

## 'Shooting Stars' begins with the theme 'freedom of cinema'

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**CAMPUS:** "Freedom is defined by the identity that one has in society," said Pratap K Pothan, renowned south Indian actor and director. He was addressing the audience at the inaugural ceremony of Shooting Stars 2019, a short film fest of Journalism department here on Wednesday. Participants from within and outside Karnataka have come for the two-day fest to take part in the various competitions like poster making, treasure hunt, movie spoof, mock celebrity press and movie quiz.

"Freedom is subject to capability and is limited to the rights of others," said Mr Pothan. He spoke of how cinema, being mainstream cinema and arthouse cinema still does not have complete freedom in the film industry. He covered various topics like censorship



Mr Pothan addressing students at Shooting Stars held at SAC.

in mainstream cinema and the corruption within the censor board.

Dr (Fr) Melwyn Pinto SJ, HOD of the Journalism department in his welcome address stated, "Visuals have the ability to shake us, move us, startle us and it is the power of visuals that has brought us to this film festival."

In his presidential address Rector Fr Dionysius Vas spoke of how one could create a

media that not only brought out the truth, but also brought out the reality.

Kannada film *Shuddhi*, written and directed by Adarsh Eshwarappa was screened in the afternoon for the participants of the fest. A panel discussion will take place on Thursday.

The inaugural programme commenced with a prayer song by the college choir and a welcome dance.

## DC releases final list of voters' list; females outnumber males

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**MANGALORE:** The final voters' list of Dakshina Kannada (DK) district for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections was released at Deputy Commissioner's office on Wednesday, January 16.

Addressing the media, Deputy Commissioner Sasikanth Senthil said, "As of January 1, 2019, there are 16,97,417 voters in the final voters' list, out of which 8,33,719 are males and 8,63,698 are females. During the special drive conducted in the month of November, 2018 as many as 5,164 people have applied for inclusion of their names in the voters' list, 3,783 have applied for deletion, 1,688 have applied for changes in the voter ID and 27 have applied for transposition of entry in electoral roll."

During the last election, there were 1,790 polling stations but it was rationalized

and an additional 71 new polling stations were added. At present, there are 1861 polling stations in the district. On January 25, National Voters' Day will be observed at Town Hall. During this programme, symbolically voter ID will be given to young voters (first time voters). Remaining IDs will be given through booth level officers," said Sasikanth Senthil.

The Deputy Commissioner further said, "21,292 young voters (first time voters) from all the eight constituencies are included in the electoral list. Those who have not been included in the voters' list have ample time to get the same included until the election is declared,"

"During the assembly elections there were 16,98,868 voters. This time around as of January 1, 2019, there are 16,97,417 voters. There is a marginal reduction in the numbers compared to the last elections," concluded Senthil.

## SCWA members prove age is only in number

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**MANGALORE:** It happens every year, when the seniors belonging to Milagres Church 'Senior Citizens Welfare Association' host their Annual Get-Together, and this year was no exception either- and it was a grand and a big one, for the fact it was arranged at one of the City's Best Club "The Eden Aquatic Club" which provides the people of Mangaluru and their families a unique experience in leisure and recreation, while simultaneously catering to cultural enhancement and social interaction. Good choice made by the organizers this time to host this party at a venue, in a cozy ambience, rather than having it always at the Church Hall.

As they say "Old is Gold!" and for that matter, Age is Only A Number. We don't believe age is any more than a mere number. Not with these smooth party "young" ladies and men on the floor. Even in the glorious age of white hair and senior citizen benefits, their inner children are not only alive and well, they're shaking things up to literally. They are getting with the groove, boogey-ing, dancing well, singing oldies,



"Seniors" performing at Eden Aquatic club, Mangalore.

and having some fun and frolic. All this and much more talents unleashed by the lovable, cute and enthusiastic young "Seniors" was witnessed by the revelers assembled for this SCWA Bash held at Eden Club on 15 January 2019. With these "Young" revelers comprising of Mamas/Papas, and Grandmas/Grandpas, the venue simply reverberated!

As they say that "Ageing is not 'lost youth', but a new stage of opportunity and strength"- there is no age limit when you are capable of having some fun and want to party- even senior citizens know how to party hard and have fun and frolic. Imagine 60 plus year old guys who look young at heart, Richard D'souza and Wilfred D'souza rendering the good old Konkani and Hindi songs, mesmerized the audience.

## Visually impaired have a field day at SAC

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**MANGALORE:** Have you wondered if the visually impaired children can play cricket?

Well, if you were there at SAC recently, you would have found your answer. Sahodaya of SAC organised a state level inter-school cricket tournament for the visually impaired pupils on January 13 and 14 at the Centenary Grounds. Sahodaya, an outreach programme for the empowerment of the specially-abled was started in 2000 to educate the staff and the students of the College towards the issues and concerns of the specially-abled.

Sahodaya has been conducting several events for the visually impaired children for the last three years.

## 14 students from CFAL make it to international Olympiads

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**MANGALORE:** These selected students are eligible to appear for the second stage of the examinations which will be held in the month of January/February. These examinations lead into international Olympiads. In mathematics, the selected students will at-

The programme stretched for two days, inviting schools from Bangalore, Shimoga, Chikmagalur, Mangalore and seven other districts of the state.

Kalarava carried forth a cultural fest, showcasing a variety of cultural programmes including mimicry and quiz. "I'm happy to see even students like them are given privilege of being able to feel like a normal child, by having a wonderful chance to participate in both sport and cultural programmes," said Anu, a student of SAC. Every participating institution was given an honorarium of Rs 10,000 each for having participated.

"Travel and food expenses were taken care of by the Sahodaya, said Dheeraj Sequeira, from the UG department of



Visually impaired pupil singing at the Kalarava cultural programme at SAC.

English, also a member of Sahodaya. He further said that the reason for having held this programme was to give an opportunity to all the differently abled children in the field of sports and arts.

This was the third major event conducted in the last three years for the visually impaired and differently-abled children by Sahodaya, added Mr Sequeira.

tend a training camp at Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore in the month of January to prepare for the second stage of examination.

There were no selections from Mangaluru for Olympiads earlier. In 2009, for the first time three students of Mangaluru were selected (2 in mathematics and one in chem-

istry).

In 2018 four of CFAL students were among the only 35 students selected per subject in the country to reach the prestigious third stage and had an opportunity to undergo orientation cum selection camp at Homi Bhabha Centre for Science education, Mumbai