

Chemistry has many avenues, says Ranga Rao

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CAMPUS: "While chemistry is created on a gram scale in a laboratory, I take it to a few thousand scales on a manufacturing site," said Ranga Rao, head of the commercial manufacturing unit, SYNGENE International, Mangalore. Mr Rao graced the inaugural of 'Analyst 2019', a national level chemistry fest for undergraduate and postgraduate students conducted by the Alchemy association here on Thursday, February 22.

Being in the industry for the last 26 years, Mr Rao has been associated with companies like Jubilant, Ranbaxy and Mylan. He completed his chemical engineering six years ago and he said that he was very happy to see so many chemists attending the fest. He further said that, at SYNGENE they were trying to develop world-class technologies and his expertise lay in scaling up these technologies as per the latest guidelines.

"A new manufacturing site is being set up in Mangalore

which will be according to the recent guidelines of industry i.e. it is going to be a zero discharge site which means no pollutants will come out of the site. A lot of green chemistry has scaled up in this site," added Mr Rao.

SYNGENE is also working

and explained that even after working for 26 years he still had a lot to achieve and learn.

"Analyst, a one-day fest is conducted every year in order to improvise chemistry as a subject. This year the event has many competitions like quiz, Chemistry rangoli, seminar,

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Ranga Rao addressing the audience at Analyst 2K19 held at LCRI hall at SAC on Friday.

with globally known Pharma companies like GSK to help the company develop green technology and have efficient energy generation systems. He said that he wanted more students to be part of this industry, and he gave his own example

collage making, documentary-making, face painting and more," said Divya Deepti Monteiro, head of the publicity committee.

Mr Ranga Rao said that he was keen to meet the students at the campus placements.

Elixir 19 fest at AJ Institute

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MANGALURU: A J Institute of Management (AJIM) is organising the national level management fest *Elixir 19* on Wednesday and Thursday at conference hall in the college campus.

The inauguration is at 9:30 a.m. and this fest will be inaugurated by Dr P.L. Dharma, from the department of Political Science and chairman, department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Mangalore University and Prashanth Shetty, vice president of Laxmi memorial education trust (LMET).

According to the press release, for this fest, students from 25 educational institutions are likely to be present. The valedictory programme will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday and the guest joining this function will be Ashritha P Shetty, Director of LMET and Saujanya Hegde, a coastalwood actress.

She also will be distributing

awards for the winners.

Karthik P Shenoy, a student co-ordinator of AJIM said, "This is a management fest which is also conducted by other colleges and the events conducted for this management fest are best manager, photography, HR and treasure hunt."

He further added that fifteen colleges had registered for now and also the registration can be done with the help of the link provided by the management. "There are 67 rounds and the students who win these rounds will be awarded in the end," said Prof. Mahesh P G, faculty co-ordinator of AJIM.

The Institute is offering Two-year full time MBA programme, affiliated to Mangalore University and recognised by AICTE, New Delhi and Govt. of Karnataka.

It is the Philosophy of the Institution that, true education can take place only when thirst for knowledge is kindled from within.

'Chalo App' launched in Mangaluru to help get better bus services

DAIJIWORLD

MANGALURU: Deputy commissioner Sasikanth Senthil launched 'Chalo App' at Hotel Ocean Pearl here on Monday, February 25.

'Chalo App', a unique application that is used in Ola Cabs, has been introduced for private buses that run in the city. Using the app, one can track bus routes, and arrival time of buses so that passengers can board the buses where they want to.

Addressing the gathering, deputy commissioner Sasikanth Senthil said, "This app will help the public to avail bus services in an efficient manner. We get to hear a lot of complaints from general public with regard to private buses. This app will maintain a healthy relationship between 'Chalo App' works similarly like the app that is used in Ola cabs. This app will be connected to the GPS that will be installed in all the buses that ply in the city. When the per-

Documentary *Period. End of sentence* bags Oscars

THE NEWS MINUTE

CALIFORNIA: *Period. End of Sentence*, an India-set film on the taboos around menstruation and featuring the real 'Pad Man', picked up an Oscar in Documentary Short Subject category at the 91st Academy Awards ceremony.

The film, backed by Indian producer Guneet Monga's Sikhya Entertainment, is about women in India fighting against the deeply rooted stigma of menstruation and delving upon the work of real-life 'Pad Man' Arunachalam Muruganathan.

Directed by award-winning Iranian-American filmmaker Rayka Zehtabchi, the film is created by The Pad Project, an organisation established by an inspired group of students at the Oakwood School in Los Angeles and their teacher, Melissa Berton. The 26-minute film follows girls and women in Hapur in northern India and their experience with the installation of a pad machine in their village. It was pitted

against *Black Sheep*, *End Game*, *Lifeboat* and *A Night At The Garden*.

"I can't believe a film about menstruation just won an Oscar," Zehtabchi said as she got up on the stage to accept the honour.

Zehtabchi and Berton accepted the award with their inspiring words. "I'm not crying because I'm on my period or anything."

A Netflix documentary, *Period. End of Sentence* is executive produced by Guneet Monga and is co-produced by Monga's Sikhya Entertainment, which has backed films like *The Lunchbox*. The Indian producer even got a huge shout out from the team while accepting the award.

"Guneet Monga - know that you have been empowering women all over the world fight for menstrual equality," Zehtabchi said. Berton dedicated the award to her school, saying "the project was born because her students in LA and people in India wanted to make a human rights difference".

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There is also an option of trip plan, for example if you want to go to Ullal, we can find out

phones.

Global Positioning System (GPS) is installed in 320 buses out of 350 buses in the city. Passengers now can track the movement of buses. Instead of waiting at bus stops, we can trace the arrival time and can reach the bus stand to the said time in the app. Even passengers can trace if the buses

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'Chalo App' is now in Mangaluru.

the bus numbers, where to board the bus and ticket price details.

There is also SOS system in the app in case of emergency situations. 'Chalo App' is available at Play Store and can be downloaded in android cell

change their normal route.

DCP Uma Prashanth, MCC commissioner Mohammed Nazir, president of Dakshina Kannada Bus Operators' Association Dilraj Alva and others were present. Passengers and bus operators."