

Independence Day celebrated at SAC



Vaishali

Independence Day celebrations at SAC on Thursday.

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CAMPUS: College celebrated the 73rd Independence Day despite the torrential rain. Dr Sarawathi Kumari, HOD Kannada department was the chief guest of the event. The three wings of NCC showcased their marching skills through their parade.

The chief guest recalled many of the events that led to the Independence of India. She said "The colonisers who came to India for business viciously exploited us. They spread the scientific civilisation

in India and fascinated us. India became the home of conflict and this conflict took place in every corner of the country." She added that even though India got Independence on August 15 1947 it is still bound by many evils such as corruption, casteism and economic deterioration.

Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ, Principal of the College said that citizens should not take freedom for granted. Winners of Loyola week competitions organised by AICUF were awarded prizes during the ceremony.

Bicycle rally mark I-Day in Mangaluru

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MANGALORE: Various organisations and associations ushered in the spirit of the Independence Day by celebrating unmindful of heavy rain in Mangaluru on Thursday.

Mangalore Bicycle Club (MBC) organised a special ride to mark the day. It commenced from Lalbogh after being flagged off by Col. (ret'd) Sharath Bhandary in the presence of club president Dijaraj Nair and others. A delighted Col. Bhandary complimented the club members for their presence in large numbers despite heavy rain early in the morning and stressed the importance of every citizen contributing to the nation's growth.

At Palakkad, Divisional Railway Manager Pratap Singh Shami hoisted the tricolour in the presence of senior officials and students from Railway Mixed Higher Secondary School.

The ceremonial parade was conducted by Railway Protection Force personnel, Scouts and Guides, and students. This

was followed by a host of cultural programmes.

Konkan Railway Corporation CMD Sanjay Gupta hoisted the national flag at the corporation headquarters in



Ceremonial parade on Independence Day.

Navi Mumbai in the presence of officers and staff. He urged the staff to work hard to contribute towards national growth.

All of them resolved to strive to achieve excellence in all spheres of service.

Unfurling the flag at the Corporation Bank headquarters in Mangaluru, the bank's MD and CEO P.V. Bharathi said it was an occasion for everyone to rededicate themselves towards national development. She also conveyed her Raksha Bandhan

PM assures central aid to flood-hit Karnataka

THE HINDU

NEWDELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday assured Karnataka of central aid to speed up relief works in the state's flood-hit districts, an official said.

"Modi assured Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa of releasing central funds for relief works in the state and rushing an official team to assess the damage caused by heavy rains and floods across the state," an official of the Chief Minister's office told IANS in Bengaluru.

Yediyurappa met Modi at the official residence of the Prime Minister in the national capital along with a delegation, comprising Union Ministers from the state, the ruling BJP leaders, including MLAs and MPs. "During the 40-minute meeting, the chief minister briefed Modi on the extensive damage caused by the heavy monsoon rains and floods in the coastal, central, south and northwest regions of the state for over a fortnight," said the official. Thanking the Prime Minister for his quick response to the



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PM Modi at official residence.

state's appeal for more funds to mitigate the hardship being faced by the people in the affected regions, Yediyurappa told reporters that the central government would release initial funds at the earliest.'

"We have explained to Modi about the massive flood caused due to excess water released from southwest Maharashtra reservoirs, which were overflowing due to heavy rains in their catchment areas over a fortnight" Yediyurappa told reporters in New Delhi.

In a detailed report submitted to Modi, Yediyurappa said the state government has sought

Rs 10,000 crore relief funds from the Centre to rebuild houses, buildings, roads, highways, schools, state-run hospitals that were damaged in the 22 of the state's 30 districts.

Catching the people and the newly-formed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in the state-off guard, torrential rains and floods wreaked havoc, leaving behind a trail of devastation across the state.

"The natural calamity has led to the loss of 867 animals, evacuation of about 6.8-lakh people and shifting of 3.6 lakh people to 943 relief camps and rescuing 51,460 animals," added the official.

Coastal districts register good rainfall

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MANGALORE: The city experienced good rains in the morning and afternoon. Many other places in the district like Dharmasthala, Puttur, Sullia, Bantwal and Ullal too got good rain. Places like Kollur, Kundapur, Karkala and Padubidri in Udupi districts got torrential rains.

Coastal areas, many places in south interior Karnataka and some places in north interior Karnataka also got good rains. Karwar received 17 cm rain, Kundapur and Siddapur got 11 cm, Kollur 10, Beltangady and Kota got 9 cm while Mangaluru received six cm rainfall during this period. On Thursday August 15, the coastal districts received good rains.

'Monsoon Raga' in Mangalore

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MANGALURU: Sangeet Bharati Foundation, Mangaluru is organising 'Monsoon Raga', a music concert for all music enthusiasts in the city. The concert will be held on Sunday, at 6 p.m. at Dhyana Mandira, Sharada Vidyalaya, Kodialbail.

All eyes will be on the vocal concert of Sri Sanjoy Banerjee from Kolkata who is accompanied by Narendra L. Nayak (harmonium) and Hindole Majumdar (tabla) and Shadaj Godkhindi from Bengaluru, performing on flute, accompanied by Roopak Kallurkar (tabla).

"The programme being co-

sponsored by Expert Group of Institutions, aims at providing the best experience for fervent lovers of music.

We have certain seasonal ragas in Hindustani music. For the monsoon season there are Malhars associated with rain," said Ustad Rafique Khan, well known Indian musician and co-owner of Sangeet Bharati Foundation.

"This is an occasion for an artist to showcase their talent and also a thrilling experience and a rare opportunity for the music lovers to listen to such seasonal ragas," he added. There is no entry fee or passes for the concert. Seats will be made available on first come first serve basis.