

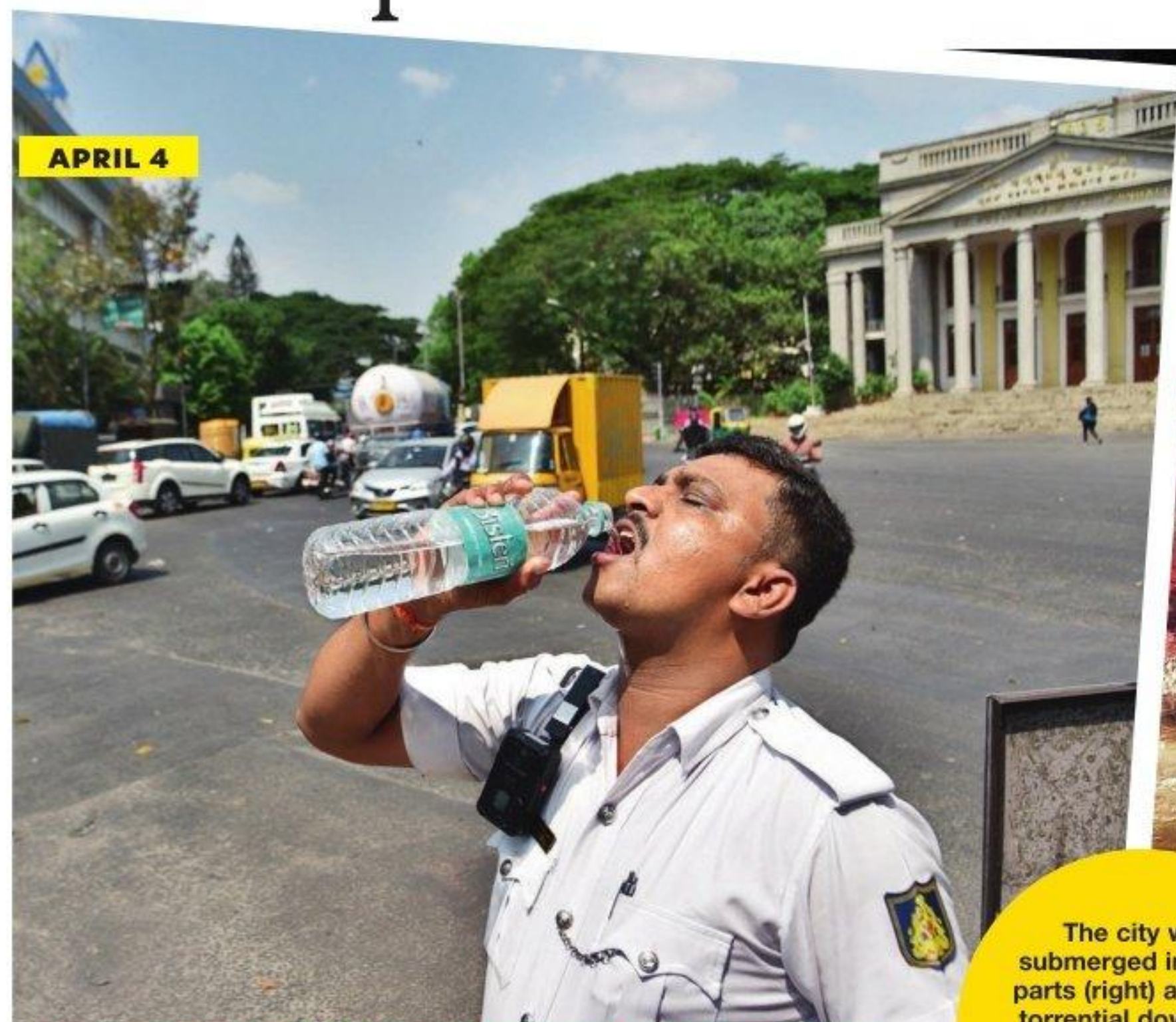








# With extreme weather changes, the city may not keep its 'best weather' tag: Bengalureans



APRIL 4



JUNE 2

## 'Unplanned development has altered Bengaluru's ecosystem drastically'

Bengaluru has transformed tremendously in the last 2-3 decades. Historically, the city boasted of a thousand lakes - small, medium-sized, and large lakes. These lakes were interconnected and during monsoons, rainwater flowed into these lakes and depressions, naturally cooling the city. People enjoyed cooler temperatures without relying on fans or air conditioning. Unfortunately, urban development fragmented these water bodies. We overlooked the impact on the environment - where to build, considering soil type, slopes, greenery, and existing water systems. Biodiversity, vital