

## AIR has re-discovered itself: Concepta Fernades

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**CAMPUS:** All India Radio (AIR) has not lost its relevance, rather re-discovered it. Radio has the potential of creating imaginations through sound and the audience have realised that AIR does this with sincerity and commitment, opined Concepta Fernades,

to students MA Journalism and Mass Communication here on Thursday.

Ms Fernades said that radio was one of the oldest mass media which is still relevant and important today. She briefed her own life experiences in the field of radio broadcasting and shared the joys of being a programme of-

such as Kannada, Tulu, Konkani, Hindi, English, and Sanskrit," she said.

"There is a great platform for music artists to flourish their talents by attending the auditions organised by AIR. Many of the famous Indian artists and musicians have come up in life through the radio platform," she stated.

The lecture also focused on the history of AIR and the functioning of radio station. Ms Fernandes introduced various programmes broadcast on AIR.

To a question if AIR was challenged by the arrival of private commercial stations, Ms Alva opined that people now had realised the worth of AIR, as commercial radio stations have become painfully repetitive and monotonous, lacking any variety.

### Golden jubilee performance for *Bile Kattere Avandina*

WILVIA, VINEETHA

**MANGALURU:** Bile Kattere Avandina, the Tulu drama will be performed for the 50th time in Town Hall on Sunday. The play will be staged by Vijaya artist, Kinnigoli, a press release stated.

For the last 20 years, these artists are performing in Tulu theatre and have performed plays like YugaPurusha. This drama was written by Harish Padubidre and directed by Jagdish Shetty Kenchanakere. The play on Sunday is organised in association with Kannada and Cultural department by the help of the group Porlu drama artist.

Mumbai Bantara Association, Mathr Bhoomi Corporation Bank chairman, Mundkoo Rathnakara Shetty will host Prathiba Purskara at the function. Kodathuru Bhuvanabirama Udupa will talk more about the actors performing in this drama. Yaksha Druva Patla Satish Shetty has sung a song for this drama and he will be singing it live the release said.

## Supreme Court opens Sabarimala Temple gates to women of all ages

DAIJIWORLD

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Friday opened the gates of the Sabarimala Temple in Kerala dedicated to Lord Ayyappa to the women in the age group of 10-50, saying it was violative of their funda-

sion of women's rights under the garb of physiological phenomenon cannot be allowed. "All devotees are equal and there cannot be any discrimination on the basis of gender," Misra said.

Justice Rohinton F. Nariman in a separate but concurring-

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Countless number of devotees at Sabarimala

mental rights and constitutional guarantees. Justice Indu Malhotra, the only woman judge in the five-judges bench, who gave a dissenting judgment.

Chief Justice Dipak Misra reading out the judgment also on behalf of Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, said that subver-

judgment said that people of all faiths visit the temples. Worshipers are not of separate denomination.

"Religion cannot become a cover to exclude and deny women their right to worship," Justice D.Y. Chandrachud also said in a separate but concurring judgment.

## Footboard travel on city buses to be curbed by RTO

MANGALORE TODAY

**MANGALURU:** RTO has decided to create a special team soon to keep in check the errant behavior and conduct operation at various locations; in particular it has decided to keep an eye on those travelling on the footboards of the buses plying in the city as there is a rise in this trend. There are many instances where even though there is seating space available within the bus, they refuse to let go of the footboard and also ignore the conductor's warning. There is a rise in the instances where school and college students travel standing on the footboard during the peak hours.

Now, the Transport Department has decided to put an end to this and has come forward to take legal action against those travelling on the footboard of the buses and also on the bus. As per the law, it is a misdemeanor to travel on the footboard.

There is a law which states that the footboards on the city buses must be at least at the height of 52 cms. In order to pre-

vent the footboard problem and standing on the footboard of the private city buses plying in the city, the private bus owners themselves stood at various locations in the city including Kankanady, Lighthouse, Lal Bhag and other locations and conducted footboard campaign.

It has been noticed that there are a few who travel on the footboard of the various buses plying in the city. Pedestrians First has suggested the following steps for buses with doors. Cautionary signboard should be put up at visible locations. State transport and private buses usually have doors that can be closed. Drivers should be instructed to close both doors before moving the bus, should check for boarding /alighting passengers (using rear view mirror) before closing doors. Driver should move bus only after both the doors have closed.

"Even though there is seating space available in the bus, there are a few who travel standing on the footboard. We have conducted operations in this regard earlier.



Concepta Fernandes interacting with MA JMC students.

programme executive, AIR, Mangalore.

She was delivering a guest lecture on radio broadcasting

at radio station, Mangalore. "The Mangalore radio station broadcasts programmes in over six different languages

## Tsunami rocks Indonesia

CBS NEWS

**INDONESIA:** Powerful earthquakes jolted the Indonesian island of Sulawesi on Friday and a triggered a tsunami that an official said swept away houses. Indonesia had declared

information," he said. "All national potential will be deployed, and tomorrow morning we will deploy Hercules and helicopters to provide assistance in tsunami-affected areas."

Indonesian TV showed a

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Tsunami stricken parts of Jakarta

a tsunami warning after the strongest quake, which registered magnitude 7.5, but lifted it about half an hour later.

Disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said in a live TV interview that the tsunami hit Palu, which is the capital of central Sulawesi province, and a smaller city, Donggala. The houses were said to be swept away and families were reported missing. Communications to the area are disrupted.

"The cut to telecommunications and darkness are hampering efforts to obtain

smartphone video of a powerful wave hitting Palu with people screaming and running in fear.

Dwikorita Karnawati, who heads Indonesia's meteorology and geophysics agency, BMKG, told the Reuters news agency the tsunami had "receded" but not before causing major damage.

"The situation is chaotic, people are running on the streets and buildings collapsed," Karnawati told Reuters. "There is a ship washed ashore."