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## University hosts International conference on Ombudsman



**Myna Lathfy**  
Mysuru, Jan 28: University of Mysore Host the 11th Global Communication Association (GCA) International Conference. The two days conference on the theme Ombudsman: Media and social responsibility, is being organized on the 28th and 29th of last month. In opening address

to the conference, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said Media must concentrate on positive and developmental stories rather than negative stories. he remark Media being a powerful medium, and the responsibility in the country's growth. Speaking at the ceremony Vice chancellor of University and president of this conference Prof. K. S. Rangappa said few journalists have intention

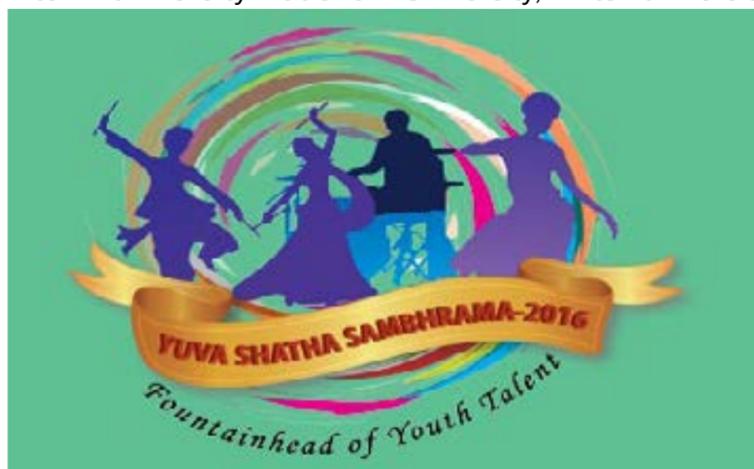
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said that development works in the University have been going in a slow speed because of quality works being taken up. and also Global Communication Associate A. P. Chowdappa Memorial Award for Excellence in Communication in non-government sector for the year 2015-16 to Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM). GRAAM was conferred by the Global Communication Association A.P. Chowdappa Memorial Award recognizing its achievement in public policy research and advocacy "University of Mysore is therefore, proud to be co-organizing this prestigious and important international

conference", he added. As a part of the centenary celebrations, the GCA International conference, media experts and public affairs stalwarts, high-profile inaugural speakers, guest panelists and awards ceremony speakers participated this conference. Deliberations, over 62 speakers, 12 Keynotes, 10 panel discussions, 24 paper presentations, 7 awards with over 400 delegates was participated from around the world. Global Communication Association (GCA), Established in the year 2007. This association is not-for-profit body of media and communication professionals, promotes academic research in global communication studies among major universities worldwide along with facilitation of joint project and research opportunities among scholars and students.

## UOM to organize National Youth Festival

Mysuru, Feb 13: University of Mysore is organizing 31st inter-university national



youth festival "Yuva Shatha Sambhrama-2016". The festival will be held on 15th - 20th of February. Five days long this festival University in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Government of India. The Senate Bhavan, B.M. Shri Hall, EMRC Hall,

and Humanities Hall will host for the events. According to University, Inter university national festival are instrumental in bringing about social, cultural, emotional and national integration through a process of cultural exchange amongst students from different regions and backgrounds. Besides this youth festival have been playing significant role in promoting talent and leadership qualities among

the youths in the universities. The festival will be conducted in five categories. That was music, dance, literary, theatre and fine arts. According to the organizers, youth festivals are instrumental in bringing about social, cultural, emotional and national integration through a process of cultural exchange amongst students from diverse regions and backgrounds. According to Youth Affairs, India has the largest cohort of young people making transition to adulthood. The population in the age group of 13-35 years is about 41% and of the total youth population in the country 69.97% are in rural areas. More than 70% of the total Indian population is below the age of 35 years.  
-Myna Lathfy