for our health, food security, and pollination, has been disrupted. And the impact extends beyond the city. The Western Ghats, the source of rivers like the Kaveri, and rivers in North Karnataka such as Kali, Malaprabha, and Madai, are drying up. These rivers irrigate vast agricultural lands and generate electricity for millions. Our water situation is a reminder that we must find a balance between development and environmental sustainability.

- Suresh Heblikar, filmmaker and environmentalist

The city was submerged in many parts (right) after the torrential downpour recently. Just a while ago, the city was grappling with extreme heat (left)



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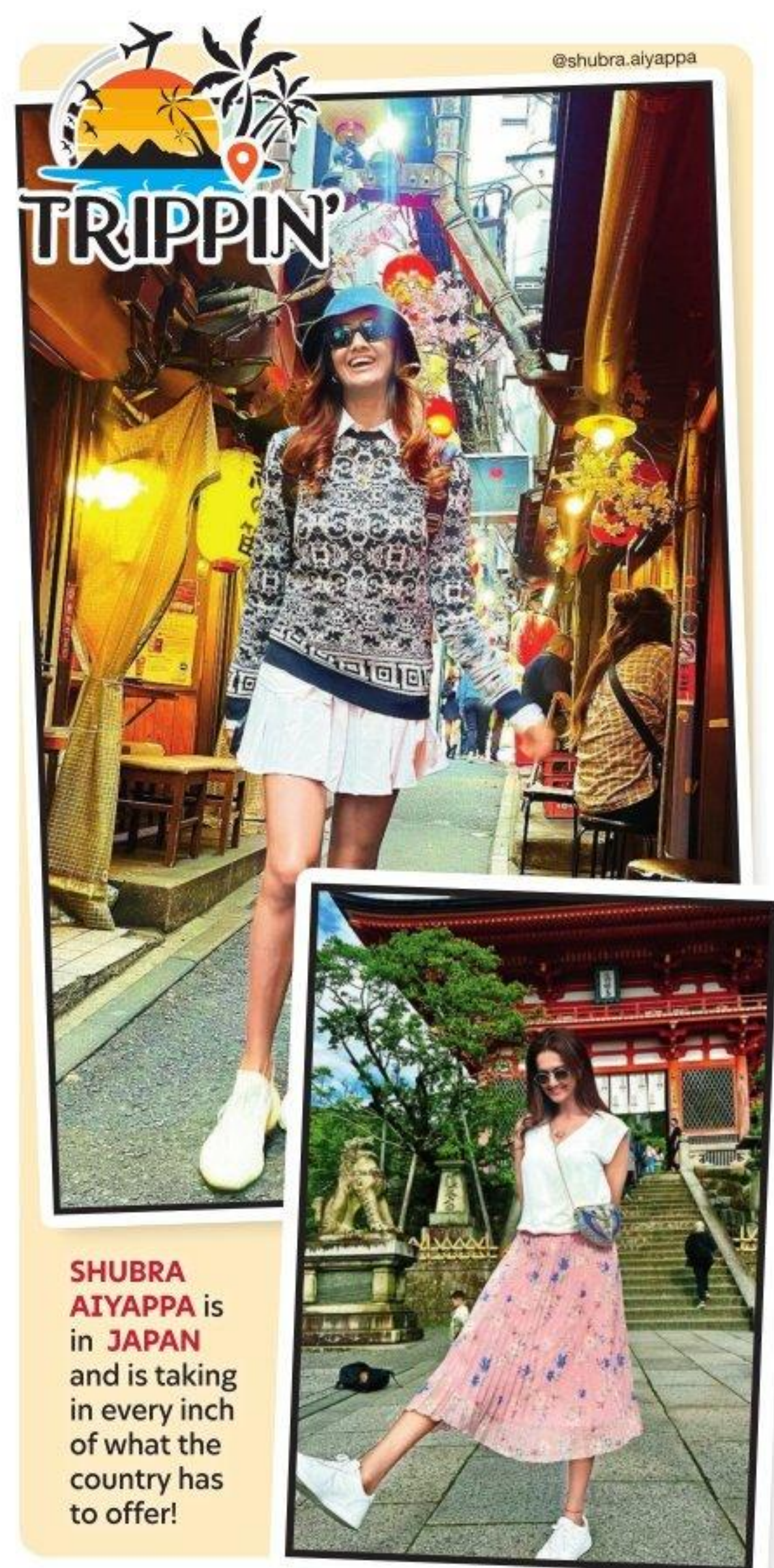
## Eco-friendly practices you can start at home:

