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Govt bans specific dog breeds

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In a recent report, released by the Government of India, regarding the surge in dog attack instances, instructs the state governments to prohibit the importation, sale, and breeding of several dog breeds recognised as harmful in India. Among the dog breeds that are prohibited are Pitbull, Rottweiler, Terrier, Mastiff, and their cross-breeds.

According to the theory, some dog breeds are not only dangerous, but their attacks may even be the cause of human casualties. The Animal Husbandry and Dairying department addressed a letter to every state in India. The letter asked the local authorities to refrain from giving people licences to buy and breed some of the "banned" dogs.

Talking to The Beacon, Sukruth R Gowda, a dog breeder said, "Many individuals have given some advance for dog breeds, and some of these dogs are already pregnant. We are unsure of what to do in this situation." He further added that if the dog becomes enraged or starts harming people, it entirely depends on how humans raise them.

"Before adopting, we must ensure that the dog is free from the influence of aggression and mainly the development, history of attacking and killings of people are very rare in India a recurring thing in US," said Dr. Nagraj S (name changed) while talking to The Beacon. He also added that dogs are extremely loyal animals, and their behaviour entirely depends on their upbringing, it is up to the dog parent to make a dog good or bad or harmful or harmless.

Election officials plan for maximum voter turnout

Prajwal SK

BENGALURU: In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections scheduled for April 26, officials in Bengaluru constituency are intensifying efforts to ensure maximum voter participation.

A training program was organised for the polling booth level officials and supervisors at Good Shepherd Auditorium on Saturday, 23rd March. The importance of encouraging voters to cast their ballots, especially considering the weekend polling date, which might lead to decreased turnout, was highlighted.

Tushar Giri Nath, the District Returning Officer and the BBMP Chief Commissioner, emphasised the crucial role of booth-level officials in engaging with voters at the grassroots level. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, 935 out of 1,897 booths in the Bengaluru



Training session for the polling officers

Prajwal S K

North Lok Sabha seat had a lower percentage of voters. Officials have been informed about boosting the voting percentage in the booths. "The turnout should be increased in around 353 polling stations where the turnout was 5 percent less than the average turnout last time. In this regard,

booth-level officials should visit all the houses within the respective polling booths and work to create awareness among the voters to vote without fail, he said.

"Every vote counts, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to participate in the democratic

process," Tushar Girinath stated

Voter Card Home Delivery System

The training program emphasised the necessity of the voter card home distribution mechanism in increasing voter turnout. "The voter card should

be delivered to every house 10 days before the polling date without fail," Girinath stated.

"In the current row, the voter card will have a barcode indicating the location of the polling station, and the voters should be informed about this", he added. He also emphasised that every family would receive a ticket with the election date on it, urging the occupants to use their right to vote. The objective of these directions is to optimise voter turnout in the Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency by guaranteeing smooth access to voting facilities.

District Returning Officer and Chief Commissioner Shri Tushar Giri Nath, Chairman of Sweep Monitoring Committee, Pratibha, Sweep Nodal Officer of Bengaluru City District, Vishwanath, Sweep Nodal Officer of Bengaluru North Lok Sabha Constituency and other concerned officials were present.

BESCOM to provide uninterrupted power supply

Shruti Srivastava

BENGALURU: Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) instructed their ground staff to provide uninterrupted power supply to all the BBMP and BWSSB water supply units. In a meeting held on Friday, Mahantesh Bilagi, the managing director of BESCOM, said that there should not be any power supply interruptions of any sorts.

The meeting was held to find solutions to the water crisis the city is facing currently. The water facilities of BBMP and BWSSB are being monitored for any unscheduled power supply interruptions. "No scheduled Line



Bangalore electricity supply company limited



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Clear are to be taken in the feeders having water supply installations," said Bilagi. He further added that there should be no instances where the water supply is affected due to the power supply by BESCOM.

The officers of BESCOM have been instructed to have

coordination with BBMP and BWSSB on a daily basis and make sure that the power supply is uninterrupted and no unscheduled power interruptions are experienced.

The interruption in power supply leads to disruption in the

water supply of that area which further leads to shortage of water. In this context, Bilagi said, "BWSSB pumping stations shall be maintained properly without any interruptions since this will cause disruption in the distribution of water supply down the line." He further added that this will make sure that there aren't any disruptions in the water supply chain.

The meeting was also attended by the officers of KPTCL to make sure that the power supply is uninterrupted and the water supply to all the water supply units in Bengaluru jurisdiction is carried out without any hurdles.

Software update: inconvenience to customers

Diva Batavia

BENGALURU: Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) serving eight districts in Karnataka mainly Ramnagara, Chitradurga, Davangere, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bangalore urban, and Bangalore Rural encountered a minor disruption caused due to the upgrade in their online portal system.

An upgrade of the system had put a halt to the online services of BESCOM from 10 - 19 March causing inconvenience to numerous customers seeking to pay their electricity bills digitally.

BESCOM officials assured to come with a better payment process in the upcoming month. "The company was upgrading the software which supports the company's online platform due to which there was a lag on the website. The customers will not face any penalties until this month's end while paying their bills," Shiv (name changed), an official from BESCOM mentioned.

Adding to this, in response to customer concerns, BESCOM has issued instructions to all Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOM) to refrain from cutting electricity supply during the upgrade period.

Even though services had resumed from 20 March, there has been a heavy rush due to the eight-day shutdown due to which many consumers have been facing glitches.

MCC & CMS Jain emerge victorious

Sherin Johnson

BENGALURU: CMS Jain and Mount Carmel College won first position in men's category and women's category, respectively, in the annual intercollegiate table tennis tournament for men and women organised by St Joseph's University on Friday.

More than 11 colleges participated in the tournament organised by the Department of Physical Education of St Joseph's University. The tournament commenced with knockout



BMSCE receiving trophy

Sherin Johnson

matches wherein CMS Jain and BMSCE reached finals in the men's category while Mount Carmel College and Alliance University were the finalists in the women's category. There were 3+2 players in each team, playing best of 5 matches.

"Sportsmanship spirit is seen in all the teams" said Hannah Mathew, a member of the organising committee for the tournament. She also highlighted the enthusiastic participation this year saw, as compared to previous years.

St. Josephs' sports showdown

Sneha Thomas

CAMPUS: St. Joseph's University comes alive with spirited competition as athletes from colleges all around Bangalore gather for 'Sportstakes'. The department of Physical Education of St. Joseph's university organized Sportstakes-2024, the Annual Intercollegiate Sports Fest, that commenced on Thursday, 21 March and is set to conclude on 27 March, bringing together various athletes from around 70 colleges in Bangalore.

The fest featured an array of sports events for both men and women, namely, Badminton, Basketball, Carrom, Chess, Football, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Throwball and volleyball. "Our university secured 3rd place in Handball and table tennis. Kho-kho, boys and girls both have won 1st place and kabaddi also girls and boys have won 3rd place and 2nd place," said Vikram Poojary, Sports Secretary of the University.