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523rd birth anniversary of Sri Kanakadasa



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Bangalore, Nov 24 (UNI) The 523rd birth anniversary of Sri Kanakadasa, the legendary poet, composer and philosopher, was celebrated across Karnataka today.

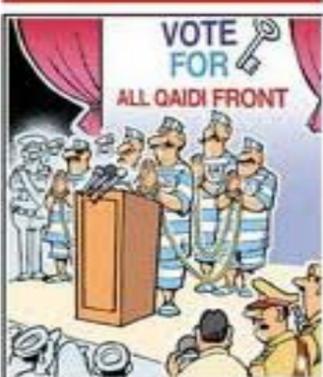
Karnataka Kannada and Culture Minister Govind Karjol presented the Kanaka Shree, a state award named after 16th century saint-poet known for his 'keerthans' and struggle against the caste system to Professor Sudhakar.

The award was set up to honour persons who work in the promotion of the values preached by Kanakadasa in his keerthans on social evils like caste system. It carries a cash component of Rs five lakh and a plaque.

The state government has declared the birthday of Kanakadasa as a state holiday with celebrations across the state for promoting the ideology and philosophy of Kanakadasa who hailed from a backward pastoral community.

The literary works of Kanakadasa were also a trend setter for Kannada literature and music with new

Cartoon Corner



Undertrial candidates have to be allies because of the prison rule on 'tie-ups' during ALL VOICES
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4th Gen Electronic warfare system by 2012 - DRDO



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Bangalore, Nov 24 (UNI) India's own fourth generation Electronic Warfare System (EWS) will be ready to be flown onboard a MIG 29 fighter by 2012, a top official of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said today.

The EWS would subsequently be fitted on AEW, the indigenously developed airborne warning system and later on other fighter aircraft of the IAF including Tejas, the locally made fighter, Jaguar and Sukhoi, Dr Prahlada, Chief Controller R and D of

DRDO told newsmen on the sidelines of the Inaugural AOC India National EW Workshop here. "EWS is becoming a very important aspect of modern warfare systems. To equip the armed forces with the best EW systems, DRDO would be setting up two testing ranges — one in Chitradurga in Karnataka and the other near Hyderabad. While the former will be a communication based test range the latter would be a non-communication EW testing range," he said.

He said DRDO had decided to setting up the

communication test range in Chitradurga as EW testing in Hyderabad, where DRDO has established an aeronautical communication based testing range, could not be carried out after the city administration expressed fears that civilian communication could be affected.

In the two ranges, DRDO would conduct tests like radiation and evaluation, do multiple target testing and try out smart way of jamming the rival radar systems and so on. "EW posed a big challenge and it could not be conducted near the urban areas as the high power jamming technology employed in EW could affect the communication set up and radars in the cities and airports," he said.

Dr Prahlada said Karnataka government had acquired about 4,000 acres of land in Chitradurga and handed it over to DRDO. Work on the test range would start shortly and the DRDO would also

build a runway. "By 2012 it would start operating," he said. The 8,000-acre Hyderabad facility, at Tandur about 150 km from the Andhra Pradesh state headquarters, DRDO would be setting up a non-communication EW testing range. Two testing ranges are necessary for the country to ensure proper simulation and integration of the EW systems, he said.

He said Defence Avionics Development Establishment, a city-based DRDO lab, was on a 'high speed' mode to develop indigenous EW system and it had already integrated third generation systems on two MIG-27 and they were flying very successfully.

IAF has given good support. HAL Nashik is doing the integration it has modified two aircraft and both are flying. He said BEL and HAL would be jointly producing the equipment developed at the DRDO labs like IRDE and DEL in Dehradun.

Omar for focused attention on unemployment crisis

Srinagar, Nov 24 (UNI) The Expert Group of Rangarajan Committee led by its Chairman Dr C Rangarajan called on J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here this evening to discuss matters relating to formulation of a comprehensive employment plan for youth of the state.

The Chief Minister while identifying the areas with higher employment potential, flagged the unemployment problem as one of the most important issues requiring focused attention.

Mr Abdullah said the state government has launched a multi-pronged policy to address unemployment crisis underlining the urgent need for initiatives by the

Central Government in this regard to help expand the job orbit for the youth of the state.

Mr Abdullah said special package for development of small and medium entrepreneurship sector is imperative to give new dimension to employment policy in the state to address the problem effectively.

"While we are thankful to Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and



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the UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi for the liberal financial support to the state and their keen interest in the speedy progress on all fronts, there is an urgent need for enhanced central support to address the unemployment crises", he said.

The Chief Minister expressed the hope that the Rangarajan Committee's recommendation would yield positive results for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He also hoped path breaking recommendations by the Committee for addressing unemployment crises in the state.

Houses demolished in Gulbarga fort area

Gulbarga, Nov 24 (UNI) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the city municipal corporation and the district administration have jointly launched an encroachment clearance drive in the Gulbarga fort here.

ASI official Krishnamurthy said yesterday that three houses were demolished and the further demolition was stopped as city deputy mayor Syed Sajjad Ali and other leaders requested to provide time for the residents to relocate themselves.

The drive was aimed to demolish around 296 illegally constructed houses in the fort area.

It was proposed to build a garden on premises of the fourteenth century fort, as part of its beautification.

However, tension was rised for a while as the residents tried to stop the demolition process.

Poor performance by Indian wrestlers

Guangzhou, Nov 24 (UNI) India's campaign in freestyle wrestling got off to a poor start with Pradeep Kumar (66kg), Narsingh Yadav (74kg) and Ram Vir (84kg) suffering defeats in their respective weight categories at the Asian Games here today.

