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WHAT IS 8:46



On May 25, an African-American man – George Floyd was killed in Minnesota, US, after a police officer, Derek Chauvin, knelt on his neck in an attempt to subdue him. According to prosecutors, eight minutes and 46 seconds is the time the police officer – now arrested for his crime – knelt on Floyd's neck.

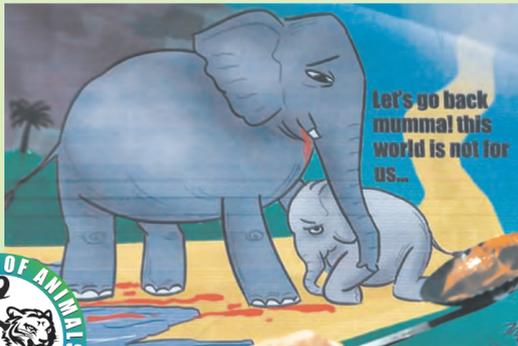
A SYMBOL

Protesters have begun to use '8:46' as a symbol of their protest against the systemic racism that led to Floyd's death. In Washington and Boston, protesters lay down in the streets for eight minutes and 46 seconds as a form of protest they are calling 'die-ins'

KILLING OF A PREGNANT ELEPHANT IN KERALA TRIGGERS NATIONWIDE OUTRAGE...

Call for STRICT ACTION against culprits get louder

The killing of a pregnant elephant in Silent Valley Forest near Kochi, who was allegedly fed a pineapple filled with crackers, has stirred a nationwide protest. The incident came to light after a forest officer posted a note on Facebook. As one person in connection with the gruesome crime got arrested on Friday, demand for making a stringent law on animals' protection is gaining momentum. It may be noted that cruelty to animals is far more prevalent, with stray dogs being the most trusting victims of human savagery.



THE PUNISHMENT UNDER ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS

- Animal rights are protected under Article 51A(G) of the Constitution, which makes it a citizen's duty to protect wildlife and show compassion for living creatures
- In the Concurrent List, both the Centre and the State are given the power to prevent cruelty to animals and protect wild animals and birds
- The overarching legal framework to act against cases of animal cruelty is the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, which aims to stop the infliction of unnecessary suffering or pain on animals
- However, in the chilling case from Kerala, the culprits are likely to be prosecuted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, a central Act, which helps the cause of protection of animals, birds and plants
- The pregnant elephant who died in agony, was reportedly a wild animal (unlike many elephants in Kerala that are domesticated). The people behind this crime can face a maximum of seven years in jail

CELEBRITIES REACT

- Such criminal acts against innocent animals are no different than acts of mediated murder against other humans. Justice needs to prevail. **RATAN TATA**, The Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus
- She was a harmless, pregnant elephant. That makes the people who did... monsters. We keep failing nature over and over again. Remind me how we're the more evolved species? **SUNIL CHHETRI**, captain, Indian football team
- Let's treat our animals with love and bring an end to these cowardly acts **VIRAT KOHLI**, Captain, Indian cricket team
- Never understood humans. They revere elephant as God, and also abuse elephants by beating, torturing and using them for joyrides **SACHIN BANGERA**, Director, Celebrity and Public Relations, PETA

KIRAN MAZUMDAR-SHAW NAMED EY WORLD ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR 2020



Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, executive chairperson of Biocon, has been named EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2020 for her contribution in improving universal access to affordable life-saving medicine and transforming the world. Mazum-

HONOUR

dar-Shaw has also featured in the Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women list and Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World list.

- The biotech boss was selected among 46 entrepreneurs from 41 countries and territories
- She became the third Indian to win the award after Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank in 2014 and Narayana Murthy of Infosys in 2005
- She also became the second woman to hold the title, following Olivia Lum of Singapore's Hyflux Limited in 2011

HEARD OF 'BHUT JOLOKIA' TEA?

A Guwahati-based tea company has launched a new tea variety, which offers a spicy blend of Bhut Jolokia, one of the hottest chillies in the world. The tea, launched by Aromica Fiery Tea from Tender Buds Teas and Crafts, has Bhut Jolokia as its prime ingredient, blended with organic black tea, lemon and ginger powder. This is for the first time that a spicy jolokia chilli tea has been created.

TEA TALE



WHAT IS BHUT JOLOKIA? Made with the spiciest chilli in the world, Bhut Jolokia was named as the hottest chilli in the world in 2007 by the Guinness Book of World Records. The capsaicin found in Bhut Jolokia has anti-bacterial, anti-diabetic properties, and vit C that helps in building the immune system

NEWS IN BRIEF

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MEET MILLIPEDE: WORLD'S OLDEST-KNOWN LAND ANIMAL



DISCOVERED

- It was an arthropod, a broad group that includes insects, spiders, millipedes, centipedes and crustaceans like crabs and shrimp

A fossilised millipede-like creature discovered in Scotland may represent the oldest-known land animal that lived 425 million years ago, researchers have claimed. Called Kampecaris, the millipede that is

Life first evolved in the world's oceans, with an explosion of diversity beginning roughly 540 million years ago

about 2.5 cm long with a segmented body, was unearthed on the island of Kerrera in the Scottish Inner Hebrides. It inhabited a lakeside environment, and likely ate decomposing plants. Fossils of the oldest-known plant with a stem called Cooksonia, were found in the same ancient lake region.

