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SAC hosts national workshop on bioanalysis

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CAMPUS: With an aim to create practical knowledge among students, PG department of Biochemistry of SAC conducted a two-day national level workshop on bioanalysis on February 22 and 23. The workshop mainly focused on training students on different techniques like western blotting, spectrophotometry, flame photometry and semi-auto biochemical analysis.

Dr Jomon Joseph, a scientist from National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) Pune was the chief guest for the function. He talked about how microscopy was vital to the study of cell bi-

ology, especially in the light of advances in molecular biology.

Yogish Somayaji T, lecturer of Biochemistry said, "The main motive behind why we conducted this workshop was to give an introduction about the instruments and how to use them. The students usually do not get a chance to handle the instruments. Through this, we made an effort to give practical as well as theoretical knowledge to the students."

"We thought of organising the event only for UG students. But the PG students also requested for participating in the workshop. So we opened the sessions for both UG and PG. The response from the students was really good. They were



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Participants at the workshop

given training sessions which helped them to know more about the instruments," he added.

The workshop was funded by the Medical Council of India. 26 undergraduate students, 12 post-graduate students and six research scholars from various institutions of

Mangalore, Mysore and Bangalore participated in the workshop. Dr (Fr) Leo D'Souza SJ, director of Laboratory of Applied Biology, Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ, Principal of the College, Dr A M Narahari, Registrar and the faculty of Biochemistry departments were also present.

Second day of 'Adrenaline' saw sports and battle of the bands

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MANGALORE: 22 February at Adrenaline, the annual Inter-collegiate sports, music and arts fest organized by Father Muller Medical College was witnessed with more enthusiasm and cheer, with football, basketball and a heated games of kabbadi. The basketball tournament reached until the round of quarter finals, while the semi-finals will be conducted on day 3. NITK boys team won in Kabbadi tournament. And that was just the

sports.

The day got a little more mad and a hundred percent fun with the mad ads and the pot pourri contests. Not one person was spotted frowning. Pencil sketching and poetry writing saw participation in plenty, with an exquisite display of talent. The evening had the perfect ending with performances by the band, Sea-7. The highlight of the day, undoubtedly remained the "Battle Of The Bands!" Each team, better than the other, left the crowd dancing, singing and even head banging to their music.

Flash mob held for health care and hygiene

SEEMA and DUANE

MANGESHWAR : To give a fresh perspective on health care and hygiene, the Center for Social Concern conducted a flash mob at Hosanagady Town near Mangeshwar on 23 February. The programme took place at 11 a.m. ten students from the PG department of Social Work took part.

Sharon C N, coordinator for health day campaign, said, "When we conduct any programme for the general public it is very important to captivate people in the very beginning. Flash mob can be considered



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Flash mob at Hosanagady

as a very simple way for doing this, since people would be easily attracted to the group of youth who dance suddenly without any expectation."

"I would like to thank the CSC for organizing this flash mob," said Louis Sundharam, an I MSW student.

Six interns from ABSMIDS to visit France in student exchange programme

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MANGALORE: Six interns of A B Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences (ABSMIDS), constitute college of Nitte (Deemed to be University) will be participating in Student Exchange Program at Universite Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier, France for a period of five weeks from February 26 to April 5.

This is the 3rd consecutive year that the students from A B Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences are visiting Paul Sabatier based on the MOU between Universite Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier, France and Nitte (Deemed to be University).

The students will observe the day to day functioning and also

the various treatment aspects at the dental faculty of Universite Toulouse during their stay.

Dr Norbert Lobo, HOD, Economics, St Aloysius College (autonomous), was the moderator for the panel discussion. "Our youth are confronted with immense information and there is a need to convert this information into knowledge," he said. He explained the various challenges that the economy faces and how the discussion will bring light to more. Sukanya Rao, chartered financial goal planner, focused on aspects regarding women and healthcare in reference to the budget 2018. She was disappointed with the allocation towards healthcare, and says that most of initiatives are long term plans. She spoke

of how higher education to women is free and assured in the new budget, but primary education is not emphasized. Priya Shetty, associate professor, PG department of Economics, St Aloysius College (autonomous), spoke of the state of agriculture in India after the budget 2018, some of its new initiatives and the budget allocated for its improvement. The final panelist, Dr Norbert Morris Shenoy, managing director, Aunanjali Securities, spoke about the budget overall, focusing on all aspects including finance. "The budget kills the golden goose to make omlets," he said. He stated that the budget is long on vision but short on action. However, he concluded that he is happy with the



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Inaugural function

budget, and said, "At this point of time where the government is going through difficulties in implementation of GST, the budget does justice." The panel was then open to questions from the audience.

The moderator Dr Norbert Lobo said, "Our purpose is fulfilled". Reji P John, staff convener thanked the panelists and audience and wished them well for the economic year.

Locals click selfies while mentally unstable man tied, beaten to death

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PALAKAD: A 35-year-old tribal man was beaten to death by the locals for allegedly stealing articles from some shops at Agali in Palakkad, Kerela, police said.

The deceased, suspected to be mentally unsound, was identified as Madhu, hailing from Kadukumanna settlement of Attappady, one of the largest and backward tribal hamlets in the state.

The shabbily dressed man, who was living in the forest near Mukkali for some months, used to be seen wandering in the area, police said. He was beaten up by the local people, who accused him of stealing articles from some shops in the town, and later handed him over to the police on Thursday.

Some television channels aired visuals purportedly showing people taking selfies with Madhu with his hands tied up. Though, the police tried to rush him to the nearby Agali government hospital, he vomited, collapsed and died in the jeep itself and was declared by dead by the hospital, police said.

Agali police has registered a case and some persons have been taken into custody, they said.

"They are being interrogated and the arrest will be recorded after verification," a senior police officer told news agency PTI.

Police said the post mortem would be conducted at the Thrissur Medical College hospital later, only after which the exact cause of the death will be known. However, Madhu's relatives told Malayalam channels that he was suffering from a mental breakdown and was staying away from home for some months.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan condemned the incident and said stringent action would be taken against the accused. Directions in this regard have been given to the director general of police, he said. "Such violence cannot be accepted in a civilised society.

Earlier in February, a transgender was harassed and stripped by a mob in Thiruvananthapuram.