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UNHOLY GROUND

Dharmasthala's sacred soil yields skulls and secrets, as one man's horror story shocks Karnataka awake. **Page 5**



ALL IN AT THE OVAL

No Ben Stokes, no Bumrah — just bare nerves, bold strokes & the pursuit of unfinished business. The final England vs India Test has begun. **Page 11**



GAME CHANGERS!

Inside city's booming gaming industry, where careers are being coded, streamed & levelled up. **Page 7**



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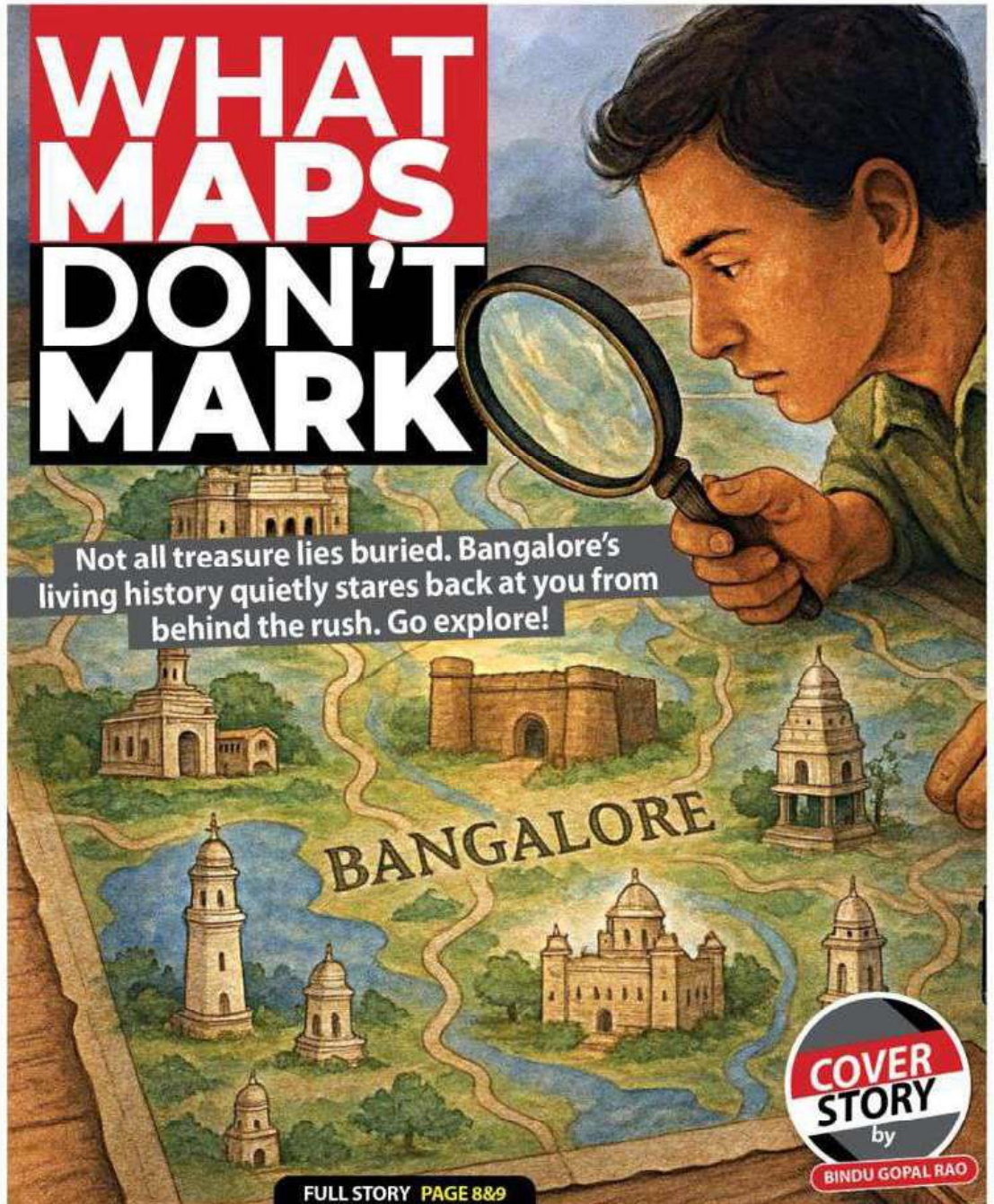
PICK YOUR BRAIN!

A fan of puzzles and crosswords? Hop on the train and treat yourself to some brainstorming.

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Not all treasure lies buried. Bangalore's living history quietly stares back at you from behind the rush. Go explore!



COVER STORY
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Let's assume you've been in Bangalore for a while now. You've ticked off the must-visit spots and feel your curiosity about the city's past. But now you're hungry for more. You gaze across — your search ends here. As summer slides into monsoon and the weather strikes the perfect balance, this is the ideal time to rediscover the city. Bangalore is a panorama of experiences, with treasures hidden in plain sight — waiting as if to be found by the discerning eye.

Bison's ancient secret

Did you know that there is a temple in the middle of the city that is over 1300 years old? Well, this is in Mysore and is the Haleswara Temple. This temple was built by the Chalukyas and has seen further additions and improvements in the Vijayanagara Empire during the reign of Krishnadevaraya. It is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple has sculptures of the Hindu deities, Vishnu, Brahma, and Parvati. The temple is known for its intricate carvings and sculptures. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore.

Where fossils & fort collide

The Lalbagh Botanical Garden is one of the most popular places in the city, but what is interesting is that it is also home to several fossil rocks on the earth. Yes, you read that right. Check out the Botanical Garden, believed to be around 2.5 and 3.4 billion years old. The garden is said to be the first place where fossils were found. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore.

Tipu's town

Mysore is a beautiful city, and it is almost synonymous with Bangalore. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore. The city is known for its temples, palaces, and forts. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore.

WHAT MAPS DON'T MARK

TEMPLES, FORTS, FOSSIL ROCKS — SECRETS TUCKED INTO TRAFFIC ROUTES AND STREET CORNERS. YOU JUST NEVER LOOKED CLOSE...

Hempegowda tower in Lalbagh atop the ancient rocks



A Kuvempu River, is a small river that flows through the city. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore. The river is known for its beautiful scenery and is a popular spot for picnics and walks.

Where 'Bangalore' was born

Did you know that the word 'Bangalore' was first mentioned in a 9th-century stone inscription found in a temple in Begur near Electronic City? This stone depicts a battle scene called 'Bengaluru Yuddha' or the battle of Bangalore. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore.

First inscription on Bangalore



Devenahalli Fort

The lake that quenched a city

If nature and bird watching are your thing, head over to Hosanghatti, located about 25 km from the city centre. Hosanghatti is a beautiful lake and is a must-visit for anyone interested in the history and culture of Bangalore.

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Aerial view of Bangalore



Hosanghatti Lake