## National conference on Social Security and Social Inclusion on this month.



**Mysuru:** Feb 13: The National conference on Social Security and Social Inclusion: Opportunities and Challenges will be held at the Manasagangothri, on February 25 -26, 2016. It is organized by center for study of social exclusion and inclusive policy university of Mysore in cooperation with Indian Council of Social Science Research New Delhi. The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for evolving strategies for accelerated social

inclusion, provide constructive suggestions to policy makers, to explore innovations in the area and the way forward. "World Social Protection Report, 2014-15" says the fundamental human right to social security remains unfulfilled for the large majority of the world's population. Only 27 per cent of the global population enjoy access to comprehensive social security systems, whereas 73 per cent are covered partially or social insecurity, i.e., they have no access to formal security beyond the limited possibilities of depending on their families, affinity groups or friends

-Myna Lathfy

## EDITORIAL

## Law And Lawness

By even the most basic definition, lawyers are expected to provide their clients with competent legal representation and advice and act in their best interests. By extension, then, they can be considered responsible for maintaining public confidence in a country's legal system and ensuring its integrity. In the discharge of their professional duties it behoves lawyers, whether in the lower courts or the highest court in the land, to observe a minimum decorum. On the evidence of the last few days' unedifying spectacle at the Patiala House trial court, it is doubtful whether some of them can admit to this fundamental understanding of their obligations. The manner in which some of them were seen attacking a student leader and journalists on the court premises made it difficult to distinguish the lawyers from the average neighbourhood lumpen. The fact that the miscreants flaunted their allegiance to the party ruling at the Centre and participated in a havoc-wreaking spree with an MLA from the same party showed that they placed little credence on the unbiased nature of their profession. The violent lawyers also exhibited a frightening ignorance of the basics of law. Could they have any legal basis to pronounce Jawaharlal Nehru University Student Union President

Kanhaiya Kumar guilty of sedition before the arguments were heard in court? More to the point, their violence has disrupted the functioning of the legal system to the extent that Mr Kumar's legal team deemed it inadvisable for their client to go back to the same court for a bail application. It is possible that this particular group of lawyers felt strongly about Mr Kumar's so-called misdeed or journalists' biases. But if they had paid attention at law school, they would have been aware that the route to address their grievance is embedded within the judicial system within which they should function - just as journalists express their opinions through the medium of the channels, newspapers and magazines they represent. The issue also points to a disturbing erosion of values within the judicial system. In some form or the other, lawyer misbehaviour bordering on the kind of lawlessness that was on display outside the Patiala House courts is rampant within the lower echelons of judiciary in many parts of India. In 2012, for instance, lawyers belonging to the Janata Dal (S) of the City Civil Court in Bengaluru were seen attacking journalists, who were covering former minister G Janardhan Reddy's court case involving serious irregularities by his mining company. The resulting clash

destroyed court property and injured many policemen. In Hyderabad last year, advocates from Telangana disrupted proceedings as part of a rally organised by the Telangana Rashtriya Samiti demanding a separate high court for the newly formed state. The second element of this decline is the overt politicisation of the legal system so that the terms of engagement between the legal system and citizenry have been steadily vitiated. The upshot is a steady erosion of quality; few who want to practise law as a vocation choose to enter the field of litigation, still less become judges. It is disturbing to think that the miscreants at the Patiala House Courts could be tomorrow's senior judges. Part of the problem is the pusillanimous response to lawless lawyers by the Bar Councils concerned and the police. It is baffling that they were able to disrupt, with impunity, traffic and law and order in the capital city for three days in a row with their antics whereas Mr Kumar, whose alleged crime took place within the grounds of a university, was so swiftly arrested on evidence that is yet to be established. Or that the bar council has not looked into the conduct of such lawyers and considered punishing them for blatant breach of law. The prime minister recently exhorted multinationals to invest in India and discover the "potential" of its people. The last few days displayed a good reason why they may hesitate to do so.

