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## Emergency era is back, says activists

Angeline Claudia

**Bengaluru:** Despite heavy rains, the family members and friends of the political prisoners along with teachers, activists and various others came together in solidarity against the assault on democratic rights by the BJP regime.

The All India Lawyer's Association for Justice along with AISA (All India Students Association) organised a press conference 'India behind bars' on Oct 8 in solidarity with all political prisoners detained under the UAPA, PSA and NIA.

Nargis Saifi, a political activist and wife of Khalid Saif, said, "There is a line which goes like this' - "Sab sadake khamosh ho jati hai toh sansat awara ho jati hai" (when all the roads become silent, then the breath becomes stray)."

Commenting on the prevailing political scenario she said, "It is what the government wants, they want the roads to stay quiet, also succeeding in doing this because the people are now scared."

Manoj Kumar Jha, a Rajya Sabha Member, opined that the ruling government had turned the citizens into a "public of fear". "The UAPA is a way of punishing people when you have no way of silencing them. It is not a law but a tool of violence on democracy," said Jenny Rowena P, wife of Hanya Babu, a political prisoner.

"We are moving closer to a new emergency, and probably not even Indira Gandhi's administration imposed the kind of terror that the current central government has," said senior Supreme Court advocate Colin Gonsalves.

## Saving ecology is noble, snatching livelihood is ignoble

Dhamini D

**Bengaluru :** In order to highlight the plight of Bellary's workers who lost jobs after several mines ceased operations following a Supreme Court order of 2011, the workers are organising a protest from October 11-13 under the aegis of (All India Central Council of Trade Unions) AICCTU. The walk will be from Sandur to Bellary District Collector Kachela to demand

A walk from Sandur to the Bellary District Collector's office will be held to demand comprehensive rehabilitation of mine workers under the Rehabilitation and Revival Scheme (R&R) in the mine-affected Bellary district. Social activist Medha Patkar would join the workers during the march.

General Secretary of the union, Yariswamy, speaking to The Beacon said that the unemployed and dis-



Bellary mines went from boom to bust

India TV

tressed mine workers and their families are neglected.

Deliberating on the R&R scheme, Yariswamy noted, "People and land are the two things that come to the forefront in R&R when plans for housing and improving lives come into play."

According to the press release by the AICCTU, the comprehensive plan is being

prepared and implemented for other departments, including the environmental rehabilitation of mine-affected areas. Even as the measures are being initiated to mitigate the environmental disasters and ecological damage caused by mining the miners and their families are entirely ignored, he bemoaned.

"The mining companies

have violated labour laws by not employing the miners who have lost their jobs despite the resumption of mining. Mines that have resumed operations are not abiding by the law and are hiring new employees. Particularly the migrant workers from other states, through the contract system and working illegally and also refusing to

hire miners who have lost their jobs," the release said.

A comprehensive plan should be prepared to provide basic amenities, including job offers, housing facilities, and education, to all the miners who have lost their jobs, thereby coming to the aid of the distressed miners, said Yariswamy.

"As of now, several mines have started up again, and the rest are being auctioned. Due to this, there are many employment opportunities in mines. So, the workers whose wages have been cut illegally cannot be denied their legal right to be hired first. Due to this non-compliance, families, including young children and older people, are experiencing a difficult time.

It is thought that more than a lakh people are in distress because they don't have a job and basic amenities like housing facilities."

## 'Kerala would have become Kashmir if not for Modi'

Kannika Shembekar

**Bengaluru:** The Bhagwan Parshuram Brahmin Charitable Trust and the Brahmin Organisation of India (BIO), jointly hosted a state-level conference in Kalaburagi on October 8 and 9.

The conference was organised by industrialist, Krishnaji Kulkarni at the city's Khamitkar Kalyana Mandapam and inaugurated by Shri Satyamatirtha. The event was to address the problems faced by the community.

Sukhbir Sharma, national president of BOI addressing the gathering said, "Rather than learning from the other

communities actually we used to guide the society and communities; but now the situation has changed and we need to see them (and) learn; this shouldn't (have) happened."

