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In brief

Correspondence courses admission

Admission for undergraduate, postgraduate and postgraduate diploma and certificate courses in the Directorate of Correspondence Courses and Distance Education has been extended up to March 27 with a fine of Rs 200. For details, visit www.dccdub.in or call 080-22961261, 1262,

Directive on stent prices

The Drugs Control Department, Government of Karnataka, has said that hospitals should display the revised prices of coronary stents on the home page of their websites after the capping was done. The hospitals have also been asked to mention the prices at which the stents are sold, the variety of stents and the manufacturers or marketing company.

IIFT holds model hunt

Housewives, students and professionals tried their fashion quotient at the talent show 'Model Hunt 2017' organised by the Indian Institute of Fashion Technology (IIFT) recently. This was the second season for model hunt which saw the participation of hundreds of students.

IIFT principal Viji R said, "We decided to launch the model hunt as there is a dire need to introduce fresh faces in the modelling industry. There are a number of aspiring models in our city. Around 26 models have been shortlisted in the model hunt, who will now be groomed to participate in the future fashion shows.

Interior design diploma

Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women jointly with Creators and Designers - Institute of Interior Design has invited applications for a six-month certified course and a one-year diploma course in interior design. The course will commence on April 6. Last date for reg istration is April 5, call 8050027999 for details.

Job fair for senior citizens

Nightingale Empowerment Foundation (NEF) in association with the Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation Ltd has organised a mega job fair for senior citizens on March 26 at Nalapad Pavilion, Gate No 5, Palace Grounds, 10 am. Contact 9243737214 for details.

Distance education

Kuvempu University have opened admissions for distance education for the academic year 2016-2017. Last date for admission is April 10. Contact Manasa Educational Trust. No 25/1, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram Circle. Call 9880498484 for details.

Training in paper craft

Multi Disciplinary training centre will be holding a two-week training in paper crafts. The centre will teach making carry bags, office files, envelopes, areca plates and paper plates. The training will commence on March 20 at the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Dooravaninagar. Call 9449354126 for details.

Skill training course

DB Tech is conducting a training course in electrical plumbing and retail management along with softskills, spoken English and interview skills.

The minimum qualification to apply for the course is SSLC, PUC, ITI, diploma, degree pass/fail.

The duration of the course is 90 days and age limit is 18 - 32 years. The last date for enrolment is March 31. For details, call 9164998882.

Kids miss date with RTE seats over age criteria, parents upset

'Rule applies only to quota applicants, not direct admissions'

Meghana Choukkar

BENGALURU: Many parents who were eager to get their children seats in private schools through the Right to **Education Act quota were** disappointed to find that their applications were not being accepted because their children were born a few days early or late.

The Aadhaar-linked online software to apply for 25% of seats in non-minority private schools does not accept applications which do not fall within

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Reshma Ravishanker

BENGALURU: The University

Visvesvaraya College of En-

gineering (UVCE) is set to

undergo major renovation

state government allocating

Rs 25 crore to the college in

premier institution plans to

Mechanical Engineering De-

Two years ago, the college's

board of governors had

sought Rs 100 crore for car-

Boy teased over

spend it on rebuilding the

partment.

the 2017-18 budget, the

in its centenary. With the

the age limit set by the depart-salary as a labourer," he said. ment of public instruction.

Prakash N tried to apply for LKG for his son, but the boy was short of the age limit by just two days. His son was born on July 30, 2012 and according to the criteria for LKG admissions, the date of birth should be between August 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013. "I wanted my son to receive good education and I thought I would be able to get it through the RTE provision. Now, my son will have to stay home for a year because I cannot afford to send him to a pri-

vate school with my meagre

The unkempt premises of the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering with its ageing buildings. DH PHOTO

struct the Mechanical Engi-

neering Department (Rs 78

crore), and construct Visves-

varaya Centenary Block (Rs

22 crore), a student hostel (Rs

crore between academic years

2015-16 and 2022-23. These

funds are used for our build-

ings - Mechanical Block, Uni-

versity Centenary Lecture

Complex, Hostels (Boys and

Girls), Civil Block, Architecture

Block and Library. Close to

90% of the funds are utilised

"We are expecting Rs 296

55 crore) among others.

