

MARK YOUR DIARY

THEATRE | INTERNAL AFFAIRS: A new romantic comedy deals with stressful workplaces, dysfunctional families, changing values and the shadows cast by sins from the past. **Today at Jagruti, Whitefield, 8pm**

ART | CURIOUS TRANSFORMATIONS: A documentation of changes taking place in Bangalore from memories of artists Paul Fernandes and Garima Jain. **Today at Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Sadasivanagar, 10am**

EXHIBITION | BLACK AND WHITE: This exhibition captures life and its many colours through strokes of black and white in paintings by various artists. It's curated by Ramesh Magar. **Today at Magnitude Art Gallery, Jayanagar, 11am onwards**

PLAY | NOTHING LIKE LEAR: It sure is tough being a clown. Ever thought what a clown does when he is depressed? More than anything else, he is said because he has been forced to perform this play! **Today at Ranga Shankara, 7:30pm**

PAINTINGS | SOLO EXHIBITION: Paintings by Prabhavati Meppayil, an artist from a family of goldsmiths. Her work depicts the struggle and other aspects of agrarian life, as well as the interaction between nature and man. **Today at Gallerieske, Langford Town, 11am**

Multiplexes likely to resist uniform ticket rate move

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CHANGE ON CARDS? There has been a move to subsequently revise the minimum ticket price, depending on multiplexes that have a stipulated set of facilities like a digital sound system

It's a good proposal
I want people of all strata of society to watch movies in multiplexes. It should not be restricted to only the rich as it has happened now due to the high rate of admission. The multiplexes should cut down prices. They should also stop changing movies as per their whims and fancies

Jaimala | FORMER CHAIRPERSON, KFCC
If Roshan Baig follows the TN model of ticket pricing for multiplexes, he'll be doing a great service to the Kannada film industry. If prices come down in multiplexes, it's natural that more Kannadigas will watch movies there and more Kannada movies can be released there

Basanth Kumar Patil | PRODUCER
It's a welcome move. There should be equal slabs of ticket rates in all multiplexes. Though multiplexes are not taxed for screening Kannada movies, they're not supporting us. Due to high ticket prices, Kannada film industry is suffering

BM Giriraj | DIRECTOR
Many Kannada audiences, especially families and middle-class people, love to see Kannada movies in multiplexes, but hesitate to go there as the ticket rates are exorbitant. With single screen theatres vanishing, it's time multiplexes reduce the prices and welcome more Kannada audiences

'Nenapirali' Prem | ACTOR
Today, we have the option of watching movies on TV. But it's necessary to bring back such people to multiplexes by reducing ticket rates. We need to bring family audiences and middle-class people to the theatres by introducing economy price ticketing.

Meghana Gaonkar | ACTRESS

DAY OF FAITH & FESTIVITIES



Md Asad, Chethan Shivakumar, K Sunil Prasad

PONGAL

PRAYING FOR PROSPERITY: For Sangeetha R of Sudamanagar, Tuesday signified a new beginning. Here she is seen boiling the traditional pongal in a decorated pot. Legend has it that the pot must boil and overflow to usher in prosperity. Pongal, the harvest festival, signals the end of winter and the onset of spring. (Below) As the Sun set on the horizon, crowds thronging Gavi Gangadhreshwara temple in South Bangalore grew anxious. Swarms of devotees waited with bated breath for the divine moment. Sun rays entering the temple converged inside the sanctum sanctorum at 5.25pm, and the deity was visible in natural light for about three minutes. This phenomenon happens only on Makara Sankranti. Those who couldn't enter the temple, watched the spectacle on LCD monitors placed outside

HAILING THE LORD:

Jerald Robert Clive, his wife Valentina and daughter Jecinta Premila arrive at Infant Jesus Church in Viveknagar to witness the Grand Chariot procession. The event, marked every year on January 14, is an integral part of the annual feast. It is being celebrated in Bangalore since 1971



SANKRANTI

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SINGLE-SCREEN THEATRE TICKET RATES ARE

Santosh: Rs 80 (balcony); Rs 60 (lower stall)
Triveni: Rs 80 (balcony); Rs 70 (lower stall)
Everest: (Morning show) Rs 150 (balcony); Rs 100 (lower stall) Other shows: Rs 200 (balcony); Rs 150 (lower stall)
Mukunda: Rs 150 (balcony); Rs 100 (lower stall)

Bangalore: The Karnataka government's move to introduce uniform ticket rates may not go well with multiplexes.

Addressing members of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce in Bangalore on Tuesday, information minister R Roshan Baig said: "If they (multiplexes) don't accept our pricing policy, let them close the multiplexes and go."

The minister's proposal might need further consultation, but may not find favour with proprietors of multiplexes. There has been a move to subsequently revise the minimum ticket price, depending on multiplexes that have a stipulated set of facilities that include digital sound system, generator backup for air-conditioning and food court.

Referring to the problem of single window clearance for shooting of

films, the minister directed N R Vishukumar, director, information department, who was present, to revive the system and open a helpline for the benefit of filmmakers.

"It is unfortunate that directors and producers have to take permission for shooting in the state. If they face problems during shooting, they can contact the helpline. An officer will be posted there to attend calls till 11pm. This facility is available to films made in other languages too", he said.

Shivraj Kumar hurt during stunt

Bangalore: Actor Shivraj Kumar on Tuesday received minor head injuries during a stunt sequence for Kannada movie Aryan, directed by Chi Gurudutt.

