

**A mesmerizing world of dolls telling mythological stories**



**Almora - Game of fog and cloud**

## The wisdom of folk culture is in respecting all and understanding the soul of the soil: Picchalli Srinivas

**Manasagangotri:** "The folk culture of Karnataka is mother to all the cultural activities of Karnataka. Youth should learn from our folk culture to fight against all the odds in the society", said Picchalli Srinivas, the President of Karnataka Janapada Academy.

He was speaking after inaugurating the intercollegiate cultural and literary competitions in the University of Mysore.

"The wisdom of folk culture is in respecting all and understanding the soul of the soil. Folk songs of Kannada, be it, Manteshwami songs, Male Mahadeshwara, Mylara Linga or Shishunala Sharif's work, represent the equality in the society. All the students should learn from it and spread the fragrance of our culture", he opined.

"The music, dance and all the forms of the art require nothing but our dedication", said renowned Kannada actress, producer and director Vijayalakshmi Singh. "Dance, songs give a divine feel to the audience. When we do our work with



Inauguration of the literary competitions

dedication, it gives a pleasure unmatched", she added.

"Mysuru is the land known for literature, music, art and culture. It is important to nurture all the art forms. The University of Mysore is also eager to start new courses in Cinema, Art and Culture", said Prof. K S Rangappa, Vice Chancellor of the University of Mysore.

"The University is organizing a youth festival which will be helpful to all the students. University is keen to cater to the diversified wants of the students in academics", he added.

Registrar of the University of Mysore, Prof. Basavaraju, Director of Student Welfare department, Dr. M Rudrayya, teaching and non-teaching staff, students and lecturers from various departments of University as well as students from various colleges were present on the occasion. Before the inaugural ceremony, the guests were welcomed with a procession along with folk band sets.

Competitions will be held from 7th October to 9th October.

-Shreeharsha C M

## "Stop thinking, get into action": says, Dr. Swarnagowri Govindaraju

**Manasagangotri:** "The greatest wisdom is knowing yourself. You can know yourself only in the midst of relationship. Stop thinking and get into action", said Dr. Swarnagowri Govindaraju.

She was addressing the students in a special lecture on "Practical Philosophy" organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Mysore on 31 October.

She discussed with the students regarding, what is

life?, how to lead a life?, differences between each individual, stress, observation skills, learning skills and many topics related to human life.

"We should not compare ourselves with others but achieve our goal with dedication like Newton, Einstein and Edison. Don't be inferior nor superior", she said.

She called upon the students to get out of their robotic life

and live it for themselves like they want it to be. She said, "Do what you want to do, what you like to do."

"There is no other Shiva(God). It is you and your potentiality. You have to inherit it", she added.

Research scholars and students from various departments of Manasagangotri were present.

- Shrithi Joyappa K

## Writers can be killed, but not the literature: Dr Latha Rajashekhar

**Manasagangotri:** "Making Dasara a farmer friendly is a welcome move. The folk culture of Karnataka has explained the struggles of farmers. But their contribution to the development of the society should be remembered and respected" said renowned poetess Dr Latha Rajashekhar. She was speaking after inaugurating the Dasara Kavigoshti in the Humanities auditorium, University of Mysore.

"A small country like Israel, with the help of scientific methods grow crops enough to export to the foreign countries. We should

in the police protection. We should implement the words of Kuvempu, 'Manushyakula thanonde valam' " opined Dr Latha Rajashekhar.

"Dasara 2015 is a historical event. Understanding the plight of farmers and making Dasara a farmers' event should be appreciated" said Prof K B Siddaiah, renowned poet and progressive thinker.

"People from all the walks of life should be given equal opportunities. This time Dasara is being inaugurated by a Dalit farmer. The progressive move has to be



develop our agriculture in order to improve the quantity of the crops we grow" she said.

"Writers can be killed, but not the literature. Dr Kalaburgi has been killed, but not his contributions to the literature and society. It is an irony that poets who work for the betterment of the society are forced to live

carried forward. Even women should be given opportunity to prosper in the society" he added.

District in-charge minister, V Srinivas Prasad, Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru, C Shikha, Special officer of Dasara Kavigoshti sub committee, Dr MR Ravi and others were present on the occasion.

