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## In Brief

### Drug trafficking stopped

Bangalore, Oct 26 (UNI) CID sleuths today arrested three people and seized 18.5 kg of ganja worth about Rs 15 lakhs from them. Police said Ravikumar, a native of Orissa, Mohamad Ali alias Aluph Ahdar of Kolkata and Rajesh were caught while they were trying to sell the drug at a bus stand. The ganja was packed in plastic sachets and kept in bags.

### Moderate quake hits Indonesia

New Delhi, Oct 27 (UNI) A moderate intensity quake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit Mentawai region in Indonesia at 0516 hrs today, an Indian Meteorological release said. The quake was epicentred at 02.4 degrees south latitude and 99.9 degrees east longitude. No loss of life or damage to property was reported so far.

### Digital planetarium opened

Gulbarga, Karnataka, Oct 26 (UNI) The Union Labour and Employment Minister M Mallikarjun Kharge today inaugurated a state-of-the-art digital planetarium at the District Science Centre here. The planetarium was established by the National Council for Science Museums (NCSM) at a cost of Rs. 90 lakh.

## Cartoon Corner



The doctor said he needed more activity. So I hide his T.V. remote three times a week. Courtesy ahajokes.com

## Parameshwar appointed as KPCC Chief

Bangalore, Oct 26(UNI) Mr G Parameshwar, the newly appointed President of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), today thanked Party President



Courtesy old.blogspot.com

Sonia Gandhi for reposing faith in him to lead the party in the state.

Speaking to reporters soon after the announcement on his appointment was made, Mr Parameshwar, a former minister and four-time

Assembly Member representing Koratagere in Backward Tumkur District, said he would strive hard to live up to the expectations of the Central party leaders, including the Congress President.

Stating that his immediate challenge was to take the party to the winning path in the coming elections to Zilla and Taluk Panchayats, he said he would take along all the leaders of party and the workers in the state and take the party to the pinnacle and ensure that it was brought back to seat of power in the state.

## Work on Karnataka harbour to start in December

Udupi, Karnataka, Oct 26(UNI) BJP MLA from Udupi K Raghupathy Bhat today announced that the work on the Rs 37.15 crore third stage expansion of all-weather Malpe Fisheries Harbour will be taken up during December this year.

Addressing the press conference here, he said both the Centre and the State Government have given approval for the expansion project which will be taken up on 75:25 ratio (Centre and State Government). The Union Government had already sanctioned Rs 3 crore as its first installment towards the project which the State Government

had already made available Rs 12 crore to the Fisheries Department towards the project, he said.

He said the tender process for the project had already started with the last date being on December 9 and soon after that the agency will be fixed. With the completion of the expansion, the harbour would be able to provide anchoring facility to over 400 fisheries boats, he said. He also said that 10 acres of land had already been



Courtesy holidayiq.com

made available at Babuthota, near the harbour for the project. The project is likely to be completed in three years which involved the work of construction of a Jetty and repairs existing quays/jetties and existing fish landing and auction halls, he said. He said in view of the increasing boats at the harbour and anchoring of boats from other harbours, a proposal will also sent soon for the fourth stage of expansion of the harbour.

Already there are 1600 boats functioning at the harbour causing space congestion. He said if dredging work would be carried out from Malpe to Pitrody on the southern side of the harbour, several boats could be anchored at Pitrody. The State Government had also released Rs10 crore for the construction of across Malpe- Padukere, he added. On the occasion, Mr Bhat said the government had allotted 300 houses under Matsyashraya Scheme to his constituency during the current year out of which 55 houses will be constructed in the first installment, he said.