UVCE set for big overhaul in centenary year

ovation. It wanted to reconsider an additional special

grant of Rs 100 crore over the

next three years. Of this, 60%

of the funds are utilised for

salary and the remaining 40%

for equipment and buildings,

said the proposal submitted to

the Department of Higher Ed-

'Too little and too late'

A senior official in the Depart-

ment of Higher Education con-

ceded that the allocation was

Sources in the college said

the funds would be used for

demolition and reconstruction

of the Mechanical Engineering

"too little and too late".

Another parent, Pramod, could not submit the application for his son for Class 1 because he was born on August 9, 2011 whereas the age bracket is August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011. "I applied two years ago for LKG, but my son did not get a seat in the lottery. I admitted him to a private school thinking that I can apply again for Class 1, but now I am very disappointed," he said. He feels

the system is unfair because if

he were to apply to private

schools directly, his son would

get admission without any

qualms over the date of birth. BN Yogananda, general secretary of the RTE Students and Parents' Association (RTE Stupa), said that they had received many such cases at their centres. "Last year too, the process was online but unlike this year, applications were not rejected based on date of birth," he said. The rules change every year and parents do not know what to do, Yogananda said. "Why should these rules apply so strictly only to poor people? Are private schools following the age criteria for the remain-

ing 75% students," he asked.

State Project Director for SSA, PC Jaffer, said the age criteria has already provided for

a concession of two months. "According to RTE Act, the right is guaranteed to children between the ages of six and 14 years. We have provided a concession of two months and made the lower limit five years ten months for Class 1 based on the Karnataka Education Act," he said. He said parents have to wait till next year to apply again. He said private schools largely follow age criteria for admissions.

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New JD(S) office to be

BENGALURU: The JD(S) will hold a convention of its workers at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on March 23 to mark the inauguration of its new office at Okalipuram.

JD(S) national president H

Gowda said he wanted to in-"But now. Advani's name is be President. I did not want to

lieved from the state govern-

in April last year.

The Centre had sought the

Sonia Narang

According to an official notification, Narang has been rement with immediate effect to take up the assignment at the

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named after JP

D Deve Gowda said the new office will be named after social reformer and political leader Jayaprakash Narayan.

vite senior BJP leader L K Advani to inaugurate the office. ing considered for the post of embarrass him by inviting him to a political event ahead of the presidential elections," he said. **DH News Service**

is NIASP

BENGALURU: IPS officer Sonia Narang has been appointed as Superintendent of Police, National Investigation Agency (NIA) for a period of four years.

Centre.

deputation of Narang to NIA

Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike wards. On Tuesday, Food and Civil Supplies Minister U T BBMP commissioner N Khader had convened a meeting with the BBMP officials and Iskcon executives to finalise the across the city on June 1. modalities. Iskcon representatives said they were ready to take up the project with the available capacity. There are certain other issues to be fi-

Iskcon agrees to

take up Namma

tional Society for Krishna

Consciousness (Iskcon) has

agreed in principle to take up

the Namma Canteen project

The government had an-

nounced setting up 198 such

subsidised canteens, one in

each ward of the 198 Bruhat

in the city.

Canteen project in city

nalised, said sources. Vinay Kumar of Iskcon who

BENGALURU: The Interna- attended the meeting told *DH:* "We have conveyed that we are happy to partner with the government. We have the capacity to take up the project."

He said the BBMP has to finalise the locations and other infrastructure for these canteens and Iskcon will supply the food. He explained that the food will be served on the basis of per plate and not per person.

Manjunatha Prasad said the target is to kickstart this project

Food and Civil Supplies Minister U T Khader said, "We invited NGOs who could take up our project. We are going to consult all the city MLAs too to set up these canteens.' **DH News Service**

Metro will extend rainwater harvesting project to Phase 2

BENGALURU: The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) that started its rainwater harvesting (RWH) project on Namma Metro Phase 1 will extend its project to Phase

Chief public relations officer of BMRCL U A Vasanth Rao said that at present, the RWH system is in place along the 33.48 km of elevated Metro stretch where two RWH pits are built between two pillars, for every 28 metres.

