

Savayava Saptaha inaugurated at SAC; workshops held

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CAMPUS: On the occasion of organic week, Nature Club and department of Botany and Zoology of SAC are organising various hands on workshops and exhibitions this week.

The event Savayava Saptaha was inaugurated by Pradeep Soori, retd. special assistant, Canara Bank who is also into terrace gardening. In his inaugural talk, Mr Soori spoke about the importance of terrace gardening and how everybody can easily get into it.

After the inaugural function, there were two hands on workshops on the topic 'bee keeping' and 'terrace gardening' at LCRI block and Xavier auditorium, respectively. Workshop on bee keeping was conducted by Joe Pradeep D'Souza, senior asst director of horticulture department, Mangalore. The other officials from the horticulture department Yugendra K and Praveen B taught students



Pradeep Soori interacting with students during workshop.

about morphology, behaviour and body structures of honey bees. Along with that, they showed how to maintain bees in the boxes.

The workshop on terrace gardening was conducted by Mr Soori. Vineeth Kumar K, from the Zoology department and one of the coordinators of the programme said, "We are trying to make people aware about the significance of using organic products and getting close to nature. Last time we had Seva Saptaha, a service week. This time we have Savayava Saptaha. I think

these kinds of awareness programmes can bring change."

The week will also have programmes like exhibitions of organic products made by students. Bio-degradable materials have been used for manufacturing such products like fairness creams and hair oils.

"We are happy that we are taking a good step towards an organic society. We have made many useful items using plant products. It is really exciting that we could turn waste materials into some useful products," said Arthika, a III year Bsc CBZ student.

Karen Dsouza

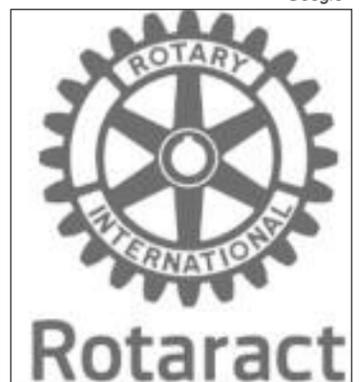
Rotary Club to hold quiz competition

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MANGALORE: The Rotary Club of Mangalore and Rotaract club of SDMPG Centre for Management Studies (SDMPGCMS), in association with Rotary Club Bangalore will organise a quiz competition on Sunday at SDMPGCMS. This is the fourth year they are organising the same.

The top two winning teams will get the opportunity to participate in the final round of 60th Ramnarayan Chellaram Annual Inter Collegiate Quiz RotoQuiz 2019 in Bangalore finals on Monday, September 16.

The top two winners of these rounds will go to Bangalore. Topics for the rounds will be general knowledge and awareness. Maximum of two teams of students each will represent one college. The quiz is open to students of class XII and UG, PG students. Winners of Mangalore will get three prizes of



This will be the fourth year for this competition.

Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 5000 respectively.

Bangalore round winners will get four prizes of Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000, Rs 7,500 and Rs 5000 respectively.

"This is a wonderful quiz for college students. The purpose of conducting this quiz is to improve students' general knowledge," said Jathin Attavar, president of Rotary Club Mangalore.

The press release issued by Rotary Mangalore stated that last year 41 institutions and 85 teams took part in the quiz.

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NHAI opts for a temporary solution for pothole problems

DECCAN CHRONICLE

MANGALORE: Want to practice for a monsoon rally or dirt track race? If you do, the National Highway stretch from Surathkal to BC Road in Mangaluru could be the right place to go to.

Thanks to the negligence of the authorities, the road has developed huge craters, with some big enough to resemble a swimming pool.

Worse, the people do not get this bumpy ride for free, but need to pay a toll in Surathkal and on BC Road to 'enjoy' it! Despite paying up they are often held up in traffic for a few hours in places like Nanthoor and Padil owing to the bad road.

Ambulances trying to rush patients to hospitals find the experience harder than most. Efforts by the traffic police to ease conditions on the road are met with little success as the bad condition of the road forces vehicles to move at a snail's pace.

The highway authorities,

who are responsible for the road repair, are usually seen dumping some stones into the potholes to fill them, but they get washed away within a day or two.

It was in 2004 that the 35 km long Surathkal- B C Road stretch was taken up for widening and although it has not been satisfactorily completed yet, the toll collection has begun, leaving the people both angry and helpless.

"Despite the condition of the road our elected representatives are silent. The only solution is for the people to raise their voice," said Nagarika Hitharakshana Vedike, President Hanumanth Kamath.

National Highway Authority of India project director, Samson Vijaykumar, when contacted, said the road would be repaired once the rain stopped. "We are taking some temporary measures," he added.

Meanwhile, the plight of travellers have often been described through jokes that have gone viral on social media recently.

Indian Coast Guard & NMPT crew rescue 20 lives off New Mangalore Port

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

MANGALORE: Coast Guard Mangaluru rescued the crew members of a dredging vessel off New Mangalore Port at the wee hours of Monday.

Dredger Tridevi Prem with 13 crew onboard, owned by Mercator Limited, was anchored within port limits of New Mangalore Port Trust was on a contractual agreement with NMPT for dredging to ensure sufficient depth in channel.

The master of vessel had reported flooding in Pump room on 31 Aug 19. Later, it was reported to have been under control on the same day. However, from the evening of 1 Sep 19, the master of vessel again began raising alarm to Coast Guard and NMPT reporting flooding in the same compartment.

A repair team comprising of divers arranged by owner on pursuance of Coast Guard and NMPT, escorted by Deputy Conservator, NMPT himself was embarked on the vessel by



Coast guard personnel with the crew of stranded dredger.

a tug. Additionally, ICGS Amartya on safety patrol along the Coast of Karnataka monitored the situation closely. Meanwhile, the Master and local crew members onboard the dredger continued to intimate the authorities using external sources.

At around 9.45 pm on Sunday, a distress message was received from the vessel, which was relayed to ICGS Amartya and the ship was directed to reach datum at the earliest to ascertain facts.

ICGS Amartya arrived at distress location in shortest possi-

ble time.

On establishing communication, it was found that apart from 13 crew members of the ship, 07 members from repair team were present onboard making it a total of 20 lives onboard.

On preliminary assessment from outside, the vessel appeared to be stable and no threat to life onboard the vessel was observed. However, the master repeatedly continued expressing his intention of abandoning ship with crew in lifeboat.

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