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Travellers irked as flight rates goes north

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Airline passengers across the country are in a dilemma as flight rates skyrocket amidst rising fuel prices. In the backdrop of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, crude oil prices in India have gone up drastically since last month. The arrival of the holiday season has also led to an increase in ticket rates, especially for domestic flights. Domestic travellers are worst hit by the crisis as fares have almost doubled than usual. "I had to pay around ₹9000, which is more than twice as much as I used to pay for a 45 minutes flight to Kochi," said Peter K, a resident of Bengaluru. Passengers also say that prices remain the same despite booking the tickets well in advance. "There was no significant reduction in the ticket price despite booking two weeks ahead," Peter added. Meanwhile, the increasing fares have not affected the demand for air travel as airlines in the country are witnessing a surge in bookings ahead of upcoming public holidays for Easter and Good Friday. "Even though customers are dejected at the rise in ticket charges, we have received a lot of bookings for next week owing to the festive season," says Riya Sebin, who is a manager at a travel agency in Kochi.

Hijab controversy refuses to die down

Gabriella S

The Karnataka State Government has decided to exempt teachers wearing a hijab from performing exam duty during Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) and Pre-University (PU) examinations for all government and government-aided schools.

The State Education Minister, BC Nagesh told the Times of India, "...as hijab is not allowed inside the examination hall for students, to be morally right, we are not forcing teachers who insist on wearing hijab to take up exam duty. Such teachers are relieved from exam duty." Government officials say that the grounds for the decision



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is to avoid any differential treatment between students and teachers who wear hijabs. However, while the students must adhere to a mandatory uniform there is no such re-

quirement for teachers.

"We have to care about our job security and at the same time we must think about our students and obeying the law," said Razia M, a sec-

ondary school Hindi teacher. "What if there is also a shortage of teachers for exam duty?" she questioned.

Last week, a teacher from suru was asked to her exam

invigilation duty because she refused to remove the hijab for the invigilation.

This move comes on the heels of the continuing controversy surrounding the ban on students wearing hijabs in educational institutions in Karnataka. There are reports from Bagalkot and Hubballi districts of students in hijabs being turned away from their exams. In Karnataka's Gadag district, seven teachers were suspended for allowing students who wore hijabs to sit for exams on Monday.

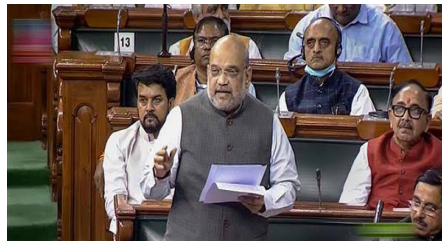
SSLC Exams in Karnataka began on 28 March 2022 and will conclude on 11 April 2022. The Karnataka PUC Exams will commence on 22 April 2022 and will go on till 18 May 2022.

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MCD Bill is a silver bullet & will solve Delhi's problem

Shriangana Pyne

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to unify Delhi, the national capital's three municipal corporations into a single entity to ensure optimal utilization of resources, better administration and efficient grievance redressal for the residents of Delhi. The Union Cabinet approved the Bill for the amalgamation of three municipal corporations in the national capital spiking a war of words between the central government



Amit Shah introducing the Bill in the Parliament

Tribune India

and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over the legal sanctity of the move. According to the Union Government, the delay

in the payment of the salaries and retirement benefits of employees have led to the loss of seven million working hours

and frequent strikes.

The Delhi Government stated in the Parliament, "It would challenge the MCD Bill. It is gravely unprecedented and unconstitutional that the matter had to be taken to court." Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said that the Bill is against the objective of decentralization of Governance. On the contrary, the Union Home Minister stated that the Bill is completely constitutional as Delhi is a union territory and hence amendments to the local bodies fall under the ambit of the Parliament.

'Those who understand our pain won't boycott us'

Dolkar Chozom

BENGALURU: As the campaign to ban the Muslim traders from setting up stalls on temple premises and temple fairs grows shriller in Karnataka, there is growing dismay among traders and temple committees organising the festivals.

"It is sad when we meet temple committee members. They request us to stay away, saying they are under pressure and that some Hindu organisations have threatened them with dire consequences if they allow Muslims to do business at festivals," said a Muslim vendor from Bengaluru. "The annual festival season starts around November and ends by April. Throughout the years, we would conduct business in at least 40-50 locations. Never did we imagine that religion would become a reason to boycott us," opined another Muslim vendor from Bengaluru. "We live together for at least six months during this time. We share food and work for each other. Those who are in this business will never join this anti-Muslim campaign because they know our pain. It is outsiders who are pressuring the temple," said Aadav, one of the Hindu vendors. After the High Court's ruling on the Hijab row traders in coastal Karnataka had shut down shops in protest.

64th Annual Grammy Awards took off: It's HP's turn after Gujarat & Haryana sign off on Gita

Sudha Ankita Ekka

After a delay of two months, the 64th Annual Grammy Award ceremony finally took off this time at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Initially, the ceremony was scheduled for January 31st but was delayed due to the pandemic all over the world. The Grammy Awards honour musical artists, compositions, and albums every year since 1959. The number of categories stood at 86 compared to last year's 84. Jon Batiste emerged as the biggest winner of the evening, with 5 wins out of 11 nominations. Two Indian musicians Ricky Kej and



And the Grammy goes to...

Falguni Shah were among the winners of the Grammy Award. It is the second Grammy win for Ricky and first for Falguni. BTS and their fans were hoping that the K-pop group would win a Grammy Award this year but were not able to achieve it. They were nominated for

best group performance for their hit track 'Butter'. At last, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made a surprise appearance at the Grammys, urging support for his country and asking the industry's top artists to "fill the silence" brought by war with music.

Variety

Blessy Jeremy

Himachal Pradesh is all set to include the 'Shrimad Bhagavad Gita' as a subject for all students from class 9-12 from the next academic year.

The State Education Minister Govind Singh Thakur announced the decision, on Sunday. He also stated that this new inclusion will help the students get to know about their culture and would inculcate morality. Schools will be teaching the Gita in two languages, namely, Hindi and Sanskrit.

A high school teacher in Shimla, speaking to The Beacon said, "I'm happy with the inclusion of the Gita as it

teaches good things, it teaches a lot about society and spirituality. However, there should be uniformity. As a teacher, I feel that all religious scriptures should be taught equally in school. Every religion has some good to offer and awareness of each leads to more understanding. It will create harmony and there will be no enmity."

"We are a religious country, even though our constitution says that we are secular. We are opinionated human beings, that is what democracy offers us. But an understanding of each religion in young people paves a way for them to work over it in the future," she added.