BMRCL said that each pillar has inbuilt downpipes to collect rainwater from the viaduct and into the underground tanks on the median. "When these tanks get filled, the overflowing rainwater gets diverted towards the 5-metre deep harvesting pits located between the two pillars," Rao said. He said that under the sec-

ond phase, around 72 km of elevated stretch will come up. "We have plans to instal RWĤ system along a 58 km stretch," Rao said.

As a part of social responsibility, BMRCL has taken up the development of Kengeri lake and Veerasandra lake near Electronics City. The officials

plan to set up a sewage treatment plant (STP) at Kengeri lake and plan to divert the rain water falling on the elevated road between Nayandahalli-Kengeri towards the water-

BMRCL has also put up an RWH system at Peenya Metro depot though implementation is yet to happen. "The rain falling on the roof area of 1.9 lakh square feet at the depot will be stored in two rainwater harvesting tanks that have a capacity to store 50,000 litres of water. This water would be used and the rest of it will be sent to the ground for recharge," said Vasanth Rao.

World Water day on Wednesday

The theme of this year's 'World Water day 2017' is 'waste water'. An slew of programmes is being held across the city by government bodies and private organisations. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board will hold an awareness rally 'Save water, Save Bengaluru', at Vidhana Soudha starting at 8.30 am which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is expected to flag off. **DH News Service**



Workers dig to build a tank for rainwater harvesting between Metro pillars. (R) The completed tank. DH FILE PHOTO

stammering hangs self back victims of real estate fraud BENGALURU: A 17-year-old over to his parents. Hennur postudent committed suicide by lice have registered a case of **BENGALURU**, **DHNS**: Irked by Venkatesh, said he had paid Rs participated in the event to lend the slow pace of investigation 6 lakh for one of TGS Construcsupport to the demonstrators. hanging at his house in Hennur unnatural death. into the fraud by real estate tions' projects in Electronics

Freedom fighter, former minister

Department. The block — a

horse shed in the colonial era

the structure will be demol-

building will come up.

in the college said.

Court of Karnataka.

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- and the stone wall around

In its place, a multi-storey

"That is our priority as there

have been concerns about the

poor infrastructure for a long

time now. The block gets flood-

ed whenever it rains," a source

There is also a proposal to

repair and repaint the heritage

building of the college on the

lines of Mayo Hall and the High

on Tuesday. Unemployed man ends life The deceased, Vignesh Krishna, was a resident of Chellakere. He was an SSLC student of Maruthi School in Banaswadi and suffered from

rying out several works of upfor renovating the buildings.

grade, construction and ren- The state government can con-

stammering and epilepsy. According to police, Vignesh was doing poorly in academics and was teased by his classmates for stammering. He went to depression.

On Tuesday morning, when nobody was at home, he hanged himself from a ceiling fan. The incident came to light when his parents returned home. They rushed him to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. His body was then shifted to Ambedkar Medical College Hospital for postmortem and was later handed DH News Service

A 28-year-old man committed suicide by hanging from the ceiling fan in his house in Dasarahalli on Monday

evening. Police said Deepak had completed his PUC and was looking for a job. The son of a retired police sub-inspector, he was depressed over not getting a job despite attending several inter-

views, police said. Deepak was upset as he could not find a suitable job and was also in a relationship with a girl who recently got married to someone else, police said.

A case has been registered in Magadi road police

firms TGS Construction and Dreamz Infra run by Sachin Naik, a number of people protested near the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Maurya Circle on Tuesday.

Holding placards, the investors raised slogans and accused the government of shielding the fraudsters by not taking action. They displayed pictures showing Naik and other promoters with prominent people of the state hinting at their close links with powerful people.

A help desk was also set up at the venue to notarise the documents issued by Naik and his accomplices. There was a long queue of victims to get their documents notarised. One of the victims, City. He got wind of the fraud when the project did not start. When he asked the fraudsters to return his money, they gave him cheques which were dishonoured. "I went to their offices many times to get my money back. Once they threatened me with dire consequences if I continued to pester them. This has happened to many of us. Police have done

money back," rued Venkatesh. To support the victims, veteran freedom fighter H S Doreswamy, former legislator A T Ramaswamy, former minister B T Lalitha Naik, retired bureaucrat M N Vijayakumar's wife Jayashree and many others

nothing to track these

swindlers and help us get our

Speaking to the protesters, Ramaswamy said the fight is not easy, given the nexus these fraudsters have with powerful people in the state.

