



**Water tariff not revised in a while, hike inevitable: Katta S. Naidu.**



**There was no confusion over picking mayor: R. Ashok, transport minister.**



**Rs 2 hike for evaluation of SSLC answer scripts, says minister Kageri.**

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**TODAY'S ?** Will the meet on nuclear terrorism in the US serve any purpose?

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**Set up STPs**

Hyacinths must be removed from water bodies to ensure that sufficient sunlight reaches the water. The lack of sunlight prevents photosynthesis, causing imbalance and pollutes the water. Sewage is the root cause for the large scale growth of hyacinths. To stop the flow of sewage, authorities should contemplate setting up Sewage Water Plants. The STPs can be established on the banks of Cauvery and Kabini rivers, where there are chances of untreated water coming in from Mysore and T.Narsipur. The treated sewage can be released to agricultural canals. Also, landscaping of the Cauvery wetland system can be changed to dilute sewage content in water. Authorities can also explore a different type of vegetation as an alternative in the river wetland system. No industries or residential layouts should come up in the vicinity of wetlands.  
**K.V. Vijayasathy**  
Bengaluru

**Involve NGOs**

The pollution control board and the health department should identify all areas from where untreated sewage and effluents are being dumped into water bodies in the state. Defecation by the riverside should also be banned by providing public toilets at suitable locations. Sewage and effluent treatment plants should be set up near water bodies and large residential complexes. Latest technologies in waste water treatment should be adopted by BWSSB to ensure clean water all over Bengaluru and thereby prevent outbreak of water borne diseases. Warning boards should also be installed near all rivers and lakes in the state. Security arrangements should also be strengthened with surprise checks by the local municipal heads. Cooperation of NGOs involved in public health should be elicited wherever possible to check the menace of water pollution.  
**Vijaya P. Kapoor**  
Bengaluru

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**Say cheese to fine wine**

**Bengaluru, April 10:** Wine and champagne add up to class and the two day International Wine Festival which began on Saturday at the Palace Grounds, doled out oodles of it. Tables set with wine and spicy cheese, a fusion band playing in the background, and a fashion show, completed the classy ambience that greeted visitors to the festival.

You could have French cheese, a taste of the spicy cheese variety from Britannia, or even a bite of chocolate as you sipped your wine, drinking in the aroma of cigars filling the air. On display were over 15 brands of wine, including eight of the imported kind, and costing between Rs 450 to Rs 4000 a bottle. Visitors had a choice from Season Vineyards, Four Seasons, Nine Hills, Classic Synergy, Spiegelau, Naka Wines, Sole De Chile, Heritage, Big Banyan, Kinvah, Aspri Spirits, Wine Bavan, Wine Dynasty and others. Wines from South Africa, Chile, Australia, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and California too vied for their attention.

Eagm Hotel and Catering suppliers had 12 varieties of wine glasses imported from France on display. Seminars and workshops were held on the occasion on how to choose your wine and even hold a glass of wine the right way.

Wine consultant, Maureen Kerlean, of France, told participants: A glass of wine for women and two glasses for men a day reduces coronary heart disease and lowers risk of stroke. They also learnt that wine in limited quantities lowers the risk of ovarian cancer in women and heart attacks in men with high blood pressure and that red

The state, which is playing host to a two-day international wine festival at Palace Grounds, has received applause for its appreciation of fine dining. Sales figures further indicate that the liquor industry is coming out of the effects of recession, report **Shilpa P. and Bala Chauhan**

grape skin has an anti-ageing effect, prevents stroke, and kills cancer cells, while antioxidants in white wine improves lung function. Organised by the Karnataka Wine Board, the festival was attended by several prominent Bengalureans, including labour minister, Bachchegowda, and MLA Roshan Baig



**Tipplers guzzle down more booze**

**Bengaluru, April 10:** The recession is over at least for the liquor industry in the state.

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What is however, surprising is that while liquor sales made a killing last month, Bengaluru urban district lagged behind its target by 10 per cent. The target for March was 8.56 lakh cases but they managed to sell only 7.62 lakh cases in the district. "That's because Bengaluru urban district does not have a high population of arack consumers, who switched to IML after the arack ban in July 2007. There are quite a few districts, which have

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- The upward trend in sales and consumption has been attributed to two things; that recession is over and people are back to drinking liquor.
- This year's Budget spared the excise licences of any fresh taxes; hence there was no revision of the maximum retail price.

**IISc trees get name plates**



IISc director P. Balaram places a name board on *ceiba speciosa*. — R. SAMUEL

**AMIT S. UPADHYE**  
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**tusker count**

**April 10:** Blessed with a thick canopy of trees which makes its campus 2 degrees cooler than the rest of the city, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) began an exercise on Saturday to name all the plant species in its grounds, to help visitors and students identify them.

The boards will carry the scientific names of the trees, their flowering season, common name and the local name used for them in Kannada.

As the campus has hundreds of trees, that are close to 50 years old, the exercise is expected to take a few months to complete.

The first to receive a name board was *ceiba speciosa*, a flowering plant from Argentina and Brazil. IISc director P. Balaram installed the board in the presence of researchers, senior professors, students and celebrities like Vasundhara Das. Plant experts from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, and professor Shankar Rao and Dr T.V. Ramachandra of the energy and wetland research group prepared the name boards and the archives cell of the institute funded the project. "There are hundreds of

A HIGH level committee which met in the city on Saturday in the presence of Project Elephant director A.N. Prasad, decided to hold the elephant census in the Mysore elephant reserve on May 6 and 7. The census is being held in 27 elephant reserves across the country. The Mysore reserve is an important habitat of the Asiatic elephants and is crucial to their survival. "At present Kerala has more elephants than other states, but Karnataka has the potential to increase its population of elephants," Mr Prasad said. Wildlife PCCF B.K. Singh said a training programme would be held at Bandipur Tiger Reserve on April 27 ahead of the census.

trees to be named. We have started with about 40 of them," said professor Shankar Rao.

The staff proudly point out that while other large campuses of Bengaluru are cutting down their trees to make way for new buildings, the IISc takes pride in preserving its green cover. The faculty too have contributed over the years by bringing exotic species from other countries and planting them in its grounds.

**IN THE CITY**

- **MUSIC**  
Music concert by Mysore Nagaraj and Manjunath (violin duet), Tiruvur Bhaktavatsalam, Giridhar Udapa as part of Sri Ramanavami celebration.  
**April 11**  
Time: 6.30 pm  
Venue: Seshadripuram College Nagappa Street, Seshadripuram
- **THEATRE**  
*The Blue Mug*, a play directed by Atul Kumar and starring Rajat Kapoor, Munish Bhardwaj, Ranvir Shorey, Konkona Sen Sharma, Sheeba Chaddha and Vinay Pathak. The play delves into memories and what we make of them.  
**April 11**  
Time: 7.30 pm  
Venue: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval extension
- **LECTURE**  
National Science Day - 2010.  
**April 11**  
Time: 11 am to 2 pm  
Venue: Yavanika Auditorium, State Youth Centre, Nrupatunga Road
- **WORKSHOP**  
Active Canvass: Theatre workshop for children.  
**Till April 20**  
Time: 4 pm to 6 pm  
Venue: #343, 10th A Main, 3rd Cross Jayanagar, 1st Block, near Ashoka Pillar



English play *Dreams of Taleem* directed by Sunil Shanbag and performance by Mumbai based Zero Theatre Company.  
**April 11**  
Time: 7.30 pm  
Venue: Ranga Shankara, No.36/2,  
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