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Shah Rukh Khan faces heat from Twitterati

Nandita Narayanan

BENGALURU: Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan on Thursday faced the brunt of a hate campaign against him on Twitter. Arun Yadav, BJP's State In-Charge of Information Technology Department in Haryana, allegedly led this campaign using-

#BoycottShahRukhKhan in relation to the remarks made by the actor.

A video compilation of the actor went viral where he made statements claiming that Pakistan cricketers are the best T20 players in the world. Pictures of him and the Pakistan Prime Minister, Imran Khan was trending on Twitter. Arun Yadav urged his followers to boycott Shah Rukh Khan in multiple tweets using islamophobic terms accusing the actor of supporting Pakistan.

Netizens took to Twitter to criticize him. "There is intolerance, there is extreme intolerance. Time to show Pakistan lover @iamsrk some Intolerance by boycotting him and continuing his streak of consecutive flops on the box office.," a user tweeted.

However, his devoted fans tried to defend the actor using #SRK Pride Of India and #WeLoveShahRukhKhan.

'YSD encroached govt college land for gym'

Suhas S Kashyap

BENGALURU: Students of Sri Mahadeshwara Government First Grade College Kollegal, Chamrajnagar, on Monday, protested against the alleged encroachment of college land by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (YSD). Eight out of eighteen acres of land belonging to the college was allotted to the YSD. The students opposed the encroachment at the entrance of the college.

The YSD allegedly encroached three-fourth acres of the college land towards the entrance of the college, in addition to the eight acres that was allotted to the department. They are currently constructing a gym



Group of students protesting illegal encroachment of land in Chamrajnagar.

Harshitha M

complex in the allotted land of eight acres.

When The Beacon tried to

contact the principal of the college, he refused to respond on the issue.

Students who are protesting against the encroachment have also collected signatures

on a letter during the protest and have sent the letter to the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) and District Commissioner of Chamrajnagar.

"This college is the only government degree college in the locality where most of the villagers study. The encroachment is near the entrance of the college, and the construction of a gym will increase chaos. This will affect the education of girl students in the village. The encroachment of the land is wrong and should be given back to college" said Harshitha, one of the protestors. "We have not received any response to the appeal made by us to the MLA or District Commissioner" she added.

Environmentalists advocate for O3 preservation

Jesly Pulikotil

BENGALURU: On the occasion of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, nature-lovers talk to The Beacon about the dire need to preserve the ozone layer from further depletion and how to do it.

Shajol Shaji, an engineering student from Pune said, "I live in Lonavala, a hill station. I remember my dad tell me that the winters here would be extremely cold." She added that in the last few years the winters in Lonavala



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felt like hot summers. "The ozone layer depletion

is more dangerous than we think. At least today we can

attempt to make smart choices and continue the practice in the future," she concluded.

Teena Thankachan, a corporate employee and eco-activist said, "We have mini gardens around the office. Lights in the office are energy efficient. We encourage our clients to switch to sustainable. Huge companies are more responsible today in their contribution to global warming than common man. It is essential that they go green and encourage their

employers to do it too." Bhaskara Manikanda Kumar, a local environmentalist in Andheri, Mumbai said, "If we pay attention to our surroundings daily, global warming is visibly in action. We are seeing people's health deteriorate with every generation. Small habits like car-pooling or public transport for commuting, having air purifying indoor plants at home, using energy-efficient lights are things we can do to contribute to a better planet."

Public expresses solidarity with Sonu Sood post-IT raid

Abhimanyu Sharma

The recent raid at Bollywood actor/philanthropist Sonu Sood's house and five other properties have piqued the interest of the general public. People on the internet have already started speculating and are calling it an "act of desperation" by the government.

"Sonu Sood is a messiah who helped millions of poor orphaned by the govt" tweeted Aam Admi Party (AAP) on their official handle. "This IT raid shows

Modi Govt's insecurity", they further added.

Suresh Ramachandra, a Twitterati said that the raid was 'just to defame him', which seems to be the popular opinion among the people.

As the support pours out for Sonu Sood there are some who believe that the government is just doing its job. Further details are yet to be revealed.

The IT department had raided six properties of Sood's on September 16, Wednesday night for an alleged tax evasion probe.

Mammootty launches SJC students' short film

Riya Joseph

Kanavu, directed and shot by students of St Joseph's College was launched by Malayalam actor, Mammootty, on Thursday, 16 September. The film narrates the story of a little-known haven in the Western Ghats of North Kerala.

The short film was conceived when director and former student of St Joseph's, Nibesh Benson took a trip to Kanavu, Wayanad. Benson's meeting with activist and Dalit filmmaker, Leela Santosh's journey pushed him in



Kanavu Movie Poster

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making the film a reality. "It was a really beautiful place, like the name Kanavu, which means dream. There were a

few families living there. It feels like you have reached an imaginary land." says Benson.

The film, shot by Jacob Reji and edited by Harikrishnan Kunnath, focuses on the tribes of Wayand, their history, and the tradition of passing down stories of their past through songs.

Speaking of the challenges he faced, Benson says "I'd only heard of these traditions. I looked for people who knew these songs but nobody knew them. Children of this generation don't know about any of these."

Alvin Varghese, Abhinav UV, Jeevanath Vishwanath were also part of the crew. Benson undertook the film as a project for the Kerala government.