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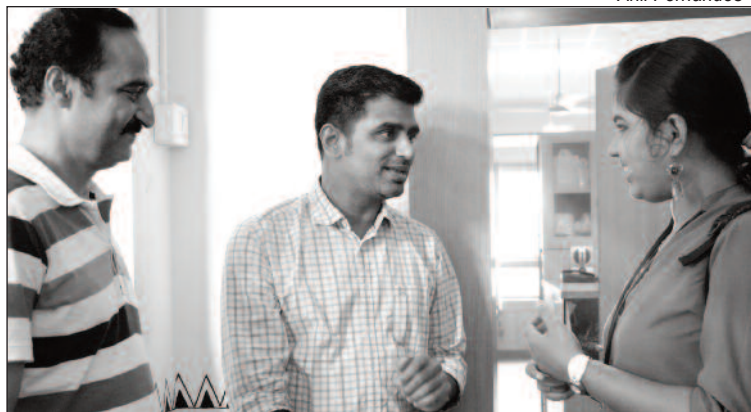
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Paddayi reflects how society is in 'awe' of westernisation, says director

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CAMPUS: Ex Aloysian and director Abhaya Simha's fourth film *Paddayi* (the West) was screened here on Monday followed by an interactive session with the students. The film has won the 65th national award for the best feature film in Tulu. "Paddayi (the west) means two things in the movie: the western sea which the Mogaveeras have conquered and westernisation that Indian community is chasing," said Mr Simha.

"Traditionally Indians are not like this. We used to be bothered about community life. And now we have lost a sense of society. So I wanted to portray how it would be when it is all gone. Human beings are



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Actor Ravi Bhatt and director of *Paddayi* Abhay Simha interacting with a student after the general interaction.

too dependent on nature. Yet we challenge it and break the balance," Mr Simha added, when he was asked about the theme of the movie. He went on to say that he tried to showcase the conflict in the idea of money as against the idea of living a good life. During the interaction he admitted that

there were a lot of restrictions while directing his movie.

"As this was an adaptation of Macbeth people already had certain expectations from the characters and I couldn't make any drastic changes to it. But I wanted to shift the importance from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth," said Mr Simha. While

talking about his filming days, Simha said that he was influenced while associating with the Mogaveeras who are also constantly in war with the sea and lose their lives trying to bring food to us. "They may not be royalty, but they still are in war with nature. All this troubled me and made sense in different ways and helped me to create such a film," he added.

"This is one of the rarest adaptations of Macbeth and being a literature student I thoroughly enjoyed various symbolisms in the film," said Lichu Mariam Thomas, a student of English department. Being a low budget movie it was shot in exactly 21 days.

Actor Ravi Bhatt and crew members were present.

New Kulur bridge work to begin soon

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MANGALURU: District in-charge minister U T Khader said, "The construction of new Kulur bridge will begin soon as one of the old bridges there is in very bad condition.

Addressing media here on Wednesday October 3, U T Khader said, "The vehicular movement will be stopped on this old bridge once the construction of new Kulur bridge get started. Vehicles moving both ways will be allowed on the other bridge. People should cooperate during this construction of the news bridge which is expected to be completed within two years. Kadri Park road will be converted into Smart Road with an outlay of Rs 12.5 crore."

SAC ranked third 'Swachh Campus' in India

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MANGALORE: St Aloysius College (Autonomous), (SAC) Mangalore has been ranked third in the country for the best maintained campus under "Swachh Campus" scheme by the Government of India. The Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Prakash Javedkar announced the ranks on Thursday in Delhi. Rankings were done under the strict instruction laid down by MHRD.

A press release by the College said that a set of criteria were to be fulfilled which included well maintained campus, green initiative, cleanliness, well-maintained toilets, canteens, hostels, clean

drinking water, green audit, energy conservation, waste management system and re-processing of waste.

The press release also said that the University Grants Commission (UGC) had selected the College under 'Unnat Bharath' scheme on Monday.

"The MHRD has allotted five villages around Mangalore to the College including Someshwar, Kandavara, Mulur, Pilatabettu and Kavalpadur under the scheme to provide social awareness programmes," said Dr A M Narahari, Registrar of SAC.

"The guidelines of the government will be employed through the Centre for Social Concern of the College," he added.

150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji celebrated at MCCS

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MANGALURU: The 150th birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was celebrated with great zeal and reverence at Mount Carmel Central School (MCCS) on Tuesday, October 2.

A short yet endearing programme on this occasion was put up by the students of class 5 A and B in the school auditorium on October 2. The MCs having introduced the theme of the day, the students led the gathering into a multi-faith prayer service.

The principal reiterated the significance of the day, as October 2 is also known for inter-faith prayer because Gandhiji believed in the peaceful co-existence of all religions and Swachh Bharath, swachh vidyalaya - cleanliness drive throughout the country. On this occasion, she led the entire school in a pledge to keep the country clean, to devote at least two hours a week towards cleanliness of not just homes, but school and surroundings too.

The highlight of the programme was a meaningful Hindi dance drama depicting the life of great Mahatma followed by a lively dance setting the tone for the joyous 150th birth anniversary celebration of



MCCS students cleaning the campus after Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations.

Bapuji.

After a brief introduction about Behtar India, the senior sales manager of DHFL Pramerica, Mangaluru region, Esther Rakshita announced several contests designed to help improve the environment, as the theme for this year was 'recycling'. One of these was the used paper and e-waste contest and the other was 'go green' summit. The programme ended with the national anthem.

The students then assembled on the grounds, where the chief guest flagged off the swachh Bharat cleanliness drive. The principal, staff and students dispersed in all directions in and around the school within a range of 2 kms to carry out the

'Swachh Bharat, Swachh Vidyalaya' mission with a light heart and fiery spirit.

'Truth always prevails. This subject was beautifully brought out through a skit and the moral was well taken by the students. The students took this opportunity to start creating more awareness through a dance to bring about the little ways in which we can reduce our dependence on plastic. The song 'Sabarmati Ke Santh' was sung as they dedicated it to their beloved Bapuji, paying homage to the father of our nation, the guiding light on his 150th birthday.

The chief guest Shruthi Shetty, principal, Maps College, Mangaluru applauded the students' performance.