

Interface with Margaret Alva brings to fore her political journey

RASHMI

CAMPUS: An interface with Margaret Alva, former governor of Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Gujarat on Wednesday brought student gathering to listen to the political journey of Ms Alva.

She said that she studied in Mount Carmel college, Bangalore when she was once made to speak in the public.

She got the topic co-education. "That is first time I faced the audience," she said adding that she grew in confidence in leadership skills thereafter.

Ms Alva also said that Indira Gandhi, ex Prime Minister, came to their college for interaction with students.

By seeing her interaction Mrs Gandhi nominated her to be the leader later on and she thus went on to be a Rajya Sabha member.

Ms Alva said that one of the important achievements she is happy about is bringing about



Margaret Alva being felicitated by Principal Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ on Wednesday.

ST status to the siddi community of Uttar Kannada..

Once Rajiv Gandhi, ex Prime Minister of India called her to Rastrapathi Bhavan.

She went and sat on the last seat; but she got to know that she had a special seat as a minister in the government.

She also added that in the Lok Sabha she raised her voice for the equal status of women

in the airlines and also about reservation of women.

"My life was not planned; Everything happened accidentally," opined Ms Alva.

Dr Rose Veera D'Souza, HOD of Political Science department chaired the session.

Principal Dr (Fr) Praveen Martis SJ gave his message felicitating Ms Alva..

Karnataka, Goa CMs to meet on Mhadei river issue

MANGALOREAN

PANAJI: While Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said on Tuesday he was scheduled to meet Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant in a few days for a negotiated settlement over the Mhadei river water sharing issue, the Congress again warned the BJP-led coalition government in Goa against any such talks.

"The Chief Minister should not take false courage of fishing in troubled waters. These are all backdoor machinations to sacrifice Goa's interests at the altar of Karnataka," Congress spokesperson Trajano D'Mello said. here on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, Yediyurappa said in Bengaluru he had sought an appointment with Sawant to discuss the Mhadei issue and could visit Goa on September 16 or 17 to hold talks.

On Monday, Union Minister for Coal and Mines Pralhad

Venkatesh Joshi had said in Goa, the Chief Ministers of both states should discuss and negotiate a mutually agreeable settlement rather than depending upon the Mhadei inter-state water dispute tribunal or a Supreme Court order.

"I can only suggest at this moment, that the Chief Ministers can sit and talk to try resolve the issue. The matter has been to the tribunal and it has given its award. But a negotiated settlement will be a better settlement," Joshi said.

Joshi also met Sawant later and urged him to meet Yediyurappa.

The Mhadei, or Mandovi, river is known as a lifeline in the northern parts of Goa. It originates in Karnataka and meets the Arabian Sea near Panaji in Goa, while briefly flowing through Maharashtra.

The Goa government has accused Karnataka of "illegally" building infrastructure in its jurisdiction.

D.K. Shivakumar's daughter appears before ED

THE HINDU

MANGALORE:The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday recorded the statement of Karnataka Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar's daughter in connection with the money laundering case in which he was arrested earlier this month.

Mr. Shivakumar's daughter Aishwarya reached the ED headquarters around 10.30 a.m.

It is learnt that the agency may pose to her questions related to a Trust and some transactions in Singapore.

The agency has already quizzed the Congress leader's alleged close associate, Sachin Narayan, and co-accused Anjaneya Hanumanthaiah, then an employee of Delhi-based Karnataka Bhavan.

The ED investigation is based on a charge sheet filed by the Income-Tax Department last year, alleging tax evasion and hawala transactions.

The Department had searched the premises allegedly linked to Mr. Shivakumar in August 2017 and found "unaccounted" cash. The agency identified other ac-



DK Shivakumar accompanied by daughter Aishwarya.

cused persons as Mr. Narayan, Mr Hanumanthaiah, Sunil Kumar Sharma and N. Rajendra.

As alleged, an extensive network of conduits and premises in Delhi and Bengaluru had been set up for the hawala transactions and storage of cash.

If need be, the ED officer said that they will question Aishwarya in the presence of her father to corroborate the evidence.

The interim president of the Congress, Sonia Gandhi spoke to Loksabha member DK Suresh in connection with Kumar's case.

Stolen Nataraja idol on the way back to Tamil Nadu after 37 years

THE HINDU

TAMIL NADU: A Nataraja idol, which was stolen 37 years ago from a temple at Kallidaikurichi in Tirunelveli district and smuggled outside the country, is on its way back from Australia.

The idol, taken away from

the Kulasekaramudayar Aramvalartha Nayaki Amman temple in 1982, was traced to Australia.

Following consistent efforts of the Idol Wing special officer A.G. Ponn Manickavel, Australian authorities handed over the idol to officers of the wing in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Karnataka to slash in penalties for traffic offences

MANGALOREAN

BENGALURU: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday directed the Transport Department to "immediately" slash fines for traffic offences, following the footsteps of the BJP-ruled Gujarat

During a review meeting, Yediyurappa asked the Transport department to look into what Gujarat had done on reducing the fine amounts. "Citizens are facing inconvenience due to the hefty fine amounts," Yediyurappa told officials, according to a release from the chief minister's office.

Citizens have been frowning upon the hefty fines, with some arguing that the government



Many states have resented implementing revised fines.

should provide good road infrastructure first.

Yediyurappa's diktat comes a day after Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who is in charge of the Transport Department, said there was no proposal before the government to reduce the fine amounts.

What we know so far about Chandrayaan-2

THE HINDU

NEW DELHI: The Indian Space Research Organisation is continuing its efforts to reconnect with lunar lander Vikram.

The 1.4-tonne lander has been lying silent on the moon's surface since the early hours of September 7.

ISRO's Chandrayaan-2 mission involved an orbiter, lander (Vikram) and rover (Pragyan).

The Vikram module was to make a historic first soft landing near the moon's south pole at 1.55 a.m. on September 7.

Vikram lost its earth link when it was 2.1 km and about 3 minutes from touchdown.

ISRO said the mission's orbiter had spotted the lander on the moon on September 8.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan said they would try to restore link with the lander for 14 days.

The lander and the rover are not expected to have signals after 14 earth days from September 7.