

Maha Ganesh Utsava at Nehru maidan gathers lakhs of devotees

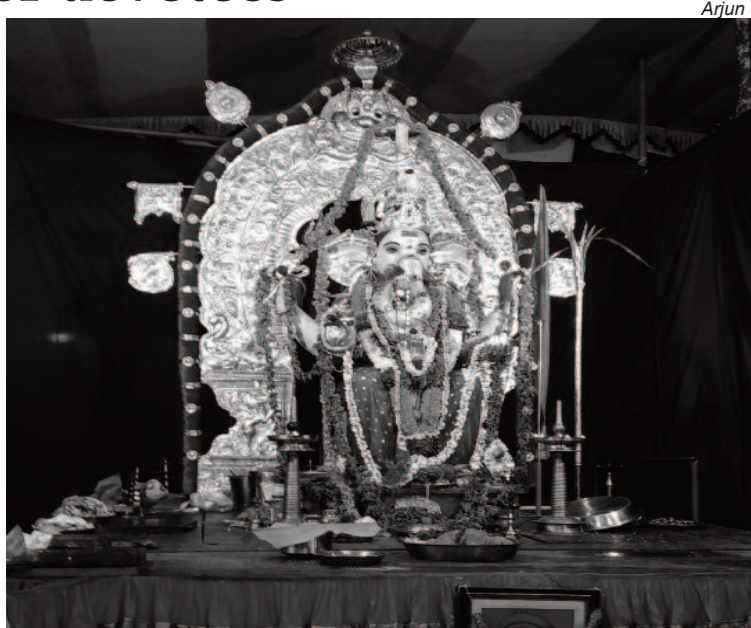
ANJANA and ARJUN

MANGALORE: Maha Ganesh Utsava, a festival organised by the Hindu Yuvasena, Mangalore has been taking place at Nehru Maidan from September 2 and will proceed until September 8.

The weeklong celebration begins with morning pooja at 8 a.m. followed by mahapoojas at 12 p.m. and 9 p.m. This festival has been celebrated since twenty seven years.

The festival includes many cultural, religious and social programmes like dance, drama, devotional orchestra, Yakshagana and various performances by differently-abled children. The uniqueness of celebrations here is that it has one of the biggest eco-friendly Ganesha idol.

The Hindu Yuvasena provides social services like free ambulance services as part of Maha Ganesh Utsava. They have been conducting a blood donation camp with the help of



Eco-friendly Idol of Ganesha installed at Nehru Maidan.

Red Cross and hospitals like KMC, AJ and Wenlock since the last two years.

“Last year we collected 505 units of blood. This year our target is to increase that to 1000 units. We have collected around 600 units of blood,” said Rakesh K, a member of Hindu Yuvasena.

The members of 167 shakhas of Hindu Yuvasena are as-

signed to do the duties for the smooth functioning of the festival. “The young members of Hindu Yuvasena are the backbone of Maha Ganesh Utsava.

“Every year we are witnessing a gradual increase in the participation of devotees. This year we are expecting around 3 lakh devotees,” said Santhosh, another member of the organization.

Students stand for better Mangalore

DURGA

CAMPUS: SAC NSS students along with Students for Development organized ‘Idea conclave for better Mangalore’ here on Friday. The theme for conclave was ‘Swacch Bharat – Swacch Mangalore – Swacch Campus’.

The programme was inaugurated by Mohammed Nazir, commissioner, Mangalore city Corporation and was presided by Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Principal. Krishnaprasad Madthila, director of Campco was the guest of honor for this event.

During the event students from SAC, Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara (SDM) Law College, Sharada College, Roshni Nilaya, Vivekananda College participated in the competitions. SAC stood victorious for the poster/model presentation on the topic ‘Swacch Bharat – Swacch

Mangalore – Swacch Campus’. SAC again bagged the first place for street play on the topic ‘dengue, globalisation, control of plastic’. Sharada College won the award for their short movie on the topic ‘Swacch Bharat – Swacch Mangalore – Swacch Campus’.

Mr Madthila in his speech said, “Students should be involved in conservation of nature, making Mangalore a better place.” He also added that it was important to cultivate the idea of environment conservation among youngsters.