## UMAA to host first global alumni meet

**Mysuru:** The University of Mysore Alumni Association (UMAA) will host its first Global Alumni Meet on Saturday at Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, and over 300 alumni are expected to take part. Association president K. Arkesh and joint secretary K. Narendra said seven distinguished alumni — Dr. S. Kantha Jadhav (Medicine), Dr. Roddam Narasimha (Science and Technology), Dr. R. Balasubramaniam (Youth Service), Dr. Y.K. Puttasome Gowda (Public Service), Dr. N. Rathana (Science and Art), Dr. B.N. Bahadur (Philanthropy) and Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya (Education) will be felicitated. B. Sheik Ali, an alumni and former Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore and Goa universities, will be the chief guest. K.S. Rangappa, Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore and chairman of UMAA, will preside.

The association has organised a walk from Kuvempu statue at the entrance of Manasagangotri to the centenary clock tower to urge all 12 lakh alumni to enrol in the association and contribute to the university. The association has stipulated a fee of Rs. 2,500 per alumni and Rs. 1,000 for students to obtain a membership in UMAA. It will be used to give scholarships and organise lecturers, Mr. Arkesh said. - **Meghana B**

## KIDS CORNER

## FOOLS

It was a cold and silent night. The weather was freezing. A group of monkeys were on a tree. They were clinging to its branches. One of the monkeys said, "I wish we could find some fire. It will help us to keep warm". Suddenly they noticed a flock of fireflies. One of the young monkeys thought it was fire. He caught a firefly. He put it under a dry leaf and started

blowing at it.

Some other monkeys also joined in his effort.



A sparrow came flying to its nest. The monkeys were sitting on the same tree. She noticed

what they were doing. The sparrow laughed. She said, "Hey silly monkeys that is a firefly, not real fire". The sparrow continued: "I think all of you should take shelter in a cave". The monkeys did not listen to the sparrow. They continued to blow at our poor firefly. After some time the monkeys became very tired. Now they realized what the sparrow had said was correct. They set free the firefly and moved to a nearby cave.

- Meghana.B

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL HEART TRANSPLANT?

The surgeon Christian Bernard studied medicine at the university of Cape Town and



cardiac surgery at the University of Minnesota. He had been experimenting with the organ transplants in animals for several years, and felt the time had arrived to put these techniques into practices.

The recipient was 55 year old Louise Washkanky; the downer, 25 year old Denes Dravall, who had been killed in traffic accident, the operation, which lasted nine hours, involved a 30 strong surgical team. Bernard, who had not expected the operation to attract much interest, had not even informed the hospital superintendent of his intentions. But at the time when any heart surgery was deemed very risky his achievement attracted enormous publicity. To his surprise, he was instantly and in

ternationally famous, and went on to be feted by film stars, politicians, and even the

pope.

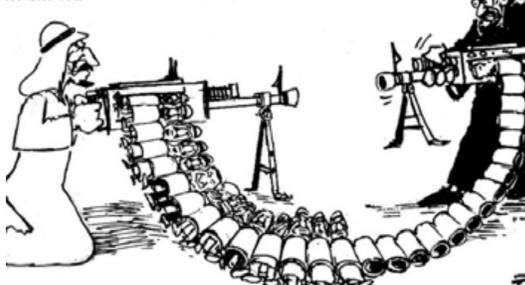
Washkanky survived only eighteen days. The drug used to keep his body from rejecting the new organ also reduced his resistance to infection, and he contracted pneumonia. Only in 1947 did a Norwegian researcher produce the drug cyclosporine work paved the way for the perfection of heart transplant techniques. He continued his research and in 1974 performed the world's first double heart transplant. Indeed, within 20 years of his first operation this surgery had become routine.

Bernard retired from surgery in 1983 because of arthritis, and died in 2001 ironically from the heart disease.