"We have to take a vow not

to give up our fight, however it may be prolonged. We have to continue our struggle till the matter reaches its logical end," said Ramaswamy. Addressing the protesters, Doreswamy said there is some

hope as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has promised to take action against the culprits. The freedom fighter said he would meet him again and insist on speeding up the investigation.

Doreswamy, however. lamented that some people in power are supporting the

'Negligence by govt bodies killing lakes'

BENGALURU: Taking strong exception to the poor status of lakes in Bengaluru, the People's Campaign for Right to Water (PCRW) accused the government agencies of failing in their responsibility.

Addressing a press confer-PCRW said, "It is unfortunate that instead of celebrating good work on World Water Day, we are highlighting the 60 orphaned lakes of the city —

two of them are Bellandur and

He charged BDA with destroying the lakes by creating residential areas on lake beds and allowing their encroach-

"In September 2016, BDA ence on Tuesday, Kshitij Urs of transferred the responsibility of 60 lakes to the BBMP arbitrarily. The BBMP too refused to take over these lakes citing lack of resources," said Urs. **DH News Service**

Anganwadi, Hongasandra, 10 am

BBMP: Coffee with Pourakarmikas

with corporator of Ward 151, Kora-

mangala, mustering point, 6.30 am.

Sri Shankara Javanthi Mandali: Talk

on 'Kaushithaki Upanishat', Mandali

premises, Sri Shankarakrupa Road,

16th Cross, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 6 pm

RELIGIOUS

Source: IMD)

A slice of Gandhi's life

Gujarati play on Mahatma premiered in Kannada

BENGALURU: 'Yugapurusha-Mahatmara Mahatma,' a play depicting the relationship between Mahatma Gandhi and his spiritual mentor Shrimad Rajchandra was premiered in Kannada on Tuesday

The play, enacted by a team of 21 artistes from Bengaluru, portrays the special bond between Shrimad Rajchandra, a Jain poet, and Mahatma Gandhi. It depicts how the Father of the Nation got catapulted from 'Mohandas' to Mahatma' by adopting Raichandra's ideals.

Directed by Rajesh Joshi, the play 'Yugpurush - Mahatma Ke Mahatma' originally in

Gujarati, has been translated into Kannada by Krishna Hebbale. The play has seen more than 250 shows across 80 cities in various languages.

Smitha Mehta, the Bengaluru head of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur, said that they plan to stage the Kannada version of the play across state. She said that the Karnataka government was supporting their project. Minister for Rural Develop-

ment and Panchayat Raj HK Patil, Legislative Assembly Speaker K B Koliwad watched the premier show which lasted for more than an hour. **DH News Service**



A scene from the play 'Yugapurusha-Mahatmara Mahatma,' which was premiered in Kannada on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

In city today

sign: Graduation Day and Design

GENERAL Army Institute of Fashion and De-

Dapple 2017, Governor Vajubhai Vala presides over the programme, Chowdiah Memorial Hall, 16th Cross, G D Park Extension, Second Main Road, Vyalikaval, Malleswaram, 6 pm. Institution of Engineers, Karnataka State Centre: S G Balekundri Memori al Lecture on waste water by BWSSB additional chief engineer P N Ravindra on the occasion of World Water Day, Institution of Engineers premises, Dr B R Ambedkar Veedhi, 6 pm. BWSSB: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to flag off 'Save water, Save Bengalu ru' awareness rally from Vidhana Soudha to Freedom Park, 8.30 am. Dayananda Sagar College of Engi-

neering: Seminar on 'Water Conser

ment' for sustainable development.

campus, Shavige Malleshwara Hills,

Swami Vivekananda Youth Move-

ment: World Water Day rally from

Government High School, Begur, to

Kumaraswamy Layout, 10 am.

Prema Chandra Sagar Auditorium, DSI

vation and Waste Water Manage-

City weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy sky. **TEMPERATURES**

Humidity 34 pc Sunrise 6.22 am Sunset 6.31 pm Moonrise 1.41 am Moonset 1.28 pm (Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm.