

CCB cops arrest 4 drug peddlers, seize MDMA

MYSURU, DHNS: The city CCB police have arrested four drug peddlers and seized 103 gram 88 miligram of MDMA, one car and five mobile phones from them.

Nuhaid Khan, Zia Ulla, Javeed Ahmed, and Suhail Pasha are the arrested. Mandi police have registered a case against them under NDPS Act. The police found them when they checked their vehicle on Umarkhayam Road.

Under the guidance of City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, a team led by CCB ACP Mohammed Sharieff Ravutar has taken up a drive against NDPS in the city.

One arrested in Pandavapura assault case

MANDYA, DHNS: Padavapura police have arrested one person in a case where about 14 individuals assaulted two people with stones and sticks over a long-standing family feud.

The incident had occurred on February 22, near Kaganahalli of Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district. B S Prakash and Naveen Kumar, residents of Sheelanere of K R Pet taluk of Mandya district who were injured had lodged a complaint in Pandavapura police station. The accused who belonged to Sheelanere village, were absconding after the incident. One has been arrested now.

From coding to curtains: Mysuru engineers embrace theatre

'Abhiyenthararu' turns 33, gears up for 5-day national theatre festival from today

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For most engineers, the day ends with debugging code, meeting project deadlines or navigating corporate stress. But for a unique group of techies in Mysuru, the end of a workday signals the beginning of performance — on the theatre stage.

'Abhiyenthararu' (Engineers), a theatre group formed exclusively 'by the engineers, for the engineers', has been quietly reshaping the cultural landscape of Mysuru city for over three decades. Founded in 1993 by a young engineer working at BEML, H S Suresh Babu, the group was born out of a desire to explore a creative outlet, beyond their demanding jobs.

As it celebrates its 33rd anniversary, Abhiyenthararu has its members from 18-year-old

diploma students to a 75-year-old retired executive engineer. To mark the milestone, the group is organising its online 'Rashtriya Ranga Utsava' (national theatre festival) from February 25 to March 1 at Kiru Rangamandira, on the premises of Karnataka Kalamandira in Mysuru.

Therapy through theatre
For the professionals, acting is not just a hobby; it serves as an antidote to the high-pressure environment of IT and engineering. "The profession gives financial stability, but passion gives us patience," said Naveen Chandra, who runs his startup JS Network Communications. He has been with Abhiyenthararu since his college days. "IT jobs are very stressful. Theatre acts as a therapy. It teaches us how to handle real-life situations smoothly, instead of reacting harshly,"



Members of 'Abhiyenthararu', an all-engineer theatre group, stage a play. DH PHOTO

he said. Ravi Ramanna, who works for the Central government, said, "We are busy throughout the day. Theatre provides us an opportunity for being creative. Managing both is difficult, but our passion drives us."

Balancing act
Suresh Babu, the founder and driving force behind Abhiyenthararu, said, "Rehearsal timings are tailored to suit work schedules, often taking place either early in the morning or post-work hours." "Today's youth are drained out by Instagram and WhatsApp. I want to give them

a platform to enter the cultural arena," Babu said. To divert younger techies away from digital distractions, the group started the 'Rangabhoomiyatha...' (Towards Theatre) course in 2008, training over 600 students from various engineering colleges so far.

Workplace productivity
Contrary to the assumption that theatre can be a distraction, many participants feel that it actually sharpens their ability to think creatively and solve problems more effectively in their profession. Sushmashree, a software technologist with Philips in

Bengaluru, who joined the group in 2018, said, "When you are always around work, your thoughts get blocked. Taking time out for this creative work gives us energy and a different point of view, which actually helps me in my tech work."

