

Districts

Dakshina Kannada & Udupi

Farmers' delegation meets CM

MANGALURU, DHNS: A delegation of farmers led by social activist Vidya Dinekar met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his office in Bengaluru on Thursday. The delegation submitted a memorandum, urging him to stop the acquisition of 1,111 acres of agricultural land for MRPL and Mangaluru Special Economic Zone (MSEZ).

The Yeddyurappa government had issued notice to acquire 2,035 acres of land for MSEZ. After protests, the government de-notified the land and returned it to farmers. But, the current government has again notified the land for MRPL, which is an anti-farmer stand, the delegation said.

Krishna Bhoomi Samrakshana Samiti members William D'Souza, Lawrence D'Cunha, Bhoja Shettigar and Dhiraj were present.

The chief minister assured of convening a meeting of farmers in future to hold a discussion on the issue.

MR drive: over 45k children vaccinated on Day 2

MANGALURU, DHNS: A total of 45,904 children in the age group of nine months to 15 years were administered vaccine against measles and rubella (MR) on the second day of the drive in Dakshina Kannada on Wednesday.

According to RCHO Dr Ashok, highest of 21,050 children in the age group of 10 to 15 years were vaccinated in the day, followed by 18,099 in five to 10 years and 6755 in the age group of nine months to five years.

The Highest among them were in Mangaluru where 10,976 were administered followed by Bantwal-8148, Puttur-8084, Belthangady-6900, Mangaluru Urban PHC-6407 and Sullia-5389.

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Kid falls to death

KUNDAPUR: A seven year old died after he accidentally fell into an open well at Japthi village in Kundapur on Tuesday.

According to the police, the deceased is Prajwal Madhwal. He had gone out to play after returning from school at the playground. The playground was about 100 metres away from Prajwal's house and the mishap occurred when he was returning from the playground.

A case has been registered in Kundapur police station.

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Diary

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy: Konkani Lokotsav 2017, District In-charge Minister B Ramanath Rai inaugurates, Mangaluru South MLA J R Lobo presides, Food and Civil Supplies Minister U T Khader, Moodbidri MLA K Abhayachandra Jain, MLC Ivan D'Souza and others guests, Town Hall, Mangaluru, 10 am.

St Agnes College, Kendra Sahitya Academy and AIR, Mangaluru: Seminar on 'Modern Kannada Women Literature: Recent Developments', writer Valdehi inaugurates, AIR (Mangaluru) assistant station director S Ushalata chief guest, St Agnes College principal Sr Dr M Jeswina presides, College premises, Bendor, 9.30 am.

St Raymond College - Department of Journalism and Humanity: One-day district-level workshop on 'Environment Issues and Concerns', Mangalore University Mass Communication and Journalism Department chairperson Prof Waheeda Sultana inaugurates, SRCV correspondent Mariola, principal Sagaya Selvi and district information officer Khader Shah chief guests, Mini College Auditorium, St Raymond College, Vamanjoor, 9.30 am.

Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy: Release of 15 books published by Academy, Academy chairperson M Janaki Brahmaraj presides, writer Dr Erya Lakshminarayana Alva releases books, Mangalore University SVP Kannada Study Centre chairman Dr B Shivram Shetty and others guests, Tulu Bhavan, Urwa Stores, Mangaluru, 3 pm.

Department of Information and Public Relations: Sound and Light programme 'Bharata Bhagya Vidhata', on 125th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, Udupi District In-charge Minister Pramod Madhwaraj inaugurates, Kundapur MLA Haladi Srinivas Shetty presides, Karkala MLA V Sunil Kumar and MLC Capt Ganesh Karnik chief guests, Gandhi Maidan, Kundapur, 6.30 pm.



Police stop protesters who organised a jatha under the leadership of UDYF, opposing toll collection at Talapady on Thursday. (Above) UDYF activists march towards the toll gate.

Citizens, forums continue stir at Talapady toll gate

Police resort to caning to control protesters; stir to intensify today

ULLAL: The protest against toll collection at Karnataka-Kerala border area Talapady entered the second day on Thursday.

The protesters carried on even as police resorted to mild caning, but stepped back only after the Navyug company official gave an assurance of completing work before collecting toll at Talapady.