-Shreeharsha C M



**Editorial**

**Where is the raising intolerance?**

Everyone seems to be busy these days returning their awards to show their displeasure towards raising intolerance. However, Is intolerance really raising that bad? Do we see communal tensions growing everywhere? Obviously NOT! India has always been tolerant. India has history of people living peacefully who come from different background and follow their religion. World today is hard to live in, but seeing so many communities living in India, India is one of the most peaceful place STILL.

Of course, Incident such as Dadri lynching should be condemned, guilty should be punished. It is obviously unfortunate. But does that mean, almost 80% of population of India who follows Hinduism is intolerant? If it was true then name of India could have been changed to 'Hindustan' long back with only Hindus living in India. So, who are these people returning awards, and who are these

media personals to question the intolerance?

Yes, there are few bad apples in the basket. Who can't get along well to live peacefully or who can't digest the fact that people can live peacefully under leadership of present government. These people belong to the both side, loud mouths giving stupid statements to spoil own government's image and allow opposition to grab an opportunity to plot their own interests. And, opposition who keeps fueling onto unfortunate incidents with help from their media friends, and create a national issue which will harm India's image, economy and peace.

Best that government can do is, take strict action against guilty and strict action against own party members for giving ridiculous statements which provides opportunity to strengthen communal tag on government by opposition and media too for TRPs.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Let the circulars be in English too**

Our university is has become a educational hub, inviting students from various parts of India and even foreign countries. Each department in the university has at the least 4-5 foreign students. Yet, some circulars in the notice boards are issued only in Kannada. For students who do not know Kannada, it becomes difficult to find someone to translate. Sometimes, we end up being unaware of certain important notices because of the language barrier. All will be benefited if notices appear in both English and Kannada. I would like to bring this issue to the notice of the concerned authority.

- Nalini B

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**A mesmerizing world of dolls telling mythological stories**

Happy Kids Academy has organized doll exhibition in its premises as part of the ongoing Dasara festivities. The collection includes many mythological stories and also present issue like farmer suicide, Swach Bharath and State Government's Anna Bhagya Scheme.

Then you can see a number of doll collection which includes Farmers of the state. Here, they are trying to convince the farmer not to commit suicide but face the problems, grow, prosper and educate their children. This is followed by an idol of Ganesha with a message

Dasara procession, Navadurga, Saraswathi Pooja, Ayudha Pooja, chamundi hills, Old couple playing traditional game Pagade, Vanamohini, Swamy Vivekananda in Chicago, Sankrathi festival, Raja Vikramaditya, Gini Shastra, Aiyappa swamy and many more.



The first doll collection is dedicated to the new Prince of Mysore, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. Here, you can see that, Goddess Chamundeshwari is blessing the new Prince of Wadiyar family. Even grains have been planted to symbolize prosperity. The next doll collection is about Swach Bharat with a message to keep our environment clean and also about Mysore awarded as the cleanest city in the country. In the entrance, you can see the idol of Lord Ganesha. According to the Hindu mythology, Lord Ganesha is worshipped prior of worshipping any other Gods.

saying "Wear helmet. You cannot get a replacement like me".

The collection also included dolls depicting the significance of marriage, friendship between Krishna-Kuchela, Hanuma-Ganesha, Rama-Hanuma, Seetha Kalyana, cricket cup by Lord Ganesha, Karate, Kumbakaran, Gatodhgaja,

The doll exhibition overall deals with the concept of mythological stories.

Speaking to Manasagangotri bulletin, Ln. H. Leelavathi, Director of Happy Kids Academy, said that, "Kids, these days,

know about many modern issues but not much about our Indian mythological stories. So we are trying to tell them as many stories as possible through this doll exhibition".

The entry to the doll exhibition is free which includes more than 6500 dolls and the exhibition is held from past 20 years.

- Shrithi Joyappa K

**Dasara flower show inaugurated in Kukkarahalli lake premises**

Manasagangotri: The vice chancellor of University of Mysore, Prof. K S Rangappa inaugurated the Dasara flower show at Kukkarahalli lake premises on Friday evening. The flower show



is arranged for the 12th year. "The flower show consists of a number of flowers and plants. This time the flower show is attracting the visitors having more than 40 varieties of flowers", said S K Muzavar, Assistant Plantation Officer.

