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Male chauvanism,yet again on display

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Bengaluru:With each passing day, domestic violence in India seems to take a new turn. One such incident has taken social media by storm where a man is seen physically assaulting his wife in front of their kid.

The wife is said to have lighted the birthday candle before the husband arrived, which triggered the husband and he begins to slap her, not realising that the small kid is also imitating the same.

The man is identified as Mohammad Mushtaq, a resident of Bangalore, working for an IT company. The victim is his wife Aisha, who stays mum all through the video.

"Domestic violence still prevails despite all the laws. It is still happening because there is a lack of awareness, and patriarchy is the most enduring and most important cause of violence. Patriarchy begins at home, but I think it is like any other hierarchy and form of discrimination in the society," said Madhu, a women activist speaking to The Beacon.

This kind of domestic abuse and violence is gender biased but is embedded in our society and institutions like families, where men are the breadwinners. "When you replicate a hierarchical structure in which a man is at the helm, you are a victim of domestic abuse and violence," she added.

Anupriya, an activist, said, "There can never be an end to domestic violence. Measures have to be taken on higher levels, where the government has to take this far more seriously, the police must be proactive and must be trained to handle similar cases."

Even as 'no to abortion' in US grows , we embrace the right to abort

Nikita Priya

Bengaluru : The recent verdict of the Supreme Court of India stating that women, irrespective of their marital status, could avail the right to abortion has kindled widespread support and appreciation from women activists all across India.

The apex court on Sept 29 said that all women are entitled to a safe and legal abortion till 24 weeks of pregnancy.

"Married women may also form part of the class of rape survivors. Rape means sexual intercourse without consent, and intimate partner violence is a reality. In this case also, woman may get forcefully pregnant," it said.

In support of the judgement, Anupriya, a women activist, said the law will benefit women by empowering them to exercise a choice and they no longer need anyone's consent to have a safe and legal abortion. "Unwanted pregnancy is a serious issue; there



Bsc legalise the abortion

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are still women who get married early and get pregnant; and the women who undergo complications during pregnancy; (apart from these) unmarried girl getting pregnant; (all these) affect the mental as well as the physical condition of women; many had to drop their education because of these, but they are all free to abort now. It's their choice,

they can do whatever they feel good... So this will surely change the conditions of women in India," she added.

The bench was in favour of including marital rape under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act. Expressing her opinion on how this would benefit the victims she said, "Marital rape is a serious concern and in India, it's not

even considered as rape; but it's now noticed by Supreme Court and glad that they included this in the act. This will help women a lot now as they can take a stand for themselves and have a right to file a case and abort. Many husbands don't care about their wife's approval, and the spouse is not allowed to abort when she doesn't want to continue."

SJU eLibrary: Accessibility is now a touch away

Jeba Janet

Bengaluru:St Joseph's University's eLibrary website 'Knimbus' is now at the fingertips of staff and scholars, which enables access to all the resources of the university.

The recently launched e-Resource library is the centre for advanced studies and research. The Library is available in the 88-seat space, allowing users to access e-resources through the school network using laptops, tablets, cell phones, and other devices.

Knimbus is a digital library platform where students can get all the subscribed content, journals, and research papers.



E resources made better at SJU

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"All subscribed content of the university can be accessed in one single window through 'Knimbus,'" said Dr Shivakumar, the chief librarian of St. Joseph's University Library.

Earlier, the eLibrary was accessible only through college Wi-Fi, which barred the students from accessing the resources from outside of the campus. Now with the help

of the 'Remote Authentication System, the students can access the eLibrary from anywhere.

The DSpace Repository was initially created by SJU digital library and institutional repository to support academic research for the SJU community. Students and faculty use this service to store their scholarly writings, patents, sources from conferences and workshops,

significant rare digital books, and other notable institutional archival records. Following the aim of an Open Access movement, this service will let the faculty, researchers, and students of SJU, self-archive and preserve their scholarly works for the long term, making them accessible, and increasing the impact of their research.

The PG Department of Journalism and Mass communication has been publishing The Beacon, The Photo Beacon, The Communique and Campus Radius on the DSpace. Students can access all the government sample question papers through this space.

The most polarising, yet fascinating leader, Mulayam departs

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Bengaluru:Mulayam Singh Yadav, the former CM of Uttar Pradesh, is known to be the most polarising figure in Indian political history who knitted together the Yadav Community votes (a dominant OBC community) and the Muslim vote to keep out both the BJP and Congress from the state power.

Mulayam Singh Yadav died Monday morning at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram of multiple organ failure. His condition had been critical for several weeks and was on medication. Yadav, the three-time Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, will be cremated on Tuesday at 3 pm, in Saifai, Etawah, UP.

He came very close to becoming the prime minister of the country in the late 90s after the IK Gujral-led government fell. However, the machinations of Lalu Prasad Yadav foiled Mulayam's bid to stake claim to the highest office.

BJP veteran Lal Krishna Advani condoled the passing away of Yadav on Monday. "In my long association with Yadavji, I specially recall my many interactions with him during the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. Although we were ideologically very different, the mutual respect that we shared will always be cherished by me."

Educating on roads : SJU students enlighten commuters

Shariq Ahamed

Bengaluru:The commuters around St. Joseph's University had a pleasant surprise on Friday as they stopped by the red signal over a traffic junction. With eyes wide open they read the informational placards held by a group of students on the zebra crossing while the students cleared the way as the signal turned green.

As a part of an outreach program, the second-year students of BCA from Friday are displaying banners alerting drivers and pedestrians



about the safety precautions and traffic regulations.

It was pretty exciting and something new for us; it felt like being a part of the Bengaluru traffic police department because we were educating people and reminding them about traffic awareness and the importance

of the value of life," said Allen, the class representative. The students said they were able to convey the message efficiently to the public.

The on-duty traffic police expressed gratitude to the students and applauded the university's outreach program for promoting road safety.

An effort to save an endangered language

Yachi Jesibow

Bengaluru:North-Eastern Institute of Language and Culture (NEILAC) Guwahati is set to work on an endangered language of Northeast India, called Koro Aka language.

NEILAC is a newly established centre for research, documentation and revitalization of endangered languages of North East India. They are currently working on the Hrusso Aka language and are attempting to work with the neighbouring tribe of East Kameng District, Bana village in Arunachal Pradesh.

Speaking to the BEACON, the director of NEILAC, Linguist Dr Vijay D'Souza said, the Koro Aka Welfare Society had invited him for a consultation on the revival of their language. D'Souza, as a language expert, came up with an idea to preserve the language by documenting the methodologies, stories, and songs of the elders who are passing away. "One's identity is encoded with the mother tongue and if the mother tongue is lost it can create emotional and mental health issues," he said.