Joseph's College. "This edition will witness the presence of renowned industry experts and cinematographers such as Adwait Gurmurthy and Mayuraa Raghuvendra, who have contributed immensely to the Kannada film industry. Another prominent personality arriving from Kolkata is Ranjan Palit. He has been making documentaries for over 20 years now and has worked in films like 7 Khoon Maaf. He has worked with Indian film directors like Vishal Bhardwaj and Dibakar Banerjee," said Sreemoyee Singh, Assistant Professor and co-ordinator of the event.

She further added that she is looking forward to the master class conducted by Ranjan Palit from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm on cinematography in fictional and non-fictional films.

Vishal Kumar, a first-year B.Voc student and co-ordinator, added, "RNFF includes a competitive film screening event from 12 pm to 1:30 pm at the auditorium and the DeNobili hall simultaneously."

Hooligans in uniform unleash brutality

Is administrative fascism becoming the new normal?

Earlier this month, statements made by the Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson Nupur Sharma against the Prophet whipped up religious tensions across the country. Ranchi, the capital city of Jharkhand, was one place that saw this turmoil turn into violent communal strife between communities due to which the city was placed under strict police surveillance.

Unfortunately, for the people of Ranchi, the police raj turned out to be the biggest nightmare as the people deployed to protect them against the violence were the ones who incited it. As a result the police opened fire on the people. The deputy commissioner justified the firing and said this was the only way to control the mob.

A 15-year-old boy was one among the many casualties of



Screen grab of the viral video

OutlookIndia.com

this crossfire, who died due to the injuries on the same night. It has now been over 10 days since the incident occurred, and the police are yet to register an FIR on the complaint filed by the boy's family demanding a probe against the officer who shot him. Rather, an FIR has been filed against the family by the policeman who allegedly

opened fire on the boy. This move by the police and the government only proves that they care about protecting their administration and favouring the "law enforcers" instead of protecting innocent citizens who are victimised by arbitrary action of the state.

In the last few years, especially during the

tenure of the current ruling government, this hasn't been an isolated incident of police brutality. Instead, people belonging to the minority communities like Muslims, along with Dalits have often fallen prey to this gruesome act by the ones in power. Recently, a video where a cop was beating up nine men inside a police station in Uttar

Pradesh went viral on social media platforms - the Ranchi incident followed less than a week later. Multiple Twitter accounts handled by both the BJP IT cell and its leaders have gone out on a limb to support these actions, one even retweeting the video with the caption "return gift for rioters."

Do the people who want to question their government and exercise their rights, succumb to the threat of reprisal by the powers that be?

Or will the government finally hold these power-hungry monsters, we call leaders and law enforcers, accountable for their actions and ensure safety measures for all its citizens, irrespective of where they fall in this power structure?

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BCCI funds gushes through the roof

Joel P Anto

BENGALURU: A week after the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Sourav Ganguly assured the development of infrastructure geared towards a better fan experience, it turned out to be a pie in the sky.

The fans who came to witness the final T20 match against South Africa on Sunday were dismayed to find a leaking roof at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. Despite the fans being assured of a better match and infrastructure experience, the audience had disappointment in store.



A leak in the roof at the stadium

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Speaking to The Beacon, Srinivas Ramamohan, a cricket enthusiast at the stadium said, "The issue is that BCCI is overly focused on broadcast revenues and the TV viewing audience as it fetches ad revenue.

So, they take the fans who come to stadiums for granted. Furthermore, the State Associations have no incentive to do anything for the spectators."

People who are passionate about the sport came to see

their favourite stars, with ticket prices ranging from Rs.2000 to Rs.6000 for even the most unfavourable seats, knowing that refunds are unlikely after the first ball is bowled.

"I've been going to the stadium for decades, and there hasn't been much progress. The leaking roofs are obviously unacceptable; but other conditions such as the type of food given, the level of hygiene maintained, the bathrooms, and the absence of access to essential amenities like water and garbage cans are all unjustifiable," he added.

'Bringing an absolute brilliance to the world' through the power of yoga

Subadra Sarath

BENGALURU: On the occasion of International Yoga Day, practitioners believe it is an essential exercise in bringing a sense of stability and unity between countries, as well as the mind and body.

Speaking to The Beacon, Adarsh Mandanna, a yoga trainer at Cult Fit said, "It is a misconception that yoga works only on the body, because it's not just an exercise, it's a way of life. It teaches about a lot of things like 'ahimsa' and 'sathya'. And if the whole world practices it the right way, it can bring absolute brilliance to the world."

Yoga, according to Yogic texts, leads to the union of individual consciousness with that of the universal consciousness, implying complete harmony between the mind and body as well as, between man and nature.

"If you're looking for ways to understand life, spirituality and evolution, then yoga is the best way," he added.

Dispute among the govt departments, Dalit residents demand title

Saishyam Srikanth

BENGALURU: On March 23rd, the Dalit residents of the Kadugodi Plantation area in Dinnur began a protest demanding documents for the land they have been inhabiting for more than 70 years. Ninety-one days have passed since then, and the protestors say they will continue the agitation till all their demands are met.

The dispute began after India attained independence when the Dalits freed from the shackles of bonded



United in the fight against injustice

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labour were given land by the government to live with dignity and earn a livelihood from agriculture. Before this land was allotted to Dalits, it was classified as forest land.

Until the 1990s, the residents faced no problems and were issued documents from the revenue department conferring the ownership status. This time around, the

forest department went to court to claim that the land was theirs and that the residents settled illegally. One of the protestors, Muniraj said, "On multiple occasions, the courts at all levels have said that the land does not belong to the forest department and that after independence, the land belongs to the people in the area." Muniraj said that the crisis precipitated as certain forest department and revenue department officials got together in the 1990s to register the land in the

government's name so that they could make more money. He said there was a heavy demand for land at the time due to the IT boom. Another protester said, "All thanks to their greed, they are doing all this and torturing us poor people."

"For many years, MLA Aravind Limbavali has been telling us that if my government comes, we can do something. Today, they are in power both in the centre and the state, but still, nothing has been done," Muniraj said.