

## Aloysian fests kickstarted; campus in celebratory mood

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**CAMPUS:** SAC began its national level 'Aloysian Fest' on Thursday. The three-day fest commenced with a formal inaugural programme. The chief guest for the occasion was Ester Noronha, actress.

In her inaugural address she said, "This fest brings out energy and talent among youth. I see so much life here with enthusiastic and energetic students all geared up to unleash their talents during the fest."

Advising student, she also added, "During the Fest, winning is not important, but your participation that counts. Academics is important, together you need to shine in co-curricular activities, and Fests like this one, is an opportunity to explore your talents and art. We need to remain human in the process."

Mr Ester further said, "I like what I am doing, and I always keep myself busy. So I ask you all to indulge yourself in various activities and keep yourself occupied. Don't Just Live Your Life, Celebrate Your Life."

"The inauguration was made in a unique way by unlocking the treasure in the box by the

chief guest and then the different coordinators had to take the name and hang it in the white space," said Nicole, a student from Journalism department.

"This 'Aloysian Fest 2019' comprises fests such as 'Art-

was delivered by Narayan Bhat.

"College fest is the most effective way of bringing the youth under a safe platform and enhancing their social interaction. This time also stu-

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**Actress Ester Noronha at the inaugural ceremony of Aloysian fest at SAC on Thursday.**

Beat' from the departments of Arts, 'Acme' from the department of Commerce, 'Composite' from the department of BCA, 'Imprints' from the department of sciences, 'Spinout' from the department of BBA, 'Astivva', the cultural fest of all the faculties and 'Aloysiad', the sports fest. This fest helps every Aloysian to participate in a single platform," said Jini, vice-president of the student council.

A cordial welcome speech

dents have brought many innovative ideas which help them in building their creativity," said Narayan Bhat, the fest coordinator.

"Being a final year student, I got many opportunities to explore myself with various activities through the fest. Almost 13 colleges have participated for Composite 2K19 which is a great achievement for us," said Ayyappa PC, a student of BCA.

## Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru districts get good first rainfall

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**MADIKERI:** First rainfall of this year was experienced in several parts of Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru districts on Wednesday February 6. As the rainfall brought respite from heat, people naturally felt happy.

Madikeri got drizzle in the evening while areas around Napoklu got normal rainfall. Mudigere, N R Pura and some

villages around Koppa in Chikkamagaluru district also got some rain.

Even though the rainfall made other happy, coffee growers are upset at the prospects of the coffee harvest spread out in the courtyards for drying getting wet. Rain also causes ripe pepper to fall off the vines to the ground and result in losses for growers.

Malnad region was experiencing cloudy weather since

the last two to three days, but no one expected rain to appear. Ran coupled with thunder which Napoklu and nearby areas got on Wednesday afternoon therefore made the coffee, pepper growers worried.

Kodagu used to get first rain of the year during March or April. These rains were welcome as they helped coffee plants to grow.

## New Udupi deputy commissioner takes charge

**DAJIWORLD**

**UDUPI:** Hepsiba Rani Korlapati took charge as the deputy commissioner (DC) of Udupi on Thursday, February 7.

The earlier DC, Priyanka Mary Francis, was transferred and posted as director, department of Tourism, Bengaluru.

Hepsiba was previously serving as the managing director, Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), Hubballi-Dhar-



**Hepsiba Rani Korlapati at her new office in Udupi.**

wad.

Hepsiba did her BA from

Osmania University, Hyderabad and MA in Geography from Delhi School of Economics.

Hepsiba is from Basavakalyan in Bidar district but hails from Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh.

She is an IAS officer of the 2011 batch. She secured the 20th rank in IAS. She has also served as assistant commissioner in Bidar district.

## Outreach programme on fisheries industry taxation held

**DAJIWORLD**

**MANGALORE:** An outreach programme on 'Taxation and Compliance Issues in the Fisheries Industry' was held at Indian Medical Association House at Attavar on Thursday, February 7, organised by Income Tax department, Mangaluru.

Addressing the gathering, principal commissioner of Income Tax, Narottam Mishra said, "Fish industries gives maximum implanting to people as they provide food in the coastal belt. But the analysis of the tax contribution made by this sector is very minimal. We are not here to harass people, but to ensure that tax is being paid by people who are capable enough to pay tax.

"As there are only a handful of literate people in this sector, we need to be careful while dealing them. They depend mostly on cash transactions. When farmers have accounts in their banks, why do fishermen not have the same? This is not acceptable. This practice has to be changed.

"Why to have phobia of IT? We are the stake holders of nation building. We are here to help you. If you approach us, file IT returns on time and have

proper documentation, there will be no question of IT phobia," he said.

Sessions were conducted on various topics during the outreach programme.

In a session on taxation issues in fisheries, deputy commissioner of Income Tax Circle 2 Mangaluru, Srinivas said, "Fisheries is an important sector and tax is being collected for a good cause. Earlier, many were afraid of income tax department and even now there are a few who are scared of the IT department. Tax payers should be aware of the IT act. There are a lot of questions asked on why there is no exemption for fisheries. There is no restriction for fishermen, but there are restrictions for traders. Always you need to remember that your balance sheet needs to be strong which will help to avail loans."

Talking in a session on Black Money and Benami act, deputy director of Income Tax, DD wing, Mangaluru, Sharif said, "The Black Money Act has provisions to deal with the problem of black money in the form of undisclosed foreign income and assets. The Act helps in imposing of tax on any undisclosed foreign income and assets held outside India."

## Amma to bless devotees in Mangalore on March 8 and 9

**RESHMA BABU**

**MANGALORE:** Shri Amritanandamayi Devi, popularly known as Amma, will be blessing devotees in the city, and will participate in Brahmasthana Mahotsava programme on March 8 and 9 in Amrita Vidyalaya grounds at Sultan Bathery.

As stated in the press release issued by the Mata Amritanandamayi Mat, on the occasion of *Brahmasthan Mahotsava*, varieties of pooja's and other religious programmes would be conducted for two days from morning till evening.

On February 10 there will be a preparatory meeting for *Amritha Sangama* and *Brahmasthan Mahotsava* which would be held in Amritavidyalaya auditorium.

Prasad Raj Kanchan, convenor of the programme, said:



**Mata Amritanandamayi**

"A preparatory meeting will be called in order to prepare for the smooth functioning of this programme and we also expect thousands of devotees to come by to receive blessings from Amma and the darshan is expected to begin by 11 in the morning."

He further said, "Amma is famed for her selfless service, and with her compassion and care for the poor, she has won many hearts."