

Members of 10 organisations stage protests near Suvarna Soudha

Three groups meet Ministers to submit memoranda, while the others put forward various demands



Members of Madiga Samaja Okkoota staging a protest near Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on Wednesday. P.K. BADIGER

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Members of 10 organisations staged protests near the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on Wednesday. Members of three organisations met Ministers to submit memoranda with some demands.

Among the protests was the one by Karnataka Madiga Samaja Okkoota whose members were seeking internal reservation for Scheduled Castes. "There are 102 castes among Scheduled castes. However, only a few castes

are cornering all benefits. This needs to stop and all communities should get equal benefits. "Madigas form the biggest group among Scheduled Castes. But they are not getting the requisite benefits. "The problem can be solved by proportional representation. We demand that the government implement the Sadashiva Commission recommendations," Okkoota president Muttanna Bannur said. Members of Uttar Karnataka Anjuman-e-Islam sat in protest with a set of demands. They included

setting up an exclusive waqf board for North Karnataka, building a Haj Bhavan near Hubballi Airport and setting up a Urdu university in the State. H.M. Koppad and others were present. Members of three associations submitted memoranda to the government. Kopra Growers Association from Tiptur Assembly constituency demanded fair price for their produce and immediate market intervention from the government as prices are falling fast. C.B. Shashidhar and others were present.

'Youth have no time to think of issues concerning their lives as they are lost in mobile phones'

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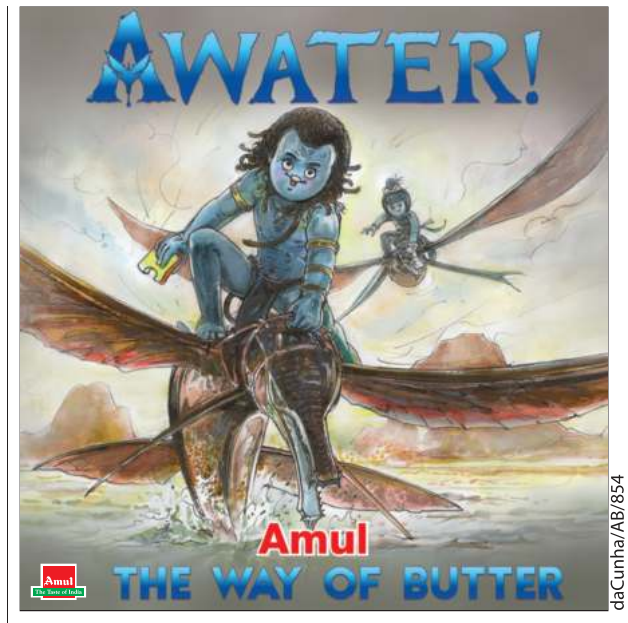
Expressing serious concern over youth spending much of their valuable time on games and social media in their mobile phones, Head of Biotechnology Department, Gulbarga University, Ramesh Londonkar has stressed on the need to wean away youth from mobile phones and getting them involved in constructive activities. "The country is facing serious social, economic and environmental issues and our youth, who ought to be a crucial driving force, are lost in the mobile world. Most of the youth start and end their days with mobile phones spending most of their time in it throughout the day," he said. "They don't think of the issues that their families, society or country are facing. The mobile phone has emerged as the biggest distraction for the youth and we need to somehow address this issue of serious concern," he said in his address to students of Sidhartha Law College after inaugurating the annual activities of National Service Scheme (NSS) in the college here recently. Upholding the importance of the path that one would follow to achieve



The annual activities of National Service Scheme being inaugurated at Sidhartha Law College in Kalaburagi. ARUN KULKARNI

one's goal or realise one's objective, Mr. Londonkar said that the goals, achievements and accomplishments that are attained through unethical means will not be acceptable, however great they might be. "The path is as important as the goal itself," he said. The academic termed corruption, caste and communalism as the three Cs that are blocking the progress of the country and advised students not to fall prey to these evils but to fight against them to create a more equitable and just society which will be free of exploitation, oppression, discrimination and injustice. Narendra Badasheshi, a resource person for the event who delivered a special lecture on the role of

NSS in the realisation of a healthy society, shared his own experiences in his long association with the NSS, to inspire students to serve society and the people around. "The nation is not just a territory but, more importantly, it is people who inhabit that territory. Serving the nation, hence, essentially means serving the people around you," he said. Shantappa Surana and Chandrashekhara Sheelavanth, general secretary and administrator of Karnataka People's Education Society, respectively, Sidhartha Law College principal S. Chandrashekhara, senior faculty member Aparna J. Shinde, NSS programme officer Tippteswamy and others were present.



IN BRIEF



Mass marriage to mark birth anniversary of Dharam Singh

As many as 108 couples will tie the nuptial knot in a mass marriage scheduled in Jewargi town on Sunday to mark the 86th birth anniversary of the former Chief Minister late N. Dharam Singh. Jewargi MLA and Chief Whip of the Opposition Congress in the Legislative Assembly Ajay Singh, addressing presspersons in Kalaburagi on Tuesday, said that the multi-religious mass marriage ceremony will be held at the opening ceremony of a convention hall named after Dharam Singh. Mr. Ajay Singh said that besides providing the hall free for marriages of poor families, the Dharam Singh Foundation will provide the required quantity of rice for weddings.

Students urged to accumulate knowledge

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Terming knowledge as an eternal asset that one could possess, Yaswanth Bhupal, managing trustee of Tungbhadra Education, Health and Rural Development Trust (TEHRD), which runs various institutions, including Ballari Institute of Technology and Management (BITM), has

urged students to gain and accumulate as much knowledge as possible so that their lives could be bright. He added that the very purpose of establishing the BITM was to facilitate students from the backward Ballari region to gain access to technological knowledge and make them competent to stand on par with their counterparts in advanced megacities.

He was addressing a programme organised as part of the silver jubilee celebrations of BITM in Ballari recently. Vice-Chancellor of VTU Vidyashankar S. said that the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) will positively change the entire education system in the country and pave the way for new avenues of learning and career oppor-

tunities. "Karnataka is the first State to implement the NEP 2020 and VTU is committed to following suit. We have formed an expert team to study the policy and guide the university in implementing it," he said. Transport Minister B. Sriramulu commended BITM for its outstanding performance and contribution to the field of education.

Youth conference

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The Bahujan Samaj Party will organise a State-level Youth Conference in Bengaluru on December 27. State general secretary of the party Mahadev Dhanni, addressing a press conference in Kalaburagi on Wednesday, said that

BSP national coordinator Akash Anand will address the conference.

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