

Students preparing Christmas crib at SAC

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CAMPUS: Christmas brings joy, hope, togetherness, irrespective of religion and caste. It is this time of the year when households around the globe are preparing for Christmas. According to Christian tradition, a crib symbolises the birth of Jesus Christ, created using art objects and model figures.

Students of SAC are enthusiastically engaged in making Christmas crib for the College. Students from different departments who are interested in creative activities have come together as a team for the preparation of the crib.

The crib is prepared at the entrance of the administrative block. It exhibits figures representing infant Jesus, Mother Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds and also cattles in the farm. The crib is made with figures and models using clay and some waste materials.



Anushree

Students of SAC preparing the crib for Christmas.

Boxes, cardboards and newspapers are kept beneath to support the crib.

Brother Ashlin from III BA is the coordinator of the crib making team. Other members of the team are Ovin Dsouza, Rathan, Ronak, Akshita, Lisha, Preetesh, Darrel and Sanora.

"Behind the crib is a waste

plywood and jute that was collected. We have put mud in between and have made channels for water to flow. We started making the crib on Saturday and hope to finish it by Wednesday," said Ovin Dsouza, from II B. Com, and a member of the team.

Konkani literary award conferred on writer J F D'Souza



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J F D'Souza addressing the gathering

SHALINI

MANGALORE: The 18th Konkani Kutam Bahrain award was conferred on well-known Konkani writer J F D'Souza, in a function held at St Sebastian Church Hall, Bendore on Monday, December 16.

Girish Rao Hatwar, noted Kannada writer and columnist, attended as the guest of honour and felicitated J F D'Souza with a shawl and memento. Principal of Padua College, Fr Alwyn Serrao was the chief guest. He handed over the citation to J F D'Souza and prize money of Rs. 50,000.

Fr Alwyn said, "If a language is not being used, it means that the community is also losing its existence. We have the responsibility to hand it over to

our next generation. When we fail to do it, we are losing our identity and existence."

Girish Rao congratulated J F D'Souza and said that he would expect more literature from him in the near future. "The habit of reading made me a writer. I used to read magazines and books regularly to gain knowledge. I believe through this award, my responsibility in literature field has doubled," said J F D'Souza, thanking the gathering

The new trend of social media vanished the long hour reading habits of youths. If they argue that social media gives quick information, it is wrong. They only get very less information and that also in a common language.

FASTag at mangalore

DAIJI WORLD

MANGALORE: The proposal to levy double the normal toll fee for people not having FASTag has been postponed to January 15, but because of reduction in number of lanes earmarked for cash collection, long queues of vehicles were witnessed at all the five toll gates in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts on Sunday, December 15.

On Monday, the pressure of traffic is expected to increase, and the concerned have made arrangement to handle extra traffic.

At Sastan tollgate, four lanes were meant for cash payment, two for local vehicles and four more for FASTag. 15 additional staff were deployed. Vehicles which entered FASTag lanes without having FASTag were charged double the normal fee.

A few engaged in arguments with the tollgate staff on this occasion. The percentage of vehicles sporting FASTag was about 30 percent.

Those who buy FASTags at toll booths get them quickly. PayTM has distributed FASTags at Suratkal toll booth even on Friday.

School students perform 'Babri Masjid demolition'

DAIJI WORLD

MANGALORE: Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat's Sri Rama Vidyakendra High School, located in Dakshina Kannada district's Kalladka, has hit headlines, after school students enacted the demolition of Babri Masjid and put up a Ram temple in its place during its school day function.

A video clip doing rounds on social media, show students of Class 11 and 12 of the school, bringing down a huge poster of the Babri Masjid. "They start demolishing the structure with anything they can get their hands on. With enthusiasm, Hanuman bhaktas with Hanuman's anger, they bring down Babri structure. Bolo Shri Ramachandra ki, Jai!"

While twitterati is criticising the school management for enacting a play that is 'communally-charged', RSS leader and the organisation's south-central region executive committee

member Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat, finds nothing wrong.

He is quoted by The News Minute arguing, "It is not a mosque. It is just a building. It is a historical event that we are depicting. We have depicted Jallianwala Bagh as well. Did anyone highlight that? There are hundreds of instances like this and we have to show the injustices that have happened in our country."

He also tells the media organisation that he does not agree with the Supreme Court. "Even though the Supreme Court has said that what happened in Babri was wrong, we have questioned that part of the judgment itself. We cannot accept everything that is said in the judgment. I don't agree with it," he said.

The chief guests for the event were Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers DV Sadananda Gowda; Puducherry governor Kiran Bedi.

Sahitya Akademi: Shashi Tharoor named for English

THE HINDU

NEW DELHI: The Sahitya Akademi on December 18 announced its awardees for this year. Seven books of poetry, four novels, six short stories, three non-fiction books and three essays have won the award, said a press release by the Akademi.

Shashi Tharoor has won the Sahitya Akademi award for his book An Era of Darkness. Chinmoy Guha, the Bengali professor, has won hit for his essay Ghumer Darja Thele, while Tamil writer Cho. Dharman's novel Sool has also



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Sashi Tharoor

bagged an award.

The award, which will be presented on February 25, 2020 in New Delhi, consists of an engraved copper plaque and an amount of 1,00,000.

Elect govt that listens to students

THE HINDU

JHARKHAND: Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday hit out at the BJP over police action at university campuses and urged voters of Jharkhand to elect a government that will listen to students.

Claiming that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise has failed in Assam, she

said the government has now brought the amended Citizenship Act which is facing the ire of students.

"Students have hit the roads in the country and are facing police batons," she said while addressing a poll rally. The Congress general secretary also appealed to voters to elect a government that will "listen to students, waive farm loans, provide security to women."