Ram Vir, the only Indian

wrestler to enter the semifinals so far, overpowered Aibek Usupov of Kyrgyzstan 5-0 in the quarterfinals.

But he lost 1-3 to Jaesung Lee of South Korea in the last four stage.

Pradeep, on the other hand, lost his quarterfinal bout 0-3 to Japan's Tatsuhiro Yonemitsu after defeating Mustafa Alhaimi 5-0 of Yemen in the first round.

Both have entered the repechage rounds of their



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respective weight categories since both Lee and Yonemitsu have entered the finals.

Ram Vir will now wrestle Usukhbaatar Purvee of Mongolia in the bronze medal play-off for 84kg category later today. Pradeep will fight Kyrgyzstan's Azat Donbaev in first round in

the repechage for a spot bronze medal play-off bout for 66kg category. Yadav was expected to be among the medals at these Games. The 21-year-old from Nashik started in promising fashion with a 3-1 win over Husham Althaalebi of Iraq. But he crashed out at the quarterfinal stage after a 1-3 loss to Gombodorj Dorjvaanchig of Mongolia in the quarterfinals. Narsingh did not get a berth in the repechage round also as Gombodorj failed to reach the final.

Sports

Sahara Calcutta Football League

Kolkata, Nov 24 (UNI) Mohammedan Sporting and Chirag United kept their fight alive for first four places when they registered win 1-0 and 4-0 against BNR and Eastern Railway respectively in the Sahara Calcutta Football League for premier division at Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Salt Lake today.

Whilst the 1981 league champions MDS held their 4th place intact with 25 points from 13 games, the I-League side, the CU stood at 5th place with 24 points from as many encounters.

Md Sporting's solitary goal came from Satyajit Bose in the

40th minute from Mumtaj's cross. The back and white held the lead till the end despite a string of attacks from BNR, who have also 24 points despite the defeat of the day.

BNR are one step below the Chirag United in the 17-team league table due to lesser number of goals scored by them.

In the other match at the same venue, Chirag United slammed ER 4-0 to ensure the railwaymen relegated at end of the season. Arnab Mondol, Lalkamal Bhoumick, Junior Elija and Denson Devdasa scored for CU.

The ER is at bottom with 4 points from 13 games.

Photo Corner



Flower - the power of fragrance Photo: K.R.Reethesh Kyathaghatta

'Education system should create thinking minds': Maharashtra Governor

Mumbai, Nov 24 (UNI) The Governor of Maharashtra K Sankaranarayanan today observed that the present education system laid considerable emphasis on learning by rote and writing answers by memorising.

Mentioning that there is no incentive for innovative or original thinking, he called upon teachers and principals to create a pool of thinking minds. While promoting academic excellence, schools must encourage students to excel in sports, arts and other co-curricular activities, he said.

The Governor was addressing a gathering of ICSE school principals assembled for the 53rd Annual Conference of the Association of Schools for Indian School Certificate, organised by the Ryan International Group of Institutions here. More than 1,200 school principals from different parts of the country are attending the conference.

The Governor said at a time when India was emerging as a



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knowledge-based economy, it was ironical that as large as 88 per cent of the youth were out of the higher education system. He said while attaining the objective of quantitative expansion of the education system at all levels, schools must not lose sight of the quality aspect of education.

The Governor made a fervent appeal to the principals and teachers to make learning pleasurable and stress-free. He said it pains him immensely when he reads reports of

young boys and girls committing suicides due to stress. He also appealed parents and teachers not to place burden of high expectations on the students.

Ms Grace Pinto, Managing Director of Ryan International Group, Neil O'Brien, Chairman of the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations, and Dr H T Sangliana, Vice-Chairman of National Commission for Minorities, were also present on the occasion.

Transportation department generates a revenue of Rs 932 crore



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Bhopal, Nov 24 (UNI) As a result of modernisation of transport arrangements and use of hi-tech methods, Madhya Pradesh's transport department has generated a revenue of Rs 932 crore in 2009-10 — more than the stipulated target of Rs 900 crore.

With this, the department has achieved a growth of 20.50 per cent in revenue as compared to previous year, which is also the highest increase in revenue in the history of the transport department, an official release said here today.

With the objective of streamlining the entire transport system in the state, the system has been fully computerised.

An e-service has been started for the benefit of citizens under which entire information about vehicles can be obtained through website or SMS. Besides, online payment of taxes has also been launched and about 75 per cent such revenue is being received online.

Other innovative measures taken by the department include computerisation of transport check posts, arrangement of online applications and redressal, establishment of a call centre at Gwalior for providing information to owners of commercial vehicles and use of such a software to check tax evasion which ensures that the vehicle owner gets the related documents only after paying the stipulated fees and taxes.

Besides, tax intelligence system and computerised integrated check posts have also been introduced, which have led not only to transparency in the department but also the monitoring and implementation have gained momentum.

2-year-old become prey of leopard

Shimla, Nov 24 (UNI) A two-years-old kid was killed by a Leopard, at Gobalthi village under Rampur subdivision of this district. The half eaten body of the kid was recovered by the affected family this morning, police sources said today.

Vinay, son of Gobind Singh, was playing with his grandmother last night, when suddenly he was



attacked by a wild leopard, who dragged the kid to jungle.

The family members along with other villagers tried to find the taken away kid in every nook and corner of nearby forest but they could not recover him from anywhere till falling of dawn.

Later, half eaten body of victim was recovered from nearby place lead to wailing of family members.

Wildlife range officer Rampur, B L Negi, who visited the affected family today said, efforts are on to trace the man eaters and he will be capture soon.