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Iftari flavours at Frazer Town

Blessy Jeremy & Gabriella S

BENGALURU: Kheema, haleem, kebabs, mishti dahi and more line the streets of MM Road this year as vendors and food sellers return to the area for the month of Ramzan.

After the Covid-19 pandemic placed a dampener on the usual food festivities, the return of the food fare to the street has been celebrated, even if the scale of activities might be significantly lower. "We are happy to open the stalls this time, but the business is not the same. I sell much less this year than I did few years ago," says stall worker Raheem, while he makes deep-fried mutton samosas for his customers waiting in the queue.

Sellers anticipate that the last few days of Ramzan will see a greater footfall. However, complaints from the Frazer Town residents, the pandemic and the threat of a new wave has led to a decline in the number of stalls.

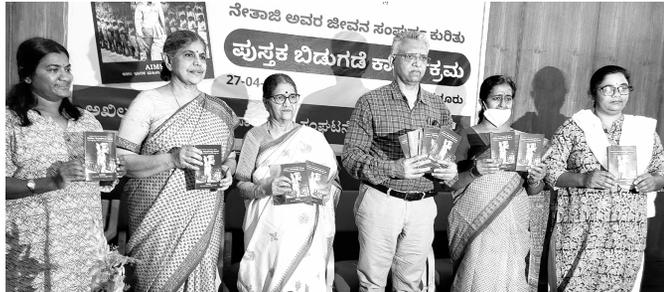
People from all over the city continue to pour into the area to buy and eat the food. "I love eating on MM Road. I wait to visit the stalls and have a few favourite things I want to eat," says Ragini, an Indiranagar resident and professional street food lover.

"Communal tensions, halal issues, whatever. There is brotherhood in food and I will never stop eating from here," says Rinni Pereira, a frequent visitor of the MM Road stalls.

'It's clash of ideologies, not personalities'

Madhu Mitha BS & Mythri C

"This is the kind of book that society needs in the present scenario. It enlightens us with the achievements of the great personalities of our country and thereby influences our thought processes," opined Ravindra Bhat, the Editor-in-Chief of Prajavani. "Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Bharatha Svaathanthra Sangraamada Sandhaanatheetha Prajwala Tare", a book detailing the journey and achievements of Bose, was released at an event held by the All-India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan (AIMSS) on Wednesday. Taking place at Ravindra Kalakshetra, the event commemorated the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji



Chief guests holding the newly-released book

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ji Subhash Chandra Bose. "After reading the book, I was afraid that it could be used as a weapon by the government to justify their acts. As we can see, our government is using Ambedkar's name as an excuse for the controversies happening in the country," said Ravindra

Bhat. He also mentioned that it was unnecessary to compare Subhash Chandra Bose to Mahatma Gandhi in order to emphasise his contribution with respect to India's independence. "The paths chosen by the two leaders were different but their ultimate goal was the

same." However, he added, books like these serve the purpose of educating society rather than celebrating birthdays by building statues and distributing sweets. Hemalatha Mahishi, a writer and senior advocate, spoke on Bose's life and his contribution to the country. She

said, "Subhash Chandra Bose was the founder of Jhansi Rani Regiment. He not only fought for India's independence but also for the betterment of the society." She further stated that the secret documents regarding the mysterious death of Subhash Chandra Bose must be released by the government. Sudha Kamath, the Vice President of AIMSS and one of the guests present at the event criticised the way history is being taught in schools. "The book is not about the comparison between two personalities, rather it is a clash between two different ideologies," she said. Shobha S, State Secretary of AIMSS, expressed her opinions about the book.

Welcome to your second home, newcomers!

Narayan B

BENGALURU: The Second-year students of BVoc. Digital Media and Animation (BDMA) conducted Freshers Fiesta on Tuesday to welcome the juniors to the course. The event began by showcasing the Artistica promotional video, followed by a music event from the students. Father Dr Richard Rego, the Director of the Institute of Communication & Media Studies (ICMS), introduced the department and addressed the freshers, encouraging them to work hard and overcome the obstacles ahead. The formal part quickly



Fresh faces of BDMA

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concluded with Nimisha K. Chandra of second-year BDMA delivering the vote of thanks. It was followed by an informal session of music and mingling that offered the seniors and juniors a chance to break the ice.

Santhosh B, a first-year BDMA student, said that he had a lot of fun during the session with his seniors. He added that the transition from online to offline class was a whole new experience for him. Prof. Juby John Eipe, the

Program Coordinator of BDMA, said, "The second years did a good job in executing the event. We just had to give them a structure on how the event should be and they did everything on their own." Prof. Nevil Pradeep D'souza, the mentor of BDMA, said "I am happy with how well the students pulled off the event, even though there were 4 events happening simultaneously." He mentioned that the department is excited about the upcoming events like Artistica and a wall art project that the students will be working on.

Forest fires impact solar power: Study

Fiza Ziyad

Forest fires, in addition to being a threat to wildlife and people, can also negatively impact solar power production in India, a new study revealed. The study found that forest fires, aside from aerosols and clouds, contribute to reducing solar power generation in the country. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Science and Technology hailed the study to use the knowledge to improve the efficacy of solar power production in India and to formulate better policies for climate change and other related concerns. "The findings of the

Red Hot Chilli Peppers reunite for 'Unlimited Love'

Shriangana Pync

The rock band Red Hot Chilli Peppers reunited last week after six years and released their new album 'Unlimited Love'. The audience called it "nothing new, but that's the point." Red Hot Chilli Peppers was formed in 1983 with four members - Anthony Kiedis, Flea, Chad Smith and John Frusciante. John Frusciante is known to have left the band twice, but last week the members reunited for the release of their 12th studio album. The music this time is a blend of rock and punk with their first single track "Black Summer."



"Choose not a life of imitation"

NME

"Unlimited Love" recaptured the band's natural friendship since the breaking of the band. The lead singer Anthony Kiedis did a great job with the lyrics. The overall style of the album is based

on the sadness of change. Fans were more excited to see all the four members reunite and perform as Frusciante's absence from the band was the missing piece of the puzzle.

Vajpayee a pluralist, liberal unlike BJP leaders: Ghose

Gabriella Symms

"He showed you could believe in something very strongly but still uphold plurality," said Sagarika Ghose, on the legacy of Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Journalist-author Ghose joined journalist TM Veeraraghav in conversation at the Bangalore International Centre on Tuesday to explore her recently released book 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee: India's most loved Prime Minister' and dwell on its subject. The talk ranged from Vajpayee's politics to anecdotes from his life, including one about his sister throwing his Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) uniform shorts over a wall so that his father,

opposed to Hindu nationalist politics, would not know. Sagarika Ghose opined that Vajpayee's term in politics can teach us a lot. "Vajpayee was a parliamentarian through and through," says Ghose, "Today we are seeing parliament like a dying plant- it's withering, it's in a corner, it's not very important to India." Ghose compared Vajpayee's parliamentarianism to the current political set-up, while also offering a biographical look into his "bohemian and unconventional" life. She presented a skilled orator, who is both a conservative and a liberal, and who strongly believed. "You need consensus to make India work".

present study will drastically increase the awareness among decision-makers about the effect of forest fires on energy management and planning at a country level. In addition, this research can support the mitigation processes and policies for climate change and its direct and indirect impacts on sustainable development," the ministry stated. The study, published in the journal 'Remote Sensing', was undertaken by a group of researchers from the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital and the National Observatory of Athens, Greece. The researchers, while investigating the factors reducing solar energy production, came across the phenomenon of forest fires impacting solar power generation.