

District administration holds Marathon voting awareness

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MANGALORE:Let's walk towards Voting was the slogan of the marathon which was organised by the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee, Dakshina Kannada on Sunday.

The marathon was conducted in two categories, one for those aged less than 16 and the other for those aged above 16, which was followed by a walk for senior citizens and others.

This was a district level 18 km marathon organised in order to create awareness on voting rights in the coming Lok Sabha election.

Many young and adult citizens of the city gathered near Mangala stadium in order to participate in the event.

Sasikanth Senthil, District Commissioner, Sandeep Patil, Police Commissioner, Arun Chakravarthy, Inspector General of Police of western range, BR Ravikante Gowda, Superintendent of Police, Hanumantharaya, Deputy Commissioner



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DC Sasikanth Senthil addressing the audience

of Police, and Dr Selvamani R., Chief Executive Officer of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat were present on the dais for the inauguration and the flag off of marathon.

"We are overwhelmed seeing the response from the people, and we hope that people will cast their votes and use their voting rights for the betterment of the nation," said Girish Shetty President, Taluk

Yuvajana Okkutta.

The winners were awarded with cash prizes by the eminent guests present at the event. Laxman from the Sports Hostel in Mangaluru, K. Hanamesh and Basavaraj G., Both from Alvas College, secured the first, second and third places, respectively, in the men's category of the run for those aged above 16.

Kerala CM not happy Rahul contesting from Waynad

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Pinarayi Vijayan

MANGALORE TODAY

TRIVANDRUM: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said Congress president Rahul Gandhi's decision to contest from a second seat in the state was symbolic of the grand old party's fight against the Left Front Yahoo reported.

Pinarayi Vijayan said, "Gandhi is one among the 20 candidates and doesn't need to be seen as any one different. We will fight against him. If Wayanad is symbolic of south India, no one in Kerala is going to see this as Gandhi's battle against the BJP. He should have contested from a con-

stituency where a saffron party candidate is in fray. This is nothing but a fight against the Left."

Earlier in the day, Congress chief Rahul Gandhi has picked Wayanad as his second seat, following demands from southern India. Announcing party chief's decision at a press conference, senior leader Randeep Surjewala said that Gandhi chose the Kerala constituency as it is "geographically important."

"Decision of Congress to field Rahul Gandhi from Wayanad shows their priority is to fight the Left in Kerala," Prakash Karat said.

5,500 UG students to write semester exams from Monday

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MANGALORE: Even semester examinations for the UG students of SAC will commence on Monday, April 8 and will end on Monday, April 29. Nearly 5500 students are going to write the exams this time.

"The specialty of this year is that the hall tickets are issued online for all the UG students. They didn't want to wait for so long. Apart from that, all the examinations are coded for the purpose of valuation. Thereby, the identity of the student is not revealed to the examiners," said Dr A M Narahari, Registrar of the College.

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"Special instructions are given to students as well as invigilators. All malpractices will be dealt with strict actions in the form of cancellation of the examinations or debarring. Mobile phones are strictly prohibited inside the examination hall. No innocence is going to be accepted in the matter of mobile phones," he added.

"As a final year student, this is our last semester exam and our last chance to give our best as well. So I will try to give my best for preparing the exam," said Nikhil Bijumon, a third year UG student.

Government withdraws 142 cases

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BANGALORE:Under instructions from the state government, 142 cases pending trial across the state have been withdrawn. Many of these cases relate to rioting, attempt to murder, and attacking policemen.

These cases were withdrawn over a period of three months

ending January this year, source said. All these cases were in sessions and JMFC courts pending trial.

As a result people charged with serious offences like Bhadravati MLA who was accused of assaulting returning officer in and Kissan Khet Mazdoor Congress state president, Sachin Meega, have been allowed to go Scot free.

Mithun is young and energetic; sends positive message: Dinesh Gundu Rao

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MANGLORE: "We have to send a young and energetic youth to the parliament. Many names came for consideration at the screening committee. But the leadership of Dakshina Kannada unanimously supported for the candidature of Mithun Rai. Later the blessings of senior Congress leaders on Mithun Rai helped to spread a positive message in the district," said Dinesh Gundu Rao, KPCC president in city. He was addressing the media on Tuesday, April 2.

"Congress will win in the district because people are fed up with Hitler-style of rule of Narendra Modi. They are waiting to cast their votes and throw out Modi. Here in Dakshina Kannada, local MP has been only giving preference to provoking speech.

He never raised his voice at the parliament on behalf of the people. He has not brought major projects to the district in

his last two terms. Now the people have understood the failures of local MP and Modi government," he added.

"During the time of last elections, Modi and his party gave many promises including 15 lacs rupees to every household. But after getting power Modi completely forgot his promises and started his autocratic rule. The economy of India has been completely destroyed by Modi government. India became world's largest unemployed country. Modi and his tram tried to politicize the Neethi Ayog.

They implemented GST in unscientific way and made a loss of Rs 4 lack thousand rupees for the government. Modi sold majority of government enterprises to private parties. Now when someone asks about development Modi has been struggling to give answer. He cannot talk about anything about development. So he fears to face the media," Rao said.

"Nothing to offer more, he is into communal hatred and publicity now. He is silent on the issues of farmer, youths, students and women. He is going back to criminal politics.

On the issue of candidature of Rahul Gandhi at Wayanad, he used communal hatred comments. He came to power with the help of lies and now he is continuing it in election campaigns also.

I challenge BJP for an open debate on lies of Modi. I am ready to expose his lies in public," Rao continued.

"Without consulting the opposition parties, Modi passed new election funding policy in parliament. It will help the parties to receive funds from anywhere and anytime

We clearly told that it will help to increase corruption. Now BJP received Rs 6000 crore from private organisations. As per new policy, no one can ask from where money has come from," Rao added.