

Kodagu: landslides take toll on many

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KARNATAKA: Three dead bodies were recovered from the landslide in Thora village in Kodagu while seven others are still missing four days after the disaster.

The silence in the air is broken only by the unvarying drone of an excavator at work. Around it, a group of rescue personnel works at a feverish pace to clear debris in the search for survivors and bodies.

It is the fourth day of the search operation in Thora, a hillside village in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district in Karnataka, after a devastating landslide wiped out houses, trees, electric poles and acres of coffee plants on Friday.

"I was heading back home from my shop when I heard

a loud sound and the ground started shaking. I knew at that moment that this was not rain or wind. Something

was nothing. The top of the hill had reached my feet," he says.

Prabhu's family, including



Spells of rain intensified and caused landslides in Thora.

bad had happened," recalls Prabhu Kumar, a 45-year-old resident of the village.

"I stepped into the rising water and set off running towards my house. At this moment, there was complete silence and when I reached the road to my house, there

his wife, mother and two daughters were inside the house at the time and went missing after the landslide struck. His wife's body was found on Monday, the third body to be recovered from the rubble, while seven others are missing.

SAC holds blood donation camp; teachers, students donate blood

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CAMPUS: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of SAC in association with

lesterol and unwanted things should also be taken out," said Dr Sharath Kumar Rao. Thirty two people, including many staff members, di-



Students of SAC lined up to donate blood at the auditorium.

Wenlock District Hospital organised blood donation camp on Saturday in campus. The chief guest of the programme was Dr Sharath Kumar Rao, medical officer, Wenlock District Hospital, Mangalore.

Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ, principal of SAC presided over the function. The event took place around 9 a.m. and continued till 1 p.m.. "When someone donates around 350 ml of blood from his body about 350 ml of cho-

rector of Arrupe block and college fathers donated blood.

"This is my first experience where I am donating blood. I was initially hesitant to donate blood," said Preema Victoria Tauro from the department of BBA.

She further added, "I am really happy that my blood is atleast going to help someone or the other."

Many students from SAC, around 20 to 25 volunteers were part of the camp.

Amazon nears deal up to 10% of Future Retail

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BANGALORE : Amazon.com Inc. is in late-stage talks to acquire as much as 10% of India's Future Retail Ltd., people familiar with the negotiations said, as the U.S. company moves to bolster its brick-and-mortar presence in one of the world's fastest-growing retail markets.

India's No. 2 retailer by turnover, Future is seeking a valuation of about Rs 20 billion (\$281 million) from Amazon for the stake, according to the people, who asked not to be identified as the discussions are private. The sale is likely to be routed through a holding company, they said, and will give Amazon the option to

UG inter-class Utsav fest postponed

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CAMPUS: The UG inter-class Utsav fest which was to be conducted on August 16, to be co-ordinated by the department of Commerce at SAC has been postponed. The unexpected shift in the programme is due to the series of rain holidays.

DCs to hoist flag without ministers' presence on I Day

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KARNATAKA: For the first time in many years, the national flag will be hoisted in Karnataka this Independence Day by bureaucrats and not ministers, as Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is yet to expand his Cabinet.

The government has directed deputy commissioners to hoist the tricolour at the district level instead of district in-charge ministers who are required to do it as per protocol.

"As part of Independence Day celebrations on August 15, the national flag should be hoisted by the deputy commissioners in district centres, assistant commissioners at the sub-divisions and tahsildars at the taluk level," the Department of Personnel and Administra-

tive Reforms (DPR), which enforces protocol matters, said in a directive issued on Tuesday. Yediyurappa, 76, has been running a 'one-man' show, having to deal with the flood by himself.

Authorities have also been directed to keep the Independence Day celebrations simple in view of the prevailing flood situation.

"This Independence Day the flag hoisting will be done by DCs & not by District Incharge Ministers. So the self-proclaimed "Nationalists" BJP doesn't seem to think that hoisting our flag on Independence Day is a matter of pride & is their duty as well?" former Congress minister Priyank Kharge, who was in charge of the Kalaburagi district, said in a tweet.

buy more shares from Kishore Biyani, Future Retail's founder and chairman.

The deal with the Mumbai-based company, which operates its flagship "Big Bazaar" grocery store chain, will give Amazon more exposure to the business after it bought Whole Foods Market Inc. for \$13.7 billion in 2017 and secured a foothold in the U.S. food retailing segment.

The proposed investment in Future Retail offers some parallels, enabling Amazon to tap into India's rising demand for household products and home-delivered fresh produce and vegetables.

Discussions are yet to be finalized, and the deal could still falter or be delayed.

"The new dates of the programme will be announced soon, after the discussion with the Principal," said Premalatha, from BCA department and coordinator of Utsav.

The main events that were to be held on Friday included just a minute session, cooking without fire, face

Representatives for parent company Future Group and Amazon in India said they don't comment on market speculation.

The potential deal underlines the American online giant's ambitions to dominate the last sizable market yet to be conquered by large networks of hypermarkets and supermarkets, after losing ground in China.

More recently, it has been building out its network of small-format corner stores that seek to provide the same convenience of the traditional grocery stores that dot every neighborhood in India.

Future Retail is also expanding its affordable fashion wear chain under the "fbb" brand.

The prime focus of the fest this year, is to improvise the leadership and team building skills among students and also to bring out the potential of each and every student, Ms Premalatha said.

The revised dates are soon to be announced.