



# THE HINDU

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### State News

#### A SLICE OF BENGALURU

*"It was on a few computer screens in Bengaluru that a blue screen at Hollywood was transformed into a rich canvas of dense forests that hosted the tense drama of Disney's The Jungle Book."*

*A significant part of the film, which took home the award for Best Visual Effects at the 89th Academy Awards was done in Bengaluru, where nearly 300 engineers built and provided the finishing touches to a jungle world where Mowgli, his friends and enemies walked and prowled*

### CANVAS

*a strong cloth made from hemp or a similar yarn, used to make sails and tents.*

*"the painting is oil on canvas"*

### PROWLED

*of a person or animal) move about restlessly and stealthily, especially in search of prey.*

*"lions prowling in the bush"*

### Inter National News

#### PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT APOLOGISES OVER BEHEADING OF GERMAN HOSTAGE BY MILITANTS

*Jurgen Gustav Kantner was beheaded by Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines after a ransom deadline lapsed.*

*German Chancellor Angela Merkel condemned the killing as an "abominable act."*

*President Rodrigo Duterte apologised and outlined the steps his government has taken to quell a wave of kidnappings by Muslim militants.*

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### RANSOM

*a sum of money demanded or paid for the release of a captive.*

*"the kidnappers demanded a ransom"*

### QUELL

*put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder), typically by the use of force.*

*"extra police were called to quell the disturbance"*

### National News

#### INDIA, CHINA SEEK COMMON GROUND ON AFGHANISTAN

*'Both countries set aside differences on Masood Azhar, Delhi's NSG bid'*

*Officials who were privy to the negotiations told The Hindu that there was still little movement on issues that have been most highlighted in the past year, mainly over Masood Azhar, where China has put a technical hold at the U.N. that will lapse in July, and the NSG, where India's membership will be taken up again at the plenary session in June.*

### PRIVY

*sharing in the knowledge of (something secret or private).*

*"he was no longer privy to her innermost thoughts"*

### LAPSE

*an interval or passage of time.*

*"there was a considerable lapse of time between the two events"*

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