- Install a rainwater harvesting system or use a simple bucket to collect rainwater for watering plants or flushing toilets
- Fix dripping faucets and leaks. A dripping faucet can waste hundreds of litres a month
- Shorten your showers and consider installing a low-flow showerhead
- Don't let greywater go to waste! Use it for watering plants. Recycle plastic bottles and avoid single-use items
- Plant trees and native vegetation to improve water retention in your local environment

## 'Bengaluru can move towards a more sustainable future by addressing the current water management issues'

Bengaluru does not have a water problem; it has a water management problem. The recent heavy rainfall last Sunday (112 mm) highlights this problem. This water has gone to waste because of lack of rainwater harvesting and a broken sewage network. Instead of letting rainwater flow away unused, we need to retain it. Concrete jungles exacerbate runoff, but a disposal mentality worsens the problem. By addressing water management issues, sewage overflow and promoting rainwater harvesting and adopting decentralised waste water treatment solutions, Bengaluru can move towards a more sustainable future.

- Naresh Narasimhan, architect and urban planner



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# First Pride celebrations? Here's how you can be an informed ally

It's Pride Month, and throughout June there will be multiple events involving the LGBTQIA+ community. If this is your first Pride celebration as an ally, ensure you show up as a supportive and informed one.

## Who is an ally?

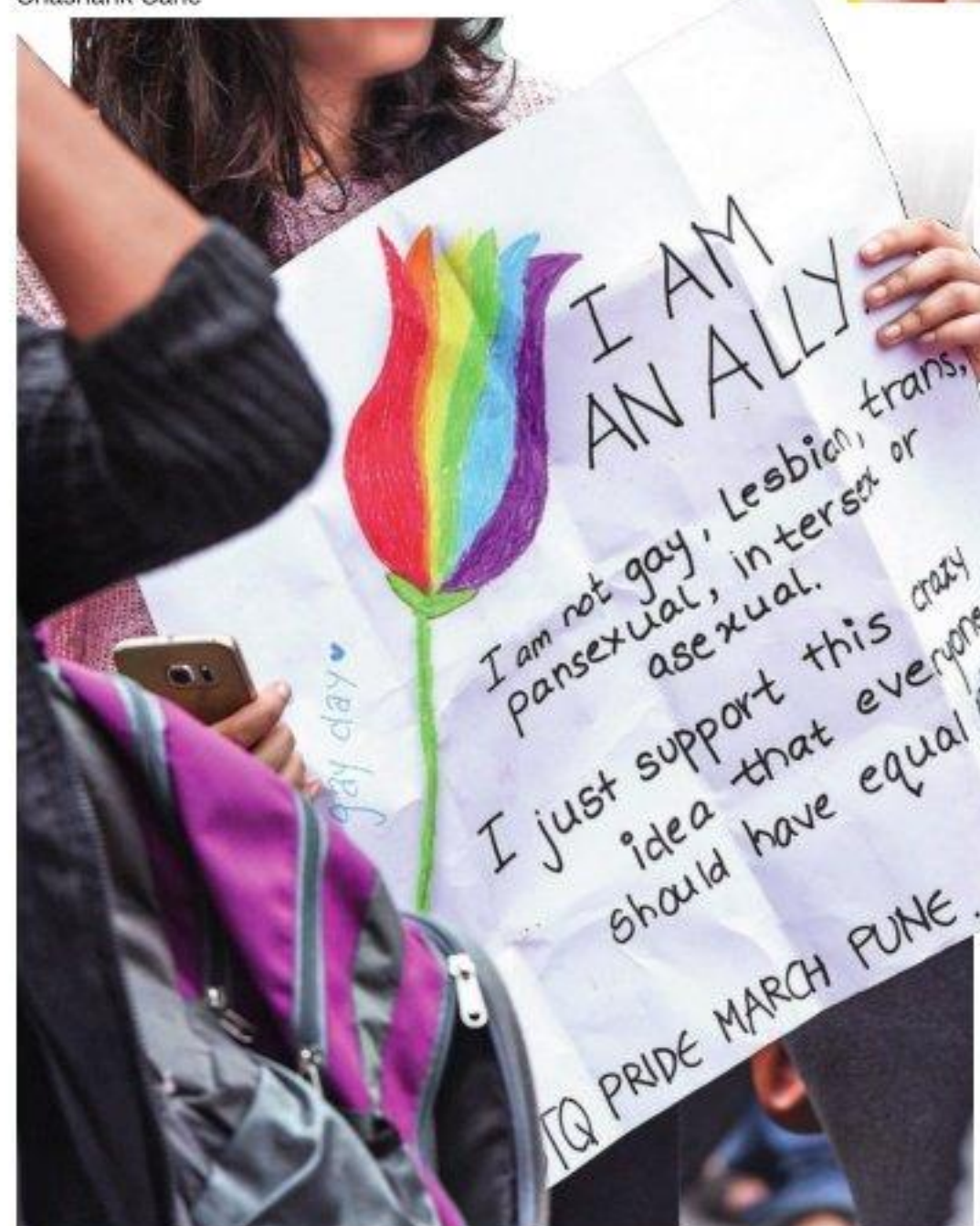
Anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, can be an ally of the LGBTQIA+ community. Being an ally also means you stay informed on current concerns of the community and speak up for what's right.