## Illegal construction demolished

Mysore, Oct 26 (UNI) In a pre-dawn operation, the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) demolished illegal constructions on a three-acre land



Courtesy Star of mysore online

adjoining Devanur Lake and reclaimed land worth Rs six crore here today. The MUDA, which had launched the identification and mapping of all its properties in and around the city a few months ago, had issued notices to these 'fake site owners' warning them not to go ahead with construction of houses as the land belonged to MUDA. Despite the warning, a few people had risked construction. During the

'Operation Demolition, three buildings, including two houses and a Madrasa built on government land along the lake-bed, were

razed to ground by two JCB machines. MUDA Superintending Engineer Shivakumar and Executive Engineer Veerabhadraiah said tight police security was provided during the operation. It was alleged that one Lakshmana, said to be a resident of Eeranagere, had converted this three-acre plot into sites and sold them to about 60 people using fake documents.

## IT industry will remain the largest employer

Bangalore, Oct 26(UNI) Back in the double digit growth bracket post the economic slowdown, the Indian IT industry will remain the largest employer in the country, Mr S Gopalakrishnan, CEO and Managing Director, Infosys Technologies, said here today. Speaking at a Conference on 'India: Knowledge and Professional Services Hub to

the World - The Next Decade' organised by the All India Management Association, he said the IT industry was expected to recruit about 1.5 to 1.5 lakh professionals in the next 12 months. "Infosys alone will hire 25,000 among these," he said. He also stated that Indian IT sector has shown strength and ability to grow with the Technology.

## Shiroor Mutt to gift clothes to students on Diwali

Udupi, Oct 27 (UNI) As a part of its 'Chinnara Anna Santharpane' (free mid-day meal scheme), the Paryaya Shiroor Mutt has decided to distribute shirt and pant pieces to about 1,500 poor school students here as a Diwali gift. The clothes would be distributed among the students on October 30. The mutt has undertaken the initiative in

association with a private textile company. Addressing a press conference here yesterday, Sri Laxmivara Thirtha Swamiji of the Mutt said, "We have also decided to gift 'salwar kameez' pieces to around 150 school girls from economically backward sections of Spandana district as Diwali gift on November third."

# WikiLeaks has more US war files, says Pentagon

WASHINGTON, Oct 27 (Reuters) WikiLeaks, which already has made public nearly 500,000 classified US files on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, has more US documents for possible release than it has stated, the Pentagon said. The massive WikiLeaks disclosures of leaked documents have been the largest in US military history, and Pentagon officials are saying that more files may follow.

The whistle-blowing organization has publicly acknowledged it has some 15,000 more documents on the war in Afghanistan that it has threatened to release, along with an Afghanistan video file, the Pentagon noted.

## London gets thumbs-up and warning from IOC chief

ACAPULCO, Mexico, Oct 27 (Reuters) London's preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games were given a glowing endorsement and a warning that the important challenges were still to come by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

IOC president Jacques Rogge, speaking after a meeting of the IOC's executive board, yesterday said London's preparations were going "extremely well" but the next 12 months would provide the real test. "The challenges for London are not particular to London, these are the challenges for every organising committee," Rogge said.

"The test events that are coming up are a very good indicator if your teams are

"Those are things they've talked about publicly. And we have reason to believe they have other documents as well," Colonel Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, told reporters yesterday. Asked whether the Pentagon had independent knowledge of what WikiLeaks had in its possession, he said: "We do," without elaborating.

The US investigation into the source of the leaks has focused on Bradley Manning, a former US Army intelligence analyst in Iraq. Manning is under arrest, charged with leaking a classified video showing a 2007 helicopter attack that killed a dozen people in Iraq, including two Reuters journalists. No one has yet been charged with leaking any of the more than 70,000 files on the Afghanistan war that WikiLeaks released in July or the nearly 400,000 Iraq war files disclosed last Friday. Manning's attorney did not return phone calls. The



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Pentagon has refused to discuss the investigation.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has said the US investigation is also looking into WikiLeaks itself. Lapan said the Pentagon believes it knows which documents WikiLeaks has in its possession, including a large, encrypted file on its website entitled "insurance," which has not been released to the public. "We believe we know some of what they have," Lapan said.

