

D K Shivakumar's arrest: supporters take to violence

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BENGALURU: Following D K Shivakumar's arrest, Karnataka Congress called for a state-wide bandh on Wednesday, September 4. The Congress troubleshooter was placed in arrest by ED under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The reaction of the arrests was observed among the Congress supporters who carried out protests across Karnataka. The protests grew violent in Bengaluru's Rural and Ramanagaram districts, well-known as Shivakumar's strongholds.

The supporters wreaked havoc by stoning four KSRTC buses and blocking the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. To avoid catastrophe, the districts' schools and colleges are shut.

On Tuesday night in Satnur, 16 buses were torched and stoned. Sensing the gravity of the situation, state police asked the Karnataka State Road

Corporation (KSRTC) to not run any buses in Ramanagara until the situation is under control.

The KSRTC buses running for Mysuru-Bengaluru have now been directed to operate via Magadi, Huliurudurga.



The damage caused to KSRTC bus.

The state police have paused the services of public buses at Bidadi.

To police have released information about the roadblock mentioning that the Bengaluru-Ramanagaram-Mysuru road has been blocked due to protests at the Ijoor circle.

Meanwhile, considering the

rage building up among the Congress supporters in Karnataka, security tightened around chief minister BS Yediyurappa's residence and a couple of other BJP offices in Congress' strongholds.

On Wednesday, DK Shivakumar will be presented here before the court after which the ED will seek his custody. The news of the arrest was tweeted from DK Shivakumar's official handle as being 'politically motivated'.

"I appeal to my party cadre, supporters and well-wishers to not be disheartened as I have done nothing illegal. I have full faith in God and in our country's judiciary and am very confident that I will emerge victorious both legally and politically against this vendetta politics," said another tweet.

"The arrest of Shri DK Shivakumar is yet another attempt by the government to distract the public from failed policies and the state of the economy," the opposition party tweeted.

Education aid distributed

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MANGALORE: Kanara Catholic Educational Co-operative Society, Mangaluru, which will be celebrating its 75

He gave a message on adolescent problems and not being serious about studies.

"I warned the parents to wake up from slumber and keep an eye on their children"



Students who received scholarship at Catholic Centre.

years in 2020, distributed education aid to students at Catholic Centre, Hampankatta on Monday.

President Rudolph D'silva welcomed the gathering. He also gave a brief history of the society. The chief guest was Ronald Gomes, District Governor, Lions Club. He distributed education aid of Rs.1000 each to 68 students as an encouragement for students who belong to the poor section of society.

against drugs, mobile addiction in reference to the Lions programme called Quest meant for adolescent children. I was happy to see their innocent faces," said Ronald Gomes, chief guest of the event while talking to campus beat.

"They should have reduced the number of students and increased the fund so that it could be used for all their school expenses," he added.

Forum Chess wiz 3 at Forum Fiza mall

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MANGALORE: After organising many competitions like junior chef champ, spell bee champ, Forum Fiza mall will hold Forum Chess Wiz season 3 on Saturday and Sunday. This is for students under 15 age category. The registration fee is Rs100.

Aneesha Sheik, chartered financial analyst at Forum Fiza mall said, "The main aim of the competitions to strengthen students' mental growth and to maintain healthy competition among them. Last year's participation was overwhelming for us." She also added, "The registration should be done before Friday."

The top ten players will be awarded trophies and merit certificates. The chess programme is sponsored by Planet Super Hero chain of stores. The organisers are expecting more number of participants this year.

Amazon India aims to eliminate single-use plastic packaging by June 2020

THE HINDU

NEW DELHI: E-commerce giant Amazon India on Wednesday said it aims to eliminate single-use plastic from its packaging by June 2020 as part of its sustainability efforts in the country.

The move comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to shun single-use plastic to protect the environment.

Amazon, which is locked in an intense battle for market leadership against Walmart-owned Flipkart, said less than 7% of the packaging in Amazon fulfilment centres (FCs or warehouses) now is single-use plastic in nature.

"Amazon India is committed to a sustainable supply chain that leverages technology to build solutions that optimise the use of packaging material, reduce waste and create eco-friendly packaging," Amazon India Vice President, Customer Fulfillment, Akhil Saxena said.

He added that Amazon India will introduce 'paper cushions'

that will replace plastic dunnage like air pillows and bubble wraps across its FCs in India.

This environment-friendly and fully-recyclable packaging solution has already been



Amazon will aim for a plastic free 2020.

launched in select warehouses will be extended across all Amazon FCs in the country by the year-end, he said.

Rival Flipkart had last week said it has reduced its usage of single-use plastic by 25% across its packaging value chain and, as it aims to move towards 100% recycled plastic consumption in its supply chain by March 2021.

Saxena said the company is

also committed to collecting plastic, equivalent to all of the plastic packaging material used by the Amazon Fulfilment network in the country, from September 2019.

This is an extension of the initiative which has been underway in Maharashtra for about a year.

During his monthly radio address Mann ki Baat, PM Modi had urged people to observe the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi this year as a day to make India plastic-free and exhorted municipalities, NGOs and the corporate sector to come up with ways for safe disposal of accumulated plastic waste before Diwali.

Saxena explained that Amazon India is aggressively developing plastic-free alternatives for packaging mailers, bubble bags, stretch wrap and tape used in the packaging which will help the company eliminate all forms of plastic used in its packaging.

"We will also help educate our sellers who directly fulfil customer orders," he added.

Radio Sarang to hold 'Yuva Kavi Goshti'

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CAMPUS: Community Radio Sarang along with the department of Kannada of SAC is organising a poetry writing competition 'Yuva Kavi Goshti' on Saturday. The programme will be held Robert Sequeira hall.

Chandrakala Nandavara, veteran Kannada poet and writer and Wilson Kateel, Konkani poet, will be the chief guests for the programme. The competition is conducted as part of Radio Sarang's decennial celebration.

"This competition is an inspiration to the students and will help in bringing out their talents," said Dr Saraswathi Kumari, HOD of Kannada department and one of the coordinators of the competition.

"This competition will enable students to develop their language skills in Kannada and to prepare great poets for the future," said Abhishek Shetty Padil, Kannada programme producer at Radio Sarang.