**Learn about the history:** Take some time to learn more about LGBTQIA+ identities, challenges, and history. Understand the significance of Pride and its roots in the Stonewall Riots. Knowing history helps you understand and appreciate the struggles and achievements of the community.

**Familiarise yourself with terminologies:** Make an effort to learn key terms and respectful language. Many LGBTQIA+ individuals use pronouns other than he/him or she/her. When meeting someone new, ask for their pronouns.

Shashank Sane



## Did you know?

Widely recognized as the first Pride march was a riot that erupted on June 28, 1969, in New York City, following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar. The uprising is considered a pivotal moment in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement.

**Remember, it's not about you:** Pride is a celebration of LGBTQIA+ identities and rights. As allies, remember that it's not your platform. So, be supportive without overshadowing the community's voices.

## Respect boundaries:

Everyone experiences Pride differently. Some people might be comfortable with hugs and high-fives, while others might prefer a simple wave. Be mindful of personal space.

## Ask for consent while clicking pictures:

Always ask for permission before taking photos or videos of people at the parade.

**Carry signs:** Positive, respectful signs and posters with messages of love and support can make a powerful statement. Avoid any phrases that could be

interpreted as patronising or inappropriate.

**Listen and learn:** Engage in conversations with an open mind. Listen to personal stories and experiences of individuals without interrupting or imposing your views. Pride is a space for self-expression, so expect to see a variety of gender presentations and outfits. Embrace the diversity!

**Participate in events:** Many Pride events also feature speeches, performances, and workshops. Attend these to gain a deeper understanding and show your support.

**Share what you learn:** Remember to be an active ally. Advocacy doesn't end with the parade. Share what you've learned with friends and family. Encouraging others to become informed allies can amplify the impact.