Gadinadu Rakshana Vedike members, Congress leaders from Manjeshwara and Talapady, autorickshaw and bus operators had staged a protest on Wednesday and the police had arrested 12 protesters. On Thursday, members of Gadinadu Rakshana Vedike, United Democratic Youth Front (UDYF) Manjeshwar, Man-

jeshwar and Ullal blocks of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and the local villagers staged protests after gathering on both sides of the toll gate. UDYF supporters also took out a protest march from Talapady till the toll gate. Some of them tried to sneak into the toll collection booth. Ullal, KSRP and Mangaluru police tried to control the protesters while the protesters shouted slogans.

'Harassment'

Manjeshwar MLA Abdul Razak and Congress leader Harshad Varkadi said that the toll collection should be stopped immediately as the work on the service road and other basic facilities have not been completed. The public

are harassed, he said.

Police resorted to mild caning on protesters who tried to stop the vehicles. Some protesters made their way to Mangaluru to submit a memorandum to the deputy commissioner.

Simultaneously, the protest by Gadinadu Rakshana Vedike and SDPI went stronger and the police tried to arrest the protesters. This resulted in a heated argument between the protesters and the police personnel. The protesters did not ease their stand and said that the protest will not be stopped until the officials from Navyug constructions give assurance of completing the works on basic facilities.

The protesters stopped the agitation when Navyug compa-

ny manager Bhanuprakash said that toll will not be collected from local vehicle drivers till 6 pm.

Kasargod ZP standing committee president Harshad, Youth Congress president Nasar Mogral, Block Panchayat president A KM Ashraf and others were present.

Mediatory talks fail

The Navyug company manager had invited the protesters for talks at 6 pm. But as no official turned up, the protesters spoke to a person by name Shankar, who spoke to the people in an irresponsible fashion. Raged by the response by the official, the protesters said that as the company did not respond in a suitable manner, Gadinadu Rakshana Vedike

will observe a bandh on February 11. Shops from Talapady to Kotekar will remain closed and the vehicles will be stopped. There will be no problem for the movement of newspaper vans, milk vans and ambulances. Medical shops will remain open. The public should cooperate from 6 am to 6 pm, the protesters said.

Due to the imposition of toll, the bus fares of Kerala and Karnataka transport corporations have been hiked. The rates have been increased from Rs 17 to Rs 18 and Rs 18 to Rs 21.

Public faced inconvenience as there is no pass system in the toll plaza. Although the vehicles lined up in front of the pass distribution centre, the toll staff did not provide passes.

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Honey, organic mela this weekend

4-5 species of honey bees, colonies to be displayed

MANGALURU: Buoyed by the overwhelming response for recently concluded annual republic day flower show at Kadri Park here, the department of Horticulture is preparing to host yet another annual event-honey and organic fest. The mela will be held at Kadri Park on February 11 and 12.

Addressing reporters on Thursday here, deputy director of Horticulture department H R Yogesha said, "Like previous year, four to five species of live honeybee colonies will be kept on display, besides different equipment, exhibition cum sales of honey, information on its medicinal values, different beverages and medicines made using honey."

Yogesha said that apart from agriculture, most of the farmers and interested people in Dakshina Kannada have taken to apiculture. The response has been encouraging from the people living in Mangaluru city

too, especially after a training programme on bee keeping was conducted during the mela previous year.

The department of Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Sidda and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) will create awareness among the people on how to use honey as a cosmetic product. SDM College and Alva's Education Foundation and also bee keepers from Puttur Jenu Sakanikegara sangha will be putting up stalls.

Organic mela will also include exhibition and sale of organic products from the growers, besides value added products from different groups and societies and also seeds. As many as 500 farmers are invited for the training programme planned on the inaugural day at 12 noon.

Replying to reporters' queries, Yogesha said as many as 40 stalls will be put up during the event. The entry is free.

Minister for Forest Ecology and Environment Minister B Ramanath Rai will inaugurate the fest at 11.30 am on February 11. MP Nalin Kumar Katil will inaugurate the exhibition, while MLA J R Lobo presides over the event.

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Honey making life sweet for farmers in DK

67.954 MT of honey produced in 2015-16

MANGALURU: It seems the production of honey in Dakshina Kannada district has been on a rise at least in the last two years, with increasing farmers taking up apiculture.