"We don't know for certain. For example, we don't know for certain what's in the 'insurance' file. So we don't know exactly everything that WikiLeaks has." Earlier yesterday in Baghdad, a top Pentagon official said the US

Defense Department was considering controls like those that credit card firms use to detect odd behavior to prevent leaks of sensitive information.

"Rather than preventing people from having access to the data, could we do things like credit card companies do, which is to look for anomalous behavior," Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn told reporters during a brief visit to Iraq. "If someone is doing something that doesn't seem appropriate for where they are, downloading 100,000 documents when they are out in some obscure corner of the country, why are they doing that? You go out and ask them," Lynn said.

## Geelani put under house arrest

Srinagar, Oct 27 (UNI) Chairmen of both the factions of the Hurriyat Conference (HC) and about six other senior separatist leaders were put under house arrest to foil the 'United Nations Military Observers (UNMO) office march today. It was a precautionary measure to prevent any law and order problem, the official sources said, while more than 10 others were taken into preventive custody. The 'moderate' HC had called for 'UNMO office march, which was also supported by the 'breakaway' HC and other separatist leaders and organisations. On this day, in 1947, the Indian Army landed in Kashmir on the request of Maharaja of the state and Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, after Pakistani raiders entered the Valley.

A spokesman of the 'breakaway' HC said, "Chairman Syed Ali Shah

Geelani remained under house arrest since he returned from Delhi where he addressed a seminar on 'Azad'." He said, "Mr Geelani, who issued a fresh calendar for agitation for ten more days from today, has been informed that he cannot leave his Hyderpora residence till further orders." Chairman of 'moderate' HC Mirwaiz Moulvi Omar Farooq, who had given a call for 'UNMO office challo', also remained under house arrest since yesterday morning.

A large number of security force and state police personnel remained deployed outside his Nigeen house, from where he was not allowed to move out, said amalgam spokesman Shahidul Islam, who has also been put under house arrest since this morning.

Several other senior separatist leaders, including Bilal Gani Lone, Aga Syed Hassan and Javid Ahmad Mir have also been put under house arrest.

Mr Islam said, "Musadiq Adil, Prof Abdul Ahad Jeelani and Hakim Abdul Rashid were arrested and lodged in different police stations." He said scores of other Awami Action Committee (AAC) activists, headed by Mirwaiz, had been arrested during raids in the past two days. Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Mohammad Yaseen Malik was put under house arrest in his Maisuma residence near here last night. Other separatist leaders mainly remained confined to their homes because of the curfew restrictions imposed in the Valley.



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Up to 11 new events, including women's ski jumping, could be added to the

programme for Sochi after the IOC agreed to review them next year. The board said it was looking favourably at their inclusion and took the unusual step of empowering Rogge to make the decision by himself.

## President Patil to be chief guest at Vishwa Konkani Ekta Divas

Bangalore, Oct 26 (UNI) President Pratibha Devisingh Patil will be the chief guest at the Vishwa Konkani Ekta Divas to be held at Dr TMA Pai Convention Centre here on December 9. Announcing this at a press conference here today Mr Eric Ozario, noted Konkani artist and Gurkar, Mandd Shobhann, Konkani cultural organisation said the Konkani Ekta Divas is being celebrated as part of the first Vishwa Konkani Sanskrutik



Courtesy search.rediff.com

by Mandd Sobhann, here from November 25 to December 19. He said the convention is aimed to showcase the beauty and variety of Konkani culture and to enhance the self-esteem of every Konkani. Around 75

troupes from around the world with over 1500 artists belonging to various castes, creeds, dialects and region of Konkani will take part in this cultural festival and six troupes are being invited from abroad. The launching ceremony of this event was held in Bangalore on June 20. G Janardhana Reddy, Minister for Tourism and Infrastructure was the chief guest while in Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit was present on October 24.

## Photo Corner



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Lake Palace in a Desert