"There are a number of vegetables along with flowers which includes

vegetables such as tomato, chilly, ridge gourd, broad beans, knolkol; In flowers, Marigold, Zenia, hibiscus, etc and medicinal plants such as Chakramuni, alovera, etc", he added.

"The flower show is open from morning 9 to evening 7. The entry is free for the visitors", he added.

"There are eight workers who look after the plants. Four months of preparation has been made for the flower show", said Muzavar.

- Shrithi Joyappa K

**Facts about India**

**INDIA NEVER INVADED ANY COUNTRY:**

In the history of this country, Indian never invaded any country in her last 100000 years of the history. India is also widely known as the most peaceful country in the world.

**INDIA'S FIRST ROCKET WAS BROUGHT ON CYCLE:**

India is now considered as one of the most advanced country in the world. What happened when India's first rocket was brought on a cycle? Yes, it happened. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has developed first rocket with other research organization. They have used cycle as their medium of transportation.

- Shreeharsha C M



**“We opened our arms to everyone, for better understanding and to act compassionately”**

Interview by Nayana Suraweera

Ven. Dhammaloka is a Buddhist monk who carries on the duty of director of Mahabodhi Organization at Mysore branch. Here, Mahabodhi Organization is a temple with hostel and school. There are about 185 students whom are looked after by the organization in this branch. These students have come from different part of India and they can be facilitated with foods, stationery and accommodation up to secondary education by the organization.

**1. Can you introduce yourself?**

I'm a Buddhist monk, my name is Ven. Dhammaloka, I m from Arunachal Pradesh in China-India border. My teacher was Dr.Buddharakkitha, he passed away last year, after that I came to Mahabodhi Organization, Mysore Branch at Saraswathipuram.

**2. Why did you decide to become a Buddhist monk?**

it's not a planed decision, I never thought to be a monk , every night and day i thought I want be a soldier, when i was a 19 th my sister's son ask me “ we can



Ven. Dhammaloka, a buddhist monk

**3. Why did you join the Mahabodhi Organization?**

Not special things, but mahabodhi Organization had a long-term, it's best wet groud for any one, if we join it can serve to many of people, you see these children, they are our future, if we can to teach someone specially youth to chose right way, this is a great work, as well as if we can look after someone with accountability I believe it also great.

**4. How was Mahabodhi Organization started ?**

In 1956 , Ven. Dr.Buddharakkhita, founded the Maha Bodhi Society in Bangalore. He became monk in 1949. After his studying he came to Bangalore to start the Maha Bodhi Society, since today its braches spread in whole India, one of it in Mysore. The institution is running under the management of MahabodhiMaitri Mandala,

**5. How can you briefly describe the main purpose of this organization?**

We opened our arms to everyone in the general community , for better understanding and to act compassionately towards all humanity , Buddhists and non-Buddhists people can

**6. Have you an ambition to propagate Buddhism in India through this organization and school ?**

I explained our purpose of organizations, our school is meant for the education of students from all over India. We are very happy to welcome children of

-aall communities without distinction of caste, color, like limitation. We are only considering he is a human being, nd thus promote a spirit of brotherhood, National integration, and unity in diversity.

**7. How do you encourage students for studies?**

Without encouragement, you cannot do anything. But encouragement is an emotional point. Encouragement must be mental. You must do it yourself. You must transcend encouragement and no encouragement.

**8. Is there a special timetable for day to day activities in this organization?**

Yes we have, every day in morning and evening at 6.30 to 7.30 we are follow on Pooja and meditation programmed, some youngsters have to be controlled during meditation programmed, we never punish them, we are to encourage them through these programmed , as well as every Sunday we are conducting a evening programmed for out sides, especially meditation programmed ,anyone can join it.

**9. You say you are conducting meditation programmed, There is a special trend of meditation in both western and orient countries, Why is that? Do you have any special things to say?**

We take utmost care to educate all the children through holistic education to promote best outputs and promise to make them good citizens of our society, as well as we want to create civilian society though our elders, then all of us can live in equity and harmony, so let's all join our hands together.To uphold the flag of Mahabodhi Organization.