According to the statistics provided by department of Horticulture, 76,234 metric tonne of honey has been produced by 4,076 farmers during the year 2015-16 against 67,954 metric tonne from 3,598 farmers in 2014-15.

Comparatively, Sullia tops the chart for previous fiscal with 1,152 farmers producing 36,316 MT of honey, followed by 15,22 MT from 922 farmers in Puttur; 14,405 MT from 907 farmers in Belthangady, 5,945 MT from 633 farmers in Bantwal and 4318 MT from 462 farmers in Mangaluru.

For the year 2014-15, the taluk-wise production is as follows respectively, 30.85 MT from 1,036 farmers in Sullia, 13.99 MT from 813 farmers in Belthangady, 13.59 MT from 850 farmers at Puttur, 6.39 MT from 537 farmers at Bantwal and 3.21 MT from 362 farmers in Mangaluru.

Deputy director of Horticulture H R Yogesha said, while the government provides a subsidy of 50% in setting up bee colonies with a box for farmers, it is not so in the case of urban people. Each box with live colonies costs Rs 30,000 sans subsidy.

Reacting to queries, Yogesha said the production was hit by 40% previous year due to the spread of thai sac brood disease. Following which the farmers were advised to remove the affected bee and spread turmeric on the same, to check the spread of viral disease that is caused due to migratory bees from Kerala.

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NextGen 3D Lab opens at NITK

MANGALURU, DHNS: In a first-of-its-kind initiative among the NITs of India, National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, Suratkal, has set a milestone by having a NextGen 3D Lab in collaboration with Hexagon Capability Center India (HCCI).

The NextGen 3D Lab at NITK campus is a part of Campus Championing Programme of HCCI towards the promotion of higher education and research. The lab, set up at a cost of Rs 7 crore, offers courses which utilise SMART 3D, one of the premium global engineering products.

Hexagon Capability Center India vice president and Country head Navaneet Mishra said that through the lab, the students will be facilitated with hands-on experience in handling the cutting edge software tools used in industrial plant, marine and materials handling facilities across the world and in India.

Multi-disciplinary

NITK director Prof K N Lokesh said the lab will have a multi-disciplinary approach and students from any stream of engineering can be a part of the NextGen 3D Lab. The training inducted to the students in the lab will make them industry ready. The NITK has plans to offer the course as an open elective for the graduate and postgraduate students of all departments at NITK, he added.

HCCI independent director and member of the board Nandini Sabanayagan said the lab is a vast multi-disciplinary project which provides the best platform for the engineering students. She hoped that the



A view of the Hexagon-NITK NextGen 3D Lab inaugurated in the Mechanical Engineering Department at NITK, Suratkal, on Thursday.

lab will be utilised to the full extent and the benefited students will give back to the country in terms of creativity.

Mechanical Engineering Department assistant professor and lab in-charge Dr Mrityunjay Doddamani said that engineering students from other colleges will also be provided an opportunity to undergo training in the 3D lab.

NextGen 3D Lab

The laboratory is equipped with 20 machines and one server powered by licensed Smart 3D software. The students initially will go through a specially designed instructor-led training program, led by trained professors with PhD backgrounds, who have undergone training from HCCI's technical experts.

The course would be offered as an elective for graduate and postgraduate students and will be made available across all de-

partments at NITK.

The in-person training module would be augmented with practical assignments in the lab where students get to work on the real time projects.

The Smart 3D is a data-centric and rule-driven solution, which is specifically designed to deliver mission-critical requirements. The software enables designers, subcontractors, suppliers, authorities, and others to easily and effectively monitor, manage, or execute projects across companies. It provides multi-industry capabilities in a single application.

NITK Mechanical Engineering department head Prof S Narendranath, Prof K V Gangadharan, HCCI PP&M executive manager and head Krishnan Meghania, HCCI human resources director Peter Cherian and HCCI project leader Chethan S were present.

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Ghent varsity, Nitte varsity sign MoA

» University of Ghent, Belgium, one of the oldest universities in Europe entered into an agreement with Nitte University for furthering academic and research collaborations.