-Meghana B

## Cartoon corner

ies support Saudis in iran  
lomatic row



## One WHATSAPP, thousand different worlds in it!

"Life is short, be fast" seems to be an underlying philosophy in today's rapid-paced communicating world. To this end, smartphones have accelerated our swiftness in communicating and accessing information. One simple reason for the wide popularity of smartphones is the availability of many free messaging applications. Prime among such apps is WhatsApp! WhatsApp is a cross-platform mobile messaging app which allows one to exchange messages. It is available for iPhone, BlackBerry, Android and Windows Phone. A major reason for the high addiction to WhatsApp, especially among the younger generation, is that this app is simple and disturbance-free with no ads, games, reminders, gimmicks

and extra banners. It has also recently upgraded with a free phone calling facility. WhatsApp has a staggering 450 million users every month with nearly 315 million using it on a daily basis. This popular app has tremendously improved communication among friends and families. But every technology has its own adverse effects too. WhatsApp is no exception to this basic principle. On one side, WhatsApp connects a lot of people, especially those who are physically apart. Yet, on the other side, the wide use of this app has also made people to be socially detached. The users are so obsessed with chatting and sharing of pictures/selfies, audios and videos that it gets too hard to keep away the cell phone, even for a few minutes. Life

in the virtual world seems to be much more enjoyable than in the real world for such users! This continual disconnectivity from the actual world can lead a person to have a poor social image in the long run and an inability to handle conflicting social situations.

Another disadvantage of the excessive use of WhatsApp is that it renders a person to be a slave to the gadget. The user is constantly on the lookout for forwarded messages, discussion matters on the chat groups and changes in profile pictures and statuses. Keen observation on why the other person is failing to reply even when seen online, the reason for updating a particular type of a smiley or a display picture, curiosity to watch a particular video or a photo that is sent, and

battling network issues are all factors that renders a person to be at the mercy of the gadget. One fails to have proper concentration in one's works or activities and the mind is constantly diverted to the WhatsApp beeps and ticks! Every technology has its pros and cons and one needs to wisely channel such resources to derive the maximum benefit. In using WhatsApp, it is important to set a time constraint on its use and to restrict its utilization only to known people and for genuine causes. One needs to also explore other means of social interaction so that WhatsApp remains only a complementary tool of communication and not the dominant one. As somebody has said, "Avoid that awkward moment when you die and life flashes before you and all you see is WhatsApp!"

-Akshatha J

## Movie Review:

Director: Raja Krishna Menon

Cast: Akshay Kumar, Nimrat Kaur, Purab Kohli, Prakash Belwadi

Rating: 3.5/5

Airlift delves into the pain of a refugee community, showcasing human emotions that defy class barriers and the actors make it all very

being but more because the tragedy demands that. And that, makes it a more of an intriguing watch.



Raja Krishna Menon brings Akshay Kumar back onscreen as Ranjit Katiyal with Airlift — a film based on India's massive evacuation of its citizens from Kuwait in 1990.

The film's narrative begins on the D-day — August 1, 1990 when Iraq president Saddam Hussein attacked Kuwait. Ranjit, a business tycoon, has closed a few deals, bought one of the most-sought after palaces in town and trumped a friend-cum-business rival. He can't wait to get home to celebrate. The same night, Iraqi forces attack the city and are running a riot.

Menon peels back the layers to Ranjit's personality. Though of Indian origin, Ranjit detests being identified as an Indian. Also as one of Kuwait's richest businessmen, he is full of himself and money is all that seems to matter. Akshay's first dialogue — 'Profit explains everything' — is a key insight into Ranjit's psyche. This is significant as the plot line builds from here.

Though an action-packed story, Airlift's strength lies in the turbulent emotions of people at the mercy of each other's generosity and self-preservation.

-Akshatha J

## Poet's corner

## Your Smile.....

It is Your Smile  
Yes, it's your smile,  
it gets to me every  
time.....

It speaks to me,  
telling me that you're  
mine.....

It's your smile,  
it warms my heart  
and brightens my day.  
A glowing sun ray  
that ever grows my  
love.....

It's your smile,  
I'll cherish it always,  
a precious token of  
love.....

I am so lucky to have  
your smile..

- Meghana. B

## Silence

.I am committed

To solitude,  
Come not between us!  
The enchanting melody  
of silence,

The darkness so dense!  
You made it all  
possible,

It can rightly be  
plausible.

The array of hope,  
Through the window  
of mind,

The blazing fire within,  
Blown by the swing.

Yet! Silence kills,  
When only you speak.  
Murderer in your  
Heart,

My grave within.  
Sea of silence,  
Washes the faded  
mind!