Jyothsana from I B.Sc shared her opinion regarding the event in the following words: “It motivated me to do something for the environment and made me aware of my responsibilities as a youngster.”

Tushar from SDM Law College proposed the vote of thanks.

Sasikanth Senthil resigns

MANGALORE: IAS officer and deputy commissioner (DC) of Dakshina Kannada Sasikanth Senthil tendered his resignation on Friday, September 6 citing personal reasons. Sasikanth Senthil S, an IAS officer of the 2009 batch, hails from Tamil Nadu and has previously served as DC of Raichur.



Sasikanth Senthil

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Exploring myths: English dept to hold national symposium

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CAMPUS: The UG department of English at SAC is organising a national symposium on the topic ‘Mythic worlds, Modern words: order, divergence and subversion’ from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 20. Different lectures on the topics ‘Spaces and nationalities: Myths and their implications’, ‘Understanding Myths: A Levi Straussian approach’, ‘The nature of Myth and the modernist double bind’ will be delivered by Dr Etienne Rassendren, associate professor, St Joseph’s College, Bangalore, Dr Raghavan Payyanad, former head of the department of folklore, Calicut University, Kozhikode and Dr Jibu Mathew George, assistant professor, School of Literary Studies, Hyderabad.

“Myths have sustained some kind of value throughout history and have always fascinated people. In the study of Greek literature, we see a lot of

mythical gods, goddesses and creatures. Similar myths are also seen in Ramayana and Mahabharata. All these can be read as a mythical text. They are stories which lead to supernatural and superhuman powers,” said Dr Ratan Mohunta, HOD of the department and convener of the programme.

The department is also organising ‘Call for papers’, that is paper presentations on the sub themes ‘myths and alternative histories’, ‘mythic tradition and cultural symbolism’, ‘myth, cult and the supernatural’, ‘myth and modern religions’, ‘myth and modernity: cultural contradictions’ and ‘myth, language and the question of truth in philosophy’.

“A lot of myths are also used as a concept for many films, animated movies and comics. We wanted to explore those elements and to understand why many people have this renewed interest in mythology,” added Dr Mohunta.

Students learn to make paper bags at SavayavaSapthaha



Students with the paper bags they made at the workshop.

MUFIDHA

CAMPUS: A workshop on paper bags making was conducted by the department of Botany and Zoology at the programme SavayavaSapthaha on Thursday at SAC. It was conducted by the ecology club.

The first segment was the workshop where around 50 students came together and learnt how to make paper bags. The resource person was Glavin Thomas Rodriguez, a former student of SAC who is doing masters in Mangalore University.

The aim was to mix creativity and recycling. Akshatha, UG student who attended the workshop said, “It was actually a pleasant experience and everyone learned a lot. These paper bags will later be handed

over to college authorities.”

The second segment was a talk on organic farming. It was delivered by PrabhakarMayya Surya, a former high school teacher who quit and took up organic farming.

He talked to students on how to implement organic farming, mixed crop cultivation and water conservation. He gave insights into organic farming and natural remedies to prevent plant diseases.

Kiran Viti.K.from Zoology department and in charge of the programme said, “The workshop was conducted to implement primitive ideas so they can convert any biodegradable material into usable form.” He also added, “If it interests the students they can later on focus on it too.”

Gandhi Foundation holds guppy campaign

ABHIMITHRA and RASHMI

MANGALORE: Mahatma Gandhi Peace Foundation (MGPF) and Mangalore environmentalist committee conducted a guppy fish campaign to control dengue and malaria. It was held on Friday, at MGPF, Tagore park.

The campaign was inaugurated by Gayathri Naik, deputy commissioner, Mangalore City Corporation. The chief guests of the campaign were Sadanandha Shetty, president of MGPF, Prabhakar Shiyan, president of Bharath Sevalal and Suresh Shetty, member of NGO task force, Mangalore.

The programme was held to give awareness about dengue, malaria and also to give information about good features of guppy fish. “Guppy is a type of fish which eats mosquito larvae that are on the surface of water. The main aim of the campaign is to control dengue and malaria by cultivating guppy fish,” said Ms Naik.

The students of MSW, St Aloysius College also took part in this campaign. The guppy fish will be distributed freely to anyone who asks for it, the organisers said.