## Metro



Children take part in 'Conversation with trees' at NGMA on Sunday.

### Trees tell their stories at **NGMA**

**BENGALURU:** If trees were to talk, would they protest against the murder of their kin every day? Some trees at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) did speak to those who came to them on Sunday, but instead of complaining, they offered love.

'Conversation with trees' was part of the tree festival organised by Neralu, an NGO which is mapping trees in the city, on Sunday. An audio file was sent to each participant which guided them to a tree which told the visitors its story.

Peepal, mango and jack fruit were among the trees which spoke intimately to visitors. The trees proudly introduced themselves, spoke of their contribution and promised to offer more. This was preceded by an introductory note which included literature on each tree from great poets Pampa, Magha and Vijayanagara king Krishnade-

Green activist Janani Eshwar, who wrote the script for the audio along with theatre person Srikanth Rao, said the idea was to help people internalise the truth that whatever man's cruelty be, trees stand tall and offer love till their end.

Harini Nagendra, who delivered a talk on 'Bengaluru in the Past, Present and Future,' said the old settlers of the city realised the importance of coexisting with nature. The situation has changed a lot during the modern

"People started getting piped water in 1892 and stopped caring for the tanks and lakes. But the real threat to green cover came after 1990s as rapid urbanisation and industrialisation set in and people lost connection with nature," she said.

Visitors said the festival offered alternatives to shopping malls during the weekend.

"It was one of the most peaceful experiences ever. Made me really happy," said Sajida Ayyup. **DH News Service** 

**Surgical precision** 

# For these docs, art, life imitate each other

Meghana Choukkar

**BENGALURU: What would** happen if doctors replace scalpels with paintbrushes? Sameeksha Art, Research and Media has put together a group show titled 'Drs@ART' at the Venkatappa Art Gallery, featuring paintings and artworks by 24 doctors from the state and other parts of the coun-

ENT consultant Dr Sreenivasa Murthy always wanted to try out painting because, as a surgeon, he was interested in anything that involved the use of his hands.

"My daughter wanted to join a class. When we found a teacher, out of curiosity, I asked if I could join too," he said. For the past one-and-ahalf years, he has been practising for at least 10 hours a week and attending classes in the weekend. Two of his acrylic paintings are on display at the exhibition. "I find that the hand movements required for painting are very similar to



those in surgery. So painting came naturally to me," he said.

While his profession makes Dr Murthy a better painter, it is the other way round for Dr Rudra Prasad, head of the paediatric orthopaedics department at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health.

"When you paint, you have to observe the minute details, shades of colours and so on. This has improved my observation of patients and during

surgeries," Dr Prasad said. He used to paint as a child,

but it was only two years ago that he started taking formal classes. Dr Prasad likes to bring his professional interest in sports injuries, bones and joints into his paintings. He has painted scenes such as a surgery in progress, a baby born with defective limbs and he wants to make more of

Art helps Dr Mythri

Shankar, a nuclear medicine physician, deal with the challenges of working closely with cancer patients.

"In my field, the emotional burden is huge because cancer is often terminal. Breaking the news to patients is a very difficult job. Art, in a way, is a stress-reliever for me and through it. I can convey powerful messages," Dr Mythri said. Her digital artwork at the exhibition titled 'Smoke,' de-

picts cancer spreading through a human's lung. "It was important for me to get this message about lung cancer across because people close to me smoke. My other painting in the exhibition is also a message to my patients. It is titled 'Hope' and conveys something I cannot tell them in words.

The show is on till Tuesday, from 11 am to 6 pm. **DH News Service** 

## 'Compost santhe' raises awareness on green solutions to trash woes

BENGALURU: To raise aware- welfare associations of Sanjayness among citizens on waste management solutions and composting techniques, 'compost santhe' (fair) was held at Dollars Colony, Sanjaynagar,

on Sunday. Members of more than 35 waste management solution and service providers such as Biome, Smart Bin, Shudh-Labh and Hasiru Dala took part. The staff demonstrated waste management equipment such as compost plants, segregation bins, garbage dumpers and odour control systems. Individual households, apartments and the general public took part in the santhe.

Compost and plants were kept on display and sale at the event organised by BBMP along with residents'

nagar and surrounding locali-

M R Prem, a municipality member from Alappuzha (Alleppey), had come all the way to the Santhe to demonstrate the 'Alleppey' bins used in that city. Solid waste management experts Meenakshi Bharath and Vani Murthy demonstrated composting methods to the public.