TECH BUZZ

FACEBOOK'S MANAGE ACTIVITY TOOL TO HELP USERS ARCHIVE, DELETE OLD POSTS

Facebook has introduced a new feature called Manage Activity to help its users archive or trash their old posts in one place. The archive feature is for content people no longer want others to see on Facebook, but still want to keep for themselves.



- Manage Activity also allows people to move posts they no longer want to the trash. "Posts sent to the trash will stay there for 30 days before being deleted, unless you choose to manually delete or restore them," FB added
- The feature help users to view and manage posts in bulk

12-YEAR-OLD BOY CREATES NOODLE-MAKING ROBOT

Rudra Waghela, a 12-year-old boy from Vadodara has designed a robot using Lego parts to make two-minute noodles! "During the



Rudra has also designed a remote-controlled aeroplane which he often tests at Navlakhi ground, and a two-wheeled self-balancing personal transporter

YOUNG ACHIEVER

initial days of the lockdown, I had online classes and I couldn't wait for them to get over, and then would get busy with my robot making," said Rudra, who claimed the idea sparked when he was randomly searching for creative works on the internet. Rudra said he chanced upon a robot making noodles, but that was an advanced model. "So I decided to make a basic one which could cook the instant noodles," said the class VII student.

'ROCKY' DOCUMENTARY NARRATED BY SYLVESTER STALLONE TO PREMIERE DIGITALLY

Veteran action star Sylvester Stallone has narrated a documentary about his boxing drama series, 'Rocky'. Titled, '40

Years of Rocky: The Birth of a Classic', the documentary will be released digitally on June 9 in the US.

ENTERTAINMENT

- The film chronicles the making of the first film, 1976's 'Rocky', through rare home footage filmed by director John G Avildsen
- In 'Rocky', Stallone had starred as Rocky Balboa, the eponymous south-paw boxer from Philadelphia
- After its release, the movie had amassed critical acclaim and was a commercial success
- At the 49th Academy Awards in 1977, 'Rocky' had surprisingly picked up three trophies, including Best Picture and Best Director



90 YRS: DECCAN QUEEN CHUGS ALONG

The historic Deccan Queen train between Mumbai and Pune completed 90 years on June 1. Probably the only train to have its birthday celebrated, the Deccan Queen's 'fans' and commuters in Pune marked the occasion in absentia, as the train continues to be stranded in Mumbai due to the ongoing lockdown. A look at the journey of this historic train...



- The train holds many a record, including that of being India's first superfast train; first long-distance electric-hauled train; the first train to have a 'women-only' car, and the first train to feature a dining car.
- The Deccan Queen was introduced between Mumbai and Pune on June 1, 1930 by the Great Indian Peninsula Railway

(GIPR), the forerunner of the Central Railway. This was the first deluxe train introduced to serve the two important cities of the region, and was named after Pune – also known as the "Queen of Deccan" ("Dakkhan ki Rani" in Hindi).

- It is among the rare Indian trains that has never been hauled using steam traction, and was always electric-powered; on rare instances running on diesel. The train became popular as a faster alternative to the Poona Mail, which required 6 hours to complete the Mumbai-Pune journey.
- The GIPR in the 1940s would run Race Special trains for Mumbai's horse racing enthusiasts who would come to Pune on weekends and race days

INDIA TO HOST 2022 WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has awarded India the hosting rights of the 2022 Asian Cup, the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) said

- The Asian Cup is returning to India for the first time since 1979, and will follow the Fifa Under-17 Women's World Cup that the country is scheduled to host next February.
- These two events is likely to elevate the profile of women's football in the country, and attract sponsors.
- The U-17 Women's World Cup was originally scheduled for this year, but was postponed due to the pandemic.



IRECOMMEND TOP AUGMENTED REALITY (AR) APPS TO TRY

Augmented Reality (AR) offers an immersive experience for everyday utilities. While you are locked at home during this pandemic, here are top AR apps that you can explore



BBC'S CIVILISATION: Based on BBC's documentary series called Civilisation, this app uses AR to bring 30+ unique artefacts from many historical periods to the users. Each artefact can be seen in 3D rendering using a smartphone as an AR viewfinder.

SKETCHAR: The app transforms the smartphone into an AR drawing assistant. It is essential an AR-tracing app, which plots a particular shape on a piece of paper and chooses sketch from the phone. The app projects the image onto a paper, allowing users to trace it around.

MONDLY: The app is perfect to learn new languages. Users can choose from 33 different languages. One needs to find the AR button. The app asks users to search for a flat surface. Once the flat surface is detected, the app will ask them to slide down the AR

BOOK REVIEW

MY HERO IS YOU by World Health Organisation



The book published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to spread awareness about Covid-19 among children contains all the coronavirus-related news, information, messages in social media and newspapers articles; its impact, after-effects, and precautionary methods one must follow. This is a very useful book, written in a simple and precise manner. The illustrations and pictures that tell us about the situation of children and adults around the world during this deadly pandemic, makes it even more informative. **Gia Jobin**, class VI, Assisi Vidya Niketan Public School, Kochi