Sand i see, is at rest;  
What it feels is the best.

I'm in love with you,  
The silence of solitude!  
My secret agent is that  
you?

Solitude in  
multitude.

-Akshatha Jagannath  
#from\_the\_diary\_of\_  
night\_owl

-Akshatha J

## KANNADA FILMS BAG 5 AWARDS AT BIFFES



**Mysuru:** Feb.6- The 8th Bengaluru Internatinal Film Festival (BIFFES) came to an end with the presentation of film awards by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at the sprawling Mysore Palace yesterday. Speaking after presenting the awards, CM

Siddharamaiah said that the next edition of BIFFES will be organised in much grandeur and added that the 8th edition of BIFFES was successful with around one lakh people watching 175 movies from 60 various countries in both Bengaluru and Mysuru. The Film Festival will be organised

similar to Goa International Film Festival which is being organised over the past 46 years, said CM Siddharamaiah.

Among the awards presented yesterday, Kannada movie 'Thithi' and 'Under Heaven' of Kyrgyzstan shared the 'Best movie' award. Both the movies were declared the winners among the 12 movies in competition in the Asian Cinema category.

Gajendra Ahire directed Marathi movie 'The Silence' won the 'Best Indian Film' award while Malayalam movie 'The I' directed

by Siddharthshiva and Hindi movie 'Island City' directed by Ruchika Oberoi shared the Special Jury Award.

In the Kannada movie category, 'Vidaya' directed by P. Sheshadri, 'Naanu Avanalla Avalu' directed by B.S. Lingadevaru and 'Putu Thirugisi Nodu' directed by Sunil won first, second and third Best Film awards respectively. Kannada Netpack award which is awarded to one of the best Kananda movies was given to 'SaaladaMagu' directed by Information Minister Roshan Baig spoke on the occasion. Mysuru Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, Deputy Mayor Vanitha Prasanna, Ministers H.S. Mahadevaprasad and Ambarish, MLC R. Dharmasena, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) President S.R. Govind, Karnataka Film Academy Chairman S.V. Rajendra Singh Babu, MLC Dr. Jayamala, MUDA Chairman K.R. Mohan Kumar, CADA (Cauvery) Chairman C. Dasegowda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman R. Murthy, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairperson Rehana Banu, MyLAC Chairman Ananthu, Kanteerava Studios Chairperson Vijayalakshmi Urs were present on the occasion.

-Meghana B

### RANJI TROPHY QUARTER-FINAL: MUMBAI IN SIGHT OF AN OUTRIGHT VICTORY

**Mysuru,** Feb.6- Mumbai bowled out Jharkhand for a low total of 172 and gained a big first innings lead and at close of play on the third day and later reduced Jharkhand to 28 for one in 13 overs, chasing a target of 490-runs set by Mumbai at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee Stadium yesterday. Jharkhand resuming their first innings of 150 for eight, on the third day morning were bowled out for a mere 172 in 71.5

three for 37Mumbai secured a big first innings lead of 244 runs, but did not enforce the follow-on.

In the second innings, Mumbai scored 245 in 63.1 overs. Shreyas



Iyer impressed with his enterprising knock of 81 (106b, 9x4s, 2x6s) and was the highest scorer. Skipper Abhishek Nayar chipped in with a useful 43 (77b, 7x4s). Leg-spinner

15) Vs Jharkhand 172 in 71.5 overs (Kaushal Singh 43, Anand Singh 39, Akhil Herwadkar three for 26, Iqbal Abdullah three for 50, Shardul Thakur three for 37) & 28 for one in 13 overs ( S.P. Gautham 12 n.o).

Samar Quadri bowled a good line and took five for 62 for Jharkhand. Medium-pacer Rahul Shukla (two for 57) and Kaushal Singh (two for 15) were also amongst the wickets. With 490 runs to win, Jharkhand started badly and lost opener Anand Singh (12) at the score of 19. S.P. Gautham (12 n.o) and Virat Singh (4 n.o) were at the crease at stumps and the Jharkhand batsman face a uphill task of saving the game. The Scores: Mumbai 416 in 114.4 overs & 245 in 63.1 overs (Shreyas Iyer 81, Abhishek Nayar 43, Samar Quadri five for 62, Rahul Shukla two for 57, Kaushal Singh two for

-Deepika A.M



Letter to the Editor.....