Mayor G Padmavathi, who inaugurated the event, stressed that citizens played a vital role in keeping the streets clean. She said, "Citizens should follow waste segregation rules properly. The santhe should be held in other wards also for increased awareness among the public."

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### Students spread green word at Arekere Lake

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a bid to He said it was encouraging to encourage the revival of the see community and neighbourneglected Arekere Lake in Hulimavu area, a Kere Habba was held there on Sunday.

Organised by Namma Ben-

galuru Foundation (NBF), in association with Arekere Neighbourhood Improvement Trust (ANIT) and BGS National Public School, the day-long festival witnessed activities such as painting competition, tree plantation, streetplay and poster making. About 50 students from different schools took part in the painting competition that was themed 'lake preservation and pollution'. ANIT said the event's objective was to encourage people to connect with their surroundings, explore and participate in preserving their lakes and become stakeholders in keeping them alive.

Sridhar Pabbisetty, CEO of NBF, said, "The rising pollution in Bengaluru's lakes, as was seen in the recent fire in Bellandur Lake, is a strong reminder of our duty as citizens to engage with the government in cleaning our lakes on a war footing."

hood collaborating to restore rejuvenate and protect lakes.

Volunteers carried placards with messages on lake restoration and its importance as they walked around the lake. The Kere Habba is being conducted by NBF for five years from 2015-2019, in association with lake activists.

This is the first time the festival took place at Arekere lake and we plan to hold it every year. The BWSSB had taken up the project of diverting sewage flow away from the water body. However, it is vet to take off," said ANIT member Veena Hegde.

The local residents said the water body was encroached upon by builders and the lake that was originally around 36 acres had shrunk by 7-8 acres in the last few years. They said besides sewage flow and encroachments, garbage was dumped in and around the lake by miscreants. They pressed for awareness campaigns and immediate measures by civic bodies to preserve the lake.

## Dogs walk the ramp as their owners look on gleefully

**BENGALURU, DHNS: Sunday** was filled with fun and frolic for many Bengalureans having companions with wagging tails. More than 100 people turned up for 'Happy Dog Carnival 2017' organised by Embassy Group.

The dogs and their owners participated with full zeal in the 2.5-km-long run. The canines showcased their talent and beauty at the fashion show and exclusive photo shoot booths.

The carnival also had acoustic live music, flea market, cocktail lounge, besides stalls for dog grooming and training. There were shelters for dogs to rest. There were also games for children to play while their parents were busy with the pets. Nischal Shailendra, who par-

ticipated with his dog, Irra, a Siberian Husky, said it was the first time they had taken part in such a show. "Irra is getting along well with other participants and she is a good poser. We go to Cubbon Park on Sundays.

Ananya Srivastava was with her dogs, Meesha (Labrador)



A woman helps her dog walk the ramp during the 'Happy Dog Carnival 2017' in the city on Sunday.

and Twerky (Indie-stray). "We are here for the stalls and to participate in the fashion show. Meesha cannot run because she is old," she said. The proceeds from the event

will go to nonprofits, Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE), Jakkur, and Haven Animal Welfare. Sudha Narayan, co-founder, CARE, said generous public donations were sustaining them. 'This is a great way for us to spread awareness about our centre and raise funds for a good cause. We started four years ago with the purpose of helping stray and abandoned animals, where they could be housed, treated and rehabilitated."

Reeza Sebastian Karimpanal, vice president (residential marketing and sales), Embassy Group, said the idea was to bring families together. "We are promoting our project as petfriendly and this is the best way to do it by getting families along with their pets under one roof,"

### In city today

**GENERAL** 

Government First Degree College: National conference on 'Kuvempu Sahitvadalli Samakaaleenathe. Nadoja Prof Hampa Nagarajajah to participate, H N Kalakshetra, National College, Jayanagar, 8th Block, 10 am Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike: Inauguration of bus bay at HAL Airport, Bengaluru Development Minister K J George to take part, Opposite Embassy Golf Link, 10 am Karnataka State Tuberculosis As**sociation:** Orientation Programme for nursing college students, Victoria Nursing College and Government Nursing School, Victoria Hospital, 10.30 am

**CULTURAL** 

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath: Exhibition of drawings 'The Bull' by Suiith Kumar, dedicated to late Yusuf Arakkal, inauguration by Police Commissioner Praveen Sood, Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road, 10.30 am