- Shourya Jha



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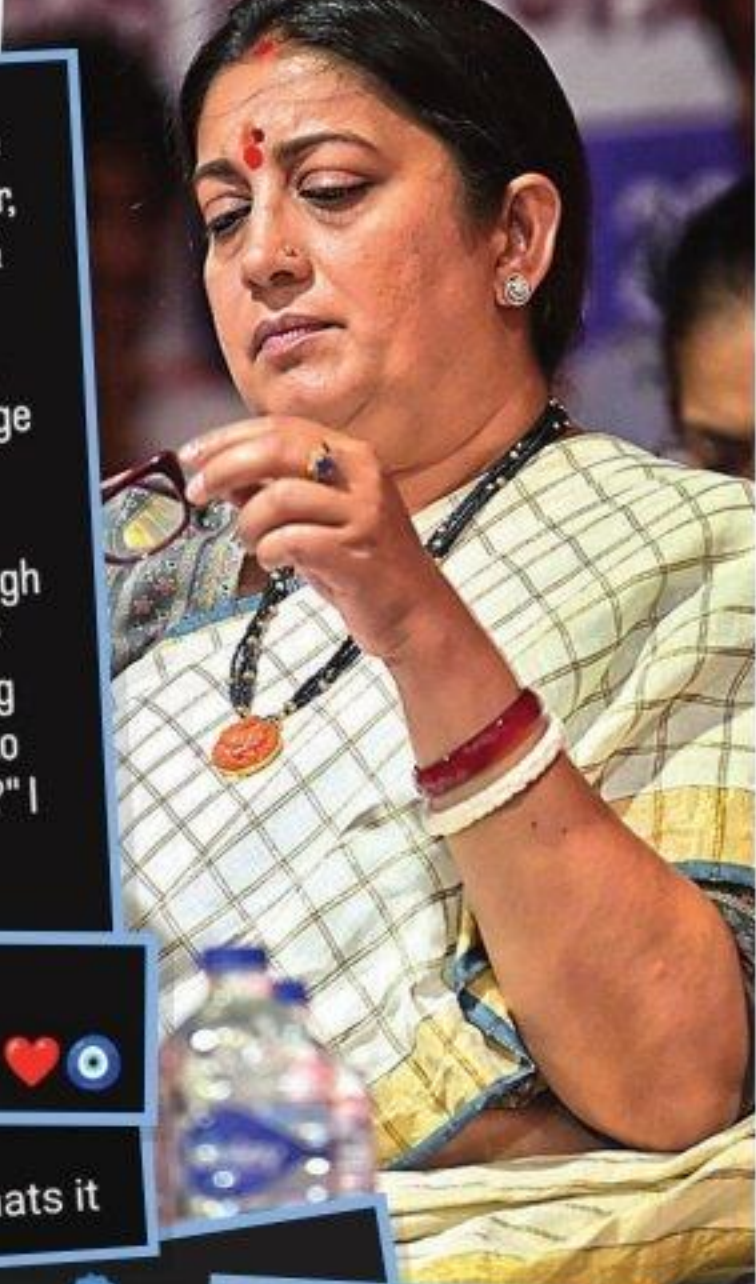
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# #ELECTIONRESULTS: APPLAUSE AND SOLACE

Congratulations for those who won. Commiserations and comfort for those who didn't. Reflections and gratitude on part of the contestants, depending on how the voters evaluated them. Concise, pithy commentary with much to read between the lines. The overlapping world of showbusiness and electoral politics had it all, post the final results

## SYMPATHIES FOR SMRITI



**smritiraniofficial**  
Such is life... A decade of my life going from one village to another, building lives, nurturing hope & aspirations, working on infrastructure - roads, naali, khadanja, bypass, medical college and more.  
To those who stood by me through loss and victory, I am forever grateful. To those celebrating today, congratulations. And to those asking, "How's the josh?" I say - it's still high, Sir. 😊


**imouniroy**  
Always with you ❤️👍

**neena.gupta**  
Keep working hard thats it

**jaya.bhattacharya**  
Don't fret dear. Big hug

**sonu\_sood**

**shubhangiaofficial**  
Always and forever with our Rocks 🙌



**FRIENDS CELEBRATE KANGANA'S WIN**

**Ankita lokhande Jain**  
@anky1912  
Heartfelt congratulations, my dearest for this massive win @KanganaTeam 🙌🙌🙌  
You deserve it and I know you will bring a positive change. Always rooting for you ❤️

**Anupam Kher**  
@AnupamKher  
Dearest @KanganaTeam! CONGRATULATIONS on your HUGE Victory! You are a #ROCKSTAR. Your journey is so so inspirational! So happy for you and the people of #Mandi and #HimachalPradesh. You have proved time and again that if one is focused and works hard तो कुछ भी हो सकता है! जय हो! 🙌🙌🙌❤️🙌🙌🙌 MemberParliament #KanganaRanaut #Winner

## FAMILIES CHEER THEIR WINNERS SURESH GOPI SERANEDED



**aslisona**  
@aslisona  
That victorious smile 😊  
@shatrughansinhaofficial

**imeshadeol**  
@imeshadeol  
Congratulations mamma Hat trick 🙌🙌🙌  
@dreamgirlhemamalini

**therichachadha**  
@therichachadha  
I remember this day in Dec 2019, and I will always remember today. Dedicated to all the other ziddis out there, who won't give up, give in and have a lengthened, healthy, gorgeous spine 🙌  
**AB KI BAAR...**

**Hansal Mehta**  
@HansalMehta  
Ab ki baar, 300 far

**Kamal Haasan**  
@ikamalhasan  
Congratulations to @ncbn Chandrababu Naidu Garu, on the historic mandate given by the voters of Andhra Pradesh! Your visionary leadership and vision have long been an inspiration to the rest of the country. Here's to a brighter future for a renewed and stronger India!

