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Sambhrama 2019 felicitates 107 staff achievers



Retiring staff Rajgopal was felicitated at the programme.

ANNETT

MANGALORE: Sambhram a, an annual felicitation programme for the staff was held here on Tuesday. The staff members who had excelled in various fields of expertise during the year were felicitated.

"Around 107 staff members were awarded for various prospects, including attainment of a higher degree, during their service in the College, for publishing books and research papers," said Narayan Moolya, associate coordinator of the programme.

In his presidential address, Rector Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, expressed his delight for the careful recognition of the staff and their achievements in their respective fields. The teaching staff who submitted the best research papers were awarded Rs 1,500.

Special honour was given for the three retiring staff members of the college for their long years of service, including Charles Lobo, office clerk, Rajgopal Bhatt, from the department of Biochemistry and Cyril Sequeira, former maintenance officer.

"Achievers are always restless; they strive for the best to reach goals far beyond," said Dr Ratan T Mohunta, coordinator of Sambhrama 2019.

SAC students to create awareness on swimming for special kids

RESHMA

MANGALORE: The PG department of Journalism and Mass Communication (MA JMC) of St Aloysius College (SAC), is organising 'Schwimmen', a two-hour talk and interactive session on the importance of swimming for the parents of special children on Friday. The event will happen at Arivu intervention centre, Shakthi Nagar.

The event is organised in collaboration with Arivu, an early intervention centre of special children and learning ability.

"Many people are not aware about the importance of swimming in physical fitness, especially for special children.

The aim of this awareness programme is to bring out the relevance of swimming for the health benefit of the children," said Indu Paul, the student coordinator of the programme.

The speaker for the session is Sarath Kumar, swimming instructor of SAC.

"I was not aware about it till my classmate who is differently abled told about his personal experience regarding the health benefits that he got from swimming exercise. This was the motivation for us to conduct this programme," Ms Paul added.

Tipu Sultan's gun auctioned for 60,000 pounds in United Kingdom

COASTAL DIGEST

LONDON: A collection of rare artefacts discovered by a couple after years of lying wrapped up in their attic in the English country of Berkshire and evaluated as items from Tipu Sultan's armoury was auctioned for around 107,000 pounds.

The highlight lot, silver mounted 20-bore flintlock gun and bayonet from the personal harmony of the last ruler of Mysore, proved hugely popular as it attracted 14 bids before going under the hammer for 60,000 pounds.

"Unlike other Tipu Sultan guns this one exhibits clear science of having been badly dam-

aged in its past rather than being taken directly from the rack after the fall of Sreerangapattana it appears to have been collected from the battlefield," the lot description note stated.

The other highlight lot, a gold-encrusted sword and suspension belt ensembled believed to be one of Tipu Sultan's personal swords, attracted as many as 58 bids before being sold to the winning bidder for 18,500 pounds.

"The family is not motivated by money and sincerely hope these items there way back to India, may be to a museum, for future generation to have access to it," said Antony Cribb of the auction house.

India becomes fourth 'space superpower'

DAIJI WORLD

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday became "a space superpower" by becoming the fourth country to acquire antisatellite capability, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Wednesday, calling it "a proud moment".

"Our scientists, a little while ago, have targeted a live satellite in space 300 km away in low earth orbit," he said in a nationally televised speech.

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"The pre-fixed target was destroyed by the A-SAT in just three minutes. With this, India has established itself as a space superpower.

"Mission Shakti was a difficult operation but a huge success," the Prime Minister added.

The operation involved a complicated space manoeuvre, Modi said.

Only the US, Russia and China possessed the technology until now, he added.

Saying the mission did not



PM Narendra Modi addressed the nation to nnounce India's feat.

violate any international law, Modi said: "This is a proud moment for the country. Our scientists have made this happen.

"This new technology is not against anyone. It is only for the progress of India. We are only doing it for our safety and security."

Our aim is to maintain peace and not develop a war-like situation. But the announcement could inflame tensions with Pakistan just days ahead of a crucial election." the Prime Minister said.

New counting centre in Mangalore

DAIJI WORLD

MANGLORE: For the first time, National Institute of Technology (Karnataka) (NITK) which is located outside the city, has been chosen as the vote counting centre for Dakshina Kannada Lok Sabha constituency.

It is gathered that the authorities decided on this change, taking into the fact that there is a gap of over a month between the date of voting and counting and also as enough space is needed to preserve VVPAT machines.

During the Lok Saba election held in 2014, counting of votes was done at Mahatma Gandhi Composite PU College at Bondel here. Counting of votes pertaining to the previous assembly election was also done at Bondel.

In 2009, it was done in Canara College premises. However, during this election, traffic problems had occurred.

Banks recover ₹1,008 crore of Vijaya Mallya dues

THE HINDU

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday said a consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India (SBI) recovered ₹1,008 crore by disposing of the United Breweries shares, owing to its proactive action in the money laundering case against fugitive Vijay Mallya.

"Based on the submissions made and proactive steps taken by the ED, and in view of the large outstanding debts of the SBI consortium against Kingfisher Airlines and Vijay Mallya, the Prevention of Laundering Money (PLMA) special court allowed the sale of shares on Tuesday. Subsequently, shares were sold by the Recovery Officer today and an amount of ₹1,008 crore has been realised," said the agency.

The ED probe had earlier revealed that substantial assets in the form of shares belonging to United Breweries Limited

were pledged with Yes Bank. The amount of loan had already been repaid by the airlines and only a small sum remained pending.

"Thus, these pledged shares were now more or less free from encumbrances and only nominally under the pledge of Yes Bank. Therefore, to secure these shares from alienation by Mr. Mallya and to compel him to return, the ED had requested the court to freeze the shares," said an official.

On the Directorate's request, Mr. Mallya was later declared a proclaimed offender in November 2016 and consequently, some pledged and un-pledged shares were attached under the PMLA, which included more than 74 lakh shares of United Breweries, which were held by United Breweries Holding Limited (UBHL). These shares were with Yes Bank as security in lieu of a loan taken by the Kingfisher Airlines.

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