

Respond to their suffering: Malala Yousafzai calls for peace in J-K

THE WIRE

NEW DELHI: A day after Pakistan significantly downgraded diplomatic ties with India over the latter scrapping Jammu and Kashmir's special status, Pakistani education rights activist Malala Yousafzai appealed for a peaceful resolution of the issue.

Malala, the Nobel peace prize-winner, published a two-page statement on Twitter, saying "we can all live in peace" and there is no need to "hurt each other".

The Indian government on Monday revoked Article 370 of the constitution that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the state into two Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

In response, Pakistan on Wednesday expelled the Indian High Commissioner over what it called were New Delhi's "unilateral and illegal" move.

In the back and forth that emerged since then, 22-year-old Malala who has been a



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Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist.

keen women's rights activist as well, put out an impassioned plea for de-escalation of the atmosphere of fear and suspicion in Jammu and Kashmir.

"South Asia is my home, a home I share with 1.8 billion people including Kashmiris," she said, noting that it was the women and children in Kashmir who were suffering the most since they are the "most vulnerable to violence and most likely to suffer losses in conflict".

She called on all South Asians, the international community and authorities to respond to their suffering.

"Whatever disagreement we may have... Must focus on peacefully resolving the seven-decade conflict in Kashmir," Malala said.

Even though Malala did not speak specifically on the scrapping of the special status and touched upon the broad theme of the Kashmir problem, her comments were retweeted and discussed widely on social media.

While terms like 'Malala' and 'Nobel' began trending, a section of Pakistani and Indian respondents criticised her for speaking on the issue at all.

Air India Express pilot abandons flight

DAJIWORLD

MANGALORE: In a bizarre incident that has occurred on Thursday, August 8, pilot of Air India Express flight IX 814 that was flying from Dubai to Mangaluru abandoned the flight at Coimbatore airport after landing saying that his duty time was over.

The flight was supposed to reach Mangaluru International Airport at 4.25 am. However, due to bad weather it was diverted to Coimbatore airport. Once the flight landed at

Coimbatore airport, the pilot left the flight saying that his duty hours were over.

As per latest updates from one of the fliers, the passengers and crew inside the aircraft are waiting for the new pilot since 5 am.

The passengers are made to sit inside the aircraft and have not served even water or food since 5 am of Thursday, August 8. The officials of the airline have said that they are calling in an alternate pilot to fly the aircraft and have asked the passengers to keep calm.

Tulu film *Belchappa* to hit screens on Friday in Mangalore, Udupi

ABHIMITHRA

MANGALORE: *Belchappa*, a Tulu romance drama film directed by Rajanish Devadiga and produced by Jayadurga production will be released on Friday in Mangalore and Udupi.

Director Rajanish Devadiga plays the male lead role in the film and Yashwini Devadiga and Sukanya play the female

lead characters. Arvind Bolar, popular comedy actor, will also be seen handling a pivotal role in the film.

Umesh Mijar, Deepak Rai and Praveen Merkameare are the co-actors.

Vikram Selwa has composed the music and Lakshmish Shetty has done the videography.

The entire shoot of the movie was completed in 14 days.

'Brandomania' gathers good response at BBA dept

SHWETA AND JESLIN

CAMPUS: Brandomania being held by the department of BBA of SAC has already finished two competitions—brand rangoli and brand wars. Events such as brand quiz, brand poster making will be held Friday.

"Brandomania was organised by the management association up till last year. From this year the department of BBA is organising it," said Ashitha Pinto from the department of BBA and the co-ordinator of Brandomania.

Brand rangoli competition held July 27 had teams of five members each where the time duration of one hour and fifteen minutes was given to each team.

For this competition students had to make logos of any existing company brands. "Importance was given to creativity and perfection," informed Ms Pinto.

Brand wars started on July 29 and lasted for four days. There were 12 teams in which



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Brandomania banner.

the team called 'Shield' won the brand wars with 194 votes followed by 'Jus Bae' with 122 votes. Voting was done by the students of BBA itself.

Each team included seven members where every team had to come up with their own products and brands using different strategies to promote and advertise their products.

"Every year we wait for Brandomania competition. There is always excitement among students. This year our team 'Shield' won in the brand wars competition with the highest votes which made us really happy," said Sadrush, a student of III BBA..

Samprathi-2019 national seminar of MSW department to focus on youth

JESLIN

CAMPUS: The Department of Social Work at SAC is organising 'Samprathi 2019', a two-day national seminar on September 26 and 27. The main theme of the event is 'Youth as catalysts in social change'.

"Samprathi means relevance. So every year we select a relevant topic. This year we chose this topic, as today we see youth getting into risk behaviours and are also influenced by other sources like religion, fundamentalism and so on. We want the youth to work on nation building rather than getting into risk behaviours like addiction, drugs and communal violence," said Dr Roshan Monteiro, from MSW department and convener of Samprathi 2019.

The hand-out issued as part of the seminar said that the aim of this seminar is to critically analyse challenges and issues faced by youth and encourage their participation by providing ways to ignite their zeal for na-

tion building which would immensely contribute to social, economic, political, cultural and spiritual spheres of our nation. The sub themes of the seminar include 'youth and skill development training', 'youth and ecological sustainability', 'youth and media', 'health concerns among youth', 'political maturity for social change and nation building in youth', 'youth in conflict with law' and 'youth and family life'.

"Apart from the seminar, the department is also organising skit competition, paper presentation and a panel session based on the theme and sub themes. For the paper presentation, importance is given to research based papers. Skit competition will be held on September 26 from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m., while paper presentation will be held on September 27 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by the panel session," informed Dr Loveena Lobo, from MSW department and director of Maffei Block.

Explaining about the panel

session, she said that a panel session is where a doctor may speak about risk behaviours in youth, a lawyer may talk about youth in conflict with law and a counselor who would share perspective on these risk behaviours in youth. Finally the event will end with an open discussion where the students can clarify their doubts, Dr Lobo said.

"We are looking forward to participants from colleges across Mangaluru, Kerala, Goa and Bengaluru. Since the theme is based on youth, we have involved Nehru Yuva Kendra group from Mangaluru, Indian Catholic Youth Movement of Mangaluru diocese and also Kerala Catholic Youth Movement," added Dr Monteiro.

Mr Vivian, a student convener for Samprathi from second year MSW said, "We had informed Roshan Sir, that we wanted the theme for this year to be based on youth and we are really excited about it as this is a good opportunity for us to get exposure."