

Dissent is not criminal activity, opines activist Aruna Roy



Aruna Roy speaking on 'Rights based approach' on Tuesday.

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CAMPUS: "To be different is not to be criminal; to voice dissent is not to be anti-national," opine RTI activist Aruna Roy here on Tuesday.

She was delivering Fr Claude D'Souza SJ and Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ memorial lecture on 'Rights based approach to social movements'.

"Unless we think of India in its multi-dimensional inequality, we cannot rectify what is basically wrong with our soci-

ety," Ms Roy said. She also added that the overnight decision of demonetisation affected many people. The decision, which needs a process, was taken without the consent of anyone.

"RTI enables us to ask questions. Voices of dissent are not being heard. However, it takes less time to liken the people who raise their voice to traitor, anti national. We need to remember we are in a process of building democracy by peo-

ple's participation to create better India," Ms Roy said.

Ms Roy also said in her speech that keeping quiet without questioning the elected representatives and the government is not a healthy sign for a democracy. She also added that streets were her official chambers of concentration and that the streets were everything for her.

Fr Francis Guntipilly and Prof Joselyn Lobo spoke about Fr Ambrose Pinto and Fr Claude D Souza in the ceremony. St Aloysius College principal Dr Praveen Martis welcomed the gathering. Shwetha Rasquinha proposed vote of thanks.

Ms Roy hailed Fr Claude and Fr Ambrose who she said really worked for an India where fear and its many manifestations would not deprive multiple communities from an equal life.

Pradeep Acharya bags gold

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MANGALORE: Pradeep Kumar Acharya from Urwa Store here, who represented India in the 83 kg senior division of Commonwealth Benchpress Powerlifting Championship being held at St John's in Canada, has won gold medal for the country in 83 kg senior category on Tuesday September 17.

Pradeep registered total lift of 210 kg. Tom Keen, who registered lift of 180 kg got silver medal, while Rob Dyke bagged the bronze medal. Pradeep's very first effort, in which he lifted 200 kg, ensured him the gold medal. He will be competing in another segment on Wednesday.

With Pradeep's stellar effort, India has got three gold medals in this championship in which two from Tamil Nadu had won gold on Monday.

Pradeep said that 15 lifters from Karnataka could not take part in the championship because of visa problem, and dedicated his gold medal to them. Pradeep was trained by Sathish Kumar of Balanjaneya Gym.

Sahyadri college set for flagship event 'Aerophilia 2019'

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MANGLORE: Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Manglore is hosting Sahyadri's flagship event, 'Aerophilia 2019' at the Sahyadri Campus on Friday and Saturday. The chief guests for the fest are Maneesh Saxena and Akhileshwar Reddy P, deputy directors, ISRO department of Space, and T R A Narayanan, retired commander of Indian Navy. The event will focus on the innovative thinking of budding engineers and innovators.

"This event is a great way to gain exposure and widen one's social and professional network. This fest is an opportunity for young kids to come and marvel at the wonders of science, and meet and interact with eminent personalities so as to gain an interest in science and technology," said Abdul Shameer, chief co-ordinator of the fest. Mr Shameer further

added that they expect a crowd of about 1500 people.

An air show will be conducted by well-known national flyers.

There will also be the first ever Hackathon being conducted by ISRO to find the applications for the NAVIC chip (India's very own navigation system).

"The Hackathon is the real attention grabber of the fest and there will be a wide plethora of participants attending it," said Gowri Hiremath, the event co-ordinator. Ms Hiremath also said that the students would get to experience first hand India's finest technology.

Various competitions such as drone race, photography, tug of bots, water rocket, death race, open RC plane flying and treasure hunt are all part of the fest. There will also be events such as technical talk, paper presentation and glider workshop.

More than 200 complaints filed with ED against D K Shivakumar

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NEW DELHI: Former minister and senior Congress leader of Karnataka D K Shivakumar, who is being probed by Enforcement Directorate (ED) on money laundering case, has got more to bear. The ED has received more than 200 complaints against Shivakumar alleging him of financial irregularities.

According to a senior ED official, they have received more than 200 financial irregularity complaints and the agency is checking the veracity of the same. Many of the complaints are from the investors in a housing project, who are alleging that they have lost their money because of D K Shivakumar.

ED is conducting inquiry on Shivakumar on the money laundering case filed by the Income tax department alleging tax evasion and hawala transactions that ran into crores of rupees.

A Karnataka MLA is also called for inquiry in the same connection. However, the MLA did not appear before the ED for its first summons. A second summons is sent to the concerned MLA, who is said to



D K Shivakumar

be close aide of Shivakumar.

Shivakumar was sent to judicial custody by court on Tuesday, September 17 after completing his custody with ED.

The ED has said in the court that former minister D K Shivakumar and his aides have more than 317 bank accounts.

The agency is said to the court of finding money laundering to the tune of Rs 200 crores.

In addition, the agency also has said that it has found Rs 800 crores of benami assets. However, the former minister had denied all the allegations.

According to a senior official of ED these 317 bank accounts are in the name of 46 individuals. Records on these accounts are being monitored

IMA scam - CBI begins interrogation of directors

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BENGALURU: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is probing the IMA scam running into crores of rupees, has interrogated eight persons who were arrested and placed in the central prison at Parappana Agrahara.

The CBI has obtained records and reports relating to investigation into the scam conducted by the special investigation team till September 11. It has taken up further investigation with effect from September 12. Four among the eight have been questioned and sent back to the prison, the other four will remain in CBI custody till September 20, it is gathered

Wasim, Arshad Khan, Afzar Pasha, and Dadapeer, who used to manage financial dealings of main accused, Mansoor Khan, and who also were the directors of IMA, have been questioned and sent back. Nasir Hussain, Naveed, Ahmed, and Nizamuddin are yet to be examined.

Sources said that the CBI took the eight persons into custody on the basis of body warrant obtained through the 31st

additional city civil and sessions court. Mansoor Khan in the meanwhile, continues to be in CBI custody.

It is said that Mansoor Khan has been repeating the statements which he had given immediately after he returned to the country and enforcement directorate officials questioned him

. He had earlier said in the first audio which became public, that he was compelled to leave the country because of Shivajinagar MLA, Roshan Baig, who has since been disqualified. He had said that Baig had taken Rs 400 crore from him. It is said that Baig might now opt to turn a prosecution witness to escape from punishment.

The enforcement directorate has already filed first phase of the charge sheet containing 6,000 pages. It has named Mansoor Khan and directors of the company in the charge sheet, who have been accused of illegal money transfer.

The officials said that the court has been informed about confiscation of property worth Rs 209.97 crore from him.