

Spandana Trust celebrates Christmas, annual day with SHG women

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MANGALORE: Spandana Trust Infant Mary's convent, Jeppu along with 230 women from self help groups, celebrated its annual day and Christmas celebration jointly.

The programme was presided over by the bishop of Mangaluru Diocese, Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha. He was given a warm welcome with band and traditional Aarathi by the self help group women.

In his presidential address, the bishop pointed out that Spandana Trust is celebrating its annual day along with Christmas. However, the Trust is helping society not only during Christmas but throughout the year. "Spandana Trust has been providing assistance, building up the community, irrespective of religion, caste and colour," he said praising their beautiful work for the people in and around Mangaluru for many years. "Whatever is done in the name of Jesus, celebrates the birth of Jesus.

If Christ was not born there would not have been any Christian institutions today. Therefore, when we celebrate Christmas, let us remember

that birth of Jesus was a humble beginning of service to the humanity; it is continued to day by the Christians through various services to the humanity," he said.

The chief guest Sr Mar-

also works for the children, youth, sick and aged and strives to ensure government-facilities reach them," he said.

Top scorers of SSLC and college were felicitated. Prizes were distributed to winners in

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SHG women and children dance with Santa Claus at Christmas celebrations held here in Jeppu, Mangalore.

celline Braggs, in her speech said woman provide great strength and are selfless in nature. She appreciated the work done by the Trust to the society and especially for the women who are from marginalized sections and are neglected.

Chitharanjan Bolar, the guest of honour said that the Trust is working very hard to ensure that human rights are not violated for people belonging to marginalized groups. "The Trust is not only working for the welfare of the women but

the competitions held for SHG women.

Cultural and entertainment programmes by the SHG women and children were performed. The administrator Sr Helen Fernandes welcomed the gathering. Social worker Theertha K S read out the report of the activities of the year 2018. The coordinator Victor Vas proposed vote of thanks. Pramila Mendonca and Hilda Fernandes compered the programme. About 3,500 people were present for the occasion.

Planning Devachem to hit screens soon

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MANGALORE: The most awaited and expensive among all Konkani films, *Planning Devachem* will be released at Big Cinema in Mangalore on December 14. The film is produced by Severine Fernandes, under the banner 'Trinity Films'. Rajesh Fernandes has directed the film. He had earlier directed the Konkani film Padri and Kannada films Manmatha and CID Eesha. He has also written the script for the film.

Vinay Raphael is the music director and the Kendra Sahitya Academy award winner Melvin Rodrigues, Wilson Kateel and Authur Periera are the lyricists. According to the press release, Goa based actor Tapan Acharya, Cycil Goa and Seema Buthello are in the leading roles. Stany Alvares, Eddy Fernandes, Prince Jacob, Rons London, John D'Silva are also part of the movie.



Ganesh Papanna, director of TC Studios inaugurates the seminar by lighting the lamp.

ABAI) who spoke on the career options in New Age Media. "New Age Media has been a key factor in globalisation which has also led to the 'death of distance'."

The last session was taken up by 3D animator, Amith Sanjeev, Rolling Dice Studios who highlighted the importance of working as a team in the animation field.

The seminar will also allow students to showcase their talent in the field through various competitions such as video ad making, poster designing and pencil sketching function.

Animation department conducts Sparkle seminar

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MANGALORE: The department of Computer Science, Application and Animation of St Aloysius College (autonomous) on December 8 organised 'Sparkle 2018', a national level animation seminar at the Fr L F Rasquinha Hall, LCRI block.

The chief guest of the event was Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, director of AIMIT, Beeri campus who inaugurated the seminar by lighting the lamp.

The audience was then addressed by the chief guest who commented that we live in a volatile world and we need leaders who have creativity inculcated in them.

The principal of St Aloysius College, Fr Praveen Martis SJ presided over the The speakers for the sessions were B S Srinivas, CEO - VedAtma Animation Studios, (secretary of

Guest lecture on 'being entrepreneur in wealth creation' held at SAC

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CAMPUS: BBA department of SAC organised a guest talk on 'Journey of being an entrepreneur in wealth creation' here on Tuesday. Naveen Rego, a certified financial planner, was the resource person for the session.

The talk was more of an interactive session where he focused on various aspects such as investment in local products and financial products. Students enthusiastically listened to his briefing on wealth creation. They came up with different questions such as the role of startup in wealth creation, how one can predict the future of financial services, which is the best avenue of investment, how to trade in the stock market, among others.

"Investment in any form of education is a good creator of

wealth," said Mr Rego. He further added that being an entrepreneur is not a simple task and it involved going through a series of struggles and challenges.

"The talk was indeed useful for us, and we got to know many details regarding wealth creation and the speaker was the apt person to talk about it," said Mohammed Musthafa, a student from BBA department.

Arati Shanbhag, HOD of the BBA department said, "You should have passion for the work that you are doing, be it entrepreneurship, business or anything for that matter."

"The programme aimed at educating the students with basic insights into wealth management skills and business hacks at an early stage in student life," said Chethan Shettigar, assistant professor of BBA department.

Election results: Congress likely to win in 3 BJP ruled states

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NEW DELHI: Exactly a year to the day he took over as Congress president, Rahul Gandhi has two states gift-wrapped and delivered to him and a third on the shelf. The Congress is set to win in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and is locked in a close fight in Madhya Pradesh in the final test of popularity before the 2019 national election.

Finally, validation for the Congress president who has been mocked, derided and sneered at by critics, especially the BJP, since the party was reduced to 44 seats in the 2014 national election.

The Congress has had few good counting days since. Today's is a rare haul, which Congress leaders right from Sonia Gandhi, happily credited to Rahul Gandhi.

Speaking to NDTV at the party office, Sonia Gandhi gestured to her son and successor and said he had worked hard and led the party.

"Rahul Gandhi should get full credit. He campaigned a lot and very hard," agreed Congress leader Shashi Tharoor.

The 48-year-old addressed multiple rallies during the election campaign and religiously targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP on the

Rafale deal, the Nirav Modi scam and other such topics that many said had no mass connect. He tore into PM Modi and controversially said, in rally after rally, "Chowkidar chor hain".

His speeches apparently found resonance with the voters but he also focused on optics. Images of his temple visits in every poll-bound state raised allegations of "soft-Hindutva" and Congress' "Hindutva lite" politics.

Congress hopes that these results will catapult their leader to a position of reckoning in the opposition bloc ahead of 2019.

Congress leader Milind Deora, a former minister, said the elections have changed the narrative from here to the 2019 general election. People had rejected divisive or temple-mosque politics, he told NDTV.

"Rahul Gandhi worked very hard, managed to reduce tensions between two generations of leaders and created a unified strategy," said Mr Deora, who had, after the Congress' humiliating defeat in the 2014 national polls, blamed Rahul Gandhi's advisers.

In the past year since Rahul Gandhi took charge, the Congress lost Himachal Pradesh but improved in Gujarat.