

MLA Vedavyasa contributes Rs 25 crore constituency development

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MANGALORE: South assembly constituency MLA Vedavyasa Kamath has informed that the state government has agreed to release a grant of Rs 25 crore for the developmental works in the constituency.

Rs 10 crore grant is approved by chief minister B S Yediyurappa for the development of bridges and roads that come under the purview of public works department. The finance department has also showed green signal to undertake projects worth Rs 10 crores.

A request was made with the CM to release State Finance Commission (SFC) grant for various works that need to be done in the Mangaluru city south assembly constituency area. Accordingly the CM has approved Rs 15 crore under the special grant from his discretionary fund. So in total the state government has released a grant of Rs 25 crore for the



MLA hands over Rs 25 crore

development according to the press release sent by MLA Vedavyasa Kamath.

The MLA also met DCM and minister for higher education Ashwath Narayan and submitted an appeal to declare Dasara holidays from September 30 itself for all the educational institutions of Dakshina Kannada district so that the students, teachers and parents can partake in the festivities.

Kalikamba Vinayaka temple set for revival

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MANGALORE: Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, took out a procession with a tableau of Sri Vishwakarma Parabrahm from Managudda Gurji junction to Sri Kalikamba Vinayaka temple on Car Street, Mangalore. This annual ritual Vishwakarma Jayanthi coincides with Kannya Sankramana, generally 16/17 September. A special feature this year is its inauguration by newly designated district in-charge minister Kota Srinivas Poojary. There was extra enthusiasm in this year's celebration because the temple seems to be on the threshold of expansion and renovation. Before we come to these developments, it is interesting to trace the origin and growth of this craft-community-supported temple.

A street play by the students of SAC

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CAMPUS: The department of Kannada of SAC is organising a street play on Friday 3 p.m. at Mother Theresa peace park. The title of the play is 'Marali Mannige' which means going back to soil.

14 students from different departments are taking part in this street play. The street play of 20 minutes is directed by Jatan Pawar who is a well-known director and script writer. The theme of the play is going back to organic agriculture and about the current unhealthy food habits of people. The play is coordinated by Dr Dinesh Nayak, department of Kannada, SAC.

"These days' people are using more chemical to cultivate vegetables. So, to bring awareness in youths about the adverse effect of chemical and need of organic agriculture is important as well as helpful for a healthy living," said Dr Dinesh Nayak, department of Kannada SAC.

Swara Kudla season 2 held

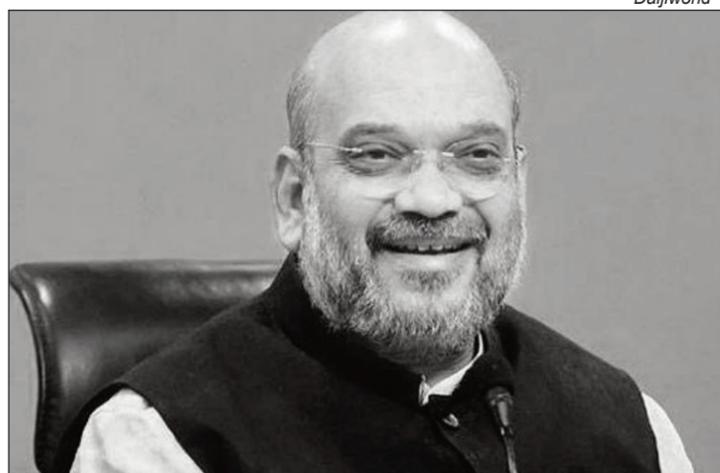
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CAMPUS: 'Swara Kudla' season 2 musical competition was conducted as the part of 12th anniversary of Karavali Sangeetha Kalavidara Okuta at Don Bosco Hall on Tuesday. The semi final and the finals of the competition will be held in Kudmal Rangarao, Purabhan, Mangaluru on September 25. This competition will be inaugurated by Prakash H, President of Sharadha Seva Trust. Top three singers selected during the competition will also get an opportunity to perform on stage.

"This competition is providing a stage for young talented singers and also providing us the platform to work for the social cause" said Jagadesh Shetty, former president of Karavali Sangeetha Kalavidara Okuta. He also added: "We had recently handed over lakhs of rupees worth contribution for flood victims to deputy commissioner."

Hindi language row: Karnataka welcomes Amit Shah's clarification on Hindi

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Amit Shah has backtracked on his statement on Hindi.

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BANGALORE: Political parties and pro-Kannada activists in Karnataka welcomed Union Home Minister Amit Shah clarifying his remarks on Hindi and expressed relief that it (Hindi) would not be imposed on them or anyone.

"We appreciate Shah for clarifying his remarks on Hindi. He should have done (clarified) it on the same day (September 14) or next day when we protested and threatened to launch an agitation if Hindi is imposed on us," Kannada Rakshana Vedike (protection forum) president Narayana Gowda told IANS.

In what seemed to be a dam-

age control exercise following protests against his tweet, favouring Hindi as a common or one language across the country, Shah on Wednesday said at an event in Jharkhand's Ranchi that a child's growth could be best achieved if he studied in his mother tongue, and mother tongue did not mean Hindi.

"But there should be one language in the country – should you choose to learn a second language – then learn Hindi. This is the appeal I made on Hindi Divas. What is wrong in it, I fail to understand," Shah asserted.

Hoping that Shah's clarification would allay fears of Hindi

imposition in the state, senior Congress leader V.S. Ugrappa said better sense prevailed over the BJP's national president, as he (Shah) assuaged the feelings of Kannadigas by giving importance to every one's mother tongue.

"If Shah says we misunderstood his remarks on Hindi, his office or party should have clarified instead of him today (Wednesday). Media reports on that day did not have the words he used in his clarification like mother tongue and second language," pointed out Ugrappa.

"All official languages, including Kannada and Hindi are equal. In Karnataka, as Kannada is the principle language, we will never compromise on its importance. We are committed to promoting it (Kannada),"

Accusing the opposition parties of playing politics over the language issue, Shah also asked their leaders to listen carefully to the speech he made in New Delhi on the Hindi day (September 14) and read his tweet in which he appealed to all citizens to increase the use of their mother tongue but also use Hindi.

Eco-friendly club set for "Saree walk and run"

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MANGALORE: The Saree walk and run, an awareness programme will be held at Mahatma Gandhi Park, Managudda by Medimade Solutions in association with Lions Club, JCI Club, Inner wheel club and other women's clubs on September 29 at 6 a.m.



Saree walk and Run rally 2018

The event which aims to cross boundaries and break the misconceptions, invites women to walk and run in a saree. There will be a 2km walk by the ladies of Mangalore from the venue. 'Don't let your dress code define your fitness level' is the motto of the programme.

"The main purpose of this awareness programme is that, we all believe in the traditional

notion that for jogging we need tracksuits etc. But there is no problem in wearing traditional dresses like saree as it is most preferred by ladies," says Rajesh, chief organiser of the programme. People from any age group can participate in this programme. Last year, there were around 650 participants. This year the coordinators are

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expecting around 700 people.

"There are many women who want to go for walk and run for fitness sake but their traditional limitation comes in between and it hampers their interest. We have organised 'The Saree Walk and Run 2019' to create awareness among such women. Our aim is to say that dress should not be a barrier for one's fitness workout," says Rajesh.