**Allu Arjun**  
@alluarjun  
Heartiest congratulations to @PawanKalyan garu on this tremendous victory. Your hardwork, dedication and commitment to serve the people victory. Your hardwork, dedication and commitment to serve the people for years has always been heart touching. Best wishes for your new journey to serve the people.



**Mammootty**  
@mammukka  
Hearty Congrats Dear Suresh on your victory.

**Mohanlal**  
@Mohanlal  
Congratulations dear Suresh


**Kajal Aggarwal**  
@KajalAggarwal  
Congratulations On Your Well Deserved Victory @PawanKalyan Garu. Your Tireless Effort & Unwavering Commitment Have Truly Paid off.

**Ram Charan**  
@AlwaysRamCharan  
A proud day for our family! Congratulations to my @PawanKalyan Garu on his phenomenal win!

## WINNERS OF ELECTION MEME SEASON

**Most popular actor: SRK**

From voting to results, there was no beating SRK when it comes to mining his movies, dialogues and songs to convey what words could not. Popular visuals include the palat moment from DDLJ, the monologue from Jawaan urging people to vote wisely, and the Ram song from Swades.



**Most popular characters**

Anil Kapoor & Nana Patekar from Welcome, Paresh Rawal from Hera Pheri

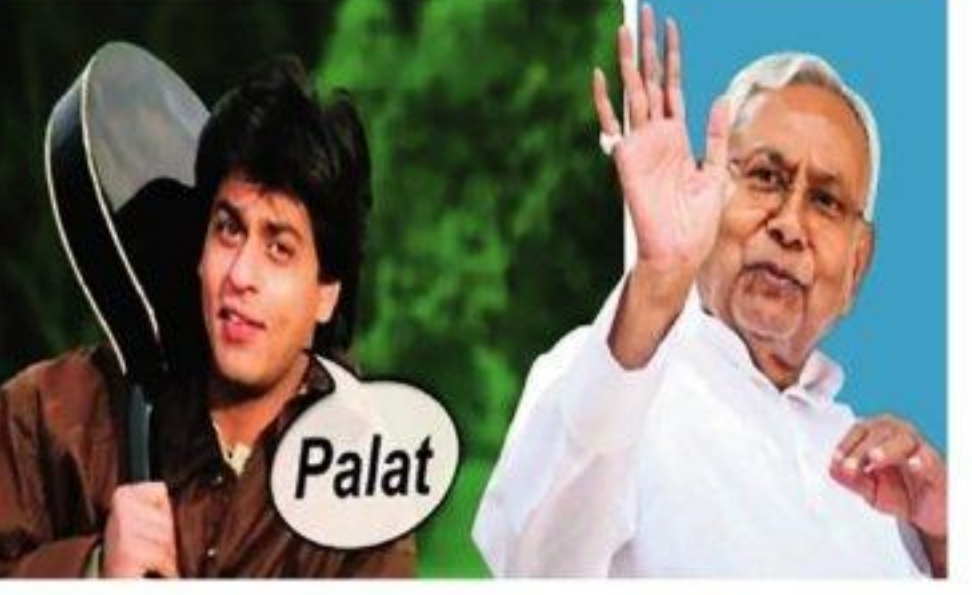


**Nitish Kumar**

**BJP** **Congress**



**Pakshipak Raja Babu**  
@HaramiParindey  
Indian uncles after 4th June not having anything to discuss post election results



**Palat**

**Most popular scene**

Renuka Shahane falling down the stairs in Hum Aapke Hai Kaun



**Godman Chikna**  
@MadanChikna  
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**Most popular ensemble cast**

Scenes from Panchayat were a hit. Even the EC used dialogues and the delightfully reliable characters. A special mention in this category goes to Laapataa Ladies