**Perfection at what cost?**



Not just the actors and actresses, everyone of us want to look our best. Looks have always been important while skin tone has been the deciding factor to know whether you get married or not, whether you will land a job or not. All thanks to the ad-campaigns of various fairness creams that are advertised. The advertising world depicts how fairly the fair are treated in a society and how unfairly the not so fair are treated. These fairness creams have only made people with a darker complexion feel insecure and conscious about themselves. Men's fairness cream does not sell the cream but it sells success; use this fairness cream to be successful in life and to attract women and there is a form of sexism seen when the brand ambassador, Shahrukh Khan, a bollywood star mouths the line "Mard ho kar ladkiyon wali fairness cream". Katrina Kaif is already so fair, yet she wants to be fairer. Her skin tone is not the same with a majority of Indians.

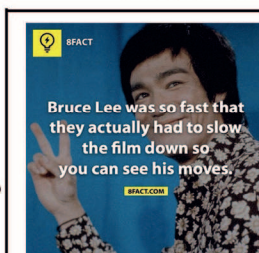
Some fairness ad's even belittle a dark skinned person by making a "fairer" person look down upon them and making them feel like they are not competent enough. Fairness creams are known to contain heavy metals that are carcinogenic according to the Centre for Science and Environment's (CSE) Pollution Monitoring Lab (PML) which has found mercury in 44 per cent of all the fairness creams it tested, while chromium was found in almost 50 per cent and nickel in 43 per cent of the lipstick samples tested.

The death of Telugu actress Aarthi Agarwal during a botched liposuction resonates the fact that we can go to any extent to change the way we look in order to feel acceptable in society. When main stream actresses like Anushka Sharma, Shilpa Shetty and even Sushimta sen, winner of the Miss Universe pageant have accepted that they have gone under the knife, one can only wonder how obsessed we are with looks. We seldom think of changing our inner self, morals, attitudes and our thinking as we are busy making "cosmetic" changes to our outer self. Going under the knife and changing one's self may

be an easy thing to do but looking inwards within one's self to make changes to ones character is a difficult thing to do. Beauty may attract people towards you initially but your character is what makes people stay

Perhaps it's time to change ourselves from the inside, perhaps it's time to accept ourselves the way we are, the way we look, the skin tone we are born with, perhaps it's time to start being secure by not comparing ourselves to anyone, perhaps it's time not just to change one's appearance but to change their outlook on things. After all, beauty attracts the eye but personality captures the heart.

-Shivendra Urs



**Did you know?**

**Mice dont like cheese!**



Cartoonists have always drawn little mice nibbling small tetrahedral portions of cheese (always with holes in them, like Emmental cheese). Now very few realise that this has no connection with what happens in nature. As specialists know, not only mice don't really like cheese at all but they'll even stay as away as they can from certain types of cheese, because of the odours they give off! Nevertheless, the image of a mouse eating cheese looks natural in everybody's mind.

Courtesy: Internet



Travelogue

ALMORA – GAME OF FOGS AND CLOUDS

By Nungo



The most interesting thing about the nature in monsoon season is that you never know what is waiting for you in next few minutes. Almora is a typical example that will show you how the nature looks like in the Himalayan area during raining season. It's crazy as taking a risk to travel this time and in a place that is considered as the most dangerous place to go in raining season in India. Uttarakhand.

My journey departs directly from Dehradun, but it's not a bad idea as my friend suggests to stop in Ranikhet on the way to taste some spices of its monsoon days. Actually, Ranikhet is out of my plan, but Almora is my most seeing destination. Ranikhet is a small hilltown, but ideal place for capturing Himalayan view as long as the weather in it's good mood - Sunny days. This is also the

place that you can check your luck whether you are lucky enough to see Himalayan view here or not due to the main characteristic of it in this season is foggy and moreover a heavy foggy layer. That's why the chance that the town will welcome you in a grey day with the fragrance of the fog and romance of little rain is on the way. But why don't you give it a try to experience this interesting feature of monsoon season? It's much more interesting than you can imagine when you're ready to soak in it. In these days, entire the town is covered by fogs, they lie down on every single rooftop of all the houses, though I don't have any idea about Ranikhet before, I still don't think that as if Ranikhet wants to

let me go in that way – No hope to see rainbow even after a half day of heavy rain though at least, it gives me more fun than I can imagine as I and my friend we take a long walk and get a lot of jokes in the rain. . Undoubtedly, if you're a truly rain lover then Ranikhet in monsoon is the best destination for you to enjoy the rhythm of rain in a slow life of the small town before heading to Almora.

