

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Full Plate, Empty World

Imagine a day of ours with the amount of food produce that is simply thrown away while millions around the world don't even have one meal a day. From unfinished water bottles to uneaten food at home and for banquets, spoilage is clearly seen. In this fast-moving era of technological advances, it is heart breaking that hunger is still a critical issue for millions around the world. According to UNEP's Food Waste Index Report 2024, "1.05 billion tonnes of food went to waste" as per their data from 2022.



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Food produce involves water, land, energy and resources. All these resources get negatively impacted when wastage occurs. It's a shame to throw away food when millions face hunger. Some might call it an unequal distribution of our food system, but its human callousness that has to be looked into.

So where should the change start? Let's start this initiative from home and extend it to educational institutions and workplaces. This will help individuals to value the entire chain from production to consumption through out their life. By creating lists while you go for shopping, planning meals, storing properly, encouraging children not to waste from a young age all these and more will help to instil the importance of responsible practices.

Encouraging sustainable practices and having a comprehensive approach with the help of strict government policies towards food wastage will definitely discourage food wastage.

A society that values food and ensures about the next generation regarding this basic necessity will definitely not waste food. For a better sustainable and fair future, let's not waste food. Instead, let's seize the moment for decisive action.

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Break Down Data Walls

The current state of government data management is frustratingly outdated. In an age of technological advancement, it's baffling that each ministry operates in a data silo. Imagine needing a passport renewal – you have to present your passport photo and CPR copy, documents likely already on file with another ministry.

This inefficiency is not just inconvenient, it's a waste of time and resources. Citizens shouldn't be forced to repeatedly submit the same documents. We deserve a centralized database system that securely stores and shares relevant information across government ministries.

This isn't some futuristic fantasy. Many countries have implemented such systems, streamlining bureaucratic processes and improving citizen experience.

It's 2024, and it's high time our government embraced the digital age. A centralized database would not only benefit citizens, but also enhance government efficiency and data-driven decision making.

Let's break down these data walls and enter the era of streamlined government services.

Sincerely,
Jamal Mohammed
Manama

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Photo : Ashen Tharaka

Sudoku Puzzles

4	6					9		
8								5
					6			
				4				
6	2							
	5		9	3		6		1
						3		
3	1			2	7		8	
	8	2			1	7		

Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

Solution to Sudoku

4	6	5	2	1	3	9	7	8
8	3	1	7	9	4	2	6	5
2	7	9	5	8	6	1	3	4
1	9	3	6	4	2	8	5	7
6	2	8	1	7	5	4	9	3
7	5	4	9	3	8	6	2	1
5	4	7	8	6	9	3	1	2
3	1	6	4	2	7	5	8	9
9	8	2	3	5	1	7	4	6



WHAT'S IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Labour Advocates call to include Delivery Riders in Mid-day summer work ban



With the implementation of the mid-day work ban during July and August approaching, labour advocates have urged construction companies to implement rest schedules for workers, particularly those operating in roads and streets, during the summer months. The advocates emphasised the risk of heatstroke for workers exposed to direct sunlight.

TOP COMMENTS

taniainthekitchen

Just don't order lunches. That will solve the issue?

syedthahir74

Yes please have mercy on them..

hajerayahiya

Still will see labourers working in some areas..

muhammad.farooque

Yes Agreed should Be banned



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VIRAL NEWS ONLINE



Dutch Team Builds World's Longest Bicycle At 180 Feet, 11 Inches



The world's longest bicycle, measuring 180 feet 11 inches, was built by eight Dutch engineers led by Ivan Schalk.

The longest bicycle in the world now measures an astonishing 180 feet, 11 inches. Eight Dutch engineering enthusiasts came together to create this

incredible machine, which beat the previous record set in 2020 by Australian Bernie Ryan, whose bicycle was 155 feet 8 inches.

This brand-new record-breaking bicycle is remarkably entirely rideable, though it probably wouldn't be very useful for daily use in cities.

According to Guinness World Records,

the team was led by 39-year-old Ivan Schalk, who's been planning this since he was a child.

He said, "I've been thinking about the idea for years. I once received a Guinness World Records book in which I came across this record."

As per the reference book, this record has been broken numerous times over the past 60 years. It was first set in 1965 by a bicycle built in Cologne, Germany, measuring 8 m (26 ft 3 in). Past record holders have included people from various countries, including New Zealand, Italy, Belgium, Australia, and two teams from the Netherlands.

With a history of building carnival floats, Ivan embarked on this project in 2018 to fill his spare time.

Needing help to build the behemoth bicycle, he sought out team members at the local carnival in his home village of Prinsenbeek.

"Prinsenbeek is known for its volunteers and high technical employability," Ivan said.