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Karnataka farmers call for Bharath Bandh

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BENGALURU: More than a hundred organisations have called for a Bharath Bandh on 27 September against the three farm laws passed by the Central government last year. Samyukta Kisan Morcha which is spearheading the movement has been supported by dozens of farmers unions, trade unions, and youth organisations across the country. "We want the central government to repeal the three farm laws that have been passed. We remain optimistic that this rally and bandh will have an effect," Said Chandru, a member of Samyukta Horata Karnataka. The rally will start at Maurya Circle and end at Freedom Park. "We have intimidated the police and top leaders are talking with them," Chandru added.

G.C Bayyareddy, a member of Samyukta Horata Karnataka said, "We haven't confirmed the plans of the rally but it will be clearer in the next couple of days." The organisation has made preparations in all districts in Karnataka and has formed teams for each taluk to organize the protests. More than 50 organisations will be participating in the Bandh in Karnataka while more than 100 will be involved all over India.

Activists slam US on World Peace Day

Priyansha

The United Nations General Assembly dedicated September 21 to advance ideals of peace by urging nations to observe 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. This, at a time when the humanitarian crisis looms large in Afghanistan and elsewhere for which the activists hold the United States responsible.

"Wars are fought either for natural resources or to establish a market in a region. If the big political and economical powers of the world keep with their tendency to dominate the world there can be no achievement of peace in the world," said B Ravi, an activist for the Anti-



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Imperialist Forum. He added, "War is a business. The US spent 2 trillion dollars for 20 years. It involves arms, contracts, military, and money. There are war lobbies that create reasons to fight. War in Iraq and Afghanistan involved oil

and strategic reasons, respectively." On how to establish peace in the world he further said, "People should raise voice against their government if the government is waging war against other nations. Raising voice against war is

important to establish peace in the world. No country should waste its money and resources by waging wars. Civilians should come up to defend peace. There are times when countries are forced to defend themselves, that's different from declaring

war." Yash Dhanija, assistant program coordinator at Global Peace Organisation India said, "There's a difference between peacebuilding, peacemaking and peacekeeping. War or conflict-like situations evolve due to ideological differences. We should ask ourselves what we are doing for Peace Building." He added, "We need to interact rather than just forming international relations policies. We need to take different perspectives into account. There should be interfaith leadership, strengthening of the families and creating a culture of service in war trodden regions."

326 custodial deaths in K'taka : RTI

Akshara DM

BENGALURU: Minister Araga Jnanendra is accused of misrepresenting on the floor of assembly the figures on the total number of custodial deaths in Karnataka in the last four years. While answering the query in the assembly last Thursday on the number of custodial deaths he said it was 27. However, the total number of deaths in the same period was 326. This was revealed in a reply to the RTI query filed by



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President of People's Union for Civil Liberties, Shujayathulla E, an alumni of St Joseph's College.

"The Government must provide its citizens with proper data. This happened with the migrant crisis. The

government said it has no data," says Shujayathulla pointed out the difference in data stated by the Karnataka Home Minister and the KSHRC report. "There have been 97 deaths in 2017, 73 in 2018, 75 in 2019, and 81 in 2020. Recently a Congolese national died in JC Nagar police station," he further added stating the custodial death figures each year from 2017. PUCL demanded a stern action against officers in-charge due to whom the custodial deaths occurred.

TN: People concerned over Covid-19 cases in children

Iswarya Lakshmi

TAMIL NADU: People from Tamil Nadu express concern as 117 school students test positive following the reopening of schools. Schools reopened in Tamil Nadu for classes 9 to 12 on September 1. The students that test positive for covid are on the rise in the state. "The schools are trying their best to sanitize the place but again, many students come from economically backward households and we are not able to impose personal hygiene on them. The government along with the covid protocols should also make sure that the children are provided with extra uniforms," said S. Deepa, a government school teacher from Salem. "Even colleges haven't reopened in some places. so I do not see the necessity to open schools. College students at least have the opportunity to get themselves vaccinated. But school children do not have the privilege as yet. Government should give more importance to the health of the children," said S. Kumaran, father of a 9th-grade student.

BTS address UN General Assembly

Anjitha Eldho

The South Korean band BTS addressed the United Nations General Assembly on Monday, sharing the stories of the future generation and delivering an influential message to the youth. The K-pop band was appointed as the special presidential envoy by South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Speaking on the 76th General Assembly, they addressed several issues like climate change and the ongoing pandemic. They presented the teens and people in their



BTS

Twitter

20s as the 'welcome generation'. "Instead of the lost generation, a more appropriate name would be the welcome generation", they said. BTS fans across the world were also elated and considered this a proud

moment. Nishitha Rachel, a BTS fan said, "I remember seeing the first time they spoke at the UN in 2017. It was a very happy moment for us fans. I was so glad to see that all seven members spoke at the assembly this time and also performed there." Another army fan, Godwin Emmanuel said, "I think it is one of the historical moments in the Korean pop music world. This is not a piece of good news just for the army fans but for a lot of young people who aspire to become something in their lives. And BTS definitely spreads the message to love yourself."

Mass Comm students launch #letBLRbreathe campaign

CJ Rahul

CAMPUS: The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism is spreading awareness regarding the poor air quality and loss of green cover in Bengaluru, by campaigning on Twitter with the slogan #letBLRbreathe. This social media campaign is initiated by the students of St Joseph College, Bengaluru (Autonomous). Students as a part of the campaign are clicking pictures of various places across the streets in Bengaluru, with tagging

places such as bus stops, roadsides, public parks which are contaminated with garbage. "It's inevitable the climate change cannot be stopped but can be reduced," said Suhas Sreenivas, a faculty member of the Department of Mass Communication at St Joseph College. "The problem with the people is that most of them have no idea about segregation of waste management; they mix both. Spitting on the road and throwing wrappers has become a common sight these days," he added.