Kannada and Culture department: Girijanothsava, a cultural programme, Bengaluru Development Minister K J George to inaugurate, Union Minister Ananth Kumar will participate, 43B bus stop, Hosakere-Kannada and Culture Department:

Kavi Sarvagna Jayanthi, Kannada and Culture Minister Umashree to inaugurate, and Union Minister Ananth Kumar will take part, dance perform ance on Sadguru Sarvagna by Shivashakti Dance Troupe, Nayana Auditorium, JC Road, 11 am A Gallery Green: 'Dreams are Float-

ing,' a preview of painting exhibition by Sudinta Kundu Crimson Art Gallery, The Hatworks Boulevard, 32, Cunningham Road, 6 pm The Bangalore Social Sciences Fo-

rum: Week-long social science festival, inaugural lecture by Dr Chan"Sustainable Use of Water for Irrigation " Dr H N Multimedia Hall Nation al College, Basavanagudi, 5.30 pm

RELIGIOUS

BM Shri Memorial Trust: Dr M A Javachandra endowment programme, talk on "Jainism Thoughts on Language and Poetry," by J Srinivasamurthy, MVC Auditorium, BM Shri Kalabhavana, 3rd Main Road, NR Colony, Basavanagudi, 6 pm The Mythic Society: Discourse on 'Allammaprabhuvina Kannalli Sharaneyaru' by Go Ru Channabasappa Gubbi Thotadappa Auditorium, near City Railway Station, 6 pm Paramaartha Vichaara Sangha

Trust: Discourse by Dr K G Subraya Sharma on "Brahmasutra Bhaashyam," Adhyaatma Mandira, VV Puram, 7.45 am Vedanta Satsanga Kendra: Dis-

course by Dr K G Subraya Sharma on "Taittireevopanishat Bhaashvam." Vedaanta Nilaya, Saakamma Gardens, Basavanagudi, 9 am

#### City weather

**FORECAST:** Mainly clear sky. Mist likely in some areas during morning hours. TEMPEDATI IDEC

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Maximum	31.8 C
Minimum	16.8 C
Rainfall	nil
Humidity	24 pc
Sunrise	6.40 am
Sunset	6.27 pm
Moonrise	1.23 am
Moonset	1.11 pm
(Relevant data record	ed at 5.30 pm.
Source: IMD)	

### People's problems



### Need a hand? Write to us

■ Letters of grievances are pouring in and we are doing our best to accommodate as many as possible. Readers may write in to highlight civic problems affecting their locality and we will help address them in an interactive and effective manner.

Grievances and issues related to public utility agencies such as Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Bangalore Electricity **Supply Company Limited** (Bescom) would be highlighted in the weekly col-

The writeups, which could be accompanied by photographs highlighting the problems, will be published on Mondays. ■ Mail your grievances

to: peoplesproblems @deccanherald.co.in

### Water wastage

In many parts of the city, I see people wasting gallons of precious water while making rangoli outside their homes and washing vehicles. They are wasting water because it's easily available in their homes. The BWSSB isn't doing anything to educate citizens on conserving every drop of wa-

Prasad Mahalakshmi Lavout

#### Reopen subway on **Nrupathunga Road**

It's a difficult task crossing Nrupathunga Road because of dense traffic. The subway opposite the RBI office has been closed for repair. In the absence of any other pedestrian underpass, people have to risk their lives to cross the busy road. I appeal to the authorities concerned to reopen the underpass before any accident takes place. There were accidents involving RBI staff before the subway was built.

**Úsha R Rao and** Rama Rao Deshmukh

### Shift bus stop. reduce congestion

The stop for BMTC buses plying towards Nagarabhavi and Kengeri is located near the water tank in Vijayanagar. Four roads intersect here. Apart from the autorickshaw stand at the intersection, there are vendors encroaching on the footpath. Needless to say, the intersection is congested. Senior citizens and women find it difficult to walk. The situation worsens when more than one bus stops by. Commuters just run helter-skelter to board the bus. The problem can be easily solved by moving the bus stop around 200 feet behind, near Sri Sankastahara Ganapathi Temple. I request the authorities concerned to look into the suggestion.

