

Tulu seminar held at SAC

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CAMPUS: To familiarise teachers with the importance of teaching Tulu language in schools, the Tulu Koota of SAC and Tulu Sahithya Academy (TSA) organised a one-day seminar on the topic 'problems and prospects in teaching Tulu language in primary and high schools' here on Tuesday. Various resource scholars, head masters and senior teachers from in and around Mangalore attended the programme along with the members of TSA.

The chief guests for the event were Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ, Principal of SAC, , Dr A M Narahari, Registrar of SAC and Chandrahas Rai B, Registrar of TSA. The seminar was inaugurated by Sri Y Shivaramayya, joint director of Public Education Department by opening a Tulu textbook. The seminar consisted of two sessions. The first session was held in the morning and the topic discussed was the need for teaching Tulu as a subject



Fr Praveen Martis and Chandrahas Rai, Registrar TSA

in schools. The resource person was Dr Gananath Akkar, a noted scholar in Tulu folklore and literature.

Activities to be organised in implementation and execution of Tulu teaching was the main topic of discussion in the afternoon session. Prabhakar Neermarga, a member of TSA was the resource person for this session.

"The main motive of conducting such a seminar was to make the teachers aware about the need for teaching Tulu in schools. The government had already given the order to teach

Tulu in schools, but only a few schools have implemented it. The teachers who participated in the seminar very happy and they are ready to insert the subject to their syllabus. The TSA has also promised to provide sufficient teachers for teaching Tulu language in schools," said Suraksha Karkera, lecturer in the department of BBA.

The programme ended with a valedictory function. The chief guest for the function was Dr Meenakshi, HOD of Kannada at Besant College Mangalore.

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Nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile successfully test fired

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MANGALORE:India on Wednesday successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile as part of a user trial by the army from a test range in Odisha, defence sources said.

The trial of the surface-to-surface missile, which has a strike range of 350 km, was carried out from a mobile launcher from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur near Odisha's Balasore.

Describing the trial as a complete success, they said all mission objectives were met during the test launch.

The perfect test launch came after successful trial of Agni-5 on January 18 and Agni-1 missile conducted from Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast on Tuesday.

Prithvi-II is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kilogram of warheads and is thrust by liquid propulsion twin engines. The state-of-the-art missile uses advanced inertial guid-

ance system with manoeuvring trajectory to hit its target, they said.

The missile was randomly chosen from the production stock and the entire launch activities were carried out by the specially formed Strategic Force Command of the army and monitored by the scientists of Defence Research and Development Organisation as part of training exercise, they said.

"The missile trajectory was tracked by radars, electro-optical tracking systems and telemetry stations by the DRDO along the coast of Odisha," the sources said.

The downrange teams on-board the ship deployed near the designated impact point in the Bay of Bengal monitored the terminal events and splashdown.

In salvo mode, on November 21, 2016, two missiles were successfully test fired in quick succession from the same base and the last trial was successful on June 2, 2017 .,

Flash mob conducted at SAC

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Students performing flash mob in the campus

CAMPUS: As a curtain raiser to Sangam the PG fest, MSc Chemistry and MCom departments performed a flash mob at Mother Theresa Peace Park here on Wednesday.

Different competitions were held which helped students to realise their real talents. "Flash mob is a dance form which invites people to come together and join the event for joy and happiness. It is a form of welcome dance," said Arun Sebastian, a II MSc Physics student.

"Even though we are not professional dancers, we are enthusiastic to welcome our fest which is specially held for PG departments. We are looking forward for a colourful event," said Merin James from I MCom.

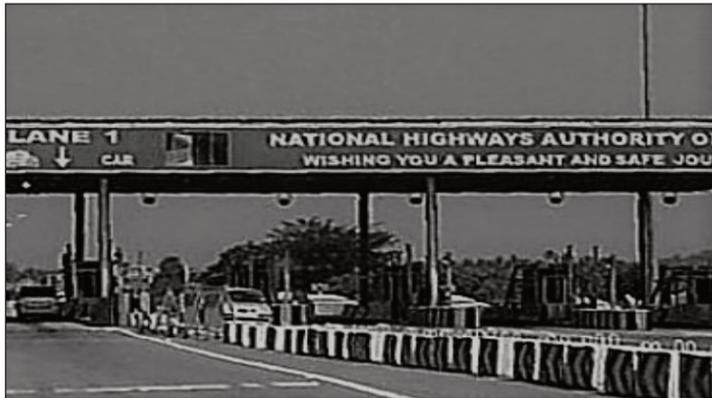
Suratkal tollgate to stop functioning from July

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MANGALORE: Government of Karnataka has decided to stop the tollgate that is functioning at Suratkal on national highway 66. This tollgate is facing lots of issues right from its inception.

Ercon Company had built the four-lane road between Bantwal and Suratkal and the toll collection responsibility was given to a company from Rajasthan. After this, a company called Navayuga built the four-lane road till Hejamady and set up the toll gate in Hejamady for the collection of toll. As two different companies have done the construction of the road at a very short distance, the toll is being collected at Brahmarakootlu, Suratkal and Hejamady. These tollgates are at a very short distance to each other.

In addition, the facilities, that need to be provided by the private highway construction company, are not given at Suratkal toll gate. The road quality is also not good after Suratkal. There were several protests from various organiza-



Suratkal tollgate

tions and civil rights associations against this tollgate in the past.

According to the rule of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), there should not be two tollgates within a distance of 60 km. In addition, service road should be provided on both sides of the highway. There should be parking and toilets at the tollgate. However, there is no service road and parking space near Suratkal tollgate.

The toll collection contract will expire in the month of July 2018. Karnataka state government has sent an official letter to the NHAI asking not to collect toll after July 2018. This

decision was taken at a meeting that was held January 2017 between the chief secretary of public works department of the state and officials of NHAI. It is learnt that a letter has been already sent to the state regional office of the NHAI by the chief secretary of the public works department of the state and the same is forwarded to Delhi central office of NHAI by the regional NHAI office.

If the central office of National Highway Authority does not take a suitable decision by May 2018, there is a possibility of re-tender and continuation of the collection of toll at Suratkal toll gate.

Blood donation held at St Aloysius Evening College

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MANGALURU: St Aloysius Evening College IQAC/Yoga Association and Indian Red Cross Society in association with KMC Hospital, Mangaluru organized a blood donation camp on Tuesday, February 6.

Nearly 55 students from St Aloysius Evening College and alumni donated blood. A team of doctors and technicians lead by Dr Deepa Adiga, blood bank officer, KMC Hospital conducted the camp.

Principal Dr Manohar Vincent Serrao presided over the programme. Vice-principal Ravi Shetty, IQAC coordinator Dr Charles Furtado, students' council director Dr Donald Lobo, Humanities Association president Dr V B Hans, Women's Forum president Shakila Hegde, CLC/AICUF president Sharolin Menezes, Yoga Association president Kavitha B, and Students' Council president Hithesh K Madivala were present in the programme.