Non-judgmental family
The group regularly conducts workshops from scratch, by teaching beginners not just acting, but also technical skills like lighting, music and stage management. For students like S Prasha Gowda, a third-year engineering student, the group serves as a supportive second home. She balances her academic commitments with her theatrical roles, by pausing rehearsal during exams. Prasha said, "The team is like a family. They don't judge you, they accept you as you are, giving even juniors the freedom to take initiatives like choreographing dances." The festival will feature five plays: Rama Krishna Shiva by Karavali Nirdiganta, Shunashyepa by Oddolaga Rangaparyatana, Yayati by Theatre Nisha, Y (Gibberish) by The Interlink Theatre and Marana Mrudanga by Abhiyenthararu.

FSL report confirms 1 kg Opium seized in Yandahalli raid

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SP Mallikarjun Baladandi stated that a forensic lab has confirmed the one kilogram of drugs seized last month from a rented house in Sapthamathruka Layout Second Stage, Yandahalli, Mysuru taluk, was opium. The Mysuru South Police Station team had raided the building on January 29.

"The rest of the raw materials seized there were chemical precursors used to prepare drugs, like Opium and Mephedrone," SP Baladandi said. He said, "The rental agreement for the Yandalli building was in the name of Ganapath Lal, whose factory in Hebbal Industrial Area was inspected by the NCB on January 28. The premises functioned as a godown, and Ganapath did not reside there. His relative, Mahendra Kumar Vishnoi alias Manohar — arrested by the NCB in Rajasthan with drugs — had been staying there."

"Though the NCB stated

that the drugs were manufactured at the Hebbal unit, police are yet to confirm the production site, with a Mysuru district team still in Gujarat. Ganapath's brother Bhajan and his wife, who were present during the raid, were later released after being found uninvolved," Baladandi said.

In the media statement, the NCB stated that they had found a full-fledged clandestine lab with sophisticated instruments established in 2024 for manufacturing drugs at a unit of Ganapath at Hebbal in Mysuru. The unit was being operated by co-accused Ganapath under the guise of manufacturing chemicals for cleaning purpose.

Mumbai Police had raided an MDMA production unit at Unnathi Nagar near Mysuru Ring Road in July, last year.

In the past one year three suspected units were raided in Mysuru district, first one was at Unnathi Nagar; second at Hebbal; third was at Yandalli.

Yaduveer pushes for tobacco price stability; meet on March 2

MYSURU, DHNS: The efforts of Mysore-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to address the woes of tobacco growers have yielded some results, with the Tobacco Board scheduling a high-level meeting on March 2.

The meeting aims to tackle the prevailing price crisis and systemic challenges faced by farmers in the region.

Stakeholder meet
At the MP's insistence, the session will be attended by the Tobacco Board Chairman and Executive Director, senior executives from ITC,

and heads of other major tobacco-buying firms.

Market stability
The key agenda of the meeting include analysing current market conditions, addressing farmer grievances, and establishing measures to ensure fair pricing and long-term stability in the trade. MP Yaduveer stated that preliminary discussions with the officials have already taken place. "We have initiated steps to provide concrete solutions. All critical issues will be deliberated during the upcoming meeting," he said.

Intercollegiate festival 'Vidwath 2k26' on Feb 27, 28

MYSURU, DHNS: Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC) will host 'Vidwath 2k26', a two-day state-level intercollegiate 'Biztech Extravaganza', on February 27 and 28.

The 18th season of the event aims to test the commerce, management and technical skills of undergraduate students through real-world business scenarios. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor N K Lokanath will inaugurate the fest, while founder and CEO of 3Q Sutantra C Naveen

Chander will be the chief guest. The fest features core business events, sports and non-core contests like 'cooking without fire'. Kannada actor Pranam Devraj will inaugurate a cultural festival on February 27. Over 50 teams from across the state are expected to participate. Cash prizes and trophies worth over Rs 1.25 lakh, including an overall championship prize of Rs 15,000, will be awarded during the valedictory ceremony on February 28.

