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## MI knocks out RCB by four wickets

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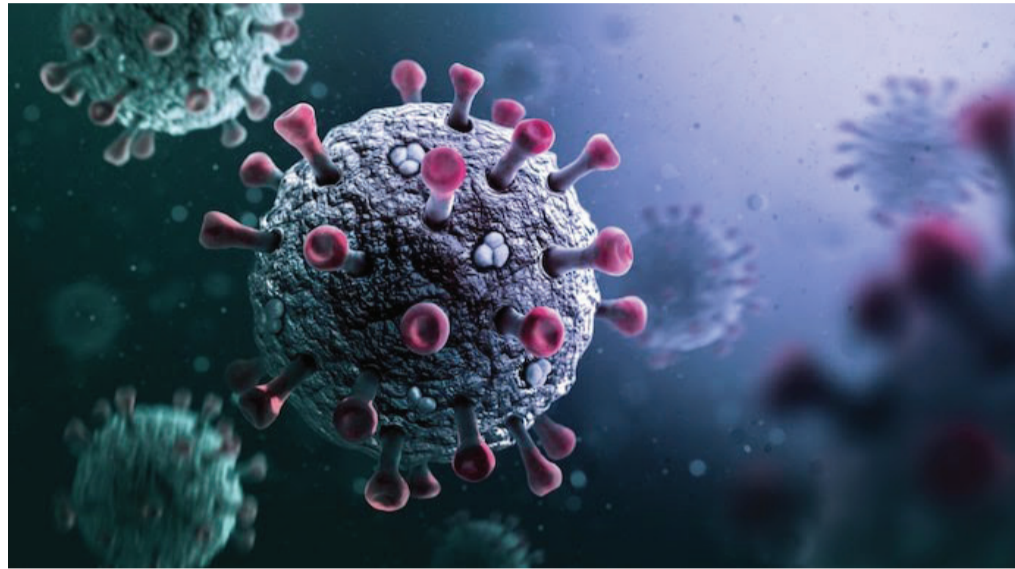
After two consecutive losses, Mumbai Indians bounced back by defeating the Royal Challengers Bangalore by four wickets on Wednesday at Dr DY Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai. Mumbai Indians won the toss and opted to bowl and restricted Royal Challengers Bangalore to 125/9 in 20 overs. MI dominated the game with a strong bowling lineup. Amelia Kerr, the player of the match, scalped three wickets while Nat Sciver-Brunt and Issy Wong scalped two wickets each. Mumbai began with a kickstart with the opening pair of Yastika Bhatia and Hayley Matthews which added 53 runs in the powerplay. Mumbai lost four fast wickets in the next overs until Kerr came to their rescue with her all-around skill. She helped Mumbai complete the 126-run chase in 16.3 overs when she returned unbeaten on 31 off 27 balls. The run-making during the powerplay and the backup from Kerr has helped the Mumbai Indians gain back their momentum after a couple of loose games. "We tried to fight till the 13th or 14th over. We have a great team and we have a really balanced side. I think the way we started, did not go our way. My performance with the bat was also below par and I will take a bit of the blame. We did that in the last two matches (clicking together) very well. We will work hard on our combinations and come back strong next year," said RCB Captain, Smriti Mandhana to The Hindu.

## H3N2 and Covid-19 are not the same: TAC

Anjela Patrick & Joyce Rodrigues

**Bengaluru:** H3N2, an influenza A virus, is spreading across the country. It is impacting vulnerable populations like the elderly, children, and pregnant women. Given the current surge, many are mistaking the virus and its perils for Covid-19. Doctors across the country have explanations for how the two respiratory infections differ, the distinction between the dangers, and the precautions to be taken.

This influenza A virus is a subtype of viruses that causes respiratory infection and is the most prevalent strain of the flu virus. A runny nose, chronic cough, and fever are among the symptoms. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), roughly half of all patients admitted had severe acute respiratory infections (SARI). The majority of



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the 1000 cases detected in the country have been mild; however, a government advisory has advised people to take preventative measures such as cleanliness, avoiding crowding, and practising hand hygiene.

Explaining the differences between the H3N2 and

Covid-19 viruses, Dr MK Sudarshan, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chairman, Karnataka, said, "H3N2 is a flu virus and Covid-19 is XBB 1.16 variant which is a severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV 2). They're not the same. This influenza

virus has no connection to Covid-19. This virus is much milder than Covid-19, and it is new because Covid-19 has vanished. Imposing any restrictions is not advised."