According to producer D Kammar, Shivraj Kumar fell during a bicycle stunt around 5pm in Singapore. "Shivanna wanted to perform the stunt himself and lost balance. He is safe." The stunt master is Ganesh. **TNN**



Swiss national found dead

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Bangalore: An 81-year-old Swiss national was found dead in her apartment in Beltur, Kadugodi, southeast Bangalore on Tuesday evening. The deceased, Lupe Maria, had been living in Bangalore for the past five years. A staunch devotee of Sai Baba (Puttapparthi), Maria lived alone, neighbours told police.

The incident came to light when neighbours complained of foul smell coming from her single-bedroom

flat, located on the third floor of the four-storey building. The main door was locked from inside and Maria's valuables including, credit, debit cards and some cash, were found intact, police said.

"Maria, who was found near the kitchen, may have died of cardiac arrest. She could have died at least three days ago," Kadugodi police said. The octogenarian's family is flying down from Switzerland, police said. The body has been shifted to Vaidehi Hospital.

ANNUAL FEAST



EID



SOAKING IN THE SPIRIT: Young boys take part in a procession to mark Eid-e-Milad on Tuesday. Marking Prophet Muhammad's birthday, the festival is celebrated by Muslims across the globe. Community members visit mosques, wear traditional clothes and prepare special food items on this auspicious occasion

BAROMETER

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BEST PRACTICES
Is this the AAP effect? The Karnataka government has asked the BWSB not to implement a proposed water tariff revision as it may impact Lok Sabha polls

PRIZE CATCH
A Chitradurga mutt presented the mutt's prestigious Basava Shri award to young Pakistani activist Malala Yousofzai at her London residence last week

GOOD DAY / BAD DAY

CLOSING MINDS
American evangelist Benny Hinn cancelling his Bangalore trip after protests from groups is a blow to the city's open-minded culture

PRIVACY DEBATE
Is the suspension of the female college student in Udupi over the Facebook photo-leak justified? After all, her privacy was breached

Prayer meet to go on sans Benny Hinn

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Bangalore: The five-day National Christian Prayer Conference 2014, scheduled to be held at the Supernova Arena, Yelahanka, will go on as per schedule. But Pastor Benny Hinn, the controversial American evangelist, will not participate.

"They have given us a list of the programme in which the name of Benny Hinn is not there," Kamal Pant, additional commissioner of police, Bangalore told TOI on Tuesday.

Pastor Johnson, one of the persons organizing the event, parried a query about the participation of Hinn. Many religious groups have been protesting against Hinn's participation and in fact had filed petitions both in the Karnataka High Court as well as the city civil court.

The Karnataka high court, while disposing of a PIL filed by Sri Rama Sene, directed police to take all precautionary measures to ensure protection of fundamental rights. The suit filed before the city civil court will come up for hearing on January 16.

Bar alleges it got threat calls

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The Pebble bar management denied that they had sought a compromise with Jitendra Virwani of the Embassy group. "If we wanted a compromise, we would not have filed a police complaint. Now, we're getting threatening messages on our social networking sites saying we have messed with highly influential people and will face the consequences. We have requested police for security," said a prominent member of the management.

Police said bar employees had orally complained they were being threatened. "We told them to file a police complaint," police said. Investigating officers said they were working on filing chargesheet and arrests will be made in a couple of days. The persons named appeared in the FIR will be taken into custody. After an investigation, police will decide who should be arrested. Circumstantial evidence will be taken into consideration while arresting the ac-

cused, they said. However, even if they are arrested, they will be released on 'station bail'. This is because the FIR mainly has IPC sections 341 (Punishment for wrongful restraint) and 324 (Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons).

Condemning the behaviour of the bouncers, Virwani said: "Smoking in a non-smoking area does not warrant beating with rods and chasing the boys. My son was only protesting against the move by the bar employees to throw out his friend Ayush."

On home minister K J George allegedly influencing the release of the boys, Virwani said: "The home minister is a family friend. If he was trying to help me, why would a case be filed against us?"

According to police, Pebble is owned by two persons. While the building and restaurant licence is in the name of Syed Hafiz Ali, the excise licence is owned by V Rajesh. The licence is issued for running a pub with discotheque.

Join 10-km run on Feb 16 to fight breast cancer

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Bangalore: A high 31.4% of women in the city suffer from breast cancer, and as per a study by the Indian Council of Medical Research, it affects 3% people every year. To raise awareness about the disease and take preventive measures, citizens can take part in Pinkathon Bangalore, to be hosted here on February 16.

Approximately 5,000 women are expected to join the 10km run. Bollywood actors

PINKATHON B'LORE

Milind Soman and Gul Panag kicked off registrations for the event on Tuesday.

"The event aims to make women healthy. I request all women in Bangalore to participate in the run and show solidarity with the cause," said Gul Panag, ambassador for the run.

Announcing the launch in Bangalore, Soman said, "It is estimated that one in 22 Indian women has the probability of developing breast cancer



SHOWING SOLIDARITY: Bollywood actors Milind Soman and Gul Panag kicked off registrations for the event on Tuesday

in her life. The number of new breast cancer cases is about 1,15,000 each year and is expected to touch 2,50,000 by 2015. This event is the perfect way to create awareness as well as raise adequate funds to fight the deadly disease."

So far, Pinkathon has donated over Rs 20 lakh for treatment of underprivileged

women diagnosed with breast cancer. Proceeds from sponsorship and donations received will be used for expenses incurred in organizing and marketing the event. The money will also be used by Women's Cancer Initiative (WCI).

Those interested in participating can register online at www.pinkathon.in.

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