A four-member delegation from Nitte University, led by VC Prof Ramananda Shetty, visited institutions of the University of Ghent and held discussions with faculty and administrators to identify areas of academic exchange and collaborative research. The deliberations culminated in the signing and exchange of a Memorandum of Agreement between the vice chancellor, Nitte University and the Rector of Ghent University, Prof Anne de Paepe on February 8, 2017.

'Collect toll on NH-66 after completing works'

UDUPI: The BJP district unit members demanded that the toll be collected on NH-66 only after the completion of the proposed works by Navyug constructions.

District BJP president Mataru Ratnakar Hegde said on Thursday that toll should not be collected at Sasthana and Hejamadi junctions until the works proposed – which includes laying of service roads and construction of stormwater drains and footpaths in the area – are completed. If at all the district administration permits for the toll collection, stringent protest will be taken by the party.

He said that according to the National Highway officials, toll collection can be permitted after completion of 85% of the proposed works. In Padubidri, road construction works up to kilometres together is left incomplete. In most of the areas, the service roads are not built. The infrastructure is not provided.

He said the local MP Shobha Karandlaje has written a letter to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari revealing the reality and also appealing for permitting the movement of vehicles of undivided Dakshina Kannada against toll collection. He said the land acquisition taken up by the district administration is inappropriate and unscientific.

The district in-charge minister should initiate immediate measures to simplify the rule pertaining to sand mining. The party will take up a rigorous protest and also violate law by indulging in sand transport and distribution of sand to poor by extracting the sand from the blocks," Hegde warned.

He demanded that the state government hasten the process and immediately embark upon formulating and passing the amendment bill for the smooth conduct of Kambala.

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Tulu Academy will bring out 15 books today

MANGALURU: Fifteen books published by Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy will be released at Tulu Bhavan, Urwa Store in Mangaluru on February 10 at 3 pm, stated a press release.

The programme will be presided over by Academy Chairperson M Janaki Brahmaraj. Writer Dr Erya Lakshminarayana Alva will release the books. Mangalore University SVP Kannada Study Centre chairperson Dr B Shivram Shetty, Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy chairperson Roy Castellino, Karnataka Beary Sahitya Academy chairperson B A Muhammed Hanif and others will be present.

The books to be released are 'Barakuru - A Metropolitan City of Antiquity - Its History and Culture' - Dr B Vasant Shetty; 'Spirit Possession and Other Stories' - S N D Pojary, a translated work of a book authored by Muddu Moodubelle; 'Krishi

Samskritiyalli Karavaliya Mahile' - Jyoti Chelairu; 'Tulu Cinema - Ondu Adhyayana' - Arvind Bejai; 'Tulu Janapada Sahitya Shikshana' - Dr Sundar Kenaje; 'Tuluvara Krishni Aradhana Samskriti Pookare Acharene mattu Samaja Vyavasthe' - Harish Alva M G; 'Tulunadina Samskritiyalli Nalke Yane Ajila Janangada Patra - B A Lokaiah Shishila; 'Tulu Tittu Yakshagana Swaroopa mattu Sadhyate - Dr Yogish Kairodi; 'Aithiyagalu katikoduva 'Tulunadina Ithhasa' - Dr Dhananjaya Kumble; 'Mam Ananda Shettru' - B Chandravati Rai; 'Pampa Prashasti Padeyina Kayyara Kinhanha Rai' - Roopakala Alva; 'Dr Ammembala Balappa' - D M Kulal; 'K N Tailor' - Prof D Vedavathi and Jayasheela Maroli; 'Mari Gidappule' (play) - Manu Idya; 'Kayyarerne Kabitelu' - Raghu Idkidi; and 'Typological Features of Tulu' - Dr Varjia N.

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Talk on 'Eating disorders' today

MANGALURU: Students from the department of journalism of St Aloysius college, Mangaluru will organise a talk on 'Eating disorders and stress management' for students of St Agnes High School, Bendur, Mangaluru on February 10 from 2 pm to 3 pm in the school premises.

A press release stated that the programme aims at targeting high school students as health and stress issues are

rampant among the youth. The students of journalism are organising the talk to help raise awareness regarding these issues among young girls. The programme will entail activities and discussion which will be both informative and interactive.

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