Speaking about the precautions the citizens should take to protect themselves from H3N2, Sudarshan said that

doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work in intensive care units (ICUs) and special outpatient departments (OPDs) such as flu OPDs must receive annual flu vaccinations from the government. Others have been advised by the government to purchase the vaccine. "However, not everyone needs to take the vaccine; only a small percentage of the population does," he said. "The government does not have the funds to provide this vaccine to everyone. People did not even receive the Covid vaccine; those vaccines have expired and are being discarded. When the vaccine was procured in 2019, doctors and paramedics alike refused to take it. This flu vaccine should be mandated for medical professionals and is not advisable for elderly people. No vaccination can be forced in our country," he added.

## 'Marine cultural heritage is essential, not an option'

Meghana S

Our current challenge is to effectively involve and educate others about the significance of preserving marine cultural heritage. It is not merely an optional aspect of sustainable development, but rather a crucial component, says Jon Hunderson, Chancellor's fellow in Global Challenges.

The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) along with the International Charter on the Protection and Management of Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICUCH) organised a webinar on World Water Day 2023 on Wednesday with



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the theme, 'Learning from the science of the past to inform the science of the future.'

Speaking about the Cultural Heritage Framework Programme, Hunderson says that it is a crucial aspect of the ocean decade, to enhance ocean protection by blending

cultural heritage and ocean sciences. This program has recently commenced and is set to last for four and a half years as an integral component of the overall effort to safeguard the ocean. "The primary challenges we are facing are what we aim to tackle, and to do this, the

Cultural Heritage Framework Programme was planned. It is about capacity building events and creation of an online platform which will be launching very soon, but mainly it's about linking projects globally that already use marine culture heritage to address questions of ocean sustainability," he added.

Speaking about the threats to underwater cultural heritage, Edouard Planche from UNESCO says economic activities such as the development of infrastructure projects along coasts or in prohibited zones may further exacerbate the threat to underwater cultural heritage.

## A train of blessings for Indian clefts

Kavya S

Smile Train, the biggest non-profit organisation in the world, on Wednesday, achieved a significant milestone by supporting 7,00,000 free life-changing cleft surgeries in India through their network of more than 150 partner hospitals.

"India is one of our largest programs globally and has shown tremendous growth over the last 23 years in terms of the number of partner hospitals and patients receiving treatment every year. The 700,000 surgery milestone is a significant achievement, and our focus for the future remains to expand our comprehensive programs to ensure access to safe, free, high-quality cleft care for every child in need," said Susannah Schaefer, President & CEO, of Smile Train in a press release. Smile Train, apart from majorly focusing on cleft surgeries, additionally concentrates on providing orthodontic services, speech therapy, and psychosocial counselling to successfully meet the individual requirements of each of their patients.

## A contest to raise awareness

Chandru & Jesbilin

**Bengaluru:** The School of Physical Science and Department of Electronic Science of St. Joseph's University hosted an Inter-collegiate contest 'Shock Fest' on Monday. This event witnessed participation from students from various colleges across Bengaluru.

Speaking to The Beacon, Sailesh, one of the volunteers of Josephites Electronic Technology (JET) Club said that the majority of people are currently choosing computer science and the software industry as their field of study. "They are unaware



Evaluating Skills

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that using the software requires specific hardware, which must be present. So in essence, we're attempting to improve and increase people's knowledge of the electronics section," he said. Rajesh, a second-year B.Sc volunteer said, "More than an obstacle, we are gaining good

expertise to organise events and activities."

The department and the academic club, JET, provide a forum for students to participate in electronics-related activities. The club promotes the organisation's ideals by hosting the yearly intercollegiate fest, which features eight events, both technical and non-technical, and draws over 120 participants from colleges who take part to showcase their ability of cognitive powers. The event was launched by the HOD, Dr Godwin D'souza, and the JET Club coordinator, Rajesh G.

## New beginning of an old legacy

Aasline Dsouza

**Bengaluru:** The iconic Samrat restaurant was relaunched in February at a new location. This time, it is back with a modern makeover while preserving its old charms on St. Mark's road as 'Chalukya Samrat Cafe.' The restaurant closed down in September 2022, after 45 years of service in its original location on Race Course Road. Speaking to The Beacon, Santhosh Shanbhag, the owner said that they are really excited to continue the legacy of the restaurant and are happy with the customer's feedback.

"It is called Chalukya Samrat Cafe as my partner wished. Both old and new customers visit our place."

With its new move, the restaurant is connecting with people through its Instagram handle by greeting on festivities and promoting its dishes. "We don't have any particular marketing strategy; it is mostly done through word of mouth. It was my partner's idea to open a page on Instagram. The menu has been altered, with the addition of North Indian dishes and its previous specialities," he added.