"The various political, economic, and other issues affecting the community were discussed. The tools that have an impact on communities across the country, the problems that the community is facing, where we have gone, and difficulties generated from the constitution and (the fact that) we are not given the consideration; So many things exist," said Sukhbir Sharma to The Beacon mentioning the highlights of

what came up during the deliberations in the conference.

"It used to be that all members of the Brahmin community lived in Kashmir, and they made up the majority of the population. Things have changed, and the same thing is occurring in Kerala. If Modi hadn't been present at all times, the situation there would have been the same as it is in Kashmir [sic]." The conference's primary focus was on what could be done to save the Brahmin Samaj because it shouldn't have happened in the first place. As a result, BOI as an organisation assumes significance, he said.

We are falling behind in unity, which is one of the reasons we are struggling economically. Ravindra Rao Kulkarni, secretary of the organisation said that a lack of unity within the community is the reason why they suffer economically. "In order to catch up, we must put aside our differences and work together," he said.

Sukhbir Sharma mentioned that the BOI will launch Gayatri Abhiyana from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. "The power of Brahmin Samaj is mantras not tantras. We have to understand this mantra and recite them," stated by Sukhbir Sharma.

## CPWA provides a platform to empower women

Ishika Bhattacharjee

**Bengaluru:** Women's empowerment starts from within; it should first start in your home. As women face many difficulties in their professional lives, support from their families means a lot, opined Archana Udupa, a renowned Indian singer on Sunday speaking to The Beacon.

She was speaking on the sidelines of the International Women Achievers Awards 2022 ceremony after receiving an award. "Especially, if a woman is in the entertainment industry, then a lot of unnecessary character assassination is very common," she said.

The Cubbon Park Walkers Association (CPWA) organised the International Women Achievers Awards and Young Star Awards for the second time in a row in South India on Sunday at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bengaluru. Minister of Higher Education of Karnataka, Dr CN Ashwath Narayana inaugurated the event.

"I am born and brought up with four sisters. They are not that educated. I am the only one educated in my family. This is why I want to recognise all the women achievers in society and give them a platform so that they can come forward," said Umesh, the President of CPWA

## AAPSU unveils free coaching classes

Yachi Jebisow

**Bengaluru:** The All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) launched the ARUN VIDHYA campaign in Arunachal Pradesh last week with a motto "to reach the unreached students" within the state by conducting free coaching classes for competitive examinations.

AAPSU will be collaborating with private and government coaching institutes. Coaching will be given for the UPSC, NEET, APPSCE, APSSB, JEE and NERIST

entrance exams will be provided. The preference will be given to those belonging to the poor and marginalised groups.

Speaking to the Beacon, the assistant education secretary of AAPSU, Kame Lingdom said the aim is to assist dedicated and hardworking students who wanted to pursue higher education but discontinued because of their financial status. "The target is to make at least 150 students clear the competitive exams and become great civil servants and serve the

state," Lingdom said.

The last date for submission of the form is Oct 12 and the qualifying test will be on Oct 18. The applicants have to submit their BPL cards and students who have lost parents have to submit the death certificate of the deceased. Submission of these documents is necessary for ensuring a transparent admission process, said Lingdom. He added the evaluation will be done through the administrative and the panchayat bodies.

## Grand Rambo circus in town

Aparna Liz

**Bengaluru:** Amidst the fantasy of circus dying down and crowds thinning out of the performance venues, Rambo Circus continues to hold shows with the hope of converting the public into an active audience. Rambo Circus, an International Indian circus team held the show at Kengeri and has trained its members to keep the art alive attempting to attract thousands of spectators to its live shows.

The Show started on Sept 21 near the Kengeri bus ter-

minal and ends on Oct 23. There will be three shows per day at 1 pm, 4pm and 7pm.

The show features Indian professional artists from diverse backgrounds presenting their versatility to approximately 1,000 people.

Rambo Circus in their preceding shows has displayed 120 minutes of mesmerising and breath-taking acts like aerial acrobatics, cube juggling, rope dance, acrobatic skating and many more. The show also had a captivating dog circus and, laughter-filled clown acts and their witty interactions with kids.