# Don't treat me like a divine entity, that was just my role in Kantara: Rishab

Madhu Daithota

You know one has done a good job with their role when people find it hard to differentiate the art from the artiste. Rishab Shetty, who played the role of a *daiva* in Kantara, says that the attention he gets when he steps into a public space, is beyond measure. "I really don't know how to react to all this. It's been close to two years since Kantara was released," says Rishab. The actor, who has just wrapped up a schedule of his upcoming flick Kantara Chapter 1 in his hometown Kundapura, is back in Bengaluru for a short haul. **'I AM NOT A DIVINE ENTITY, IT WAS A ROLE I PLAYED FOR A FILM'**  
At events, so many people come and fall at my feet and treat me with so much reverence. I feel at a loss for words when such things happen. I'm not some divine entity; I am just an actor. What you saw in Kantara, was the character I played. That person is not me. I owe it to the *daivas* and people for showering me with love. But treat me like an artiste. Let the reverence be for the gods!

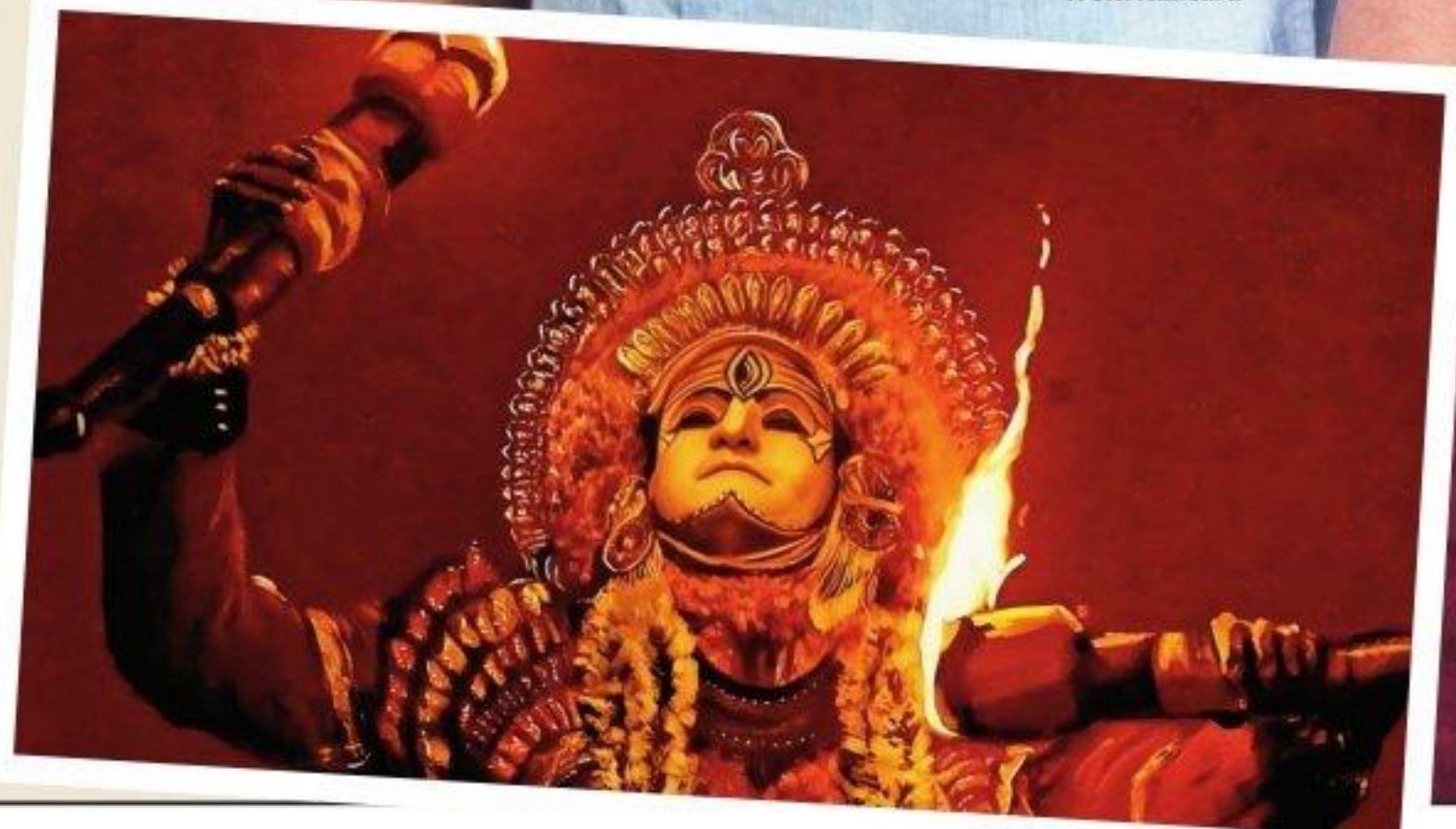


Rishab Shetty; (inset) a still from Kantara

**A team of 600 people have been working non-stop for four months in my hometown in Keradi to put up sets for Kantara Chapter 1. I've not had a single moment to rest, but no complaints!**

## The animation studio that worked on Chronicles of Narnia is also working on Kantara Chap 1

Considering the kind of expectations audiences have from Kantara Chapter 1, we decided that they must have a fully loaded visual treat. So in portions that VFX is required, we wanted to enlist the best, so the studio that worked on films like Lion King and The Chronicles of Narnia are on board and the work has been split up and going on briskly across the world including the US, UK and Bengaluru.



# Hema sent to judicial custody in Bengaluru rave party case

MAY 21

I did not attend any rave party in Bengaluru: Hema

MAY 24

Tollywood actress, 85 others test +ve for drug consumption

Two weeks after denying her presence at a Bengaluru rave party in a video, actress Hema was arrested by the city's Central Crime Branch on Monday. She has been sent to 14-day judicial custody. Police said the arrest was made on the grounds of consuming narcotic drugs, having prior knowledge about drugs at the party, and attempting to mislead the investigation with video statements. Hema, who had reportedly been sent three prior notices to appear for questioning after testing positive for drug consumption, had failed to do so citing health reasons. TNN