### TEACH ROAD SAFETY RULES AT SCHOOL-LEVEL

With an increase in the number of vehicles plying on the roads today, and with people who are not fully aware of 'road safety rules,' not a single day passes without an accident. So it is important that each and every person becomes familiar with traffic rules and use of roads.

When I was serving as a teacher, I tried to instil traffic sense among students and found that not only the children learn but also they indirectly educate all the members of their family. If the students of 3rd, 4th and 5th standards are roped in

for this traffic awareness drive, the goal is achieved. 'Catch them Young,' because now-a-days the children who are riding tricycles want to use the road. Some suggestions: 1. Traffic Policemust supply literature on Traffic Rules like pictures of the rules to be followed, other details and guide the teachers, who in-turn will guide the students.

2. Teachers must encourage students to prepare a model of TV, an album, out-door games play-card, give a talk and explain traffic signs and its pur-

pose, rules etc., as it will help solve traffic violations by students.

3. Exhibit the sign of its details on school notice-board.

I also request the Traffic Police to utilise the money collected from traffic offenders to present gifts to students who have participated in traffic awareness programmes. By adopting this method, I am sure these kids will become enlightened citizens.

-Meghana B, Mysore

## Drape yourself with the

### Mysore Silk Saree

The most attracting weakness of women is sarees and Mysore silk

sarees is another strong weak point for ladies and they become mesmerized for all the latest designs and colors in Mysore silk sarees. Additional to this the Mysore silk sarees are coming with scented flavors to attract the women and also make them to experience

variety happiness. One of the famous textile designer showrooms

of Chennai KSIC designed such fragrant sarees to attract the women. Among all the Mysore silk sarees the pattu sarees are very famous and also designer in appearance. These fragrant Mysore silk sarees are marketed in national and international all over the world. To design the sarees in fragrance, the material is exported from Japan with many flavors and the ladies can select their own fragrant sarees and design those sarees with their own taste.



- Deepika A M

## Delhi Challenger Open: Myneni loses to Roberts in title clash



Myneni's game fell apart.

The Indian lost 10 games in a row and the match was over in a jiffy.

Struggling to cope with the windy conditions, Saketh Myneni suffered a tame defeat to end runners-up at the Delhi Open, in New Delhi on Sunday. Fourth seed Myneni lost 3-6, 0-6 to Frenchman Stephane Roberts in the summit clash, which completed in under an hour at the DLTA Complex. Robert, who describes his game as 'casino tennis' as he takes a lot of risk going for his shots, was hardly challenged by the Indian and easily walked away with his first ever Challenger title on the hard court. All his titles have come on clay so far. The 35-year-old Robert, ranked 61 in 2010, had reached the third round at Australian Open as a qualifier and lost to World No 25 Gael Monfils. Myneni made a nervy start and it took him six minutes to hold serve in the beginning and that too after saving two breakpoints. He could never use his serve, which is his biggest weapon, and his strokes were also not up to the mark on the day. He tried hard to be in the contest but after losing five straight points between sixth and seventh games,

Myneni though earned 48 ranking points and is likely to break into top-150 for the first time in his career. Myneni, who ended runners-up in the doubles, said he was struggling to keep his body ready for the summit clash.

"I was struggling since last evening (after losing the doubles final) with my arm and movement. It just fell flat. I was trying to be in position for the shots but the conditions made it difficult. I always had to take that extra step. It was a tough match," Myneni said after the match.

"I could have played more inside the court. I took my chances. He was playing unorthodox. I was not there where I needed to be playing my strokes and he took advantage of that," he said, adding that he needs to "manage" his body before he leaves for China to play more Challengers. Roberts earned \$7200 and 80 ranking points for his title-winning effort.

-Meghana B,