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UN Chief observes 2nd 'World Clean Air Day'

Sudarshani

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres urged the citizens to work together to clean the polluted air that leads to around 7 million premature deaths each year. On the occasion of 'World Clean Air Day', Guterres took to Twitter and said that at least 9 out of 10 people breathe polluted air. "As many as 9 out of 10 people breathe polluted air, leading to some 7 million premature deaths each year," he tweeted.

He added, "This number could double by 2050 if we don't act decisively now. Let's work together to clean the air that we breathe so we may protect people & planet #WorldCleanAirDay."

Climate activist, Aditya Dubey also tweeted, "So many children breathe toxic air every day! We can all work together to change this! Join me and become #HawaKeRakshak Blue heart #HealthyAirHealthyPlanet."

This year's theme is 'Healthy Air, Healthy Planet', thereby emphasizing the effects of air pollution on human health during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The second commemorations of 'World Clean Air Day', will be celebrated in New York, Bangkok, and Nairobi.

NEET: Students welcome SC verdict

Pavithra Prabhu

BENGALURU: The Supreme Court on Monday, refused to postpone the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) after receiving petitions for the same. The National Testing Agency (NTA) has scheduled NEET to be conducted on Sunday and has issued admit cards for students. This announcement was welcomed by some NEET aspirants.

"The exams are usually conducted in January or February, and they have done a horrible job this year. Therefore it is better to conduct it earlier otherwise the number of students competing for the handful of seats will increase.



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Government colleges charge rupees 3 lakhs as fees and the private colleges are more expensive," said Sanjana Shivakumar, a Bengaluru-based medical student,

currently completing her house surgery at Victoria Hospital and Bowring Hospital.

Rakhi Chakraborty, NEET aspirant studying at Nitte

Meenakshi Institute of Technology mentioned how she is looking forward to the exams being conducted. "Delaying NEET means delaying our future and we've

already lost so much time, and the economy has suffered as a whole," she said.

The Supreme Court came out with the same verdict on September 13, 2020 when three petitions seeking postponement were dismissed.

The Supreme Court has stated that it will not entertain any petition seeking to defer the examinations. It has further mentioned that it is unwilling to interfere with the exam schedule and will leave the decision up to the authority of the National Testing Agency.

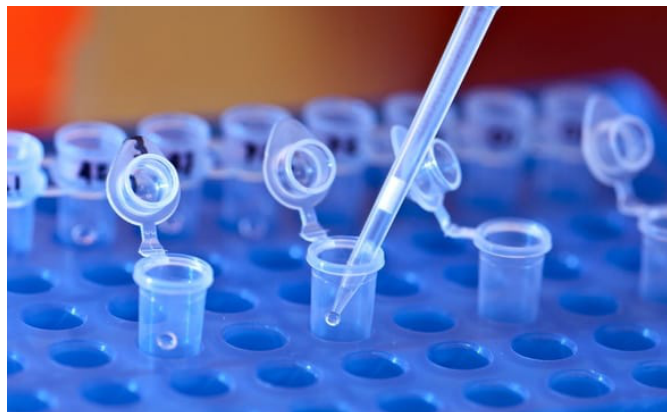
The exam will be conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode and students are to follow the COVID-19 guidelines while at the examination centre.

Calicut gets new Nipah lab in a day

Anjali Ram

KERALA: Kozhikode Medical College sets up a lab within one day with allied facilities to test for Nipah virus. Health Minister Veena George said that the lab was set up so quickly with the joint efforts of National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune, NIV Alappuzha and Kozhikode Medical College.

The inspection is being carried out jointly by the foresters of these three institutions. The minister also said that the lab would



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conduct RT PCR and point of care testing for the Nipah virus. Test kits and other

accessories required for testing are available at NIV. "It's a very good decision to

set up a lab for the Nipah virus testing. Reports from the Pune lab will take about 12 hours. By having an NIV lab at Kozhikode, you can get the test results immediately. It also helps in providing medicines for high risk category people if tested positive," said Varsha, a UAE based EEG technician.

A confirmation test should be performed if the NIPAVIRUS is initially confirmed. NIV Permission to verify this is in Pune. NIV says test results can be reported within 12 hours.

Victory for India after 50 Years at the Oval

Alwin Benjamin

India defeated England in the fourth Test of the ongoing tour of England by 157 runs at the Oval. This was the first time in 50 years that India won against England at The Oval. The last time India won at The Oval this was in 1971.

England won the toss and opted to bowl reducing India to 127-7 on Day 1. Shardul Thakur played a game changing innings of 57, as India managed to post a respectable score of 191 in the first innings. England were reduced to 62-5 on the second day but England's lower order put up a fight to give them a lead of 99 runs.

India's second innings was off to a fantastic start as Rohit Sharma scored his maiden century in away Tests, while Shardul Thakur scored his second half century of the test match. England were set a target of 368 to chase. England had a decent start as the opening pair notched up a century partnership. But once Haseeb Hameed got out, they began losing wickets at regular intervals and were eventually bowled out for 210.

St Mary's feast 2021 to go virtual

Godwin Emmanuel

Every year, thousands of people from various corners of India visit St. Mary's Basilica, Bengaluru. The annual St. Mary's Feast which was virtual last year is yet again set to go online this year. However, the Chapel will be open with Covid-19 restrictions.

"We are helpless to permit entry during the Novena days due to government restrictions and hence we will be having another Novena for the next 9 days," said Fr. Martin Kumar,



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St.Mary's Basilica

Rector Cum Parish Priest in the circular sent to the church members. He further added, "You may visit the shrine and attend masses, but follow COVID-19 protocols - wear masks, sanitize your hands, and keep social distance."

Due to the ongoing pandemic, many people will not be able to attend the

feast. Michele Domic, a member of St. Mary's Basilica told The Beacon, "Families usually meet at church at such feasts, and now that it's online, it is not quite the same but it's for the betterment of human life which makes it acceptable." The online ceremony will be stream on YouTube.

Education should be inclusive and egalitarian: PM Modi

Worinphi R. Shimray

Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that for the progress of the nation, education should be both "inclusive and egalitarian". While speaking at the inaugural summit of 'Shikshak Parv', the Union Education Ministry commemorated the teachers' invaluable services. The National Digital Architecture will play a key role in removing educational inequity and modernising it, he continued.

The PM spoke on a video

conference call at the inaugural summit. He also launched the Indian Sign Language Dictionary, Talking Books, the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) School Quality Assurance and Assessment Framework, the NISHTHA teacher training programme for NIPUN Bharat, and the Vidyanjali portal.

"The NEP 2020 is like a menu card for students," said Chaya Anilkumar, a professor at Bishop Cottons Women's Christian College, Bengaluru.