## What happened

Bengaluru police busted a rave party held at a farmhouse in the outskirts of Bengaluru on the night of 19th May, after which reports surfaced that Telugu actress Hema along with another actress Ashi Roy, were among those questioned by the Central Crime Branch. Reportedly, the rave party venue was owned by a Telugu businessman named Gopal Reddy and cops seized many drugs. Hema released a video on social media on 20th May morning denying the allegations. "I didn't go anywhere. I'm in Hyderabad at a farmhouse with my family. It's fake news. I was not at any rave party in Bengaluru. I don't know how the rumours started. I request everyone not to believe in such reports," she claimed



The actress was taken into custody by the Bengaluru Central Crime Branch on Monday. While being taken away, she claimed that she had not consumed drugs



Hema appeared at the CCB office on Monday wearing a burqa

**"All the media reports claiming I had tested positive before are false. They brought me here (CCB office) now for the blood test, hair test, urine test and nail test. Whether I will test positive or not, we'll see"**  
— Hema

## Police charges against Hema:

Consumption of narcotic drugs  
Prior knowledge about the drugs in the rave party  
Efforts to mislead investigation by making video statements

**On the night of 19th May, Bangalore City Crime Branch raided a farmhouse near Electric City and they found nearly 100 people indulging in a party where upon detailed search several drugs and narcotic substances were seized. Drugs like cocaine, MDMA, hydro ganja were seized from the spot.**  
— R R Srinivas Gowda, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru

**TIMELINE**

**MAY 19:** Night of the rave party which is busted by Bangalore City Crime Branch with Hema and Ashi Roy in attendance

**MAY 20:** Hema shared a video denying allegations that she was at the rave party and stating that she was in Hyderabad

**MAY 23:** Reports of Hema had tested positive for drug consumption after the police tested her blood sample collected at the raid emerge

**MAY 25:** Police sends notice to Hema to appear for questioning. The actress seeks time to appear before the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the CCB citing health reasons.

**MAY 28:** Police sends second notice.

**JUNE 3:** A third notice is sent to Hema to appear for questioning

**JUNE 4:** Hema is arrested by the Bengaluru police at night on charges of drug consumption and misleading the investigation

## Legal trial

Bengaluru Police officials had previously stated that 86 individuals of the 103 attendees at the party had tested positive for drug consumption. As of now, 6 other individuals have also been arrested. Further investigation against the other attendees is ongoing