Almora now is only my hope of admiring the beauty of Himalayan ranges. In fact, it's not much far from Ranikhet to Almora.it's about 70 km so I keep the hope that the weather will get better there.

A shared jeep will take you straight to Almora from Ranikhet on the most adventurous road that you just know when you already settle in. The jeep gradually bites round by round of roads up to Almora. And, if you want to know how adventurous it is, let check the waste beside the jeep that carsick victims contribute there. Anyway, it's not a bad price to experience this and witness an "OMG" landscape through all the way as long as you stick your eyes out

-side the window. Such a surprising beauty of Almora view will stone you for a while and mesmerise you immediately. That's a gift of nature to any Her devotee. Monsoon season adds such a distinctive green color to the nature that you're absolutely amazed and wondered why other people are scared of this season, whilst it's the best time to see the pure beauty of nature. Green and lively. Interestingly, you will never know what's behind a veil of fogs. That's what you will know as the time you reach Almora.

Fresh sun shines and fascinating taste of mountain winds will lead you to the last destination, invite you to enjoy the breath of Himalayan nature in accompany with the music from all harmony elements; peacefulness of nature, of traditional song echoes in the mighty mountains and ultimately to be alive with all the small lives.Fogs get more denser in the last mile about to reach Almora and start playing a game with its ally. Clouds. Almora in raining season looks like someone just throw water balls on its surface with colors of life

of a small hill town - Home to see a charming beauty of Himalayan ranges during both sunset and sunrise. Later on, If you get off the shared jeep in late afternoon, you can't escape of a welcome to the game of fog and clouds in Almora. This is the most interesting and enchanting thing that you can not get in other seasons except monsoon. . Kasar Devi temple is the hilltop where is waiting for you to join the game and giving you a great opportunity to see Himalayan view.The shared jeep will leave you at some points which from there you will be able to find any guest house or hotel in Kasar Devi village. This is also called terrace village because villagers build their houses on the side of the mountain and it gives you an amazing open view to capture Himalayan ranges. But the fogs and clouds here don't let you enjoy it easily like any travel guide book tells you. The beauty of fogs is we see nothing but you will be thrilled by the mysterious beauty behind them.It's an amazing gift of Mother Nature that anyone will feel so lucky to witness it.

Do army personnel have to fast unto death to be heard on OROP ?

-Shivendra Urs



It is the soldiers of our country that lay down their lives so that the citizens of our country can live and sleep peacefully. However, it is ironic that the protectors no longer feel protected. The one rank one pension policy for which the servicemen have been fighting for is an issue that has been ignored for long. The one rank one pension (OROP) was the basis on which pensions and benefits were determined for the

Indian armed forces up until 1973. The Koshiyari committee that consisted of an all party ten member parliamentary member panel found merit in the demands expressed by the armed services personnel and urged the government to implement OROP. However, there was resistance from political corners which led to the failure of implementing

OROP time and again. The OROP has never ceased to be a political issue which every party uses to its own advantage during the time of elections or even afterwards. False promises to resolve the issue are made time and again to pacify the armed servicemen and woo voters. Both Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have spoken about the issue but have failed to implement the OROP scheme. It is all talk and no action, something which we are used to when it comes to the case of politicians. Rahul Gandhi went to Jantar Mantar to join the agitating servicemen and the protestors started shout

-ing "go back Rahul", maybe Rahul Gandhi forgot the fact that it was Indira Gandhi who terminated OROP. Politicians do not think twice before increasing their pay scale or their benefits and other pensions but they have taken years to decide on the OROP for those who are ready to give up their lives for the country. The repeated commitments made without any action has tested the patience of the armed force personnel and the government needs to arrive at a solution at the earliest to address the issue of OROP. It is a pity that the armed forces personnel have to come out and protest and carry out a fast unto death just so their demands are met.

FUN FACTS

- 1)Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.
- 2)For every human on Earth there are 1.6 million ants.
- 3)On Jupiter and Saturn it rains diamonds.
- 4)In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes!

Sudoku

The Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares. The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

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