D Rama Rao

### Stray dogs in **Chandra Layout**

Stray dogs seem to have flooded BCC Layout, Chandra Layout, and the surrounding areas. They roam around and create problems for residents at night. Sometimes, they even bite people. We request the BBMP to find a solution to the problem at the earliest. Nagesh BCC Layout,

**Dangerous** intersection

At Santhe Circle in Yelahanka where seven roads meet, there are no zebra crossings, traffic lights or policemen to help people safely cross over. People crossing the intersection are at the mercy of motorists. The matter was brought to the notice of the authorities on September 22, 2014, but no action has been taken. I request the authorities again to instal traffic lights or post traffic policemen at

### Gap in median strip

On 16th Main Road near a traffic junction in BTM Layout, 1st Stage, there are gaps in the median strip. Motorcyclists ride into the median

strip without caring about traffic rules. It is a chaotic junction. Traffic rules must be enforced strictly. M S Sharada Prasad



the intersection for the benefit of pedestrians.

H Narayan No 50, LIG 3rd Stage, 'B' Sector, Yelahanka New Town

#### Park becomes vice den There is a small park at 8th 'A'

Main in Jayanagar, 3rd Block, (behind Aarthi Diagnostics). While schoolchildren visit the park in the morning, the evenings belong to unscrupulous youths who smoke, consume alcohol and drugs and carry out other illegal activities. We request the officials concerned to catch these people and punish them to save the park. The park has the dog menace, too, as at least

20 strays loiter in it at any given point in time. It is scary to walk on the road, especially at

> Mohan A Sathavalli Jayanagar 3rd Block

#### Too many strays in Allalasandra

The numbers of stray dogs is increasing in and around Janapriya Apartments in Allalasandra. The Animal Birth Control programme has not been conducted for many years now. We request the BBMP to take up the issue on priority and carry out the ABC programme at the earliest. The dogs are drawn to the locality by the numerous chicken shops and kebab cen-

tres on the footpath. The dogs often chase motorcyclists, causing many accidents. **Sumanth Kumar M** 

Janapriya Apartments, Near

Royal Orchid Resort. Al-

lalasandra, Yelahanka Don't fell trees

## in Jayamahal

The BBMP has decided to fell dozens of trees just for widening a short stretch of Jayamahal Road. We personally tried to talk the authorities out of the tree-felling proposal but they were no in mood to listen. We have been living in Jayamahal since 1950 and strongly oppose tree-felling.

B R Harish, Gunamala S, Abhiram B H and Shashank B H

### Salute to green warriors

It's difficult to digest why the authorities are ignoring public protests against the proposed felling of trees on Jayamahal Road. A city once proud of its green canopy and balmy climate is fast turning into a concrete jungle. Bengaluru's green warriors deserve credit for trying to reason with the authorities to spare the trees

> N J Ravi Chander No 4 Maiganda Deva Mudaliar Road, Frazer Town

### Eateries dumping leftovers on road

Food vendors have encroached upon the footpaths on 20th Main Road in BTM 1st Stage. They dump the leftovers on the road side which attract dogs, cows and ragpickers. These vendors and eateries should be advised to

dispose of leftovers properly. **M S Sharada Prasad** 

#### Ply buses to Kadirenahalli Cross

buses from Navandahalli Cross to Deve Gowda Petrol Bunk terminating at Padmanabhanagar or at Kadirenahalli Cross, every 15 minutes. Though more number of buses operate from Kengeri to KR Market, very less passengers take this route. I hope BMTC will do its best at the earliest to avoid inconvenience to commuters travelling to various parts of Nagarabhavi, Kengeri, Nayandahalli among others. **Suresh Hariprasad** 

The BMTC is requested to ply

Padmanabhanagar

### **BMTC** buses needed

People from RPC Layout, Hampinagar and surrounding areas commute to KR Market, Majestic, Shivajinagar and different parts of the city by BMTC buses everyday. However, there is a shortage of buses, specially during the peak hours in the morning and evening. The BMTC needs to ply more buses on the above routes to help com-Affected residents

### Garbage menace

stink of dead animals and hotel waste strewn around the Sumanahalli junction. People waiting for buses below the Sumanahalli bridge are suffocated by the smell and are helpless. Will the authorities of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike take corrective measures and ensure people in this junction breathe clean

Residents are greeted by the

R Guruprasad No 751 9th 'B' Cross Vidyamanya Nagar

### Trash dumped on vacant plot A few people are disposing of

waste on an empty plot near Sarvabhoumanagar, Bilekahalli. This is raising a huge stink and leading to accumulation of garbage. The plot has become a haunt for rats and stray dogs. Adding to the owes, some people set fire to the garbage every week resulting in harmful and irritating fumes choking the whole of neighbourhood. A flex banner stating 'Keep the plot garbage free' and penalising people who dump garbage may solve the problem. Mrutyunjaya Mudgall

## Chandra Layout