

Chaos calmed, City Centre mall back to business

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MANGALORE: After the mild fire appeared at City Centre Mall and extinguished sub-

normal now. The fire was seen on the fourth floor of the mall in a food shop.

It is said that short circuit was the reason for the fire. There was no casualty.

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Fire seen on the fourth floor of the mall building

sequently, the flow of people to the shops in the mall is back to as usual. Though there was some panic initially during the appearance of fire, later it was learnt that it was a mild fire in a food shop and there was no danger to anyone in the building. There was some traffic disruption on K S Rao Road for some time. But due to timely management by police personnel, vehicular traffic is back to

Fire Brigade from Pandeshwar reached on time to extinguish fire.

The witnesses say that panic-stricken people at the mall ran frantically once the thick smoke begun engulfing the entire mall, slowly.

Several cylinders had been stocked up in the mall for the functioning of the reticulated gas connection to the Food Court.

ISKCON Balarama Ratha Yatra on Saturday

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Mangalore: The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is organising the 16th annual Sri Krishna Balarama Ratha Yatra festival on Saturday at Temple square, Sri Venkataramana Temple, Car Street, Mangalore.

The function will held in the presence of Vidya Prasanna Theertha Sripadaru, Subrahmanya Mutt, Kukke Subrahmanya and Madhu Pandit Dasa, President of ISKCON and chairman of Akshaya Patra Foundation.

"About 7000-8000 devotees

will join the Ratha yatra. About 10,000 packets of prasadam will be distributed from the Ratha and 8000 Donna prasadam additionally will be distributed behind the Ratha," said Sreelatha Nath, staff of Akshaya Patra Foundation.

"The entire procession will be spiritually powered by the loud and ecstatic chanting and reciting of the Hare Krishna Hare Rama kirtans by the devotees, accompanied by dancing in front of the chariot by the followers. The public can offer flowers, fruits, lamps etc to the Lord," she further added.

Producer Raj Kumar Barjatya passes away



Raj Kumar Barjatya, the father of filmmaker Sooraj Barjatya and producer of films such as

Hum Aapke Hain Koun, *Hum Saath-Saath Hain* and *Vivaah*, passed away on Thursday after suffering a cardiac arrest. He worked in the industry as a producer and mostly backed films directed by his son Sooraj.

The 75-year-old breathed his last at Sir H. N Reliance Foundation, an official from Rajshri productions told PTI.

Kota to host Udyog mela, February 24

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UDUPI: A district-level udyog mela will be held at the Viveka Pre-University College at Kota in Udupi district on February 24, Sunday.

Kota Srinivas Poojary, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, told media on Feb 20, Wednesday that the mela will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m, and around 1,500 candidates have registered.

Among the over 70 companies that are slated to participate are HP, Wipro, IBM, HDFC, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Hinduja Global and Infosys.

Raghavendra, PMKVY centre head, said that of the 70 companies, which would participate in the mela, 20 were technical, the rest were non-technical.

The candidates should bring at least five copies of their resume, he said.

Committees meet to prepare for College Day

HARSHITA

CAMPUS: The third meeting of the College day committee members took place at the conference room on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The meeting was headed by Principal Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ and Rajgopal Bhat, HOD of Chemistry department, who is the teacher in charge of the programme.

-It was agreed in the meeting that for the College day which is scheduled to take place on March 8, the theme would be ecology and environment and there would be focus on the common home for the entire mankind. "This is a very important event for our College. Minute by minute details should be looked into to ensure everything is the best," said Fr Martis. He further recommended to the committee that as March 8 is women's day, the theme of the day should be associated with it.

All the sub-committee members gave a detailed report about the progress of their activities so far. Dr Loveena Lobo, Director of Maffei

Block, who is in charge of the script committee said, "By February 25 the entire script for the programme will be finalised and handed over to the other committees."

All detail of the programme including prize distribution, discipline, invitations, MC and video presentation were discussed in detail by the Deans and the HODs. "We should give more importance to the discipline of the students, because last time there was a lot of commotion in the sides of the stage during the inauguration and this time it should not happen," said Dr A.M. Narahari, the Registrar.

Last year's programme was reviewed so that mistakes would be avoided. "This year we took the theme of environment and ecology as we got the third ranking in Swachh Campus and we are also trying to bring down noise pollution and hence there won't be any Chende to welcome the guests," said Renison Lobo, President of the student council.

Tri-weekly express train set on tracks

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MANGALORE: MP Nalin Kumar Kateel flagged off the new tri-weekly express train between Mangaluru-Yashwanthpur here at Mangaluru Central railway station on Thursday, February 21, and also laid the foundation stone for extension and raising of platform 1 and 2 at Kabaka Puttur station, extension and raising of platform 1 at Bantwal station and foot overbridge at Subramanya road.

Addressing the gathering, Nalin Kumar Kateel said, "After independence, the development of railways was slow in pace. But in the last five years, there has been tremendous development. Dakshina Kannada has got over Rs 1,500 crore for development and in the coming days, Mangaluru Central railways station will also be developed.

The development work of Jeppu Mahakalipadpu will soon be completed as MCC has allotted funds and the rail-

way department gave green signal for the same." Speaking over the issue of incomplete national highway, he said, "The development works of Talapady to Goa stretch until

Mangaluru South MLA Vedavyas Kamath said, "The demand of coastal region regarding railways has been fulfilled by flagging off the tri-weekly train.

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MP Nalin Kumar flagging off the new tri-weekly express

Kundapur was given to Navayuga Company under BOT (Build Operate Transfer). Hence, they should pay from their own pockets and complete the work. They should also collect toll fees for 35 years and hand over the On February 26, joint secretary will review the national highway and speedy work will be undertaken. By this year, Pumpwell and Thokkottu fly-over will be completed."

People should utilise the facility. Other than this, there are a lot of demands which will soon be fulfilled under the leadership of MP Nalin Kumar Kateel."

Mayor Bhaskar Moily said, "This the new tri-weekly express train between Mangaluru-Yashwanthpur is a facility provided for public. The railway department should support us in all development works."