Proposed stadium: Leaders, activists rally behind KSIC workers in T Narasipur

Young advocate Pragia Ketura Arun to file PIL

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Mysore-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, former MP Pratap Simha and advocate Arun Kumar inspect the land of KSIC filature in T Narsipur of Mysuru district. DH PHOTO

A part from environmental groups, political leaders are also making a bee-line to T Narasipur in support of the employees of the KSIC raw silk reeling unit, who are protesting against the takeover of the Mysore Silk unit and its five-acre land for a proposed stadium project.

Mysore-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who rushed to spot on Tuesday, said that he had already written a letter to the CM on June 24, 2025, to stop taking over of the land at Byrapura in T Narsipur taluk and save the unit. He had even urged to upgrade and develop the unit and to employ more people.

Former MP Pratap Simha, who joined Yaduveer, said, "The CM has not brought any new industry to make the people self-reliant in his home district, but is giving freebies. Now, why are they touching the unit gifted by Maharaja

Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1912 and taking away jobs of the people? The government could rather use any private or government or 442 hectare wakf land in Mysuru district."

PIL
Meanwhile, even as the officials and District In-charge Minister H C Mahadevappa are firm on continuing the stadium project, an young advocate, Pragia Ketura Arun, daughter of noted advocate S Arun Kumar, is all set to file a PIL before the High Court, with the support of Mysore Grahakara Parishat. Arun Kumar said, "There have already been adequate protests by the employees and environmental activists. The employees association and Parisara Balaga members have

given representations to all officials, district minister and the CM. Since it has not helped, a PIL is inevitable to save the land of the KSIC unit, and the heritage Mysore Silk."

Protest
Meanwhile, environmentalists are all set to stage a protest in T Narsipur on Wednesday, said an activist. Karnataka BJP state president B Y Vijayendra has also extended support to the protests on his X handle. Former minister and ex-MLA of Kollegal N Mahesh asked, how can they have a stadium on an 'L' shaped land? Farmer leader Kurbur Shanthakumar said that they will fight to save the livelihood of 192 employees, including 110 women from T Narsipur taluk.

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MYSURU, DHNS: Referring to the recent protests against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Social Welfare Minister H C Mahadevappa as 'politically motivated', Dalit leaders and Congress members in Mysuru accused the RSS and BJP of dividing the Scheduled Caste (SC) communities over the internal

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Rotary marks 121st anniversary by giving new life to 22 beneficiaries in Madikeri

MADIKERI, DHNS

"Only those who have lost a limb understand the pain. I lost my leg in a sudden accident while boarding a train. It felt like clipping the wings of a bird. Now, receiving an artificial leg has given me a new life," said Mohan from Mayamudi village, moving the audience to tears.

Similarly, 76-year-old ex-serviceman Eshwara from Chetti-manjivillage became emotional, and said that receiving a prosthetic leg felt like being granted a second life.

A total of 22 beneficiaries expressed gratitude to Rotary Misty Hills and Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement for providing artificial limbs. Of them, 19 were fitted with artificial legs and two with artificial hands.

These emotional scenes were witnessed during a artificial limb distribution camp organised recently at the Rotary Hall in Madikeri, marking the 121st anniversary of Rotary International. The camp was jointly organised by Rotary Misty Hills and Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement.



Artificial limbs were distributed to 22 beneficiaries during a programme organised by Rotary Misty Hills and Swamy Vivekananda Youth Movement in Madikeri recently.

Inaugurating the camp, former Governor of the Rotary Club of Peenya, Bengaluru Nagendra Prasad said that there is no shortage of donors willing to contribute for good causes. However, he stressed that it is the responsibility of the beneficiaries to ensure that donations are put to proper use. Nagendra Prasad said that for the past 22 years, the Rotary

Club of Peenya has been organising artificial limb camps. Every year, a 10-day camp is conducted at a cost of Rs 1 crore, during which around 2,500 people are provided with artificial limbs. Rotary district 3181 elected Governor Yashaswi Somashekar, Kodagu District Disabled Welfare Officer Vimala also spoke on the occasion.