

## MITE conducts 'Sentia 2019 Marathon' in honour of jawans

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**MOODBIDRI:** As a token of gratitude to honour proud jawans in the service of the nation 'Sentia 2019 Marathon', was organized by the students of Mangalore Institute of Technology & Engineering (MITE), here on March 26 as part of Sentia, college annual day celebrations.

Around 400 students and faculty of the institution enthusiastically took part in the event to commemorate the sacrifices of the jawans in protecting the sovereignty of the country. The total stretch of the marathon was 5 km for men and 3 km for women with exciting prizes worth Rs 5,000 for winners in each category.

Dr G L Easwara Prasad, principal addressed the students' fraternity before flagging off the marathon run from Swaraj maidan, Moodbidri at 9.00 a.m. He threw light on the great services rendered by the armed forces during the time of



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Students participating in the 'Sentia 2019 Marathon'

conflicts, surgical strikes, terror attacks and natural calamities. Basavaraj and Thanvi P Shetty bagged first place in men's and women's categories respectively.

Rajesh Chowta, chairman, Rajalaxmi Education Trust, Mangaluru appreciated this gesture of the students in offering their respects to the services of our armed forces.

MITE has a proud tradition of organizing its annual cultural event - Sentia since its inception, to give an opportunity to showcase the talents of all students and staff.

The institution will organise its annual state level intercollegiate cultural, technical and management fest - Sentia 2019 on March 27 and 28.

The two day event will be inaugurated by Brijesh S, chief people officer, Torry Harris Business Solutions, Bengaluru and Rajesh Chouta, chairman Rajalaxmi Education Trust, Mangaluru. MITE invites all to be part of this event. Sentia 2019 will be inaugurated on March 27 at 9.30 a.m. The college will be hosting its annual day programme on March 30, with cultural p

## Dakshina Kannada Catering Owners' Association inaugurated

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**MANGALURU:** The newly formed Dakshina Kannada Catering Owners' Association was inaugurated at Town Hall on Monday, March 25. A Sadananda Shetty, president, Shri Devi Education Trust, inaugurated the association by lighting the lamp. Dr A J Shetty, managing director, A J Group of Institutions presided over the programme.

In his inaugural speech Sadananda Shetty said, "Association always brings many people under one roof. It makes the business more flexible and gives responsibility to help each other.

At the same time, it also helps to fight unitedly for the rights and against any injustice. In our district we have hundreds of associations and they all are contributing to the society in whatever way they can.

Now catering owners have come together and have planned to move forward with unity.

Catering companies have a very important role to play in society. So, the society also expects something more from the new association."

In his presidential speech Dr A J Shetty said, "I congratulate



Lighting of the lamp at the inauguration ceremony of Dakshina Kannada Catering Owners' Association

the entire catering fraternity of the district. By forming an association, they have planned to work together.

It will definitely bring good results for both the owners and the clients. I appreciate all those who are behind the formation of this association and wish all success in their future endeavors."

Harish Amin, Managing Director, KEYF Hotels, Mumbai

released the logo of the association.

Yenepoya Abdulla Kunhi, Vice-Chancellor, Yenepoya University, inaugurated the service projects of the association. Luvi J Pinto, president,

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Mandd Sobhann, administered the oath.

Govinda Babu Poojari, Managing Director, Checktalk Hospitality and Dr Rajshekhar Kotian, film actor were the chief guests of the occasion.

Sathish Bolar, President of the Association, Felix Vaval Lasrado, Mohammad Iqbal, Honorary Presidents were present.

## Special Olympics 2019: India wins 49 medals at roller skating events

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**MANGALURU:** India has won 49 medals for roller skating events in Special Olympics 2019 held at Abu Dhabi between March 14 and 20.

A press release issued by Manglore Roller Skating Club said that India crossed the 300 medal tally at the Special Olympics World Games 2019. 26 contestants participated from India for the skating tournament, including 13 boys and 13 girls and won 13 gold, 20 silver and 16 bronze medals. The participants were trained by Mahesh Kumar, the team coach for India from Bangalore.

"Special Olympics is an in-

ternational competition for mentally intellectual children which is held once in four years before Olympics. This year it was held at Abu Dhabi. The selection for this sports meet was started from 2017 onwards and the selected teams were sent to Haryana, Rajasthan and Hyderabad for training. The last training took place in Talkatora stadium Delhi and finally 26 children were selected for the event," said Mahesh Kumar, the coach.

The Indian team of 284 athletes won 85 golds, 154 silver and 129 bronze medals in the event. The press release stated that There were 7000 contestants participating from 190 countries all over the world.

## NASA's historic all-women spacewalk scrapped due to lack of fitting spacesuits

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**WASHINGTON:** NASA's plan to conduct the first all-female spacewalk this month had to be scrapped after the crew aboard the International Space Station encountered an unexpected setback — the lack of well-fitting spacesuits, the U.S. space agency said.

NASA astronauts Anne McClain and Christina Koch were scheduled to conduct the historic spacewalk on March 29 to install powerful lithium-ion batteries for one pair of the station's solar arrays.

Since the space station was assembled in 1998, 214 spacewalks have taken place, all of which had at least one male astronaut.

However, after Ms. McClain conducted her first spacewalk on March 22, she realised that a medium-size hard upper torso — essentially the shirt of the spacesuit — fits her best.

Since only one medium-size torso can be made ready by March 29, Ms. Koch will wear it, the U.S. space agency said in a statement.

Ms. McClain now is tentatively scheduled to perform her next spacewalk on Monday, April 8 with Canadian Space Agency astronaut David Saint-Jacques.

These will be the 215th and 216th spacewalks in the history

of International Space Station assembly and maintenance. During the first spacewalk of the series, on March 22, Ms. McClain became the 13th woman to perform a spacewalk. Ms. Koch will become the 14th on March 29.

No difference exists in a male's or female's suit, but female astronaut usually require a smaller size.

The shuttle spacesuit was designed to be made of many interchangeable parts, to accommodate the large number of astronauts with widely varying body sizes. These parts (upper and lower torsos, arms, etc.) are made in different sizes. The body measurements of each shuttle astronaut are taken and recorded. Then the measurements are plotted against the size ranges available for each spacesuit component, according to NASA.

The suit components are then assembled. Training suits are usually assembled nine months prior to flight, and flight suits are usually assembled four months prior to flight.

However, individuals' sizing needs may change when they are on orbit, in response to the changes living in microgravity can bring about in a body. In addition, no one training environment can fully simulate performing a spacewalk in microgravity.